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LowellArts Holiday Artists Market to start

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The popular Holiday Artists Market will return to LowellArts, 223 W. Main, beginning Tuesday, Nov. 6. More than 50 local artists will present handmade gifts like pottery, paintings, photography, jewelry, textiles, felting, glass work, handbags, woodwork, sculpture, metalwork, wreaths, ornaments, candles, soaps, mittens, scarves and more.

“It’s bigger than ever this year,” said event coordinator Janet Teunis. “We have more artists and more new artists than in the past. What everybody loves about the sale is that you can shop for one of a kind gifts without having to face the mall. You can get really unique, high quality gifts for your family.”

Some of the artists will be on hand for demonstrations, classes and workshops during the holiday season.

“We have some classes coming up with an artist in the sale, Julia Voake, who dyes scarves,” Teunis said. “She is doing several classes based on her work over the course of the next couple months. During Christmas Through Lowell we’re having a wreath decorating workshop. That’s a drop-in event. All the supplies will be there for you. You can



Painting by Jerry Berta, an artist from Rockford.

decorate and customize your wreath and take it home with you, it’ll be fun!”

On Thursday, Nov. 8 from 6 pm until 8 pm they will have a free meet the artists reception with refreshments. Later in the season they will have a free holiday open house. That event includes a special discount for gallery members.

“All the artists in the show will be there at the reception,” Teunis said. “We will be having Roger MacNaughton play live music. He’s an award-winning composer and keyboard player and he has a new CD out. His CD release concert was just at LowellArts on Sunday. He’ll have his new CD for sale and other CDs that he’s

done. We’ll also have Roger three other times during the length of the sale. He’s coming during Christmas Through Lowell and then at our Holiday Open House on Monday, Dec. 10 from 6 to 8 pm. The public is invited to that fun, festive event. A special perk for LowellArts members is that they will get 10 percent off their purchases at the event.”

The LowellArts Holiday Artists Market will close on Sunday, Dec. 23. Until then, the gallery will be open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am until 6 pm and Sunday from 12 pm until 5 pm. For more information call 616-897-8545, email info@lowellartsmi.org or visit lowellartsmi.org/holiday-artists-market-2018.

Ryne Experience finishing latest album

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The Ryne Experience’s new single “Your Sweet Love” is finished and available right now at theyryneexperience.bandcamp.com. The single was extracted from the band’s upcoming full-length debut album, titled “Hokey.”

Band leader Ryne Clarke said the album is nearly complete and should be available soon.

Clarke, also a member of the Preservers, started the Ryne Experience last year when that band went on hiatus. It’s not really a “band”

in the traditional sense, it’s Clarke, his musical ideas and a list of over 20 collaborators he worked with to bring his musical ideas to fruition. Some of the songs had been waiting inside Clarke’s

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Ryne Clarke and more than 20 collaborators spent eight months perfecting “Hokey.”

The information provided in the Ledger article on October 24, 2018 was inaccurate. Flat River Outreach Ministries’ (FROM) grant with the Michigan Agency of Energy (MAE) and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to provide utility assistance for qualifying families living in the Lowell Area School District ended on September 30, 2018. As always, FROM is committed to meeting the needs in our community. If you, or anyone you know is in need of any type of assistance, please contact FROM at (616) 897-8260.

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What is the scariest movie you've ever seen?



Brian Hewitt, Ionia
"A Nightmare on Elm Street." I don't know why, I was young and it was just creepy.



From time to time our Ledger reporters will pose a question while out on the streets of Lowell. THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO SPEAK OUT. If you have a question you think would be an excellent conversation starter, feel free to suggest one. Send your Street Smarts questions to: ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com subject line - "Street Smarts"




Jack Jarrard, Vergennes Twp.
It was "House on Haunted Hill" with Vincent Price many, many, many years ago. I was a kid at the time and I thought they were all going to come and get me next!

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

ABSENTEE VOTER INFORMATION

The City Clerk's office will be available at the Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street on Saturday, November 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for any registered voter in the City of Lowell who would like to apply for or return an absentee voters ballot for the November 6th, 2018 General Election.



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Kathy [last name withheld], Alto
I guess it would have to be "Halloween."
The suspense was scary.



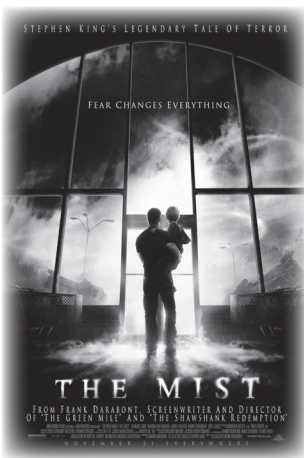
Tori Paul, Grand Rapids
Probably "Hush." It's about a deaf girl, somebody is outside her house, she can't hear anything and he's trying to come in and kill her. It's pretty scary!



Sam Deiss, Lowell
Probably "The Mist." It's where this mist takes over a whole town and all these bugs come and kill everybody. That was a scary thing to watch when I was a little kid!



Troy Dedonado, Lowell
"Extreme Measures," it's about a gentleman driving around in a van with a headless corpse. The movie is about eight years old.



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October 23, 2018

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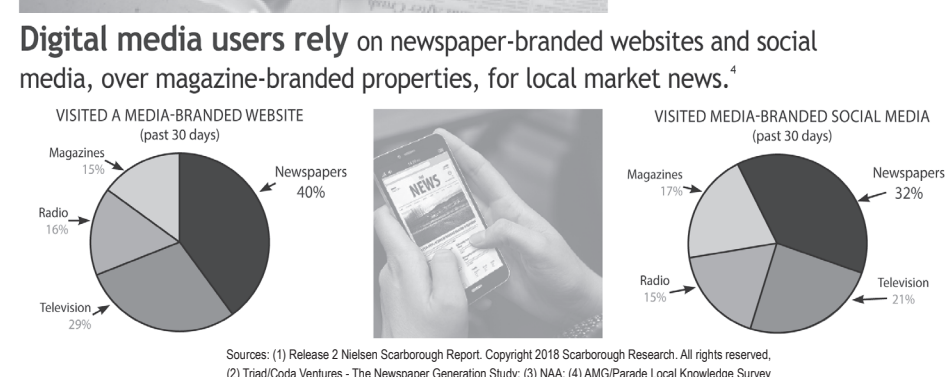
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outdoors

share the woods

Dave Stegehuis

Observing wildlife going about routine daily activities can have a positive effect on one's perspective on life. The environment we live in most of the time changes continually. Priorities shift as we transition through distinct stages of life from youth to old age. Unsettled economic and cultural influences make it tricky to navigate our journey through life.

Existence for wildlife is just as precarious, but the rules don't change in the woods. Wildlife and the world they live in are relatively unchanged since creation. Visiting there gives us an opportunity to relate to something in our lives that is not influenced by human involvement. We can take a break from the artificial

confines of manmade rules, expectations, and physical surrounding.

People have an affinity for wildlife as well as domesticated birds and animals. It seems like everyone has a dog or cat. Zoos draw crowds of young and old alike seeking to get close to wildlife and learn about how they live. Wildlife live in a world hidden from most humans. Right now there is drama happening in the woods.

Intimate interaction with wildlife in natural settings is difficult to experience because of the circumstances of our modern lifestyle. Development and private property rules hinder access to active wildlife habitat. In Michigan and particularly in our local area, wildlife

roam free on acres of habitat accessible to anyone willing to take the time to seek out these places.

Spending quite time in the woods with the creatures that are out and about allows us to feel like we are sharing their space. We can gain a fresh perspective on our own lives realizing that we are not alone on the planet, and we share it with other residents. We have a responsibility to do what we can to insure the well-being of other people as well as wild creatures. Building personal relationships with either clarifies that obligation.

As a hunter, I am motivated to spend hours observing the continuing drama in the outback. It may take extra effort for others to get out and join the woodland community. Take the time, and go there. Add a new dimension to your life.

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-Elizabeth Hurley

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viewpoint

to the editor

Editor,

I am trusting that every voter has carefully researched Proposal 18-2 and may have come to conclusions similar to mine.

Voters Not Politicians sounds great, like it represents all of us regardless of party affiliation. Looking into this group you'll find that it's quite a left-leaning partisan organization. Seven of its ten board members have made contributions to Democratic candidates since 2005. There were zero contributions made to Republicans or Independents. I won't go into detail regarding their board member's liberal connections, it can be found with a simple Google search.

One big concern is the Secretary of State randomly selecting voters for this commission; four Republicans, four Democrats and five Independents. Because the state of Michigan doesn't require voters to register with any party, there is no way to assure with 100 percent validity this requirement of the commission will be met. There will also be thousands of voters excluded from this random selection. Partisan candidates and their staff, certain state employees, lobbyists, even precinct delegates, such as myself (which, by the way would clearly indicate party affiliation). Relatives of all the aforementioned people would also be excluded.

Another concern is that this commission would need to consider "communities of interest" while this term is extremely vague and undefined! This is language that would be inserted into our state's constitution, something we shouldn't take lightly!

Finally, there is the cost of this commission. The appropriation for the 2011 redistricting was \$878,000.

Proposal 18-2 will see an appropriation of 4.6 million! It states that the commission would be required to return any unused funds. Has there ever been unused tax dollars returned to the people?

Yes, the system needs bi-partisan tweaking, but Proposal 18-2 is not the answer. Don't be swayed by the commercials making it sound like "we the people" will be given the upper hand. Let us look for a real bi-partisan solution!

*Nancy Stroosnyder
Lowell Township*

Dear Editor,

This month Dr. Jim Reagan posted a Letter to the Editor in the Lowell Ledger about the Legalization of Marijuana proposal that will be on the ballot on November 6. Dr. Reagan, I totally agree with you. To his credit, Dr. Reagan was very professional in expressing his thoughts.

In my case, I choose to flat out be blunt. I must say without any hesitation, I believe a yes vote for legalization would be a huge mistake.

Here is just one of many results of legalization that I would be fearful of: Marijuana usage can cause the user to be emotionally unstable especially when under stress. And this is true even well after the high has worn off. In short, more societal problems will come with legalization. They will be the types of problems that most individuals, parents, children, employers and organizations will not want.

Come on Michigan. Vote NO. Heck NO!! And if a majority were to vote Yes, then the yes voters better prepare to provide and pay for solutions for additional problems caused by legalized recreational marijuana.

In Dr. Reagan's letter, he reflected on a Dr. Kevin Sabet's website. Dr. Sabet comments that he has witnessed a general attitude that legalized recreational marijuana 'is no big deal'. Dr. Sabet then projects a future response from a future society. He submits that future citizenry credible groups and organizations would reflect back to the election

of 2018 (if legalization were to pass) by saying years into the future, 'What were they (the majority of voters in 2018) thinking?'

Absolutely, in short, I believe passing this proposal would be an absolutely huge mistake. I will close with this thought that comes from handout literature that is available to the public. 'Legal marijuana does NOT get rid of the black market - in fact, it makes it worse!!'

Dear Friends, if you have not thought carefully about this proposal yet, my suggestion is that you think now before election day.

*Respectfully,
W G Mac McPherson*

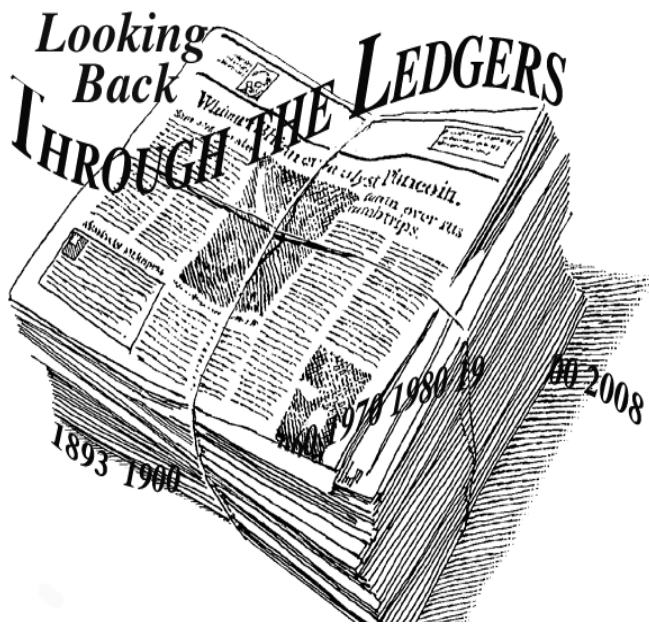
To the Editor,

Recent events in Washington D.C. have proven that we are living in dangerous times and that the Democrats are a dangerous party. I say this when all it takes is a baseless accusation to try and ruin the career and personal life of a person, especially one with an impeccable public and private record - yes I'm referring to Justice Brett Kavanaugh. Our justice system is based on the assumption that you are innocent until proven guilty, just the opposite occurred during his confirmation process. If that trend is allowed to continue, there is no one among us that is safe. The way the Democrats conducted themselves during these judicial hearings has proven that they are not qualified and do not deserve to run this country. I hope people realize this when they go to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

The Democrat party has perfected the art of deception and deflection. Donald Trump won the 2016 Presidential election because of the issues he ran on. Hillary Clinton was a poor candidate that could not be trusted and the voters were suffering from Clinton fatigue. The Democrats couldn't admit defeat, so to delegitimize the election, they accused President Trump of foreign collusion. Now it is looking like Hillary Clinton used the Russians to get dirt on Trump. The Democrats tried to label President Trump a Nazi and as one who promotes hate; all the while Hillary says there will be no civility until the Democrats take over. Former President Obama says you should argue with your neighbor and get in their face, Representative Maxine Waters calls on Democrats to harass members of President Trump's staff; these are just a few examples of their deception and deflection. With rhetoric like that, it should be no surprise when you hear about Republicans being harassed in various public places by angry mobs, sometimes being physically assaulted.

The Democrats gave us Obama Care, called The Patient

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125 years ago Lowell Ledger November 4, 1893

A suit between A.B. Johnson and Kelley held the boards in Justice Hunter's office for four days last week. Mr. Johnson brought suit for the non-delivery of peaches contracted for last fall. The justice awarded him \$300 and costs. Mr. Kelley has appealed.

The boys in Lowell observed Hallowe'en in orthodox style. Not much mischief was done in Main Street owing to the fact that the business men carried everything movable in doors. The residence portions of the town were visited however and Wednesday morning looked as if old Nick himself had been loose. Wagons were run off, gates changed locations and everything seemed to be in the wrong place. No great damage was done, and if the "boys" enjoyed themselves, no one will find much fault. Most of us have been there ourselves, "When you and I were young Maggie," and it won't do to be too hard on the boys of '93.

100 years The Lowell Ledger October 31, 1918

Frank Howk had a narrow escape from death or mutilation Saturday at 4:30 am, when his hand was caught in the bread mixer and terribly injured. Unable to turn off the power, he had to pull his hand out or have his arm drawn and mangled. Two fingers were broken and two unjointed and the hand was badly torn. Dr. McDannell was summoned and with his nery assistant Miss Mange gave the needed surgical attention, which Howk bore without anesthetic. He has suffered greatly since, but is hoped will escape more serious trouble.

Lowell's comparative freedom from the influenza epidemic must be attributed to something besides good fortune. With but five or six cases to date and some of those convalescing, credit must be given to the prompt action of the local board of health and officary, and to the public for compliance with their requirements.

The Emery Orchard Company has shipped eight carloads of apples to Chicago, thus completing the harvesting and sale of a crop that has fully met expectations. The summer drought affected the size of the apples; but the quality was good and the price made this a profitable season. We are glad to note, too, that Mr. Emery's health is somewhat improved.

75 years The Lowell Ledger November 4, 1943

Norma Jean Haglund, president of the senior class, was elected Thursday to represent Lowell High School in the Potato Queen contest, which is to be held in Edmore this week, Friday. Norma Jean will be

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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.
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- 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



Flower pots receive a seasonal facelift



On Saturday, October 27, the Lowell Showboat Garden Club undertook one of two yearly changeovers to the flower pots positioned along the Riverwalk. The eight large flower pots received a seasonal facelift from a spring/summer floral arrangement to a late fall/winter ensemble of pine boughs, holly, hydrangea, red-twig dogwood, teasel and a colorful ribbon. In addition to maintaining the flower pots, the Lowell Showboat Garden Club hangs planters on the Showboat as part of its Riverwalk beautification project.

- caring for your baby's teeth

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

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

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

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

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

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

happy birthday



OCTOBER 31

Bob Richter, Connor Duiven, Larry Taunt, Thomas Alberts, Patricia VanSickle.

Jennifer Zoodsma, Denise Davidson, Christina Dixon, Becky Myers, Ken Kline.

NOVEMBER 1

Walt Batt, Abbot Kastanek, Brenda Lea Owen, Suzanne Olin, Anthony Kiedis, John Luc Richmond.

NOVEMBER 4

Ken VanDerWarf, Carol Hunt, Meghan Plutschouw, Laura Gildner, Joanna Barr.

NOVEMBER 2

Barb DeLoof, John Mogor.

NOVEMBER 5

Holly Stouffer, Mart DeYoung.

NOVEMBER 3

Connie Stencil,

NOVEMBER 6

Cathy Kehoe, Becky Chamberlain, Kimberly Doyle, Matthew Yeiter.

college news

Bowdoin College held its annual Sarah and James Bowdoin Day ceremony Friday, October 19, 2018, to honor those undergraduates who distinguish themselves with excellence in scholarship. Brandon Lee, of Ada, was among those honored.

scholars who earned a GPA of 4.0 are designated Sarah and James Bowdoin Book Award winners.

Students who are designated Sarah and James Bowdoin Scholars are in the top (highest GPA) 20 percent of each class for the previous academic year. In addition,

Lee is a member of the Bowdoin College Class of 2021.

Keigan Yuhas, of Lowell, has enrolled at the University of Findlay for fall 2018. New students began their studies at UF on August 21.

Yuhas is pursuing a doctor of pharmacy degree.

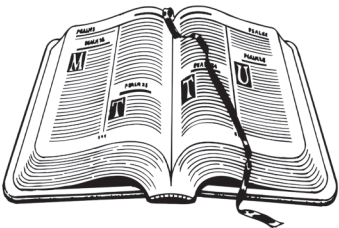
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Cruise ships: things to consider before boarding

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

You might want to rethink your vacation plans if you're planning to take a voyage on a cruise ship. The massive vessels are bad for the environment and routinely fail health inspections.

On Aug. 26 a Carnival Cruise ship spilled 7,133 gallons of "liquid food waste" into the already endangered Great Barrier Reef. It took the company two days to report the incident. They were fined \$1.5 million. According to Wikipedia, the Carnival Cruise Line company has \$35 billion in assets.

Cruise ships dump a tremendous amount of sewage into the world's oceans. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, an average cruise ship with 3,000 passengers and crew produces about

21,000 gallons of sewage a day. That adds up to over one billion gallons a year for the cruise ship industry. The law says that wastewater dumped within three nautical miles of shore must be treated, but beyond that, ships are allowed to dump raw sewage directly into the ocean.

Unsanitary eating and living areas on cruise ships can have serious health consequences for passengers. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more cruise ships failed health inspections in 2017 than in any year in the past decade. For example, last December a two week cruise from Singapore to Australia on the Royal Caribbean ship "Ovation of the Seas" was a total nightmare for the 195 people who

contracted a gastrointestinal illness and spent their vacation vomiting. Five of the passengers ended up hospitalized and a crew member had to be evacuated. The US Public Health Service conducts two unannounced inspections annually when ships with over 13 passengers are docked at a US port. Between one and four inspectors go over the passenger rooms, swimming pools, dining areas, kitchens, childcare centers, water systems, ventilation systems, medical facilities and other common areas. The ships are scored on a 100 point scale, with a grade below 86 considered a fail. The results of these inspections can be found on the CDC website.

Cruise ships burn an immense amount of fossil fuels. According to the

EPA, each day an average cruise ship is at sea it emits more sulfur dioxide than 13 million cars and more soot than 1 million cars. Even

when the ships are docked, the engines continue running in order to provide electricity for the interior of the ship.

According to the Cruise Line Industry Association, 27.2 million people are expected to take a cruise in 2018.



Changing your name on your Social Security card

by Vonda VanTil
West Michigan Public Affairs Specialist
Social Security Administration

Are you changing your name? If so, let Social Security know so we can update your information, send you a corrected card, and make sure you get the benefits you've earned.

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 - Court order for a name change.
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- U.S. military identification card.

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- Certificate of Naturalization; **or**
- Certificate of Citizenship.

Whatever your reason for your name change, Social Security is here to

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For complete instructions, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber, which includes information for non-citizens. And remember, if you simply need to replace a lost Social Security card, but don't need to

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card online using your my Social Security account at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ADOPTION GRATTAN TOWNSHIP, KENT COUNTY

On October 15th, 2018, the Township Board for Grattan Township adopted amendments to the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance regarding:

Section 3.62- SOLAR PANELS- regarding solar energy equipment, solar panels and similar items.

Section 19.14- DRAINAGE PLANS

Section 3.63- ZONING COMPLIANCE PERMITS AND UNLAWFUL PROPERTIES- regarding zoning applications or approvals or permits for a property that is in violation of the Zoning Ordinance or a court order and judgment, the revision of existing Section 19.02 by the addition of a new Subsection D regarding zoning compliance permits and conditions

A full copy of the ordinance amendment may be reviewed, purchased or inspected at the Grattan Township offices located at 12050 Old Belding Road NE, Belding, Michigan 48809 during normal business hours (Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) or by contacting the Township Clerk at (616) 691-8450. The ordinance amendment shall become effective upon the expiration of seven (7) days after this notice appears in the newspaper.

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Ghost hunters experience paranormal activity at Fallasburg village

by Emma Palova
contributing reporter

The Saturday night ghost walk organized by the Fallasburg Historical Society in conjunction with the Michigan

ran out to see if it wasn't coming from the outside. It wasn't.

"I would suspect the most ghost activity

the sense of hearing. "It's easier to investigate," he said. "You like to be able to hear things."

The M.P.A. team members handed out EMF and ghost meters to detect electromagnetic activity indicating that a ghost could be present. If the meter goes above two points, there could be significant activity close by. At one point, the meter went to 2.5, and the red light started flashing. However, Jason explained this could be due to movement in the room.

Walking in the dark, group one passed Tower Farm on the right, and the Dave Misner house museum on the left. Different museums recorded different activity, according to the team members.



New this year was the hayride to the Fallasburg Cemetery.

M.P.A. medium Rosemary Leleveld and Edwin Leleveld were stationed at the John W. Fallas house. Rosemary

explained the difference between a ghost and a spirit. "A ghost is a soul that hasn't crossed over," Rosemary said. "A spirit

is a human soul that has crossed to the other side. The whole idea is to communicate with the ghosts that are present." Another group experienced a ghost talking about his lost chair, according to Rosemary. "It's true, we moved all the things out of here, including the chair," said Tamke.

Tamke pointed out the writings on the display board by the founders of the Fallasburg village, John and Phoebe Fallas. "They both were accomplished writers. Phoebe was a poetess," said Tamke.

On the other side of the Covered Bridge Road shining into the night was the Dave Misner House. The Misner House dubbed as "ground zero" by the FHS members is the society's treasure depository. It is the only heated building in the pioneer village designed



A ghost meter shows electromagnetic activity. If it goes above two points, there could be a ghost present.

Paranormal Alliance (M.P.A.), brought out more than 40 people. They split into four groups and set out to hunt for ghosts at different locations throughout the 1840s pioneer Fallasburg village.

As the one-room Fallasburg schoolhouse dipped into pitch black, ghost hunters from, group two heard a distinct "thump, thump, thump" of feet walking by the desks near the windows. Then came a bang from the storage room. Ghost hunter Peggy Kotecki

would be here at the schoolhouse," said Ken Tamke, president of Fallasburg Historical society, (FHS) and leader of group one.

During the first session at the schoolhouse, M.P.A. ghost hunters, Jason and Peggy Kotecki called on ghosts to speak, make noises or to show up. They placed a teddy bear in the second desk. "Could you light up the fuzzy bear, if you're here?" Peggy challenged ghosts. "Did you go to school here?"

Jason explained that the darkness heightens



MPA team members Edwin and Rosemary Kotecki explain the difference between a ghost and a spirit.



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Lori of Lowell uses divining rods to detect the presence of ghost Willy at the Fallasburg Cemetery during the ghost walk.

to preserve the collections at proper temperature. It houses gems like the "Fallasburg Footprints," a property title book, WWI women's cards, a newspaper scrapbook and the Vergennes Women's Club's yearbooks.

"We had a lot of activity around the glass display case with the flowers," said Lil Kotecki. "EMFs were going off. There is some kind of energy around here."

The ghost meter went off flashing by the case. On the second floor, it went off, by a woman's jacket. A feeble voice could be heard from behind the display.

New this year was the hayride waiting outside. The ghost hunters boarded the wagon and headed up the hill past the Fallasburgh Flats Base Ball field to the Fallasburg Cemetery.

Ghost hunters Lisa Sekeet and David Mason were standing in the middle of the cemetery close to the front white

gate. "We've had the most activity here," said M.P.A. team member Sekeet. "A ghost by the name of William Moon showed his presence by always pointing the rods in the direction of the Moon graves."

At the Fallasburg Cemetery, the divining rods went crazy; at one-point crossing and then pointing in the direction of the Moon gravesite.

The team picked a person with "abilities" here to use the divining

rods. Divining rods are also used to locate ground water, buried metals, ores and gemstones. Lori from Lowell held the rods that first crossed and then pointed to the Moon gravesite.

The groups searched the grave's headstones and footstones. Vergennes resident Catherine Haefner discovered a W. on one of the grave stones. Flashlights and cell phones illuminated the big Moon grave stone.

"I liked the cemetery where the most activity was," said Haefner.

During the final findings session back at the schoolhouse, Jason Kotecki used an Electronic Voice Phenomena (EVP) recorder to play back the thumping sounds to all the ghost hunters.

"It sounded like hard sole shoes, like a teacher was coming up," Jason said. Many residents like Addie Abel remember the long-time teacher at the schoolhouse, Mrs. Richmond.



The M.P.A. team travels around the country to conduct paranormal investigations such as the one at the Fallasburg pioneer village. One of their most interesting locations was the Waverly Hills Sanatorium in Louisville, Kentucky where 63,000 people died of tuberculosis, otherwise known as "The White Plague."

"You sit for eight to 10 hours in the dark talking to nothing," said team member Sue Nielsen.

However, the pay-off comes when you do hear or see something. "It's that golden nugget, that you've been waiting for," said Peggy.

The participants spoke about their various paranormal experiences.

Amy Ryan of Hastings shared her experience from 1992 when she lived above what was known as "The Haunted Floral Shop" in Grand Rapids. The curtains that she had shoved in the corner were all of a sudden hung up and straightened out. "It was the real deal," she said.

Teresa Medich of Burton spoke about her encounters with the dead at the schoolhouse. "I am

really enjoying this, the history and the museums," she said. "The Tower Farm is really creepy."

Local villagers' lore has it that builder Orlin Douglass comes back to haunt the Tower House.

Rosemary said the M.P.A. team has a lot of evidence of ghost activity at Fallasburg. Some personal experiences included hearing footsteps and knocks in the schoolhouse when everyone was seated and quiet.

At the Fallas House, participants heard voices and knocks. They experienced EMF meter and Rem pod activity, as well as shadows. Participants also reported feelings of being watched at the Misner House.

"It was a great investigation," said Rosemary. "I think this year people had more personal experiences. Our group is always happy to assist in meaningful endeavors. This is a great example; raising funds for the historical society to maintain and restore the history of Fallasburg, and give voice to the past."

For more info go to: <http://www.m-p-a.org>.



The Kotecki ghost hunting team, Peggy and Jason explain paranormal activity as FHS president Ken Tamke comments about possible ghost presence.

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Red Arrow

- CROSS COUNTRY

SPORTS

Two harriers heading to the state finals this weekend

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Just two runners emerged with a ticket to the state finals last Saturday when the Red Arrow boys and girls cross-country teams competed in the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Regional competition at Allendale High School.

Hitting the postseason path in brisk fall conditions, the boys team ran their way to fifth place, tallying 109 points at the finish line while the girls team placed ninth with a 204 point finish. Race results catapulted both Caleb Swart and Ben Kinnucan to this weekend's state finals. The ladies failed to push through to the state competition, bidding farewell to their season at the event.

After finishing first in the twelve preceding races junior Swart ran an equally impressive second

place race, coming in four seconds behind first place finisher Kinnucan who clocked in at 16:35. "Caleb ran a hard first mile with Ben a little ways behind him. I didn't know Ben had passed Caleb until I saw them after the race," said head coach Clay VanderWarf, "Caleb was still ahead of Ben with 400 meters to go. Ben has had some strong finishes in the last couple of races so it wasn't as surprising to hear he caught Caleb."

Following the pair across the finish line were junior Lucas Cossar who ran the distance in 17:02, freshman Cole Weston who came in at 17:23 and senior Calvin Simmet who completed his Red Arrow running career with a 17:26.

Novices to state level cross-country Swart and Kinnucan will be among fierce competition according to VanderWarf, "It will definitely be an eye-opener for them. There are

a lot of great runners in this race. There will probably be some nervousness being their first time in a high caliber meet but they'll do fine. They'll both give the best they have, as there is nothing else to prove. I'm proud of them and what they have accomplished this season."

Reflecting on the season as a whole, VanderWarf said he saw much progress in the state of the program at Lowell, "Overall, we improved quite a bit over last season. We placed higher at the same meets we have been going to. We had three OK White All-Conference runners and two Honorable Mention. The guys basically bought into establishing a strong work ethic in practice and races. I'm very proud of the team and their accomplishments this season. We've been going nowhere but up and will look to continue to do so."

Closing out their

season with a ninth-place finish, the Lady Arrows' day of competition was also marked with a change in leader after twelve consecutive races. Junior Audrey Conrad clocked a personal best finish of 19:47 to place first for Lowell, and 23rd overall. Her finish was followed by senior Haley Nieuwkoop who has dominated this season with a dozen race leads. Nieuwkoop crossed the finish line at 20:08, capping off her distinguished cross-country career as a Red Arrow.

"Audrey ran a great race and was probably more surprised than the coaches were," said head coach Paul Judd. "Audrey is very talented in many sports and Saturday was a prime example of what she can do when she is focused."

Also scoring for Lowell at the competition were freshman Lauren Swain who came in at 21:09, senior Lauren Aud

who clocked in at 21:29 and junior Ashley Boehr who recorded a 21:59 finish. Having set their sights on sixth place or better, the team ends the season hungry which Judd hopes will parlay into next season, "Our performance at regionals will not define this season but will serve as a reminder of the price it takes to finish in the top five and that price is preseason miles!" he said, encouraging his runners to utilize their off-season, "I think that there is a lot of chemistry on the team and the challenge for them going forward is how to use this chemistry to help each other get stronger and faster before next season. Some of this will be accomplished during track season, but that too will only be a stepping stone and if the girls each get 200-250 good miles this summer they will look back at this season as the catalyst."

The team bids farewell to three seniors this season: Nieuwkoop, Aud and Marlie Fowler, for whom Judd had these words. "We talk about building a legacy and what we want the program to look like in 5-10 years. These three young ladies have worked to establish yearly goals that support the vision that has been set. All three of them bring their lunch pails to work every day and this sets the tone for the rest of the girls. They define both what a quiet leader is and what a Lowell Red Arrow Stands for. I look forward to some final magic this track season and hope they always remember how proud I was to be called their coach."

Swart and Kinnucan will compete at the MHSSA state competition this Saturday, November 3 at the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Michigan. Race time is scheduled for 2:10 pm.



Player Spotlight

Our Spotlight Athlete This Week:

Caleb Swart

Lowell junior Caleb Swart has shot to the front of the Red Arrow cross-country pack in each race this season. Hitting the track for the first time in seventh grade, the young Swart earned a top finish and has not slowed down since. His list of cross-country accolades include a pair of varsity letters, Lowell MVP Award, Rookie of the Year honors at Sandy Foot Cross Country Camp, two All-Conference Honorable Mention awards and earning the role of Red Arrow team co-captain.

Ledger: What drew you to the sport of running?

Swart: My twin brother Zach ran track and cross-country starting in fifth grade and he even completed a marathon. I started to hang out with his friends from those teams. I didn't think I would like running so I decided to be a team manager in seventh grade. During the final JV race that year the coach told me I had to run. I ended up finishing second overall and have been running ever since.

Ledger: What has your relationship been like with Coach VanderWarf?

Swart: Coach VanderWarf has been great! He is able to push just the right amount to keep even the hardest days lighthearted and fun. This creates a team dynamic different from a lot of other sports.

Ledger: What have you learned from your teammates?

Swart: A lot! First is how to be a good teammate and, now that I am a junior, how to be a leader on the team. Being part of a team helps us all work harder to get better.

Ledger: What fuels your desire to win?

Swart: The desire to win comes from the love of running. Without loving what you are doing there isn't really any way to expect to be good at it.

Ledger: What goals remain for you this season?

Swart: I am hoping to go to the state meet and be named an All-Conference athlete.

Ledger: What other sports have you participated in at LHS and to what level of success?

Swart: Track and field, I earned varsity letters both years.

Ledger: Do you intend to pursue running at the collegiate level?

Swart: I would love to run at the collegiate level. I am excited to see what opportunities are available and plan to do some college visits later this year. Even if I am not part of a team I will continue to run and race on my own.



Caleb Swart

Ledger: Who is your personal inspiration?

Swart: I have gotten to know former Grand Valley State University standout runner Bryce Bradley and he helps keep the drive alive and Zach Swart, who got me started by trying something new himself.

Ledger: What activities do you enjoy outside of school?

Swart: I love to mountain bike, road bike, run in longer races like 10K's, 10 milers and half marathons, slalom water skiing in the summer and downhill skiing in the winter.

Ledger: How do you feel competition as a Red Arrow has better prepared you for the future?

Swart: It has created discipline in my training and life, giving me an opportunity to invest in the running community.

Red Arrow

- VOLLEYBALL

SPORTS

Girls finish regular season with OK White title

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Though they cemented the school's first OK White title the week prior, the Red Arrow varsity volleyball team celebrated another accomplishment this week, completing a perfect 18-0 regular season.

Traveling first to take on the Ottawa Hills Bengals on Tuesday, Lowell collected a 3-0 victory with lopsided tallies of 25-8, 25-9 and 25-13 over the league underdog. Leading for the Arrows was senior Carly Hoekstra with three aces and six digs, fellow senior Joslyn Battle with 13 assists, junior Meghan Meyer with eight kills and two aces, junior Mattie Torline with six aces, sophomore Jenna Reitsma will eleven kills, junior Kambry Kloosterman who chipped in four kills of her own and sophomore Sophie Powell and freshman Emily Struckmeyer who each logged one block. Powell also added nine assists.

Thursday, in their final regular season match, the team welcomed the Wildcats of Northview on their Senior Night. Hoekstra and Battle along with Emily Stump were honored in the special pregame ceremony, "Carly has been a member on Varsity since her freshman year and she has the most experience out of anybody on our team. She is a great leader for us both on and off the court and we will miss the presence that

she brings to every practice, game, or meeting she is a part of." said head coach Jordan Drake of the soon-to-graduate team captain.

Drake also had glowing accolades for fellow captain Battle and Stump, "Joslynn stepped into the role of our starting setter and developed into a great player for us this year. She has been steady for us all year and puts our hitters in a great position to get kills for us with her consistency in her sets. Emily has been our libero this year. Not only has she been tremendous for us on defense, but her passing has been incredible."

Completing their perfect OK White run with a win over Northview, the team put together their final regular season 3-0 with scores of 25-14, 25-22 and 25-9. Leading in kills during the match were Reitsma with 16 followed by Meyer with eleven and Hoekstra with six. Hoekstra also contributed 10 digs, nailed two aces and tied both Meyer and Reitsma with two blocks behind junior Ryleigh Blough, who earned three. Stump and sophomore Emma Hall rounded out the Arrows top diggers putting up 11 and 9 respectively. Battle added 33 additional assists to her record breaking season tally.

Quickly moving into the postseason Drake says he and the team are looking forward to the opportunity as a fresh start where they can prove themselves once



The Red Arrow varsity volleyball team capped off their regular season 18-0 last week. Photo Provided by Lowell Volleyball

again, "We are looking at it as a brand new season. It was great to be named OK White champs, but the great thing about high school volleyball is that records don't matter in the playoffs and everybody gets a clean slate," explained Drake.

Citing Forest Hills Northern as their opponent in the district's first round held on Monday, Drake said the team, who is ranked fourth in the state, will take

it one game at a time, "If we are fortunate enough to win, we will worry about who we play the next round tomorrow."

With a Monday win the team would move on to semi-final and finals rounds, hosted by the Red Arrows on Tuesday and then on Thursday at 6 pm. No special passes can be accepted for this Michigan High School Athletic Association event.



LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING STATE OF MICHIGAN The Probate Court for the County of Kent

In the matter of PATRICIA STREBA

Guardianship File No. 18-204,216-GA Conservatorship File No. 18-204,217-CA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including her brother Tom Stone; and additional siblings 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 November 16, 2018, at 1:30 pm 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 and Appointment of a Conservator.

Dated: October 29, 2018

Adult Protective Services, DHHS, Petitioner 121 Franklin St. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49507 (616) 558-6781

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

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Re: Rev. Charles R. Dautremont, decedent. Date of Birth April 17, 1934.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Rev. Charles R. Dautremont who lived at 50 Bellevue, S.W., Wyoming, MI 49548, died August 28, 2018.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the deceased or the trust will be forever barred

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October 25, 2018

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ROE

Sandra Kay Roe, age 70, of Ada, Michigan, passed away Thursday, October 25, 2018. Sandra was preceded in death by her parents, Harold Raymor and Mary Ann (Urban) Lipps. She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Al Roe; children, Lisa (Kevin) Homrich and Ryan (Jamie) Roe; grandchildren, Jordan (Mary) Potter, Brianna Homrich (Travis Schepers) and Marcus Roe; great-grandson, Easton Potter; sister, Shirley Ann (Don Grummet) Carigon; brother, Ron (Annette) Raymor; and many aunts, uncles



and cousins. Services were held Saturday, October 27 at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell. Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Hospice, 2100 Raybrook Ave SE # 300, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.



ROZICH

Mary E. Rozich, age 73 of Lowell, Michigan, went to be with her Savior, Thursday, October 25, 2018, following a brief illness. She will be lovingly remembered by her husband, Joseph; children Lori (Tim) Carigon, Paul (Traci) Rozich, Glen Rozich, and Krista (David) Kurti; ten grandchildren, Maile, Kayla, Elijah, Maile, Maci, Makenna, Marlie, Anika, Kiel, Samantha, and Kelci; brother and sisters-in-law Steve, Dianna, Mary and Eleanor; many nieces, nephews and dear friends. Mary was preceded in death by her parents August and Emma DeVooght of Lake Linden, Michigan. Mary was a 28-year employee with Old Kent/5th3rd Bank of Ada. She enjoyed traveling the world with her husband Joe, of 53 years. She loved attending the many sports and activities of her children and grandchildren over the years. Mary was a phenomenal cook and hostess and opened her heart and home to countless people. There are not enough words to describe how beautiful a person Mary was and how loved and missed she will be by her family and friends. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, November 17, 2018, at Lifestream Free Methodist Church, 800 Maryland Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505. Visitation with family will be held from 9:30 – 11am, followed by a memorial service at 11:00 am. The family cordially invites you to join them for a luncheon in the church fellowship hall, following the service. In honor of Mary and in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The CJD Foundation online at <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/account/696499/>; or The Gideons International online at <http://gideonslegacy.org/?pageID=6>.



Letters, continued

Protection and Affordable Care Act. It was passed entirely by the Democrats without a single Republican vote. It has been a total disaster with skyrocketing premium costs and very little choice for a health care provider. Remember when Nancy Pelosi said we had to pass Obama Care to find out what's in it? Now the Democrats are using health care as a campaign issue this fall, trying to blame Republicans for our current health care problems - I thought they fixed all of that! More deflection and deception.

When I hear people say our deficit is because of the greed of the rich or they are not paying their fair share, they are either misinformed or are just trying to inflict tensions between different classes in our country. I won't get into the numbers here, but just do some research and see what percent of the Federal revenue comes from the top 10 percent of income earners. It's not that the government isn't bringing in enough money, it's because they are spending too much. More deflection and deception.

President Trump has accomplished many of his campaign promises in just two short years, such as tax cuts, restructuring NAFTA, and reducing regulations that have been strangling our businesses. As a result, job growth is going through the roof, unemployment is at a near-record low and after many stagnant years wages are finally starting to increase due to companies competing for employees. These are just a few examples, and all this was done without the help of the Democrat Party.

We need to keep moving forward and I don't see how we can do that with Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer in charge of the House and Senate. I encourage everyone to make their voice heard this election and to vote Republican.

*Philip Schreur
Vergennes Township*

To the editor,

When Adam Smith defined capitalism in the "Wealth of Nations" he wrote that the "value of something is what someone is willing to pay for it." Smith also calculated into his model the value of labor.

Nobel Prize winner John Nash continued with that model when he postulated his "equilibrium" which states the "value of something is what someone is willing to pay for it, as long as it's for the common good." That is not socialism or communism. That is capitalism and the role of government in a democracy.

Progressives such as Theodore Roosevelt, Henry Ford and FDR understood that much of the wealth should be reinvested in the people that go to work every day and the infrastructure that supports those systems. President Eisenhower forwarded that notion with the Interstate Highway System as did President Obama with the re-capitalization of the auto industry that stimulated our economic recovery in Michigan.

Wealth should not be allowed to languish in financial institutions, corporations and individual trusts that benefit the few to invest in political power whose purpose becomes maintaining that control.

This is the most important election in history. Do not allow fear and religious hatred to keep our nation from moving forward. Please consider Progressive candidates Lauren Taylor, Cathy Albro and Gretchen Whitmer. Those votes will allow our nation to continue to enjoy the greatest wealth known in all human history.

*Jack Misner
Vergennes Township*

Dear Editor,

How can I trust Him when things are not good?
How can I ask Him, when words just won't come?
How can I pray, when I cannot see,
my teardrops are many, I must Believe!

*Cindy Nagy
Lowell*

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GRATTAN TOWNSHIP


Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Synopsis of Minutes
October 15, 2018

Motions Approved:

1. Purchase of Used Fire Pumper.
2. Swaney Payback Agreement.
3. Termination of Recycling Facilities.
4. Ordinance 002-2018 Replacing Article 4 in regards to non-conforming uses, structures and lots.
5. Denial of reversing sewer usage fees for Randall Kuiper.
6. Resolution 2018-027 to establish Grattan Township Sewer Advisory Committee.

Our next Township Meetings will be a regular meeting **November 12 at 7 p.m.**

The approved minutes may be reviewed on our website at www.grattantownship.org



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Ryne Exp., continued

notebooks for a long time, so it was satisfactory for him to finally archive them on disc.

"I've been wanting to do this solo album since before the Preservers 'Made with Soy' album [in 2017]," Clarke said. "Some of these songs are from like my junior year of high school. The fact that I'm finally getting it done, it was a huge sigh of relief. Some of the songs really surprised me because I had some sort of vision in my head. When it finally got done, they were way different than I anticipated. All the overdubs are finished, it's just the final mixing that needs to be done."

Clarke's process for "Hokey" started in his bedroom, which he dubbed "Upstairs, Man Studios." Clarke wrote most of the words and music and recorded some basic demos there. "Upstairs, Man" is also the title of a song on "Hokey."

"I usually write the music first," Clarke said. "That seems to be my

style. It's hard for me to write words and then try to put music to it. That's kind of a foreign concept to me, I don't think I've ever done that. I usually try to be a little unclear with my lyrics. I try and convey some sort of a message in a very discreet way. I want people to listen to it and see what they gather from it, that's usually a lot cooler than whatever I meant it to be."

Initial recording was done in Clarke's bedroom using the closet as a vocal booth. Work then moved from the bedroom of one Lowell residence to the basement of another. Clarke and his friends, including members of the Preservers, Conrad Shock & the Noise and the Alien Dogs, overdubbed about a dozen different instruments and multiple vocal tracks onto the initial bedroom drum/bass/guitar recordings.

"Three of the tracks started up there in my bedroom in April, including the two on the single," Clarke said. "I



Visit theyrneexperience.bandcamp.com to hear the Ryne Experience' new single "Your Sweet Love." The full-length album "Hokey" should be available before the end of the year.

had all my instruments at my house, which I usually do. It takes a while for a song to leave my bedroom. It got to the point where I wanted to start recording the album a bit more seriously so I decided I should probably move to Kargl Studios at Jeremy Kargl's house and finish it up there. My whole summer was spent recording stuff. It took

seven or eight months working really hard to get this thing done. I'm pretty hard on myself. You're never going to be happy with the mix you put out. You end up settling, but there's always something you want to tweak or change."

Sonic contributions include theremin, glockenspiel, cello, bongos, and banjo.

stylophone, keyboards, organ and accordion. It might look a little bonkers when you list them all out like that, but the album does not sound crowded with weird noises. The finished product sounds coherent and professional.

"All of the tracks feature multiple vocals by myself," Clarke said. "I didn't think I could do my own backing vocals until I tried it out. You can harmonize with yourself, it's easier than you think. My friend Bill Baughn showed me how to do it. That's what he does on a lot of his recordings, I thought it seemed cool. We overdubbed lots of different instruments. For example, Cliff Yankovich gave me a theremin, that was fun to add."

Because Clarke used a computer and its software to record and produce the album, he was able make each song as elaborate as possible without worrying about the expense and sonic limitations of tape.

"There was no tape running, so we weren't

wasting anything but time" Clarke said. "We tried not to go too crazy with the overdubs, but at the same time we were looking for a more full sound. The Preservers' 'Made with Soy' record was a very straightforward rock record. I think that's great. This doesn't really sound like a straightforward rock record. There are definitely some rocking songs on there, but there is also a lot of down-tempo stuff. It's not too downbeat, I don't want to bore people!"

The Ryne Experience will have a CD release show at Speak EZ Lounge in Grand Rapids on Wednesday, Dec. 19. Both the Ryne Experience and the Preservers will perform at LowellArts on Saturday, Jan. 5. For more information, visit ryneshyne.club. Clarke is also the bass player for GR-based punk band the Alien Dogs, they're playing at the Workshop in GR on Nov. 10. Visit the Alien Dogs' Facebook page for further details on that.

Proposal 3: Pros and cons

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Proposal 3 is called the "Promote the Vote Initiative" after the group that campaigned to place the measure on the Nov. 6 ballot. There were 92 million eligible voters in the US who did not participate in the 2016 presidential election. This ballot proposal aims to increase voter

participation by removing some potential barriers and making the process simpler.

According to the official ballot language, it is, "A proposal to authorize automatic and Election Day voter registration, no-reason absentee voting and straight ticket voting; and add current legal

requirements for military and overseas voting and post-election audits to the Michigan Constitution."

The group behind the measure, "Promote The Vote," is a coalition made up of the American Civil Liberties Union, the Michigan League of Women Voters, the Michigan League for Public Policy, NAACP of Detroit and NAACP of Michigan.

Currently, 18 states plus Washington, DC allow registration on Election Day, 14 states and Washington DC have automatic registration and 27 states allow no-reason absentee voting. Proponents claim that bringing these practices to Michigan will increase voter turnout, eliminate arbitrary registration deadlines and fix inaccurate voter rolls. Those against the ideas claim that they place an onerous burden on clerks and promote voting among the politically disengaged.

"The only people I want anywhere near a ballot box are those who

have demonstrated they are actually invested enough in the process that they want to vote," said Matthew Gagnon, formerly of the National Republican Senatorial Committee. "That is the flaw with same-day voter registration: most of the people it serves are unengaged in the process."

"As a clerk, one of the objectives that I had was to make sure everyone who has the legal right to vote has access to polls on Election Day and this proposal does that," said retired Ottawa County Clerk Daniel Krueger in an Oct. 24 interview with the Detroit Free Press. "I've had people that have said, 'I don't have time to get to the polls on Election Day. Why don't I have access to an absentee ballot?'"

"Automatically registering individuals to vote without their permission would also violate their basic right to choose whether they wish to participate in the US political process," said Hans von Spakovsky of

the Heritage Foundation, a right wing think tank.

Straight-ticket voting, where you can vote for all of the candidates for a certain political party by making one mark, was allowed in Michigan until 2015 when the Republican majority in the state legislature eliminated it. Straight-ticket voting is currently the law in Alabama, Indiana, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas and Utah. Opponents say that voters should weigh each choice carefully. Proponents claim that straight-ticket voting simplifies and speeds up the voting process.

"The right to vote is the most fundamental right in a democracy," said Kary

Moss of the ACLU in an Oct. 24 interview with the Detroit Free Press. "Proposal 2 and Proposal 3 are a one-two punch and step for democracy. If Proposal 3 passes, it'll mean a much higher voter turnout in the next presidential election. After the presidential election in 2016, we heard a tremendous desire on the ground and around the state in urban communities that voting should be easier. Michigan is a real outlier behind other states in providing basic protection against voter suppression."

You can read the entire proposal at https://www.michigan.gov/documents/sos/Official_Ballot_Wording_Prop_18-3_632053_7.pdf.

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Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters.

~ Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)

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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.



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- 17. Winter condition
- 18. Mad hatter's act
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- 21. *Story of 1940 evacuation
- 23. Station wagon/off-road vehicle, acr.
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- 25. Busy airport
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- 46. "_____ and hearty"
- 47. *Kurosawa's "Ran" based on this Shakespearean king
- 48. Ethanol, a.k.a. _____ alcohol, pl.
- 50. Russian autocrat
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- 53. Penny-farthing, e.g.
- 55. Variable, abbr.
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Looking Back, continued

sponsored by the local chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

A campaign to stimulate lagging collections of waste fats for war purposes now is under way throughout Kent County through the formation of "31 Clubs", it is announced by L.O. Griffin, chairman of the War Production Board's county committee. Griffin explained that each "31 Club" will have a membership of 31 women, each pledged to save 31 tablespoonsful of household fat a month. It requires 31 tablespoonsful to make a pound, he explained. Each of the 31 women in a "31 Club" will be pledged to form another "31 Club" of 31 other women, in chain fashion, until every home in the country is reached.

50 years The Lowell Ledger October 31, 1968

When Tony Zoovas turned off the grill Sunday night, it marked the end of a career in the restaurant business that covered more than a half-century of service to customers across mid-Michigan. The last 13 of those years were spent as owner of the Showboat Restaurant in Lowell, which he sold last spring but continued to serve "just to help out."

The Lowell Post Office has received the United States Treasury Department Award for patriotic service in support of the United States Savings Bond Program during 1968. The award was received by Postmaster Charles Doyle on behalf of Lowell's postal employees, who have participated 100 percent in buying United States Savings Bonds through the payroll deduction plan.

The wheels of progress are beginning to speed up for the City of Lowell. The city's Planning Commission took initial steps at its monthly meeting Monday to set into motion several projects that will eventually effect just about every resident. One of these was consideration of a major storm sewer program which could be tied into a street improvement program.

25 years The Lowell Ledger November 3, 1993

Her ability to express herself "right-a-way" through the written word has won Lowell's Annie Tuinstra the right to have dinner "her way" for an entire year at the Lowell branch Burger King. The 11-year old sixth-grader won the Burger King essay contest. Her essay was on why she likes coming to Burger King.

Vergennes Township has reached a water and sewer agreement with Lowell Township to service the new high school. The township board adopted a 40-year agreement with Lowell. The agreement includes adopting ordinances which will stipulate how the water and sewer lines will be managed.

Jerry Berta lives in Rockford, but he understands that Lowell has parking problems. Berta is also a successful diner entrepreneur who has met all the city codes for the C-3 zoning district so that he can establish a Redhot Diner on the southeast corner of West Main and Broadway. "I understand that Lowell has parking problems, but I don't think I should be penalized for it," Berta said.

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- 4. Buttonholes, e.g.
- 5. Small pool
- 6. Bit attachment
- 7. ___ de Triomphe
- 8. Father of the String Quartet
- 9. Baseball's Hammerin'
- 10. Those against
- 11. Kind of film
- 12. 52 cards
- 15. Rules
- 20. Convex molding
- 22. Beehive State native
- 24. Render unnecessary
- 25. *Joey was a "War _____"
- 26. *"U-571" vessel
- 27. Mess up
- 29. *It lead to a popular wartime comedy series
- 31. Call, in the olden days
- 32. Keys
- 33. Birth-related
- 34. *Story of first African-American regiment
- 36. Inspiring fear
- 38. Aquatic snakes
- 42. Ransack or plunder
- 45. Even though
- 49. *_____ Richard Attenborough of "The Great Escape"
- 51. Make less dense
- 54. Rest on patellas
- 56. Young Montague
- 57. Done in loads
- 58. ESPN award
- 59. Gulf War missile
- 60. Michelin product
- 61. *From where to eternity?
- 62. Light beige
- 63. *Lone Survivor, e.g.
- 66. Path
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LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING STATE OF MICHIGAN The Probate Court for the County of Kent

In the matter of **FRED VERL BOWEN**

Guardianship File No. 18-204,192-GA
Conservatorship File No. 18-204,194-CA

TO ALL INTERESTED

PERSONS including his son, Jeff Bowen; and additional 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 November 20, 2018, at 9:00 am 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 and Appointment of a Conservator.
Dated: October 29, 2018

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SRO crowd enjoys MacRaven & Mora performance

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

A standing-room-only crowd attended the MacRaven & Mora CD release concert at LowellArts on Sunday, Oct. 28. MacRaven & Mora are Susan Mora on violin, Steve VanRavenswaay on cello and composer Roger MacNaughton on piano.

“The turnout couldn’t have been better,” said LowellArts executive director Lorain Smalligan. “A capacity crowd of close to 100 people came to LowellArts to enjoy the music and engaging performances that included Roger interacting with the audience and providing background information about the music on their new CD. LowellArts couldn’t be happier with this concert of musicians with a tie to Lowell.”

This was the last performance in the gallery’s “house concert” series.

“This concert completed the 2018 House Concert season of 14 concerts including four concerts specifically for youth and families that were supported by the Lowell Rotary Club,” Smalligan said. “Other business sponsors included Larkin’s Restaurant, Flat River Grill, Main Street Inn and Local Spins.”

They’re taking November and December off from live music because of their Holiday Artists Market, but the concerts will return next year.

“The 2019 series will open right away in January with 17 concerts on Saturday night and several Sunday afternoon interactive concerts for young people,” Smalligan said. “LowellArts is currently seeking sponsors for these concerts. If you are interested call 616-897-8545.”



MacRaven & Mora: Composer and pianist Roger MacNaughton (above, left) Susan Mora (above, right) and Steve VanRavenswaay (below) performing at LowellArts on Sunday. (photos by Ted Bergin)



★ Honoring Our Area Veterans ★

The Ledger will once again be saluting area Veterans.

The names and pictures we receive will appear in our November 7 edition in honor of Veterans Day, November 11, 2018.

If you would like to spotlight a Veteran living in our area, please mail or bring their picture along with their name, branch of service and years served to:

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For more information call the Ledger at 616.897.9261

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Veterans Day, November 11, 2018