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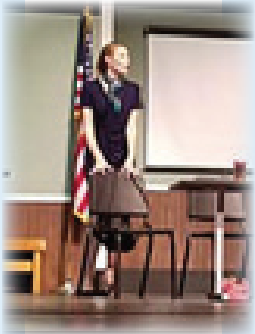
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# City councilor Jeff Phillips steps down

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Lowell city councilor Jeff Phillips announced his immediate resignation from the council at their latest regular meeting on Monday, Nov. 5.

“I just recently received a job promotion, and my new job promotion will conflict with the city council, so tonight will be my last council meeting,” Phillips said. “With that, I’d like to thank the city and the council, as I am grateful for the opportunity. I take away much information knowledge and experience.”

According to the city charter, “Resignations [...] shall be made in writing and filed with the clerk and shall be acted upon by the council at its next regular meeting following receipt thereof by the clerk. [...] If a vacancy occurs in any elective city office, the council shall, within thirty days after such vacancy occurs, appoint a person who possesses the qualifications required of holders of said office.”

Phillips’ term expires in Jan. 2020; his replacement would serve the remainder of that term. Anyone wishing to

run for a city council position must have been a registered voter in the city for at least one year and must not be in default to the city, including taxes, utility bills or unpaid invoices.

“At the next council meeting, the council will have to accept [Phillips’] letter of resignation,” said city manager Michael Burns. “From there, they designate a process. Thirty days after that point, the position needs to be filled.”

“I encourage anybody that’s watching or listening to put in your applications,” said councilor James Salzwedel. “The more the better.”

The city passed a resolution “approving sanitary sewer system policies and procedures for determining industrial allocation portion of wastewater treatment plant maximum allowable headworks loading” along with the addition of Section 25.205A, a “special discharge allocation,” to the sewer ordinance.

“In August, the city issued an industrial pretreatment program permit to Litehouse



Jeff Phillips announced that he is resigning from the city council effective immediately.

to begin transporting their process water to the wastewater treatment plant,” Burns said. “An issue surfaced which our current ordinance does not allow. [For] approximately the first six months of their

pretreatment operation, the effluent they will send to the plant will contain a biochemical oxygen demand, otherwise known as BOD, of up to 4,500 mg per liter per day. Our current sewer use ordinance restricts

an IPP user to load 2,500 mg per liter of BOD per day. In addition, the permittee has a requirement of no more than 800 pounds per day of BOD they can submit

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# Alto United Methodist Church closing



Alto United Methodist Church will close in December; the congregation has existed since 1874.

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

After 144 years, because of low attendance and large outstanding bills, Alto United Methodist Church will close at the end of December.

“Disbanding a church family is a significant emotional event,” said AUMC congregant Lois Heffron. “The solution was difficult. Why we are closing is financial instability. Why we are financially unstable can be attributed to decline

in attendance and aging and [declining] energy of the current members. Worship trends have changed over the years. [...] Growth of the congregation attending a small rural church, once revered, was not happening. The energy of the aging faithful members hit an all-time low to meet the population trends. [...] Through these past few months [it] became difficult to ignore the funding

[required] for maintaining our new building. [...] A charge conference was held and a vote was taken to close as of Dec. 31, 2018.”

Originally known as the German Methodist Church of South Lowell, the church first organized at Merriman corners, one mile north of the village of Alto, in 1874. The

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# Civil War

## presentation sheds light on today's political scene

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Al McGeehan, the former mayor of Holland, will give a presentation entitled "Honoring Michigan's First Veterans: the Civil War" on Nov. 13.

The American Civil War was fought between 1861 and 1865. McGeehan said that 90,000 Michiganders fought in the war, 15,000 of whom made the ultimate sacrifice.

"We're going to be spending a lot of time talking about the causes, the events and the aftermath of America's great tragedy," McGeehan said. "That's probably the best way I can describe it. I will use original artifacts to tell the story."

The event will include a display of original Civil War artifacts. Many of them were owned by Civil War veterans John and George McGeehan. John, his great-grandfather, survived the war. His brother George did not make it back home.

"I have a lot of my great-grandfather John's items, but I've always been on

the lookout for an original photograph of him," McGeehan said. "I have copies of photographs of him that have been in books, but I don't have an original photograph. That would be nice."

In those days, military units were made up of men from the same geographic region. A few well-aimed Confederate shells could wipe out most of a town's men. One Massachusetts woman lost all five of her sons to the cause.

"In most American families in 1865, there was at least one empty chair around the Thanksgiving day table," McGeehan said. "In the Civil War, men who volunteered from a community, especially at the beginning of the war, they went in as a group. Michigan provided a higher percent of military-aged young men to the Union Army than any other state in the Union. Not more soldiers, but a greater percent. Ottawa County provided a higher percentage of any

other county in the state of Michigan. They might have become 'Company B of the Third Michigan Infantry,' hypothetically. They would all be in the same company. They would live together, camp together, march together, and then they ended up fighting together. You can imagine if an artillery barrage hit 'Company B,' all of a sudden, in a flash, there could be a dozen or more boys all from the same town just wiped out. They fought as a unit and they fell as a unit."

McGeehan, a graduate of Hope College, is a retired US history teacher. He has written magazine articles and a book about the Civil War. Part of McGeehan's presentation will focus on the many parallels between the era leading up to the Civil War and today's political climate.

"I have been going out and talking on the Civil War for probably 50 years," McGeehan said. "In the last year or so, in all candor, my presentation has taken a bit of a different slant. It's because of everything that we see in our news media, everything that we see on television, the Internet and in newspapers about the current state of divisive dialogue and bitter accusations on both sides. One side is feeling that they have all the right on their side and the other side is not just wrong but evil, and the other side feels the exact same way about their opposition. The biggest takeaway from this presentation is going to be that we've got to remember the immensity of that conflict and we have to be aware that we can't ever let it happen again. You can

pick up any magazine or any newspaper today and find the term 'civil war' in editorials and in news reports. And they're not talking about the one of 160 years ago, they're talking about America today. I'm not faulting the media for that, it's accurate reporting, but it's startling if you understand what happened in this country. The final straw was when a man named Abraham Lincoln was elected president. Today he is revered as an American president, but when he was elected many people in this country called him many of the same things that you hear today.



There will be some Civil War artifacts on display, many brought back from the war by McGeehan's grandfather.

I'm not being partisan at all. When Lincoln was elected the American flag was torn down, people said they were not willing to abide by the outcome of the election and America went to war against itself. It's not so different today. What has been said so many times about those who fail to learn the lessons of the past? That's going to be part of what our guests will hear. And it won't be the least bit partisan. It'll be red, white and blue, it'll be patriotic, but it will be startling in its graphic description of what

happened in this country. America had better open up the history books and remind ourselves what happened." The presentation is at Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash Ave SE, at 7 pm on Tuesday, Nov. 13. For more information about this event, visit the Lowell Area Historical Museum website, [lowellmuseum.org](http://lowellmuseum.org), or call 616-897-7688. The museum is at 325 W. Main; they're open from 1 pm until 4 pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

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# LHS class to present research at Van Andel Institute

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Lowell High School seniors Lucas Sherman, Marlie Fowler and Leanna Rose will present the results of their laboratory research on worms at the West Michigan Regional Undergraduate Science conference at the Van Andel Institute in Grand Rapids on Saturday, Nov. 10.

LHS science teacher Heather DeJonge has been leading an advanced biology class at LHS in collaboration with the Van Andel Institute and Michigan State University for the past several years.

"I worked at the Van Andel Institute for two summers," DeJonge said. "I've been affiliated with them for several years now, and they kind of help the kids out. The researchers that I worked with partnered with us and set us up with a mini lab."

Her science research class studies *Caenorhabditis elegans*, tiny worms that live in the dirt. The goal of this research is to find a cure for afflictions such as cancer, neurodegenerative diseases and Alzheimer's disease.

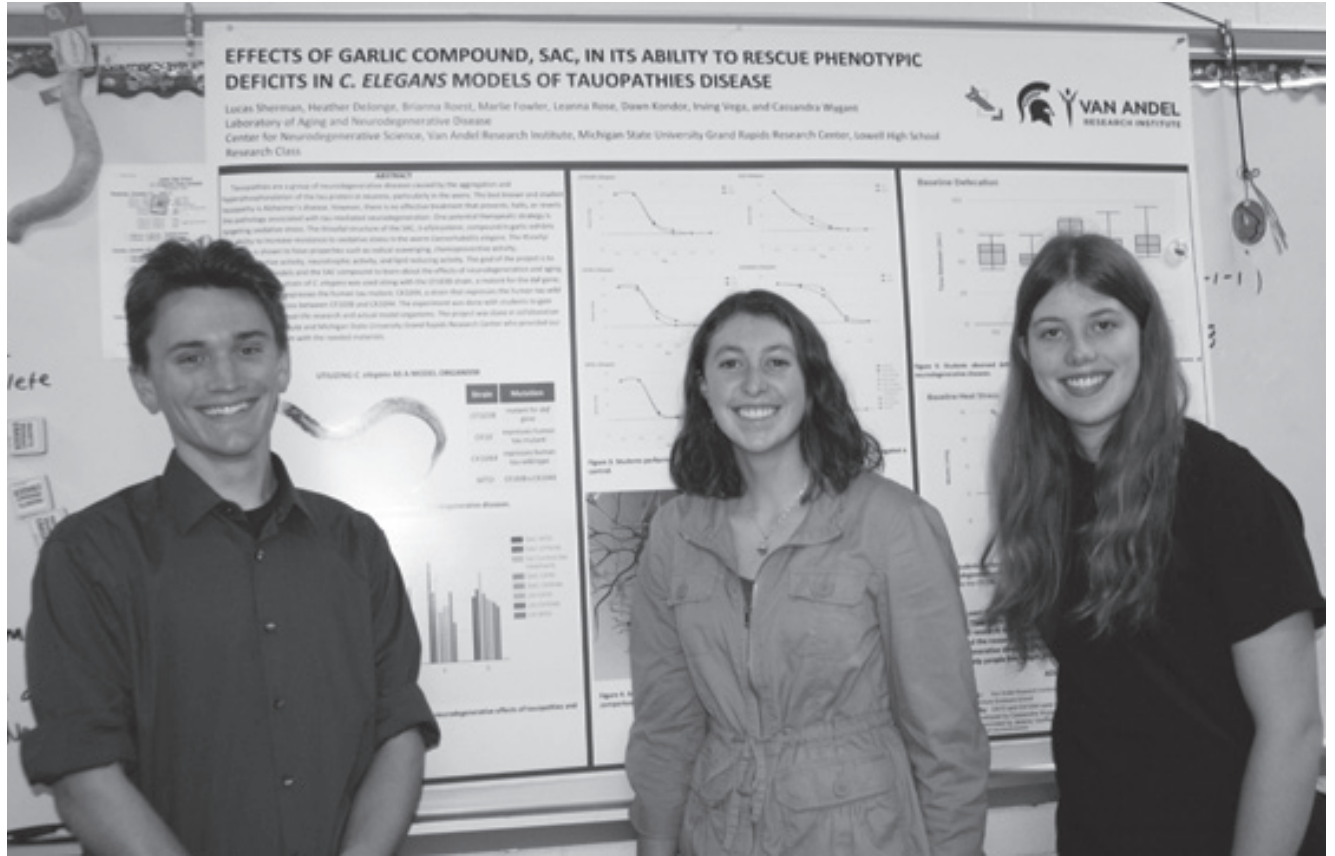
"We were researching whether or not this compound in garlic called SAC [S-allylcysteine] could help the symptoms of phenotypic deficits," Sherman said. "In Parkinson's, the symptoms would be things you can observe like movement and lifespan."

Sherman, Fowler and Rose put the SAC in the worms' food to study its effects on the microscopic animals.

"We studied their thrashing, which is how many times their tail whips back and forth," Fowler said. "We also studied their lifespan, heat stress and defecation. That one was not the most glamorous."

"Because we only had 12 weeks to conduct our research, our data is very minimal," Rose said. "We found that in lifespan and in thrashing, there seemed to be some alleviation from the SAC compound, but because we have so little data, it's hard. We need to do more testing for that to be concrete."

The trio will be the only high school students



LHS seniors Lucas Sherman, Marlie Fowler and Leanna Rose will present their research poster at the WMRUGS conference at the Van Andel Institute on Saturday, Nov. 10.

presenting research at the advanced scientific conference. Some of the colleges participating in the conference are Central Michigan University,

Western Michigan University, University of Michigan, Northwestern University, University of Toledo, Illinois University and the University of Chicago.

"I'm more excited than I am freaked out," Fowler said. "I don't know, on Saturday morning I might freak out a little! When I get there and all these people know a lot

more about science than I do, I might feel a little out of my league."

"But that's okay, they don't know everything either," DeJonge said.

# 'Treasures for the Troops' collects items 'til Nov. 16



For the past four years, the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and WION Radio Ionia have teamed up for the "Treasures for the Troops" event to promote the collection of items for deployed soldiers before the holidays. Now in its fifth year, the program is expanding to include Lowell High School's student radio station WRWW, 92.3 FM.

"WRWW is excited to announce that it will partner with WION, WGLM, the Lowell Chamber of Commerce and Blue Star Mothers in the 'Treasures for the Troops' project," said LHS teacher Al Eckman. "It involves collecting highly desirable items for deployed military personnel. The

needs list can be found on the WRWW home page website, located at [lowellradio.org](http://lowellradio.org). Last year 200 boxes were sent out to troops. Monetary donations are also accepted, as shipping is about \$18 per overseas box. Drop-off points are located at the WRWW radio studio at Lowell High School and the Lowell Chamber of Commerce. Donations are accepted through Nov. 16."

LHS students will promote the drive on-air Nov. 15 from 4 pm until 7 pm.

"I would like to see Lowell rise to the occasion and we can do this by all working together," said Chamber executive director Liz Baker. "Blue Star

Mothers Chapter 188 puts the items together in boxes and mails them to locations. So, besides items, they are [also] accepting cash to assist with the postage."

Treasures for the Troops is an annual collection of commonly available items that will be sent to American servicemen and women who are deployed overseas. Many items that are common to us are not to them, and soldiers have to fund many basic needs out of their own pockets. Comfort items are also important in the drive, as they bring a piece of home to our soldiers, wherever they are deployed.

Items can be dropped off during regular business

hours at the WRRW radio studio at the high school and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, 113 Riverwalk Plaza, from now until Friday, Nov. 16.

The complete list of needs for soldiers can be found at <http://i1430.com/files/Treasures%20for%20Troops%20needsList.pdf>.

They also have a blog they update daily at <https://treasures4troops.blogspot.com/2018/10/treasures-for-troops-q-and-general.html>.

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## Church, continued

church moved into Alto in 1907, where they remained for over a century. The AUMC supported Flat River Outreach Ministries and Gilda's Club and held annual Easter egg hunts, ice cream socials and Halloween parties.

In 2003, the AUMC purchased five acres of land at 11365 64th St. SE and in 2012 opened a new church building there. The financial strain from this project, plus routine maintenance and monthly bills proved to be the church's undoing.

"Our average attendance is 23 to 30 people," Heffron said. "We built a new sanctuary to seat 200. We had a church in downtown Alto that had been there since 1907. That church was built when the population in this area was mostly farmers. When the new church was dedicated in 2012, that was no longer the case. When we built the new church, we had saved \$500,000. The new church cost \$1.2 million. After six years, we still have debts over \$300,000. The parking lot needs to be repaved or at least resealed. The carpet has a couple spots. If we want to get them cleaned, where will that money come from? The mortgage payments were a concern. That was separate from the lights, telephone and so on."

Heffron said the church building is for sale for "around \$500,000." It has not yet been decided what will happen if there's money left over after they pay off all their bills. When Snow United Methodist Church closed, leftover money was donated to congregants ["a pittance," according to Heffron] and other area churches.

"We belong to the Methodist Conference," Heffron said. "If it was a big amount, I would think they would want control of anything that was left."

When the AUMC closes, some members might join another United Methodist church a few miles away. They have plenty of choices, out of the 27 churches in the Lowell area, five are United Methodist.

"We have a sister church, Bowne Center United Methodist Church, and they have been very cordial," Heffron said. "They have invited this congregation to their church. That is four miles away, maybe."

Although the church's official last day is Dec. 31, their final worship service will be at 9:30 am on Sunday, Nov. 4. They will have "a time of reflection with refreshments" after the service.

For more information, visit [altoumc.org](http://altoumc.org) or find them on Facebook.

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## 125 years ago Lowell Ledger November 11, 1893

The burglar who paid Lowell a visit Tuesday night did not carry away enough to place them in the luxurious side of life for their time. The residence of Mrs. Dell Bostwick was entered; but the burglars were frightened away without taking any booty. The side and woodshed doors were found open, showing the means of entrance and exit. L.L. Taylor was paid a visit. It seems the family was out in the evening and Mr. Taylor went to bed, leaving the door unlocked, and when they returned they found his pantaloons on the porch, but \$12 was gone from them.

Last Saturday quite a crowd gathered to witness a foot race between Frank McMahon and C. Berry. The latter had five feet start but McMahon won easily and pocketed the \$5 stakes.

## 100 years The Lowell Ledger November 7, 1918

John Borgerson of Put in Bay has bought the grocery business of C.H. Alexander & Son and took possession Saturday. He is fitting up the apartments over the store as a home for his family. He has five children of school age, one, a teacher, is completing a course at the Ypsilanti Normal and a son is in the army. Mr. Borgerson likes Lowell and is pleased with the prospects here. Mr. Alexander, who has been connected with the business interests of Lowell for many years, has no intention of quitting us now. After closing up his former business affairs he expects to engage in the produce business, for which his wide acquaintance and long experience eminently fit him.

Tuesday, election day, was a beautiful, clear November day, and considering the large number of men called away into military service, the turn out of 552 voters in Lowell Township was a good one.

Lowell gave suffrage a good send off with a vote of 319 yes to 188 no, while the amendments on one ballot was defeated 37 yes to 106 no.

## 75 years The Lowell Ledger November 11, 1943

A tremendous demand for teachers after the war is predicted. The people will demand education as never before. The war experiences have shown its value. Many teachers have left the schools and colleges to enter the armed services or war production. A good part of them will not probably return to their former positions. There will be many vacancies. The teaching profession is a highly desirable occupation. The teachers win respect and affection, they have a high social standing, and they make countless friends among pupils and students and parents. Few people who became teachers ever regretted their choice. The country needs their work for the training of the coming generation.

War Chest volunteers will celebrate the conclusion of the 1943 campaign Thursday evening as guests of Herpolsheimer's when the country division will assemble at the Pantlind hotel to hear final reports, according to Lee V. Mulnix and Wesley Aves, co-chairmen of this division.

## 50 years The Lowell Ledger November 7, 1968

Preparations were underway today for what shapes up as the most expensive civic improvement program in the history of Lowell. City Manager Bernard C. Olson advised the city council at its semi-monthly meeting Monday night that a proposed street-storm drain improvement project...scheduled when and if Federal assistance funds become available...will cost an estimated \$2,011,400.

The Lowell High School student body agreed with Tuesday's national election returns, when they voted last Friday, a 54 percent majority for Republican Richard M. Nixon.

Three deaths over the weekend on area highways brought Kent County's total for 1968 to a staggering 84...far ahead of the 1967 figure of 61 on the same date.

## 25 years The Lowell Ledger November 10, 1993

A survey completed by Lowell's "Drug Free Schools" program shows students are in need of avenues to attain help for their alcohol or drug problem. The results of a survey of Lowell eighth and 10th grade students show that at-risk students looking for help seek advice of friends 61.9 percent of the time and of family members 41.7 percent of the time.

Responding to a letter by the Kent County Library system, the Lowell Township board is scrambling to find a way to keep the library going in 1994. The letter from the library board stated it would not freeze the payment for the 1994 year at the 1993 rate as requested by the board.

Eruption, the Lowell area based rock band, faced some stiff competition, but came home a winner in the Grand Rapids "Battle of the Bands" at Martini's night club.



## Career and Technical Education gaining steam among Michigan students

CTE adds 1,300 students in just one year; programs grow by 112

The programs that prepare students with in-demand skills needed to land a high-demand, good-paying career gained more traction among Michigan high school students, data shows.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs added more than 1,300 students in the 2017-2018 school year, continuing an upward trend for the third consecutive year in CTE enrollment. These programs provide more than hands-on learning, they provide real-life application of lessons typically taught in a classroom setting and 21st Century skills that prepare students for life, no matter their postsecondary career path.

"Now more than ever, it's important to highlight all pathways to great, high-demand and high-wage careers in Michigan among our young people," Talent and Economic Development Interim Director Jeremy Hedges said. "Adding more than 1,300 students in one year is impressive and it shows the work we are doing to eliminate stereotypes surrounding these programs that have proven time and time again to be a great way for students to explore and land one of the thousands of good jobs available in the state is gaining momentum."

The total number of students in CTE courses stands at 110,316 for the 2017-2018 school year, growing from 104,038 in the 2014-2015 school year to 107,930 in the 2015-2016 school year and 109,005 students in the 2016-2017 school year.

Similarly, the number of these high-tech, hands-on learning opportunities grew from 1,915 programs across the state during the 2016-2017 school year to 2,027 the next year. Among the most popular programs were those in agriculture, healthcare, business management and marketing, which account for 596 CTE programs serving nearly 54,000 high school students across Michigan.

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## - febrile seizures in children

Febrile “fever” seizures are the most common type of seizures in children. They most commonly occur in children under the age of five. While they may appear very frightening to the observer or parent, they generally are harmless to the child. They do not cause brain damage or put the child at risk of swallowing their tongue. Febrile seizures usually last only a couple minutes and then go away on their own. Having a febrile seizure does not mean the child necessarily needs to be hospitalized, but they should be seen by their doctor the same day to determine the need for further testing or treatment. A fever is the body’s natural defense mechanism to fight off an infection. By raising its internal temperature, the body creates an inhospitable environment for the virus or bacteria infecting it. Having a fever less than 101 degrees Fahrenheit is probably beneficial and may not necessarily need to

be aggressively treated with fever-reducing medicines. Fevers above 101 should be treated with acetaminophen (Tylenol) and/or ibuprofen (Motrin). If a fever ever gets above 104 degrees or will not get below 101 degrees with medicines, then you should contact your doctor. There is no set temperature that will trigger a seizure in children, but in general, the higher the temperature, the greater the risk.

If you happen to witness a child having a seizure you should:

- Put the child on their side so that they won’t choke on their saliva.
- Do not put anything in their mouth.
- Do not restrain their movements.
- Remain calm and monitor a clock (most seizures last only a minute or two).
- Call 911 if the seizure lasts longer than five minutes.
- Contact their doctor for further instructions.

# Achieving self-support with Social Security

Work means different things to different people, but it can give you a sense of self, a community to rely on, and much-needed structure. Some people define themselves through their careers, while others enjoy the social aspect of their jobs. If you rely on Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments and want to start working or return to work, we can help.

A plan for achieving self-support (PASS) is a plan for your future. This plan lets you use your income or resources you own to help you reach your work goals. You could set aside money to go to school and get specialized

training for a job or to start a business. The job that you want should allow you to earn enough to reduce or eliminate your need for payments provided under the SSI program.

You can have a plan if:

- You want to work;
- You get SSI (or can qualify for SSI by having this plan) because you have a disability or are blind; and
- You have other income and/or resources to use to get a job or start a business.

A PASS can even help you receive or keep SSI or could mean a higher payment. Under SSI rules, any income that you have may reduce your SSI

payment. But, if you have an approved plan, you can use that income to pay for the items you need to reach your work goal.

We don’t count money set aside under this plan when we decide your SSI payment amount. This means you may get a higher

in writing, and Social Security must approve it. To start, contact your local Social Security office for an application (Form SSA-545-BK). You can access this form at [www.socialsecurity.gov/forms/ssa-545.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/forms/ssa-545.html).

Your job isn’t just a



SSI payment. However, you can’t get more than the maximum SSI payment for the state where you live. A PASS can also help you set aside money for most work expenses. With an approved plan, you can set aside money to pay expenses to reach your work goal. You can read all about what work expenses are covered and more at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-11017.pdf](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-11017.pdf).

The plan must be

source of income — it can be a vehicle to independence or a beginning to fulfilling your dreams. Let Social Security’s Plan for Achieving Self-Support help you achieve your goals.

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# happy birthday



## NOVEMBER 7

Keegan Geldersma, Charlene Butler, Kelsey Ligman, Carl Blough, Rachel Plotner.

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Ann Bellah, Sarah Mogor, Alex Peel, Tyler Dewey, Jay Brown.

## NOVEMBER 11

Mike Roudabush, Tom Roudabush, Dan Wingeier Jr., Rachel Burns, Zachary Ligman, Justin Warren, N. Steve Kelley.

## NOVEMBER 12

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## NOVEMBER 13

Brian Gerard, Dan Schneider.

# business matters

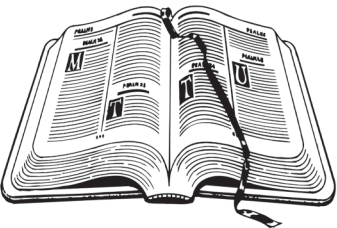


Greenridge Realty announced that Joshua McCracken received Realtor of the Month in October.

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# Christmas Through Lowell starts Nov. 16

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

The 27th annual Christmas Through Lowell event will take place on Nov. 16, 17 and 18. Over 350 local artists will have their creations on display and for sale at 63 homes and businesses throughout the area that Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Handmade items include jewelry, Christmas decorations, folk art, fine art, garden art, antiques, candles, crocheted and knitted items, purses, bags, totes, rugs, quilts and a lot more.

“It definitely is a shopping extravaganza,” said Liz Baker, executive director of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. “I don’t know how people choose where they’re going to go. It’s a great event, a great way to spearhead your Christmas shopping. Each stop is unique in itself [and] they’re all wonderful. Every one of them is so different. I think for the participants it’s kind of like a treasure hunt. The homes, I have to say, are amazing. These homes take a tremendous amount of time to create a destination for shoppers.”

Be sure to pick up a map/schedule, available at many local businesses or online at [christmasthroughlowell.org](http://christmasthroughlowell.org).

“It’s a three-day extravaganza, but some of these stops are not open on Sunday,” Baker said. “If you want to try to go to all of them you should at least try to be here on Saturday and finish up on Sunday.”

Baker stressed that, despite the event’s origins, everybody is welcome to participate.

“It was [originally] an event created for the deer hunting widows, but it’s not just ladies that do Christmas Through Lowell [anymore],” Baker said. “We have lots of guys that come along too. It’s just a great event and we encourage everybody to get out there and do some shopping.”



Photos provided by Liz Baker



## Featured artist

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

This year’s Christmas Through Lowell featured artist is the Lowell Farm and Wildlife Center, 12494 Vergennes. They’ve been participating in the event since 2005.

Founding board member Sjana Gordon makes wool and silk crocheted rugs, scrubbies, dish towels, jewelry and etched sandblasted glass items.

“The rugs are my signature craft,” Gordon said. “[They are] crocheted from wool and/or silk and completely washable.”

The funds the Center generates during Christmas Through Lowell are used to rescue and rehabilitate orphaned and injured animals all year long.

“The customers and their purchases really are a godsend for helping us take care of the animals,” Gordon said. “The monies we receive from Christmas Through Lowell helps feed the rescued animals throughout the year. The Wildlife Center has been in existence for 25 years. [I] have [been] doing it since 2004. I first started doing it in my house, then it went into the barn after it was built.”

Gordon isn’t the only crafter at the featured artist location, stop 13 on your map. There will be several other artists who make and sell items such as glass, jewelry, sketches, maple syrup, soaps and lotions.

“Check out our website [[farmwildlife.org](http://farmwildlife.org)] and Facebook so you can learn about what we do and how you can participate in animal rescue,” Gordon said.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SPECTRUM CHANNEL LINEUP

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Every year on Veterans Day, we honor the people who risk their lives to protect our freedom. Social Security honors veterans and active duty members of the military every day by giving them the respect they deserve. Social Security's disability program is an important part of our obligation to wounded warriors and their families. For military members who return home with injuries, Social Security is a resource they can turn to. If you know any wounded veterans, please let them know about Social Security's Wounded Warriors website. You can find it at [www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors). The Wounded Warriors website answers many commonly asked

questions, and shares other useful information about disability benefits, including how veterans can receive expedited processing of disability claims. Benefits available through Social Security are different than those from the Department of Veterans Affairs and require a separate application. The expedited process is used for military service members who become disabled while on active military service on or after October 1, 2001, regardless of where the disability occurs. Even active duty military who continue to receive pay while in a hospital or on medical leave should consider applying for disability benefits if they're unable to work due to a disabling condition.

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# City council, continued

they can submit to the plant. Going above these amounts places them into the fine category of our current ordinance and will violate our national pollutant discharge elimination system permit, or NDPEs permit. This could force a revocation of Litehouse's IPP permit. If you recall, this is the action that stopped the biodigester from operating. In this scenario, Litehouse would be able to meet the 800 pound requirement per day, but not the 2,500 mg per liter per day requirement. Our system can handle this in the short term, if closely monitored, while Litehouse continues their upgrades. However, the city would be in violation of the ordinance and the NDPEs permit because of our standards if we allowed it."

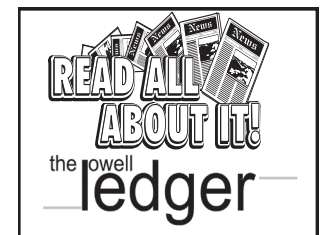
"At the end of the day, what they're asking to do is, the volume and the load coming into the plant is going to be pushing it up towards the maximum of what the plant can handle," said councilor Marty

Chambers. "If the townships allow more development to come in and a processor somewhat similar goes into Lowell Twp or Vergennes Twp, that forces a plant expansion because the system just won't be able to handle the extra volume." "This situation that's in front of you is basically for temporary situations, like approximately six months," Burns said. "This just allows for those situations. They will have to go back to the ordinance standard in a very short period of time. We're going to monitor it and if they don't, if they're not meeting what they need to meet, they either have to pull back or they have to stop sending us the waste."

In other business, the council voted to

sell property at 2560 Bowes to Lowell Twp. The property adjoins the new park in the township, who plans to lease a portion of it to Vergennes Broadband. The council also announced that they would like to create a Recreation Park steering committee of about 20 people who will decide what to do with the fairgrounds after the Kent County Youth Fair moves. Interested parties should contact city hall.

The council's next meeting will be at city hall at 7 pm on Monday, Nov. 19.



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# Veterans Day Saluting Our Area Veterans

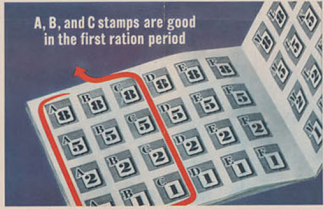
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**BUY EARLY IN THE DAY**

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

During World War II, Americans on the homefront helped with the war effort by participating in rationing programs. The idea was to gain an advantage over the enemy by diverting much of the country's resources and goods to the war effort. Products such as gasoline, sugar, steel, wood, coal, fruit, nylon, shoes, coffee, typewriters, penicillin, bicycles, rubber, aluminum, cheese and many, many more were rationed - anything that could conceivably be used in the fight against fascism.

Civilians, businesses and organizations were issued ration books. As commodities were used, stamps were issued and placed in the books. If you, for example, filled your sugar book with stamps by June, you were going to have a pretty sour time the last half of the year.

The lack of access to staples like meat, flour, butter and sugar resulted in the creation of palatable new recipes that would minimize waste and utilize leftovers, underutilized cuts of meat and organ meats. A few of these recipes can be found on page 12.

*For more history and stories about World War II, read the special Nov. 11 Veterans Day edition of the Lowell Buyer's Guide and News.*

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**"SO DO I," says Jack Tar**

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1952-1952



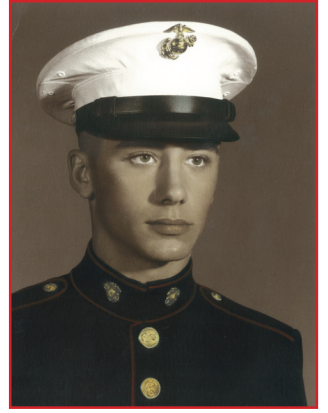
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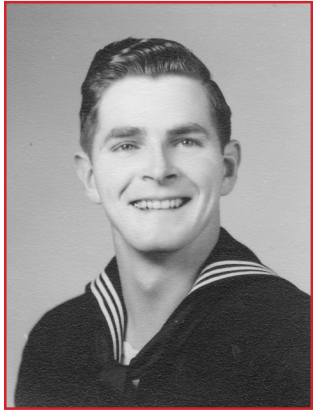
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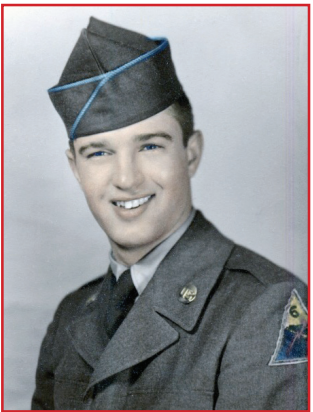
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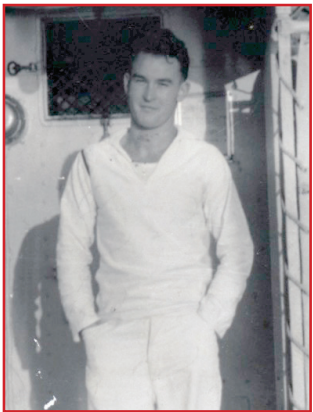
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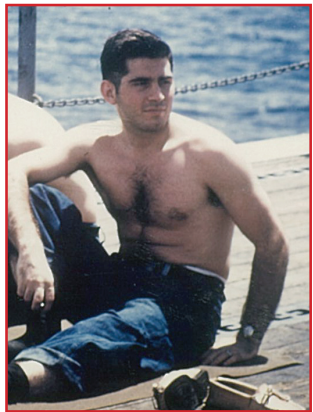
**David Lee Neubecker**  
Army  
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1956-1957



**Gerald (Joe) James Ellis**  
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**Gordon Newell**  
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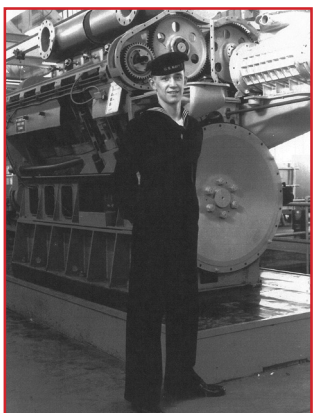
**Chief Herb Rice**  
Navy 1952-1977  
24 years of service



**Herman Weststrate**  
Army  
1966-1969



**Jacob Clayton Callier**  
Army  
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**W. James 'Jim' Sowle**  
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**Louie Dudeck**  
Marines  
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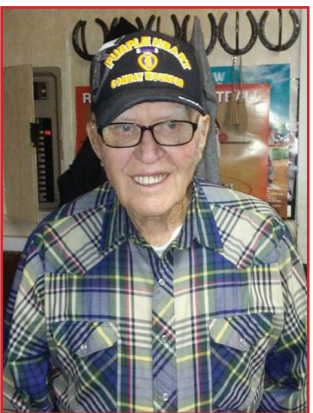
**Jerry Vredevelt**  
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1949-1953



**Joe Rinard**  
U.S. Army  
1973-1975



**Joel Uzarski,**  
Commander U.S. Navy  
2000-Present



**John K. Erickson**  
Army Korea 1947-1953  
33 months POW



**John Homan**  
Army  
1969-1971



**John R. Timpson**  
Navy  
1951-1955



**John Wilcox**  
Marines  
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Coastguard  
2011 - present







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Army  
1945 – 1985



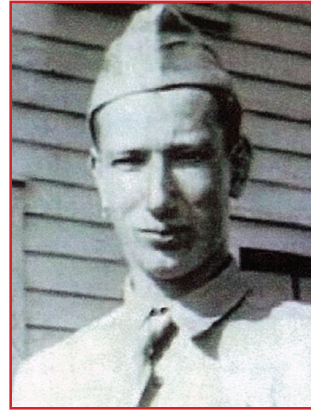
**Lyle Covert**  
Army  
June 1945 – July 1946



**Staff Sgt. Lyle Royston**  
U.S. Army  
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**Mark Stinchcomb**  
USMC  
1976-1982



**Phil Covert**  
Army 1943-1944  
Killed in action



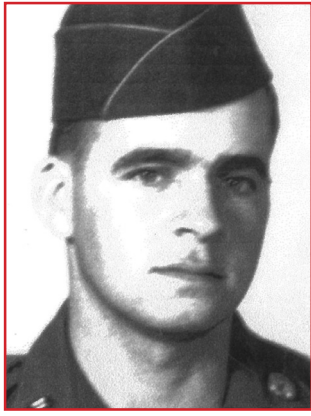
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National Guard Infantry  
1909-1915



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82nd Airborne  
1951-1954



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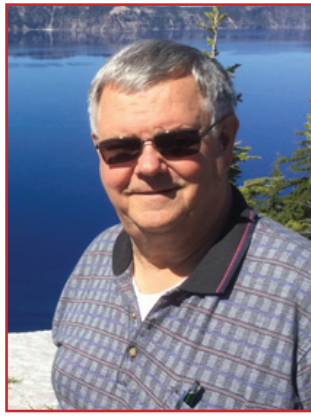
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Navy  
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**Thomas Fox**  
Air Force  
1986 - 1990



**Rachel Fox**  
Air Force  
2016 - Present



**Sgt Scott C. Cooper**  
United States Air Force  
2007 - present



**Scott Devroy**  
Army  
2009-Present



**Stephen L. Bibbler**  
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1972-1974



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Submarine Service  
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**Max Souser**  
USN 1909-1944



**William Bibbler**  
82nd Airborne  
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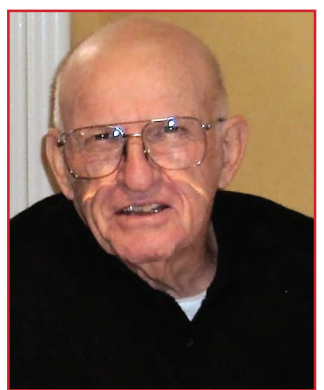
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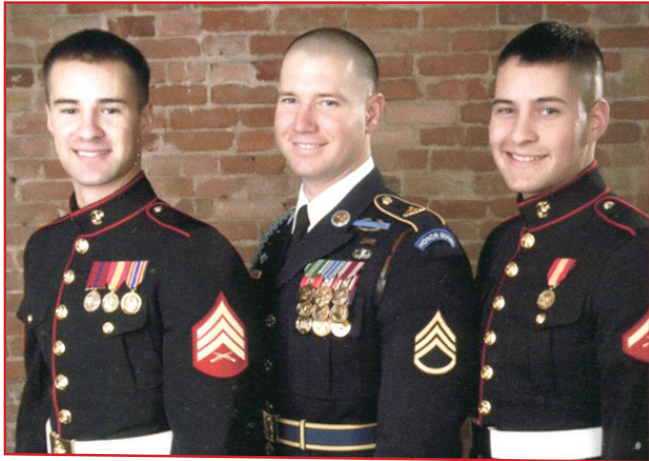


**Russel Harig**  
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November 11



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**Jon Lyons** Army 2002 -  
**Keith A. Neubecker** Marines 2009-2012



**David Carroll**  
 Army  
 1984 - 1988



**David L. Neubecker**  
 U.S. Army  
 1977 - 1980



**Christopher Bewell**  
 US Marines  
 Served 2010-2015



**Captain David Thaler**  
 USAF  
 1966 - 1973



**Dennis Stauffer, Chris VanDyke**  
 U.S. Army  
 1967 - 1969



**HONEY CAKE**

Corn syrup (light) 1/2 cup	Baking powder, 1 teaspoon
Honey, 1/2 cup	Soda, 1/2 teaspoon
Sour milk, 1/2 cup	Salt, 1/2 teaspoon
Beaten egg, 1	Fat, melted, 1/4 cup
Barley flour, 1 cup	Vanilla, 1 teaspoon
Wheat flour, 3/4 cup	

Sift together the dry ingredients. To the honey add the syrup, sour milk and beaten egg. Add liquids gradually to flour mixture. Add melted fat and flavoring. Bake the cake in a greased shallow pan in a moderate oven for 30 minutes.  
 Yield: 1 cake, 8 x 5 inches.

**DEVIL'S FOOD CAKE**

Corn syrup, 1/2 cup	Wheat flour, 1 cup
Honey, 1/2 cup	Barley flour, 3/4 cup
Chocolate, 2 squares	Soda, 1/2 teaspoon
Fat, 1/4 cup	Baking powder, 1 teaspoon
Egg, 1	Milk, 1/2 cup
Salt, 1/2 teaspoon	

Heat together the honey, syrup and chocolate, until the chocolate is melted. Add fat, and stir until blended. Add egg, well beaten. Sift together the dry ingredients. Add alternately with milk to first mixture. Stir well. Bake in well greased layer cake pans in a moderate oven for about 30 minutes.  
 Yield: 2 layers.

**BROWNIES**

Fat, 1/4 cup	Salt, 1/2 teaspoon
Molasses, 1/2 cup	Wheat flour, 1 cup
Corn syrup, 1/2 cup	Barley flour, 3/4 cup
Egg, well beaten, 1	Nut meats, cut in pieces, 1 cup

Cream fat; add molasses and corn syrup. Add beaten egg, salt, flour and nut meats. Beat well. Put in small fancy shaped pans, placing a nut on the top of each cake. Bake 25-30 minutes in a moderate oven.  
 Yield: 18 cakes, 1 inch in diameter.

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3/4 teaspoon soda	1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine chocolate and milk in top of double boiler and cook over rapidly boiling water 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Blend with rotary egg beater; cool. Sift flour once, measure, add soda, salt, and sugar and sift together three times. Cream shortening; add flour mixture, vanilla, and chocolate mixture, and stir until all flour is dampened. Then beat vigorously 1 minute. Bake in two greased and lightly floured 8-inch layer pans in moderate oven (375° F.) 20 minutes, or until done.

**Eggless Cocoa Cake.** Substitute 1/4 cup Baker's Breakfast Cocoa for chocolate. Sift cocoa with dry ingredients and add cold milk with vanilla.

**Orange Frosting.** Combine 1 1/2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar, 1 1/2 teaspoons grated orange rind, 2 tablespoons lemon juice, and dash of salt. Add 2 tablespoons hot melted butter or other shortening and beat vigorously 1 minute, adding more liquid, if necessary.  
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- VOLLEYBALL

# SPORTS

## Girls fall to Rockford in first round of the postseason

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Exiting a history-making season, forever marked on the banner covered walls inside Lowell High School's gymnasium, the Red Arrow varsity volleyball team fell to non-conference rival, the Rockford Rams in a battle to the finish that lasted five sets and capped off a tremendous season of volleyball for Lowell.

Not dropping a single regular conference point all season, the Lady Arrows burned through the OK White Conference, claiming victory over Northview, Ottawa Hills, Forest Hills Northern, Forest Hills Central, Cedar Springs and Greenville twice throughout

the season with a perfect margin of 3-0. This success allowed them to clinch the school's first ever OK White crown prior to the close of the regular season.

Entering the postseason for just one round, the fourth-ranked Arrows met the sixth-ranked Rockford Rams for the Michigan High School Athletic Association District competition with Lowell enjoying the home advantage. Playing in a packed house that included a boisterously supportive student section, the Red Arrows seized the first point of the match on a kill from sophomore Jenna Reitsma. Continuing the course early in the set the Arrows went up 12-3 before the Rams

came back to tighten the gap to just three points. Eventually prevailing in set one, the Arrows claimed the first game point 25-22.

Falling in the following set 25-14, the Arrows pushed back in the third set, which was a tight-scoring showdown that had both teams battling at the end tied, 22 all. Once again finding the moves to make it the Red Arrows claimed their second match victory by the same margin as their first 25-22. In the fourth set, Rockford held court a bit tighter holding the Arrows to a 25-21 loss and forcing a fifth and deciding set. Falling out of range for the win quickly, Lowell rallied until the end accepting a 15-3 defeat.

Ending the season with

records of 20-0 overall and 12-0 in the OK White, the ladies also experienced success in tournament appearances with only four set losses in non-conference action and collecting first place finishes at the Grand Haven Lakeshore Classic, Mt. Pleasant Oiler Invite and the St. Johns Invitational.

The team, headed by first-year head coach Jordan Drake during this momentous season, graduates just three seniors: Carly Hoekstra, Emily Stump and Joslynn Battle. Their returning roster will feature ten members including six seniors coming back hungry to cement Lowell's volleyball program as the next powerhouse of Red Arrow Nation.



Senior Carly Hoekstra stares down her final opponent on the court for Lowell.

...  
**Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships.**  
- Michael Jordan

### NOTICE OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ADOPTION

## GRATTAN TOWNSHIP, KENT COUNTY

On October 15, 2018, the Township Board for Grattan Township adopted an amendment to the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance to replace in its entirety the existing Article 4 involving nonconforming uses, structures and lots. 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.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Michelle Alberts  
Grattan Township Clerk  
(616) 691-8450

## CITY OF LOWELL, MICHIGAN INVITATION TO BID

The City of Lowell, Michigan will receive sealed bids at the City Clerk's Office, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331 for the Lowell Showboat Fabrication Project until Monday, November 26, 2018 at 2:00 PM.

Bids will be publicly open and read at that time in the Flat River Conference Room of the Lowell City Office, 301 East Main St., Lowell, Michigan. Bids should be submitted in sealed envelopes plainly marked, "Showboat Fabrication RFP – City of Lowell."

Proposal forms and specifications are on file for the inspection of bidders at the Lowell City Offices, 301 East Main Street and copies may be obtained by qualified bidders. Bidders can also go to [www.lowellmi.gov](http://www.lowellmi.gov) to receive a copy of the bid.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept any bid, or portion thereof, which, in its opinion, is most advantageous to the City.



## Lowell represented at state finals

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Finishing their season in a location that exemplifies speed, juniors Caleb Swart and Ben Kinnucan represented the Red Arrows at the Michigan Interscholastic High School Sports Association Individual Cross-Country State Finals, hosted at the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

Leading the pack for Lowell all season, Swart and Kinnucan qualified for the honor of the state's highest level of competition after a season of success. The pair represented

every first and second-place finish among their teammates this season. The pair also earned All-Conference honors from the OK White.

In Brooklyn, joined by some of their teammates and coaching staff, along with friends and family, the pair finished just twenty seconds apart, but wrangled 98th and 156th place finishes playing witness to the vastness of the field at the state meet. Kinnucan crossed the finish line first for the Arrows clocking in at 16:52. Swart finished off his season with a 17:12.

## CITY OF LOWELL INVITATION TO BID

### PURCHASE OF A PORTION OF RIVERWALK PARK PROPERTY

The City of Lowell, Michigan will receive sealed bids at the City Clerk's Office, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331 to purchase an 1842 square foot parcel owned by the City along the eastern portion of Riverwalk Park until Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 11:00 AM.

Bids will be publicly open and read at that time in the Flat River Conference Room of the Lowell City Office, 301 East Main St., Lowell, Michigan. Bids should be submitted in sealed envelopes plainly marked "Purchase of portion of Riverside Park – City of Lowell."

Bids are being solicited from those interested in owning the property. The property is currently zoned Public Facility. The property being sold is and must be tied to additional parcels for an applicable use and must be rezoned if being used for commercial development.

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The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept any bid, or portion thereof, which, in its opinion, is most advantageous to the City or to further negotiate the sale with a bidder.







# Player Spotlight

Our Spotlight Athlete This Week:

*Haley Nieuwkoop*

Red Arrow Haley Nieuwkoop has been running toward success ever since her first strides on the elementary playground. Now an accomplished senior athlete, Nieuwkoop will graduate this spring with seven varsity letters gained through her participation on both the Lowell Cross-Country and Track teams. Leading in every single race this season, Nieuwkoop also shines as a leader outside of athletics participating in Business Professionals of America, National Honors Society and overseeing the Lowell chapter of the Future Farmers of America as their elected president.

**Ledger: What drew you to the sport of running?**

Nieuwkoop: I was always one to like running on the playground. I joined a school club and one of the events we did was the Hope for Haiti 5K and that's when I started to really like running. So in middle school I joined girls track in sixth grade and then started running cross-country in seventh and have been since then.

**Ledger: What was your first team experience like as a runner?**

Nieuwkoop: My first team experience was incredible. I didn't realize how close and how much of a team it was until our first meet my freshman year. Many of my teammates were cheering me on and saying how well I did after the race. Everyone was supportive of each other no matter what team they were from.

**Ledger: What has your relationship been like with Coach Judd?**

Nieuwkoop: My relationship with Coach Judd has changed over time. At the beginning of my freshman year our relationship was a coach and an athlete but as time progressed Judd has become a good friend of mine and my coach. He gives me advice about more than just running

and is willing to help with any issues in my life that may arise. He sometimes has a tough love demeanor, but in the end he is always still proud and just wants the best for me and everyone else on the team.

**Ledger: What have you learned from your teammates?**

Nieuwkoop: I have learned quite a bit from my teammates about many things. Some of them teach me more about running, others about life in general and they all introduce me to different genres of music. Each of my teammates brings something new to the team that I can learn from.

**Ledger: What fuels your desire to win?**

Nieuwkoop: My desire to win is not from my desire for a medal, my desire comes from my want to go faster and to prove to myself I can. Along with that I also have a desire to help my teammates be the best they can.

**Ledger: What awards or accolades have you received as a cross-country runner?**

Nieuwkoop: I have received many awards. I have metaled in many races, more my junior year than this year. I have also been an athlete of the month for Reynolds and Sons in Grand Rapids. Last year I received honorable mention for conference. My team and I have also received many awards at cross-country invitational meets.

**Ledger: What goals remain for you this season?**

Nieuwkoop: I still have the goals of reaching 19:30 or better, making All-Conference and placing in the top twenty at regionals so that I can run at the states. As a team, I would like us to take third or better for conference and take seventh or better at regionals. Along with that I would love to see everyone on our team get a personal record by at least fifteen seconds this year.

**Ledger: Where will you attend college and will you continue running?**



Nieuwkoop: Yes, I do intend to continue running in college. I have not made my final decision on where I plan to go to college yet. I have taken an interest in Ferris State University though. I believe it may be the right choice for me because it is not too far from home, it has a good cross-country team and track team and is a good size college for me.

**Ledger: What career do you intend to pursue?**

Nieuwkoop: I intend to pursue a career of working as a large animal veterinarian.

**Ledger: What activities do you enjoy outside of school?**

Nieuwkoop: I enjoy raising animals for 4-H, listening to music and hanging out with friends and family.

**Ledger: Who is your personal inspiration?**

Nieuwkoop: I don't have one true inspirational runner. I have had many runners and friends that I know and also some more famous runners like Desiree Linden, who was the first American woman to win the Boston Marathon, to inspire me.

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

Nieuwkoop: I believe that by competing as a Red Arrow it has taught me a lot. I have learned that the small things can make a large difference, that sometimes you win even if you actually lost and that sometimes the hard things or the things you don't want to do are what you should do to push yourself to reach the goal you want.

## Varsity swim and dive team claim conference title

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Adding a third consecutive conference title to their rapidly expanding collection the co-op Lowell/Caledonia South Christian girls varsity swim and dive team is the only Red Arrow team remaining in

fall competition, earning their bid to the Michigan Interscholastic High School Sports Association regional finals November 8 with their OK Rainbow victory.

With a 416.5 point finish the team's win was studded with three first-

place finishes, four second-place finishes and 17 top-ten finishes overall. Swimming into first was the relay team of Kayla Huyser, Maggie Sova, Lexi Wilcox and Emma Norman, Wilcox in the 100 butterfly, and Sova, Sid Schering, Norman and Wilcox in the 200 freestyle relay.

Second-place finishers included Kaylin Schering in the 200 freestyle, Norman in the 100 freestyle, Sova in the 100 breaststroke and the 400 freestyle relay team of Huyser, Anna Luurstema, Hannah Fritz and Schering. Third-place finishers were Huyser in the 200 individual medley, Norman in the 50 freestyle, Alex Salinas in diving, Luurstema in the 500 freestyle and Schering in the 100 back stroke.



The OK Rainbow Champs celebrate their third consecutive conference title last week. (Photo provided by Caledonia Aquatics)



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Red Arrow

- CROSS COUNTRY

# SPORTS

## Winter varsity sports preview

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

As the leaves fall, the athletes of Lowell's winter sports lineup are gearing up for their season. Nine groups of driven varsity athletes will take to competition over the four-month season including the girls and boys basketball and bowling teams, wrestling, gymnastics, competitive cheer and co-op self-funded teams boys swim and dive and ice hockey.

Lowell, Caledonia and Thornapple Kellogg schools will work together on the ice this season in pursuit of the varsity hockey team's third consecutive regional title. The current back-to-back champs face some changes en route to that goal, including a new head coach in Phil Wendecker and a newly aligned and named conference.

The team will open their season by participating in a four-team scrimmage in Grandville before welcoming their first home opponent at the Kentwood Ice Arena November 16 at 7:30 pm.

Also kicking off their season in November is the Red Arrow boys varsity basketball team who suffered a season of defeat last winter. The team ended the season 2-18 overall and 1-11 in the OK White. This year the squad will compete in six non-conference competitions, including their home opener on November 27 against Hastings. A handful of seniors will be returning to the court for Lowell's 20-game regular season.

Having quite the opposite season last year, the girls varsity basketball team represented the Red Arrows with their second straight OK White Championship after another fantastic season run that ended 16-5 overall and 11-1 in conference. The team will begin their season December 7th on the road in Coopersville.

Also experiencing great success last season, the boys varsity bowling team will launch their season alongside the girls December 1 at Eastbrook Lanes for the Wyoming Invitational. They will then jump straight into conference action on the

5th versus Cedar Springs at The Bowling Alley of Ionia. Their season will also include their own tournament, The Lowell Invitational, to be hosted at the same location on December 12 at 9 am.

Claiming their second consecutive OK White Championship last winter - their third in four years, the boys bowling team also placed second in the regional competition, granting them access to the state tournament where they placed ninth.

Settling for a less successful but experience-gaining season, the girls bowling team picked up just two conference wins during their fifth place OK White performance last season.

Diving into the pool on December 11 at the East Kentwood Christmas Quad, the combined Lowell, Caledonia and South Christian boys varsity swim and dive team faces

a schedule of more than a dozen meets this season on the road. The fledgling sport, whose counterpart ladies team meets in the fall, has experienced successful tournament finishes as well as conference titles. The boys picked up that exact title last season and also qualified four of their individual swimmers for the state competition.

Hosting no home competitions on this year's schedule the Red Arrow varsity competitive cheer team will spend a season on the road beginning with the Competitive Cheer Coaches Association of Michigan Meet on December 8. Placing fourth in each of their OK White Jamborees last season, as well as the conference as a whole, the team will look to improve upon that finish in their three conference meets scheduled for January 9 at Forest Hills Central, January 23 at

Forest Hills Northern and February 6 at Northview.

The highly decorated varsity gymnastics team will open their season at the Rockford Flip Flop Invitational on January 5 where they placed sixth last season among tough competition. Finishing third in their OK Rainbow Conference last season the team earned the same finish in the regional competition moving on to place thirteenth in the state in their division. With just three returning seniors in All-Conference Honorable Mention Honoree Corah Miller, Emily Lothian and Hadyn Nash, the team boasts tremendous

sophomore talent and a deep bench that will allow them to break off into two teams this season.

Arguably the most anticipated Lowell winter sport, varsity wrestling will begin its march to the state finals on December 8 at the Allegan Southwest Classic. Having put together state titles five years in a row, the team will seek a historic sixth consecutive championship this season. The team's heavy road schedule features just three regular season home events. The first OK White Jamboree of the season on January 4, the Gary Rivers Memorial Invitational on January 19 and the Lowell Quad January 25.

The Arrows will also host the postseason Michigan High School Athletic Association's Individual District competition on February 9. Should the Lowell grapplers fare well, they will be eligible for the state semi-finals and finals which are scheduled to take place February 22-23 in a yet-to-be named location. Their returning roster features a slew of talented young men, including more than a dozen seniors and two-time state individual champion, junior Austin Boone, all hungry to cement their own place in the schools wrestling dynasty history.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the following amendments to the Bowne Township Zoning Map:

An amendment to conditionally rezone the following described parcel from R-3 Urban Residential District to I-Industrial District:

**Parcel Identification:**

Parcel Number: 41-24-04-151-006  
Property Address: 11365 64th Street SE

Area to be rezoned, generally:

The parcel on the north side of 64th Street, between Timpson Avenue SE and Bancroft Avenue SE; on that parcel currently owned by the Alto United Methodist Church, Bowne Township, Kent County, Michigan.

The applicant is seeking a conditional rezoning according to the requirements of Section 3.44 of the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance, and will offer certain conditions for the use and development of the property.

The amendments may be recommended for approval by the Township Board following the public hearing.

The hearing will be held as follows:

- WHEN:** WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2018
- TIME:** 7:00 P.M.
- WHERE:** BOWNE TOWNSHIP HALL  
8240 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE  
ALTO, MI 49302

The proposed amendment is available for review at the Bowne Township offices, 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Alto, Michigan, 49302 during normal office hours on Wednesday & Thursday from 9 AM to Noon and 1 PM to 3 PM and on Friday from 9 AM to Noon or by calling 868-6846.

Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk  
Bowne Township

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# obituaries

## BLATTNER

7/9/1934 - 10/30/2018

Franz (Frank) Jacob Blattner, age 84, of Parnell passed away peacefully at home on October 30, 2018. Frank was preceded in death by his brother, Tony Blattner (Colorado) and is survived by brothers, Ernie Blattner (Frankfort), Rudy Blattner (Parnell) and Paul Blattner (Parnell). Upon graduation from Michigan State University, where he received his degree in forestry, Frank moved to California and worked for the US Forest Service. Frank loved his country, was a veteran of the Korean War and served overseas in Stuttgart, Germany. Frank was co-founder and family partner of Twin Bee Orchards where he loved working the farm with family and friends. Frank had an amazing relationship with his nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews. He also loved fishing and hunting. Frank was loved and will be greatly missed by his family. Private family services are planned

## KERMEEN

Carly Jo Kermeen, age 70 of Lowell, lost her battle with cancer Tuesday, October 30, 2018. She was preceded in death by her parents, Dennis & Helen Duffey; and sister Phyllis Alber. Carly is survived by her husband of 33 years, Don; daughter, Kerry (Scott) Sanders; sons Donny (Deb) Kermeen, Dennis (Brandy) Kermeen; brother-in-law Frank Alber; grandchildren, Dakota, Dana, Danielle, Kayla, Cassie, Ricky; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral was held Monday, November 5, at the First Congregational Church of Lowell. Rev. Jon Propper and Deacon Sandy Rogers officiated. Interment Oakwood Cemetery, Lowell. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Congregational Church of Lowell.



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## LONG

Vickie Lynne (Morey) Long, age 60 of Lowell, went to be with her Savior late Saturday, November 3, 2018. Vickie was born February 11, 1958 to Robert and Marie (Ferguson) Morey in Grand Rapids, MI. She was preceded in death by her mother, Marie Morey. She is survived by her children, Paul Long, Angel (Timm) Roelofs, Matt (Katie) Long, Erin (Curtis) Woodhams, Zandra Long; father Robert Morey Sr.; brothers Bob Morey Jr., Allen Morey; sisters Connie (John) Feenstra, Kellie Morey; more than 20 grandchildren; and extended family. Vickie was an amazing mother, not just to her own children, but to anyone who needed one. She spent her life taking care of others, no matter what her own situation looked like. Vickie had the ability to make friends wherever she went. She will be deeply missed. Funeral will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 8, at Ada Bible Church, 8899 Cascade Rd. SE, Ada, MI 49301. Visitation will be immediately prior to the funeral from 9-11:00 a.m. at the church. Luncheon to follow service at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Ada Bible Church Benevolence Fund, to help those in need.



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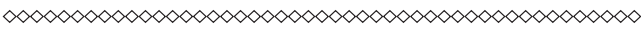
## MEYER

Bruce E. Meyer Jr., age 50 of Lowell, passed away Saturday, October 27, 2018 after an 18 month battle with brain cancer. He was preceded in death by his father, Bruce Meyer Sr.; and mother- and father-in-law, Michael and Barbara Danielski. He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Celeste; sons, Jordan and Matthew; parents Sharon (William) Malone, Margaret Meyer; sister Tami (Scott) Stauffer; brother-in-law Bill (Regina



Steffens) Danielski; niece Sophia Stauffer; nephew Jacob Stauffer; good friends Jeff (Dale Towne) VanderPloeg, Steve (Nancy) Couturier; and aunts; uncles; and cousins. Memorial contributions may be made to Emmanuel Hospice, 2161 Leonard St. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504.

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**A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing.**  
— George Bernard Shaw

## NELLIS

Trinity G. Nellis, age 19 of Corning, New York, died on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 of automobile injuries while returning to her grandmother's house from dropping her girlfriend off at work. She was born in Lansing, MI on June 2, 1999. She is survived by her parents Jessica Mourer, John Nellis; siblings Bailey Nellis, Lillian Nellis, Quam Jackson; grandparents Beverly Higgins, Michael Mourer, Carolyn Jacobs, Brian Nellis; great grandparents Lavonnie Mourer, Allen Mourer; aunts and uncles Lori Mourer, Josh Mourer, Hayley Nellis, Camron Nellis. Trinity was a 2017 graduate of Corning Painted Post High School in Corning, NY where her family had moved to in 2011. Trinity volunteered at Meals on Wheels and participated in the chorus at the United Methodist Church in Corning, NY. Trinity touched the lives of everyone she encountered with her spunky, adventurous, fearless, loving and wild imagination. She was the person that would make you laugh when you were sad, support you with words of encouragement when you most needed it, take you on wild adventures to open you up to life's possibilities and come to your defense when you couldn't for yourself. Trinity loved fashion and anything "boujee". Everything she did in life was always over the top and fabulous. She is so loved by many, will be missed by all and will never be forgotten. The family will hold a memorial service for relatives and friends at Impact Church, 1070 N Hudson Street SE, Lowell from 6:00 – 9:00 pm on Friday, November 9. The family asks that in lieu of flowers a donation be made in Trinity's name to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) via their website at www.jdrf.org.



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# In Loving Memory of C. H. Runciman who left us 50 years ago on November 12, 1968

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LOWELL, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

BE IT RESOLVED

- That the passing of Carlton H. Runciman, Sr. has indeed touched the hearts of this community with great sorrow and grief;
- That he will be long remembered for his generosity to the churches and schools both public and private, his helping hand to the poor and friendless, his encouraging word to those disheartened and without hope;
- That the impact of "C. H.'s" love for Lowell and the surrounding community has left a mark on all who knew him and a void that will never be filled;
- That the City's expression of deep sympathy is hereby conveyed to his bereaved family;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

- That this resolution shall become a permanent part of the minutes of this council meeting and a copy presented to his widow, Gladys L. Runciman.

Adopted this 18th day of November, 1968.

*Nedbert M. Reynolds*  
Mayor pro tem



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## Community Calendar

# November

## 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.

**MICHIGAN IN THE CIVIL WAR** - presented by the Lowell Area Historical Museum, Thurs., Nov. 13, 7 pm at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash. Inquiries call, Lowell Area Historical Museum at 897-7688.

**LOWELL SHOWBOAT GARDEN CLUB** - next week meeting on Nov. 19 at 6:30 pm. at Englehardt Library.

**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.

**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.

Agnes 11 and up or completing 5th grade. Call Scoutmaster Clay VanderWarf, 616-485-3429 or Del Rockwell at 897-6814.

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

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

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

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

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

**LOWELL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB** - Open Radio Room Thursdays, 7 pm at Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 Fulton St. E. General meeting 3rd Thursday. www.w8lrc.org 145.27 MHz.

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

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**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.

**VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION FOR FROM** - 1st. Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m. and 3rd Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. FROM, 11535 Fulton St. E. Call for more information 897-8260.

**SENIOR NEIGHBORS BIBLE STUDY** - All are welcome to join this bible study on Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:30 am. Lowell Senior Neighbors, 314 S. Hudson St., Lowell.

**LOWELL WOMEN'S CLUB** - Meets the second Wed. of each month, Sept. - May, 11:45 a.m., First Congregational Church. For more information call Jan at 897-2533.

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY** - Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. A Christ centered program to help overcome life's hurts, habits, hangups. Impact Church, 1069 Lincoln Lake, www.impactchurch.org or www.celebraterrecovery.com



## FREE WILL

## astrology

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## Aries

(March 21-April 19)



In 1994, Aries pop diva Mariah Carey collaborated with an associate to write the song "All I Want For Christmas Is You." It took them 15 minutes to finish it. Since then it has generated \$60 million in royalties. I wish I could unconditionally predict that you, too, will efficiently spawn a valuable creation sometime soon. Current planetary alignments do indeed suggest that such a development is more possible than usual. But because I tend to be conservative in my prophecies, I won't guarantee anything close to the \$60-million figure. In fact, your reward may be more spiritual in nature than financial.

## Taurus

(April 20-May 20)



An interactive post asked readers to write about "the most underrated feeling of all time." One person said, "When you change the sheets on your bed." Another extolled "the feeling that comes when you pay all your bills and you've still got money in the bank." Others said, "dancing under the rain," "physical contact like a pat on the back when you're really touch starved," and "listening to a song for the first time and it's so good you just can't stop smiling." I bring this to your attention, Taurus, because I suspect that the next two weeks will

bring you a flood of these pleasurable underrated feelings.

## Gemini

(May 21-June 20)



"Beer makes you feel the way you ought to feel without beer," wrote Gemini author Henry Lawson. Do you have any methods for making yourself feel like you've drunk a few beers that don't involve drinking a few beers? If not, I highly recommend that you find at least one. It will be especially important in the coming weeks for you to have a way to alter, expand, or purify your consciousness without relying on literal intoxicants or drugs. The goal: to leave your groove before it devolves into a rut.

## Cancer

(June 21-July 22)

Study the following five failed predictions. 1. "There is no likelihood man can ever tap the power of the atom." Robert Millikan, Nobel Laureate in Physics, 1923. 2. "This 'telephone' has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication. The device is inherently of no value to us." Western Union internal memo, 1876. 3. "Rail travel at high speeds is not possible because passengers, unable to breathe, would die of asphyxia." Dionysius Lardner, scientist, 1830. 4. "There is no reason anyone

would want a computer in their home." Ken Olsen, president of Digital Equipment Corporation, 1977. 5. "Most Cancerians will never overcome their tendencies toward hypersensitivity, procrastination, and fear of success." Lanira Kentsler, astrologer, 2018. (P.S. What you do in the next 12 months could go a long way toward permanently refuting the last prediction.)

## Leo

(July 23-August 22)



German scientists have created cochlear implants for gerbils that have been genetically modified, enabling the creatures to "listen" to light. The researchers' work is ultimately dedicated to finding ways to improve the lives of people with hearing impairments. What might be the equivalent of you gaining the power to "hear light"? I understand that you might resist thinking this way. "That makes no sense," you may protest, or "There's no practical value in fantasizing about such an impossibility." But I hope you'll make the effort anyway. In my view, stretching your imagination past its limits is the healing you need most right now. I also think that doing so will turn out to be unexpectedly practical.

## Virgo

(August 23-September 22)

Here's useful wisdom from the poet Rumi. "Our defects are the ways that

glory gets manifested," he said. "Keep looking at the bandaged place. That's where the light enters you." Playwright Harrison David Rivers interprets Rumi's words to mean, "Don't look away from your pain, don't disengage from it, because that pain is the source of your power." I think these perspectives are just what you need to meditate on, Virgo. To promote even more healing in you, I'll add a further clue from poet Anna Kamienska: "Where your pain is, there your heart lies also." (P.S. Rumi is translated by Coleman Barks; Kamienska by Clare Cavanagh.)



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## Libra

(September 23-October 22)



Artist David Hockney is proud of how undemanding he is toward his friends and associates. "People tell me they open my e-mails first," he says, "because they aren't demands and you don't need to reply. They're simply for pleasure." He also enjoys giving regular small gifts. "I draw flowers every day and send them to my friends so they get fresh blooms." Hockney seems to share the perspective expressed by author Gail Godwin, who writes, "How easy it was to make people happy, when you didn't want or need anything from them." In accordance with astrological omens, Libra, I suggest you have fun employing these approaches in the coming weeks.

## Scorpio

(October 23-November 21)

I am not currently a wanderer or voyager or entrepreneur or swashbuckler. But at other times in my life, I have had extensive experience with those roles. So I know secrets about how and

why to be a wanderer and voyager and entrepreneur and swashbuckler. And it's clear to me that in the coming weeks you could benefit in unforeseen ways from researching and embodying the roles of curious wanderer and brave voyager and savvy entrepreneur and prudent swashbuckler.



## Sagittarius

(November 22-December 21)



"The best thing one can do when it is raining is let it rain." That brilliant formulation came from poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Does it seem so obvious as to not need mentioning? Bear with me while I draw further meaning from it, and suggest you use it as an inspiring metaphor in the coming weeks. When it rains, Sagittarius, let it rain; don't waste time and emotional energy complaining about the rain. Don't indulge in fruitless fantasizing about how you might stop the rain and how you'd love to stop the rain. In fact, please refrain from defining the rain as a negative event, because after all, it is perfectly natural, and is in fact crucial for making the crops grow and replenishing our water supply. (P.S. Your metaphorical "rain" will be equally useful.)

## Capricorn

(December 22-January 19)



"Every true love and friendship is a story of unexpected transformation," writes activist and author Elif Shafak. "If we are the same person before and after we loved, that means we haven't loved enough." I bring this to your attention because you're in a phase

when your close alliances should be activating healing changes in your life. If for some reason your alliances are not yet awash in the exciting emotions of redemption and reinvention, get started on instigating experimental acts of intimacy.

## Aquarius

(January 20-February 18)



I suspect you will be an especially arousing influence in the coming weeks. You may also be inspiring and disorienting, with unpredictable results. How many transformations will you unleash? How many expectations will you dismantle? How many creative disruptions will you induce in the midst of the daily grind? I hesitate to underestimate the messy beauty you'll stir up or the rambunctious gossip you'll provoke. In any case, I plan to be richly amused by your exploits, and I hope everyone else will be, as well. For best results, I will pray to the Goddess of Productive Fun, begging Her to ensure that the commotions and uproars you catalyze will be in service to love and kindness.

## Pisces

(February 19-March 20)



Gonzalo journalist Hunter S. Thompson was n't always a wild and crazy writer. Early in his career he made an effort to compose respectable, measured prose. When he finally gave up on that project and decided he could "get away with" a more uninhibited style, he described it as being "like falling down an elevator shaft and landing in a pool full of mermaids." I foresee a metaphorically comparable development in your future, Pisces.

## NEWS OF THE

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## Final Resting Place

For some folks, Disneyland and Walt Disney World are more than amusement parks. Take Jodie Jackson Wells of Boca Raton, Florida. In 2009, after her mother died, Wells smuggled in some of her ashes to Disney World and spread them on a favorite spot of her mom's along the It's a Small World ride. Later, she leapt over a barricade at Cinderella's Castle and flung ashes from both hands as she cavorted on the lawn. "Anyone who knew my mom knew Disney was her happy place," Wells told The Wall Street Journal. However, for the theme parks, the spreading of ashes presents a constant cleanup challenge, referred to by the code "HEPA cleanup" among custodians. (Other secret signals are Code V for vomit and Code U for urine.) Alex Parone of Saratoga Springs, New York, sprinkled his mother's ashes in a flowerbed, then boarded It's a Small World. "I was still crying. That song is playing over and over again, and there are

those happy little animatronic things. I remember thinking, 'This is weird.'" But a Disney spokesperson said: "This type of behavior is strictly prohibited and unlawful," and the Anaheim Police Department confirmed that spreading ashes without permission is a misdemeanor. To add insult to injury, when cremation residue is found on rides, they have to be shut down (riders are told there are "technical difficulties") for cleaning.

## Latest Religious Messages

If "Pokemon Go" has overextended your short attention span, up your game with the Vatican's "Follow JC Go," a new augmented reality mobile game in which players collect saints and other notable Bible figures as they move through the world. Pope Francis has approved the game, which asks players to answer questions about the characters and donate to charities to earn game currency. The Italian newspaper

Corriere Della Sera reported on Oct. 21 that the app is available only in Spanish, but other languages are on the way.

## Ewwwww

Construction workers in Valdosta, Georgia, were rattled on Oct. 30 when they tore down a second-story wall in a turn-of-the-20th-century building to find about 1,000 human teeth secreted inside. The T.B. Converse Building, constructed in 1900, was originally home to a dentist, Dr. Clarence Whittington, reported the Valdosta Daily Times. In 1911, Whittington was joined by Dr. Lester G. Youmans. Ellen Hill, director of Valdosta Main Street, said two other Georgia towns have had buildings, also home to dentists' offices, where teeth have been found in the walls. "I'm not sure if it was a common practice" to deposit extracted teeth in the walls, she said. Valdosta police said there was no evidence of a crime.







# “12 Angry Jurors” production at LPAC

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Taking the stage at the Lowell Performing Arts Center for just four shows the Lowell High School (LHS) Theatre Department presented the play “12 Angry Jurors,” November 1-4.

Based on the original work “12 Angry Men” written by Reginald Rose, the LHS cast took on the adapted version by Sherman L. Sergel which delves into the inner workings of American justice through the eyes of twelve jurors. The legal drama examines the case of a 19-year-old man on trial for the murder of his father and the jury’s quest to render a unanimous verdict. Debating back and forth, the jury argues new points and discovers new doubts as they work toward their conclusion.

The small but effective student cast took on the subject matter with dignity, speaking with conviction that seemed to flow from the actors naturally. A modest set with modest props, the small production was large on convincing talent including Delaney Beimers, Linnae DeBoer, Kohl Goldsmith, Zane Goldsmith, Shannon Havlik, Sierra Hieshetter, Willem Jewell, Rachenl Lezan, Lilly Mattausch, Emma Organek, Isiah Perysian, Pauline Pohacker, Brooke Rempalski, Haley Sobie and Cole Weston.

The school has already announced their Christmas production titled “The North Pole’s Got Talent” scheduled for the stage December 13-15. This year’s spring musical, “Mary Poppins” is scheduled for March 8-16.



## This year’s smaller but always enthusiastic cookie drive

It’s almost November and Veteran’s Day time, 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 many fewer veterans in residence, numbering fewer than 275, 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 we reduce the number of cookies to about 800-900. They appreciate your thoughtfulness 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 chil-

dren. 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 their 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 totally 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



## Christmas Distribution Sign-Up

**November 5- December 12**

**At FROM Food Pantry**

**(during regular Food Pantry hours below)**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 2:00-4:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday 5:00-7:00 p.m.**

**Friday 10:00-12:00 p.m.**

**Must bring Photo I.D. & proof of residence (piece of mail)**



### Food Distribution

**Food Basket includes fresh and non-perishable items for a Christmas meal.**

**Open to any household in the Lowell Area School District.**

### Gift Distribution



**Gift Distribution allows parents to come shop for NEW items for their children including toys, books, health and beauty supplies, stocking stuffers, outerwear, and more.**

**Open to anyone in the Lowell Area School District with children (infant up to High School seniors).**

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