

Building a stronger Lowell community

Many different construction projects are in many different stages of completion



Above, there is a new traffic light in front of the Fairgrounds at the intersection of Bowes and Hudson.

At right, construction of a bridge across the Grand River. The new pedestrian bridge will connect the islands in the river to the Grand River Riverfront Park.



Above, construction of new facilities at King Milling is underway. Above right, a view of the work at the future Main St. location of Impact Church.

Below, Betten Baker Chrysler is nearing completion of their new sales building.



Showboat gets another grant



by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The Lowell Showboat is getting another big grant from the State of Michigan.

“We received another \$1.3 million to complete the Lowell Showboat” said Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Liz Baker. “This is just amazing news. One very large thank you to Sen. Dave Hildenbrand for achieving yet another grant.”

The grant is part of \$1.3 billion in “lame duck” spending approved by Gov. Rick Snyder on Thursday, Dec. 20, his last day in office.

The legislation also includes \$69 million a year in income tax collections for environmental cleanup efforts and \$115.5 million for 74 specific grants, including Lowell’s.



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Expert says franchising in Lowell could increase

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

According to the International Franchise Association, in the US there are approximately 733,000 franchises that have created 7.6 million jobs. Many franchisees are looking at the Lowell area for opportunities to open their new establishments.

“The franchise industry is always an avenue for job creation in West Michigan,” said Brigitte Betser, a franchise consultant for FranNet of Michigan, a franchise consulting services firm. “We see year after year that the number of franchises in Michigan definitely increased. Lowell has a great demographic that a lot of franchises or people who are looking to purchase franchises want to include themselves in. It’s a growth area and they’ve got great income levels. Franchises develop their territories in a variety of ways. Several of them have very large territories, such as West Michigan or the greater Grand Rapids area, and that would include Lowell. A lot of times I see franchisees including Lowell in their territory. If you were to look at franchising in Lowell specifically, Lowell itself is probably too small for a lot of franchises to come into. That’s why it’s included, a lot of times, in those territories like ‘the greater Grand Rapids area.’”

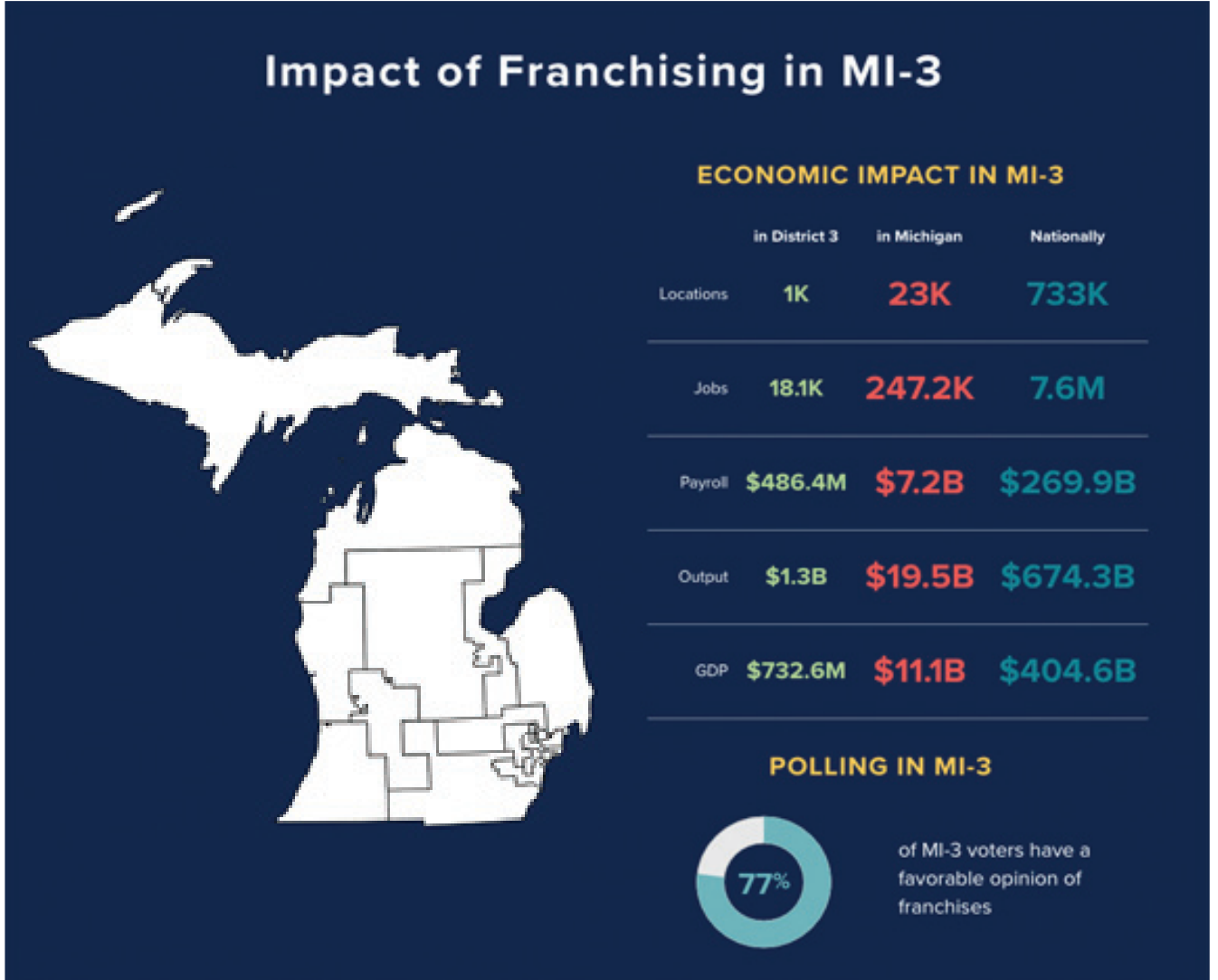
Betser said that, in the

immediate future, Lowell franchisees are most likely to have success with beauty and fitness companies.

“There are some franchises out there that I call ‘light retail,’ they focus on haircare, beauty, nails, lashes or other personal care services,” Betser said. “I work with 200 different franchise concepts; 90 percent of them are service type businesses, and I would say that 90 percent of them are looking for expansion in West Michigan in general, and that would include Lowell as part of their territory. I see 2019 franchise trends being focused on personal services. There is a huge interest in beauty and fitness, but making it convenient, exciting and all about the customer’s experience.”

Many choose to franchise instead of starting their own business from scratch because there is less risk and because there is an existing support system to help start and to consult if something goes wrong.

“When it comes to franchising, the statistics show that there is a reduced level of risk for the owners,” Betser said. “The percentage of franchises that fail is much smaller than a start-up business. Here at FranNet, we focus on education as part of the process. We work with individuals and teach them why it might be a reduced risk. One of



those reasons is because there is a proven system in place. Other individuals who have bought that franchise have implemented in like marketplaces and seen success. There is a corporate structure with a franchise where you’ve got a team of individuals that are educated in this marketplace and certain operational aspects of the business that you can tap into at any time. If there is ever an issue that the franchise owner runs into, they can pick up the phone and call their corporate group and ask their opinion and get their guidance without having to determine themselves what the best approach is. When you have a business of your own, you don’t have the opportunity to pick up the phone and call somebody when you have an issue, it’s a lot of trial and error. That’s one of the things that increases the risk. The

systems in place are huge, and that’s one thing that a lot of people don’t think about. [We also help with] website management, marketing management, social media management, advertising... A lot of franchise systems give their franchisees access to those opportunities and that’s what really sets them apart. Although franchising is a risk-averse way of starting a business, there are still risks associated with it. I would say that about 70 percent of the clients that I work with end up not moving forward in a franchise business.”

Franchise consulting firm FranNet was established in 1987; Betser has been with the firm for eight years but has over 20 years experience in the franchise industry.

“We’re a free service that we provide here in Michigan,” Betser said. “We cover the entire state and we have a national presence. We

provide franchise education and we have a series of steps that we put clients through. We want to identify if they’re a good fit for franchising, and if they are, let’s look at what franchises you should investigate that would help you achieve your lifestyle and financial goals, are within your budget and would match up well with your skill set, then we guide them through the research of those franchises. I find that one of the biggest mistakes that people make when they start researching franchises or businesses is that they are attracted to those franchises that are already in the community because they like to frequent that location, and usually it’s food, but that’s the wrong reason to get into a business. You want to look at the role of the owner, you want to look at what the business is going

to do for you, those lifestyle and financial goals. Another big mistake that people make is that they don’t do enough research. They don’t know what a franchise disclosure document is, they don’t know how to put together a financial pro forma, they don’t know how to do market research. We guide them through all the steps of that research by providing them tips and tools along the way that hopefully provides the best fit for them.”

For more information about FranNet, visit frannet.com. For more information about franchising in general, visit the International Franchise Association’s website, franchise.org.

“If somebody is interested in franchising, they can contact me by emailing me at bbetser@frannet.com or calling me at 616-558-2514,” Betser said.

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Oakwood Cemetery fence project still needs funds

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Local resident Perry Beachum's effort to put up a fence to hide piles of dirt, rocks and other debris in the NW corner of Oakwood Cemetery is still in need of some donations.

"It's gone very well," Beachum said. "We've gotten about 18-19 donations, plus a \$2,000 grant from the Look Memorial Fund. We're at about \$4,600, and the goal is \$6,000. Most of the donations were in the \$100 range and there was one for \$500."

The timeline for completion of the Oakwood Cemetery fence project depends upon the weather and how quickly they're able to raise the rest of money, but Beachum's goal is to have a fence in place before next Memorial Day.

"We expect to start in the spring, probably April," Beachum said. "We're going to get with the city, get an outline

of where they want it, get a group together, drill some posts in and put the fence up."

Some of the donations included remembrances from people who have loved ones in Oakwood Cemetery.

"It's all been raised through the articles in the Ledger," Beachum said. "A lot of the donations came from people who live in the community, but there have been some from places such as St. Louis and Virginia [from people] that have read the articles, either online or in the paper. It was kind of interesting, some sent little notes with their check, and it's been interesting to read those. For example, C.H. Runciman's grandson wrote a paragraph about times he remembers coming to Lowell and so forth."

To donate, make a check out to "City of Lowell, Oakwood fence" and mail it to 924 Riverside Dr.,

Lowell, MI 49331.

"It's important for the check to be made out to the city of Lowell," Beachum said. "The account will be kept at the city. Having it come

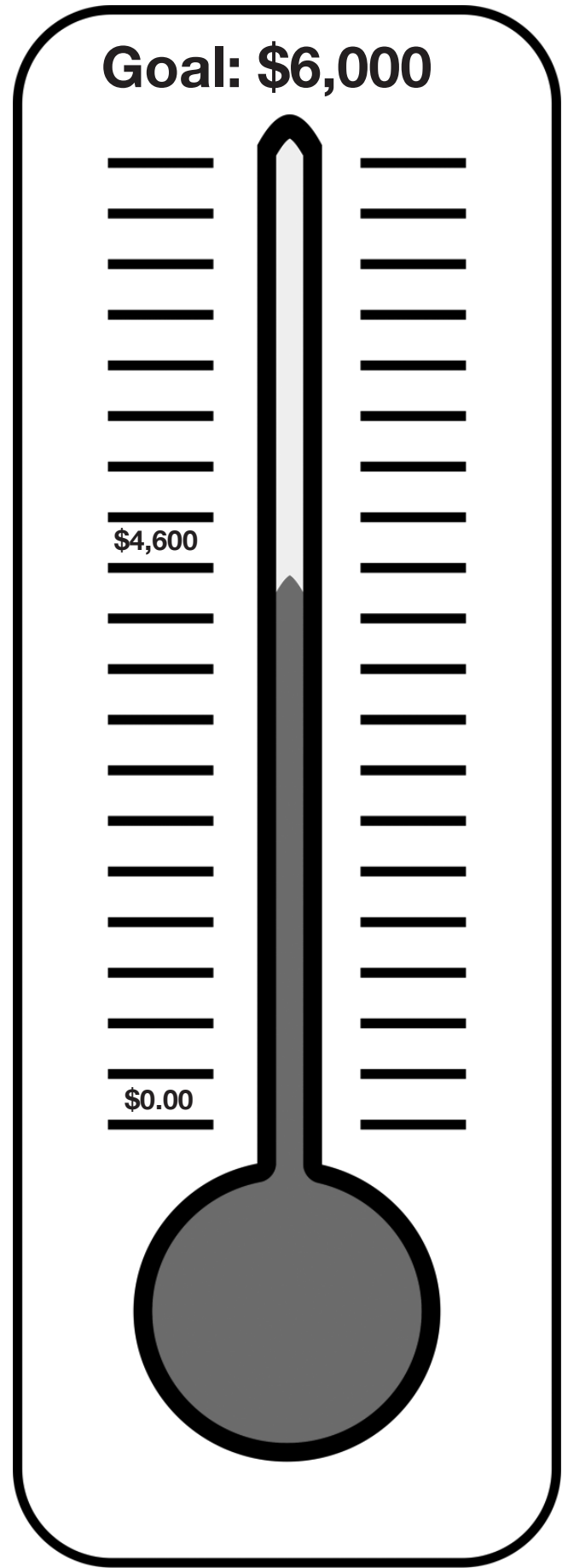
to my house just makes it easier for me to keep track of where we are [and to] figure out the logistics and move forward."



The piles of dirt and brush are literally visible from outer space. (Google satellite image)



Unightly piles of dirt and debris are adjacent to the final resting places of many Lowellians.



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~ Gertrude Stein (1874 - 1946)

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Financial tips for snowbirds ... present and future

Winter is here again – which may make you wish you were somewhere else. You might be thinking how pleasant it would be to become a snowbird and move to a warmer climate for the season. Of course, your stage of life will help determine if you are prepared to be a snowbird now or if you're just hoping to be one in the future. But in either case, you'll need to be financially prepared.

So, let's look at what it would take to be a snowbird – tomorrow and today:

Snowbird tomorrow – The further ahead you plan, the more options you're likely to have when you embark on the snowbird life. If you're going to be retired, you'll need to review all your sources of retirement income – Social

Security, your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan, your IRA, and so on – to determine if you'll have enough money available for your yearly snowbird trips without jeopardizing your retirement lifestyle. Your calculations will depend on what sort of snowbird existence you have in mind. Do you want to buy a second home or just rent? Will you be gone just a few weeks each year or several months? Clearly, to ensure a successful snowbird experience, you'll need to identify your goals and create a strategy for achieving them.

Snowbird today – If you've reached a point where you can indeed make your snowbird dream a reality, and you're ready to pack your bags, you'll

need to take action on some practical matters, such as these:

- **Secure your home.** If you have a security system, make sure it's armed and working properly. Stop your newspapers and magazines, forward your mail, ask your neighbors to remove any stray papers, flyers and advertisements from your porch or entryway, and arrange to have your snow shoveled.

- **Notify your bank.** To fight theft, the fraud departments of many banks are getting more aggressive in spotting and denying unusual charges. That's why it's important to give your bank your temporary address and contact information before you leave. By doing so, you can reduce the risk of your account being frozen temporarily if your financial institution can't reach you with questions about charges from an unexpected location. You also might find it useful to open a bank account at your snowbird site.

- **Pay your bills.** If you already pay all your bills automatically through bank authorizations, you may not have to do anything when you leave. But if you still pay some bills the old-fashioned way, with checks and envelopes, look for these bills in your forwarded mail.

- **Track your investments.** You can probably track the progress of your investments online, and it's a good idea to do so, just as you would at your permanent address. Even if you're only gone a couple of months, you may need to make some investment moves, so stay on top of your accounts and contact your investment professional, as needed. As always, though, don't overreact to sudden market swings – ideally, you've got long-term strategies in place that can serve your needs in most investment environments.

The life of a snowbird can be a pleasant one. So take the necessary steps before you leave – and enjoy your days in the sun.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to consider the following request from Stony Bluff LLC:

REQUEST: A request for Tentative Preliminary Plat approval in order to create Phase 3 of the Stony Bluff Subdivision. This Phase will contain 25 single family lots served by a public road and public water and sanitary sewer.

GENERAL LOCATION: 11736 Foreman Street. Specifically, Phase 3 is located north of the dead end of Wales Street within the Whispering Hills Subdivision and south of Remington Drive in the Stony Bluff Subdivision.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019
TIME: 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
LOWELL, MI. 49331

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

Tim Clements, Secretary
 Lowell Charter Township
 Planning Commission

NEWSPAPERS Outperform Billboards in Michigan

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Newspapers are more engaging than billboards.

16 minutes
 average time spent reading a newspaper each day¹

7 seconds
 average time spent viewing a billboard²

Newspaper ads result in more purchases than billboards.

79% Eight in ten newspaper readers took action as a result of reading a newspaper ad in the past 30 days³

2.3% 2.3% of adults made a purchase in the last 90 days as the result of a billboard ad⁴

Newspaper ads have more staying power

Saving the ad for future reference is one of the top-rated newspaper reader actions.⁵

The newspaper is often passed along to someone else who sees the ad. Daily/Sunday newspapers average 1.9 readers per copy⁴

People simply scan billboards as they drive by.

Newspapers ads provide more flexibility

Based on the length and complexity of the advertising message, retailers can choose from a variety of newspaper ad sizes – from smaller units up to full-page and two-page spreads.

Billboard ads should contain only three basic elements – an image, a copy line, and a company name or logo. Copy should be kept to nine words.⁶

Newspaper ads can be placed, and changed when necessary, within a day or two. Billboard creative is often posted for 30 days.

Sources: ¹eMarketer; ²Lamar Advertising; ³Triad/Coda Ventures - The Newspaper Generation Study; ⁴Pulse of America 2018; ⁵NAA

viewpoint



125 years ago Lowell Ledger December 30, 1893

One of the most bitterly contested will cases of the year came to an end in the Probate court on the 22nd. Adam Van Dusen, a Vergennes township farmer, died, leaving his farm, valued at \$4000, to a son and daughter who lived at home and cut off two other daughters with \$5 each. The will was contested and the case was stubbornly fought, the claim being made that the deceased made a will subsequent to the one filed for probate. Judge Perkins made an order sustaining the will.

About half the population of Ada seemed to have assembled in Judge Grove's court room Tuesday afternoon to hear Fred Crampton, the young sparrow order forger plead guilty and learn what sentence the judge would impose. Young Crampton, with his wife, came in a moment late and had to walk across the court room with the gaze of every one riveted upon him. He did not seem to notice that but his red and swollen eyes and distressed air indicated that he appreciated the seriousness of his predicament and had been crying recently. His pretty young wife sat just inside the railing and kept admirable control of her features until the judge began to talk to the prisoner, when she buried her face in her hands and wept bitterly. Seven lady relatives of the prisoner were present and none of them had dry eyes when the judge was finished. Prosecuting Attorney Wolcott read the information, when the judge asked: "What do you say, young man, do you plead guilty or not guilty?" "Guilty," replied Crampton in a very low tone.

100 years The Lowell Ledger December 26, 1918

Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Emmons had a narrow escape from death by asphyxiation one night late last week. Mrs. Emmons was awakened by sickness and found her husband in a like condition and on attempting to rise fell to the floor. She succeeded in reaching a window and by repeated rappings attracted the attention of Miss Hazel Maynard, who with others gave first aid and summoned Dr. Greene. On opening the doors the rush of escaping gas revealed to the neighbors the cause of the trouble, due to a closed damper in the pipe of the hard coal burner.

"Not a case of flu left in Lowell village," said Village President Winegar Wednesday evening, thus giving a finishing touch to a perfect Christmas day.

Kent county is the driest one in the state, the liquor law being better enforced here than elsewhere, according to Lee H. Pryor, legal advisor of the state food and drug department, who was in Grand Rapids.

75 years The Lowell Ledger December 30, 1943

The furniture and undertaking business established here fourteen years ago by W.A. Roth, will have a new name beginning with the New Year and will hereafter be known as Roth & Sons Company. The Roth store has made an enviable reputation for itself throughout the entire trading area, and all join in extending congratulations and best wishes to the firm.

Both the bank and the post office state that many people bought War Bonds this year as Christmas gifts.

Farmers are to be permitted to use binder twine for any part of the growing, harvesting or shipping of agricultural products, the War Production Board announces. Previously an order limited twine use by farmers to mechanical self-tying binders.

50 years The Lowell Ledger December 26, 1968

Frank Kapugia, a former Lowell resident, has set his goal as a career in teaching and he doesn't intend to let his blindness keep him from it. Now a senior at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Frank is taking his student teaching this term at Mott High School in Warren. A speech major at MSU, he is teaching two classes of accelerated American history and one speech class.

In order to show their 5th Grade Campfire Group that there is more to Christmas than just the receiving of many gifts, leaders Mrs. Gary Eickhoff and Helen Galbreath helped their group prepare a box of goodies which was sent to the 1st Marine Division in Viet Nam.

The spirit of Christmas is a wonderful thing. No one knows this better today than members of the Lowell police force, who were witnesses Monday to a moving story. A woman came into the station with two youngsters and handed over a small bill. She had found it on the street, the woman told officers, and was certain it probably belonged to someone who needed it for Christmas shopping.

25 years The Lowell Ledger December 29, 1993

Following the 10 most important minutes of their married lives, Lee and Shelley Esterley wondered how they would meet the wonderful challenge that lay ahead of them. Through the miracle of medical technology Esterley was able to become pregnant by using a fertility drug called invitro. A month after she learned she was pregnant, doctors told Shelley and Lee that if everything progressed perfectly, they would soon be parenting not one, but four babies.

The Lowell Township Board has given the West Michigan Radio Flyers Association a model airplane club, operating at the VanStrien property, until April 1 to work out an agreement with residents in the area before they intercede. This summer the board was approached by Mrs. Jack Molinosky, 11712 Grand River Dr., saying the noise by the model airplane club was bothering her almost every day of the week.

With the decision of Spencer Township to stay in the Kent County Library system in 1994, both Vergennes and Lowell Townships will remain in the system, Lowell and Vergennes agreed to stay in the library system in 1994 if their payments for the upcoming year would be lowered. Spencer Township was the last of the seven townships to agree with the new payment formula, thus assuring that the library system would stay intact for at least one more year.

outdoors

unorganized activity

Dave Stegehuis

Organized sports and other structure activities have expanded to provide opportunities for youth to learn valuable life lessons while having fun and being physically active. Hunting big and small game can teach most of these life skills in an unorganized setting.

In nature there are no written rules, so hunters must make personal decisions when meeting the challenges of the hunt. These decisions have real consequences. There are no time clocks or referees in the woods, so patience and self-discipline must be practiced. No one is watching so it is up to the individual to make ethical calls.

Discharging a firearm is a serious responsibility. One must be positive about the target and what lies beyond it. Once the trigger is pulled there are no do overs. Taking the life of a wild creature requires making a decision based on scientific facts and personal convictions. Weather conditions affect game movement and one's physical well-being. Hunters must sometimes deal with extreme weather conditions to hunt effectively and safely. Knowledge of navigation, weather, game habits, and survival techniques are necessary for one to be self-sufficient and safe when pursuing game in the field.

Hunting has a real impact on wildlife, the environment, and the individual. Lessons learned from making thoughtful decisions can be applied in adult life for those who have the experience. All of us, at any age, can learn much when interacting personally with wildlife and the places where they live.

Hunting is not a pursuit that will appeal to everyone, but for some it is a way of life and who they are. Most hunters probably fall somewhere in between. Because hunting can potentially be a significant part of a person's life, introducing the hunting experience to others, especially youngsters, may be helpful to their development and future quality of life. The individual can then make an informed decision about continuing to hunt or not based on first-hand experience. Give them a chance.

Michigan game regulations offer special programs which allow youth, ages nine through 16, to participate in a variety of special hunting opportunities. Details on these programs are available in the current Michigan Hunting Digest available at license vendors or on line at the Department of Natural Resources.

We love to hear from you!

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

The requirements are:

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

Gauthier bids farewell as he announces his retirement

To the members of the Lowell community,

As many of you are aware, I will be retiring from my Family Medicine office practice at the end of the year. I have been fortunate enough to be a part of you for over 38 years. When my partner Jim Lang and I started our practice in 1980, there were about four restaurants, two gas stations, one pharmacy, one main grocery store, one hardware store, one auto parts store, two other family doctors, and a handful of dentists. There have been dramatic changes in all those dynamics over time, but one constant has always remained the same: the reliable warmth, hospitality, and genuineness of our community. What a splendid place to have spent my entire professional career.

What a wonderful town with such a rich history of selflessness, charity and giving. Gilda's Club, the Englehardt legacy, Pink Arrow Pride; we should all smile when reflecting on what we have collectively created and embraced. It's why people move to Lowell. It's why they rarely leave. It's why my respect and love for our town is unwavering.

I want to thank you all for allowing two young doctors, fresh out of training, to build a place of healing that has sustained for almost 40 years. Your support, loyalty, and love has been truly humbling. Jim and I always wanted to forge a family practice that was patient and community centric. We felt that if we gave to the community, it would give back. We were right. The success we have

enjoyed over the years is directly attributable to that notion of mutual caring and giving. As a community, you deserve much of the credit for our longevity in Lowell. As much as we have given you over the years, you have given us more. We will always be in your debt for that.

In terms of thanking, I have much of that to spread around. Firstly, thanks to my wife of 44 years, Karen. I would never have survived the long days, nights, weekends, holidays without her unending support and love. Always a sweet hug, kiss, and a terrific meal at the end of a trying day. Thanks, love you honey.

To my four children, Dan, Molly, Charlie, and Tim, thanks for tolerating my late nights, weekends, etc. In spite of my work

schedule, I made almost all of your parent teacher conferences, sporting events, and musicals. A dad could not be more proud of how you all have matured and grown into the stellar adults you have become. You are the best.

To my faithful partner, Jim Lang, I owe you my undying appreciation for putting up with me as a partner for 37 years. Your business sense, honesty, and sense of fairness steered us in the right direction for over three decades. Thank you forever.

Thanks to our first office manager Barb Zandstra for guiding us in our early years when the financial times were tough. Thanks, Babs.

Thanks to my other partners in Lowell Family Medical Center, Drs. John Meier, Wayne Christenson,

and Tracy Lixie for joining us and adding their expertise and excellent care to our practice. I hope you keep the lights burning in Lowell for many years to come.

To our other current providers, Kalli Walker, Laura Kass, Cathy Smith, and Alex Clum, your spectacular beauty is only surpassed by the exemplary care you provide to our patients. It has been a distinct pleasure to serve with you, and I hope that Lowell is fortunate enough to have you for a long, long time.

To our current and past staff employees, we never would have made it without you. Your smiling faces, caring attitudes, and warmth toward those we serve has always been appreciated by me. In many ways you are the "face" of our practice, and in my view, that "face" has been beautiful. Thank you all so much.

A special thanks to our office manager, Sheryl Tessmer. In so many ways you are the glue that kept us together for so long. Your perseverance, outstanding work ethic, and consummate loyalty is

readily apparent every day you come to work. Thank you so much for tolerating your bosses over time, managing the "troops," and just being the sweet human you have always been. Love you, Pumpkinseed.

Also a heartfelt thank you to our one and only x-ray tech, Kathy Gingerich. Kathy joined us in 1983, three years after we started in Lowell, and she has been taking beautiful pictures ever since. Thanks, Kathy, for your excellent work, and for always being the ultimate team player.

After I retire, I hope to see many of you "around town." I will remain a member of the Lowell Rotary Club, as I have been for 38 years. I will still shop with many of our local merchants, as you can't beat the local quality and service.

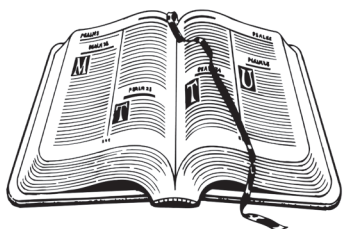
I wanted to be a family doctor in a small town since I was five or six years old. Thanks to all of you, my family, friends, colleagues, and employees, I was able to realize that dream. It has been an honor. My love to you all.

Dr. Paul Gauthier



Dr. Gauthier surrounded by his staff at his retirement luncheon on Wed., Dec. 19.

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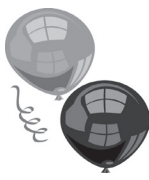
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KDL Lab Experience: Straw Building Bonanza - With this unstructured building time, kids can build 2D and 3D geometric creations, vehicles, forts or whatever! We'll provide all the materials – kids bring their imagination and curiosity. For all ages. Thurs., Jan. 3 at 10 am.

Dec 11, Jan 8 and Feb 12

Bookworms Adult Book Discussion - Join us for rousing reads and riveting discussion. "Salt to the Sea" by Ruta Sepetys, Tues., Jan. 8 at 10 am.

Night Owls Book Club Discussion group meets on Wed, Jan 9 at 6:30 pm.

Tech Savvy Seniors - For older people in a digital world, it's easy to become overwhelmed or feel intimidated by all the new technology around us. Join us to discuss current tech topics and gain the skills and confidence to access information and services online. For adults. Wed., Jan. 16 at 1 pm.

Family Yoga Time with Lowell YMCA - Family Yoga begins with thoughtfully tuning in to the breath, followed by a fun practice that includes individual, partner, and group poses. Bring your own mat or use one provided by the Y. Ages 2-12 recommended with caregiver or parent present. Mon., Jan. 28 at 6 pm.

Chamber of Commerce accepting nominations for Person of the Year

This prestigious award has been a Chamber function since 1986. The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce has continued the tradition every year since then. This special award is given out at the Annual Gathering of the Membership that will be held February 21, 2019. The nominations are given to the selection committee and our Person of the Year is chosen. The selection committee is comprised of the last 5 years of recipients receiving the Person of the Year Award.

Recipients qualified for this honor can be nominated by the following guidelines:

Over time, the candidate has freely donated considerable time to the community, school district, church, or humanity. This is over and above the demands of their regular profession.

The community is a better place to live because of the efforts of the candidate.

The candidate positively promotes the community in both word and action.

The candidate possesses new and innovative ideas that benefit the community.

The candidate cannot be a Chamber Board/Foundation Board member at the time of nomination.

Past recipients since 1986: Chris Van Antwerp, King Doyle, Dr. Orville McKay, Ivan Blough, George and Dode Dey, Dr. Robert Reagan, Al Eckman, Ray Quada, Priscillia Lusmyer, Mayor Jim Maatman, Bob Pfaller, Jim Reagan, Marsha Wilcox, John Timpson, Dr. Donald Gerard, Dr. Roger LaWarre, Bert Bleke, Judy Straub, Luanne Kaeb, Jim Doyle, Jim White, Kraig and Jody Haybarker, Ray and Barbara Zandstra, Marj Harding, Betty Yeiter, John Stencel, Dave and Jan Thompson, Joy Smith, Perry and Teresa Beachum, Noel Dean, Greg Canfield, Rick Seese, Mike Sprenger, Greg Pratt and Betsy Davidson

If you know someone who is deserving of this honor, please submit in writing your detailed nomination to LACC, PO Box 224, Lowell, MI 49331 or email to info@lowellchamber.org or fax to 897-9101. FIRM Deadline Tuesday, January 2, 2019.

The award ceremony will be at Deer Run Golf Club, 13955 Cascade Rd. on Feb. 21 at 6 pm. The public is welcome.



Betsy Davidson, right, last year's person of the year, pictured with her brother Tony Dommer in 2017 when their company Addorio Technologies won the Business Appreciation Award.

NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP ADOPTION OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 2018-08

Notice is hereby given that amendments to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance regarding the Industrial District special exception use section 201.309 (C) (6), to add the words "blending", "storage", and "fuels" were adopted at a regular meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on December 17, 2018 and are shown below in italics:

Section 201.309(C) (6) is amended to read as follows:

- The manufacture, compounding, processing, packing, *blending, storage* or treatment of such products as candy, cosmetics, drugs, perfumes, pharmaceuticals, toiletries, *fuels*, and food products, except the rendering or refining of fats and oils.

The complete text of Ordinance 2018-08 is on file at the township office, located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell. Copies are available during business hours - Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 to noon. Complete text is also available on the township website at www.vergennestwp.org

This ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after publication.

Heather Hoffman
Vergennes Township Clerk



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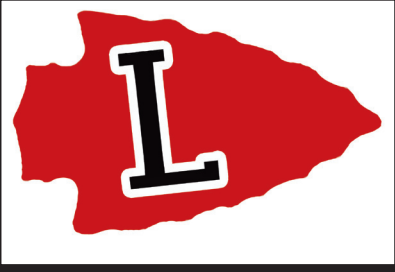
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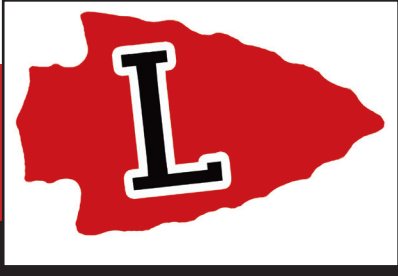


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LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL WINTER TEAMS

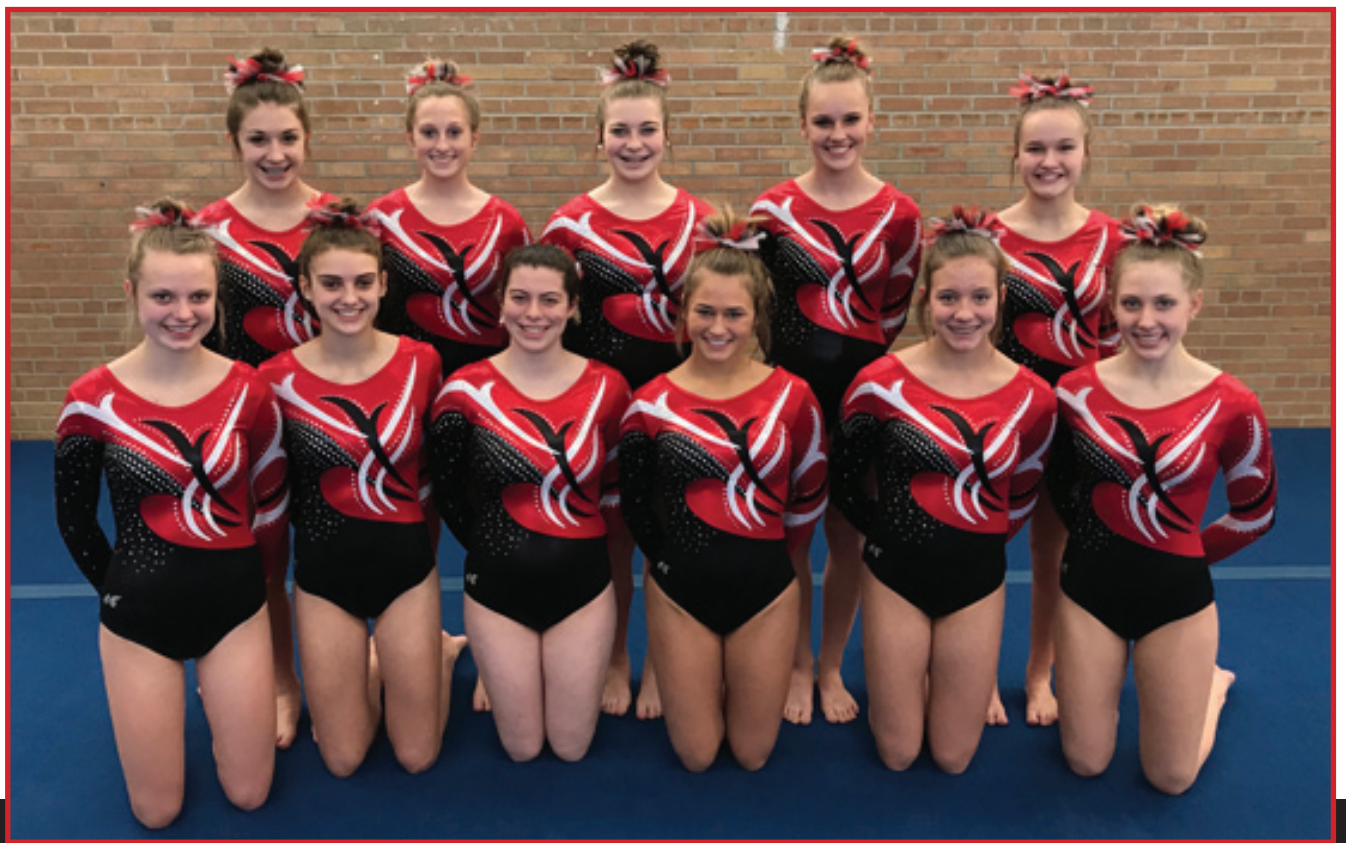
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GYMNASTICS

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Mackinac Straits Corridor Authority approves agreement to build multi-use tunnel

The Mackinac Straits Corridor Authority (MSCA) today approved an agreement with Enbridge Energy Limited Partnership to build a multi-use utility tunnel beneath the Straits of Mackinac. The tunnel will house a replacement segment for the Line 5 pipeline that sits on the bottom of the Straits and other utilities.

In addition, the authority, which held its inaugural meeting in St. Ignace, approved the transfer of a property right that will allow Enbridge to construct the tunnel in bedrock beneath the Straits.

Gov. Rick Snyder and leaders of the departments of Natural Resources and Environmental Quality also signed a separate agreement with Enbridge. This Third Agreement carries forward provisions of two previous agreements with the company – one in November 2017 and one in October 2018. The Third Agreement requires Enbridge to undertake an enhanced inspection and stewardship regimen. The agreement also includes interpretations of the 1953 easement for the dual pipelines on the bottom of the

Straits, as well as ongoing financial assurance requirements for the pipelines.

The approved agreements will soon be posted on the mipetroleumpipelines.com website.

“From the beginning of this four-year process, our fundamental goal has been to protect the Great Lakes against an oil spill through a solution we know will work,” said Snyder.

“Today’s actions will result in the removal of the oil pipeline from the bottom of the Straits of Mackinac, maintain critical infrastructure connections between our peninsulas, provide energy security for residents of the Upper Peninsula and northern Michigan and create good-paying jobs,” he said. “Enbridge will pay 100 percent of the costs for design, construction, operation and maintenance of the tunnel, and will shut down the current Line 5 segment in the Straits once the tunnel is complete.”

Public Act 359 required the MSCA to enter into an agreement to build a tunnel, provided the agreement met certain criteria. In keeping with those criteria, the agreement approved by the authority will:

- Include a plan for recruiting, training and using Michigan workers for the tunnel project.
 - Allow for multiple utilities to use the tunnel.
 - Provide that the tunnel is built to last and will contain potential oil spills in the Straits of Mackinac.
 - Limit liability for the state, the authority and members of the authority.
 - Require that all necessary government approvals be obtained for the tunnel.
 - Prohibit the use of eminent domain to acquire property for the project.
 - Ensure the state bears no cost for design, construction, operation and maintenance of the tunnel.
 - Ensure that any privately owned portion of the project – including the above-ground entrances and any utility lines within the tunnel – is subject to taxation.
 - Reimburse the Mackinac Bridge Authority for any net loss of profit for leasing space for telecommunication lines.
- The Tunnel Agreement contains milestones for construction progress as well as financial penalties for Enbridge for missed deadlines, provided delays are within Enbridge’s control. Once the tunnel is complete, ownership

will be turned over to the MSCA, which will be able to lease space within the tunnel to additional utilities.

The increased stewardship mandated in the Third Agreement between the state and Enbridge will apply unless there is a delay beyond Enbridge’s control as defined in the agreement. The Third Agreement also requires that as soon as possible upon completion of the tunnel and construction of the Line 5 replacement segment, Enbridge will deactivate the dual pipelines in the Straits.

Previous agreements charge Enbridge with:

Replacing the portion of Line 5 that lies at the bottom of the St. Clair River near Port Huron with a new pipe in a tunnel beneath the river to protect drinking water supplies for a significant population in southeast Michigan.

Instituting accelerated risk-reducing measures at 13 priority Line 5 water crossings, in addition to requiring actions at 68 other crossings as identified with state input in a previous Enbridge report.

Assuring the Straits pipeline is not operating when high waves would severely hamper response to a potential oil spill. Enbridge staff must be present at the Straits to shut down the line within 15 minutes – even if power is lost – when wave heights hit 6.5 feet for at least an hour. The state will provide a new radar system to supply better, real-time wave-height data at the Straits.

Assuring that at least \$1.8 billion in financial assurance be provided by Enbridge to respond to a potential oil spill in the Straits or anywhere along Line 5 in Michigan.

Paying for cameras to be installed at the Straits to support new regulations from the U.S. Coast Guard prohibiting ships in the area from dropping their anchors – one of the most serious threats to Line 5 and other utility lines on the bottom of the Straits.

Prohibiting heavy crude oil from running through Line 5 and not increasing the volume or type of petroleum products that move through the line.

Michigan offers \$12.96 million in grants to replace old diesel school buses statewide

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has released its first funding opportunity under the new Fuel Transformation Program supported with



Volkswagen settlement funds. These grants will fund the replacement of old diesel school buses with new propane, compressed natural gas, diesel, hybrid, and electric school buses. This is a once in a lifetime grant opportunity to improve air quality, particularly for children, who are highly vulnerable to the harmful effects of oxides of nitrogen and fine particulate matter found in diesel emissions.

Through this opportunity, the MDEQ will incentivize the switch to zero emissions and alternative fuel buses, resulting in sustainable improvements to air quality, the environment, and human health. Of the \$12.96 million, a total of \$3 million has been earmarked for the purchase of electric school buses and charging stations. Both public and private entities are eligible to apply for these grants.

An informational webinar will be held on January 10, 2019, from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm to explain the School Bus Replacement Grant requirements and how to complete an application. Applications for electric school buses are due by February 15, 2019, and all other school bus applications are due by October 15, 2019. To find the Request for Proposals and application materials, or to register for the webinar, visit www.michigan.gov/deqvwsettlement or contact the Environmental Assistance Center at 800-662-9278.

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Beaman chosen as MLE staff member for November

Kandace Beaman has been chosen as Murray Lake Elementary's staff member of the month for November.

"Kandace has been such a blessing to MLE. She is willing to go above and beyond what is expected of her. She has a great sense of what is best for the kids with whom she works," said Maria McGovern.

"She always goes out of her way to help anyone in need and comes to work with a smile on her face," commented Nancy Russell.

"I am so fortunate to have the opportunities I get to have every day at work! I get free hugs for no reason! I get the most interesting stories I have ever heard! I get to work with others who see the value in every one of these fantastic kids and try every day to help them succeed in school and life. Who could possibly want to work anywhere else? Thank you, Murray Lake coworkers, friends, and students," commented Beaman.



MLE volunteer for November

Denice Barker was chosen as Murray Lake Elementary's volunteer of the month. She is a grandmother of a Murray Lake student. Barker volunteers in Julie Fuss' class every week.

"She reads stories to the students. She is always patient and kind. The students love hearing her stories," Fuss commented.

"I love sharing the books I love with the students. I love that the kids have told me the day I come

in is their favorite day of the week, and some have stopped me in the hall to ask if I can come to their classrooms too. I love that the teachers have been so gracious to allow me in as I followed my granddaughters through Murray Lake Elementary. It was so kind of Mrs. Fuss to nominate me," commented Barker.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to consider the following amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance:

1. An amendment to Section 8.03 to permit Adult Foster Care Large Group Homes, Homes for the Aged, and Nursing Homes in the R-2, Medium Density Residential Zoning District as a Special Land Use.
2. An amendment to Section 22.03(k) to delete the requirements for housing for the elderly and replace this language with specific regulations for Adult Foster Care Large Group Homes, Homes for the Aged, and Nursing Homes. The proposed regulations would require that these facilities: be served by public water and sanitary sewer; be located on a parcel of at least five acres; be limited to ten units per acre and; be designed to ensure proper access by emergency vehicles.
3. An amendment to Article 2 to add definitions of Homes for the Aged and Nursing Homes.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
 2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
 LOWELL, MI 49331

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

Tim Clements, Secretary
 Lowell Charter Township
 Planning Commission

Red Arrow Fall SPORTS SCHEDULES

BOYS VARSITY WRESTLING
 * Denotes a home game
 12/28 & 12/29 time TBA Brecksville Invitational
 1/2 at 6 pm Conference Meet #1*

BOYS VARSITY SWIM & DIVE
 12/27 at 11:30 am Curt Pals Invite at Jenison
 1/3 at 6 pm Grand Rapids Union

L GIRLS GYMNASTICS
 * Denotes a home game at LHS
 1/5 at 10 am Rockford Flip Flop Invite

L GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL
 * Denotes a game at LHS main gym
 1/4 at 7 pm at Wayland Union

L BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL
 * Denotes a home game at LHS main gym
 1/5 at 3 pm Godwin Heights at DeltaPlex

GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER
 1/5 at 11 am NPC Cheer Invitational

BOYS VARSITY HOCKEY
 * Denotes a home game at Kentwood Ice Arena
 12/28 at 6 pm FHC at Patterson Ice Arena
 1/4 at 7 pm Loy Norrix*

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 Her Legacy...Beulah Conrad, age 73, passed away December 19, 2018. Beulah was born February 5, 1945 in Cedar Springs, MI. She was married to Danny Conrad for 32 years. Her family was very important to her and she will be remembered as a strong, caring, supportive and generous mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Her Family...Beulah is survived by her daughters, Donna L. Conrad-Roskamp and Linda I. Kimbrough; grandchildren, Alicia Johnson, Brian Roskamp, Jordan Roskamp, Bryce Roskamp, Tim Eichoff, Michael Eichoff and Kurt Eichoff; great-grandchildren, Claire, Olivia, Madison, James, Samuel, Emmett, Jaxson, Sofea Kyler, Kendall, Molly and Kayla. She is preceded in death by her husband Danny. Her Farewell...Beulah's family and friends gathered on Friday, December 21, 2018 for a Community Farewell at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Lamb Chapel, Howell, MI. Burial in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Grand Rapids, MI. Please leave a message of comfort to Beulah's family by calling 1.877.231.7900 or sign the guestbook at borekjennings.com

KROPF

Geraldine Vicki (Briggs) Kropf, age 73 of Grand Rapids, formerly of Lowell, passed away Wednesday, December 19, 2018. She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Dorothy Briggs. She is survived by her children, Lori Wiedner, John (Natalie) Wierenga, Luanne (Paul) Strauss, Lisa (Jeff) VanHaitsma, Rachel (Misty Sweet) Kropf; stepson Eric (Mindy) Kropf; siblings Ann (Don) Schneider, Pat (Bernie) Hendrick, Howard (Barb) Briggs, Rick (Carol) Briggs; grandchildren John (Andreen), Matthew (Kyleigh), Jason, Josiah, Zeb, Ezra, Jed and Abi Wierenga, Casey, Alec and Aspen Strauss, Jessa and Cassidy VanHaitsma, Tayah, Dakota and Marley Fritch; and great-grandchildren Dahmari and Samuel. Memorial service will be held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 26, at Lowell United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331. The family will greet friends and relatives one hour prior to the service at the church. Rev. Alan Flowers officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery, Lowell. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959; Grand Rapids Right to Life, 2340 Porter St. SW, PO Box 901, Grand Rapids, MI 49509-0901; or the American Cancer Society, 129 Jefferson Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.



Beware of scammers pretending to be from Social Security

In the digital age, frauds and scams are an unfortunate part of doing business online. During the holiday season, Social Security has traditionally seen a spike in phishing scams, and we want to protect you as best we can.

We urge you to always be cautious and to avoid providing sensitive information such as your Social Security Number (SSN) or bank account information to unknown individuals over the phone or internet. If you receive a call and aren't expecting one, you must be extra careful. You can always get the caller's information, hang up, and — if you do need more clarification — contact the official phone number of the business or agency that the caller claims to represent. Never reveal personal data to a stranger who called you.

Please take note; there's a scam going around right now. You might receive a call from someone claiming to be from Social Security or another agency. Calls can even display the 1-800-772-1213, Social Security's national customer service number, as the incoming number on your caller ID. In some cases, the caller states that Social Security does not have all of your personal information, such as your Social Security number (SSN), on file. Other callers

claim Social Security needs additional information so the agency can increase your benefit payment, or that Social Security will terminate your benefits if they do not confirm your information. This appears to be a widespread issue,

provided, as the caller might attempt to acquire personal information.

Social Security employees occasionally contact people by telephone for customer-service purposes. In only a few special situations, such as

information to the Office of the Inspector General at 1-800-269-0271 or online at oig.ssa.gov/report.

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as reports have come from people across the country. These calls are not from Social Security.

Callers sometimes state that your Social Security number is at risk of being deactivated or deleted. The caller then asks you to provide a phone number to resolve the issue. People should be aware the scheme's details may vary; however, you should avoid engaging with the caller or calling the number

when you have business pending with us, a Social Security employee may request the person confirm personal information over the phone.

Social Security employees will never threaten you or promise a Social Security benefit approval or increase in exchange for information. In those cases, the call is fraudulent, and you should just hang up. If you receive these calls, please report the

Protecting your information is an important part of Social Security's mission to secure today and tomorrow.

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



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LEGO DAY - Dec. 27, 1-4 pm. Kids will be tasked in creating a Grinch Catcher! Stop in & join the fun. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

STEM DAY - Jan. 2, from 1-4 pm. Snap circuits, scooters & flying reindeer for the kids to put together. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146 and Clarksville Area Library, 165 N. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

FAMILY CRAFT DAY - Jan. 3, 1-4 pm. Families will be making luminaries. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146 and Clarksville Area Library, 165 N. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

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

CELEBRATE RECOVERY - a Christ-centred, Biblically-based 12 step program for people with hurts, hang-ups and habits. Meets every Thursday from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at Impact, 1069 Lincoln Lake Ave, Lowell. Open to all who are 18 years or older. Fourth Thursday of each month is Chip Night when we celebrate a meal together starting at 6 pm.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AMERICAN LEGION #152 MEETING - fourth Monday of the month, 7 pm. Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash, Lowell.

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

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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.

VETERANS POTLUCK - second Sunday of month, 2 pm. Bring a friend. Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash, Lowell.

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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.

FREE ALL VETS COFFEE HOUR - Third Thurs. of each month. at Keiser's.

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.

1988: Lowell area events from exactly 30 years ago!

Jan. 1988

Local poet Andy Andrzejewski was one of 138 poets nationwide to be accorded the honor of publication by CSS Publications. Andrzejewski's work entitled "A Song of Myself" is among the 160 poems featured in the publication. Helen Schaefer completed her move into what was formerly Hinkley Drugs on Dec. 18. Along with the move came a few additions. Schaefer added three quality consignment shoppes called Yesterdays, Tommorrow and Forever to her antique shoppe.

Keiser's Kitchen, which started out as a truck stop in 1945 and turned into Lowell's venerable eating establishment and oldest operating retailer, was destroyed by a fire on Jan. 8. The state fire marshal said the cause of the fire was electrical and that he suspected the fire started in the electrical closet. There were 40 firefighters who battled the blaze. The fire left 40 of Keiser's Kitchen employees without work. Jim Pfaller, Hazel Smith and Steve Larking were elected to the Chamber of Commerce board.

It was announced that Lowell would have its second fast food restaurant by May 1. Hardee's Restaurant, owned by Wolverine Fast Foods Co., planned to locate at the southwest corner of the Ridgeview Mall. Groundbreaking was scheduled for Feb. 15. Dr. Donald Gerard was named an honorary member of the Michigan High

Speerstra to the planning commission board.

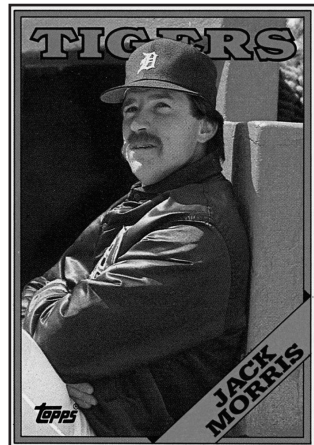
The Kent Intermediate School District's request for an increase of 1.75 mills for special education purposes was supported by the Lowell Board of Education.

Nine Lowell Elementary students were injured in a bus accident on 36th Street. Mary Kay Wright, the bus driver, was westbound on 36th St. when she shifted as the bus was beginning to descend on a hill, as she did this, the right rear side of the bus slid right and stopped after hitting a tree.

T&D Truck and Auto was destroyed by a fire. The damage was estimated at \$15,000.

Seven Red Arrow wrestlers qualified for the regionals at the district tournament in Hudsonville.

Lowell seniors Matt Newhouse and Ken Mulder were named as finalists for the 1988 National Merit



Scholarship Program.

Lowell's FFA Chapter was the winner of the District Leadership contests at Cedar Springs High School. Becky Vanderloon and Mary Brown were the winners of the Runciman/Riverside spelling bee.

March 1988

After 21 years at Superior Furniture, Zoa Speerstra retired.

John and Doris Gerard celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Feb. 23.

Mike Rivers, Kyle Gildea and Tom Nugent completed their LHS wrestling careers at state competition in Battle Creek Lakeview. Rivers was the only Red Arrow to medal.

Mary Ann Ayres retired from her duties as secretary to the Lowell High School principal after 24 years.

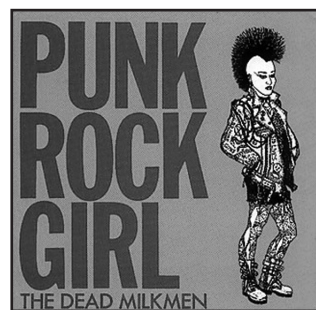
Lowell's City Council passed a resolution that provides cost sharing as an incentive for property owners to construct or replace sidewalks on their premises. The voluntary program offered 50 percent cost sharing for replacement of old sidewalks, and 25 percent city and 75 percent homeowner for new construction.

Amy Vezino, fifth grader,

St. Mary's Elementary, was the winner of the 1988 regional spelling bee held at Alto Elementary.

Lowell's gymnastic team finishes eighth in the regionals at Kenowa Hills. Curt Albrecht sold Radio Shack, Curt's Sound and Home Arcade Center to Jim Hodges, formerly the director of the YMCA. Albrecht moved to Winslow, Ariz., where he will start a new Radio Shack franchise. Hodges re-opened the store in April at its new location, the Ridgeview Mall next to Family Dollar.

Lowell's Science Olympiad team qualified for state competition by finishing fifth out of 30 high schools



in the fourth annual regional science tournament at Grand Valley State University.

Dave Baerwalde, president of the newly-formed H.O.O.P., presents a plan before the city fathers to start up a three-on-three outdoor basketball tournament. He said the tourney would run from June 10 through the 12th.

The Quonset Hut, a Lowell landmark since the mid 1930s, was knocked down on March 24. The building was constructed by C.J. Place during the 4-H Fair. It was used to serve dinners at the horse shows, was used for storage by the city and C.H. Runciman used the building to store sacks of white beans.

April 1988

Lowell residents learned that postal rates will go up effective April 3. The cost of mailing a First Class letter will rise to 25 cents.

Dana Blohm was awarded the Gerald R. Ford Leadership Scholarship for 1988 by the Gerald R. Ford Women's Club.

Lowell residents around the Lincoln Lake Ave. and Richard's Park area gave their consent to the H.O.O.P. three-on-three basketball tournament in June.

Lowell's police department started a foot patrol duty for selective enforcement in an effort to control the loitering problem on Main Street. The effort was put forth to help merchants with disorderly conduct on the city's streets and bridge.

Geralyn Bryant, 38, owner of Vanity Hair Fashions died suddenly on Monday. April

11 after being hospitalized for a week because of a blood clot in her leg.

KaylaRae Hagadus surprised her parents, Mike and Lisa, and local doctor James Lang when she made a surprise entry into the world at the Lowell Family Medical Center on April 7. Doug Ybema, 26, Middleville was selected to replace Jim Hodges as the new Lowell YMCA associate executive director. Jim Hodges officially opened Lowelectronics at the Ridgeview Shopping Center.

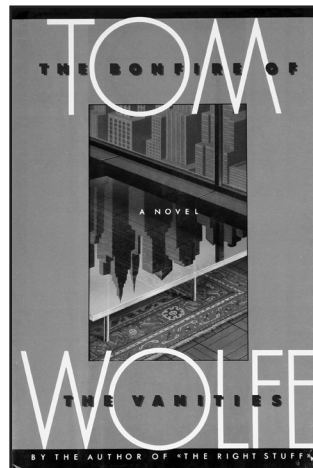
Lori VanZandbergen was hired to replace Mary Ann Ayres as the Lowell High School secretary.

May 1988

The West Central Michigan Historical Society received its \$28,000 grant money from the Michigan Department of Commerce. The money is being used to help purchase and preserve the historical significance, heritage and culture of the land and properties John Fallas settled on in the 1830s.

Over 20 residents showed up at a city council meeting to express concern over a plan to install water and sewer lines on W. Main St. and water lines on Hunt St. west of Beech.

Tom Nugent was presented with a plaque indicating he was the recipient of a



\$3,000 national scholarship sponsored by Farm Aid as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. Showboat holds auditions for its amateur talent show. Six acts were selected to perform on the Showboat in June.

It was learned that following the sale of the Rebekah Lodge Organization-owned building to Ye Olde Curiosity Shoppes' owner Helen Schaefer, the Senior Neighbor Center will be without a permanent home after June 15.

Bill and Ardith Barber, owners of McGee homestead, opened their bed and breakfast establishment at the historic brick house lived in for years by Father John McGee.

Senator Dick Posthumus was a guest at the Runciman/Riverside Elementary

fourth-grade breakfast. Hardee's, national fast-food restaurant chain, opened its doors to the residents of Lowell on May 19.

Keiser's Kitchen re-opened at the corner of S. Division and E. Main St. on May 23. The Historical Commission of the Michigan Department of State registered the one-room Alton School House as a local historical site.

June 1988

Parchment and Lowell mayors exchanged ideas during "Michigan Week's" mayor exchange day.

Lowell's baseball field was renamed R.D. Bancroft Memorial Field in a ceremony honoring the memory of Bancroft.

Robert Rice, for the first time in the history of the Lowell band, qualified for the Michigan All State Honors Band.

The Bowne Township Historical Society announced that it will restore the Bowne Center Aid Hall.

Lowell's girls' softball team claimed a district championship by defeating Portland 6-4 in the championship game.

Red Arrow's baseball team lost to Forest Hills Central in the district final, 10-4.

The commencement exercise for the "Great Class of 1988" was held June 5. The class motto was "We do not remember days, we remember moments."

Norm Byrne and David Hagens won the two open board seats in the Lowell School Board election. Byrne received 354 votes and Hagens grabbed 260.

Lowell's Max S. Astor was appointed second lieutenant in the United States Army.

"The Michigan Road" brought TV 8's Dick Evans to Lowell as he spoke to the Lowell Rotary.

Jeff Phillips was named O-K White Athlete of the Year by the league.

Hazel Smith, owner of Straw Basket Collections moved her store into the former Radio Shack building.

Showboat City H.O.O.P.S. had over 500 people in two days view the games.

The tourney attracted 76 teams, barely covering the two blocks that the three-on-three tournament encompassed. In its first year, the good did outweigh the inconvenience, something both the H.O.O.P.S. tourney and city officials wanted and hope continues for the future.

The Showboat returned to Lowell June 23-25 for the first time in six years. The Lettermen provided

the entertainment. The attendance was far beyond most expectations. The crowd of roughly 3,000 on Saturday, June 25 was the largest since 1977. The Friday night crowd totaled 2,200 and 1,800 people were entertained on Thursday night.

Lowell's Chamber of Commerce honored Delores Dey for her 22 years of dedicated service as the Chamber's secretary.

July 1988

Lowell Rotary installed its 1988-89 officers. They included Herb Haines, Jim Hodges, Jerry Patton, Roger Brown, James Lang, Jerry Hale, Roger Roberts, Paul Gauthier and Dick Bryan.

Lowell's Board of Education announced at its July board meeting that a special election would be held Sept 26, asking for an additional 2.9 mills for the 1988-89 school year, over what the district is currently levying. In addition to the 2.9 mill increase, Lowell schools said it would also ask for a .3 percent increase over the 2.9 (3.2) in 1989-90. and an additional .3 percent increase over the 3.2 (3.5) for 1990-91.

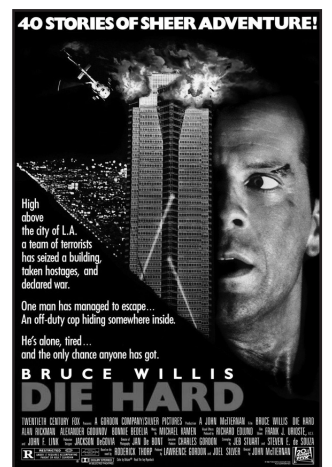
King Milling received its first local load of wheat July 6 from Louis Mulder.

Lowell's athletic department finished second to East Grand Rapids in the O-K White All Sports award.

Lowell's W. Main water sewer mains project was nixed by the Lowell city council. The project would have cost \$486,603.

Music Master, a tape, album, CD and 45 music shop opened up in Lowell.

Lowell youth David Carroll, 21, was killed July 31, when his car left the road and hit a tree on Covered Bridge Rd. near Fallasburg Park.



August 1988

The Westside Deli Store opened its doors to the Lowell community.

Tom Nugent and Jamie Beth Cook were named king and queen of the 1988 Kent County Youth Fair.

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59. Cairo's waterway
60. "Like a ____ to a flame"
61. *Starred with Blake in "A Simple Favor"
62. Some have them on the back of their head?
63. Swimmer's row
64. Follows #29 Down, sing.
66. Year off

Puzzle solutions on page 12

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1988 Lowell area events, continued

Showboat president Ray Quada stated that the profit excess from the 1988 Lowell

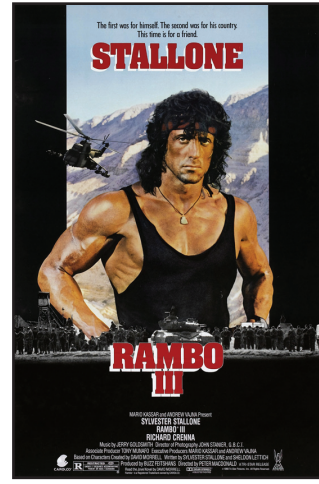
Showboat extravaganza was \$10,000. Tom Nugent of Lowell, state vice president of the Michigan FFA Association was one of over 100 state FFA officers who met last week with President Ronald Reagan in Washington DC. Democratic presidential nominee Michael Dukakis' daughter-in-law Lisa Dukakis visited Lincoln School checking out the facilities that are used to train and educate roughly 290 trainable mentally impaired, severely mentally

impaired and severely multiply impaired students. Jane Aronson was named the new librarian of the Lowell Public Library.

Sept. 1988
Lowell's Chamber of Commerce honored, Ivan Blough, Lowell resident

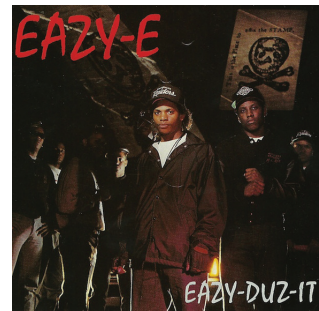


of 40 years, with the 1988 "Person of the Year" award. Lowell's school district was denied its request for a 2.9 mill increase in 1988-89 and an additional .3 mills in 1989-90 and 1990-91.



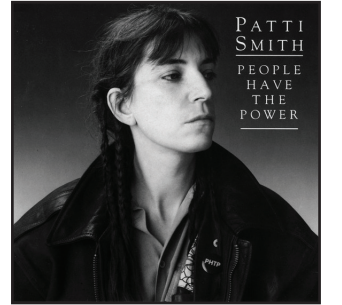
The millage rejection meant the board's immediate goal would be to make \$300,000 worth of cuts. Thousands of people traveled around and through detours to get to Fallsburg Park and enjoy the sights, sounds, and tastes of the 20th Annual Fallsburg Fall Festival, sponsored by the Lowell Area Arts Council.

Oct. 1988
Lowell's new \$96,000 firetruck was delivered. The truck is able to spray 1,000 gallons of water per minute. The new truck replaced the old one purchased back in 1985.



Charlene McNab was named the new account clerk at Lowell city hall. Lowell's city council gets a backlash of disappointment and anger after it had 25 black walnut trees severed at Oakwood Cemetery. The city stated the trees were messy, deteriorating, old and diseased as reasons for its decision. The Lowell community lost a coach and friend when Carrol R. "Chris" Burch passed away at the age of 85. Burch came to the Lowell Schools in 1937. He coached Lowell football from 1937 until 1953, compiling a 72-57-7 mark, the winningest in Lowell history.

such topics as AIDS testing, capital punishment, transportation and others. Gordon Gould was appointed to the Showboat president position, following the resignation of board president Ray Quada, who stepped down because of positive changes in his employment. Kurt Blasher, Lowell, was the winner of the Lowell Ledger's "First Buck" contest. Blasher brought in an eight-point buck.



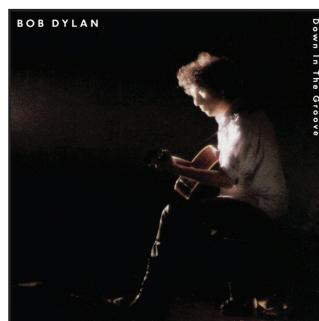
City fathers put finishing touches on a 1,000-foot sliding hill for youths on N. Washington east of the old shooting range.



Dec. 1988
Lowell's Santa Claus Parade on Dec. 3 was a big success as residents lined the streets from Washington to Thomet's Chevrolet as floats, baton twirlers, Scout troops and bands marched merrily along.



The \$5.7 million waste water treatment plant nears its completion. The new plant will remove 95-98 percent of all the water pollutants before being returned to the Flat River. Lowell Rotary opens its doors to its first woman Rotarian. Linda Zaczek attended her first Rotary meeting as an official Rotarian. The Village Party Shoppe is sold to George Saigeon. The name was also changed to Iceman's Outlet.



Nov. 1988
Slate Representative Vic Krause visited and spoke to a LHS social studies class. The seminar covered



Season's Readings!

As we turn the page to another holiday season, we'd like to take a moment to thank you, our loyal readers, for your trust and support. We hope this Christmas delivers all the good news you've been hoping for and more. **Happy Holidays!**

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