

Flat River Outreach Ministries



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Michigan is basically closed due to snow



The 'Blizzard of 2019' dumped up to eight inches of snow on some parts of Michigan this week and wind chills were well below zero. Governor Whitmer declared a state of emergency and most schools, churches, government offices and businesses in the Lower Peninsula either didn't open or closed early on Monday and Tuesday, including many in Lowell. Pictured here is downtown Lowell's historic Main St. on Tuesday morning.

WinterFest and 5K coming to WWC

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

There are going to be a slew of fun activities for the whole family during the Wittenbach Wege Center's WinterFest and Winter Waggle events on Saturday, Feb. 2.

First is the Winter Waggle 5k, co-sponsored with the Lowell YMCA and Lowell Community Wellness.

"This is our second Winter Waggle 5K and partnering with the YMCA makes perfect sense," said WWC director Courtney Cheers. "WinterFest has been held annually for 17 years and Lowell Community Wellness has supported the event since its inception and recently through their community initiative grant."

Registration begins at 9:15, the race starts at 10. The course will take you through some of the WWC's nature trails and they'll even let you use snowshoes (which they rent) or skis if you don't want to walk or run.

To make the 5k a step more interesting and

challenging, you can request an "orientation option."

"The orienteering challenge is to test your compass skills and keep your mind sharp," Cheers said. "Participants will check out a compass and the bearings for each question at registration. There will be two challenges with three trivia questions each. Bearings will be given in order to find the trivia answer. The first three participants or teams to turn in the correct answers will win a prize."

The cost to participate in the Winter Waggle is \$15 for individuals or \$30 for a family or group of up to four people. After the race, all participants will receive a snowflake medal, hot chocolate and snacks.

The WWC WinterFest events will occur in the same location on the same day from 10 am until 3 pm. Gene Wasserman from the Michigan Bluebird Society will be there from 11 am until 1 pm leading workshops on how to build a nest box, or a seed or suet bird feeder.

"Learn to identify common song birds, different types of feeders and food, and why bluebirds need your help," Cheers said. "[You can] build your own seed or suet feeder on site. The presentation is free but there is a cost for each feeder."

Starting at 1 pm, Dan Anderson, owner of Tundra Kennels in Ottawa County, will have his crew of sled dogs at the center for an interactive presentation about the animals, their equipment and the team's experiences competing in the Iditarod race.

Other fun activities include arts and crafts projects, face painting and a scavenger hunt and other games on the trail.

"The scavenger hunt is trail sleuthing from clue to clue to locate different nature items along or near the trails," Cheers said. "In this scavenger hunt you will take only pictures and leave only footprints. Winter sledding or skiing activewear is appropriate for the day."

For more information

about how to enter the Winter Waggle 5k, call the WWC at 616-987-2565 or find links to that information online at grymca.org or facebook.com/wittenbachwegecenter.

"We are all looking for ways to expand our

offerings, pool our resources and do something better than what we could individually," Cheers said. "We all want to encourage family-friendly, healthy activities that keep us moving in the winter."



Participants working on a craft at last year's Wittenbach Wege Center WinterFest.

Lowell city council talks fire department, more



Deputy fire chief Shannon Witherell said the fire department needs to hire more people in order to function at full capacity.

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell city council had their latest regular meeting at city hall on Tuesday, Jan. 22. The meeting lasted one hour and 32 minutes and was attended by 10 citizens.

The majority of the meeting time was dedicated to a presentation by and discussion with members of the Lowell Area Fire and Emergency Services Authority, who are going from government meeting to government meeting asking the three municipalities they cover (Lowell and Vergennes Townships in addition to the city) to split the cost of adding more full-time staff to the fire department. According to the fire

department's proposed plan, each government body would need to contribute \$67,380.

Fire chief Ron van Overbeek and deputy fire chief Shannon Witherell said the department wants to hire three full-time salaried fire fighters. This will enable them to ensure fire coverage between 6 am and 4 pm, hours when Witherell said the vast majority of calls come in. Currently, their staff of part-time and volunteer fire fighters find it difficult to respond to incidents during those hours because they all have other jobs, including Chief Van Overbeek, who is the head safety coordinator at Lowell Light & Power.

"We [already] contribute \$125,000 annually to the fire authority," said Lowell city manager Michael Burns. "Currently, this proposal that is being in front of you, we couldn't even afford our share without additional revenue. Really, the only way to really generate more revenue is, you have to either special assess or increase the millage in order to subsidize this. That's just to get us that \$67,000. Plus, every year you have to take into account inflationary. At this point, we're talking about a non-unionized workforce. That could change. It's happened. I don't know. Those are issues as well. So this proposal will require an increase in revenue [in] some way, in some form. [...] Unfortunately, we're not the federal government, we can't print money."

"You can't ask people to trade one service for another," said Lowell mayor Michael DeVore. "You can't say, well, here's full time fire, but at a loss to the police or the DPW or whatever else it is. Drive around when it's snowing. You can tell when you're in a city that has a DPW and when you're in a township that doesn't. Go get your wallet stolen on one corner of Alden Nash and the other one, see who gets to you first. You can tell that there's a level of service here that we provide people that is better than they can get elsewhere, and that can't suffer."

The council held two public hearings at the meeting and scheduled

another one for their next meeting. The first public hearing was about creating an "industrial development district" in order to give King Milling a tax credit so they can comfortably continue their expansion. King Milling senior vice president Jim Doyle was at the meeting and described the potential uses of the new construction.

"We're putting in a warehouse and packing facility," Doyle said. "We'll be sending flour from the milling process to this new structure. We'll then pack the flour in 50-pound bags, 2,000-pound tote bags and so on. And then [we'll] have a nice warehouse with dock doors. We'll be able to back trucks up and load out of that facility."

The second public hearing was about the city's application to participate in MDOT's Small Urban grant program. According to the MDOT website, the program "provides federal Surface Transportation Program funding to areas with a urbanized population of 5,000 to 49,999." The council is applying for funds to repair the section of Monroe between Fremont and Avery. Williams & Works estimated this project to cost about \$702,000.

"Construction on Monroe would be eligible for funding with this program," Burns said. "[They] are allowing a maximum award of \$375,000 with a minimum 20 percent match."

The council set a public hearing, to take place at some point during their



King Milling senior vice president Jim Doyle said the company is building a new warehouse and flour packing facility.

Feb. 4 regular meeting, about "removing a portion of Riverside Park from the parks and recreation master plan." They also intend to add some non-park property to the park plan to make up for it.

The council also voted unanimously to approve amendments to Burns' employment agreement. Changes include annual three percent salary increases until 2021, 12 months of severance pay in the event he is terminated and \$1,500 in reimbursement for registration fees, travel, lodging and meals associated with the International City Managers Association

conference, to be held in Nashville this October (the past few years it's taken place in Baltimore, San Antonio, Kansas City and Seattle).

To watch this meeting and many past city council, board and commission meetings, visit the city of Lowell's YouTube channel.

Lowell city council's next regular meeting will be at city hall at 7 pm on Monday, Feb. 4. The council will meet with the public at a "Coffee with the Council" event at Lowell Chamber of Commerce headquarters on the Riverwalk from 8 until 10 am on Saturday, Feb. 2.

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Pinky McPherson: one of FROM's special volunteers

by Patrick Misner
contributing reporter

FROM began over 20 years ago as a partnership between 13 local churches in 1998 and is well known to most Lowell residents for their thrift shop and food pantry. Besides these more visible initiatives, they have a range of services that help people in the community with needs ranging from medical equipment to tax preparation services to financial assistance.

When contacting Dawn Broene, the executive director of Flat River Outreach Ministries, about doing a story on a volunteer at the organization, she had many to choose from. According to their website, in 2017 alone they had over 300 volunteers provide over 41,000 volunteer hours.

Eventually Broene recommended talking with Pinky McPherson, who currently volunteers on FROM's program committee. McPherson began volunteering with FROM about six years ago.

"I became involved because I knew Tamela who was the executive director at that time, and we interacted through rotary meetings," McPherson said. "Between my consulting work and her being the executive director,

she wanted me to come in and try some coaching classes."

The coaching classes dealt with job searches and financial literacy. Individuals struggling with finances would come to FROM to learn about personal financing as well as receive help connecting with available social services.

"I started out when they were looking at offering financial literacy programs and also job coaching," McPherson said. "Then they became part of the Michigan Energy Assistance Program [MEAP], which was a state-driven initiative to help people with financial needs, as far as fuel and energy. And there was a class that was being taught on financial literacy that went with it, and then some coaching. So I served as a facilitator of the class and a coach for about two years."

McPherson's past professional experience prepared her to help with these aspects of FROM's services. She worked for nearly thirty years as a physical education teacher for grade levels ranging from kindergarten to post-secondary. She then began her own consulting business,



FROM volunteer Pinky McPherson.

PMc Consulting LLC, 15 years ago.

"I do consulting with businesses and organizations on the people skills," McPherson said. "So, how to have their good people become great engaged employees, how to be strategically aligned, how to have really strong cohesive teams."

While her job title has changed, her goals have remained the same.

"My passion has been helping people really understand the skills they have, the gifts they have, and how to continue to grow them," McPherson said. "So, whether it was teaching or coaching... it was really bringing teams together and letting people find out what they were best suited for and how to make a huge contribution towards it."

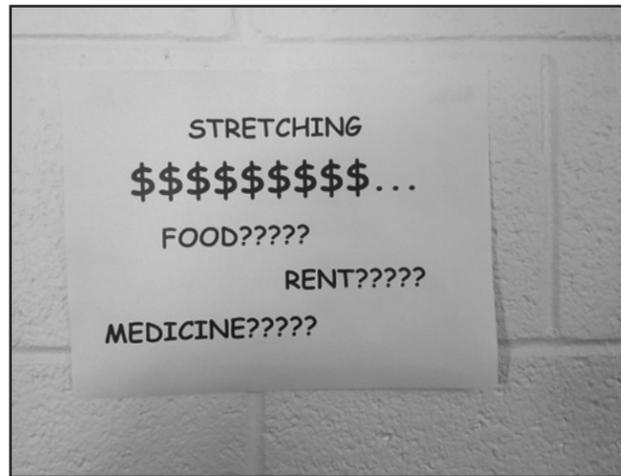
As FROM has grown, they have found that they need to more consciously align their individual programs with their overall mission. Part of this process requires assessing their programs to make sure they are receptive to the community's ever-changing needs, as well as their sustainability. McPherson helps do this with her role on the program committee. This self-assessment has led to an adjustment in FROM's focus to a certain extent.

"FROM has started shifting in how they are doing

assistance," McPherson said. "Now they have what they call 'the connections.' They've been making this shift over the last, I'm going to say, six years or more, in many of the areas that they would be able to give people assistance with. Whether it was financial assistance or food assistance, it was more of a one-time transactional assistance. [For example,] if someone had an urgent need - whether it was because of a crisis that has taken place, maybe there has been a fire or an unexpected illness, huge medical bills, or maybe someone lost a job - they definitely will help them out with food, or maybe clothing because of fire. But for those who have more chronic needs, more long-range needs, they have developed 'the connections.' So, someone can come in and make an appointment

"There is a book called 'When Helping Hurts [by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert]," McPherson said. "It looks at how to help individuals when they are in need, instead of hurting them, which sounds kind of silly. But they look at what is a chronic need versus what is a crisis need, how to help people still feel valued as they are traveling the financial (or whatever) difficulties, how to help those people with some chronic issues [while] maintaining their dignity and respect, without making it where they almost become dependent on that assistance, but they actually look at other options."

She is particularly excited about two initiatives that have resulted from this change in how FROM gives assistance. One of these is making more fresh and healthy food choices



and an individual will actually sit down and meet with them and understand what their journey is, what their story is, where they are trying to get, where they are right now, what's causing their most urgent need, and then help them look at all the different resources that are available to help them secure better well-being."

Some of this shift is reflected in a book that McPherson said is familiar to those responsible for guiding the direction of FROM's programs.

available at the pantry and the other food services offered.

"We are looking at all the different food programs and making sure we are providing good food and not just bulk food to the people that are looking for food assistance," McPherson said.

Another initiative in the early stages has to do with new housing options in Lowell.

"FROM is looking at a program called Main Street

Pinky McPherson, continued, page 7



FROM's latest big project is their housing on Main St., which will be in this location.

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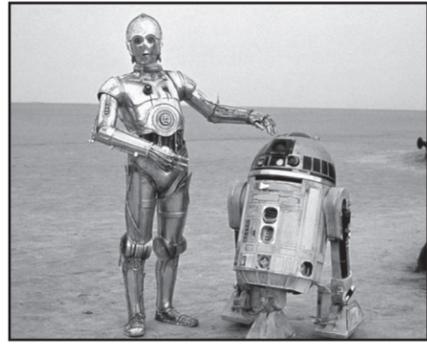
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Artificial Intelligence could make human employment obsolete

by Tim McAllister
 lead reporter

Today, computers simply run programs that obediently respond to commands input by a human operator. Machines imbued with Artificial Intelligence would be able to learn, think and act for themselves without human intervention.



Advances in research could bring Artificial Intelligence out of the realm of science fiction and into the real world.

Researchers in the US are competing with their counterparts all over the world, especially China, the UK, Japan, France, India, Sweden and Canada, in the race to create a fully independent machine and to find the best use for such technology.

According to an article in the Sunday, Jan. 20 New York Times, the various countries researching AI are all directing their research down different avenues depending on their motivations or perceived best uses for the technology. Offered as examples were Japan, where the research has an emphasis on start-ups, small companies and young people. Research from Silicon Valley, CA focuses on how to extract and monetize data from

an unwitting public and China is experimenting with things like facial recognition software and other surveillance applications to aid authorities in keeping a closer watch on the citizens. "Machine learning is the next truly disruptive technology," Elissa Strome of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research said in the Jan. 20 NY Times. "There are huge opportunities for machine learning in fields like energy, environment, transportation and health care." "We think there can be a new model for the development of artificial

intelligence that differs from China or California," said Bertrand Pailhès, the national coordinator for France's AI strategy, in the Jan. 20 NY Times.

Amazon, Google, Facebook, IBM, and Microsoft established a "Partnership on AI" in January 2017. According to a press announcement from that time, "This partnership on AI will conduct research, organize discussions, provide thought leadership, consult with relevant third parties, respond to questions from the public and media, and create educational material that advance the understanding of AI technologies including machine perception, learning, and automated reasoning." The for-profit companies involved will make financial and research contributions to the partnership while simultaneously engaging and consulting with the scientific and academic communities on technology.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Lowell has been requested to consider removing a portion of property from Riverside Park from the City of Lowell Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

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The portion 263'-2" x 7' (1,842 sf approx.) in the eastern region of the parcel.

The City of Lowell has also been requested to consider adding new property to the Park and Recreation Master Plan.

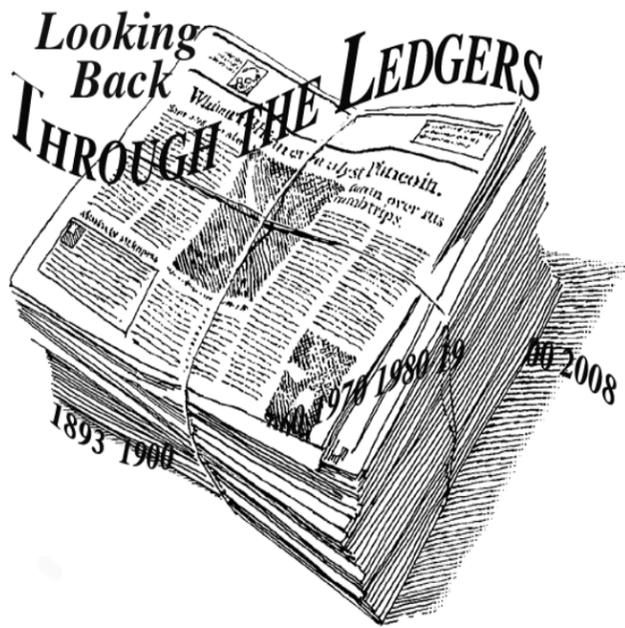
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TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council will meet at the City Hall at 301 E. Main Street in the City on Monday February 4, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., local time, for the purpose of hearing the public on these actions to facilitate redevelopment of the Unity School Property.

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viewpoint



125 years ago Lowell Ledger February 3, 1894

14 young ladies drove out to Mrs. Wiley's last Thursday, where they were entertained by Miss Aggie Wiley with a soap bubble contest. The Prizes were captured by Miss Florence McDannell, 1st, and Bessie McCarty the consolation.

A crowded house greeted the young men of the Lowell Athletic Club at their opening contest last Monday evening at Train's opera house, and the audience seemed to enjoy the performance hugely, if one might judge from the frequent bursts of applause. The clowns made the kids happy, but there was a little too much of it. There were two classes contesting, the senior and junior.

The claim of George McGee against the estate of Bernard McGee was hotly contested before Commissioners on Claims, Robert Hunter, Jr. and S. P. Hicks, the trial lasting six days. John M. Mathewson was attorney for the claimant and I. M. Turner of Grand Rapids represented the estate. Mr. Mathewson was the victor, the claim being allowed by the commissioners at \$378.05.

100 years The Lowell Ledger January 30, 1919

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Yeiter, sister Miss Lena Yeiter and Miss Nora Howe had a remarkable escape from serious injury or more, when their car turned turtle opposite the Ernst place on the Ada road Wednesday morning. All but Mr. Yeiter were thrown clear, but he was pinned under the overturned car and was helpless until the ladies lifted the car sufficiently to release him.

Quite an excitement was created around the Main and Monroe street corners Monday at 9 pm, by the screams of a woman. The Village Council in session nearby adjourned without ceremony and the city dads and Officer Walker and others hustled to the stairway of the bank and Clark block, where they found Mrs. Harry Wilsey in a hysterical condition at the bottom of the stairs and claiming that she had been harshly handled and thrown or knocked down stairs by some man whom she could not identify. Dr. Greene was called to attend her and Mr. Walker made an examination of the block, but found no clue to an assailant. Neither could the Doctor find any marks of violence upon the complainant. At this writing, the whole affair remains a mystery.

75 years The Lowell Ledger February 3, 1944

A short time ago, the Ledger stated to its readers that Captain Irwin Nummer of Lowell, now somewhere in the South Pacific, had been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart. The graphic story behind that honor is now told in the January 15th issue of the Saturday Evening Post, in an article entitled "the Terrible Days of Company E." This company led the 32nd Division's advance on Buna a year ago, after staggering across the Owen Stanley Mountains of New Guinea, where it was finally joined by the rest of the battalion.

Dr. J. W. Trumble has been getting about on crutches the past few days, as the result of an automobile collision late last Friday afternoon in which his car was pretty badly damaged. He was driving on Lincoln Lake road about five miles north of town when a car driven by Chas. Zahm drove into his path from the driveway at the Clair Culver farm, where the view of the highway is said to be not too good.

There are now 20,000 members of the Women's Army Corps who are serving with the Army Air Forces. A new national goal of 100,000 has been set for volunteers for service, with these air forces. These women are performing as many as 200 different tasks, and there seems no end to the jobs they can perform with skill and efficiency.

50 years The Lowell Ledger January 30, 1969

Root-Lowell Manufacturing Corporation, which has been in business at the same location on Main Street in Lowell for 60 years, is in the process of tearing up its deep-seated roots. Company officials were on hand Monday when the first of 225 pieces of machinery scheduled to be moved were installed at the company's new plant on Foreman Road.

Elimination of 38 teachers and a total curtailment of all but necessary classroom schedules are primary features of a complete austerity program under consideration for Lowell Area Schools for 1969-70. The Board of Education, facing an interested audience of 50 residents Monday night, calmly outlined a proposed \$1,206,000 budget that will reduce the system to half-day sessions.

Cascade Fire Department was called in the early hours Saturday to extinguish a blaze in the home of Ron Noorman, 3090 Colchester SE. The fire apparently started in the furnace room and was confined to the basement although heat and steam damage resulted on the first floor.

25 years The Lowell Ledger February 2, 1994

Horatio's Pub bowled its customers over for its Grand Opening on Super Bowl Sunday. A big screen television, refreshing spirits, The Miller Girls and specials for open bowling were available to those patrons in attendance on Sunday.

Jim and Cheryl Blodgett were honored with the Lowell Area Arts Council's highest award at the Annual Meeting on January 20. The Blodgetts were the joint recipients of the Annual Art Award, given to members whose volunteer time has significantly contributed to the promotion of the arts in the community.

Given the amount of controversy surrounding the appointment to fill the Lowell Board of Education seat vacated by Charlie Kohler back in December and the advice of legal council, the Kent County Intermediate School District Board will make the choice of who fills the seat vacated by Kohler. "Because of the preference to have the local school board make the decision, the KISD was originally going to poll the Lowell School Board for input before making its decision, but because of the amount of controversy, it will not do that," said KISD Superintendent George Woons.



Snyder's MSU board pick gave \$4K to Whitmer, \$2,500 to Benson

Michigan Republicans are grumbling behind the scenes about how Gov. Rick Snyder's Michigan State University (MSU) trustee appointment is a Democrat who helped push the party's former leader, ex-Gov. John Engler, out of a job.

Nancy Schlichting does not wear her partisan credentials on sleeve. Her calling card is that she was the president and CEO of Detroit's Henry Ford Hospital who turned around, for the better, a health system that was \$90 million in the hole when she took over.

The published author's professional accolades and other board positions are numerous.

But Schlichting is an admitted Democrat who supported Engler's removal as interim MSU president as one of her first actions on the board. That isn't setting well with Republican activists, according to numerous sources.

"That's offensive to a Republican Spartan from a barely Republican Wolverine," said Republican strategist Greg McNeilly about the action by Snyder, a University of Michigan graduate.

Schlichting gave \$4,000 to now-Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's campaign in the 2018 campaign and another \$2,500 to now-Democratic Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson.

Schlichting donated \$3,300 to former Gov. Jennifer Granholm back in the day. Combined, she's given \$13,800 to Democratic candidates compared to \$2,950 to Republican candidates, based on campaign finance records.

According to data compiled by Practical Political Consultants' Mark Grebner, Schlichting voted Democratic in the 2016 presidential primary and signed the Voters Not Politicians petitions. Over the past 10 years, she has signed the nominating petitions of seven Democratic candidates and four Republican candidates.

In interviews with some media outlets, Schlichting has conceded that she is a Democrat, which Grebner said the election-related activities of she and her household would back up.

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do not notice it. It can occur 30-50 times each hour, preventing one from getting into restful sleep.

Risk factors include: being overweight, thicker neck, narrowed airway, being male, advanced age, use of alcohol or sedatives, smoking, and nasal congestion.

Complications are not limited just to excessive daytime sedation. It can also lead to high blood pressure, irregular heartbeats, type 2 diabetes, and surgical complications.

Diagnosis is made by a sleep study. Treatment involves using a CPAP machine or an oral device that opens up your airway. Surgery can also be used.

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application, or if you prefer, you can apply at your local Social Security office.

To prepare for your application you should:

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- Tax returns;
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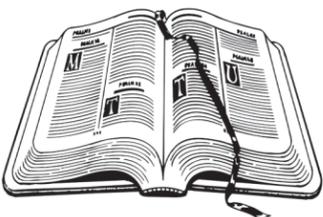
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Pinky McPherson, continued



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Housing,” McPherson said. “At the east end of Lowell, across from Ball’s Ice Cream, they have purchased some land. There were some houses there. One is still there. But they are looking ahead to develop that area for affordable housing that is safe and affordable and also to help people understand how to maintain them well.”

FROM’s previous work with the Michigan Energy Assistance Program helped them realize the difficulty many low-income people have with

finding affordable housing in the area.

“It was a surprise to me, when we did the MEAP program, how difficult it was for individuals to find temporary housing - like moving from an apartment to an actual home - at an affordable level,” McPherson said. “There are areas where people can rent, but they aren’t in charge of the repairs or the maintenance of it, so that makes it hard. If it’s not energy efficient, but you are still putting a ton in for fuel or heating it, but you can’t repair it,

you are kind of caught in a revolving door where the money is going out because it is not energy efficient. And there is not much you can do about it. So that was a real eye-opener for me.”

FROM provides these financial planning and aid services for people

in a variety of situations. They were acutely needed during the recession taking place a few years ago, when people found themselves in unfamiliar financial difficulties.

“We had individuals [in the financial planning classes] that were chronically in need of assistance only because their age or health or maybe they were on disability, or they were retired on a very fixed income, and suddenly prices for energy and everything jumped,” McPherson said. “But there were also individuals there that had never had to worry about finances that suddenly lost a job. So there were people there that knew how to tighten their belt when they had to, that knew what services were out there, and there were others that did not. And this was not just in Lowell; this took place throughout the whole state of Michigan when we had a huge economy issue.”

Pinky McPherson lives in Lowell with her husband, Mac McPherson, who works as a financial advisor.

“I grew up in Michigan on the east side, but I’ve lived in Lowell for almost 44 years now, so I am almost a native,” said McPherson.

Her three children are the seventh generation of McPhersons to be born in the Lowell area. This

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~ Anne Frank (1929 - 1945)



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long connection with the community helps her keep a pulse on what is going on in Lowell. She suggests volunteering to anyone who is able.

“FROM has volunteer orientation twice a month, so anyone interested, I encourage you to check out the dates and times and come give it a try,” McPherson said.

FROM’s free VITA tax preparation services will be available beginning on Tuesday, Feb. 5. They also loan specialized medical equipment. For

questions about these and any of the services FROM provides, they can be contacted at 616-897-8260. More information is also available on their website, fromlowell.org.



GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

**Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Synopsis of Minutes
January 14, 2019**

1. To move the Consumers Energy Combined Gas and Electric Franchise Agreement to public hearing in February.
2. To route the Cowan Sanitary Sewer Main to Pump Station 1 and add an air scrubber and generator.
3. Testing for PFAS at ponds 3 and 4 at both Grattan and Grattan/Vergennes sewer treatment plants.
5. Resolution 2019-001 for Roberts Rules of Order.
6. Resolution 2019-002 for establishing mileage rate.
7. Resolution 2019-003 for designating banking facilities.
8. Purchase of new pump for GV-PS#3 and rebuilding of Flygt pump for G-PS#3a.

Our next Township Meeting will be **January 28 at 10 a.m.**

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

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Wilma Wondergem's memories of Hank Williams

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Retired Michigan Bell operator Wilma Wondergem, a lifelong Grand Rapids resident, spent a good portion of her youth attending as many country music concerts as possible, befriendng some of the stars and taking lots of pictures. She now has a nice collection of autographs and unique, unpublished photos of country legends.

"I wasn't a little kid, but I was quite young still. Well, relatively speaking," Wondergem said.

Wondergem previously shared her stories and photos of Johnny Cash in the Jan. 9, 2019 Lowell Ledger. This week, she is sharing her experiences with Hank Williams with our readers.

Wondergem said she attended several of Williams' performances in Nashville, TN (including at the Grand Ole Opry) and once in Grand Rapids.

"We liked Hank, but we never traveled to Kalamazoo or anyplace around Michigan to see him," Wondergem said. "To see Johnny Cash we used to go to Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, Muskegon and so on. These pictures of Hank Williams were taken at the Stadium Arena in Grand Rapids. It's called the DeltaPlex now. I saw Hank in Nashville also, but the Stadium Arena was the only place in Michigan I saw him. I don't think there were many other singers on that show, I think it was mostly a Hank Williams show."

Unlike her time spent with Johnny Cash, which she could recal in vivid detail, Wondergem said her memories of Hank Williams are now somewhat indistinct.

"I remember Hank on the stage singing, and of course we loved that, he was a great singer, but I don't remember what happened backstage at all," Wondergem said. "I must have snapped pictures and gotten his autograph, because here they are, but I don't remember talking to him or anything like that. He was really skinny, I remember that, but I don't remember if he was friendly or not. I think Hank was kind of under the weather that day. Don't you think it looks like it?"



Wilma Wondergem today, above.

Williams probably was "kind of under the weather." After years of self-abuse, Williams was plagued with heart and back problems. These photos are dated July 26, 1952. At that point in time, Williams only had five months to live.

In one of the photos, Williams is pictured with 19-year-old Billie Jean Jones, a young lady he met at the Opry on June 14, 1952. He liked her so much, he got divorced from his then-wife Audrey on July 10, 1952 and on Sept. 25 1952, Jones filed for divorce from her first husband. Before the divorce could be finalized, Jones and Williams were married on Oct. 18, 1952 in a public ceremony in New Orleans in front of 14,000 people.

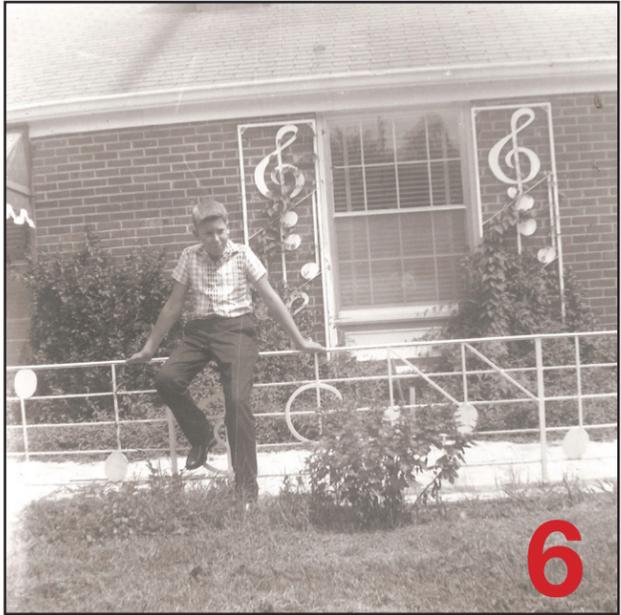
"That's Billie Jean with Hank," Wondergem said. "She was really pretty. I'm sorry I didn't get a picture of her whole head. I guess I'm lucky I got as much as I did!"

The last half of 1952 was a period of upheaval for Williams, and he didn't survive it. He was fired from the Grand Ole Opry on Aug. 10 for missing performances and being drunk onstage. On Aug. 17 he was arrested for public drunkenness. On Oct. 31 he entered a sanitarium to cure his alcoholism, but left to go on tour on Nov. 2. He came back to the sanitarium after the tour, but spent less than a week there. He was forcibly returned to the sanitarium after another arrest for public drunkenness on Dec. 11, but was released on Dec. 13. That very same day he played a set on the "Louisiana Hayride" radio show. He played his final live concert, a benefit for the musicians union at the Elite Cafe in Montgomery, AL on Dec. 18. Williams died in the back of a moving Cadillac limousine on the way to a gig in Canton, OH on Jan. 1, 1953. He was only 29 years old.

In upcoming editions of the Ledger, Wondergem will share more stories and more unpublished photos of her encounters with country music legends such as the Louvin Brothers, Carl Perkins, Webb Pierce, Hawkshaw Hawkins, Carl Smith, Conway Twitty, Eddy Arnold, Roy Acuff, Slim Whitman and many, many more.

In the photos at right, Williams poses with Wondergem and her friends. In the top photo, she is to the right of Williams, in the middle photo she is to his left. The bottom photo was taken in Nashville but signed in Grand Rapids.





1. Williams with Billie Jean Jones, whom he married a few weeks later.

2. Williams with Grand Rapids disc jockey and recording artist Ray Overholt.

3. Williams poses with opening act Hank Thompson.

4. Opening act Carl Smith (right) poses with Williams' steel guitar player Don Helms (left). "I didn't know Don that well, he just seemed like a regular, nice guy," Wondergem said.

5. Williams poses with opening act Ray Price.

6. Wondergem took this photo of future star Hank Williams Jr. playing in the front yard of his home in Nashville in August 1960.

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SPORTS

CLS swimmers keep Tier II record perfect in Hastings

by Brett Bremer

Looking to defend their first league championship from a season ago, the Caledonia/Lowell/South Christian (CLS) varsity boys' swimming and diving team improved to 3-0 in OK Rainbow Conference Tier II duals with a win in Hastings Thursday.

The CLS team, with a new head coach and new leaders in the water, bested the Delton Kellogg/Thornapple Kellogg/

for that," new CLS head coach Trenten Babcock said. "I was really pleased with that. The boys hustled and they swam smart for the most part, so I can't really ask for much more than that. Overall, this season has been really solid."

Babcock is also the coach of the West Catholic varsity girls' swimming and diving team.

"This has been fun. Learning how to handle high school boys is always

won the 200-yard freestyle relay in 1:38.71. The team of Arendsen, Dykhouse, Pollock and Logan won the 400-yard freestyle relay in 3:40.54.

Bud is the only senior relay swimmer for the Vikings. Dykhouse and Logan are freshmen. Arendsen, Le and Burghgraef are sophomores and Pollock is a junior.

"We got a lot of freshmen in this year," Babcock said. "I was

Arendsen won the 200-yard individual medley in 2:15.66. Pollock won the 50-yard freestyle in 23.49 seconds. Le won the 100-yard butterfly in 58.97. Dykhouse won the 100-yard backstroke in 58.27. Emmet Schmebling, another junior for CLS, won the 500-yard freestyle in 5:21.81.

Bud was the runner-up in the 50-yard freestyle in 23.49 and in the 100-yard freestyle in 54.98.

"Bud has been wonderful in terms of keeping a light attitude, teaching everybody cheers and it has been a balance between working hard and having fun – kind of like (the NBA's) Golden State. You want to have that joy that (coach) Steve Kerr preaches. I think (Bud) has been a good leader, along with the other captains Alex (Pollock) and Emmet (Schmebling) in terms of keeping the mood light and keeping everyone accountable, and yet enjoying the process of swimming, learning, getting better and winning."

CLS's Logan Morse, a sophomore, won the diving competition with a score of 198.95 points, ahead of DK/TK/Hastings runner-up Gram Price who earned a score of 173.60.

CLS came into Thursday's meet having already scored league wins over Grand Rapids



CLS sophomore Zach Burghgraef nears the turn during the breaststroke leg of the 200-yard individual medley Thursday during the Vikings' OK Rainbow Conference Tier II dual in Hastings.

Union and Muskegon Mona Shores.

Andrew Tuokkola took the 200-yard freestyle for DK/TK/Hastings in 2:04.15, and Alex Fabiano won the 100-yard freestyle in 51.88 and the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:07.86.

It was the first breaststroke race for Fabiano this season, who is really working to cut his times in his freestyle events and the backstroke at the moment. He planned on swimming the breaststroke just the one time this season.

His time is just 1.67 seconds off the school record set by his former teammate Bennett Flear in 2016. Fabiano holds the DK/TK/Hastings I record in the 200-yard freestyle, the 200-yard individual medley, the 100-yard freestyle, and the 100-yard backstroke. He

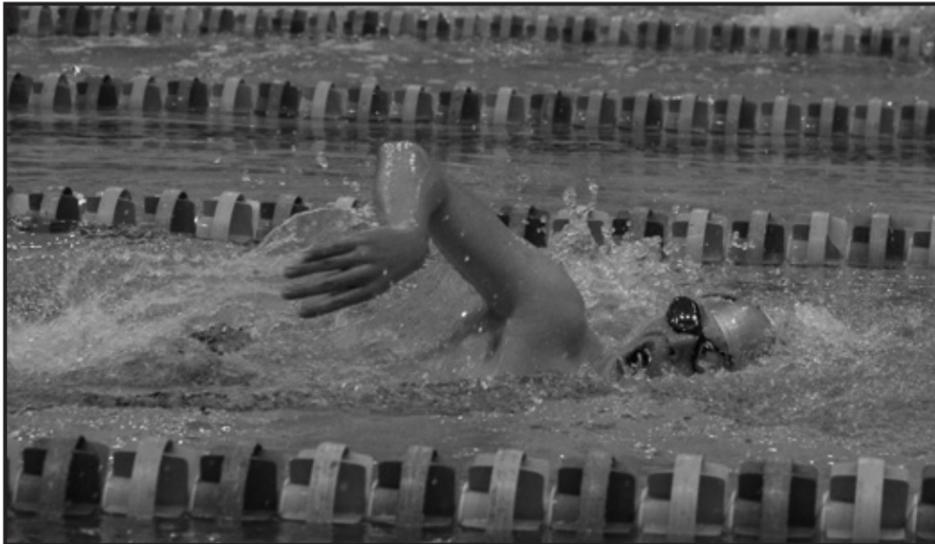
and Flear were both a part of the program's record-setting foursomes in all three relay races.

Fabiano said he might try once more to get that breaststroke record, but there aren't many meets left in the season.

Tuokkola swam well Thursday too, cutting down his season-best time in both the 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle. He was second to Schmebling in the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:21.81.

It was also a pretty good evening for DK/TK/Hastings' Samuel Randall who finished the 100-yard butterfly in less than a minute for the first time, placing second to Le in 59.67.

Le had a runner-up time of his own in the 100-yard breaststroke, finishing behind Fabiano in 1:11.59.



CLS freshman James Eardley works his way through the water towards a fourth-place finish in the 500-yard freestyle during his team's conference meet against Delton Kellogg/Thornapple Kellogg/Hastings in Hastings Thursday.

Hastings team 124-57 in the Community Education and Recreation Center pool.

The Vikings won nine of the 12 events, sweeping the top spot in the three relays, with six swimmers winning individual races.

"We have been racing a lot. There is incremental progress that I have seen throughout the season and tonight was a continuation

interesting. They're a good bunch. They're hard-working, they're fun-loving and they're smart."

Ty Dykhouse, Alexander Pollock, Alexander Le and Ethan Arendsen started the evening by winning the 200-yard medley relay for CLS in 1 minute 45.15 seconds. Pollock, Zach Logan, Zach Burghgraef and David Bud

surprised when I walked in and there were 23 kids (total). I was like, all right, let's go for it. I was happy with it. A lot of them have a little bit of a background in the sport. I guess that kind of speaks to the culture that CLS has developed, that they do bring in kids that have swimming experience. They know that you'll work hard."

Red Arrows lose to Red Hawks

submitted by WRWW

Playing before a sparse crowd, due to less than ideal weather conditions, the Lowell Red Arrows lost to the Cedar Springs Red Hawks 52 to 42 last week

Tuesday. Lowell got off to a very slow start, unable to find the bottom of the basket, only scoring five points in the first stanza, while Cedar Springs tallied 10, paced by Trenton Cooper with eight,

including two three-point shots. The second quarter was somewhat better for the Arrows as they put up 11 points. The downside was the Red Hawks putting up an additional 16 points

to lead at halftime 26 to 16. Gavin Coxon scored four points in that quarter, on his way to a game-high total for Lowell of 12 points. Cedars Springs' Dawson Wood poured in

nine in the same period, finishing the game with 15 points. Applying pressure defensively, and having the best quarter of the game offensively, Lowell fought back, outscoring the Red Hawks 14 to 9 in the third period. Trevor Petroelje had the hot hand for the Red Arrows, scoring six points in eight minutes. Lowell closed the gap to two points in the fourth

quarter, aided by Braiden Hamilton's five points, but Bryce Marvel (Cedar Springs) showed why he was moved up to varsity as a sophomore, scoring eight points in the final quarter with three two-pointers and going two-for-two at the free-throw line. The Red Hawks pulled away at the end, aided by converting on seven of eight free throws.

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SPORTS

Senior gymnasts and parents recognized

submitted by WRWW

The Red Arrows took on the Rockford Rams in gymnastics competition last week, Wednesday, Jan. 23. At the beginning of the event, two graduating seniors (Corah Miller and Lilly Lothian) and their parents were recognized by Athletic Director, Dee Crowley, for their long-term commitment and

sacrifice, to the program. Following the ceremony, action commenced with the Red Arrows performing on the vault. Reagan Ammon, of Rockford, placed first in the event with a score of 9.175. Lowell senior Miller tied for second place with the Rams' Morgan Case, both totaling 8.975.

The next event for the Arrows was the uneven

parallel bars. Rockford took the two top spots with Ashley Faulkner registering a 9.075, followed by teammate Ammon with an 8.425. A third place finish was awarded to Miller with an 8.300.

The balance beam was not one of the four gymnastics events in which Lowell excelled. Miller placed fourth with an 8.450. She trailed Rockford's Ashley Faulkner with an outstanding 9.350, Caleigh Kusmierski, 9.125 and Chantel Lokers, 8.800.

The last event, a strong one for Lowell, was the floor exercise. Lowell's Paige Barnart topped all competitors with an 8.925. She was closely followed by Rockford's Ammon with an 8.900. The Red Arrows took the next five spots, third through seventh from Aubri Lemike, Miller, Katy Hock, Eimly Lothian and Taeghan Ronchetti, respectively.



Senior parent recognition: Lilly Lothian with her parents: Lori and Ryan Lothian plus Corah Miller with her parents: Sarah and Mitch Miller.



Corah Miller on the balance beam.

After the totals were in, Miller placed first in the "All-Around" with a 34.450. She was followed by the Red Arrow's Lemke with a 33.625 and the Rams' Nichole Curtis with a 32.325.

Final score of the meet was Rockford 138.575, Lowell 134.675

Following the meet, graduating senior, Miller, was asked what the gymnastic program has meant to her. She stated, "I love gymnastics, but it is so much more than that. It's all about my teammates."

The Red Arrows will be on the road for their next several meets. They

are at Forest Hills Central on Wednesday, Jan. 30 and Kenowa Hills on Wednesday, Feb. 6, before the Rainbow Conference meet on Saturday, Feb. 16 at Kenowa Hills. The "B" teams compete at Rockford High School on Monday, Feb. 11.

Steady game, big second half leads to win for the ladies

submitted by WRWW

Playing an all-around good game, especially the second half, the lady Red Arrows, defeated the Ottawa Hills Bengals last Friday, 47 to 31. The 'nip and tuck' first half ended with the Red Arrows leading by one point, 22 to 21. In that first half, Emily Depew led all Lowell players with seven points. Her teammate, Regan Coxon, went to the free-throw line often, making

six of her eight free throws. Tylisha Johnson (Ottawa Hills) kept her team in the game, dropping in ten points. The second half was very different from the first half. The Arrows held the Bengals' Johnson scoreless the second half. Lowell outscored Ottawa Hills, 12 to two in the third period and entered the fourth quarter leading in the contest, 34 to 23. The Arrows continued to



Emily Depew making a first half free throw. She made 5 of 10 free throws for the night.



Jena Lyon looking to score after receiving the pass.

apply defensive pressure in the fourth quarter, only allowing the Bengals to score eight points, while they totaled 13. Coxon had 11 points the second half giving her 17 for the game. Depew, playing strong all game long, put up another

8 points the second half to finish with 15 for the night. The Bengals' Johnson was the high scorer for her team with 10 points, all coming in the first half. Lowell shot 33 free throws, making 18. Ottawa Hills was 7 for 11 from the line.

Red Arrow Fall SPORTS SCHEDULES

BOYS VARSITY WRESTLING

* Denotes a home game

2/1 at 5 pm OK White Conference at FHN
2/6 time TBA MHSSA Team Districts

BOYS VARSITY SWIM & DIVE

1/31 at 6 pm West Catholic
2/7 at 6 pm Wayland Union

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

* Denotes a home game at LHS

1/30 at 7 pm at FHC
2/6 at 7 pm at Kenowa Hills

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

* Denotes a game at LHS main gym

2/1 at 5:30 pm Jenison* Hero Night
2/5 at 7 pm at Northview

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

* Denotes a home game at LHS main gym

2/1 at 7 pm Jenison* Hero Night
2/5 at 7 pm Northview*

GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER

2/2 at 10 am Kenowas Hills Invite
2/6 at 6 pm Jamboree #3 at Northview

BOYS VARSITY HOCKEY

* Denotes a home game at Kentwood Ice Arena

2/2 at 6 pm East Kentwood* Senior Night
2/8 & 2/9 time TBA HS. Showcase - Chelsea

BOYS & GIRLS BOWLING

* Denotes a meet at The Bowling Alley - Ionia

2/4 at 3:30 pm Kent City at Sparta Lanes
2/6 at 3:30 pm FHC at Eastbrook Lanes

obituaries

FRANCISCO

Denise Marie Francisco, age 49, of Saranac, passed away, Friday, January 25, 2019. She was preceded in death by her "son" Chris Grundy; mother-in-law, Ruth Witherell; and brother- and sister-in-law, Mark and Julee Witherell. Denise is survived by her husband of 31 years, Eric Witherell; children, Heather and Shawn Witherell; grandchildren, Legend, Honor and Landin Barker; parents, Richard and Helen Francisco; brother, Richard Francisco; brother-in-law, Craig Witherell; several nieces and nephews; "daughter" Stephanie Closson; her pets, Kilo, Blue and Shiloh as well as "granddog" Honey Bee. Denise was a mom to many kids. She retired from working in the food service department in the Forest Hills School District for 22+ years to be a stay-at-home grandma. She was a loving mother to all, especially her kids, grandkids and furbabies. She loved the outdoors and spending time with her family. Visitation will be held Wednesday, January 30, from 10 AM-12 PM and 6-9 PM at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331. The funeral service will be Thursday, January 31 at 11 AM at Roth-Gerst Chapel. Chaplin Shannon Witherell officiating. Memorial contributions in Denise's memory may be made to the Witherell Family, c/o Huntington Bank, to assist with funeral expenses.



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LEMMON

Norma Lemmon, age 86 of Lowell, died Wednesday, January 23, 2019. She is survived by her sisters, Joyce Irwin and Diane (Ray) Roy; several nieces and nephews and special friend, Shirley Carroll. Norma loved gardening and was a devoted longtime member of First Baptist Church of Lowell. She was a teacher with the Rockford school district mostly at Cannonsburg Elementary. Norma was a wonderful friend to many people, was greatly loved and will be missed. Visitation and funeral service we held Monday, January 28, at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home with Pastor Jon Pickens of First Baptist Church of Lowell, officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church of Lowell, 2275 W. Main, Lowell, Michigan 49331.



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TETZLAFF

John Patrick Tetzlaff Sr., age 83, passed away Friday, January 25, 2019. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Helen Staal and Betty Haight. John is the beloved father of Linda (Paul Luna) Young, Laura Mosteller, Kathleen Tetzlaff, Kimberly Horsley, and John (Dawn) Tetzlaff. He is dearly loved by his 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters, Alice, Margaret, and Anna Mae. John was a commercial painter for Kooi Industrial Painting for many years. Memorial Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated Thursday, January 31, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, 402 Amity St., Lowell. Rev. Aaron Ferris presiding. The family will greet friends and relatives one hour prior to the mass at the church.



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"My model says that given an evenly matched pair of candidates, there's an 85 percent chance she'll choose the Dem," he said. "That's not what I'd call a 'strong Democrat,' but more like a Dem-leaning independent."

Unlike Snyder's other appointments to college boards, his lone appointment to replace former retiring Democratic Trustee George Perles comes with a political label. If she chooses, Schlichting could run in 2022. If she wants to seek the nomination, current Michigan Democratic Party (MDP) Chair Brandon Dillon said he doesn't see any reason why she wouldn't get a nod from Dem delegates . . . particularly after she was among the board members who pushed out Engler.

Meanwhile, Republicans are stewing that Snyder didn't pick someone who actually wanted the seat, but lost out because of last year's political environment. Either of GOP's 2018 MSU trustee nominees, Dave Dutch or Mike Miller, would have made sense to most Republicans.

"Both of them worked hard for the position and either would have served the public well, but that didn't happen," said Republican consultant Stu Sandler.

At the very least, the R's would have been happy if Snyder had followed his prior practice of appointing someone from his inner circle to the university board -- Lt. Gov. Brian Calley or Chief of Staff Dick Posthumus are both Spartan graduates.

Instead, one unnamed Republican said party loyalists felt as if Snyder had given them "the big middle finger on the way out the door."

McNeilly, a former executive director of the Michigan Republican Party (MRP), said the Governor's legacy as a Republican evaporated over time with some of his appointments and vetoes.

"Near the end, he started governing more as a moderate Democrat and this appointment only gives that argument credence," he said.

That said, Snyder's appointment wasn't surprising in that politics wasn't a driving decision behind many of his later decisions. He never endorsed Republican gubernatorial nominee Bill Schuette. He didn't show up to the MRP's August convention or any rally held by Vice President Mike Pence.

Snyder's office acknowledges that the Governor tried to keep politics out of this decision.

"Unless a board specified that it had to have a certain number of Republicans, Democrats and independents, similar to the Mackinac Island State Parks board, we typically didn't ask political affiliation when considering people for roles," said long-time Snyder aide Allison Scott.

This was particularly true when it came to picking a trustee at Michigan State University, a school still healing from the Larry Nassar sex abuse scandal. The Snyder inner circle wanted a talented individual with no connection to the university and impeccable professional credentials.

"Under any normal circumstance, I'd have loved to serve as trustee at Michigan State University," Calley said. "But Dick Posthumus and I took our names out from the beginning because we thought it would be important to bring in a fresh set of eyes, someone who could evaluate the entire situation and do what needed to be done without having to worry about managing baggage from past relations."

Posthumus and Engler, for instance, are longtime personal friends. Calley has such pride for his alma mater "I want to ask for (basketball coach) Tom Izzo's autograph every time I see him."

In picking a replacement to Perles, political affiliation didn't even enter the equation. Schlichting's name came up in a brainstorming session involving Snyder, Scott, Calley, Posthumus and Deputy Chief of Staff Beth Emmitt because of her work at Henry Ford, among other things.

"Political affiliation didn't come into the equation," Calley said. "It wasn't a factor. We had decided to appoint Nancy before anyone thought to ask her what her political affiliation was."

The MSU board is one of only three publicly elected university boards in which the political parties select nominees. Snyder had the opportunity to make the 2019 board a 5-3 Democratic board, but his decision makes it a 6-2 Democratic advantage.

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Red Arrow

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SPORTS

Team effort, hustle, defense: keys to win

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Last Friday the Red Arrows took on OK White Conference foe, the Ottawa Hills Bengals. It was apparent from the beginning that Lowell was focused on being aggressive on defense as well as offense. The team effort resulted in a 55 to 44 win for the Arrows. Lowell jumped out to an 18 to nine lead at the end of the first quarter with Gavin

Coxon leading the way with six points. Both teams struggled a bit, offensively in the second quarter. Ottawa Hills notched nine points to Lowell's seven making the halftime score: Lowell 25, Ottawa Hills 18. The third quarter saw the Red Arrows outscore the Bengals 16 to 14. Paving the way offensively for Lowell, was Braiden Hamilton who 'lit-it-up'

for six points, two of them three-point shots, beyond the arc. Leading 41 to 32 to start the fourth quarter, the Red Arrows continued to attack the basket, scoring 14 points. Trevor Petroelje dropped in five points that period to finish the game with 11 points. Hamilton was the game-high scorer for Lowell with 12 points, with teammate Coxon accounting for an additional



Braiden Hamilton taking the ball down the court.



Andy Anschutz at the free throw line. He made 4 of 5 from the charity stripe.

10 points. Ottawa Hills' Larry Phillips had 14 points for the game, followed by Brandon Harris with eight. The Red Arrows made 12 of 18 free throws with the

Bengals converting on 11 of 20. Lowell had games on the road this past Monday and Tuesday against Forest Hills Central and Caledonia, respectively.

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Fashion Foibles

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Just when you thought there was nothing new under the blue jeans sun: A Ukrainian designer is asking \$377 for a pair of jeans that have one fitted leg and one flared leg. Ksenia Schneider, who calls her design the Asymmetric Jean, told DazedDigital.com: "It's good to get people talking, and they're definitely going to make people turn their heads as you walk by!"

Precocious

Employees of John J. Murphy Elementary School in Round Lake Park, Illinois, were surprised on Jan. 9 when a car drove into the drop-off lane and an 11-year-old student exited the driver's seat. Witnesses alerted police, who issued an arrest warrant for the front-seat passenger, 31-year-old Khafilu M. Oshodi of Round Lake, for two counts of child endangerment; a 9-year-old was riding in the back seat. Police Chief George Filenko told the Lake County News-Sun the situation could have "resulted in any number of tragic scenarios." The children have been placed with other relatives, and police are still looking for Oshodi.

Alijah Hernandez of Houston is a skilled barber in her father's shop, reported KTRK-TV on Jan. 17 -- which wouldn't ordinarily be newsworthy. But Alijah is only 7 years old. Her dad, Franky, says she's been watching him since she was a toddler and started perfecting her skills three years ago. For her part, Alijah says cutting hair comes naturally to her; she practices on friends and family (with her dad supervising) and has already faced off in barber competitions across Texas.

What's That up in the Sky?

The rare super blood wolf moon of Jan. 20 was so captivating to some skywatchers on Florida's Ponte Vedra Beach, that they didn't notice when the tide rolled in and waterlogged their Honda CRV. The St. Johns County Sheriff's Office told News4Jax the occupants were able to get out of the car and move to safety, although the vehicle itself wasn't recovered until the next day. A photo showed water up to the windshield on the front end.

Meanwhile, in West Palm Beach, Florida, two unnamed 24-year-olds chose to view the Jan. 20 eclipse by lying prone in the middle of a dark road near the Apoxee Wilderness Trail. Which would have worked out fine, except around 11:30 p.m. a West Palm Beach police officer patrolling the area ran over the pair. Fortunately, reported the South Florida Sun Sentinel, he was cruising at just 5 mph, and the human speed bumps sustained only non-life-threatening injuries. The officer was put on paid administrative leave while the incident was investigated.

Terrifying Technology

Laura Lyons of Orinda, California, was in her kitchen on the afternoon of Jan. 20 when a loud alert noise blared in the living room, followed by a detailed warning from "Civil Defense" that intercontinental ballistic missiles were on their way from North Korea to Los Angeles, Chicago and Ohio. Lyons told the San Jose Mercury News the message warned residents they had three hours to evacuate. As she and her husband absorbed the news, they realized it had come from their Nest security camera -- not from the TV, where the Rams-Saints game was proceeding as normal, and news channels were not reporting anything unusual. "It was five minutes of sheer terror," she said. The Lyonses called 911 and then Nest, where a supervisor told them they had been victims of a "third-party hack" on their camera and speakers.

Latest Religious Messages

British retailer Marks & Spencer is in hot water with Muslims who claim the store's brand of toilet paper is embossed with the Arabic symbol for the word "God." An unnamed man posted a video to social media displaying a roll of M&S Aloe Vera 3-ply tissue and urging his Muslim brothers and sisters to avoid buying it or boycott the store altogether. Metro News reports that in response, Marks & Spencer says the symbol is of an aloe vera leaf: "The motif on the aloe vera toilet tissue, which we have been selling for over five years, is categorically of an aloe vera leaf, and we have investigated and confirmed this with our suppliers."

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 26. End-of-semester events
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 31. Type of coffee maker
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 42. Color lightly
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 49. *What nominees do
 51. Like lathered hands
 54. Read-only memory device
 56. Aerosol can emanation
 57. Toothy groomer
 58. Three-ply dunker
 59. Lice eggs
 60. *Bee ____, multiple awards winner
 61. Series of reps, pl.
 62. "Laughing on the inside" text
 63. Fifty-fifty
 64. * ____ of the Year
 67. Partaker's pronoun

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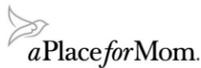
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WWI private Charles W. Clark (1894-1918)

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Charles W. Clark, a casualty of World War I, was one of the namesakes of the Clark/Ellis American Legion post, but few facts are known about the man.

Clark's 90-year-old grandniece, Jean Bishop, lives on Avery St. in downtown Lowell. Bishop said that her mother, Ina Potter, never spoke about her brother "Charlie" and neither did the rest of the family. She owns no photos of him nor any memorabilia of his life, all she has is a tattered, laminated photocopy of Clark's obituary from a 1918 edition of the Lowell Ledger. Everything she knows about her uncle comes from that brief, century-old snippet.

Clark was born in Lowell on March 30, 1894. He was a doughboy, a private in one of the machine gun battalions of the 85th Division (a.k.a. the "Custer Division") of the US Army. That infantry division was trained at Camp Custer, outside of Battle Creek, in 1917. Soldiers at Camp Custer were trained under Major General Joseph Dickman, a veteran of the Apache Wars, the Spanish/American War, the Philippine/American War and the Boxer Rebellion. Most of the soldiers trained there were from Michigan and Wisconsin, particularly Detroit. After training, soldiers in the 85th were deployed in France and Russia, the last units arriving in France by Aug. 12, 1918. Their commander was Major General C.W. Kennedy and they were billeted in the French cities of Humbligny, Nevers and Cosne. Infantry soldiers like Clark were sent to combat on the front lines to replace their fallen comrades, an incredibly dangerous mission. They saw intense fighting during battles in Lorraine,



Charles W. Clark's final resting place is in Oakwood Cemetery, lot 67, grave 4 of the original section. If he has a headstone, it is somewhere in this area, currently obscured by the snow.

Marbache, Meuse-Argonne and St. Mihiel.

Clark was killed in action at Dieulouard, France on Sept. 29, 1918, six weeks before the end of the war. He was only 24 years old. The initial local report that Clark was injured was delivered home in a letter from Harold Graham, a fellow Lowell doughboy. Graham and



The village of Dieulouard, France in ruins, May 1918. [photo courtesy Imperial War Museum]

Clark were apparently pals; a small item in the June 20, 1918 Lowell Ledger noted, "Harold Graham and Charlie Clark were home from Camp Custer Sunday."

The news in Graham's letter appeared in the Oct. 24, 1918 Lowell Ledger: "Harold Graham and Charlie Clark received shrapnel wounds Sept. 29, according to a letter written in a French hospital Oct. 1 by the former to his sister, Miss Donna Graham. Harold stated that he had flesh wounds in a leg and arm and was 'doing

finely;' and that Charlie 'got his' in the stomach and leg in the same time and place. They were not together and he did not state if he knew what Clark's condition was."

The terrible news was finally revealed in the next edition of the Lowell Ledger, on Oct. 31, 1918.

"Fred G. Clark received a chaplain's letter from France yesterday conveying the sad news of the death of his son Charlie, meager information of whose wounding sent by a comrade - wounded at the same time - reached here only last week. The chaplain's letter and Charlie's portrait and obituary will be published in this paper next week."

Sure enough, in the Nov. 7, 1918 Lowell Ledger, there was a photo, a couple succinct paragraphs about Clark and the text of a condolence letter from Thomas G. Mantle, chaplain of the 11th Infantry.

"When his call came he was at his post in the advance as a true American soldier," Mantle's letter said about Clark. "Not because he was forced or because he loved war, but he realized that we have a bad job that must be finished. To me it is no small thing to say that he died like a man."

Six weeks after Charlie was killed, the war ended when the Armistice was signed in Redonthe, France on Nov. 11, 1918. The local American Legion post was named for Clark 11 months later.

"[It] will be known as Charles W. Clark Post No. 152, in accordance with the requirements of the American Legion honoring the memory of comrades killed in action," read an article in the Oct. 9, 1919 Lowell Ledger. The same article listed the other American Legion officers at the time as Howard Krum (post commander), Walter J. Kropf, George Hatch, Oscar Brezina, Joe Scott, William Schneider and Roland M. Shivel.

The Lowell Ledger requested copies of Clark's service records from the US military archives,



PRIVATE CHARLES W. CLARK.
Charles W. Clark, whose death overseas was recorded in this paper last week, was born in Lowell, March 30, 1894, and all of his life but two years was spent here prior to his departure in answer to his country's call May 29th. He went to France with the 85th division and gave his life for his country and flag.

He is survived and mourned by his father Fred A. Clark, two brothers Will J. and Hobert H., and three sisters, Mrs. Williard Denick, Mrs. Otis Potter and Mrs. Myron Rice.

The chaplain's letter of notification follows:
CHAPLAIN'S OFFICE ELEVENTH INFANTRY, A. E. F.
France, October 9, 1918.

Dear Friend:
"How beautiful on the mountain are the feet of him that bringeth glad tidings of good things." But I am very sorry to not to be classed as a bearer of good news as I am writing this to tell you of the death of your son, Charles W. Clark, Company C, 15th M. G. Battalion.

"It is given unto man once to die." It cannot matter much where or when we die but HOW is the really important thing. In this war it is not for us to question whether it is right to serve; the Government has called us and it is for us each to obey the call of duty. Realizing this condition and feeling that you had already prepared your heart to meet the worst, I know you cannot but respond with worthy admiration and pride to know that when his call came he was at his post in the advance as a true American soldier, not because he was forced or because he loved war but he realized that we have a bad job that must be finished. To me it is no small thing to say that he died like a man.

Very sincerely and respectfully yours,

Thomas G. Mantle,
Chaplain 11th Infantry.

Clark's obituary and photo in the Nov. 7, 1918 Lowell Ledger.

but they will most likely not be available until the government shutdown ends. Also, 80 percent of the Army's personnel files from 1912 to 1960 were destroyed in a fire at the National Personnel Records Center outside of St. Louis on July 12, 1973.

If any readers have information, photographs or ephemera relating to Charles W. Clark or any other local veterans with stories to tell, contact the Lowell Ledger at 616-897-9261, ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com or on Facebook.



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