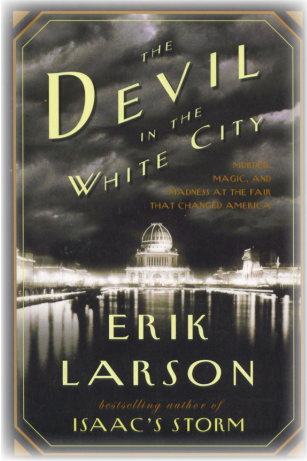


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Council discusses Amity St. repairs, more at April 1 meeting

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell city council had their latest regular meeting at city hall on Monday, April 1. The meeting lasted one hour and 32 minutes and was attended by eight citizens.

First, city councilor Greg Canfield again asked the council to add a closed session to the end of the meeting. At their last meeting on Monday, March 18, Canfield attempted to add an item to the agenda but was not successful.

"I would like to make a motion to go into closed session after the meeting," Canfield said. "Last month, last meeting I attempted this, but Dick [Wendt, the city attorney] wasn't here and you recommended that we didn't go into that [closed] meeting because of that, but Dick is here tonight, and for the purchase of real estate, I would make a motion to go into closed session after our meeting."

This time the vote was 4-1 in favor of the closed session, mayor Michael DeVore the

sole dissenting vote.

The council discussed and passed changes to the city's purchasing policy with one minor change.

"The policy we use doesn't necessarily align with how we purchase items," said Lowell city manager Michael Burns. "Over the summer and fall I worked with our department directors to modify our policy and make it to align on how the administration does operate. [...] The policy that we have now is a one sheet policy. This [new] policy is a four page document that really, in my opinion, spells out very clearly what we can and cannot do in purchasing."

"I think Lowell Light & Power's policy for local vendors has a percentage that is approved of 10 or 15 percent," Canfield said. "I think it might be a good idea to put a number in there so that it's just a little clearer. We certainly want to support local businesses, but I think that it needs to be within a



Lowell city council in discussion at their Monday, April 1 meeting.

fairly narrow margin."

"Sure, we can do that," Burns said.

The council passed the policy changes, but the exact percentage of local vendors will be added later.

The council approved changes to the city's Act 198 tax abatement policy.

Applicants will now pay a \$250 fee, and the length of the time of the tax abatement will be determined by a point system (printed on page 3).

The council discussed the "Help Yourself Garden" that briefly existed at the corner of Main and Grove last year until the city ordered

it closed. The homeowners involved have since moved away. Police chief Steve Bukala, engineer Dave Austin from Williams and Works and city attorney Dick Wendt reviewed the situation and the ordinances

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LHS student works to name barn for uncle

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Sam Dougherty, a 16-year-old Lowell High School sophomore, has raised \$44,000 of the \$50,000 required to name a swine barn at the new Kent County Youth Fair site in memory of an uncle who passed away. So far, Sam organized a spaghetti dinner and a silent auction but still needs about \$6,000 to complete the project.

"[Construction of] the new swine barn will cost much more than \$50,000, [but] raising the \$50,000 will allow naming rights for the building," said Jennifer Dougherty, Sam's mother. "On Saturday, March 23, a spaghetti dinner and auction were held in Alto to begin the fundraising. Approximately 350 people attended and \$44,000 was raised. If Sam and his team are successful in reaching \$50,000, the new swine barn will be named in memory of his uncle, Tim Dougherty. Tim Dougherty worked for the Kent County Road Commission and was killed in a workplace accident in September of 2014 at the age of 42."

Tim and Sam Dougherty had a very close and fun relationship.

"My Uncle Tim was one of the loudest and craziest guys you could meet," Sam Dougherty said. "Whether it was cheering at a high school volleyball game with a painted chest or cheering you on at the fair, you could always tell he was there by the booming voice and window-rattling laugh. I spent many weekends at Uncle Tim's with my cousin Sara watching movies, freezing in the creek, camping, and sledding down the back hill. He was like a second father to me, but one that spoiled me way more than any father would. It seemed like we were always at the gas station getting far more boxes of candy than my parents would allow, all the more reason to hang out with Uncle Tim."

Tim Dougherty was a fair participant in his youth and his family has supported the program their entire lives.

"I wanted to have the swine barn named after Uncle Tim because of our

family history at the fair and all of the great times we had there," Sam Dougherty said. "Uncle Tim showed pigs when he was young and my cousin Sara showed pigs with me for a couple of years. Over the years, seven of Tim's nieces and nephews have shown pigs at the fair. I thought it would be a good way to remember him because that was one of the many places that he'd always be willing to step

in and give a helping hand. He would always be one of the last voices you heard wishing you luck before you walked into the show ring, even if he had never met you. It seemed fitting that the barn where he would be giving as much help as possible would be the barn that would bear his name."

There is one more fundraiser coming up in August, but if you are interested in donating now,

mail a check made payable to "Kent County Youth Fair" to Sam Dougherty, 13999 60th St., Alto, MI 49302.

"A golf outing will be held in August and Sam will donate the proceeds from selling the two pigs that he is raising to show and sell at the Kent County Youth Fair," said Jennifer Dougherty.

For more information about KCYF, the fairgrounds or to see the preliminary layout drawings, visit www.kcyf.org.



The scene at Sam's spaghetti dinner on March 23. [photo submitted by Jennifer Dougherty]

Jukejoint Handmedowns final winter LowellArts house concert

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The final LowellArts house concert of the season will bring the Jukejoint Handmedowns to the gallery for a special Tax Day-themed concert on April 13 called “An Evening of Death, Taxes, Michigan Weather and Other Inevitabilities.”

The group will be joined by Nelson Wood on pedal steel and will play songs from their two albums, a few cover songs and “some surprises.”

The Jukejoint Handmedowns started in 2010. They describe themselves as a “big tent American Roots” group, meaning they play music from nearly any genre of American music: country, pop, rock and roll, jazz and anything else they can think of.

“Most of our shows tend to be in bars and restaurants, and we lean heavily on the cover material for those venues,” said band founder Tim Foley. “At the LowellArts show we’re going to be playing very few cover songs, but they will be thematically connected to the rest of the material in some form or another. The [cover] songs we select tend to be very democratic. [The] four members each bring in a couple new songs periodically and we give them all a fair shake. Some prove more popular than others on the performance circuit and tend to hang around, while others drift into the back catalog from under-use. Each of the members has very different tastes and backgrounds, which helps us get a wide variety

of songs and genres to dip our toes into. We’ll be playing mostly songs from our last two albums at the LowellArts show. A certain British quartet has a particular song about taxes which we will be including as a cover, but all the rest will have to be a surprise.”

Foley said that Lowell is one of the group’s favorite places to perform.

“The Jukejoint Handmedowns have played the Fallasburg Fall Fest numerous times, and several years ago we performed at the Sizzlin’ Summer Concert Series down by the old Showboat,” Foley said. “It’s a great little town and we’re always happy to be invited back. We’ve [also] been down to see a few concerts at LowellArts, and it’s a great setting for an intimate concert. The audiences are attentive and quiet and the art gallery makes a nice way to spend the intermission and pre-concert mingling period. We enjoy making a trip over to the summer fair, and the fall festival out in Fallasburg is our favorite way to celebrate the beginning of autumn.”

The band’s third album, ‘Jukejoint Handmedowns Sing Songs of Death, Murder and the Afterlife,’ won the Jammie award from Grand Rapids radio station WYCE. Their most recent album had a Michigan theme. The group vows that their next album will not have a theme.

“[That album] was inspired by a common thread we noticed running

through a lot of our favorite cover material,” Foley said. “Someone in the old country and folk songs always seemed to be getting murdered, or dying in some tragic way, and we started writing a few songs along those lines. Well, once you start down that road, it is hard to stop, and we ended up with a whole album full of rather dark, but surprisingly lighthearted, songs. A few are based on actual stories we’ve read in the news, or in the historical record, but most are complete flights of fancy. Our most recent album, ‘Call of the Wild: Dispatches from the Great Lakes State,’ are all songs devoted to and inspired by our home state of Michigan. We will be concentrating on these songs in the second set of our show. Songs are inspired by real life characters, history and lore, and a few are a bit more personal. And, as with the previous album, all told with tongue planted firmly in cheek. Putting out a pair of back-to-back theme albums certainly got a lot of dwelled-upon subjects out of our system. We are currently working on our next album, and we have vowed to make it completely themeless this time, just to see what crops up. Turns out that a theme seems to be emerging nevertheless, but we’ll wait for a few more songs to come rolling in before making any snap judgments. If anything, we always tend to keep a dry wit on hand for any subject matter, it certainly helps keep us from taking ourselves too seriously.”

They will be joined by a very special guest at the April 13 show.

“Nelson Wood is a widely respected pedal steel player from the West Michigan area,” Foley



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said. “He plays with a number of bands, we’ve known him for a while, and he was the person responsible for teaching our regular pedal steel player Paul Harris the instrument back when he first started playing nearly ten years ago. Nelson has subbed for us on occasion in the past, and since Paul was going to be out of town visiting grandkids on the 13th, we asked if Nelson would step in. We’ve had a few practices with him and we’re excited to have him join us for this show.”

There are plenty of ways to listen to the Jukejoint Handmedowns’ music online, or you can buy their CDs at the show in Lowell.

“All four of our CDs are available on iTunes and Amazon or can be streamed on Spotify or YouTube,” Foley said. “There are also a couple cute animated videos on YouTube for a few of the songs. We will also have CDs for sale at our LowellArts show if you prefer a physical copy.”

The concert will take place at LowellArts, 223 W. Main at 7 pm on

Saturday, April 13. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door that night. For more information about LowellArts, visit lowellartsmi.org, call 616-897-8545 or stop by the gallery during business hours. For more information about the band, visit jukejointhandmedowns.com or find them on social media.

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involved, and answered the council's questions about plants in the right of way and community gardens in general. The council decided not to allow community gardens in residential zones and to instigate a rule that plants in the right of way must be less than a foot tall. A community garden exists at Creekside Park.

"It was more than what was being grown in either the right of way or on the property," Wendt said. "After a while they began giving away other stuff that did not originate on that property."

"I think we should do something about tightening up the public right of way, but I have a really hard time telling people what they can do in their front yard," DeVore said. "If [your landscaping] looks terrible, [your neighbors] are going to tell you it looks terrible."

The council discussed applying for a Michigan Department of Transportation Category B grant to help for repairs to Amity St. The work is scheduled to be completed by fall 2020.

"The grant would cover Amity St. from Main St. to Suffolk," Burns said. "The road construction cost would be \$500,000 [and] would be eligible for \$250,000 in grants. The city would be responsible for, obviously, the remaining \$250,000 in addition to any utility work and engineering. The project would consist of removing the existing asphalt and replacing it with three to three and a half inches of new asphalt. The sidewalk ramps would also be brought up to the ADA standard. We would also incorporate stubouts for anticipated future water main extensions along Chatham and Elm at this time. Additionally, sanitary

sewer [and] manhole repair at Main St. identified in the SAW grant work would be done. Again, that work would not be included in the MDOT grant, but it would be an attachment to it that we're considering doing it."

"I think it puts a little pinch in our budget to do this but anytime we can get matching funds from the state," Canfield said. "This is \$250,000 in free money to fix our roads. A no-brainer."

The council approved the rezoning of 2560 Bowes Rd. after the city sold that property to Lowell Twp. for an addition to their new park.

"Currently the zoning is an industrial but it needs to be rezoned to public facilities," Burns said. "The rezoning has followed the requirements of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act."

City councilor Cliff Yankovich said he spent some time at Light & Power headquarters recently and wanted to pass on some information he learned there.

"Our rates as Lowell Light & Power customers are consistently a third below Consumers Energy," Yankovich said. "I found out that Lowell Light & Power has a voluntary green pricing. It costs me a penny a kilowatt. I signed up the next day."

The council's next regular meeting will be at 7 pm on Tuesday, April 16. The council will also 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, April 6.

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

ABATEMENT FORMULA

The term of the abatement approved in an IFT Certificate shall correspond to the whole number of the cumulative score of the criteria below added together, up to a period of 12 years.

Development: The amount of proposed new development of buildings and personal property	Less than \$500,000..... No Points \$500,001 to \$750,000..... 1 Point \$750,001 to \$1,000,000..... 2 Points \$1,000,001 to \$1,250,000..... 3 Points \$1,250,001 to \$1,500,000..... 4 Points \$1,500,001 to \$1,750,000..... 5 Points \$1,750,001 to \$2,000,000..... 6 Points Over \$2,000,001..... 7 Points
Quantity of Jobs: Total number of jobs created or retained by the project	Total number of jobs created or retained is multiplied by a factor of 0.15 to factor the number of points awarded.
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Abatement Example: The following chart is to serve as an example of how the formula works.

Criteria	Proposed Project	Points
Development	\$1,100,000	3.00 Points
Quantity Jobs	25 x 0.15	3.75 Points
Quality Jobs	10 x 0.4	4.00 Points
New Economy Bonus	Paper Mill	0.00 Points
Total Project Points		10.75 Points

This company would be granted a 10 year IFT Certificate, as its project has 10 full points.

The total number of years the tax abatement may be granted shall be equal to the number of full (not partial) points calculated in accordance with the Abatement Formula no to exceed 12 years.



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Lowell city attorney Dick Wendt.**

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In 1948, President Harry Truman signed into law the Marshall Plan aid bill, which was designed to help rebuild war-torn Europe.

In 1996, "Unabomber" Ted Kaczynski was arrested at his cabin near Lincoln, Montana.

In 2010, Apple Inc. released the first iPad tablet computer.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:

Washington Irving (1783-1859), writer; Marlon Brando (1924-2004), actor; Doris Day (1924-), singer/actress; Gus Grissom (1926-1967), astronaut; Jane Goodall (1934-), primatologist; Wayne Newton (1942-), singer; Alec Baldwin (1958-), actor; David Hyde Pierce (1959-), actor; Eddie Murphy (1961-), actor/comedian; Adam Scott (1973-), actor; Cobie Smulders (1982-), actress; Amanda Bynes (1986-), actress.

TODAY'S FACT: After Marlon Brando returned his script for "On the Waterfront" twice, Frank Sinatra was cast in the lead role. Brando was ultimately convinced to star and went on to win an Oscar for his iconic performance.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1988, Mario Lemieux of the



Eddie Murphy in "Delirious"



Marlon Brando in "On the Waterfront"

Pittsburgh Penguins won the NHL's Art Ross trophy as the league's top scorer, ending Wayne Gretzky's streak of consecutive scoring titles at seven.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I am always at a loss to know how much to believe of my own stories." -- Washington Irving, "Tales of a Traveler"

TODAY'S NUMBER: 214,488 -- offshore entities (used as tax havens) revealed in the "Panama Papers," a massive leak of financial and legal documents first published by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists on this day in 2016.

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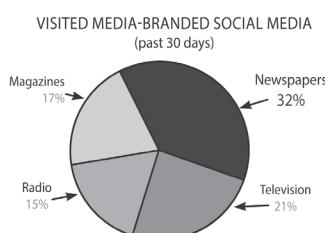
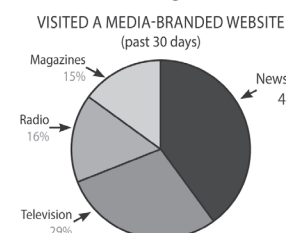
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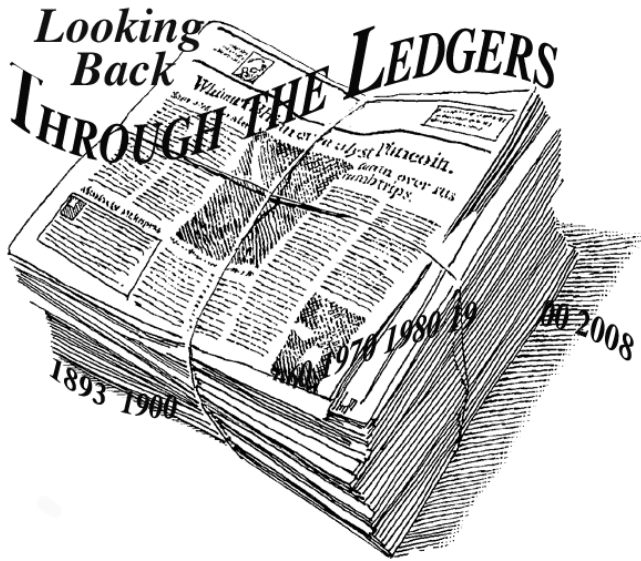
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125 years ago Lowell Ledger April 7, 1894

James Hasty, of this township is 98 years old, and walks with a cane and attends to his own marketing. He lives about three miles from the village but he walked in to vote Monday. He is a marvel of activity for one of his age.

A curious case is related as having come to light on the farm of Mrs. Ursila Burpie, near New Lothrop. Ira Spangler, a "bound" boy, 15 years of age, disappeared from the farm two weeks ago. Friday morning he staggered into the Burpie home terribly weak and emaciated, and fell unconscious. When he revived he said that while pulling straw from a stack it fell over on him. He shouted for help until exhausted then began digging out. For eight days and nine nights he worked without food or water. His hands are raw and swollen to thrice their natural size. His boots had to be cut from his swollen feet, and from being a strong and robust boy he is wasted to a mere skeleton. Neighbors doubt the story somewhat. She has two other "bound" children, none of them very fat, and Mrs. Burpie's enemies claim the story was connected to account for the boy's conditions. He is undoubtedly ill.

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100 years The Lowell Ledger April 3, 1919

The Holcomb sanitarium was badly damaged by fire and water last Friday morning and was saved from total destruction only by the prompt action of the fire department, as the fire had such a start that the case seemed almost hopeless. Volunteers removed the four patients in safety from the building and most of the furnishings were carried out in good shape.

"Every district over the top" was the slogan of Kent county township chairmen for the coming Victory loan who met in Hotel Pantlind Saturday noon. "The government is not anxious that subscribers pay for their bonds with the money they have in their trouser's pockets or in the bank," said Clay H. Hollister, Kent county chairman, "but rather that they purchase them with future savings."

75 years The Lowell Ledger April 6, 1944

John Timpson appeared before the common council Monday, and asked that three-phase current be extended to his orchard, two miles south of Lowell, where he is planning to build a cold storage plant to handle between ten and twelve thousand bushels of apples. Construction will start as soon as the necessary priorities are granted at Washington. The council turned his application over to the Light & Power committee with power to act.

There is a nation wide drive to save waste paper. The present supply is very low. The enormous use of paper for containers takes a tremendous amount of this material. Every shell that is fired comes from a paper container. Army fliers use paper clothing for warmth. Soldiers wear paper sun helmets. Tents, shelters, and temporary buildings are made of paper. There are hundreds of purposes for which paper is needed in the war effort.

Wm. C. Doyle, president of the King Milling Company, was called upon for remarks, and stated that after many months of preparation, his company had finally reached the point where it could start the construction of a new flour mill to replace the one destroyed by fire early in March a year ago. Mr. Doyle also stated that when the work on the walls for the new mill starts, which will be about the end of April, the pouring of cement will have to be continuous night and day for about two weeks, and that 75 men, working in two ten-hours shifts, will be required for the work.

50 years The Lowell Ledger April 3, 1969

"Uncle Carl" Behnke of 4804 Cascade Road has long been known for his generosity to young people... and now he's done it again. A recent retiree, Behnke just completed work on 12 martin houses, which he intends to give to various organizations. Most of them are ear-marked for delivery, including a 32-apartment birdhouse that has 16 windows on each of two floors.

Three area youths were in custody today following an apparent wave of school breaking-and-enterings in Kent and Ionia counties. Sgt. James Hutson of the Lowell Police Department said that the trio had been turned over to other agencies for further action following their arrest in Lowell early Tuesday.

Continued dry, cold weather...plus the apparent carelessness of area residents...are causing firefighters in southeast Kent County many anxious moments these days. Chief Harold Metternick of the Alto Fire Department (Bowne Township) reports that 20 grass fires kept his volunteers busy during March.

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outdoors

State Parks Centennial

Dave Stegehuis

Michigan's state park system is officially 100 years old. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources operates 103 state parks across both peninsulas. The DNR is celebrating the centennial with special events and information on the history and future of Michigan state parks. Each park has a story about why and how it came to be where it is.

Everyone in the state lives within a short driving distance of a state park. Parks are found around and in urban areas as well as in some of the wildest regions of the mid-west.

Opportunities exist for all types of outdoor recreation. The majority of parks are located on or near water. Camping is popular for the sake of just enjoying camping out as well as providing a home base for accessing fishing, boating, hiking, and many other outdoor activities. Some parks occupy significant historical sites. One can almost feel being part of area history by spending time on site. Camping provides the opportunity to explore and experience the life and culture of the area.

Visiting Michigan state parks is convenient because purchasing the eleven-dollar Recreation Passport with your annual license plate renewal provides easy access. The pass is indicated by a special license plate sticker and allows access to state parks and recreation areas, boat launches, trails, and designated parking at rustic campgrounds.

Because the parks are managed by the state, they have similar standards of operation. Like eating at a fast food chain restaurant, one knows what to expect whether it is located in Ionia or Ishpeming. Familiarity makes for a more relaxing time when away from home.

Michigan state parks are not a big secret and are popular destinations for residents and visitors from across the country. An on-line reservation system can be used to assure a campsite on arrival, especially during busy times such as summer holidays. Some parks are busy all season while others may appeal to a smaller population.

For anyone who isn't familiar with our state parks, this would be a good year to check out the opportunities and find a place to make memories and experience Michigan's history and culture.

We love to hear from you!

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

The requirements are:

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

HEALTH

With Drs.
Wayne A. Christenson III,
Tracy Lixie & John G. Meier



At Your Local Library

Kent District Library programs at Englehardt Branch, 200 N. Monroe St. For additional information call 616-784-2007.

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Spring Break Family Movie, Friday, April 5 at 1 pm.

Bookworms Book Discussion - 2nd Tuesday at 10 am. April 9, *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats*, Jan-Philipp Sendker.

Night Owls Book Discussion - 1st Wednesday at 6:30 pm. April 10, *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese.

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. 3rd Wednesday, from 1-2 pm, April 17.

Movies with Mary - Join our resident film expert for a Saturday matinee at the library. View and discuss classic films from her vast collection. April 20 at 1 pm, *Double Indemnity* (1944).

Intro to Coding Workshop - Grand Circus instructors will help you become familiar with basic programing and learn simple coding. You'll leave the class with a strong understanding of programming fundamentals and insight into whether

a career in tech is a fit for your unique strengths. Bring your enthusiasm and a laptop and we'll coach you through the rest. A limited number of laptops will also be available for use. Pre-registration required at grandcircus.com. Wednesday, April 24 from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm.

Englehardt Library Cookbook Club - Join us for an informal discussion about cookbooks and sample delectable examples, potluck style. Stop by the branch for more details. 4th Monday at 6:30 pm. April 29, *Salt Fat Acid Heat*, Samin Nosrat

Matter of Balance - Reserve your spot by calling 616-233-0283. One out of three older adults fall each year and 60 percent are afraid of falling. This fear often leads to an increased risk of falling, isolation, depression, and inactivity.

This 8-week program meets two hours per week and helps many older adults learn ways to manage and conquer their fear of falling, leading to less falls and a more active and engaged lifestyle. In partnership with Senior Neighbors. Thursdays from 1:30 - 3:30 pm, thru May 16.

Mahjongg - All skill levels welcome. Bring your own mahjongg set or borrow ours. Seating is limited. Fridays at 1 pm.

to the editor

Dear Editor,
After reading Bob Thaler's letter in the February 13 Ledger, many memories of scouting came to mind. I was a den mother for pack 3289 of Alaska with John Barfuss, our cubmaster who led our monthly pack meetings. My cubs were from the Alto/Caledonia area and we met every Tuesday after school at my house. We den mothers did not have an older boy scout as den chief to assist. We worked alone with our boys. We worked on badges and arrow points, which they receive at the monthly pack meetings. At our weekly meeting, we would make usable crafts from donated materials. One article I still own is a large metal juice can covered with plaster of paris, made to look like a log painted brown with a hole cut in for a pot to set in with plant.

I planned outings of interesting places to visit, such as fire department, airport, library and post office. We also had a grand tour of the Lowell Ledger where each boy received a plating.

Blue and Gold Banquet was special with the pinewood derby.

We would march on Memorial Day, starting at Alaska Cemetery, Blaine, Dutton, finally down Main Street in Caledonia to the Cemetery. When all done to the legion for pop and ice cream.

Lowell has the perfect place for their scouts. So thankful for all the volunteers who take time to work with our children. Where would we be today without volutneers?

Thank you,
Alaska Pack 3289 Den 2
Mary Ann Geldersma
Lowell

- Crohn's disease

Crohn's disease is a condition that causes long-term inflammation in the gastrointestinal (GI) tract. It can affect any part of the GI tract from mouth to anus. Crohn's disease usually happens in young adults, but it can also affect children and older adults. The exact cause of the disease is not known. It runs in families, so genetics may play a part.

Common symptoms of Crohn's include diarrhea, stomach pain, weight loss, fever, fatigue, and bleeding from the rectum. Symptoms may be mild or severe. They can start suddenly or be more gradual and can come and go. Patients with the disease can also have problems with their skin, joints, or eyes. Complications can include blockages of the GI tract, fistulas, abscesses, anal fissures, ulcers, and nutrition problems. Patients with

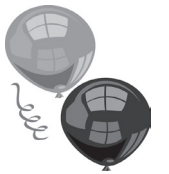
Crohn's also have a slightly higher risk of colon cancer.

Crohn's disease is usually diagnosed by a colonoscopy. This test is usually done after physical exam and test lead to this diagnosis. The colonoscopy is a small tube that is used to look directly into the colon for signs of inflammation. Biopsies of the colon can also be taken during this test. CT, MRI, and ultrasound are also used to help with the diagnosis.

The goal of treatment is to stop the symptoms and correct other problems the disease is causing. Medicines can help reduce inflammation and suppress the immune system. Antibiotics can help treat complications and dietary supplements can help correct nutritional problems. When disease is severe, patients may need to go to the hospital for IV treatments or surgery.

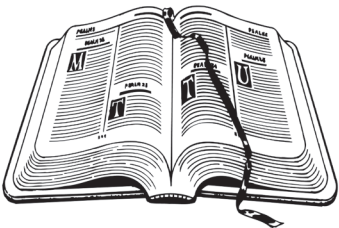
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Lowell's connections to 1893 Chicago World's Fair



A drawing of H.H. Holmes was published in the Lowell Ledger on May 15, 1896, not long after Holmes was executed for his crimes.

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

At 7 pm on Tuesday, April 16 there will be a special presentation about Lowell's connections to the 1893 Chicago World's Fair at Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash Ave SE.

Many of the buildings at the World's Fair were designed by Ernest Graham, a Lowellian who became a famous architect. "Ernest Graham was born and raised in Lowell,"

said Lowell Area Historical Museum executive director Lisa Plank. "His father was Robert Graham, builder of the Graham house that is home to the museum. Ernest grew up in the museum building. He then went on to a successful architectural career in Chicago. In 1888, Ernest started working at the Chicago offices of Burnham & Root. Daniel Burnham was one of America's most famous architects and a pioneer in skyscraper design. Graham came to the attention of Daniel Burnham and was made an assistant. As Burnham's assistant, Graham had a major part in drawing plans for the 'World's Columbian Exposition' in 1893. He served as assistant director of works during the construction and operation of the fair, and designed its fine arts building, known as an outstanding example of architecture in America. That building is now the Museum of Science and Industry."

Plank said the Graham family will be the subject of a major exhibit at the museum this fall.

At the program on April 16, the museum's Luanne Kaeb will discuss Ernest Graham's involvement in building the fair buildings, Shelly Perry of Portland will portray Ella Quinlan and share the history of Ella and Patrick Quinlan who were involved with H.H. Holmes at the World's Fair before they moved to Portland, MI. Holmes was a serial killer who preyed on World's Fair attendees. His grisly deeds were vividly depicted in the best-selling Erik Larson book, "Devil in the White City."

Patrick Quinlan was employed by Holmes as the janitor and caretaker of what became known as the "Murder Castle."

"The Quinlans lived in Chicago [and] Patrick worked for H.H. Holmes there," Plank said. "After Holmes' arrest, Patrick turned the State's evidence against Dr. Holmes and in exchange was not prosecuted. They were then encouraged to find a small town to restart their lives in. They chose Portland."

Even though he was not prosecuted, the guilt of his association with Holmes weighed heavily on Patrick Quinlan and he committed suicide in 1914.

"It was about 15 years later, but his involvement weighed on him [and] his suicide note indicated that he couldn't handle the past anymore," Plank said.

At the April 16 event, Ella Quinlan will be portrayed by Shelly Perry, a Portland resident and history expert.

"[She is] not a descendant, [but rather] a member of Portland Historical Society," Plank said. "She represents a person from Portland each year for their programming. She is a former Portland DDA manager and was involved in giving downtown tours."



Ernest R. Graham was born and raised in Lowell and went on to become a famous Chicago architect whose buildings are still in use to this day. [Wikipedia photo]

For more information about this event, visit the Lowell Area Historical Museum website, lowellmuseum.org, or call 616-897-7688.

The museum is at 325 W. Main; they're open from 1 pm until 4 pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

CRIME CASTLE BUILDER DEAD
Portland Carpenter Takes Poison Because He Couldn't Sleep.
Portland, Mich.—Patrick Quinlan, who was said to be one of the few men who might have explained the mysteries of "Holmes' Crime Castle," which was famous in the annals of Chicago crime, is dead at his home near here. Before his death he told physicians he had taken poison.
Quinlan was a carpenter and was employed by Dr. J. J. Holmes to build the structure. The police held him for a time as a possible accomplice. Trap-doors, false partitions and numbers of wires were part of the equipment found in the "Castle".
"He couldn't sleep" was the reason given by relatives for Quinlan's suicide.

A news story about Patrick Quinlan's suicide from the March 12, 1914 Lowell Ledger.

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GOOD FRIDAY
Cross Walk
April 19, 2019 @ NOON

A cross will be carried from Lowell United Methodist Church, 621 E Main St to Oakwood Cemetery.

There will be various stops along the way for singing, scripture readings, and prayer. Programs will be provided. Rides will also be available for those unable to walk the full route after the stop at the cemetery. In case of inclement weather, a program will be held at the Lowell United Methodist Church. Those interested can join for lunch at Keiser's following the walk (Dutch treat).

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President Donald Trump holds rally in Grand Rapids

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

President of the United States Donald Trump had a campaign rally at the Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids on Thursday, March 28. It was Trump's sixth appearance in Grand Rapids since the beginning of his 2016 presidential campaign, and the Van Andel Arena was also the site of his final rally of the 2016 campaign.

There was a huge crowd of people in front of and around the arena, nearly all wearing red MAGA hats. If you didn't have one or forgot yours, multiple vendors had the hats for sale for \$10. Some vendors also seemed to be unloading a surplus of leftover goods from previous presidential campaigns, as there was a surprising variety of anti-Hillary Clinton and anti-Barack Obama apparel for sale.

A couple hundred protesters lined Fulton St. and exchanged some heated words and gestures with the thousands of people waiting in line to listen to Trump.

"I have never been so happy to have a president elected to this country who turned it around," said William from Lowell, a Navy veteran who said it was his first Trump rally. "I've been saying for a long time that

if we only knew the half of what was really going on up in Washington, we'd all puke and crap our pants. So now that we've finally got a man to turn it around, who has the guts, the only one, the right one in this moment in time to do it, Jesus, I'm so happy. I'll come again and again to every event he comes to near me. I'll be out to support him. I'm expecting a lot since he was just found innocent, completely exonerated of Russian collusion and obstruction. The big hoax that cost the American public \$25 million for the past, what, two years? Ridiculous, absolutely ridiculous."

"The list of reasons I love President Trump is endless. It's endless," said Riad from Sylvan Lake. "Trump is a true American, okay? Think about jobs and 'make America great again.' Who in their right mind would be against making America great again? He is not a politician. Even though he is a billionaire, I feel like he is one of us. He is really making America great again. He is trying to get rid of the swamp. That is what I love about him. I have waited for a president like this for a long, long time until we got Mr. Trump. The economy

is doing great. My 401k is doing great. He's on the right track with North Korea. He is trying to put China back on track. No other previous president dared to do that. It's endless, what he's doing. And the best is yet to come."

"There is a lot at stake for our country," said Rosetta from Howell. "We're farmers, and as being farmers we're being hurt with the tariffs and that kind of thing, and I know a lot of Americans think farmers are subsidized or whatever, but that money doesn't do anything. We would much rather be paid money by earning it ourselves rather than being floated upon. But, that being said, to us, other than income, there is a bigger thing at stake for our country. I'm looking at the country as a whole. I've got six kids ranging in age from 28 all

the way down to 15, so I'm really looking at the future as far as that goes. Seeing them talking about socialism and everything, it's like, what are the kids being taught in school nowadays? That's really what I want to know. I had a good history teacher in high school. Teachers are now Democrats, mostly. More than half of them are. My teacher was more of a Constitutionalist. He spelled out the Constitution and the amendments and said we had to keep these rights in place and stand up for them and he never, ever, gave his own opinion. That's the way it should be. It's not that way anymore, though."

Security measures made entering the arena an excruciatingly slow process, but the seats were completely full by the time Trump took the stage.

The event was Trump's first campaign rally since the conclusion of Robert Mueller's Russian collusion investigation, so "no collusion, no obstruction" was the main catchphrase of the evening. "After three years of lies and smears and slander the Russia hoax is finally dead," Trump said at the beginning of his speech.

"The collusion delusion is over. The special counsel completed its report and

election to try and illegally regain power by framing innocent Americans. Many of them. They suffered with an elaborate hoax. They wanted to destroy a movement like our country has never seen before. That's true. Never seen before. [...] Their fraud has been exposed and the credibility of those who pushed this hoax is forever broken and they've now got big problems. And the harm done to our country. Think of what they've done. Think of the time wasted. And yet, despite this terrible cloud, this phony, corrupt, disgusting cloud, we have done more together in the first two years



Donald Trump Jr. also appeared at the rally and spoke for about 16 minutes.

found no collusion and no obstruction. I could have told you that two and a half years ago very easily. Total exonerated. Complete vindication. [...] The crazy attempt by the Democrat party and the fake news media right back there and the deep state to overturn the results of the 2016 election have failed. The greatest election that we've had in a long time may be right from the beginning. This was nothing more than a sinister effort to undermine our historic election victory and to sabotage the will of the American people. [...] The Russia witch hunt was a plan by those who lost the

than any administration in the history of our country. And this group of major losers did not just ruthlessly attack me, my family, and everyone who questioned their lies, they tried to divide our country, to poison the national debate and to tear up the fabric of our great democracy, the greatest anywhere in the world. They did it all because they refuse to accept the results of one of the greatest presidential elections, probably number one in our history. Many, many people were badly hurt by this scam. But more importantly our country was hurt. [...] I heard about Russia. I'd be running,



GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Synopsis of Minutes
March 25, 2019

1. To approve the amended lawn service contract with C&R Lawn Service for 2019/2020.
2. Resolution 2019-014 to vacate and abandon a dedicated walk with the plat of Abraham's Island Beach Resort.
3. To approve the quote from Election Source for the Public Accuracy Test for the May 7, 2019 special election.
4. Public Hearing for 2019/20 Budget.
5. General Appropriations Act Resolution 2019-013.
6. Fire Pros Quote to repair the Township fire suppression system.

Our next Township Meeting
will be **April 8 at 7 p.m.**

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

NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP SEEKING APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY

Vergennes Township is seeking applicants to fill a vacancy on the Planning Commission. The successful applicant will be appointed to a term that expires in December of 2020.

The Planning Commission meets quarterly on the first Monday of the month, and additional dates as needed. Applicants should be willing to commit the time necessary to perform the duties of the position, which is compensated per meeting. A job description is available upon request.

Deadline for application submission is Thursday, April 11th at Noon. Applicants will be considered at the April 15, 2019 meeting of the Vergennes Township Board.

Application forms may be obtained at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, MI 49331, or on the township web site at www.vergennestwp.org under forms. The office is open Monday and Wednesday from 9am to 3pm, and Thursday 9 to noon. If you wish to receive an application through the mail, call 897-5671 during office hours.

Heather L. Hoffman
Vergennes Township Clerk

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

NOTICE FOR TESTING OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the May 7, 2019 Special Election will be conducted Tuesday April 9, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell, MI 49331.

The public accuracy test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of law.

Monica Burt, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township



Trump supporter Joe from Grand Rapids and a friend attended the protest to try to spark a dialogue with the protesters.

I'd be hearing, they'd say something about Russia. I'd say 'Russia, what does that have to do...?' This went on. And then all of the sudden I hear, 'Were you involved with Russia?' I'd say, 'Russia? What the hell does Russia have to do with my campaign?' It's true. Russia. Russia. [...] The Russia hoax proves more than ever that we need to finish exactly what we came here to do. Drain the swamp. The Democrats have to now decide whether they will continue defrauding the public with ridiculous [expletive] and partisan investigations, or whether they will apologize to the American people and join us."

However, the Mueller report does not actually exonerate the president of obstruction of justice, instead leaving that question for the US Congress to decide. In fact, one of the few direct quotes in attorney general William Barr's four page summary of the 300-plus page Mueller report states, "While this report does not conclude that the president

to invade our country, you would know that we needed [it] and we are building it. And we are building it a lot faster than anybody would, and better. And better. It's better, it's faster and it's less expensive and it's also much more beautiful, and we are building it very rapidly. It's moving along. And we renovated vast amounts of wall. A lot of it was in bad shape. We renovated it for 25 cents on the dollar. [...] Our country has never been better economically and people are trying to get in and they have to come in legally and they have to come in based on merit. Based on merit. [...] We want [Mexico] to give us a little more help on the border, by the way. You know, Mexico has the toughest immigration laws in the world. We have the worst because the Democrats put in things that are so bad. So bad. Catch and release. You catch them and then you got to release them. Think of it. Visa lottery. You are in a lottery system from these countries. You pick up a name. Isn't that nice? Guess what? Do

damn border. And I don't know if you know it or not, Michigan, but Mexico took about 30 percent of your car business. Not when I was here. When I'm here they are not. It's going the other way. 30 percent. And if we close the border, that means we are not taking those cars into our country, and what does

US. Citizens of qualifying countries are the ones who decide to bid for visas under the program. Trump routinely blames foreign states. The program requires applicants to have completed a high school education or have at least two years of experience in the last five years in a selection of fields.

is to diversify the immigrant population by creating slots for underrepresented parts of the world."

Trump pledged his support and awe of the Great Lakes and announced \$300 million for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

"I support the Great Lakes. Always have," Trump said. "They are beautiful. They are big. Very deep. Record deepness, right? And I'm going to get, in honor of my friends, full funding of \$300 million for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, which you have been trying to get for over 30 years.

administration in 2010. Federal funding ranged from nearly \$300 million to \$450 million every year under Mr. Obama. Mr. Trump requested no funding at all for the initiative in his 2018 budget request, effectively eliminating the program, though Congress ended up appropriating nearly \$300 million. His latest budget proposes a 90 percent cut to the program, reducing funding to \$30 million."

Trump talked about healthcare during the rally, saying that he plans to put an end to the Affordable Care Act.



There was plenty of Trump merchandise for sale outside the arena.

that mean? That means you are going to make more cars right here in the good old USA. That's what it means. Right? Very simple. It's all very simple. People try and make it too complicated. It's all very simple."

However, according to the Associated Press,

Out of that pool of people from certain countries who meet those conditions, the State Department randomly selects a much smaller pool of winners. Not all winners will have visas ultimately approved, because they still must compete for a smaller number of slots by getting



Members of the crowd photographing representatives of the media.

So we will get it done. It's time. It's time. It's time. You been trying to get it over 30 years. I would say it's time. Right? Also and as you know this one, we have already pretty much locked up, I'll say locked up. You all understand that because we are very close to getting started on the beautiful new Soo Locks that people have wanted to build for a very, very long time. So we are very close to finishing that one off."

However, the New York Times reported that, "the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, a program for restoring the ecosystem of the Great Lakes, was first implemented by the Obama

"We eliminated the Obamacare individual mandate penalty," Trump said. "The most unpopular part. And we are going to hopefully, in the court, in Texas, you heard we won the case. Now it has to be appealed, and then we will go to the United States Supreme Court. We have a chance of killing Obamacare. We almost did it but somebody unfortunately surprised us with thumbs down, but we will do it a different way. You know what, we will do it a different way. But we got rid of the individual mandate where you were forced to pay a lot of money for the

Trump, continued, page 16



Red "Make America great again" hats were on most of the heads in line to see Trump.

committed a crime, it also does not exonerate him."

Immigration was another major topic for Trump. During his speech he made the first announcement that he plans to close the border between the US and Mexico.

"By the way, we are building the wall, we are building that wall. Building. We are building that wall," Trump said. "We had to go down a little bit of a different path, but that's okay. National emergency it is. And if you look at the border and you look at the hundreds of thousands of people that are invading or at least trying

you think they are giving us their best people? No, they are not. They are giving us their worst people and so would you and so would I. That's another beauty. We have nothing but bad coming out of those laws. But you know the good thing about what's happening? The rush to the border. Another two caravans now are pouring up. Mexico could stop them so easy, and you know what? If they don't it's going to cost them a hell of a lot of money, honestly, because they could do it so easy. So easy. And if they don't, I'm telling you right now we will close the

Karen Dunham organized an anti-Trump protest in Rosa Parks Circle.

"the diversity visa lottery program is run by the US government, not foreign governments. Other countries do not get to sort through their populations looking for bad apples to put in for export to the

their applications in quickly. Those who are ultimately offered visas still need to go through background checks, like other immigrants. The lottery is extended to citizens of most countries except about 20. The primary goal

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

In the matter of CHERYL MROZ Guardianship File No. 17-201,932-GA Conservatorship File No. 17-202,027-CA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including her son Zachary Matthews, and any other unknown relatives and heirs, whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following: TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on April 24, 2019, at 1:30

P.M. at Kent Co. Probate Court, 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: Appointment of a Guardian, Appointment of a Conservator.

Dated: March 25, 2019

Adult Protective Services, DHHS, Petitioner 121 Franklin St. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49507 (616) 401-5242

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

Amash introduces bill to eliminate Export-Import Bank

H.R. 1910 ends the crony bank that subsidizes big corporations at taxpayer expense

Rep. Justin Amash (R-Mich.) introduced H.R. 1910 to end the Export-Import Bank. He was joined by Reps. Ken Buck (R-Colo.), Scott DesJarlais (R-Tenn.), Jim Jordan (R-Ohio), Thomas Massie (R-Ky.), and Tom McClintock (R-Calif.) as original cosponsors.

“The Export-Import Bank is a prime example of Washington’s addiction to political cronyism,” said Amash. “Instead of allowing businesses to compete in a free market, politicians pick winners and losers. Meanwhile, taxpayers assume the financial risk for the bank’s federally backed loans while a few corporations pocket the profits.”

HR 1910, the Export-Import Bank Termination Act of 2019, shuts down the crony bank, which subsidizes loans for a few politically connected corporations, such as aircraft giant Boeing, at the expense of American businesses and taxpayers.

HR 1910 phases out the Export-Import Bank over three years, eliminating billions of dollars in corporate welfare and ending the bank’s distortion of the private trade finance market.

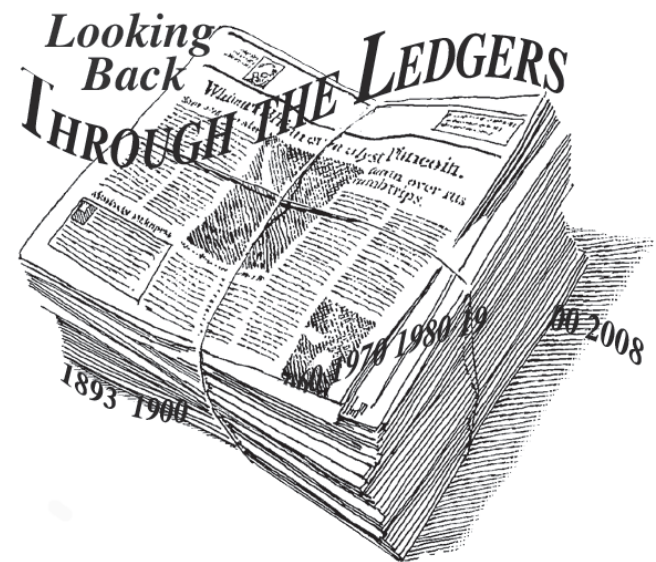


Justin Amash answers a question from a local resident during the town hall meeting at Lowell High School on Sept. 18, 2017.



Men are afraid that women will laugh at them. Women are afraid that men will kill them.

~ Margaret Atwood



LEGAL NOTICE

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

In the matter of James Johnson Guardianship File No. 19-205,008-GA Conservatorship File No. 19-205,007-CA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including his son, James Johnson, and any other unknown relatives and heirs, whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on April 22, 2019, at 10:00

A.M. at Kent Co. Probate Court, 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: Appointment of a Guardian, Appointment of a Conservator.

Dated: March 25, 2019

Adult Protective Services, DHHS, Petitioner 121 Franklin St. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49507 (616) 552-3670

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

25 years The Lowell Ledger April 6, 1994

Reigning Lowell Showboat Queen Shannon Bennett will relinquish her crown on Saturday, April 16, at the 1994 Lowell Showboat Pageant. Eight young ladies will compete to wear the crown worn by the Lowell Showboat queen. Vying to carry on the duties of the Lowell Showboat queen will be Lauri VanOtteren, Tallie Bassett, Jennifer Brown, Marlene Klap, Tammy Irwin, Ruth Joslin, Terry Irwin and Jennifer Jansma.

Keeping in mind a water system feasibility study from 1992, Gary Voogt informed the Lowell Township Board of a new tentative budget for the water system project. Voogt, president of the engineering firm Moore and Bruggink, revealed to the board that the new tentative cost of the project is estimated at \$1.5 million. According to Voogt, this figure is not set in stone but is a good basis for the cost of the project.

The fact that the only guarantee with the city’s sidewalk construction and repair program is its cost has given the Lowell City Council some added concern. Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale sought financial commitment from the council Monday night for its sidewalk program. “To meet the city’s share of the cost and to complete the sidewalk project in a timely basis, the council needs to make a commitment of funds,” Pasquale said.



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- SPRING TRAINING

SPORTS

Baseball and softball teams returning from spring training

submitted by WRWW

The Red Arrow varsity baseball and softball teams are presently at spring training in Gulf Shores, Alabama, but are anxious to get into the OK White Conference season schedule after their return this weekend. Prior to both teams leaving, they were able to play a few non-league games.

Juston Miller returns as head coach for the Lowell varsity baseball team. His squad was able to play five games before leaving for Alabama. Their record stands at 1-4 with their lone win coming against the Ionia Bulldogs 11 to 1. Two of their losses were against the strong Rockford Rams team: 2-10 and 2-12. Their other two losses came during a double-header with the Highlanders from Howell: 3-8 and 2-4. Coach Miller stated that in these early games, he is playing many of his players at several different positions, so he can get a better idea of what works best for the team. On their return from Gulf Shores, they will play a double-header in Seymour, Indiana, on Saturday, April 6. Their first game pits them against the Seymour Owls at 11:00 am. They will meet New Albany, Indiana, at 1:00 pm. Both games will be broadcast by WRWW at 92.3 FM locally and streaming at www.lowellradio.org. On April 10 they will complete a double-header at home against the Cedar Springs Red Hawks. The start time, at Bancroft Field in Lowell, is 4:15 pm.

The Lady Arrows softball team has new coaches at the helm this year. Melissa Trainor is the new head coach. Her assistant coaches are Anissa Dyer and Heather Eveland. Their team was able to get two games in before leaving for Alabama. Both games were lopsided wins over non-league opponents: the



Wyoming Wolves (15-0) and the Ionia Bulldogs (14-1).

Lowell senior, Emily Depew, threw a no-hitter against Wyoming in the shortened four-inning game. She struck out seven and walked one. Allyson Lange hit a home run in the fourth inning. The Red Arrows stole seven bases in that contest, led by Kylee Stephens with two. Audrey Conrad, Maddi Jordan and Lange were each responsible for three RBI's. A big sixth inning, when the Arrows scored nine runs, helped power the Lady Arrows past the Bulldogs. Lange hit her second home run of the year. Jenna Perry also had a home run. Depew picked up her second win of the season on a 2-hitter, striking out 15. Krin Beach and Stephens both collected three hits. The team will play New Albany, Indiana, in New Albany, on their return trip from Gulf Shores. That game is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, at 11:00 am. On April 10, they will play a home double-header, against the Red Hawks from Cedar Springs, starting at 4:15 pm.



Social Security and OIG launch Public Service Announcement campaign

Agency Alerts Public about Telephone Impersonation Scheme

The Social Security Administration (SSA) and its Office of the Inspector General (OIG) launched a joint Public Service Announcement (PSA) campaign addressing a nationwide telephone impersonation scheme. Social Security and the OIG continue to receive reports from across the country about fraudulent phone calls from people falsely claiming to be Social Security employees. Calls can even “spoof” Social Security’s national customer service number as the incoming number on the caller ID. The new PSAs will air on TV and radio stations across the country to alert the public to remain vigilant against potential fraud.

“We urge you to always be cautious and to avoid providing sensitive information such as your Social Security number or bank account information to unknown people over the phone or Internet,” said Nancy A. Berryhill, Acting Commissioner of Social Security. “If you receive a call and are not expecting one, you must be extra careful – you can always get the caller’s information, hang up, and contact the

official phone number of the business or agency the caller claims to represent. Do not reveal personal data to a stranger who calls you.”

Social Security employees do occasionally contact people—generally those who have ongoing business with the agency—by telephone for business purposes. However, Social Security employees will never threaten a person or promise a Social Security benefit approval, or increase, in exchange for information. In those cases, the call is fraudulent and people should not engage with the caller. If a person receives these calls, he or she should report the information to the OIG Fraud Hotline at 1-800-269-0271 or online at <https://oig.ssa.gov/report>.

“These calls appear to be happening across the country, so we appreciate SSA’s partnership in this national public outreach effort,” said Gail S. Ennis, the Inspector General

for the Social Security Administration. “Our message to the public is simply this: If you or someone you know receives a questionable call claiming to be from SSA or the OIG, just hang up.”

The new PSA addressing the telephone impersonation scheme is available online at www.youtube.com/socialsecurity.

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In the matter of
Peggy Misiewicz
Guardianship File No. 19-204,885-GA
Conservatorship File No. 19-204,884-CA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including her brother, Michael Misiewicz and any other unknown siblings, relatives, and heirs, whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on April 19, 2019, at 2:30

P.M. at Kent Co. Probate Court, 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose:
Appointment of a Guardian, Appointment of a Conservator.

Dated: March 25, 2019

Adult Protective Services, DHHS, Petitioner
121 Franklin St. NE
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SPRING SPORTS CALENDAR

BOYS & GIRLS VARSITY TRACK
* Denotes a meet at Red Arrow Stadium
4/16 at 4 pm OK White Jamboree #1*

GIRLS VARSITY LACROSSE
* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium
4/10 at 7 pm Grandville*

BOYS VARSITY LACROSSE
* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium
4/9 at 6 pm at Comstock Park
4/11 at 7 pm at East Kentwood

GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS
* Denotes a game at LHS tennis courts
4/9 at 4 pm Portland*
4/11 at 4:15 pm at Lakewood

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER
* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium
4/9 at 6:45 pm Grand Ledge*

BOYS VARSITY GOLF
* Denotes a meet at Deer Run Golf Course
4/10 at 1 pm Kent County Classic at Thornapple Point
4/11 at 3:30 pm Unity Christian at Pigeon Creek

GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL
* Denotes a game at Cherry Creek Field
4/6 at 11 am New Albany
4/10 at 4:15 pm Cedar Springs*

BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL
* Denotes a game at Cherry Creek Field
4/6 at 11 am at Seymour
4/6 at 1 pm New Albany
4/10 at 4:15 pm Cedar Springs*

obituaries

MCCAUL

Garry G. McCaul, age 83, of Lowell, MI, passed away on March 28, 2019. Garry was preceded in death by his parents, Keith McCaul and Rosetta Hayes; and brothers, Ken and Don McCaul. He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Mona McCaul; children, Dan (Louise) McCaul, Tony McCaul and Tracy (Joe) Tidd; grandchildren, Kristen and Nicole McCaul and Tabitha Tidd; four great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. Garry served in the U.S. Army and worked for the City of Lowell in the Department of Public Works for over 35 years before retiring. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Interment South Boston Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to F.R.O.M., 11535 Fulton Street E, Lowell, MI 49331.



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

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

JAZZ MUSIC WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

Puzzle solutions on page 12

JAZZ MUSIC WORD SEARCH

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 BAND
 BARS
 BASS
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BLOW
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Guess Who?

I am a pop singer/songwriter born in New York on June 22, 1953. I adopted my distinctive fashion sense as a teenager. I gained notoriety for my playful songs, but I've gone on to be a well-rounded musician.

Answer: Cyndi Lauper

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the environment.

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Answer: Water

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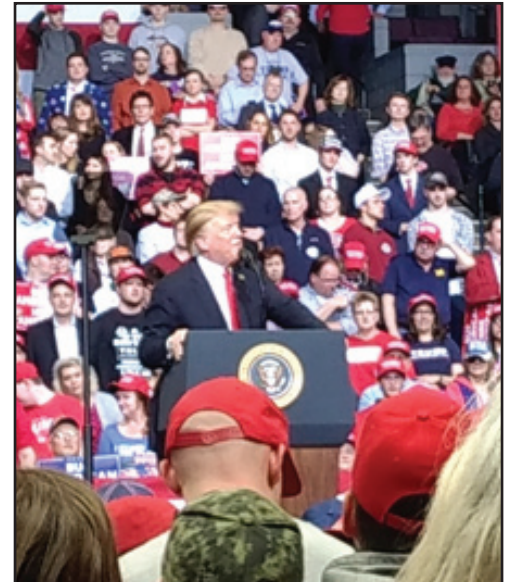
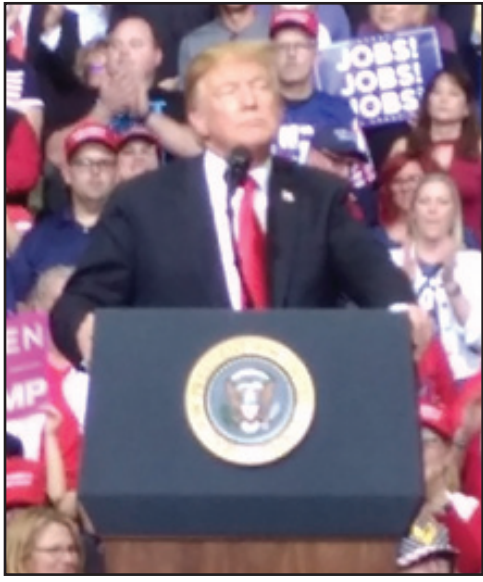
- In bed
- Project portfolio management
- ___ Bator: Mongolian capital
- Roamed
- Notre Dame legend Parseghian
- Nothing (Spanish)
- Not level
- Self-contained aircraft unit
- Baseball broadcaster Caray
- ___ Tomei, actress
- "The Raven" writer
- Bathrooms
- Skilled inventors
- Forcefully silence
- Remove
- The arrival of daylight
- Split lentils
- "Walking Dead" actress
- A lazy person
- Doctors' group
- Crooks
- Fragrant essential oil
- Conjured
- One who predicts
- Scarlett's home
- Television network

- Something comparable to another
- What a thespian does
- Word element meaning life
- Italian island
- "King of Queens" actress Remini
- Jogged
- Norse gods
- Lazily
- Midway between northeast and east
- Hindu queen

CLUES DOWN

- Top Rank boxing promoter
- ___ fide (Latin)
- At all times
- Hindu female deity
- Tufts of hairs on plant seeds
- Edited
- Portuguese archipelago
- Your parents' brothers
- Pakistani city
- Farewell
- Short sleep sessions
- Remove salt
- Drug officers
- One and only
- The Golden State
- Fabric baby carrier (abbr.)
- Quid pro ___
- New England research university
- Baseball pitcher's stat
- Western India island
- ___ Angeles
- Midway between east and southeast
- British singer Stewart
- Suggesting the horror of death and decay
- Riding horse
- Where wrestlers work
- Regions
- Of a main artery
- Not classy
- Competed against
- Biscuit-like cake
- Large ankle bones
- Computer company
- "Friends" actress Kudrow
- "Chocolat" actress Lena
- Brain folds

Trump, continued



privilege of not having to buy bad healthcare. Okay? Not too good. So we are going to get rid of Obamacare. And I said it the other day, the Republican Party will become the party of great healthcare. It's good. It's important. And we have created new options to help Americans purchase affordable health plans all

across state lines. You now have options you would have never had. The Democrats are pushing socialist, government-run healthcare that bans private healthcare for 180 million Americans. Now think of it. A lot of you have private plans and they are great. They are great, and you want that. They want to take them away. That's not

going to work. I don't think that's going to work too well. Republicans want you to have an affordable plan that's just right for you. And, by the way, you can use your doctor. Remember that? That was a lie. 28 times, 28 times he said that was a lie. You get cheaper premiums in much lower deductibles. The deductibles on Obamacare

are so high, on average \$7,000. You don't get to use it unless a really great tragedy hits and then you don't really want it because you don't give a damn about your deductible, right? You will be in a position where you say, 'Who cares about the deductible, let's see if I can live.' We believe that no one in America should be

bankrupted by healthcare cost, and that's what's happening with Obamacare. And remember this, because it's very important, and I'm speaking now for the Republican party. We will always protect patients with pre-existing conditions. Always. Always."

According to the New York Times, however, "This is misleading. Currently, Mr. Trump's administration is seeking to eliminate the Affordable Care Act in court, including provisions that protect people with pre-existing conditions. In 2017, Mr. Trump also backed several bills to repeal the health care law, some of which would have also undermined protections for pre-existing conditions. In his budget, Mr. Trump renewed his call to repeal the law and instead called for the enactment of legislation similar to a 2017 bill sponsored by Republican Senators Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and Bill Cassidy of Louisiana. That bill prohibits insurers from denying coverage to patients with pre-existing conditions, but it does permit states to obtain waivers that allow insurers to charge more based on health status."

A complete transcript of Trump's remarks in Grand Rapids can be found at <https://factba.se/transcript/donald-trump-speech-maga-rally-grand-rapids-march-28-2019>.

A few blocks away at Rosa Parks Circle, the infamous "Baby Trump" balloon was inflated at a protest against the rally. Speakers at the protest included retired US Army Major Richard Ojeda, MI rep. Rachel Hood, Kent County commissioner Robert Womack, former candidate for the MI house Dr. Rob Davidson and former candidate for US Congress Cathy Albro. There was also a Trump/Putin puppet show and some live music. For a couple bucks you could even buy your own smaller version of the Baby Trump balloon to take home.

Grand Rapids resident Karen Dunham organized the protest.

"I go to a lot of protests," Dunham said. "When the visitation over at the arena was announced, one of my friends said we should have a protest, somebody should organize a protest, is anybody organizing a protest? I was sitting in a coffee shop in Ontario where I visited last weekend and said, 'Someone should organize a protest. I think that someone is me!' So I put up a Facebook event. I selected Rosa Parks Circle because it's a big open space, it's public access event and the city is easy to work with. The city said, 'Sure, here is the information and here is what we need.'"

Dunham and the protest were the subject of a feature story in that day's Washington Post.

"I think it's very patriotic to organize a protest, and the Washington Post agrees," Dunham said.

"I saw a lot of GVSU students with MAGA hats, so I came down here," said Grand Rapids resident Luis. "I think the 'Baby Trump' balloon is hilarious. It has those nipples, it's holding a phone, it's very funny."

"That balloon is just great," said Mimi, a resident of Wayland. "I have never seen the balloon before, it's really nice. It's a good thing to have here. What brought me out here is that 'the other team' seems to be on the wrong side of every issue that I believe in. I don't appreciate anything Donald Trump does, or his secretary of education. I don't welcome Trump here to Grand Rapids, personally. I'm fine that he's here, but I wouldn't be on the greeting committee!"

The protest even attracted a few MAGA-hatted Trump supporters.

"I'm here to support the president, but I heard about the protest and wanted to see if it was going to be a bust or what," said Joe from Grand Rapids. "I also wanted to talk to people. I like to just talk about stuff. If nobody talks, the two sides are just going to grow further and further apart, and it's going to be pretty terrible."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Lowell Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing to consider the following variance requests from the Township Zoning Ordinance:

Variance Requests: Don and Susan Ver Hulst are requesting the following variances in order to create two new lots from an existing lot which contains a single-family dwelling.

Variance to create a lot for 1809 Parnell Avenue: A variance from Section 4.02, Table of Bulk Regulations, which requires a new lot in the AG-2 Zoning District to be a minimum of 4 acres in size with a minimum of 200 feet of road frontage. The applicant wishes to create a lot containing 2.45 acres with 165 feet of road frontage and is therefore requesting a lot size variance of 1.55 acres and a road frontage variance of 35 feet.

Variance for a rear setback for new lot at 1809 Parnell Avenue: A variance from Section 4.02, Table of Bulk Regulations, which requires accessory buildings and structures to be setback a minimum of 50 feet from the rear lot line in the AG-2 Zoning District. The applicant wishes to create a new lot which results in an existing in-ground swimming pool being 32.2 feet from the new rear lot line and is therefore requesting a rear setback variance of 17.8 feet.

Variance to create a lot for 1811 Parnell Avenue: A variance from Section 4.02, Table of Bulk Regulations, which requires a new lot in the AG-2 Zoning District to be a minimum of 4 acres in size with a minimum of 200 feet of road frontage. The applicant wishes to create a lot containing 3.45 acres with 153.7 feet of road frontage and is therefore requesting a lot size variance of 0.55 acres and a road frontage variance of 46.3 feet.

Property Location: 1809 Parnell SE which is located on the west side of Parnell Avenue SE approximately 850 feet north of Settle Wood Drive. PP# 41-20-06-476-001. This property is zoned A-2, Rural Agricultural.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN:	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019
TIME:	7:00 P.M.
WHERE:	LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL 2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE LOWELL, MI 49331

Any person is welcome to attend this meeting and to offer comments or ask questions regarding the appeal. The application materials are available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday. Phone 616-897-7600.

Tim Clements, Chair
Lowell Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals