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Public input taken at Rec Park Design Day

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The city of Lowell had two “Recreation Park Design Day” sessions at city hall Wednesday, April 17. The purpose of these sessions was to get public input about what features and amenities the community would like to see at the park after the Kent County Youth Fair moves out in a few years.

Attendees could pick from 34 different attractions,

including a splash pad, a fishing area, a playground and various surfaces and fields for sports, which they placed onto a blank map of the park. These were archived by engineering firm Williams & Works, who are working with the city to plan the park.

“There is an overall map of the site blanked out, and on the side there are game

pieces. Everything is to scale,” said assistant city manager Rich LaBombard. “People can take the pieces and fit them on there any way they like, and this generates your idea of what our future park could look like. It’s kind of neat because you can wiggle things around and see where things fit well.”

“A lot of times, municipalities will go

through some kind of a design process so they can get the public input they need to come up with a design,” said project manager Andy Moore of Williams & Works. “We have done these for a number of communities that are looking to redesign a park or a public space. The only limiting factor here is what you can and cannot put on the flood plain because of the likelihood of flooding, which happens three or four times a year.”

After members of the public filled their potential park posters with the perfect blend of amenities and green spaces, the posters were photographed and will be compared to determine the most popular combination of features.

“Williams & Works is going to capture a picture of it, and all of them will go into

the overall concept of what things were most popular,” LaBombard said. “If, for example, we find that fishing down there is very popular, then that will be included in the plan. It’s a neat way of doing things that’s more interactive.”

“We will capture all of them, and in this case, after people fill out the game boards and complete their designs, we’ll take a picture of it so we have them memorialized, going forward,” Moore said. “Then we’ll take all the designs from all the people today and then turn those into a few different design alternatives. Eventually we’ll move toward one preferred design that hopefully encapsulates everything that people suggested.”

Members of the public were pleased and excited to

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Lowellians Stephen Grody and Kim Southwick piecing together their perfect park.

Catch “Breaking Legs” at Larkin’s The Other Place

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The LowellArts Players are currently performing Tom Dulak’s hilarious action/comedy play “Breaking Legs” at Larkin’s The Other Place dinner theater until May 4.

The plot takes place in a Italian restaurant owned by a mafioso (John Foley) and run by his daughter (Amy Goodman-McDaniels). Her college professor (Matt Tawney), also the object of her affections, shows up to ask her father and a couple other mobsters (Ken Parrish and Gary Soentengen) for money to produce a play that he wrote.

The actors of the LowellArts Players did an excellent job bringing these menacing yet comical characters to life.

“I am very pleased, very pleased, and I think the audience liked it,” said

director Sue Bradford immediately after the play’s opening performance on Friday, April 19. “There’s always that chance that they’re going to leave some lines on the floor, and they didn’t drop a single line tonight. They did great.”

Bradford said she watched a lot of mafia movies before directing the play. Not to prepare for this experience, but because she enjoys them.

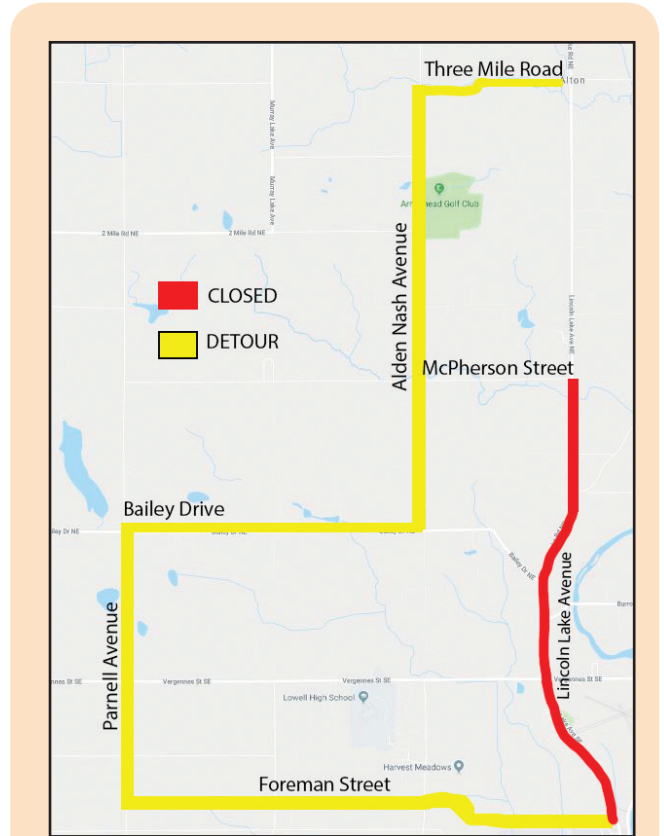
“I watch a ton of mafia movies, I’m a fan,” Bradford said. “I’m a big ‘Goodfellas’ fan.”

“For this, I watched some ‘Sopranos’ and I watched a little ‘Godfather’ just to get into it,” Parrish said. “My favorite mafia movie is probably ‘Goodfellas.’ It just seemed really real to me. The other one I liked a lot was ‘Casino’ with Robert DeNiro.”

“I imagined the movie ‘My Cousin Vinnie’ and I just pictured that accent,” said Goodman-McDaniels. “Then I recorded my lines on a mini tape recorder, and as I was driving to work each day I listened to it over and over and over.”

The play is set in an Italian restaurant, therefore the menu at Larkin’s The Other Place dinner theater is made up of iconic Italian dishes, including lasagna, chicken marsala, Caesar salad, chicken parmesan and tortellini with red sauce.

Remaining showtimes for “Breaking Legs” are April 26, 27, 28 and May 3 and 4. Purchase tickets or get more information at lowellartsmi.org/breaking-legs, by calling 616-897-8545 or by visiting LowellArts at 223 W. Main St.



Lincoln Lake Ave. construction/detour starts April 24

The Kent County Road Commission has contracted Superior Asphalt to complete a crush, shape and repave (with 3.5 inches of hot mix asphalt) of Lincoln Lake Avenue.

Crush and shape is a structural pavement treatment that grinds, or crushes, the existing asphalt and 1/2” of underlying gravel. The material is then regraded, compacted and covered with multiple layers of paver-placed hot asphalt. The section will be closed to through traffic, with a posted detour (above).

The projected completion date for this project is May 30.

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FFA fundraiser to benefit Midwest flooding victims

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

After Nebraska and Iowa flooded during the early part of this year, farmers were left with estimated losses of \$450 million in crops and \$400 million in livestock.

Lowell FFA vice president Abigail Wester is spearheading a fundraiser banquet at the LPAC on Thursday, April 25 to raise money to help these farmers.

"I was inspired to initiate this fundraiser because I saw the damage of the floods on RFDtv," Wester said. "I instantly wanted to help. The devastating damage in Nebraska and Iowa is heartbreaking. I felt the need to share my big heart with the FFA and our community. Part of the FFA creed is, 'the joys and discomforts of agricultural life.' This

really speaks to our FFA and myself, as many people, not just agriculturalists, struggle on a daily basis. The Lowell FFA strongly believes that it is important to help those in need. At the beginning of this school year we ran a fundraiser to raise donations for the victims of the California wildfires. Even though that fundraiser is over, those victims are still in need of donations. Now we are running this fundraiser for the farmers affected by the floods in Nebraska and Iowa. The flood has struck them very hard. The flood has ruined fields and killed livestock [and] there is nearly \$1 billion in damage. I know that we would receive help in times of discomfort and that is why I believe that it

is very important to support our friends in Nebraska and Iowa. The money will be donated to the Nebraska Farm Bureau and the Iowa Farm Bureau. They will then distribute the money to those in need."

Your first chance to donate is at the FFA banquet on April 25.

"Our banquet is on April 25th at 7 pm in the LPAC," Wester said. "We will be accepting donations at our banquet as well as acknowledging the hard work of all of our members this year. It is a great night to celebrate and we felt that it would be an even better time to collect donations. All are more than welcome to attend our banquet! We would love to see everyone there!"

If you can't attend that event, there are collection bins at various locations around Lowell, including Tractor Supply Company, Showboat Automotive, Gary's Country Meats, Self Serve Lumber, Ace Hardware and Red Barn Market. Otherwise, you can donate directly to the FFA.

"There are other ways to donate other than through our banquet," Wester said. "Around town, at our local businesses, there are signs containing information on how to contact me so that I can work out a way to get the donations with those who choose to contact me. Otherwise, there are certain locations that have donation bins. We greatly appreciate all local businesses partnerships

on this and if any business would like to collect that doesn't have a donation bin, they can contact me at awestershooting@gmail.com."

Wester is accepting donations until May 15.

"As a Lowell High School senior, our last day of school is May 16th," Wester said. "This will give me time to collect and get everything sent to the Nebraska Farm Bureau and the Iowa Farm Bureau before my time in the Lowell FFA is sadly over. It has been a great four years and I will forever be thankful for the person FFA has made me."

The flood damage was extensive in Iowa and Nebraska. Record snowfall from January through

March followed by a three day stretch of 60 degree temperatures and heavy rain caused rivers to flood and the ice and snow to melt. There were massive chunks of ice in the Missouri River demolishing everything in their path. Three states, Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri, declared states of emergency. The damage was not limited to farmers, a lot of infrastructure, homes and business were also destroyed, and there were three deaths. The total damages are estimated at \$2.9 billion.

"I know we can do it," Wester said. "We come together on so many things. I know it is possible."

Food Fight 2019 started on Monday, April 22 Generous matching sponsors pledge over \$20,000 to Food Fight to help neighbors in need.

Food Fight 2019 kicked off April 22 with support from nine local businesses who have pledged over \$24,000 in matching funds to help encourage other businesses and individuals to donate to support FROM (Flat River Outreach Ministries) programs. The \$24,700 match means any new or increased donation made to Food Fight will be doubled and the impact on our community will be even larger.

Now in its eleventh year, Food Fight began as friendly

competition to help fill the food pantry shelves, but has become so much more. It is now the biggest fundraising event for the non-profit and allows the organization to offer programs like employment assistance, energy bill payment, food pantry, Lunch Buddies and also connections to other services and programs available throughout West Michigan.

All funds raised by FROM stay in the community to support those living in the Lowell Area



How does the Food Fight work? Each dollar raised and food item donated is translated into points on the scoreboard. Each person who donates designates which team (North or South with Main Street as the dividing line) gets their points. North and South are each tied with five wins so this is the year for one side to pull ahead and get bragging rights for an entire year.

To Join the Fight individuals can donate money online (www.fromlowell.org), in person, or by mail (FROM, 11535 Fulton Street East). They can also donate food at FROM (check out the list of most needed pantry items here <http://fromlowell.org/foodpantry>). Springrove Variety and Treasures Thrift Shop will also be participating in the "Show you Care, Buy a Square"

campaign, where shoppers can purchase red or white squares for \$1 to show support for the North or South team.

New this year, FROM is also hosting Finding FROM events to educate the community on who FROM is and what the organization is doing to help our neighbors in need. A behind the scenes building tour, light refreshments and future plans for the organization will also be included. Events are free and open to the public with no RSVP required. They will take place May 2, 16 and 30 at 6 pm and May 9, 23 and 30 at noon at FROM.

Food Fight runs from April 22- June 1st when the points will be tallied and the winner will be announced. So, join the fight today and donate to help your neighbors in need.

School District. FROM, a Christian non-profit agency that was started over twenty years ago by 13 area churches, relies on over 300 volunteers and a staff of nine to serve neighbors in need.

"We are so excited about the \$24,000 match this year and incredibly thankful for our Matching Sponsors who are a key part in the success of this fundraiser,"

says Dawn Broene, Executive Director. "Our goal is to raise \$125,000 in food and funds this year we couldn't do that without our matching sponsors, local business sponsors and individual donors. Each year we are blessed by the generosity of our community; people coming together to help support their neighbors in need."

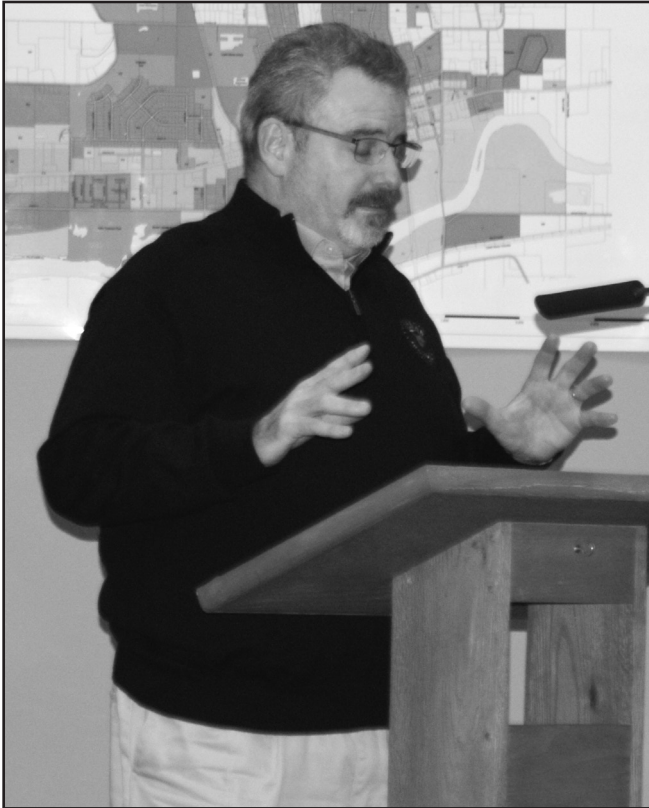
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Tuesday, April 16 city council meeting report



Moran Iron Works owner Michael Mroz. He said his company will fabricate the steel structure for the new Lowell Showboat, truck it here in pieces and assemble it in the river before the end of the year.

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell city council had their latest regular meeting at city hall on Tuesday, April 16. The meeting lasted one hour and 17 minutes and was attended by about 15 citizens.

The council voted to hire Hudsonville company JAVO Construction to serve as the city's construction inspector and project manager during the Lowell Showboat construction process.

"As the Lowell Showboat VI project gets underway, the Showboat committee has been working to ensure the proper professions and disciplines are involved in the development process to ensure the numerous complex components of such a large project are not overlooked," said assistant city manager Rich LaBombard. "The Showboat committee felt there was a need for an individual with expertise in construction supervision to be available as a resource and to provide guidance in the development phase of the project, but also to protect the city's interest during the construction phase. [...] Jim VanOverloop, who cannot be here tonight,

by the way, owner of JAVO Construction of Hudsonville, was recommended for his expertise in commercial construction and his interest in working on complex and challenging projects. Mr. VanOverloop's role will be to assist with development of the project budget and, once construction starts, he will work closely with the general contractor to ensure the structure is built according to the design specifications."

The council approved having JAVO oversee the general contractor bidding process for \$10,400 but did not approve the \$68,000 requested by JAVO to oversee the interior construction process until owner VanOverloop appears at a council meeting to justify this rate and they can add a "not to exceed" clause to the contract.

"I would just like to at least ask a couple questions of the individual," said councilor Greg Canfield.

"That's reasonable," LaBombard replied.

The council then discussed the fabrication of the steel structure of the new Showboat. Moran Iron

Works owner Michael Mroz was on hand to participate in the discussion and answer the council's questions. The new Lowell Showboat will be built at Moran Iron Works headquarters in Onaway, MI, brought to Lowell on trucks and assembled in the river. All of this is tentatively scheduled to happen before the end of the year.

"The city requested bidders to provide a cost for all materials, fabrication labor, modularization of the structure to make it transportable, epoxy painting, transportation to Lowell, installation into the Flat River and required bonding," LaBombard said. "Upon review of the material costs and labor requirements, the sole bid received [\$1,497,920] was determined to be in line with the services requested. Funds for the fabrication of the Lowell Showboat VI are available from grant funds received for the Showboat construction project."

"Right now, we project it out to be late November, early December when we would have it in the water and assembled for you," Mroz said.

The council voted to approve hiring consultant Brian Donovan of East Grand Rapids to assist the city and Lowell Township with the process of creating a "Water and Sewer Authority." The city and the township will split the cost, which is \$150 per hour plus \$.58 per mile for Donovan to drive between Lowell and EGR.

"We have had some discussions with Lowell Township regarding future possibilities for the system as growth in the township will eventually exceed the growth in the city limits," said city manager Michael Burns. "We have done some research regarding possibilities but we need some assistance in continuing to facilitate this discussion. After a meeting in January with Lowell Township regarding their water and sewer rates, we kind of reached a sticking point on how to proceed. After further discussion, we believed it

might be in the best interest of both communities to bring in a facilitator to assist us in how this relationship will continue."

The council once again continued their discussion from previous meetings of a potential city income tax to fix city streets. Voters would have to approve it, and Burns said that city attorney Dick Wendt is currently working on a ballot proposal.

"The nice thing about the income tax is it spreads it across everybody, and the retirees are not really effected," Canfield said. "That's a great thing. It also helps spread that cost to out-of-town people that work in our city. They're driving on our roads, they're contributing to the wear and tear and they'll benefit from reduced car repairs because we don't have potholes anymore."

"Unless you want to start laying off employees and cutting city services... you saw the budget," said Burns.

"The city's already done what they can," Canfield said.

"Unless we want to see diminished services, I don't know what else we can do," Burns said. "We're going to probably want to tackle the worst streets first, but we're going to want to do it in a way that is spread out equally around the different sectors of the city."

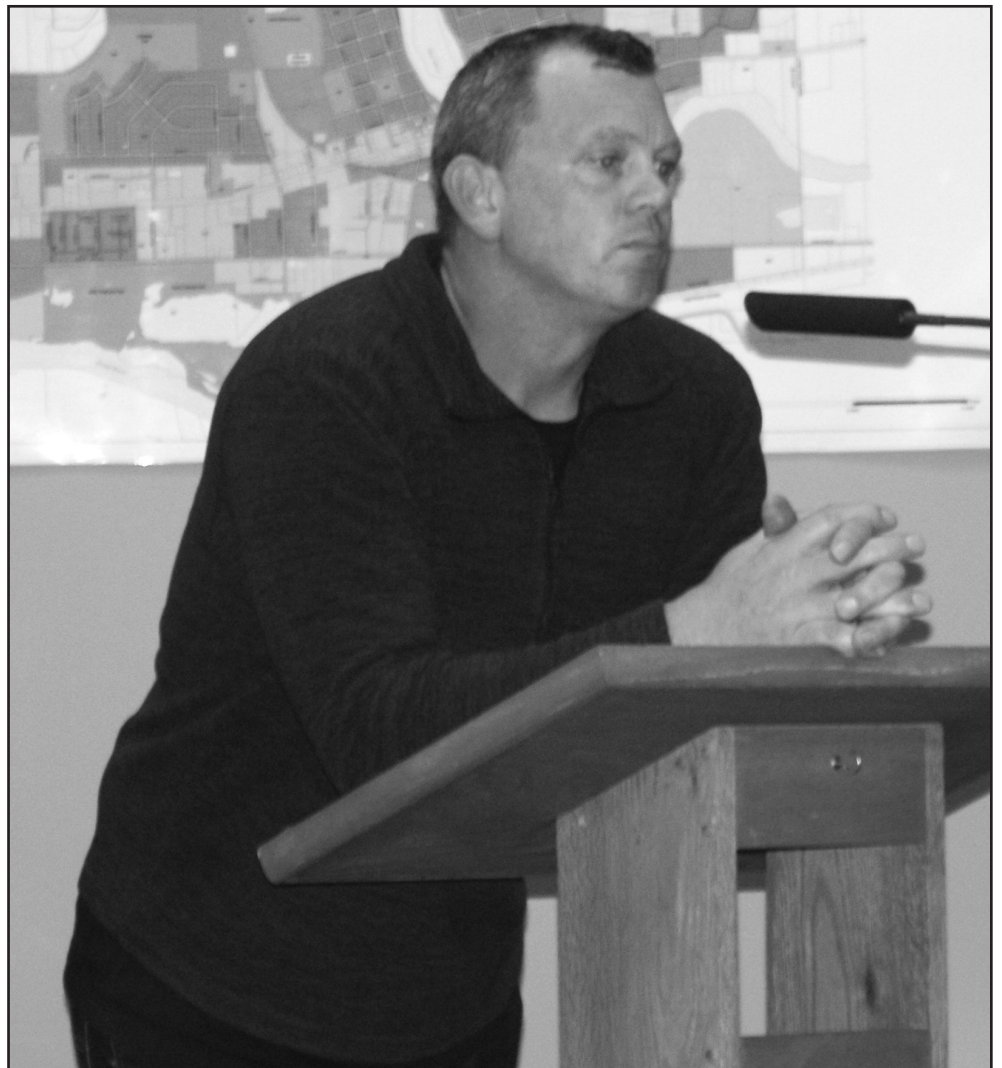
The council voted to spend \$28,320 from the Lowell Airport Fund to have Great Lakes Paving repave the area between hangars A and B on the west side of the airport. The money in that fund is not generated through taxation of residents, but instead from the airport's tenants, who will see a \$10 monthly increase in their rent

to pay for the work. Lowell City Airport manager Casey Brown was at the meeting to answer questions from the council.

"That's the two westernmost hangar areas closest to Lincoln Lake Ave.," Brown said. "Those two taxiways will be about 12 feet wide."

The council's next regular meeting will be at 7 pm on Monday, May 6. 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, May 4.

To watch city council, board and commission meetings from the recent past, visit the "City of Lowell" channel on YouTube.



Lowell City Airport manager Casey Brown. Taxiways at the airport will be repaved this June, at a cost of \$28,320.

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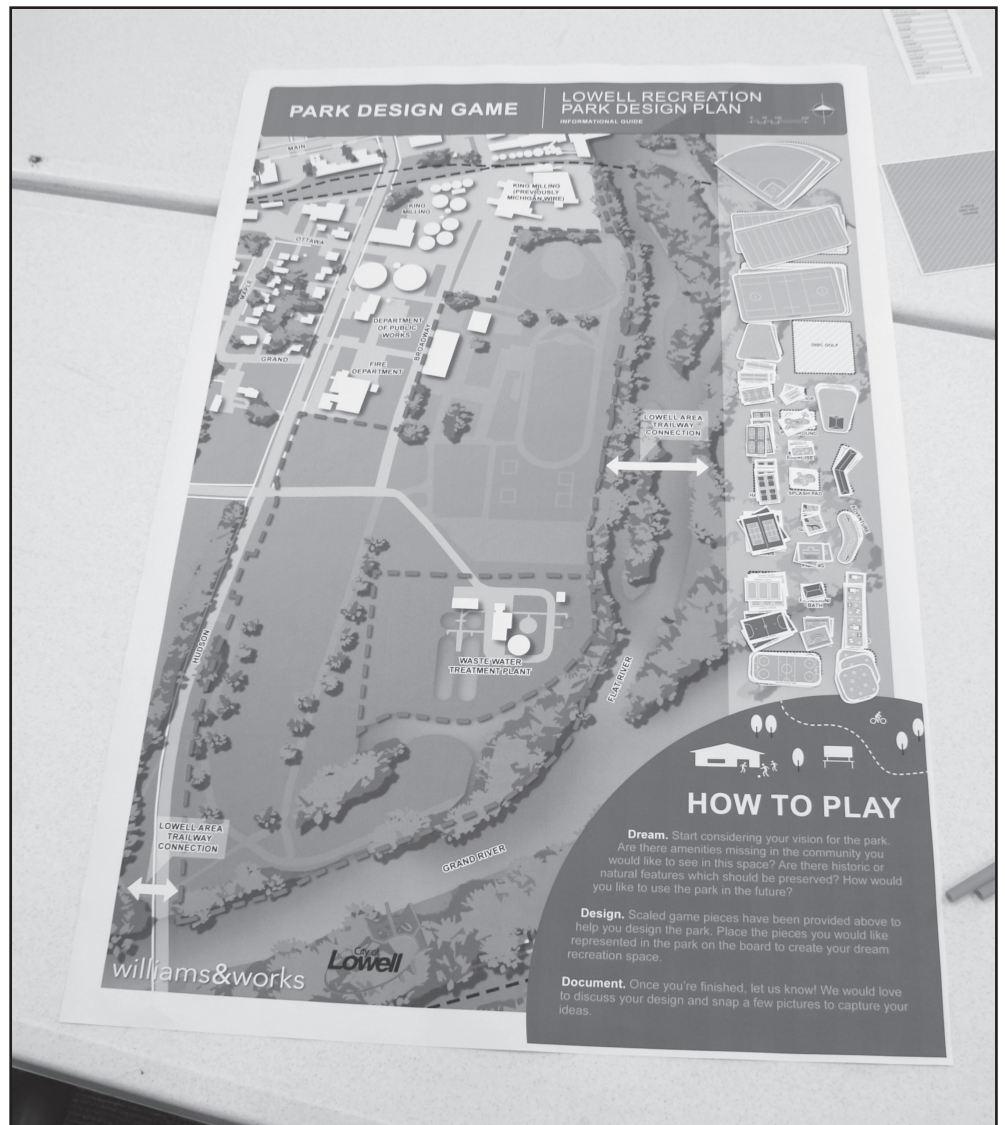


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The entrance to Recreation Park at the corner of Hudson St. and Bowes Rd. For now it's the home of the Kent County Youth Fair, after public input, in a few years it could become one of the coolest parks in Kent County.

be involved in the planning of a major city park and eager to share their ideas. "I just love the opportunity to give input and shape the community," said Kim

Southwick. "I would love to see a place there to walk my dog, to meet other people, for picnicking, some sports courts and just to spend time with the community."

"I love the outdoors," said Stephen Grody. "Helping to plan this park is a great opportunity."

viewpoint



125 years ago Lowell Ledger April 28, 1894

Jess. Letson is again in trouble. One day last week he stole a coat and vest from his brother Will, and left for parts unknown. The latter swore out a warrant for his arrest and Undersheriff Fales caught up with the purloiner near Lowell. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$5 or thirty days in jail. He had to take the latter. The garments were valued at seven dollars.

F. Homer Hosford was brainy when a boy. When attending the Lowell school he always had his lessons perfect, and he had lots of spare time to devote to something else. He early developed a capacity for literary work, and with no other preparation than he secured at the village school, has become a prodigy in the field of letters. From a reporter and correspondent of obscure papers, he has advanced step by step to wider fields, upon metropolitan journals, as Washington correspondent, and has become a power in the political work of the state committee of Michigan, and tally clerk of the House of Representatives at Washington, where he weilds a potential influence in political circles.

100 years The Lowell Ledger April 24, 1919

Seven men paid fines and costs aggregating

\$297.75 here for spearing fish out of season in inland waters. The men were Peter Flachs, Alexander May, William May, J. Allbeck, Louis Calkins, Charles Quigley and Glen Ward.

Ed. Stahlin lost the fingers of his left hand Friday night while operating a saw in the Dort Motor Co. plant. Stahlin was working on the night crew. James Hall, another employee, lost the index finger on his right hand a few minutes later and Dell Bricker's left thumb was smashed while at work on the night crew in the plant.

The barberry hunt brought out five groups of harmful barberry and four more groups listed as doubtful or mixed varieties. The shrubs will be watched to see what they develop into.

75 years The Lowell Ledger April 27, 1944

R. G. Chrouch has purchased from M. D. Hoyt the brick store building at 206 E Main St., which he will occupy with his Radio Service. Mr. Chrouch will install a new front and make other improvements before moving in.

Housewives were advised today by the OPA that they must keep War Ration Book Three in a safe place. It will be used in the future although only shoe stamps are valid in it at this time. Other stamps will be designated for use from time to time. For the first time since rationing began a year ago, all buying of rationed foods is now done from one ration book, that is Book Four. OPA asks that everyone protect both books three and four.

It has been found that only 60 per cent of American soldiers know how to swim. So there are classes for these men in England on Swimming, through cooperation of army authorities and the American Red Cross. A great part of those soldiers will soon have to cross considerable water to western shores of the European continent, for the prospective invasion. If some of these landing craft should be sunk by enemy action, ability to swim could save men's lives. Swimming is a mighty useful stunt in either war or peace. Probably there have been more deaths resulting from torpedoing of American vessels, because many of our men did not know how to swim. If a man thrown into the water can keep afloat for a time, the chances that he will be picked up and saved are greatly increased.

50 years The Lowell Ledger April 24, 1969

Like many other communities across the state, Lowell lost some of its revenue production at the first of the year when the new District Court system replaced the local Justice of the Peace. But the city took steps Monday night to recover at least a portion of these lost revenues when city council adopted an ordinance creating a parking violations bureau.

Three area properties have been designated as Centennial Farms by the Michigan Historical Commission. The Brannan farm, located at 10887 60th Street near Alto, and now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wakefield, was purchased from John Ball by John Brannan in 1850 following his arrival in Michigan from New York State. Mr. Brannan soon became active in township affairs and was listed as Township Treasurer in 1852.

Arnold Wittenbach, recently re-elected to the city council, has been named by fellow council members to serve his seventh term as mayor for the City of Lowell. The vote was unanimous among the four other council members voting on Wittenbach's nomination at the annual organization meeting held Monday night.

25 years The Lowell Ledger April 27, 1994

If you see a poster of pins describing the arrival of the Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall, you may want to look a little closer at the picture. That picture includes a drawing by Lowell Middle School's James Bristol II.

A deceiving government, health care, crime, individual responsibilities and morals were just a few topics of discussion for Congressman Vern Ehlers at his town meeting Saturday morning. Ehlers was in the third district to answer questions and concerns of residents. Although he drew applause on several issues, his discussion was mainly focused on defending governmental procedures, the constitution and generally voicing his opinion on issues.

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.
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- Letters that serve as testimonials for or criticisms of businesses will not be accepted.
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- Letters that include attacks of a personal nature will not be published or will be edited heavily.
- "Crossfire" letters between the same two people on one issue will be limited to one for each writer.
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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 ENRIQUE ALVARADO Guardianship File No. 14-195,687-GA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including his children, 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 May 8, 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.

Dated: April 22, 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
Phone (616) 633-0196

LMS Chess tournament results



Lowell Middle School has completed its 2019 Chess Tournament. Pictured left to right: Aidan Roustan, first place; Jake Kooi, second place; and Coleman Thalison, third place. Trophies were awarded by LMS principal Dan VanderMeulen.

happy birthday



APRIL 24

Gary Goff, Trevor Foss, Nichole Hoag, Don Shaffer, Logan Propst.

APRIL 25

Bonnie Weststrate.

APRIL 26

Marsha Ray, Casey Brown, Bonnie Baird, Audrey Bailey, Jonathan Christiansen, Brad Brzezniak.

APRIL 27

Janice Ryder, Dennis

Pretzel, Debbie Burrows, Ashlyn Karp.

APRIL 28

Terese Brown, Timmy Vezino, Shawna Austin, Kattie Hildenbrand, Beth Weston.

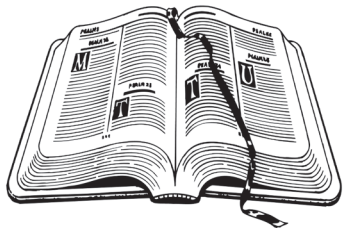
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K.J. Vezino, Bryan Roth, Lucy Wade.

APRIL 30

Carmen Roudabush, Stacey Irwin, Shawn Dulin, Nancy Leary.

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In the matter of CRAIG HALL Guardianship File No. 19-205,225-GA Conservatorship File No. 19-205,224-CA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including his brother, Ryan Hall, 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 May 08, 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: April 22, 2019

Adult Protective Services, DHHS, Petitioner
121 Franklin St. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49507
(616) 558-7608

VAN ESSEN AND ASSOCIATES PLLC Attys. for Petitioner
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3425 Kelly St.
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Learning from Scratch's 'Spring Fling' sale May 4

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell resident and retired teacher Betsey Hamm is the founder and executive director of Learning from Scratch, a non-profit "upcycle store" located inside the Comprenew Building, 1454 28th St. SE, Grand Rapids. They are having a huge "Spring Fling" sale on Saturday, May 4.

Hamm and her crew of three volunteers, Judy Thomson, Eric Stacey and Bill Spindler, work six days a week accepting various unwanted items from about 30 manufacturing companies such as Herman Miller and Steelcase. They clean, sort, package and sometimes slightly modify the material to make it usable. If they did not accept this material, it all would be dumped into a landfill. Some they donate to schools and other non-profits, some they sell in their store, the majority is stored in the basement.

"Betsy developed this idea of getting low cost or free materials from local manufacturers, initially for her to use in her classrooms as teaching aids and for arts and crafts," said volunteer Judy Thomson. "Pieces of plastic, wood, foam shapes, paper, fabric, et cetera. When she retired from teaching, she started this with a big commitment to get all of these materials into the community. It's very environmentally-based. She wants to keep all of those materials out of the waste stream. I think it's a difficult concept to explain, but once people come in, they're like, 'Where have you been all my life?' It's just such an interesting place to shop."

"What I don't take goes to the dumpster," Hamm said. "Last year we pulled out 12,000 pounds, saved it, and placed it everywhere we could. Right now we're up to about 5,500 pounds and it's only April, so we'll probably go way beyond that."

Learning from Scratch is Ham's passion project. Now age 72, she has been toiling away at it for almost 20 years despite some serious health issues during that time.

"Space has been the biggest challenge," Hamm said. "For 16 years, I was by myself. Then Eric, Bill and Judy came on board. That has helped me to continue. I was really praying for an angel, and when they came on it was a blessing. But up until then it was just me. I don't know how I did it, really. I had breast cancer, left teaching, then had an aneurysm. I just pushed on because I really believe in what I'm doing and I'm happy, happy, happy with it and I know it's the right thing to do. We really respect the companies that we work with and have great relationships with them. They're always right there with us. It wouldn't happen if it wasn't for those businesses. They could just throw it away, but they don't."

At the Spring Fling, there will be a huge selection of donated bits and bobs for sale including yarn, cardboard in various shapes and sizes, lids and caps, CDs, carpet samples, foam, felt, textiles, loose puzzle pieces, wallpaper, plastic flowers, yarn, tile, silk, fabric, string, pillows and cigar boxes. Hamm said nothing is placed on the shelves until it's thoroughly inspected and they're 100 percent certain it's clean and safe.

"We got a large amount of vests from a manufacturer," Hamm said. "They came to me really dirty and greasy. I took them home, put them in a degreaser, then I washed them with more degreaser. They came out perfectly clean. When stuff like that comes in, we have to be very careful. We are very particular about taking care of whatever the people give us. We'll do what's right."

We're really proud of that fact."

The vast majority of the customers at Learning from Scratch are teachers, artists, crafters and inventors who are either looking for something specific for a project or for a big bag of random widgets to play with and create.

"Everything here is educational," Hamm said. "In some way, it's a learning tool. I was a special education teacher and this is something I really wanted to do, because I didn't think that there were enough materials that teachers could

get for a low price. Things that are different and things that are creative, and this stuff is just amazing. Every morning when I get up I'm so excited to see what's out there. And it's creative, you're not stuck with instructions and directions. You can make anything you want."

Beneath the store is the basement, stuffed floor to ceiling with tons more donated items. It's gloomy, packed with boxes and looks rather like the secret government warehouse from the end of the movie "Raiders of the Lost

Ark." On Saturday, May 4 Learning from Scratch will have a Spring Fling sale to clear out their current stock and put vast array of basement items out for sale.

"This has been an annual thing we've been doing for the last few years," Thomson said. "We kind of pull out all the stops. We will have a lot of specials and a lot of door prizes. The focus will be to clearance tons of stuff out because we need to get it out of the storage area downstairs. We will bring a lot of stuff out there. We have a lot of fabric!"

"We have lots of stuff, just an abundance of things that we would like to push out and sell for low prices," Hamm said. "We have enough fabric to fill two cars! It's a huge amount of beautiful fabric, but we just have nowhere to put it."

For more information about Learning from Scratch or the Spring Fling, visit learningfromscratch.org, send a message to info@learningfromscratch.org or find them on social media. The store is open Monday through Saturday from 10 am until 6 pm.

NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES LITTLE THORNAPPLE RIVER INTERCOUNTY DRAIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on Tuesday, the 9th day of May, 2019, at the Kent County Drain Commissioner's Office, 1500 Scribner Ave NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49504, the Kent County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries, from 8:30am until 4:30pm, to hear the proofs and allegations, and to carefully reconsider and review the description of lands comprising the Little Thornapple River Intercounty Drain Drainage District. The Drain Commissioner shall determine whether the addition and/or deletion of lands will more accurately define the boundaries of the land benefitted by the Drain, located and established in the Township of Bowne, County of Kent, and whether such addition and/or deletion of lands is just and equitable pursuant to Section 197 of Act No 40, PA 1956, as amended.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the County Drain Commissioner at (616) 632-7910, or through the Michigan Relay Center at 1-800-649-3777 (TDD), at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

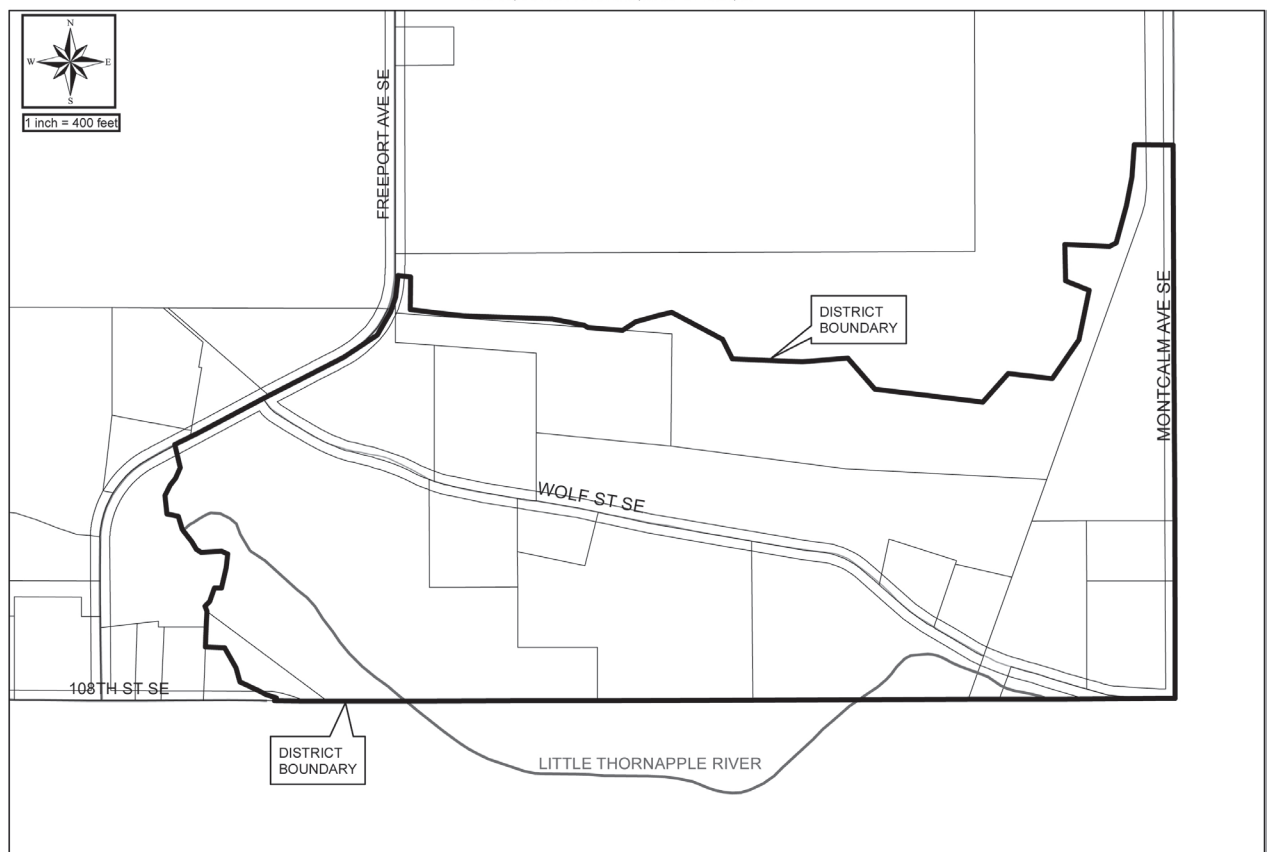
A map depicting the proposed revisions to the Little Thornapple River Intercounty Drain Drainage District, as recommended by a licensed professional engineer or surveyor, is enclosed with this Notice.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that persons aggrieved by the decision of the Drain Commissioner may seek judicial review in the Circuit Court, for the County of Kent, within ten (10) days of the determination.

Dated this 1st day of April, 2019.

Kenneth J Yonker,
Kent County Drain Commissioner

LITTLE THORNAPPLE RIVER INTER-COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT
SEC 36, BOWNE TOWNSHIP, KENT COUNTY, MI



Office of the Kent County Drain Commissioner,
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Spring GNO shows customer appreciation

by Emma Palova

In the steady drizzle on Thursday evening, girls and women braved the weather, hurrying inside the quaint boutiques and shops in downtown Lowell during the spring Girls Night Out (GNO).

“We took it from Karen Hale of Cousin’s Hallmark in 2009, when we all decided to do it,” said Liz Baker, director of Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. “We have fun.”

“It’s fun seeing people all dressed up,” said owner Martha Davis of TapHouseBo. Davis, owner of the fashionable boutique, who also dressed up for the occasion sporting fatigues, boots and a hat.

This year’s theme, “It’s a jungle out there” was conducive to dressing up, according to many GNO participants. The theme was the brainchild of the Station Salon team.

“We have some creative people here,” said owner Nancy DeBoer. DeBoer also built a photo booth with a blue jeep inside the salon.

“I just threw this together,” said Bonnie Grooters laughing at her zebra outfit at the Flat River Cottage on the east end of town. Grooters went for the zebra print, while her friend Karen Perkins roughed it out in fatigues, boots and binoculars.

Those who didn’t dress up for the event like Jack Reedy of Rookies, wished they had.

“I’ll dress up for the Comic Book Day in two weeks,” said Reedy.

It was all about customer appreciation at the participating merchants spread around town offering discounts and prizes. Most had refreshments and goodies and a complete feast was served at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce with everything from desserts to wine.

Stationed among others at the chamber were YMCA representatives Marta Rozema and Ruth Wood and Sherry Grimm of Avon and All-Natural Promises.

“We’ve been alternating locations around town,” said Rozema.

LowellArts hosted a Pop-Up artisan market with 18 women artists like Cindy Allen who made button rings on location at the gallery and Betsy Ratzsch with her spring art.

It was busy at the Ability Weavers shop, where owner Beryl Bartkus demonstrated rug and towel making on the looms in the open weaving floor studio. Bartkus employs 11.

“It has been great,” she said.

Her experimental project of employing people of all abilities, including those with autism has been steadily growing. Ability Weavers also offers “Weave Your Own Rug or Table Runner” classes.

Volunteers Bev Anderson,

Marcia Borg and Linda Barnes greeted visitors at the Lowell Area Historical Museum.

“I wish I had worn my helmet,” said Barnes referring to the Safari theme.

The local restaurants had specials ranging from “Jungle Juice” at the Big Boiler Brewery to a half order of chips and cheese at Larkin’s for \$2.50 and \$1 off pints at the New Union Brewery.

Over the years, the GNO themes have often reflected happenings around town. During the epic reconstruction of the bridge over the Flat River in downtown Lowell, the spring GNO had the construction workers theme with red vests and yellow hard hats.

For town events follow: <https://www.discoverlowell.org/festivals-and-events/>



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to consider a request from Westview Capital LLC for Tentative Preliminary Plat approval of Phase 2 of the Twin Oaks Subdivision containing 31 single family lots served by a public road and public water and sanitary sewer. The total number of lots proposed for the Twin Oaks Subdivision is 73.

ADDRESS AND GENERAL LOCATION: 1375 Cumberland Avenue. South side of Foreman Street one-half mile west of Cumberland Avenue and abutting the north side of Eastgate Subdivision. Existing Woodbushe Drive within the Eastgate Subdivision terminates at the south property line of the parcel proposed for development.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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

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

Tim Clements
Secretary
Lowell Charter Township
Planning Commission

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Girls Night Out, continued



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1. Station Salon crew during GNO decked in Safari outfits: Nancy DeBoer, Lynn Mitchell, Miranda Carroll, Jennifer Baylis, Kayla Martin, Stephanie Kramer, Ericka Reynolds, Myrtis Thut and Laura Franks.
2. GNO women brave Thursday evening drizzle.
3. Cindy Allen makes button rings at Lowell Arts.
4. YMCA Marta Rozema and Ruth Wood.
5. Michelle Emaus at Flat River Cottage.
6. Bev Anderson and Marcia Borg at the Lowell Area Historical Museum.
7. Beryl Bartkus, owner of Ability Weavers, LLC demonstrates weaving of popular towels.
8. Karen Perkins at Flat River Cottage.
9. Martha Davis, owner at Tap House Boutique.
10. Bonnie Grooters at Flat River Cottage.
11. Sweet Season Bakery & Cafe team: barista in training Jessi Stinchcomb, Patricia Dlouhy and Annalysse Dlouhy.
12. Cinnamin Piggott with All Natural Promises.

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 as submitted by Eastbrook Homes. Section 4.02, Table of Bulk Regulations, requires a new lot in the AG-2 Zoning District to be a minimum of 4 acres in size. Eastbrook Homes owns three lots each of which are currently more than 4 acres in size and is requesting the following variances in order to reduce the size of each lot to less than 4 acres.

1. A variance of .25 acres in order to create a lot for 10639 Kissing Ridge Drive (Lot C) which contains 3.75 acres.
2. A variance of .25 acres in order to create a lot for 10627 Kissing Ridge Drive (Lot D) which contains 3.75 acres.
3. A variance of .25 acres in order to create a lot for 10615 Kissing Ridge Drive (Lot E) which contains 3.75 acres.

Property Location: The three lots are located at the northeast corner of Kissing Rock Avenue and Kissing Ridge Drive, which is a private street, at the addresses listed above. These lots are vacant and are zoned A-2, Rural Agricultural.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 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

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Synopsis of Minutes
 April 8, 2019

1. To move forward with the parking lot quote from Midwest Asphalt.
2. To approve the three-phase electrical service to the Cowan Lake pump station.
3. To approve the Cyber Security Insurance Proposal.
4. To approve a contract with Consumers Energy Company for street lighting service within the Township of Grattan for a period of 5 years and thereafter from year to year.
5. To approve the spring clean-up quotes for the Grattan Cemetery, Mason Cemetery, the Township Hall, Museum and Fire Department from C&R Landscaping.

Our next Township Meeting will be
 May 13 at 7 p.m.

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

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Red Arrow

- SOCCER

SPORTS

Varsity soccer team splits two last week

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

The Lowell Red Arrows varsity girls soccer team split a pair of OK White Conference games last week against Cedar Springs and Forest Hills Northern.

On the road in Cedar Springs, the Lady Arrows jumpstarted their conference schedule with a 4-1 victory over the Red Hawks. Regan Coxon had two goals to lead the Red Arrows while Khloe Hayes and Isabel Remar each added one. Hayes contributed an assist, as did Anneke Breuker and Amber Clouse. Abby White recorded nine saves in goal.

Friday, the team traveled to Forest Hills Northern. FHN,

ranked fourth in the state in the latest MIHSSCA soccer rankings in Division 2, found themselves down 1-0 early thanks to a goal from Remar. The Red Arrows saw a solid performance from White at goalkeeper and were able to maintain their 1-0 lead heading into halftime.

The Huskies came out strong after the break with goals from Myers (45') and Greshak (52'). The wind was swirling at FHN, which played a significant role in the game. The Arrows pushed for an equalizing goal, but were unable to break through. The closest Lowell came was in the 78th

minute as Coxon sent in a cross that glanced off the crossbar.

Lowell finished the week at 3-2 overall and 1-1 in conference play. They travel to Greenville on Monday, host Forest Hills Central on Wednesday and host Grandville on Friday.

The Lowell JV team scored an excellent win over FHN on Friday by a score of 1-0. Jennie Underwood scored the goal with Lauren Swain recording the assist. Goalkeeper Hannah VanDeWeert and the Red Arrow defense had a strong showing in the shutout.



Khloe Hayes in possession during the second half of Lowell's game vs. FHN.



Lowell girls take first at Soderman Relays

The Lady Arrows used balanced scoring as they scored in ten of the 13 events leading to a 14-point win over runner-up Otsego. There were six first-place finishes by Lowell, many of them by younger members of the team.

The meet was close throughout, with the team title riding on the 1600m relay. Lowell needed to win or finish one place behind Otsego to get the win. Finishing first for Lowell were the relay teams of:

HJ Relay: Tressa Huizinga 5' and Kaylee Diamond 5'

PV Relay: Theresa Judd 8'6" and Jadan Sanders 8'

400m Relay: Kyra Snyder, Maddie Brown, Mya Kaywood, and Diana Roth 51.92 (third fastest in LHS All-Time)

1600m Relay: Julia Tuuri, Sanders, Greta Forward, Judd in 4:30.87

800m Relay: Snyder, Brown, Tuuri, Roth in 1:48.97 (third fastest LHS All-Time)

Sprint Medley: Kaywood, Snyder, Roth, Diamond 3:07.01

Second place relay teams were:

LJ Relay: Diamond 15'6" and Kaywood 14'4"

Shuttle Hurdle: Emily German, Boehr, Neely Bardwell, Judd 1:13.99

Also scoring for Lowell were:

3200m Relay: Lauren Aud, Alexis Haines, Aurora Fredricks, and Boehr going 11:14.61 for fifth place.

DMR: Canaan

McKinney, Boehr, Haines, and Aud in 15:01.

Team scores:

1. Lowell 76
2. Otsego 74
3. Caledonia 59
4. Holland 53
5. Grand Rapids Christian 43
6. Kalamazoo Central 22
7. Portage N 20
8. South Christian 10

The Arrows will be at Northview on Tuesday in a double dual against the host and Ottawa Hills.



LHS girls track team took first place in the Soderman Relays held last Saturday.

SPRING SPORTS
SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY
CALENDAR

BOYS & GIRLS VARSITY TRACK
* Denotes a meet at Red Arrow Stadium
4/27 at 9 am Kathy Talus Invitational*
4/30 at 4:15 pm OK White Jamboree #3 at FHC

GIRLS VARSITY LACROSSE
* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium
4/26 at 6 pm at Grand Ledge
4/29 at 6 pm at Grandville
5/1 at 7 pm at Spring Lake

BOYS VARSITY LACROSSE
* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium
4/26 at 7 pm at Zeeland West
4/30 at 7 pm Kenowa Hills*

GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS
* Denotes a game at LHS tennis courts
4/25 at 4:15 pm at Greenville
4/30 at 4:15 pm Forest Hills Central*

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER
* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium
4/26 at 6:45 pm Grandville*
4/29 at 6:45 pm Ottawa Hills*
5/1 at 6:45 pm Northview*

BOYS VARSITY GOLF
* Denotes a meet at Deer Run Golf Course
4/29 at 3:30 pm Caledonia at Broadmoor
5/1 at 3:30 pm Jamboree #3 Bowen Lake, Greenville

GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL
* Denotes a game at Cherry Creek Field
4/27 time TBA Gull Lake Invitational
4/29 at 4:15 pm at Greenville
5/1 at 4:15 pm Greenville*

BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL
* Denotes a game at Cherry Creek Field
4/26 at 4:15 pm at NorthPointe Christian
4/29 at 4:15 pm at Greenville
5/1 at 4:15 pm Greenville*

Red Arrow

- LACROSSE

SPORTS

Lowell lacrosse earns sweep in home doubleheader

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

The Lowell varsity boys and varsity girls lacrosse teams both earned victories in their home doubleheader on Saturday. The girls knocked off Spring Lake 11-8, while the boys followed that up with an 11-5 win over Northview.

After falling behind 6-4 with 17:33 to play, the Lady Arrows scored four straight goals to take control and never gave up the lead. Olivia Rose led the way with five goals. Jennifer Cooper (1), Molly Frederickson (2), and Ruthie Anderson (3) also made it onto the

scoresheet. Sky Raab had nine saves in goal.

The boys went into halftime up one and were able to pull away in the second half en route to an 11-5 win. The team was led statistically by Cole Huisman (three goals, two assists), Gramm McCormack (one goal, four assists), Sam Lixie (two goals, one assist), and Case Olesko (two goals, one assist). Also recording goals/assists were Spencer Guppy (two goals), Ben Mika (one assist), and Owen Carpenter (one goal).

For Carpenter, a freshman, it was his first goal playing for LHS.

A date to keep in mind for Red Arrow Lacrosse is May 4. That day, both teams will be competing at Bob Perry Field in the Lowell Lacrosse Pink Games. Proceeds benefit Gilda's Club. The girls' game will start at 12 pm, with honors held at 11:45 am. The boys will follow, with their honoree ceremony starting at 1:45 pm. The game will begin at 2 pm.



LHS junior Skylar Young during the second half of the win for LHS Varsity Girls Lacrosse over Spring Lake.



Gramm McCormack and Case Olesko celebrate after a goal during the first half of Lowell's game vs. Northview. (Photo - Drew Davidson, LHS Class of 2019)

Lowell boys finish sixth at Soderman Relays

The Red Arrows enjoyed some sunshine as they participated in the Caledonia Soderman Relays. The Arrows finished in sixth place with 38 points. Winning the meet was Caledonia with 83 points.

The Arrows received some nice surprises in the sprints as they were able to finish second in the Sprint Medley Relay (Tyler Vroman, Raven Adamczak, Regan Zimmerman, Devin Dietz) going 2:36.33 and in the 1600m relay (Vroman, Landon Grant, Keegan Cater, Dietz) to capture second in the 1600m relay

in a time of 3:40. The middle distance team of Lucas Coosar, Nigel Mika, Caleb Swart, and Sawyer Fowler captured a third-place medal in the 3200m relay in 8:42.46. Closing out the medals for Lowell was the LJ relay team of Vroman and Aidan Kelly, grabbing second place with jumps of 19'2" and 17'11" respectively.

Also placing for the Arrows were:

4 Mile Relay: Ben Kinnucan, Sawyer Fowler, Cole Weston, and Caleb Swart for fourth place

Shuttle Hurdle Relay:

Cameron Cheney, Jackson Fowler, Cater, Joshua Rau for fourth place

Shot Put Relay: Cheny and Jacob Reynolds for fifth place

HJ Relay: Vroman and Grant for fifth place

PV Relay: Sam Dougherty and Will Kuhns for fifth place

- Team Scores:
1. Caledonia 83
 2. Holland 55
 3. Kalamazoo Central 44
 4. Otsego 41
 5. Grand Rapids Christian 40.5
 6. Lowell 38
 7. South Christian 28.5
 8. Portage North 23

Tennis team wins Lowell Quad



Varsity girls tennis won the Lowell Quad on Saturday. The team defeated Unity Christian, Reeths-Puffer, and Grand Ledge.

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obituaries

GREEN

Joyce Green, age 84 of Lowell, went to be with her Heavenly Father on Sunday, April 14, 2019. She was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Dorothy Green; and brothers, Robert and Richard Green. Joyce is survived by sister-in-law, Lucille M. Green; nephews and nieces, Don (Lynn) Green, Jo (Scott) Meyers, Bill (Sue) Green, and Doug (Wendy) Green; and many great nieces and nephews. Joyce worked over 40 years at Michigan National Bank. Visitation will be Saturday, April 27

from 10-11 AM at First Baptist Church, 2275 W. Main St, Lowell, MI 49331 with funeral services following at 11 AM.



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Black Swallowtail Butterfly: The next state symbol?

At a monthly meeting on Monday, April 15, the Lowell Showboat Garden Club adopted the Black Swallowtail as its official butterfly. The Black Swallowtail is considered a valued pollinator as well as being a full-time Michigan resident. In fact, the Black Swallowtail overwinters as a chrysalis prior to emerging as a butterfly in the spring. Other factors include the Black Swallowtail can be seen by Michiganders throughout the entire state, and it is large enough to allow school groups to study the butterfly's life cycle. Currently, the Black Swallowtail is the official butterfly of the Michigan Garden Clubs, which is the statewide organization for over 150 local garden clubs. As result of a legislative initiative by the Michigan Garden Clubs, Senate Bill 167 and House Bill 4314 have been introduced in their respective Houses to make the Black Swallowtail the official State of Michigan Butterfly.

Michigan is one of only three states not to have an official butterfly or insect. According to an MLIVE.com article by Lauren Gibbons posted April 4, 2019, "The Surprising stories behind Michigan's state symbols", Michigan has 12 official state symbols (excluding the state flag, song and motto). According to Gibbons, the first was the apple bloom as the state flower in 1897 and the latest



A male Black Swallowtail Butterfly. Photo courtesy of Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.

one being the mastodon as the state fossil in 2002.

Though honey bees and native bees receive the most attention as pollinators, birds, bats, moths as well as butterflies and other insects play an integral role in pollinating Michigan's crops and fruit trees. The Michigan State University Extension Floriculture Team states that in 2015 Michigan ranked third in the nation in floriculture production, or simply put, flower farming. The Michigan Greenhouse Growers Council points out that for 2015 that Michigan led the nation in nine floriculture crops, including impatiens, begonias, Easter lilies, geraniums, and petunias. In short, Michigan's agriculture depends on pollinators of all sorts.

As a pollinator, the Black Swallowtail initiative brings attention to the plight of all of Michigan's pollinators. The causes range from disease, loss of habitat, and overuse of pesticides and herbicides. By bringing attention to the Black Swallowtail, all pollinators will benefit. Michiganders can take some simple actions to help. Specifically, gardeners should be willing to accept some plant damage in exchange for maintaining pesticide-free gardens. This will attract butterflies as well as other pollinators into these safe zones. In addition, gardeners might consider planting nectar and host plants to attract the butterfly. Of course, host plants are where butterflies lay their eggs and once hatched, provide the larvae with food to grow. For the Black Swallowtail, that means planting carrots, clover, dill, fennel, milkweed, parsley or rue. Though milkweed is invasive, take these steps to slow their spread. Relegate the milkweed to a specific location in the garden and remove the pods in late fall

before they burst and spread further. By being a butterfly-friendly gardener, you will have the joy of seeing butterflies flutter from plant to plant.

Another detriment to the butterfly pollinators is the loss of habitat. This can be large scale loss of habitat such as marshes, prairies or open fields or as simple as clearing a garden of dead branches, stems, and leaves in the fall. Focusing on the latter means the gardener, if possible, leaves end-of-year garden work until the spring and after the butterfly hatches from the chrysalis. If you must rake and clear the garden, gardeners should compost and allow any attached chrysalis to survive the winter.

How can you help the Black Swallowtail become the official State of Michigan butterfly? You can call, email or write your State Senator and ask for their support for Senate Bill 167. If you do not know your State Senator then go to: <https://www.senate.michigan.gov/fysbyaddress.html> and type in your home address. Your senator's mailing address, office phone number and email address will be listed. Additionally, please contact your State Representative and ask for their support of House Bill 4314. If you do not know your State Representative go to: <https://www.house.mi.gov/mhrpublic/frmFindARep.aspx> and find the same contact information.

So please, join the Michigan Garden Clubs and the Lowell Showboat Garden Club in supporting legislation to make the Black Swallowtail the official State of Michigan Butterfly. It is a vote for Michigan's pollinators.

Please join us in a celebration of life for **Garry McCaul** May 19 • 2 to 4 pm at the **VFW HALL** 3124 ALDEN NASH LOWELL

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misc

ATTN: LOWELL CLASS OF 1969 - 50-year class reunion on June 22 at King Building, 224 S. Broadway (old field house). Please email Mary Miller Strauss at marystrauss15@yahoo.com for more information. Please pass this info onto any classmates.

misc

SCRAP METAL DRIVE - April 15 - May 15. Drop off your unwanted scrap metal today! Lowell Fairgrounds, enter off S. Hudson Street. METAL ONLY no TV's, plastics or furniture. Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop #102, Lowell.

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Community Calendar April

AND ONGOING EVENTS

sales

GARAGE SALE - May 2, 3 & 4, Thurs. & Fri. 9-5 pm & Sat. 8-noon. Furniture, tools, household items, young women's clothing sized from small (sz. 4) to medium, some with price tags. Coats. 612 N. Monroe St., Lowell.

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PLEASE NOTE - Coming Events are for non-profit organizations. If you are charging admission for an event - it is considered an advertisement. Coming events are on a space available basis & **ARE NOT GUARANTEED**. If you would like to make sure your event is placed in the paper, please call our office & place it as a classified ad. We will not accept ANY Garage or sales (including fundraisers) as a coming event. All Coming Events or changes to coming events should be submitted by fax: 897-4809, email: classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com, by mail: PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or in person: 105 N. Broadway.

MATTER OF BALANCE - 8-week program, Thursdays, March 28 - May 16, 1:30 - 3:30 pm. This 8-week program meets 2 hours per week & helps many older adults learn ways to manage & conquer their fear of falling, leading to less falls & a more active & engaged lifestyle. In partnership with Senior Neighbors. Reserve spot by calling 616-233-0283. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

TECH SAVY SENIORS - 3rd Wednesday (May 15), 1-2 pm. 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 & gain the skills and confidence to access information & services online. No registration required. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

MINECRAFT - 1st Monday (May 6) at 4:30 pm. Get your Minecraft fix & show off your world-building skills. The library has a limited number of computers & licenses for Minecraft. First come, first served. No registration required. Englehardt

Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

TODDLER TIME - Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. Now thru May 7. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

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LETTER WRITING SOCIAL - "The Write Thing," Fri., April 26, 10 am - noon, open house style. Englehardt library community room, 200 N. Monroes, Lowell. It's Free! Snacks, paper & pens to use, prizes. Just come & join us to write that note you have been wanting to. Early Bird surprises too!

WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY - meets every Monday, 7-8 p.m. at Bowne Center United Methodist Church, fellowship hall, 12051 84th St., corner of Alden Nash. Call Sue at 868-6219 or www.womenforsobriety.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

KNITTING GROUP - Tuesdays 10 a.m. - noon. Meets at the Village Hall. Beginning to advanced knitters welcome. Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

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

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

ALPHA FAMILY CENTER OF LOWELL - 517 E. Main. Hours: Mon. & Wed. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Tues. & Thurs. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

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ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Mon. & Sat., 9:30-1:30 p.m.; Tues. & Wed., 12 - 8 p.m.; Thurs., 1-6 p.m.; Fri. 9:30-6 p.m. Info., call 784-2007.

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS - Mon.-Wed., noon - 8 p.m.; Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. 784-2007.

LOWELLARTS GALLERY HOURS - Tues.-Fri., 10-6 p.m.; Sat., 10-5 p.m. 225 W. Main St., Lowell. Visit www.lowellartsmi.org or call 897-8545.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM - open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday 1-4 p.m. Families: \$10; individual \$3; ages 5-17 \$1.50; members free. 897-7688.

THE LOWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION - second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building, 300 High St., Lowell.

BABY PANTRY OF LOWELL - is located inside Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) at 11535 Fulton St. E. We are open Monday 5:30-7:30pm and Thursday 2-4:30pm to help moms and families in need with basic supplies like diapers, wipes and other baby items. We are non-denominational and serve families in the Lowell area. Please call Michele with any questions at 616-322-5957.

NEW CLASSES FOR EVERYONE - children - adults at Christian Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash SE, Lowell. Every Wednesday 7-8 p.m. Bible-centered classes for children through 5th grade, youth group for 6th grade thru high school & adult prayer & Bible study. Everyone is invited to attend.

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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 vondavantil@ssa.gov.

NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENT LITTLE THORNAPPLE RIVER INTERCOUNTY DRAIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on Thursday, the 9th day of May, 2019, at the Kent County Drain Commissioner's Office, 1500 Scribner Ave NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49504, County of Kent, or such place and time, I, Kenneth J Yonker, Kent County Drain Commissioner, may adjourn, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the Little Thornapple River Intercounty Drain Drainage District, and the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities in the Drainage District, will be subject to review on the above specified date only, from 8:30am until 4:30pm. Also on this date, the computation of cost for said drain will be open for inspection by any interested parties. You may also review your apportionments by phone at (616) 632-7910.

WHEREAS, you are further advised that, pursuant to Section 154 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, drain assessments against land will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If drain assessments are being collected for more than one (1) year, you may pay the assessment in full with any interest to date at any time and avoid further interest charges.

WHEREAS, you are further advised that, pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, any owner of land within the Little Thornapple River Intercounty Drain Drainage District or any city, village, township, district or county, feeling aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits made by the Drain Commissioner, may appeal the apportionment within ten (10) days after the "Day of Review of Apportionment" by making an application to the Kent County Probate Court for the appointment of a Board of Review. If there is no appeal, the roll will be confirmed ten (10) days after the "Day of Review of Apportionment". The confirmed roll may be slightly different from the roll presented at the Day of Review, due to arguments made at the Day of Review.

AS A PROPERTY OWNER WITHIN THE DISTRICT, YOU ARE SUBJECT TO A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR A PORTION OF THE COST OF THIS PROJECT.

The government units and permanent parcel numbers of the parcels of land within the Special Assessment District of said drain being assessed are located at the end of this notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, all unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons interested in the above described lands, and you: Randy Wilcox (Bowne Township Supervisor), Lisa Posthumus Lyons (Kent County Clerk), and Steve Warren (Managing Director of the Kent County Road Commission) that at such time and place, as stated above, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the Little Thornapple River Intercounty Drain Special Assessment District will be subject to review.

AND EACH OF YOU, owners and persons interested in the above referenced parcels of land, are hereby given the opportunity to appear, at the time and place noted above, to review the apportionments and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interests in relation to them, if you so desire.

Dated this 19th day of April, 2019.

Kenneth J Yonker,
Kent County Drain Commissioner

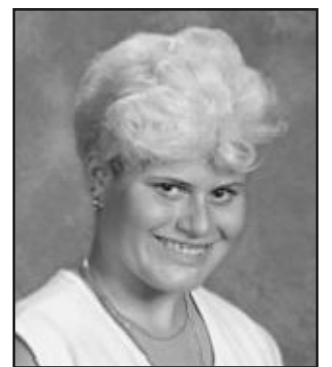
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The Township of Bowne at large, and the County of Kent on account of roads.

Student of the Month at Kent Transition Center

Lowell High School announced that Ashlie Hathaway, 11th grade, has been named Student of the Month at Kent Transition Center. Hathaway is enrolled in the retail marketing program.



LEGAL NOTICE

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

In the matter of
KLAASSIENA MAYER
Guardianship File No.
19-205,223-GA
Conservatorship File
No. 19-205,222-CA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including her niece, Yvonne Ames and nephew, Harry Jansingh, 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 May 08, 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: April 22, 2019

Adult Protective Services, DHHS, Petitioner
121 Franklin St. NE
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LAW ENFORCEMENT WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

Puzzle solutions on page 12

LAW ENFORCEMENT WORD SEARCH

- ACCESS
- ACCREDITATION
- ACTION
- ADMISSIBLE
- AGENT
- ALARM
- AUTHORITY

BACKGROUND

- BARRIER
- BURGLARY
- CAMERA
- COMMAND
- COMMUNITY
- CONFIDENTIAL
- CONSEQUENCE
- CRIMINAL
- DAMAGE

DISASTER

- DOCUMENT
- DURESS
- EMERGENCY
- ENTRAPMENT
- EVIDENCE
- FELONY
- FIREARM
- FRAUD
- HAZARD

HEARSAY

- PROPERTY
- RECOVERY
- RIGHTS
- SAFETY
- SCREENING
- SECRECY
- SECURITY
- TRESPASS

Guess Who?

I am a musician born on May 10, 1960 in Dublin. My nickname is derived from the Latin phrase "bonavox," which translates to "good voice." My band has sold more than 150 million records.

Answer: Bono (Paul Hewson)

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the arts.

T E E A R H T

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Answer: Theater

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CLUES ACROSS

- Tenor
- Panthers' signal caller
- Systems, doctrines, theories
- Rulers
- Indonesian coastal town
- Type of cuisine
- Kids
- Single Lens Reflex
- Extra seed-covering
- Force out
- Feline
- ___ & Stitch
- Semantic relations
- A larval frog or toad
- Sport for speedsters
- One who is learning
- Request
- Famed WWII conference
- Relieved
- English broadcaster
- Car signal
- Grass part
- Trivially
- Serve as a warning
- Centers of activity
- An electrically charged atom
- Small swelling of cells
- Irritates

57. "___ your i's, cross your t's"

- Removed
- "Death in the Family" author
- When you hope to arrive
- German district
- Turner and Kennedy
- Midway between south and southeast
- Emerald Isle

CLUES DOWN

- Mathematical optimization search method
- Country along the Arabian peninsula
- Pointed parts of pens
- Lake ___, one of the Great
- Peruvian region
- State capital of Georgia
- Those killed for their beliefs
- Typeface
- Shrill cry
- Sends via the Postal Service
- Holds grain
- Occurring at a fitting time
- Vogue
- Born of

- Get the job done
- Teletype (Computers)
- Small southern constellation
- Decaliters
- Area near the concert stage
- Social insect living in organized colonies
- Winter activity
- Snakelike fish
- Not wet
- In addition to
- In league
- Barrels per day (abbr.)
- Monetary unit
- Marked
- Emerges
- Shape by heating
- Early Slavic society
- Italian automaker
- Racing legend Earnhardt
- A type of name
- ___ Strauss, jeans maker
- Famed garden

Rummage Sale at Senior Neighbors May 3 and 4

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell Senior Neighbors, 314 S. Hudson, is having their third annual Spring Rummage Sale event from 9 am until 3 pm on Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4.

“It is a non-clothing sale, so expect to find lots of holiday items, household items, jewelry, two boxes of record albums, etc.,” said Terra Bieneman, Lowell Senior Neighbors coordinator. “There will be no baked goods. Our advisory council members will be running the sale, and organizing it as well, to raise funds for Lowell Senior Neighbors activities and supplies.”

Last year, the sale raised \$950.

“We used that money for monthly entertainers, party supplies, activity supplies, raffle prizes, etc.,” Bieneman said.

They will also accept donated items to add to the sale, contact them at 616-897-5949 for more information on how to facilitate that.

“We will be accepting donations for the items and if anyone is interested in making a donation to the Lowell Senior Center, they are welcome to do that as well,” Bieneman said.

March police statistics

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell Police Department made 13 arrests during the month of March, down from 14 arrests in February 2019. The arrests included two for drunk driving, two for driving with a suspended license, six for outstanding warrants and three that are described in the police department’s statistics as “other arrests.” That adds up to a total of 48 arrests made by Lowell Police during the first three months of the year.

LPD also responded to plenty of misdemeanors during March. There were nine larceny calls, four dog/animal complaints, four malicious destructions, two disorderly conduct calls and ten assaults. Lowell police issued 33 citations and notified two residents about ordinance violations. Out of 113 traffic stops in March, they let 90 drivers go with a warning.

Lowell police were called to assist other law enforcement agencies 13 times and called other agencies for assistance 12 times in March. They were also called for assistance by citizens and motorists 52 times.

Lowell police were dispatched to 12 accidents during March, none with injuries.

Lowell man arrested for child sexually abusive material Investigation finds exploitation of minor children

The Michigan State Police (MSP) Computer Crimes Unit (CCU), Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, is announcing the arrest of Bradley John Harris, 55 of Lowell.

The Grand Rapids Police Department (GRPD) received a call for service at a local computer repair shop. Employees found what they suspected to be Child Sexually Abusive Material (CSAM) on the computer.

The GRPD is part of the multijurisdictional task force, ICAC, and the GRPD detective assigned to ICAC began an investigation. The investigation lead to Harris’ home in Lowell, Michigan, where a search warrant was executed for additional electronic items.

Assisting the MSP ICAC Task Force at the scene was the Kent County Sheriff’s Department, also a

member of the ICAC Task Force. Harris was arrested and charged by the Kent County Prosecutor’s Office with two counts of Child Sexually Abusive Material – Possession, and two counts of Using a Computer to Commit a Crime. Harris was arraigned on these charges on April 15, 2019.

The MSPCCU encourages parents to speak to their children about the safe use

of the Internet. There are many resources available to parents to assist in keeping children safe online. The NCMEC provides a comprehensive list of resources on their website at <http://www.missingkids.org>. If you have information regarding possible child sexual exploitation, report it to the CyberTipline at <http://www.missingkids.org/cybertipline>.

Hazards threaten the Great Lakes

by Sen. Gary Peters

The Great Lakes are in our DNA as Michiganders, but they are facing serious threats on multiple fronts. We must act quickly to address each of them, including tackling climate change. Climate change is not some far-off event that will take place in the distant future, its effects are already being felt in places around the world, including here in Michigan.

An alarming new report found the Great Lakes are warming more quickly than other parts of the country. This could negatively impact fish species, lead to more algal blooms, cause flood damage to communities, homes and business, and require more frequent expensive dredging for our harbors.

Climate change poses a huge challenge for us as a state and country, but we should seize the opportunity presented by a clean energy economy to continue driving American innovation and creating jobs that cannot be outsourced. For example, our auto industry in Michigan is trying to compete on a global economy that is advancing electrification as quickly as possible.

Together we can effectively confront climate change in a way that benefits



Michigan workers, families, our Great Lakes and our entire country. The science is clear, but time is not on our side. We must act now to pass real, concrete policies that will mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Recently, President Trump unveiled his budget that again proposes a 90 percent cut to the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, one of the main initiatives that protect and restore our region’s most precious natural resources. The Great Lakes provide drinking water for over 40 million people and are an economic engine for Michigan. I’ve seen firsthand how funding from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative has helped protect our Great Lakes for future generations from threats including

invasive species, pollution and climate change.

The administration’s proposal to nearly eliminate funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative would severely hurt our ability to clean, preserve and restore our waterways. I’m glad the president listened to the bipartisan group of legislators urging him that these cuts would greatly harm our region and changed his mind. I’ll continue to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to ensure Congress fully funds the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and that the cuts that President Trump initially proposed never see the light of day.

A few years ago, pet coke piles along the Detroit River blew harmful dust into nearby neighborhoods, coating homes and threatening the

health of local residents and our Great Lakes. We need to know the full range of effects this has on surrounding communities. Marathon is currently seeking an exemption from a local ordinance requiring that pet coke be stored and processed in covered structures. This poses significant risks to the Detroit River and the health of local residents.

That’s why I reintroduced legislation that would allow us to better understand the public health and environmental dangers brought by these uncovered pet coke piles and require evidence-based standards to be developed.

It’s critical we take action to protect our families, communities and the Great Lakes. I’ll continue to work on common sense efforts in the Senate to stand up for Michiganders.



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