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Local scouts meet Vice President Pence



United States Vice President Mike Pence poses with Scouts BSA members before leaving Mackinac Island. Some Scouts from Troop 228, a boys unit, and Troop 8228, a girls unit, were among those selected to participate in meeting Pence before he left the island.

by Cindy M. Cranmer
contributing reporter

Two local Rockford Scouts BSA Troops were honored to be among those selected to participate in a rare opportunity to meet Vice President of the United States Mike Pence on Mackinac Island after a convention this past weekend.

Scouts from Troop 228, a boys unit, and Troop 8228, a girls unit, both sponsored by Bostwick Lake Congregational United

Church of Christ, attended the event.

“Scouts BSA is nonpartisan. No matter your personal politics, it is an honor to meet a national leader like the Vice President,” said Scoutmaster Keith Carlson.

The Scouts were on Mackinac Island as part of a large outdoor Scouting adventure, Mackinac Rendezvous. Every two years, Scouts, Scout leaders,

and professional Scouting staff from around the state gather for the Mackinac Rendezvous Camporee in which the Scouts help clear out the island’s fudge shops, play games, and have fun touring the island. There also is a Cub Scout adventure for younger Scouts. More than 1,200 Scouts, Scout leaders, and professional Scouting staff from around the state attended this year’s 17th rendezvous.

Vice President Pence made a stop on Mackinac Island to attend the Mackinac Republican Leadership Conference. Pence is the first sitting vice president to travel to the island. The meeting was an opportunity for the Scouts to see many components surrounding the vice president’s role such as security, White House aides, the Secret Service, official photographers, and more.

Developing citizenship in America’s youth is a core aim of Scouting. So, it was a memorable experience that reinforced Scouting’s values for the Scouts to meet a sitting vice president.

“It was really interesting to see how the government functions in real life instead of just behind screens and what teachers tell you and the news,” said Allie, a

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Mel Trotter Ministries opens thrift store here

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Although Lowell already has a couple of charity shops, including Goodwill and Flat River Outreach Ministries, a new Mel Trotter Ministries thrift store is scheduled to open here on Wednesday, Oct. 16.

“In the thrift industry, as with any other industry, it’s important for the community to have options,” said Abbey Sladick, vice president of communication for Mel Trotter Ministries. “Mel Trotter thrift stores work hard to create an upscale shopping atmosphere that is sure to be a benefit to the community. We hope our presence will allow us all to get better and serve more people. Mel Trotter thrift stores have a huge selection of furniture, clothing, and household items.”

Money generated by the Lowell Mel Trotter Ministries thrift store will be used by the organization to help support needy and homeless individuals around Kent County. According to the Kent County Essential Needs Task Force, 8,495



people were homeless in Kent County in 2018, including adults, unaccompanied youths, families, veterans and senior citizens.

“Mel Trotter Ministries serves individuals in the greater Grand Rapids area,” Sladick said. “100 percent of the profits from Mel Trotter thrift stores go to support the ongoing work of Mel Trotter Ministries. In addition to supporting those initiatives, Mel Trotter thrift stores offers gift cards to local churches through our ‘Corners Of Your Field’ program. These gift cards can be distributed by the church to those in need in the Lowell community and can be used in any of our store locations.”

The new store will be located at 2111 W. Main, directly next to Tractor Supply.

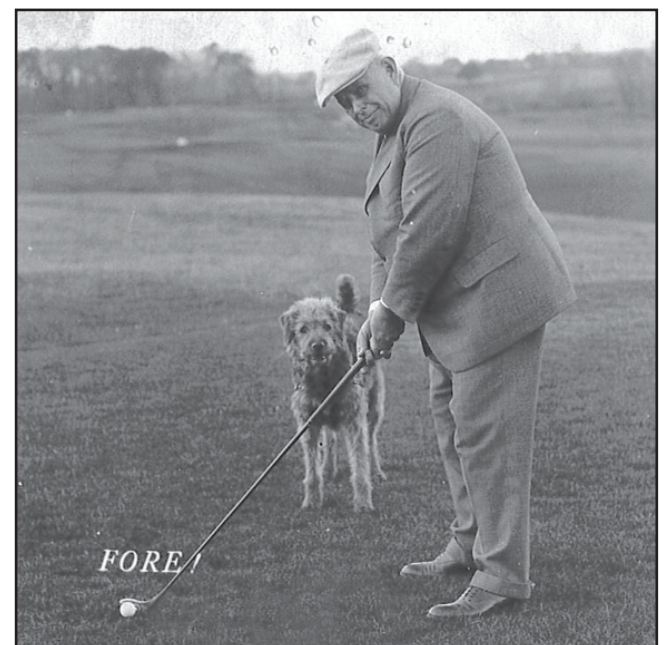
“We welcome anyone experiencing homelessness to come inside and receive our services,” Sladick said. “Our motivation to serve is founded on the example of Jesus Christ. However, we do not deny anyone food, shelter or clothing who choose not to participate in our faith practice. If someone chooses to enter one of our programs, for example our recovery program, the programs are grounded in Christian principles. If our guests prefer not to participate in a faith based program, we work with other partner agencies to help them find a better fit for their needs.”

Mel Trotter was born in Orangeville, IL on May 16, 1870. Trotter was an itinerant alcoholic, not even the death of his two year old son could pull the bottle out of his hands. One winter, broke

and shoeless at a mission in Chicago, he was converted to Christianity. By 1900 he was directing a mission in Grand Rapids. Trotter was officially ordained in 1905 and spent the rest of his life traveling the countryside, preaching the gospel. During his long career as a minister, Trotter spoke at the Congregational Church in Saranac on Sept. 11, 1919 and at the First

Methodist Church in Lowell on June 21, 1934. He died from a heart attack at his summer home in Holland, MI on Sept. 11, 1940.

Mel Trotter Ministries also maintains charity shops in Sparta and Jenison. For more information about the organization, visit meltrotter.org, call 616-454-8249 or find them on social media.



Mel Trotter enjoying a game of golf with his dog.

Mental Health counselors applaud approval of legislation negating rules

Mental health counselors are breathing a small sigh of relief as the 19 members of Michigan's House Health Policy Committee all voted to advance House Bill 4325 to nullify the need for proposed department rule changes severely limiting the scope of work and ability to practice for the state's 10,000 licensed professional counselors.

"At a time when there is a growing demand for the mental health services offered by counselors, we are grateful that our elected officials recognize this need and stand behind us," said Jim Blundo, Executive Director of the Michigan Mental Health Counselors Association.

This summer the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) submitted proposed rule changes for licensed professional counselors (LPC) that will have significant consequences on the counseling profession, the workforce in Michigan's public mental health system, and the 150,000 individuals with mental health challenges they serve. A required Regulatory Impact Statement was filed in late August setting the stage for the rules to advance after a scheduled October 4 public hearing.

The controversial rules proposal is now being challenged by House Bill 4325, a bill introduced by State Representative

Aaron Miller (R-Sturgis) to codify long-standing rules governing LPC's scope of practice and counselor supervision. This codification of rules into statute allows counselors to continue to practice as they have for more than 30 years and negates the need for LARA's suggested changes. The bill makes other first-time technical updates to the 1988 licensing law.

Several mental health organizations filed their support for the bill including the Community Mental Health Association of Michigan, the Michigan Primary Care Association, the Michigan Mental Health Counselors Association, the Michigan Association of Treatment Court Professionals and the National Association of Social Workers.

"Michigan cannot afford to lose mental health support," said Napoleon Harrington, President of the Michigan Mental Health Counselors Association. "If the LARA rule changes are approved, Michigan would lose about 30 percent of their community mental health system workforce."

Despite the unanimous objections of the Board of Counseling, LARA recommended the repeal of virtually all the rules that define an LPC's scope of practice and insisted that these definitions should apply only to the educational preparation of counselors

and not to counseling practice.

Included in the proposed repeal was the practice of "counseling techniques" and the related ability to "diagnose and identify the problem". Without these and numerous other definitions, the counseling scope of practice would be severely limited and would put Michigan's LPCs in violation of their professional code of ethics and other state laws, thereby subjecting them to permanent expulsion from the profession.

Insurance companies would also likely stop reimbursing LPCs for their services due to the significant limits on scope these rule changes would impose. A diagnosis is required for insurance reimbursement.

The bill is now before the House Ways and Means Committee for consideration before going to the full House of Representatives.

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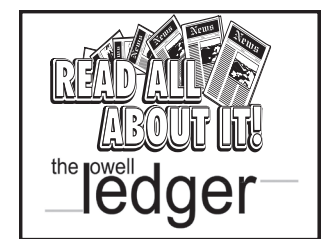
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Lowell Middle School orchestra chosen to perform at DeVos Hall in Grand Rapids

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The Lowell Middle School's 8th grade orchestra has been chosen to perform at the 2020 Michigan Music Conference at DeVos Hall in Grand Rapids at 11 am on Friday, Jan. 17.

"33 ensembles from across the state auditioned and eight ensembles were chosen to perform," said LMS orchestra teacher Joe Oprea. "It is a big honor to be chosen, as the ensembles will be performing for music educators from across the whole state as well as the public."

The students will perform seven different pieces of classical music, including compositions by Antonín Dvořák, Antonio Vivaldi, Lorie Gruneisen and Matt Turner.

"Most of the students are in their third year of instruction at Lowell Middle School," Oprea said.

Violin

Alex Anheuser
Sarah Bogoski
Landon Burgess
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Antonín Dvořák



Antonín Dvořák (1841-1904) was a Czech composer who used elements of his native country's folk music in his classical pieces. He began playing violin at age six; he was 30 when his work was first performed in public. The Lowell Middle School orchestra will be performing Dvorak's "Largo from Symphony No. 9," a.k.a. "From the New World," written in New York in 1893. For this piece, he was inspired by American music, including spirituals and traditional Native American rhythms. Astronaut Neil Armstrong loved the piece so much, he brought a recording of it to listen to during the moon mission in 1969.

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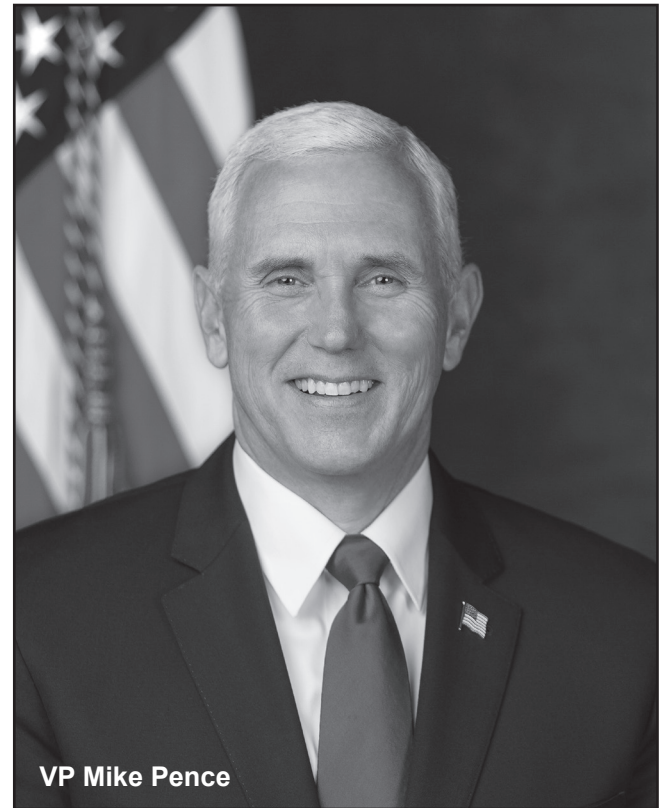
Scout from Troop 8228. "In Scouting, we learn about government when earning Citizenship merit badges. This brings that to life too."

Pence took a few minutes to address the gathered Scouts. He commended the Scouts and leaders for what they do. The vice president then spent time shaking the Scouts hands and signing autographs, as he offered personal words of encouragement.

Acknowledging Scouting's citizenship-centric focus, Pence told Thatcher, a Scout from Troop 228, "This could be you one day." Thatcher said, "He told me his motto is study hard, pray harder."

As the event ended, the Scouts watched an array of helicopters escort Pence off the island. "It was cool to see the vice president, and

to see the helicopters take off, too," said Brendan, a Scout with Troop 228. "This is something I will remember."



NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP Seeking Bids 2019-20 Snowplow Service & 2020 Season Township Hall and Township Cemetery Lawn Care Service

Vergennes Township is currently taking bids for snowplowing services for the 2019-20 winter season for the Township Hall locations as follows: Also, Vergennes Township is currently taking bids for the 2020 lawn care season for the following Township Hall locations and four township cemeteries as follows:

Township Hall locations:

- 10381 Bailey Dr. - Township Hall location
- 69 Lincoln Lake - future Township Hall location - (very limited need)

Township Cemetery locations:

- Bailey - corner of Bailey Dr. and Parnell Ave.
- Krum Blanding - on south side of Vergennes St., between Cumberland Ave. and Parnell Ave.
- Foxes Corner - On east side of Lincoln Lake Rd, south of Vergennes Rd.
- Fallas - Covered Bridge at McPherson

Submission Deadlines:

- All snowplow bids should be received by 3 pm on October 21, 2019 to be considered at the regular board meeting.
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Heather Hoffman
Vergennes Township Clerk

viewpoint

to the editor

Climate change true or false

Dear Editor,

I felt compelled to draft this narrative after reading the very large article in the Ledger on "Climate Change Strike." Tim M. did a great job presenting what Nancy M. (Lowell) and Greta Thuberg (Sweden) think. It is equally important that the full picture be presented and

not just one side. Anyone not with their head in the sand understands the Earth's climate is changing. In fact, the Earth's climate has been changing since the Earth was formed. Not just since the discovery of fossil fuel by man. And not just since the human population passed 7 billion

strong. The sky is falling predictors refuse to admit or consider this fact. Which is unfortunate for all humans and the Earth. I have heard since the 70's how the world is going to end every 10 years. Well, we are all still here. These doomsday sayers are more akin to those who believe the next asteroid is a spaceship from God or the next full moon is our time to ascend to greatness. Do you get my point? I was blessed with an employer for 30 years that afforded me the opportunity to travel around the globe. What I often observed with

my own eyes was both beautiful and shocking. Every time I returned home to the USA (Lowell, Mi), I was relieved, and rewarded by how much beauty we have and have created in this amazing country we call home. Americans have always rose to the challenge when grave enough. Do you remember how dirty the air was in California in the 70's. Or how filthy the roadsides were in Michigan and around the country in the 70 & 80's. Or how most cars only achieved 8 miles to a gallon and spewed smoke at every acceleration. With ingenuity look at all the

items we recycle in the USA that we didn't do 40 years ago. Batteries, glass, steel, rubber, entire automobiles, water, plastics, oil, wood and on and on. The list is endless of where Americans faced challenges and we stepped up to address them. No one talks about these points. All we hear is how bad we all are and how we are killing the Earth and now per A.O.C. advisers, we only have 10 more years (or 12 years, or 14 years, or 15 years) left before the plant cannot be fixed. The accomplishments Americans have made should be celebrated and then built upon. Not the other side telling us how bad we are or that all we care about is getting wealthy. Traveling the globe, I have seen countries that have not discovered the desire to improve their environment. In many of these countries the population far exceeds the USA making their challenges some of the biggest this planet has ever seen. From my observations, a straw someone in the USA disposes, 1000's are thrown on the ground elsewhere in the world. Every plastic bottle thrown on the road in the USA, 1,000's are thrown on the ground around the world. My entire point is that we should celebrate what we have accomplished in the USA. Not berate every citizen in this great country. We have moved mountains when it comes to the environment in the last 40 years. I would dare say, the USA is one the greatest role models for the entire planet. It is time those with strong convictions on the environment begin to work in those countries that truly need the help. At the same time, we must not blindly follow those that say "No Fossil Fuels", "Reduced Meat" and living with less is the answer. So many say renewable electricity is the answer. Maybe but today's technology does not work at the level required to support this plan. Where do these individuals think the bulk of electricity really comes from? The sky? Maybe they think it is the Invisible Carbon Credits (a smoke screen corporations pay for so they can tout saving the planet). Isn't it time we focus our attention as humans on how to help the countries that are truly contributing to the planet's

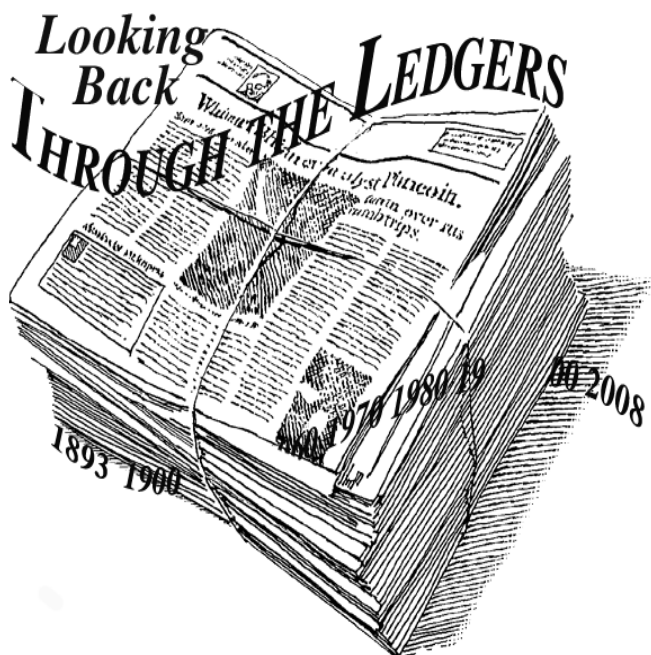
pollution and how we develop a renewable energy that truly works and one that will not disrupt over night the world economy? What I'm suggesting is that it may be time to use LOGIC and COMMON SENSE. We have always heard you catch more flies with sugar. Screaming, skipping out on classes or demeaning others will not accomplish the goal but only deepen the divide. This topic (The Planet is Doomed) is exhausting and has been drummed into our children's minds since the 80's. Unfortunately, many of our younger citizens have not realized or don't want to realize the points just covered. After all, it is easier to protest an item than it is to solve a problem with creativity and ingenuity. One point is correct they shout. We are DOOMED, if the citizens of this planet continue to berate each other and fail to notice the accomplishments we have made and then build upon them. God save us.

Joe Sejat
Lowell

Letter to the Editor,

It was said in the first city income tax information meeting that a resolution will be made. When I looked up the word resolution when dealing with municipalities I found that a resolution deals with matters of a special or temporary character and is an expression of opinion. The city needs more than just a resolution. What the city needs is a law an ordinance. The term ordinance means something more than a mere verbal motion or resolution. The city needs an ordinance that guarantees that the revenue from a city income tax will be used strictly for the redoing of the city streets and it should guarantee that the redoing will be used strictly for the redoing of the city streets and it should guarantee that the ordinance of the city streets will take priority over anything else. Without an ordinance I believe the revenue from a city income tax can be spent at will and I have no doubt that would happen. There are other things that are disturbing about how the city income tax is being presented and some of those disturbing

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125 years ago Lowell Ledger October 6, 1894

The people of Lowell will be relieved to know that the gang that has been engaged in firing and robbing buildings in this and adjacent towns has been apprehended, or at least a portion of it. It seems that after the firing of Train's hotel, detectives were employed who succeeded in finding the gang and "getting in" with them. Their plans were learned, and among other things was a scheme for repeating the attempt to fire train's hotel.

Work is progressing favorably on the Lowell fair ground. The buildings and track are being put in the first class condition in readiness for the Lowell fair. It is expected that the famous pacing horse, Albatross will give an exhibition here. This wonderful horse was raised here and has a record of a half mile in 1 minute and half a second.

One of the dry houses of Frost's evaporating establishment in Grattan burned last Saturday. It was by great exertion that the other buildings were saved.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 2, 1919

Louie Tomlinson, who is working for Orley Rolason, got quite badly bruised up while taking a load of wood to Lowell Monday. A board broke and he was thrown under the wagon and the team became frightened and ran away.

When Wid Howe, 85, dropped dead here, the last surviving member of the old Stocking and Clafin band—the first musicians to get together and form a band in this section of the country, died. For the last 65 years he had played at old time dances, festivals and many old timers in Kent and Ionia counties will recall dancing to his music more than 50 or 60 years ago. He also was the last of a large family. He had no home and lived for a day or so at a time with the people of the country. He dropped dead when he entered the home of Ernest Chickering.

At an informal meeting Wednesday night it was unanimously decided to raise one thousand dollars to entertain every one within three hundred miles of Lowell at a big two-day Free Fair to be held October 23-24.

75 years The Lowell Ledger October 5, 1944

Unusual honors have come to a Lowell citizen, N. E. Borgerson having received an invitation from the president and Mrs. Roosevelt to attend the sessions of the Conference on Rural Education to be held at the White House on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 4 and 5. Norm immediately adorned himself in his best bib-and-tucker and started post-haste for Washington, going by way of Chicago where he attended a meeting of the National Safety council where he was a speaker on the program.

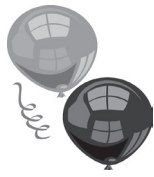
A telegram from the war department, Monday morning, to Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Ayres of Lowell, informed them that their son, Staff Sergeant Kenneth L. Ayres, was reported missing over Germany September 13. Kenneth was a tall gunner on a B-17. The many friends of the family hope that their anxiety will be relieved soon by news that he is alive and safe.

As usual Lowell was crowded with shoppers last Saturday, who found many items of food stuff missing from food store shelves. Sugar, butter and soap have been scarce and hard to find for the past two weeks, there not being enough of these articles to go around. Other articles scarce included coffee, shortening and pork. Best grades of beef have been out for some time. Yep, shopping ain't what it used to be.

50 years The Lowell Ledger October 2, 1969

Is Lowell in line for a share of funds from Michigan's

happy birthday



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- healthy weight loss

There are no magic diets, pills, or operations for long-term, healthy weight loss. A useful approach is to select the diet that works best for you. This is the eating plan that you can live with. A total of 3500 calories equals one pound of body weight. This means if you decrease (or increase) your intake by 500 calories daily, you will lose (or gain) one pound per week.

There are several things you can do to lose weight. Know your starting point. Keep a food journal for several days. Write down everything you eat or drink. Try to keep a calorie count by looking up the calories in the food items you are eating.

Find the problem. Look at the daily calorie totals. If you are gaining weight, you are eating too many calories. If your weight is stable, you know this many calories works for weight maintenance. But if you want to lose more weight, you will need to decrease the amount of calories you are eating. Then fix the problem. Stop eating foods with empty calories. These

foods do not supply you with any nutrients. Examples are sodas, alcohol, and sweets.

Pick a reasonable calorie goal. Start by cutting 500-1000 calories from your current intake. Then adjust the calories so you are losing one to two pounds a week. Do not eat less than 1000 calories a day without medical supervision. Eat a balanced diet that has a mix of carbohydrates, protein, and fat. Make sure you eat enough protein. Snack on vegetables and fruit. Eat carrots and celery with salsa instead of chips. Use berries instead of chocolate chips. Eat apples instead of apple pie.

To lose weight, you must change your habits. This will happen slowly. Losing one to two pounds a week is great progress. It also helps to add physical activity to your daily routine. Choose a fun activity and start moving. Exercise will tone muscles and help limit flabby skin. It also builds muscle. This will increase the number of calories you burn each day. Aim for 30 minutes of activity each day.

outdoors

different times

Dave Stegehuis

Once upon a time elementary and high school aged youth were on their own when spending time away from chores or attending school. Organized sports consisted of softball and basketball in elementary school and football, basketball, and track in high school. Teams were small in number and securing a position required size and skill if you were a male. Girls had no opportunities.

Being skinny and unskilled, organized sports were not an option, so I took to the woods, fields, and water to find adventure. My father passed on hunting and fishing knowledge to me which he learned as a boy by providing fish and game to help sustain a large family trying to grow potatoes at the tip of the Michigan mitt. The area is known today as

Wilderness State Park. He harvested wild game with a 4/10 shotgun for which he traded a bicycle. He and his brothers filled burlap bags with spring run suckers.

Parental supervision was different at the turn of the last century and when I was growing up. My mother was a kind and caring parent. Her parenting style, however, would probably come into question today. She was not always sure what I was doing, but assumed I was somewhere in a five square mile area of ponds, woods, fields, and a lake carrying a knife and matches. I bought a single barrel 20-gauge shotgun with money I earned by selling muskrat hides from a trapline.

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Letter to Editor, continued

ideas were brought up by constituents in the first city income tax information meeting. I suggest watching the first city income tax information meeting which you can get by going to City of Lowell YouTube. I no longer live in Lowell but if I did I would absolutely vote no for a city income tax as it is being presented to the

constituents. Remember this fall when you vote yes or no for a city income tax that resolutions or promises just doesn't cut it and neither does a city income tax as its being presented. Buyer beware, beware of what you buy into.

James Howard
Lowell Township

LEGAL NOTICE

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

In the matter of
Bette Reedt
Guardianship File No.
19-206,204-GA
Conservatorship File
No. 19-206206-CA

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

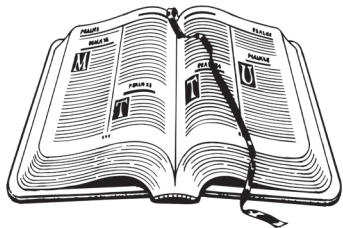
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2019

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address(es) is/
are unknown and
whose interest in the
matter may be barred
or affected by the
following:
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hearing will be held on
November 18, 2019,
at 3:30 P.M. at Kent

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Petitioner
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Grand Rapids, MI 49507
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Today: October 2, 2019

October 2 is the 275th day of the year and it is the 10th day of autumn. 90 days remain in 2019.

Historic Events

829: Theophilus becomes Byzantine Emperor.
 1187: Saladin captures Jerusalem after 88 years of Crusader rule.
 1470: King Edward IV of England escapes to Flanders.
 1535: Jacques Cartier “discovers” the present site of Montreal.

three years in prison for his crimes.
 1996: The Electronic Freedom of Information Act Amendments are signed into law by president Bill Clinton.
 2002: The “Beltway sniper” murders begin, eventually lasting over three weeks and killing 17 people.

dozens of people.
 2017: Death of rock legend Tom Petty.
 2018: Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi is last seen entering the Saudi consulate in Istanbul.

Birthdays

1452: Richard III of England
 1538: Charles Borromeo, Italian cardinal and saint
 1800: Nat Turner, slave uprising leader
 1828: Charles Floquet, former prime minister of France
 1847: Paul von Hindenburg, former president of Germany
 1869: Mahatma Gandhi, freedom fighter, activist, philosopher
 1871: Cordell Hull, former US Secretary of State, Nobel Prize laureate
 1879: Wallace Stevens, poet, educator
 1890: Groucho Marx, comedian, actor
 1897: Bud Abbott, comedian, actor (“Abbott and Costello”)
 1904: Graham Greene, novelist, playwright, critic
 1907: Victor Paz Estenssoro, former president of Bolivia
 1909: Alex Raymond, creator of “Flash Gordon”
 1915: Chuck Williams, founder of Williams-Sonoma
 1928: George “Spanky” McFarland, actor
 1929: Moses Gunn, actor
 1937: Johnnie Cochran, attorney
 1938: Nick Gravenites, singer/songwriter, The Electric Flag
 1938: Rex Reed, film critic

1941: Ron Meagher, bass player, The Beau Brummels
 1945: Don McLean, singer/songwriter (“American Pie”)
 1948: Donna Karan, fashion designer, founder of DKNY
 1948: Siim Kallas, former prime minister of Estonia
 1949: Richard Hell, singer/songwriter, The Voidoids, Television
 1949: Annie Leibovitz, photographer
 1950: Mike Rutherford, guitarist, Genesis, Mike &

The Mechanics
 1951: Sting, singer/songwriter, The Police
 1954: Lorraine Bracco, actor
 1955: Philip Oakey, singer/songwriter, The Human League
 1956: Freddie Jackson, soul singer
 1957: Dave Faulkner, singer/songwriter, The Hoodoo Gurus
 1957: Kate St. John, singer/songwriter, The Dream Academy

1967: Gillian Welch, singer/songwriter
 1969: Damon “Badly Drawn Boy” Gough, singer/songwriter
 1970: Kelly Ripa, actor, talk show host
 1971: Tiffany Darwish, 80s pop singer/songwriter
 1971: Jim Root, guitarist, Slipknot
 1973: DeShaun “Proof” Holton, rapper, actor
 1974: Paul Teutul Jr., co-founder of Orange County Choppers



Born on Oct. 2, 1890, Groucho Marx and his brothers Chico, Harpo, Gummo and Zeppo got their start in vaudeville in 1905 and eventually made 13 hit comedy films together. Their movie “Animal Crackers” hit Lowell’s silver screen in October 1930.

1789: The US Bill of Rights is sent to the states for ratification.
 1864: Confederates defeat a Union attack on Saltville, VA, followed by a massacre of wounded Union prisoners.
 1919: President Woodrow Wilson suffers a massive stroke, leaving him incapacitated for several weeks.
 1925: John Logie Baird performs the first successful test of a television system.
 1928: Opus Dei is founded.
 1937: Rafael Trujillo orders the execution of Haitians living in the northwestern region of the Dominican Republic.
 1941: Operation Typhoon: the Nazi attempt to capture Moscow before winter starts.
 1942: The RMS Queen Mary rams and sinks the HMS Curacoa, killing 337.
 1958: Guinea declares its independence from France.
 1959: “The Twilight Zone” premieres on CBS.
 1967: Thurgood Marshall is sworn in as the first African-American justice of the US Supreme Court.
 1980: Caught accepting a \$50,000 bribe in the “Abscam” corruption scandal, Michael “Ozzie” Myers (D-PA) becomes the first member of Congress to be expelled since the Civil War. He eventually serves

2006: Five children ages six through 13 are murdered during a school shooting in rural Pennsylvania.
 2016: Ethiopian protests break out during a festival in the Oromia region, killing



Nat Turner, born Oct. 2, 1800, led a rebellion of slaves in Southampton County, VA in August 1831. Turner and his group of rebels moved from plantation to plantation, freeing slaves and slaughtering slave-owners with knives, hatchets, axes and various other blunt instruments. The rebellion lasted a few days; by the end, approximately 60 white people were killed and approximately 120 black people were killed. Turner himself escaped, but was eventually captured and hanged to death on Nov. 11, 1831. His corpse was flayed, beheaded and displayed publicly in order to frighten other potential rebel slaves.

Wood engraving by Benjamin Phipps from the 1882 book “A Popular History of the United States”

ELECTION NOTICE

To the qualified electors of the City of Lowell, notice is hereby given that a regular election will be held in the City of Lowell, on November 5, 2019, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the purpose of voting on the following proposals:

Proposal No. 1

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CHAPTER 9a. – INCOME TAXATION

SECTION 9a-1 – Power to Tax and Administer

The City shall have the power to assess taxes and levy and collect rents, tolls, and excises. The City is authorized to levy an excise tax on income in accordance with state law to be used for any lawful purpose and to provide for the administration thereof by ordinance. Any income tax authorized by this section shall have a duration of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2034.

[There is no existing charter provision being abrogated or amended by this proposal]

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Section 9.1. - Power to Tax—Tax Limit.

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Susan Ullery
 City Clerk

Lowell Harvest Celebration is happening very soon

The annual Lowell Harvest Celebration, with various special events around town all day, will take place on Saturday, Oct. 12.

A few steps up Broadway from Larkin's Restaurant's "chili madness" cook-off, this year a benefit for the Lowell Area Historical Museum, you'll find Lowell Light & Power's open house. From 11 am until 2 pm, you



can enjoy cornhole games, free hot dogs and chips and take a tour of their building. Every half an hour, LL&P linemen will demonstrate their skills by climbing a nearby utility pole. Kids will be able to climb a smaller pole.

From 11 am until 1 pm, the Lowell Area Fire Department will have an open house with snacks, fire truck rides and giveaways.

From 8 am until 11 am the Lowell FFA will present a pancake breakfast at the Wittenbach Wege Center.



They will also offer tours of the native plant gardens, the new pond and the facility. They will have an apple tasting from 9 am until noon.

The Autumn Marketplace will take place at the Kent County Youth Fairgrounds from 11 am until 4 pm. There will be live music from 11 am to 3 pm, a chance to build

your own scarecrow for \$5, and lots of vendors selling handmade crafts, food and antiques. There will also be a "bird and small animal swap" at the fairgrounds from 6 am until noon, or until the animals are gone, whichever happens first. Depending on who shows up, animals on sale could



LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

NOTICE FOR TESTING OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the November 5, 2019 Special Election will be conducted Tuesday, October 8 2019 at 9:00 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 programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Michigan election law.

Monica Burt, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

include pheasants, peafowl, waterfowl, poultry, quail, ratites, rabbits, reptiles, other small farm animals and supplies.

One of the most popular aspects of Harvest Festival is the Harvest Hustle 5K race. The goal of the event is to provide an opportunity

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for families and individuals to get outside and enjoy the health benefits of movement. It will be professionally timed, the environment is family-friendly, strollers are allowed, and the course is mostly flat with one hill. Registration begins at 7:30 am and the race will begin at 8:30 am.

Finally, LowellArts will present live music from the Kari Lynch Band, who play "traditional country music with a twist." The band will perform in the art gallery starting at 7 pm.

For more information and a complete schedule of events, visit lowellharvestcelebration.org.

Jon Montgomery and the Roger MacNaughton Quartet to perform together at LowellArts Oct. 13

With musical excellence as the common thread, a retired Army Band commander, a seasoned school vocal teacher and an award-winning composer are among the performers for a concert hosted by LowellArts at 3 pm on Sunday, Oct. 13.

Jon Montgomery, retired commander and conductor

of the "Governor's Own" 126 Army Band of Michigan, takes center stage sharing his signature saxophone sound. With a musical resume that includes the Temptations, the Four Tops, Aretha Franklin, Lou Rawls, Fabian and the Oak Ridge Boys, Montgomery has captivated audiences in

the United States and throughout the world. Adding some vocals to the musical mix, Tami Hjelm, Northview Middle School vocal music director, has also been heard performing with River City Jazz and leads the popular West Michigan band Tami Hjelm and the Elaborate Ruse.

With decades of performing and recording experience, the Roger MacNaughton Quartet (including Montgomery) serves as the sustaining instrumental footing for the diverse program of jazz, blues, funk, R&B and soul. Montgomery on saxophone and MacNaughton on piano will be joined by Charlie Hoats on bass and Eddie

Eicher on drums. Fresh off a stint as the artist-in-residence at the Mackinac State Historic Parks, MacNaughton will premiere some of the original music he composed for the quartet and Hjelm during his two-week stay on Mackinac Island in August 2019. Tickets to this unique, exciting concert are available for purchase at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gallery-concerts-jon-montgomery-the-roger-macnaughton-trio-tickets-70044162977> for \$20 each with special pricing for LowellArts and family/friend members. Seating is limited to the first 80 tickets sold. LowellArts is located at 223 W. Main and parking is free.



Above: Jon Montgomery
Below: Roger MacNaughton



LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION NOTICE

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Susan Ullery
City Clerk

Red Arrow

- FOOTBALL

SPORTS

Lowell football outlasts FHN

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

The Lowell Red Arrows varsity football team defeated Forest Hills Northern last Friday by a score of 21-7. In an away conference game, scoring didn't start until late in the second quarter. Lowell's offense was moving the ball well, but was unable to cash in until Brett Spanbauer ran the ball into the endzone from three yards out.

FHN, who struggled to

move the ball throughout the game, quickly responded thanks to a touchdown pass as time expired in the first half. Lowell and the Huskies would go into the break with a tied game at 7-7.

The game's kickoff was moved up from 7 pm to 5 pm. Not only was the weather a concern with storms moving through West Michigan, but the threat of Eastern Equine Encephalitis was the primary factor. The

dangerous mosquito-borne illness has killed three people in Michigan this year. This caused games across West Michigan to be moved up.

The Arrows wasted no time regaining their lead to start the second half with another Spanbauer rushing touchdown. Lowell's offense was consistently able to run the ball against the FHN defense. With 7:03 to play in the game, Doak Dean



Justin Wade kicks an extra point against Forest Hills Northern.



Lowell hosts Ottawa Hills this Friday for Homecoming. Kickoff is at 5 pm

Cade Solomonson running after a catch.

was able to break a tackle and run in for the 22-yard touchdown.

The Huskies would move into the redzone on their next drive, however the LHS defense would force a 4th down conversion

which FHN was not able to convert. With five minutes left and storms from the south closing in, Lowell ran out the clock to secure the win.

The win moves Lowell to 3-2 on the season and 2-0

in the OK White. Lowell will take on Ottawa Hills this Friday at LHS. Kickoff will be at 5 pm. The Bengals come into the game with a 1-4 record having lost to Greenville last week.

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LHS harriers finish third

Lowell boys cross country placed third with 106 points in the competitive Scarlet Division on Saturday at the Allendale Invite.

Winning the division was Zeeland West with 75 points, followed by Grandville with 92 points.

Medaling for the Red Arrows were Caleb Swart, seventh with a time of

16.16, Ben Kinnucan, 13th with a time of 16.37 and Cole Weston, 14th with 16.38. Wrapping up of the score for the harriers were Sawyer Fowler, 32nd with a time of 17.09 and Keegan Cater 40th with 17.22. Finishing on the varsity team were Nigel Mika with 17.22 and Lucas Cossar with 17.40.

In the JV boys race, freshman Ben Bromley captured first place with a time of 17.35. Earning medals as well were Jackson Fowler, sixth with a time of 17.48 and Zach Swart, 26th with 18.19. The JV team would go on to place fifth with 106 points.

The next competition for Lowell will be Wednesday in the OK White Jamboree hosted by Greenville.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

In the matter of
Melvin Veldt
Guardianship File No.
19-206,136-GA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including daughters: Jenny Lynch and Jessica Veldt, and any other unknown children 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 November 13, 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: September 30, 2019

Adult Protective Services, DHHS, Petitioner
121 Franklin St. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49507
(616) 258-1182

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Attys. for Petitioner by Amanda Van Essen Wirth (P75001)
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Red Arrow

- VOLLEYBALL

SPORTS

Volleyball win streak at eleven

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

The Lowell varsity volleyball team continued their strong run last week, beating Cedar Springs and Forest Hills Northern.

The Red Arrows took on the Huskies Tuesday in what was seen as the battle between the favorite in the OK White (Lowell) and their primary challenger (FHN). Lowell was third in the latest rankings from the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association while FHN was ranked honorable mention just outside the top 10. Fellow OK White member Forest Hills Central is also ranked honorable mention. On youth night, Lowell picked up a 3-0 win over the Huskies in front of a packed crowd.

On Thursday, LHS dominated the first set against Cedar Springs on the road and never looked back picking up a 3-0 (25-5, 25-14, 25-13) win. The wins push Lowell to 22-2 on the season. It was Lowell's eleventh straight win and tenth straight win without dropping a set.

Lowell will be on the road this week at Greenville (Tuesday), FHC (Thursday) and the EGR Invitational (Saturday).



Lowell huddles before taking on FHN.

Arrows continue to battle at Allendale Falcon Invite

The Lady Arrows not only worked hard leading up to the Allendale Falcon Invite but topped the week of hard work with many all-time personal bests as well as season bests.

The team finished in ninth place but the manner in which they completed is more telling as to where they are in preparation for the final meets of the season. Saying the girls worked hard this week is an understatement. This was one of the toughest weeks of the season in terms of

both mileage and interval work.

The Arrows were led by Audrey Conrad as she finished in 21:28. Following Conrad was a tight quiver of Arrows as the rest of the group finished in just over a minute of one another. The next step is to move the quiver closer to the lead Arrow. The quiver included Alexis Haines in 22:15, Lauren Swain in 22:26; Annika Sandman in 22:26; Clara Ericsson in 22:41; Canaan McKinney in 22:48 and Theresa Judd in 23:17.

In the JV race Lowell saw three out of four hitting personal records in the race. Keira Sandman hit 23:42, Katrina Sandman hit 24:03 and Sara Simons hit 29:35.

The ladies will compete in the third OK White Jamboree Wednesday, Oct. 2 at the Brookside Golf Course in Gowen.



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Equestrian team advances to state



Congratulations to the Lowell Equestrian team on becoming Division A Regional Champions. The team advances to the state competition October 9-13 at the Midland County Fairgrounds. Photo courtesy of Lowell Equestrian Team.

FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
* Denotes a meet at LHS
L 10/12 at 10 am Kent Ottawa Classic at Gainey Athletic Complex

BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL
* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium
 10/4 at 5 pm. Ottawa Hills - Homecoming*
 10/11 at 7 pm Cedar Springs* - Senior Parent Night

GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL
* Denotes a home game
 10/3 at 6 pm at Forest Hills Central
 10/5 at 8:30 am East Grand Rapids Invite
 10/10 at 4:45 pm at Northview OK White Tri

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER
* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium
 10/7 at 6:45 pm at Forest Hills Central

L **GIRLS VARSITY GOLF**
* Denotes a game at Arrowhead Golf Course
 10/9 time TBA Regionals at Egypt Valley

BOYS VARSITY TENNIS
* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium
 10/4 at 9 am OK White Conference
 10/10 time TBA Regionals

L **SWIM & DIVE**
 10/4 at 5 pm Hudsonville
 10/5 at 10 am Hudsonville Invite
 10/10 at 6 pm West Catholic

obituaries

BRONDYK

James Jay Brondyk, age 56, of Lowell, passed away September 27, 2019 due to complications of stroke. Jim was a free-spirit, tenderhearted, and meticulous; traits he passed on to his children. The son of Jack and Betty (Potter) Brondyk, Jim was born on March 14, 1963 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He was welcomed home by older sister Debbie and later joined by younger brother Jack, Jr. Jim loved hunting and fishing and spent many of his younger years riding motorcycles, working on dune buggies, and exploring the land around Kyser Road, where he grew up. He also enjoyed bird watching and feeding the birds at his home in Lowell. Jim attended school in Saranac, MI. In 1985, he married Nicole Divine and they had two children. They later divorced. In 2002, Jim met the love of his life, Angie Speer. Jim always joked that it would be a cold day in hell before he remarried. True to his word, he and Angie tied the knot in Hell, Michigan on December 27, 2007. Jim was a skilled machinist and became an integral part of Central States Precision Grinding, in Lowell. In 1988, he traveled to Japan to represent the company. Jim moved on to explore many talents, including working for Stock Paint and eventually starting his own power washing business. Jim will be lovingly remembered by his wife Angie, children Christine Kay (Josh Greff) and Colin (Taylor) Brondyk, grandchildren Easton and Lilly Brondyk, brother Jack (Susie, deceased) Brondyk, Jr., nieces and nephews Sara Gould, Jack (Sarah) Brondyk III, Travis, Bobbie, and Donna, in-laws Earl (Kim) Speer, Rebecca Speer, Aimee Divine, Michelle Divine, Carol Barry, good friend George (Gaynell) Deible, and numerous friends and relatives. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, sister Debbie Gould, grandparents Herman and Susie Potter and Jacob and Anna Brondyk, niece Kristal, special aunt Wilma Dingess, and best bud Stevie Smith. Cremation by Roth-Gerst Funeral Home of Lowell, interment of ashes at Boston Township Cemetery at a later date. Friends and family are invited to attend a celebration of Jim's life on Sunday, September 29 at 1 PM at the Moose Lodge, 1320 East Main Street (M-21), in Lowell.



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"Never love anyone who treats you like you're ordinary."
- Oscar Wilde

In memory of my beloved wife

BARBARA

2/13/55 - 10/2/13

All my love,
forever
and a day
~ Jeff

PARKER



Gerald (Jerry) Parker, age 73 of Lowell, passed away on September 23, 2019. He was born August 21, 1946 to Joe & Nona Parker in Detroit. He was preceded in death by his parents; and

two baby daughters, Amy & Maria. Jerry is survived by his wife of 48 years, Glennda; children, Denise Jensen, Shaun (Dawn) Parker, Jerry Parker; grandchildren, Cash & Glenn Parker; brother, Joe (Gail) Parker; sister, Elaine Thomas; and several nieces and nephews. He loved his old farm equipment and spending weekends at steam and tractor shows. Jerry is a veteran who served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam conflict. Visitation was from 6-8 PM, Friday, September 27, 2019 at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331. Funeral services were 12 PM, Saturday, September 28, 2019 at the funeral home with visitation one hour prior. Private interment St. Patrick's Cemetery Parnell. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to <https://www.parkinsonsmi.org/>.



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PRICE

Louise Violet (Kenyon) Price, age 77 of Lowell, passed away peacefully at home on September 26, 2019 surrounded by her loving family. She was born May 30, 1942 in Caledonia, MI. Louise was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Beatrice Kenyon; sisters, Nancy Reedy, Rosemarie Kenyon; and brother, Harry Kenyon. She is survived by her sister, Marilyn Kenyon; brothers, Bernard (Liz) Kenyon, Lee Kenyon; daughters, Deborah Price, Darla (Bill) Boersma, Dorinda (Randy) Westen, Dianna Price; son, David Price; 8 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; many cousins, nieces, nephews; and many dear friends. She married Charles Price, a US Army veteran, on May 20, 1961. By 1966 she had given birth to five children. Louise was a devoted mother and adoring grandmother, who amazed her family with her love of people, work, and play. She enjoyed traveling to visit family and playing board and card games with her children and grandchildren. Always there for her siblings and children, and eager for the company of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren,



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ROSS

Mrs. Aileen (McDonald) Ross, age 90 of Lowell, died September 26, 2019. She was preceded in death by husband, Thomas Ross; and granddaughter, Jessie Byrne. Aileen is survived by daughter, Peggy (Bruce) Byrne; sons, John, Joseph, James, Jeff (Sandy), and Randy (Kelly); sister, Marie McDonald; sister-in-laws, Delores Callens, Louise Ross grandchildren, Chris (Karla) Byrne, Fred Byrne, Hayley (Glen) Peterson, Meghan Ross, Hannah (Kevin) Timmer, Catherine Ross, and MacKenna Ross; great-grandchildren Kaylee, Colton, Cooper, Remy, Lucy; and many nieces and nephews. Aileen was an active member of St. Patrick's Church altar society. A mass of Christian burial will be 11:00 am Friday, October 4, 2019 at St. Mary Church, 402 Amity St. SE, Lowell MI. The family will receive visitors from 6-8 pm Thursday, October 3, 2019 at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331. Interment St. Patrick Cemetery, Parnell, Michigan. Memorial donations may be made to St. Mary Catholic Church, 402 Amity St. SE, Lowell, MI 49331.



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WORK WANTED - Double D's Bucket Van & Handyman Service. 40' bucket, tree trimming & removal, gutters, window washing, power washing, buildings, barns, homes, decks, etc. Insured. Call Dave Delinsky, 616-212-3008. Free estimates.

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Community Calendar

October

AND ONGOING EVENTS

PLEASE NOTE - Coming Events are for non-profit organizations. If you are charging admission for an event - it is considered an advertisement. Coming events are on a space available basis & ARE NOT GUARANTEED.

HOME IMPROVEMENT MONTH - Home repair services of Kent County will lead Fix-It School classes for the month of October. Oct. 9 - electrical; Oct. 16 - plumbing; Oct. 23 - tile; Oct. 30 - credit basics.

GROSS SENSORY CHALLENGE - Oct. 22 from 1-2 pm. All ages welcome to attend. This will put you and your kiddos in a Halloween mood!

FAMILY STORY TIME - Now - Nov. 7. Read & sing together. Enjoy stories, music, movement & rhymes that develop early literacy skills and encourage everyone in the family to share their love of reading.

MAHJONG AT THE LIBRARY - Now - Nov. 29. Join us on Friday afternoons for American Mahjong; a game of skill, strategy & calculation. All skill levels welcome.

TEEN ZONE - Oct. 7 - Nov. 18, Mondays at 3:30 pm. Teen-only fun for you & your friends at the library. Stop by for activities that may include board games, food & more.

KDL UNCORKED: KOMBUCHA & CHEESE TASTING FOR LADIES NIGHT - Oct. 17, 5-9 pm. Eat, drink & socialize! Sip Kombucha, nibble cheese & create your very own gift bags from recycled paper.

FAMILY YOGA - Now - Nov. 30. Family yoga is an all-ages activity with a focus on the benefits of mindfulness. Together we will engage in fun poses, learn how to breathe, be creative with yoga activities/games and relax.

MINECRAFT CLUB - Oct. 7 & Nov. 4. 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.

SENSORY TODDLER TIME - Now - Nov. 12. Nurture your toddler's love of books through music, movement & stories while helping to develop their language, motor & social skills.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS - Registration begins Oct. 1. Sign up a team at the library. For grades 3-5. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

ADULT BOOK CLUB - Oct. 8, 2 pm Bring book suggestions to read and discuss for this initial planning meeting. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

TECH SAVVY SENIORS - Oct. 9 & Nov. 13 at 6:30 pm. For older people in a digital world, it's easy to become overwhelmed or feel intimidated by all the new technology around us.

TEEN & ADULT FEAR FACTOR FOOD PROGRAM - Oct. 10, 4-6 pm. Teen Wednesday group will participate in this Thursday program instead of a Wednesday event this month.

GROSS SENSORY CHALLENGE - Oct. 24, 3-5 pm. All ages welcome to attend. This will put you and your kiddos in a Halloween mood!

COOKBOOK CLUB - Oct. 28 at 6:30 pm. "Mill Street Tuesday Nights" by Christopher Kimball. Join us for an informal discussion about cookbooks & sample delectable examples, potluck style.

FALL FEST - Oct. 31, 10 am. Celebrate the season with autumn crafts, games & process art. Please bring your own mini pumpkin. For children ages 6 & under with a caregiver.

ATTENTION SENIORS - Every Friday evening seniors get together for conversation, food, dancing and music. Cunningham Acre, 4980 W. Pepper Lake Rd. on

route M-50, 1 1/4 miles W. of Lake Odessa. For more information contact Betty at 616-374-7512.

TECH SESSIONS - 3-5 pm by appointment on Wednesdays. One-on-one assistance with basic computer, tablets, smart phones, downloadable library materials, etc.

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, 11840 Fulton St., Lowell. Open to all who are 18 years or older.

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

ART LAB - Third Tuesday of the month from 4-6 pm. A monthly art exploration with a different theme each month for ages 5 and up.

NEEDLERS - Meet the second & fourth Tuesday of the month from 5 to 8 pm at Franciscan Life Processing Center, 11650 Downes St. NE, Lowell.

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

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

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

Looking back, continued

new Recreation Bond program, or from the State's Land and Water Conservation funds on restoring the natural flow and beautification of Flat River? Good question, but tough to answer! Much depends upon action taken by the Lowell Light and Power Commission on the disposition of the now-idle power plant and dam (Hydro No. 2) which is located in Ionia County, twelve miles up river from the city.

Lowell City Manager Blaine Bacon announces the appointment of a building inspector for the city. He is Charles Benjamin, 34, of 2676 Lincoln Lake Rd., Vergennes Township, where he also serves as inspector.

Astronaut Neil Armstrong from a little town called

Wapaloneta in Ohio was the first man to set foot on the moon...and Mrs. Betty Simons from the tiny community of Ada in Michigan would like to be the first woman to explore the earth's satellite. You see, Mrs. Simons wants to get "Some of those moon rocks."

25 years The Lowell Ledger October 5, 1994

King Memorial Pool will be filled. Not with that liquid substance that a person could practice their butterfly stroke in. No, it will be filled with 700 cubic yards of fill dirt.

After years of battling water problems, Eastgate residents finally have city water. Many are happy about that fact, but some aren't happy when they look at their newest water bill. As part of retrieving the cost of the water project, Eastgate residents are charged a one-time-only hook up fee of \$1,000. For several residents that figure seems high. They recently appeared at a Lowell Township meeting in search of answers to the high bill.

It's been a year-long battle that has finally come to an end for Lowell Township residents William and Carol Wieland and Bruce and Sheryl Rittenger. The two families reached an agreement over their property dispute with the Kent County International Airport.

Outdoors, continued

Getting outdoors is not as easy as when I was a kid because of lack of access to natural areas. Also, the concept of parental responsibility has been affected by economic, social, and cultural shifts in our society. The point is that kids have many more options today for spending time out of the classroom. So many choices that finding things to do outdoors is not always at the top of the list.

It is fortunate that organized sports and other adult sponsored programs have provided constructive activities for so many youth. Through it may be more challenging for parents to provide outdoor experiences for children, opportunities are still there. Hiking, camping, fishing, hunting, and other activities which introduce kids to the natural world are out there, especially in Michigan.

It is important for the physical and mental health of everyone to connect with nature. The future of our wildlife and the places where they live depend on the interest and support of all citizens. Keep this in mind if the soccer match gets cancelled and the weekend turns out to be mild and sunny.



At Your Local Library

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

Minecraft Club

Get your Minecraft fix and show off your world-building skills. The library has a limited number of computers and license for Minecraft. First come, first

served. No registration required. If you are able, bring a laptop with Wi-Fi capabilities and Minecraft installed and join us! For ages 6 and older. Monday, Oct. 7 at 4:30 pm.

Sci-Fi Book Club

"Every Heart a Doorway" by Seanan McGuire. All adults welcome. No registration required. Monday, Oct. 14 at 6:30 pm.

Bookworms Adult Book Discussion

"The Dry" by Jane Harper. All adults welcome. No registration required. Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 10 am.

What is Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N)?

N2N grew out of the Rotary Club of Lowell's partnership with FROM to help winterize homes for families facing hardship. In 2012 the partnership expanded to include the Lowell Ledger. In 2019, Impact Church and community volunteers will also assist as FROM provides winterization and fall clean-up assistance (insulation, check furnace, cover pipes, weather stripping, plastic on windows, raking leaves, cleaning gutters, etc.) in partnership with homeowners in need.

How Does it Work?

You can submit a wish for your own home, or on behalf of another individual (with their permission) who is in need of winterization and fall clean-up assistance (insulation, check furnace, cover pipes, weather stripping, plastic on windows, raking leaves, cleaning gutters, etc.) FROM's goal is that the homeowner would be willing to partner with the volunteers.

FROM will contact each household for a pre-qualification phone interview and to determine if the homeowner is willing/able to assist the volunteer team in some way.

Your application does not guarantee that the wish will be fulfilled. FROM will work with the Lowell Rotary Club, Impact Church and local volunteers to fulfill a limited number of wishes. The program is available only to those living in the Lowell Area School District.

For questions please contact FROM at 897-8260 or email at info@fromlowell.org.

Completed applications must be emailed or dropped off to FROM by October 12, 2019.



Neighbor to Neighbor Application

(due to FROM by Oct 12, 2019)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Application submitted by: _____

Phone: _____

A brief description of the work needed & why you need assistance – tell us your story:



**FLAT RIVER
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES**



FUN PAGE

SUDOKO

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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!

ANTIQUUE WORD SEARCH

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

Puzzle solutions on page 12

ANTIQUUE WORD SEARCH

ARMOIRE
ART DECO
BALUSTER

BRONZE
CAMEO
CERAMIC

DESK
NOUVEAU
PANELLING

ABATTANT
AMBROTYPE
ARCADE
ARMCHAIR

BANDING
BAROQUE
BEVEL
BIEDERMEIER

CHIPPENDALE
CLASSICAL
CUPBOARD
DECORATIVE

POTTERY
SIDEBOARD
WARDROBE

Guess Who?

I am an actress born in Texas on October 4, 1988. I had minor television roles before I got a break on the popular series *Glee*. That job helped me land a "super" role as a crime fighter on another popular TV series.

Answer: Melissa Benoist

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to antiques.

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Answer: Table

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CLUES ACROSS

- Fertile desert spots
- Married woman
- Some animals travel in one
- Fear
- Hawaiian island
- Fit to work
- Electronic counter-countermeasures
- Former Senator Specter
- Cambodian currency
- Dave Matthews Band hit
- Lists ingredients
- Endangered antelope
- Jerry's TV partner
- Blue grass state
- Obstruct
- Luke's mentor ___-Wan
- Fencing swords
- Oh, heavens!
- Innsensitive to changes in price
- Hillsides
- Brew
- Gland secretion
- A typical example
- Get up
- You put it on your pasta
- Expresses surprise
- News organization
- Disorder of the lungs (abbr.)
- One millionth of a gram

- Some are of the "suit" variety

- Group of organisms
- Produces
- Passage into a mine
- ___ and cheeses
- Semitic fertility god
- Dry or withered
- Religious ceremony
- ___ Winger, actress
- German river
- Midway between northeast and east
- Take something or somebody somewhere

CLUES DOWN

- Lyric poems
- Genus of saltwater clams
- Ingroup
- Type of lounge chair
- Memory card
- Archipelago
- Common Korean surname
- It's up there
- Quantity that helps to define
- First month of the Jewish ecclesiastical year
- Metal-headed golf club
- A shade of green
- Disorder
- A good thing to have
- Language spoken in Laos

- Loosely compacted sediment
- Naturally occurring protein
- Woman
- Central Indian city
- Volcanic craters
- The largest existing land animals
- Rumanian city
- Equal to 10 meters
- Historic Nevada city
- A point of transition
- Remove
- Overwatch character
- Records electric currents linked to the heart
- Settles in calmly
- Partner to his
- Banking giant
- Slowly disappeared
- End
- Sword with a v-shaped blade
- Fabric with smooth, shiny surface
- Wild cherry tree
- Traditional Japanese socks
- Make of your hard work
- Stony waste matter
- Woman (French)
- Unit of loudness

A Charmed Life nail salon also a training ground

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

A local salon owner is taking advantage of the state of Michigan's cosmetology apprenticeship program to locate and train staff.

Kristine Gault, has owned A Charmed Life nail salon, 216 W. Main, since they first opened in Rockford in 2007. The Lowell location opened in 2017. Since Gault discovered the apprenticeship program, she has successfully brought 17 nail care professionals through it. A Charmed Life currently has two individuals enrolled in the program.

"I figured I could just hire somebody [to do nails] and run the business, but at the time, most girls out of school wanted to do hair," Gault said. "I had no idea it was going to be so hard to find an employee who wanted to do nails. With some research, I found out the state had an apprenticeship program, and it was a lifesaver for us."

Gault used to be a third grade teacher and also had a business degree, but she went through the apprenticeship program herself to learn how to do nails.

"I had always gotten my nails done and loved it, but I didn't know all the ins and outs," Gault said. "It was a huge eye-opener and a great

way for me to learn how to do nails."

Professional nail care is more complicated than some might expect. According to the state of Michigan's website, cosmetology apprenticeships "are approved courses of study based on a contract between a student and a licensee in a licensed shop. Apprentice programs are approved by the department providing the licensee has been a licensed practitioner of the occupation for at least three years, and



that the shop is an actively licensed cosmetology establishment. Apprentice programs must follow these guidelines: train not more than seven hours a day or not more than 40 hours per week while receiving an average

of not less than 80 hours per month in the prescribed curriculum; send monthly time sheet to the department before the tenth day of the following month; allow the cosmetology apprentice to perform services for clients of the shop only after completing 350 hours in the cosmetology curriculum and the apprentices training in other curriculum must complete one fourth of the required training hours. An apprentice must be under the direct supervision of his

or her practitioner; report examination results to the state board at the end of the course of study."

"The apprenticeship program is awesome because we can train them from the very start on how to clip

nails, how to file nails, about cuticles, everything," Gault said. "We love the program and have it fine-tuned now. We provide all the books and materials and the other employees in the shop also have a wealth of information. We have a phenomenal group of employees here and in Rockford. The apprentices start out working on the other employees, their friends and families for about six weeks or so before they work on the public. It's just a great way to do it."

Nikki Merlinger is one of A Charmed Life's most recent graduates from the apprenticeship program. She worked as a caregiver and therapist at a nursing home but after a while she wanted to change careers.

"She is in her mid 30s and her kids are in their teens," Gault said. "She's always wanted to be in this industry but she never had the time to go to school."

"It is a very comprehensive program and it was very flexible with my schedule," Merlinger said. "They really prepared me for the testing



Nikki Merlinger

that I had to do, and it's just a really great place to work. They're very friendly and the environment is relaxing. [During the apprenticeship] I would have to study every day and I would have hands-on experiences performing nail services. I had practice clients, I worked on the other employees and eventually the public. Kristine makes it really easy to learn and understand."

A Charmed Life nail salon is open every Wednesday and Friday from 10 am until 6 pm and every Saturday from 9 am until 3 pm. In the spring, Gault plans to add more hours and keep the salon open six days a week. For more information or to make an appointment, call 616-319-7203.

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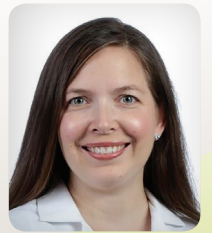
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