



Don't forget to turn your clocks back

GlessBoards: featured artist



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Turkey Trot 5k fun run/walk is Sat., Nov. 9

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The 10th annual Lowell YMCA Turkey Trot, a 5k run/walk through the scenic trails of the Wittenbach/Wege Center, will take place at 9 am on Saturday, Nov. 9.

"It's a family fun run or walk through the Wittenbach/Wege Center. It's super fun," said Amy Christensen, Lowell YMCA health and wellness director. "The setting is breathtaking, it's absolutely God's country. The education that they provide for the youth is phenomenal. They have an amazing program out there and the Lowell community is very blessed to be a part of it. You never know what the weather is going to be like because it's Michigan, sometimes it snows, sometimes it's icy, but we try to make it super fun with games and prizes and everything like that.



There will be a fun warm up before the race and we're going to partner with some amazing sponsors to make this as big of an event that we can to support our cancer survivors."

Proceeds from the Turkey Trot will benefit the Lowell YMCA's Livestrong program for cancer survivors.

"All of the funds from

the Turkey Trot go to the Livestrong program, and everything stays right here in the Lowell community," Christensen said. "It's such a need. Livestrong is our cancer survivors program. It's a free program for survivors, their family members and their caregivers, twice a week for 12 weeks. It is either grant or sponsor funded. Our next

session starts in February." Christensen organizes the Turkey Trot with donations of time and supplies from individuals and organizations.

"Whenever we have the Turkey Trot, a lot of amazing people come and volunteer," Christensen said. "For example, we have an awesome DJ named Austin

who volunteers his time for the program and Country Fresh donates milk for our participants. They are so welcoming to be able to give that gift to us. We try really hard to get a lot of donations, that way all the money that we collect can go toward the program. There are so many generous people, so this event is growing every year."

The cost to participate in the Turkey Trot is \$20 per person or \$60 for a family of four. Early registration is recommended. You can register in person at the Lowell YMCA front desk at 1335 W. Main, by calling them at 616-897-8445, or online at grymca.org/programs. To make sure you get a Turkey Trot t-shirt, you must register by Nov. 3.

"We can guarantee them a t-shirt until Nov. 3, then we have to put in our order," Christensen said.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Tales of the Ada Witch go back around 150 years, but despite the best efforts of West Michigan history researchers and authors, no aspect of the story has ever been definitively verified.

According to the popular local legend, in the late 1800s, a local married

woman was having an affair. Her husband, upon observing her leaving their residence after he pretended to fall asleep, followed her into the woods near what is now Seidman Park in Forest Hills. There, he found his wife in a passionate embrace with her lover.

He killed her instantly, and a fight broke out between the two men. By the end, both of them were dead. The legend says the cursed trio were buried in Findlay Cemetery, on 2 Mile Rd. in Ada.

For decades along 2 Mile Rd., Honey Creek Rd. and Conservation Ave., there have been reports of a

The legend of the Ada witch

ghostly woman with long hair wearing either a white or blue dress. Hunters have reported hearing footsteps and being tapped on the shoulder but finding nobody there. Others have seen blue and green orbs floating around, heard somebody weeping or

reported the sound of fighting. Most of those who claim to have seen the Ada Witch described her as an appalling apparition, the wounds from her murder still clearly visible, but some have described her as a beautiful lady in white.

The season marches on! Good luck, Red Arrows!

The Red Arrows (5-4) will take on the Pioneers of East Grand Rapids (6-3) on Friday, Nov. 1. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 pm at East Grand Rapids.



McDonald's owner Ken Berg



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GlessBoards named featured artist for annual "Christmas Through Lowell" holiday shopping event



by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

This year's Christmas Through Lowell featured artist is the custom wood furniture company GlessBoards.

"The featured artist for 2019 Christmas Through Lowell is Nick and Amy Gless of GlessBoards," said Liz Baker, executive

director of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. "They also have a great website to give you some insight on their craft. They are a very talented couple with a great story!"

For almost 20 years, Nick and Amy Gless made and sold wood furniture to

friends and family as a fun hobby. As word of mouth about their work spread, they created a website and sold pieces to customers all over the country. Five years ago, they started their own company GlessBoards and now work full time crafting

high quality, unique wood furniture.

"We are woodworkers. Throughout the year we make custom heirloom furniture for homes," said Amy Gless, owner of GlessBoards. "Christmas Through Lowell is special for us because we get to shift gears and have fun creating smaller projects. The event allows us to get

on items that would make great gifts."

In 2018, GlessBoards won the "Best Business to Watch" award from the Chamber of Commerce and they have participated in many previous Christmas Through Lowell events.

"[We participate in Christmas Through Lowell] to meet people

to experiment with new designs and make pretty and unique household items each year. [Our favorite thing about the event is] all the fun conversations we have over the weekend, and cupcakes."

GlessBoards will be Christmas Through Lowell stop # 38, 11656 Peck Lake Rd. There



Examples of small woodwork products by GlessBoards. [photos submitted by Amy Gless]

creative and experiment on smaller designs and create items that are stylish and functional for homes. We try to focus

and socialize," Gless said. "We work full time from our home shop and we don't have a storefront for our furniture, so we rarely get an opportunity to get out and talk woodworking. Christmas Through Lowell has been such fun for us getting to show off our wood shop and meet people from our community. Plus, we get

you'll find examples of their work at many different price points.

"The bulk of the items we all sell at stop #38 are under \$40," Gless said. "We have many many items that are \$10 to \$15. We'll also have a selection of more expensive items, but very few over \$100."

Several other very talented vendors will be at



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GlessBoards, continued



stop #38. Debra Pate Art for example, and a few others.

“Deb has been with us for three years now and paints stunning watercolors,” Gless said. “Her focus is primarily wildlife and landscapes and her portfolio is

diverse. She’ll have many originals on hand as well as a selection of prints and greeting cards featuring her art. Becky [from Blue Fox Engraving] has been a vendor with us for four years now and will have a wonderful selection of her laser engraved tags and

ornaments, plant stakes, and custom order stamps. Becky’s design sense is exceptional and all of her items are beautiful. ‘Boozy Cupcake Lady’ Terri will be here again for her third year. Her cupcakes are amazing and each is inspired by

flavors of other edibles or beverages. I am especially excited we convinced her to bring her cannoli

cupcake this year. She usually brings four to five flavors and I believe she’s taking votes for the other flavors now. Tom [from TJ Woodworks] will be here for his fourth year with his beautiful wooden turned pens, salt and pepper grinders and hand carvings. His work is lovely and usually sells out early. ‘Sweet T’ Terri is also new with us this year, her wonderful candies will be a great addition. Looking forward to her handmade goodies like cinnamon candied pecans, sea salt caramels, butterfingers and more.”

For more information about GlessBoards, visit glessboards.com, look for them on social media or contact Amy at amygless@gmail.com.

“We’re living our dream,” Gless said. “We work hard every day to make beautiful items we’re proud of, and we know how lucky we are. We couldn’t be happier doing what we do, and we love sharing that with

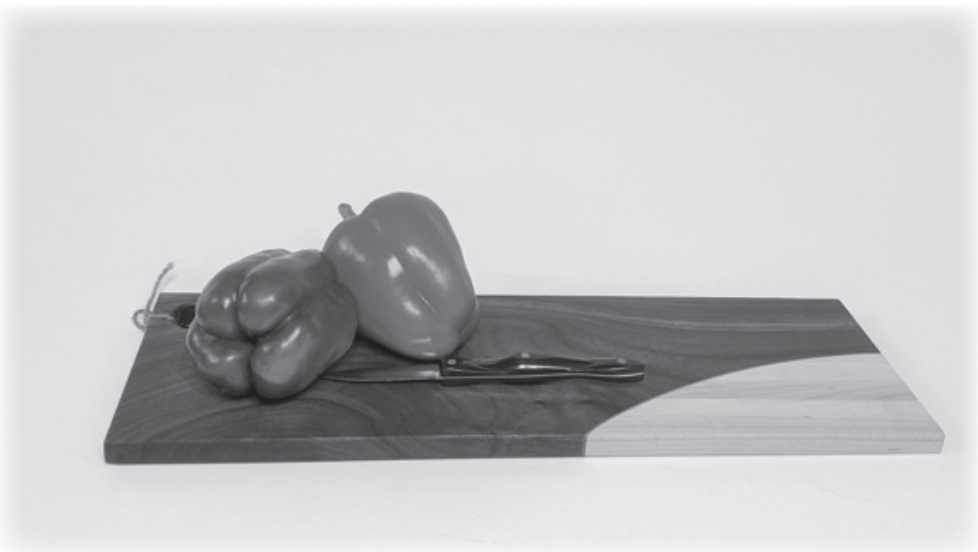
others. We’re also very honored to be selected as the featured artists for Christmas Through Lowell this year. We hope people will make the trip to our site and browse the stylish high quality gifts we have available while enjoying a free cup of hot coffee.”



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Today: October 30, 2019

Oct. 30 is the 303rd day of 2019. There are only 62 more days left in the year.

Historic Events

1270: End of the Eighth Crusade ends after an agreement between Charles I of Anjou and the Hafsid dynasty of Tunisia.

1340: Portuguese and Castilian forces halt a Muslim invasion at the Battle of Río Salado.

1485: King Henry VII of England is crowned, beginning the Tudor period.

1817: Simón Bolívar becomes President of the Third Republic of Venezuela.

1831: Nat Turner is arrested after leading the bloodiest slave rebellion in US history.

1905: Czar Nicholas II issues the October Manifesto, granting the Russian people basic civil liberties and the right to form a legislature called a "duma." 1918: World War I: The Ottoman Empire signs the Armistice of Mudros with the Allies.

1925: John Logie Baird creates Britain's first television transmitter.

1938: Broadcast of Orson Welles' radio adaptation of H.G. Wells's "The War of the Worlds" causes anxiety and panic in some audience members.

1941: President Roosevelt approves \$1 billion in Lend-Lease aid to the Allied nations.

1941: 1,500 Jews from Pithaytsi, Ukraine are sent by the Nazis to the Belzec, Poland extermination camp.

1942: World War II: Lt. Tony Fasson and Able Seaman Colin Grazier drown while taking code books from a sinking Nazi submarine.

1944: Anne Frank and her older sister Margot Frank are transported from the Auschwitz concentration camp to the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, where they will die from typhus the following year. Margot Frank also kept a diary, but no trace of it has ever been found.

162/2" concerning the maintenance of a strong nuclear deterrent force against the Soviet Union.

1961: The Soviet Union detonates the "Tsar Bomba," the most powerful explosive device ever detonated.

1974: The "Rumble in the Jungle," a boxing match between Muhammad Ali and George Foreman, takes place in Kinshasa, Zaire (now called Democratic Republic of the Congo).

1975: Prince Juan Carlos I of Spain becomes acting head of state after taking over for the ailing dictator, Gen. Francisco Franco.

1983: After seven years of military rule, the first democratic elections in Argentina are held.

1985: The Space Shuttle "Challenger" lifts off on its final successful mission.

1995: Quebec citizens vote 50.58% to 49.42% in favor of remaining a province of Canada.

2005: After 50 years as a war memorial and a 13 year construction project, the rebuilt Dresden Frauenkirche, destroyed in the World War II firebombing of Dresden, is reconsecrated.

2014: Sweden is the first European Union member to officially recognize the State of Palestine.

2015: 64 people are killed and more than 147 injured after a fire at a nightclub in Bucharest, Romania.

1877: Hugo Celmiņš, former prime minister of Latvia

1878: Arthur Scherbius, inventor of the Enigma machine

1885: Ezra Pound, poet, critic

1886: Zoë Akins, author, poet, playwright

1893: Charles Atlas, bodybuilder

1896: Rex Cherryman, actor

1896: Ruth Gordon, actor, screenwriter

1896: Kostas Karyotakis, poet, educator

1896: Harry Randall Truman, soldier

1896: Antonino Votto, conductor

1897: Agustín Lara, singer/songwriter, actor

1908: Patsy Montana, singer/songwriter, actor

1915: Fred W. Friendly, journalist, producer

1925: Tommy Ridgley, singer, bandleader

1927: Joe Adcock, baseball player, manager

1932: Louis Malle, director, producer, screenwriter

1935: Jim Perry, baseball player

1935: Michael Winner, director, producer, screenwriter

1936: Dick Vermeil, football player, coach

1939: Eddie Holland, Motown singer/songwriter, producer

1939: Grace Slick, singer/songwriter, Jefferson Airplane

1941: Otis Williams, singer/songwriter, producer, The Temptations

1945: Henry Winkler, actor

1632: Christopher Wren, designer of St. Paul's Cathedral in London

Birthdays

39 BC: Julia the Elder, daughter of Augustus

1218: Chūkyō, emperor of Japan

1735: John Adams (above), second President of the United States

1786: Philippe-Joseph Aubert de Gaspé, captain, author

1839: Alfred Sisley, painter

1857: Georges Gilles de la Tourette, physician, neurologist


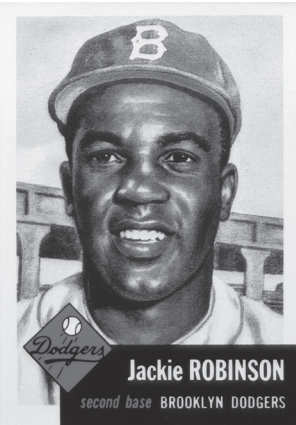
1861: Antoine Bourdelle, sculptor, painter

1871: Paul Valéry, poet, philosopher

1873: Francisco I. Madero, former president of Mexico

1945: Jackie Robinson (above) signs a contract with the Brooklyn Dodgers, breaking the baseball color line.

1953: President Dwight Eisenhower approves the top-secret document "NSC

viewpoint

to the editor

Editor,

I would like to respond to Rep. Albert's recent column of Oct 23rd. Any merit I might find in his arguments are severely clouded by the fact that we just finished 8 years being ruled by a Governor (for whom I voted the first time because I thought he was independent!) who totally ignored the will of the majority of Michigan voters on numerous occasions. Yet I never heard a peep from Albert about that Governor.

Two examples. The citizens of MI were asked about the free water being given to Swiss Mega Corporation Nestle and the overwhelming response was to turn off the taps for them. I believe it was 84 to 86% opposed to the Nestle

deal from folks representing all political parties. What did Snyder do? He not only continued the deal with Nestle, but gave them a slight increase in the water they suck from our State.

Secondly, there is an overwhelming cry from people of every stripe to close down the Canadian oil flow under the straits that is 15 years past its projected life cycle. (Pipeline #5 is 65 years old and the engineers who designed it gave it a life cycle of 50 years.) What did Snyder do? He did a run around and formed a commission in a last-ditch effort to spare Enbridge Oil the inconvenience of having to find another method of getting their Canadian sludge to their Canadian refineries. And he did this after seeing what an Enbridge leak did to the K-zoo River.

Where was Rep. Albert's strident voice then? (crickets) Never mind what is good for Michigan, why are we bowing to the will of foreign corporations?

Partisan politics has to end now. Party loyalty is too often dictated by the biggest checkbook in the room. Are you

really concerned for the State of Michigan and it's people, Mister Albert? Then speak out against all power grabs not just the ones highlighted for you by the big checkbooks in Michigan.

Sincerely,
Cliff Yankovich

To the Editor,

Your coverage of the Michigan *Read by Grade Three Law* is appreciated, and we want to let the community know that Kent District Library is ready and eager to assist families with meeting this reading goal.

KDL has been preparing for this law to kick in for the 2019-20 third graders. Last year we added some "searchable" terms to our catalog. The reading plans teachers will be giving parents will use the terms "comprehension", "fluency", "phonics", "phonemic awareness", and "vocabulary". In our catalog you can search "IRP Vocabulary" (Individualized Reading Plan), "IRP Phonics", etc. When a teacher recommends an area that needs strengthening, this will make it easy for parents to find relevant books.

Also, keeping in mind those five skills, this year all KDL braches added "Booster Packs". These are sets of books and games to help students learn these skills while having fun. We have all five skills at different levels, Kindergarten through Third Grade. For instance, we have "Kindergarten-Fluency", "Second Grade-Phonics" and so on. These can be checked out for three weeks, just like our books.

Finally, Kent District Library has joined in with the other Kent County Libraries to promote "Mission:Read". This program is to encourage students Kindergarten to Third Grade to read for 1,000 days. They have until sixth grade to accomplish this goal - which is almost three years of reading. During the process there will be small prizes to encourage progress, with an electronic reading device rewarded at the end of the 1,000 days.

Of course, we want to encourage everyone to enjoy the pleasures of reading, but we want to point out that the staff at KDL would love to partner with families to bring reading success to Michigan's students.

Sincerely,
Sandy Graham, Manager
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Kent District Library



125 years ago Lowell Ledger November 3, 1894

Our hustling townsman, Fred L. Fallas, has built up quite an important manufacturing establishment in a quiet manner and of which but little is known by our citizens. Fred has manufactured, this season, hundreds of barrels of pickles from thousands of bushels of cucumbers. To grow, pick and manufacture the cucumbers into pickles has given labor to many workmen. At the present time Mr. Fallas is buying cabbage by the ton and converting it into sauerkraut, with four or more hands.

Addie B. Holland, for six years past postmistress of North Grand Rapids and her son Fred have been arrested for defrauding the government. Mrs. Holland would issue money orders for \$50 to \$100 payable at nearby towns. Her son would go to the towns and cash the orders, taking the money to the North Grand Rapids office, which not only gave Mrs. Holland the commission but increased the business of that office so that her salary was raised. The Grand Haven office alone cashed \$1,200 in these orders since January.

Henry Spencer of Ada township, according to the story related at the prosecuting attorney's office Thursday afternoon by Robert Higgins, filled the flanks of one of Higgins's horses with shot the other night. The two men own adjoining farms, and Spencer, it is said, being disturbed in his sleep by the tramping of the horse about the premises, took down his shotgun and emptied both barrels of bird shot into the animal.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 30, 1919

Serg't York, the famous Tennessean, who has been declared the greatest soldier of the world war, honored Lowell with a visit last Saturday in an unexpected manner. Being in Grand Rapids on a speaking tour on behalf of the mountain children of Tennessee and adjoining states, he was brought to Lowell by Mr. Batts, of the Wishbone company on a joy ride.

Ruby Wellwood, of Grand Rapids, said to be the wife of at least three soldiers, was brought back from Milwaukee, where she had been since she violated her parole here while under a bigamy charge. She was arrested last February. She has been drawing government allotments for each of her three husbands, it is said.

75 years The Lowell Ledger November 2, 1944

Interesting excerpts out of a letter from Clarke Boulard with the armed forces in Germany, to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Boulard, Alto, R. 2, Clarke writes: "We have had some of Mr. Runciman's beans since we have been in Germany. I was surprised to see his name and address way over here; it was printed on the outside of the sack."

Pfc. Bob Yeiter, paratrooper, was wounded in action in Holland on the 23rd of September, according to a telegram received by his sister, Mrs. Peter Speerstra, last week Thursday.

C.H. Runciman who was badly injured about 11:30 last Friday night in a collision at the Ada bridge, is making satisfactory progress toward recovery, according to latest word from Blodgett hospital where Mr. Runciman was taken following the accident.

50 years The Lowell Ledger October 30, 1969

A dispute between the City of Lowell and the Michigan State Highway Commission over the need of a traffic signal at the corner of Main and Monroe today took a turn which apparently favors the city's position in the matter. According to John Osmer, secretary for the Highway Commission, traffic engineers will return to Lowell to "renew" their study of the traffic light problem.

At about 4:30 Monday afternoon as Lowell Police

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:

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- "Crossfire" letters between the same two people on one issue will be limited to one for each writer.
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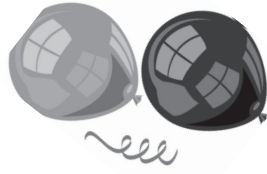
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NOVEMBER 5

Holly Stouffer, Mart DeYoung.



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A clever person solves a problem. A wise person avoids it.

- Albert Einstein



outdoors

old school

Dave Stegehuis

When one has been around for over three quarters of a century the extreme changes in the world around us can be unsettling. Most of the changes have improved the human condition while a few other transformations have held unintended consequences.

I tend to pick and choose my level of participation in modern lifestyle. I am not on social media, nor have an I-phone, and I actually stop at stop signs.

Hunting white tail deer in our state has evolved to the point where young hunters have a much different experience than hunters from a few generations back. These changes reflect management decisions driven by science, funding, and politics, as well as evolving technology. Not much different than most other aspects of our lives.

Back in the day, the well-equipped (typically male) hunter sported a heavy red plaid wool coat with olive-green wool trousers. A leather belt held a large bone handled sheath knife and leather cartridge holder. One of the many pockets contained a magnetic compass. High laced leather boots were fashionable, but not very warm. That was O.K. because the hunter kept moving while stalking wary whitetails. A red plaid cap topped off the wardrobe. In those days the weapon of choice was a lever action carbine with open iron sights, blued metal, and oiled walnut stock.

Game laws were simple: one antlered buck per season per hunter anywhere in the state. Salt licks and elevated platforms were illegal.

Today, synthetic clothing including footwear is designed for ultimate comfort and safety. Composite materials, new metal finishing processes, and functional design are combined to produce firearms which remotely resemble that old lever action rifle. Portable blinds and tree stands have replaced the pine stump. Stands are set up on or around an opening where special crops are cultivated to draw in deer.

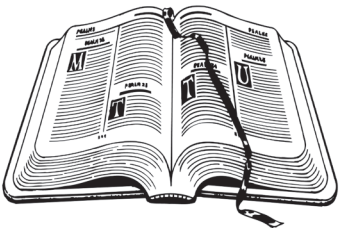
Satellite based G.P.S units and phones (if there is service) assist in navigating the outback if one chooses to venture far from the pavement. There are apps for everything from identifying property lines to broadcasting a variety of deer calls.

Hunting regulations have become complicated and changeable enough that even experienced hunters must study a copy of the rules every year before going out. The digest uses text and graphic images to sort out who, what, where, and when in regards to taking legal deer in Michigan.

I am a willing participant in most of the above changes because the end result of the hunt is still the same. This fall, however, I plan to don my red plaid wool coat and sit on a pine stump with my late mother in laws lever action carbine across my knees and wait for an antlered buck to appear.

I will do this to honor Bernice and the old school hunting tradition. I hope you too will find your own special reason to join the hunt. Good hunting and be safe.

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Shall Chapter 9a of the City of Lowell City Charter be added to authorize an excise tax on income for 15 years commencing January 1, 2020?	
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Proposal No. 2	
If, and only if, the City of Lowell City Charter is amended to include an excise tax on income pursuant to a vote of the people at the general election to be held on November 5, 2019, shall Section 9.1 of the City of Lowell City Charter be amended to reduce the City property tax levy by 6.7597 mills from the maximum authorization otherwise allowed by the Headlee Amendment, Sections 25 through 33 of Article IX of the State Constitution, during any year beginning with calendar year 2021 that an excise tax on income is in effect in the City?	
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Council Chat

By the Lowell City Council



Local government listens to the voters. The Lowell City Council is listening. We constantly encourage people to attend our meetings at City Hall on the first and third Mondays at 7 pm. You are also invited to speak your mind at the monthly Coffee With Council on the first Saturday of the month from 8-10am at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce building on the Riverwalk.

City Council members not only want to hear from you, but we need to hear from you. If you think expressing yourself to the City Council is a waste of time - let me disprove you with some examples. Two are about the Council as a whole and two are personal.

First, several citizens expressed concern that should the proposed income tax pass there was no guarantee that the monies would be spent solely on streets. We listened and revised the language to eliminate any doubt - the money left after making up the millage reduction shall only be spent on our streets.

Secondly, we have worked along with the Planning Commission and our City Attorney for several months to get regulations in place to accommodate adult use marijuana facilities in response to the overwhelming support demonstrated by Lowell voters last year. (Prop 1 passed by a 60/40 majority). We read though the proposed rules, but somehow a portion that dealt with restricting the type of lighting that could be used in grow facilities escaped our comprehension. Two gentlemen who are interested in opening such a facility came to a meeting and pointed out that, if adopted, our regulations prohibited the type of lighting commonly used in almost ALL indoor grow facilities.

Our City Manager looked into their concern. Turns out that language was used in some communities in CA and CO that had trouble meeting the demand for power. They needed to restrict power consumption at grow houses. Lowell Light &

Power has no such trouble, so at the next meeting Mike Burns explained the situation and we eliminated the language from our regulations. Because adult use marijuana is uncharted territory in MI, our legal advisers were using language borrowed from a number of states that were ahead of MI in legalization rather than re-invent the wheel. Speaking up at a meeting resulted in an immediate change to our proposed regulations.

None of us on the council are experienced with the indoor growing of any type of plants on a massive scale. We all read the regulations, but did not catch the restriction. Once it was brought to our attention, it was dealt with and corrected.

These last two are examples of feedback affecting me alone. First, one of my goals is to see a campground in Lowell to compliment our family-friendly community and to take full advantage of our two rivers and expanding trail system. I believe a campground can be a good source of revenue for Lowell, but I kept wondering how we could afford to staff a campground when our City budget is already strained.

My friend John Wenger solved that problem in an instant. John is an avid camper who has camped all over Michigan and other states. He explained that we could start the campground by having it be self-service. John told me of several examples of campgrounds that use the honor system - campers simply pay their fees in an envelope put into a box on the campground. Great way to get things started with almost no overhead. Bingo! John spoke up with a great idea and I listened and will be carrying that suggestion into meetings as we move forward toward big changes at Recreation Park once the KCYF moves. I have encouraged John to attend any meetings about the future of the park and to contribute his wisdom and experience.

My last example is a change in my attitude towards granting a tax abatement. The practice of granting a tax abatement to a new enterprise or an existing business that is expanding is fairly commonplace. We recently granted an abatement to

King Milling on a big expansion.

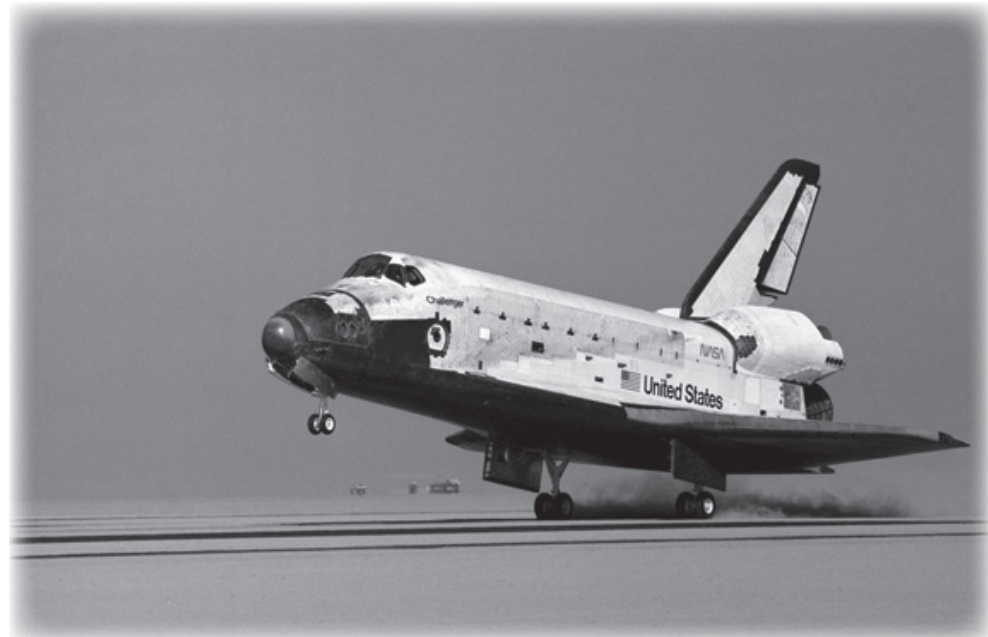
Foremost in my mind when I voted on this abatement was all of the ways King Milling has supported Lowell for decades. I was a bit disappointed that the expansion did not result in new jobs, but voted "yes" because I was mentally dwelling on all the benefits to Lowell I have seen come from King Milling.

The response from Lowell citizens and taxpayers forced me to reconsider. My initial reaction was to defend my position by listing everything KM has done, but after mulling the subject over in my mind over the last couple of weeks, I have a much greater appreciation of the concerns expressed by people on the subject. I totally understand and respect the emotions of people who are being asked to pay more in taxes by the same governing body who granted an abatement.

Does this mean an automatic "no" vote from me on any future proposed abatement? Not necessarily in every case, but more than likely I will not be voting to support any tax abatement. There might be a certain set of circumstances that would garner my support. However, any support from me on a tax abatement in the future is going to have to be won over by a preponderance of evidence that would give me solid reasons that would hold up to scrutiny from Lowell tax payers and voters. Another exception might be if the City were flush. (I can dream, right?)

People constantly complain about the disconnect between voters and elected officials. Sadly, when it comes to the Federal and State level, I have to agree. But I strongly maintain that City government in Lowell listens. Are we perfect? Do we get everything right the first time? Heck no, but we live and work in this town and we are listening. Keep the communication coming folks. Attend a meeting. Speak your mind. Send us an email or make a phone call - we want to hear from you.

Cliff Yankovich



On Oct. 30, 1985, the Space Shuttle Challenger (pictured above, photo by NASA) lifted off on its ninth and final successful mission. Wubbo Ockels was onboard for that mission, becoming the first Dutch person in space. The Challenger was destroyed on Jan. 28, 1986 when it exploded soon after launch, killing all seven astronauts on board: Francis R. Scobee, Michael J. Smith, Ronald McNair, Ellison Onizuka, Judith Resnik, Gregory Jarvis and schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe.

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October 14, 2019

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Karen Reynolds
 624 serpentine Dr.
 Del Mar, CA 92014
 858-232-1758



Position: Owner/CEO of Berg Investments, Inc.
Residence: Property straddles Ada/Lowell border
Education: Grand Rapids Christian High School, GVSU
Experience: McDonald's
Family: Married, four children ages 17-8
Pets: Henry the goldendoodle
Favorite movie: Jaws
Favorite stand-up comedian: Jim Gaffigan
Last book read: "The Wal-Mart Effect" by Charles Fishman

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell native Ken Berg is the owner of the Lowell McDonald's, currently under reconstruction. The restaurant is currently undergoing a reconstruction project that includes expansions, upgrades and high tech features.

"McDonald's came to all the owners in a two-day meeting in Chicago five years ago and said they had a program where they wanted each McDonald's to be re-imaged," Berg said. "They called it 'a major reinvestment.' They said that many of the restaurants were 30 or 40 years old, and they said they would partner with the owners to pay pretty much half of the remodel. That will include

inside and out, an entire new lobby, an entire new facade on the outside of the restaurant, digital menu boards inside and out and a kiosk for ordering in the lobby. It's been about five years to work it all out."

Berg said he is using the request from the corporate office to "re-image" as an excuse to expand the restaurant a little.

"The request to re-image each restaurant is going to have to be a little different for Lowell," Berg said. "We felt that the community had outgrown the restaurant, so we didn't want to just change the look of it. The kitchen was too small, the lobby was too small and so were the cooler, freezer and storage area. The old PlayPlace

has already been taken out. I think the old PlayPlace was over 20 years old, so it was time to put in the new one. It is being moved a little inside the building and it is a little bit smaller, but every element will be brand new."

There will be a ribbon cutting celebration at the site when the project is complete, currently scheduled for sometime in December.

"The construction company seems to be working at a brisk pace and we're doing very well," Berg said. "The main company we hired was Newhof Construction out of Caledonia. They're known as one of the top builders of McDonald's in the state and they

using mainly local subcontractors from West Michigan."

The Berg family has been in the McDonald's business in some capacity since the 1970s. Through his company, Berg Investments, he currently owns a total of four McDonald's restaurants in West Michigan: the Lowell, Ada, Comstock Park and Northland Dr. locations.

"My dad, Larry Berg, used to work for a franchise owner by the name of Al Symons, who owned about six McDonald's in the Grand Rapids area," Berg said. "My dad sort of ran his organization in the late 70s and early 80s. We lived in Lowell, we always have. I remember when we opened the Lowell store in 1984. My dad actually approached Al on looking at Lowell for the possibility of putting a McDonald's in town. He said, 'It's kind of a small town, but it's growing, I think this is a great spot, and our family is from this area.' But he really

did that with the dream of someday owning it. There wasn't much going on in Lowell then, it was before Meijer and a lot of the other restaurants opened. It was just a quaint, little town that was growing, and I don't think people realized how much it was going to grow. At some point around 1987 or 1988, Al Symons sold all of his restaurants to the McDonald's corporation. My dad did not have the opportunity to buy them, and he became an employee of the McDonald's corporation. But he still wanted to become an owner, he was approved to become an owner, he [saved] the money to buy one and he was actively trying to buy the Lowell McDonald's, but the corporation said it wasn't for sale, they weren't going to sell it. Eventually, my dad bought his first McDonald's, in Grand Rapids at 36th and Division. Over the next eight years he was able to get up to six restaurants. In 2002, he had the

opportunity to buy the Lowell, Ionia and Lake Odessa locations. That was a big moment for our family. About seven and a half years ago, as Larry got older and ready to retire, he ended up selling half of his restaurants to my brother and half to me. I became the owner of the McDonald's in Lowell at that time."

You might not think of a McDonald's as a family business, but many locations are owned by independent franchisees, and many of these are family businesses.

"I have literally worked for McDonald's since I was 18 years old," Berg said. "I remember counting inventory with my dad so I could get a free ice cream cone when I was seven years old, but I started as a crewperson and learned everything that I could coming up. This truly is a family business, I got to work next to my dad for 18 straight years learning the business. This restaurant means a lot to me."

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From left to right: Alisha Johnson, PTA; Audrey Berg, PTA; Anne Brouwers, PT, DPT; Laura DeVries, PT, DPT, Director

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Veterans Day, November 11, 2019





Left to right: Don Woodstra, McDonald's Sr. Field Consultant; Frank Martin, Lowell Fire Chief; Barry Emmons, Lowell Chief of Police; Larry Berg, Supervisor of the new restaurant; Al Symons, owner; Jim Maatman, Lowell Mayor; Ray Quada, Lowell City Manager and Charles Myers, Assistant Vice-President State Savings Bank.

Lowell Ledger, April 11, 1984.



McDonald's franchise owner Larry Berg next to a sign that explains his restaurant's renovations.

Lowell Ledger, Oct. 18, 2006.



An artist's renderings of the inside and outside of the Lowell McDonald's after the remodel is finished sometime in December.



Red Arrow

- FOOTBALL

SPORTS

Football clinches playoff berth, awaits EGR

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

The Red Arrows varsity football team briefly trailed Northview 3-0, and found themselves tied 6-6 after the first quarter. In a must-win game, the team was able to get the separation they needed to earn a playoff berth.

Lowell would respond quickly after Northview opened the game with a 46-yard field goal. An early trick play allowed

Brett Spanbauer time to hit Cade Solomonson for a 39-yard touchdown pass. The Lowell defense forced another Wildcat field goal on the ensuing drive, this time from 19-yards out, which made the score 6-6 after the first quarter.

The Arrows would open up a lead in the second quarter and never look back with two touchdowns by Spanbauer and Doak

Dean. The Wildcats looked to cut into the lead before halftime but a pass breakup by Tyler Vroman, a sack by Grady McDonald, and an interception by Spanbauer brought the half to a close with a 20-6 Red Arrow lead.

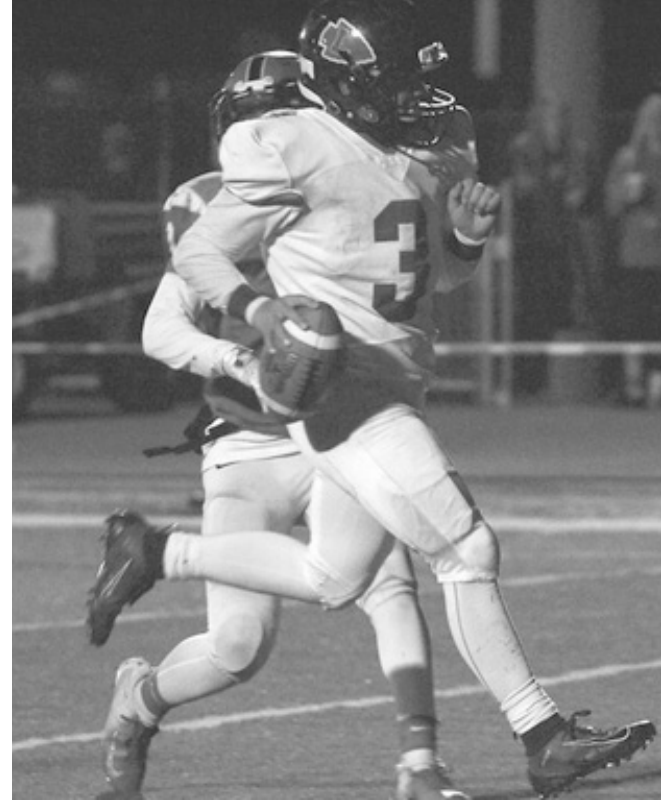
A punt return from Andy Anschutz gave Lowell great field position on their next scoring possession, which saw LHS march 38-yards down

the field culminating in an 8-yard touchdown run by Dean to make it 27-6.

The defense would continue to pile the pressure on as a sack from Logan Staley pushed Northview back into a punting situation deep in their own territory on the following drive. The field position edge was huge for Lowell in the second half. They were able to take advantage and opened the



Justin Wade hits one of his five extra points against Northview.



Doak Dean runs into the end zone.

fourth quarter with another Dean touchdown run to make it 34-6 and effectively put the game out of reach. The two teams would trade touchdowns with the Wildcats adding one more late in the game. The final score was 41-19 in favor of Lowell.

The Red Arrows continued their good record against the Wildcats improving to 24-9 all-time. Kicker Justin Wade hit all five of his extra points including one from 35 yards following an LHS penalty.

The win put Lowell at 5-4, and with enough playoff points to earn an at-large bid to the state playoffs. The divisions for the state playoffs are decided by enrollment. An

announcement was made Sunday on the Fox Sport Detroit Plus "Selection Sunday" show, Lowell was placed in Division Three, where they will head to East Grand Rapids for a showdown with the 6-3 Pioneers. It is a quick return to the playoffs for Lowell under first year head coach Jacob Henige. LHS missed the playoffs last year, breaking a streak of 19 consecutive playoff appearances.

It will be the first playoff game with East Grand Rapids since Halloween night in 2014, a 28-27 thriller that went to the Red Arrows. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:00 pm at East Grand Rapids on Friday.

Lady Arrows finish season with fast times at regionals

The Lowell girls cross-country team took advantage of cool temps and a fast track as they closed the season with numerous personal records and an eighth-place finish

at the MHSAA regional meet hosted by Benzie Central.

Every runner was considerably faster than they were in August when the team first raced on the

course, leaving with five personal records and two season-best times. The meet was won by number two-ranked Traverse City Central, with Rockford edging out FHN by two points for second place.

Audrey Conrad closed out her career as a Red Arrow just missing the state meet cut line as she took 16th place in 19:14. Her time moves her to the number two all-time mark

for Lowell High School. Annika Sandman continued to make her mark as she took 34th place with a time of 20:00 which makes her the fourth fastest freshman on the Lowell record board. Lauren Swain was the third Arrow across the line in 56th place with a time of 21:14 almost a minute faster than her race in August on the same course. Rounding out the scoring for the Arrows was Keira Sandman (64th) and Theresa Judd (65th) both with personal record

times of 21:44 and 21:51 respectively. Closing out the varsity team was Canaan Mckinney in 66th with a personal record time of 21:57 and Alexis Haines in 69th with a season best time of 22:13.

L Catch Up On Lowell High School Sports

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Red Arrow

- VOLLEYBALL

SPORTS

Volleyball up to second in state rankings

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

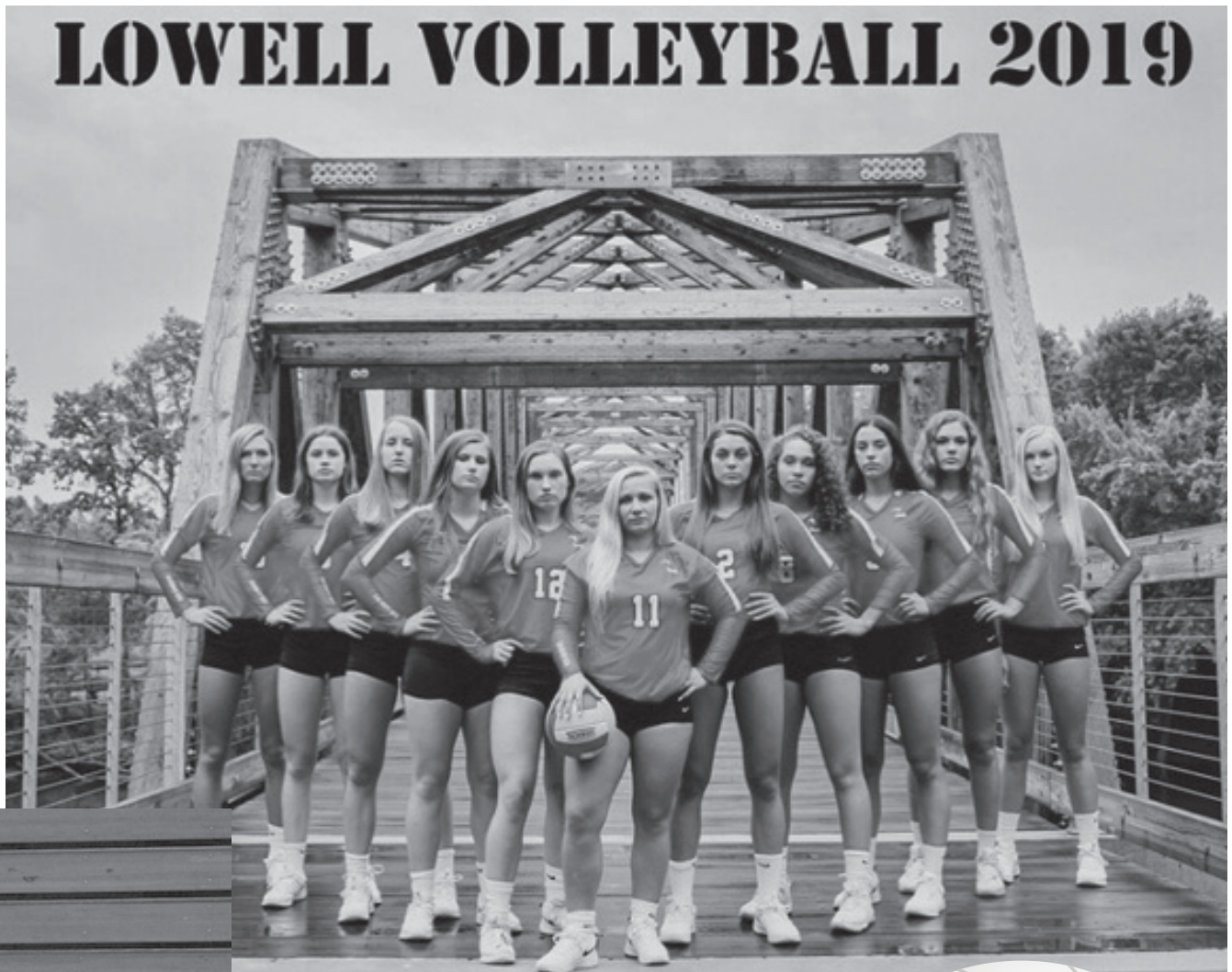
The body of work for Lowell varsity volleyball this season has been impressive. The team which has already broken several school records had one final tune-up on Tuesday against Forest Hills Northern. A win would put them at 49-3 heading into district play and finish off an undefeated conference season.

The athletic achievements are most impressive, but as always the Lowell student-athletes are having success in the classroom as well. The team recently announced they had achieved academic all-state honors with a team grade point average of a 3.619. Seniors Meghan Meyer, Kambry Kloosterman, and

Mattie Torline all earned individual academic all-state honors.

The most recent rankings from the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association had the Red Arrows ranked second in division one, jumping Hudsonville and behind top-ranked Farmington Hills Mercy. Last week Lowell defeated Ottawa Hills 3-0 (25-2, 25-11, 25-12). The win gave Lowell the conference championship.

The Red Arrows received a bye in the first round of districts and will play the winner of Rockford and Northview next Wednesday, November 6. Districts are hosted by Cedar Springs this year.



The Lowell Red Arrows volleyball team poster.



Left: Coach Jordan Drake watches the action during a match vs. FHN earlier this year.



Boys finish fourth in regionals

Lowell boys cross-country put in a great effort at the Division One cross-country regionals at Benzie Central High School on Saturday. The Red Arrows placed fourth with 110 points, 14 points shy of capturing third place Cedar Springs. Traverse City Central won the meet with Rockford finishing second.

Lowell placed in the top 15, which qualifies them for the State Finals next Saturday at Michigan International Speedway, were Ben Kinnucan, placing 10th with a time of 16.04 and Caleb Swart, 14th with 16.12. Wrapping up the score for the team were Cole Weston, 20th in 16.24, Lucas Cossar, 36th in 16.43,

and Sawyer Fowler, 37th in 16.44. Completing the varsity lineup were Keegan Cater, 44th in 16.44 and Nigel Mika, 58th in 17.23. Kinnucan and Swart will race at 3:30 pm in the Division One finals at MIS on Saturday.



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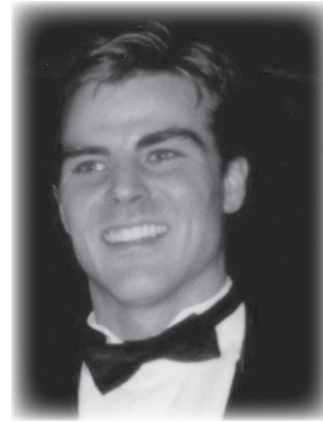
Tom Drenth, 71, of Lowell, Michigan, passed unexpectedly at home during a football game of his beloved Spartans on October 26, 2019. He is survived by a loving wife of 40 years, Carol; his children, Todd Drenth, Cori (Ryan) Curtis, Chad (Kelli) Drenth; granddaughters, Lucy and Emma Curtis and Lena and Clara Drenth; his sister, Jan (John) Noye and sister-in-law, Donna. He is preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Jennette and brother, David. Tom grew up in East Jordan, Michigan and graduated in 1966 as valedictorian. He is a graduate of Michigan State University, the University of Michigan law school and Grand Valley State University. Tom was a practicing attorney for 37 years, serving at Clary Nantz law firm in Grand Rapids, in private practice in Traverse City and retiring as the Kent County labor counsel in 2010. Tom will be greatly missed by his family, friends and loyal dog, Cleo. He will be remembered for his wit, stories, the way he lived his life and his love for his family. Visitation will be on Tuesday, October 29 at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331 from 2-4pm and 6-8pm and one hour prior to the funeral service, which will be held at Lowell United Methodist Church, 621 E Main St, Lowell, MI 49331 on Wednesday, October 30 at 11am. Internment at Oakwood Cemetery in Lowell will take place after the funeral with a luncheon to follow. In lieu of flowers, the family recommends memorial contributions to the First Park Congregational Church Music Program, 10 E Park Pl NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, or the Kent County Animal Shelter, 740 Fuller Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.



FREUND

John Matthew Freund Jr., loving father of two sons, passed away at the age of 55 in Lowell, MI. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Nancy Freund. John is survived by his sons, Steven Jacob

Freund and Shane Matthew Freund, both of the Seattle area; their mother, Karen Bronson; siblings, Jill (Mark) Smith of Lowell, MI, Joseph Freund of Allen Park, MI, and Jennifer Haring of Highland Twp., MI; niece, Lauren Haring; nephews, Landon Smith, Logan Smith, and Dawson Freund; as well as an aunt and many cousins. He was born September 28, 1964, in Grand Rapids, MI. After graduation from Our Lady of the Lakes High School in Waterford, MI, he joined the United States Air Force and was stationed in Seattle, WA and London, England. Upon honorable discharge, he settled down in Seattle to make a family and begin his career at Boeing for the next 28 years. John was kind and compassionate, always putting others before himself. His family was his greatest joy, watching his boys grow up and participating in their lives. Visitation will be held Wednesday, October 30, 2019 from 2-4pm and 6-8pm at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331. Funeral services will be held 11am Thursday, October 31, 2019 at St. Mary's Church, 402 Amity St SE, Lowell, MI 49331. Father Aaron Ferris presiding. Memorial contributions may be made to both his son's college funds.



LACIC

Dot Lacic, age 92, of Lowell passed away peacefully on Monday, October 14, 2019, surrounded by her family. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Dorothy Ann House; grandchildren, John House, Christy Lacic and Luke Lacic. She is survived by her husband of 70 years, Albert; children, Adeline Brower (Ron Denslow), Art Lacic (Eileen), Russell Lacic and Mary Dillree (Jim); grandchildren, Ron Powers, Tammy Powers, Angie Lacic, Tracy Lacic, Shane Wiersma, Chad, Christopher, Colton, Caden and Callan Dillree; many great-grandchildren who gave her great joy; siblings, Edith Kloe, Jack Hanes and Grant Hanes; several nieces and nephews. Dot cherished time with her family and always looked forward to seeing her grandchildren. Dot loved being outside, working in her yard, feeding the birds and tending to all of her beautiful flowers. The family would like to express their appreciation to Hospice of Michigan for their kindness and excellent care; Dot's family and friends for their love and support, neighbor and family friend of 57 years, Marcia Sandy Knott, for her loving kindness, generosity and all of the prepared meals. Per Dot's request there will be no funeral service.



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Man is the only creature who refuses to be what he is.
- Albert Camus

Looking Back, continued

Chief Barry Emmons was about to go off duty for the day, an "All-points" bulletin was issued from Ionia. The broadcast warned law enforcement to be on the lookout for an escapee from the Ionia Reformatory. Chief Emmons was headed for home and had been on the highway but a few minutes when he noticed a young fellow who fitted the description of the escapee, trying to hitch a ride from the westbound motorists.

The purchase of the Lowell Mobile Home Park by William DeVries of Comstock Park has been announced. The park has been owned and operated by Mrs. Mildred (Kloosterman) Bellows for many years. DeVries, 33, is active in civic and church groups in Comstock Park where he lives with his wife and four children. His hobbies are hunting and fishing.

25 years The Lowell Ledger November 2, 1994

Lowell High School English teacher, Laurie Kuna, was honored by some of her toughest critics - her former students - in the third edition of Who's Who Among America's Teachers. Some of the country's best students were requested to nominate teachers who "made a difference in their lives" by helping to shape their values, by inspiring interest in a particular subject or by challenging them to strive for excellence.

Voters in the third district who go to the polls will choose between Judy Harrison and Thomas E. Turner for the two-year county commissioner seat. Harrison, 50, the republican incumbent, has served on the commission for the past eight years and has played a part in the improvements at Kent County International Airport and the new Kent County District Library.

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CITY OF LOWELL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OAKWOOD CEMETERY SEXTON POSITION

October 18, 2019

The City of Lowell Public Works Department is seeking candidates to fill the Oakwood Cemetery Sexton position. The person who fills this position will be responsible to coordinate, oversee, and participate in the daily operation and maintenance of the city's Oakwood Cemetery facilities and designated public landscaped areas including the downtown, perform ground maintenance of all city facilities, including snow removal operations, perform light building maintenance at all city facilities, perform all maintenance activities of city parking lots.

Please send cover letter/resume/job application to:

City of Lowell
ATTN: Human Resources: Sexton Position
301 E. Main St
Lowell, MI 49331

Resumes and applications may be emailed to: lgerard@ci.lowell.mi.us

Resumes and applications will be accepted until position is filled. First review of applications will be October 31, 2019.

office hours:
Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Fri. 8 a.m. - noon
closed Sat. & Sun.

classifieds

for sale

2010 TOYOTA CAMRY - very good condition, 75,000 miles. Asking \$7,000. Contact Addie at 616-302-4077.

FRENCH DOOR REFRIGERATOR - New, blemished in freight. Cost \$2688,; sell \$850. 1 year warranty. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook.

EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE AND VALUE - Requires less wood & provides more heat. Central Boiler certified Classic Edge OUTDOOR WOOD FURNACE. Call today! 616-554-8669. SOS Property Maintenance LLC, 6950 Hammond Ave, Caledonia. We are your local sales, service & parts dealer!

REACH OVER 100,000 AREA HOMES - with our Marketplace! One call & one payment, only \$40! Includes 20 words & 1 black & white photo. Only items for sale please. Perfect place to advertise a vehicle or camper for sale! The ad runs in the Lowell Buyer's Guide & News, Hastings Reminder, Marshall Advisor/Chronicle & Battle Creek Shopper News. Call 897-9555, email: classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com or stop by 105 N. Broadway for more info.

PIONEER POLE BUILDINGS - Free Estimates - Licensed and insured - 2x6 Trusses - 45 Year Warranty Galvalume Steel - 19 Colors - Since 1976 - #1 in Michigan - Call Today 1-800-292-0679.

USED TIRES - Call with size, 616-292-7649/616-295-8820. Rob's Auto - thanks.

BUSINESS CARDS - Before you order your cards from somewhere else - check our rates! Call Lowell Litho, 897-9261.

FREE AD! - Place & pay for a classified ad in the Buyers Guide & Lowell Ledger for 3 weeks & receive the 4th week FREE! You must mention the special in order to receive this offer. Valid only with new classified ads & must be paid for when ad is placed. Call 897-9555.

NEWSPAPER ENDS ROLLS AVAILABLE - Many uses. Usually \$3-\$5 each. Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway.

misc.

IF YOUR PHONE NUMBER WAS WRONG IN THE LOWELL CITY DIRECTORY LAST YEAR - Call us or drop us an email with the correct information and we will get it in the 2020 Lowell City Directory. Phone 897-9561 or email to: lowellcitydirectory@gmail.com



for rent

WE DO BUSINESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING LAW - Equal Housing Opportunity. It is illegal to discriminate against any person because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of housing or residential lots; in the advertising the sale or rental of housing, in the financing of housing. Anyone who feels he or she has been discriminated against may file a complaint of housing discrimination: 1-800-669-9777 (toll free) 1-800-927-9275 (TTY).

PRICELESS STORAGE - Indoor/outdoor. New Units on Alden Nash, 1 mile South of I96. Call for specials 558-2900.

HALL FOR RENT - Lowell Veteran's Center, 3116 Alden Nash. Newly remodeled, smoke-free, private, great location & great rate! www.VFW8303.org. All Vets Coffee Hour the 3rd Thursday of each month at Keiser's. Bring a friend. Call John at 299-0486 or 897-8303.

WHISTLE STOP MINI STORAGE - 12661 Vergennes, N. of Lowell. 5x10; 10x10; 10x20; 10x30; 12x40. Fenced lighted, key code entry. Call for more information, 897-8872.

help wanted

HVAC INSTALLER/SERVICE TECHNICIAN WANTED - Experience preferred, but will train the right person. Call 616-894-3941.

NEWSPAPER REPORTER - The Lowell Ledger is looking for a news/features reporter with strong writing skills and can meet a deadline. Photography experience a plus. This is a stringer position. Please send resume and writing samples to: The Lowell Ledger, PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or email to: ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com

NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR NEWSPAPER CARRIERS - Looking for carriers to deliver the Buyers Guide every weekend. Driving routes & walking routes. Must be at least 16 years old for a walking route. Please apply in person at the Buyers Guide, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell. No Phone Calls will be accepted about this position.

wanted

I WANT TO BUY - Refrigerator, stove, washer, dryer & furniture in good shape. Have cash. 989-584-6818.

WANTED FREON R12: We pay CASH. R12 R500 R11 Convenient, Certified Professionals (312) 291-9169 RefrigerantFinders.com/ads (MICH)

services

SEAL COATING & DRIVEWAYS - Free estimates. Call Snyder's Asphalt, Inc., 616-642-0202.

SCANNING SERVICE - Do you need something scanned & emailed? The Buyers Guide/Lowell Ledger now offers this service! Mon. - Thurs., 8 - 5 p.m. & Fri., 8 - noon. Ph. 897-9555 with any questions.

services

PATRIOT STONE - kitchen & bath countertops & vanities. We fabricate, sell & install. Granite & quartz. Call for information, Steve Misner, 616-329-7274.

BUSINESS CARDS - Before you order your cards from somewhere else - check our rates! Call Lowell Litho, 897-9261.

NOREEN K. MYERS, ATTORNEY AT LAW - Compassionate, experienced, effective legal representation. Specialties include: wills & trusts, work related injuries, employment discrimination. 307 E. Main, Lowell, 897-5460.

SNOW PLOW SERVICE - Lowell, Saranac, Alto area. 28 years experience. 10% discount for early signup. Please call 616-808-0276.

services

HANDY REPAIR SERVICE - All kinds of service work: locks rekeyed, deadbolts installed, screen & window repair. Call Bob Ford, 299-3198.

TWO BROTHERS AUTO SERVICE - 30 years experience, state certified, licensed & insured. Open Mon - Fri. 8 am - 5 pm. 5400 Ivan Road, Saranac, call for a quote on auto repairs - 642-9180.

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.

services

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HOURS
 M-Th. 8-5 p.m.
 Fri. 8-noon
 Ph. 897-9261
 Fax 897-4809

Community Calendar AND ONGOING EVENTS

November

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.

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. For children ages 6 & younger with a caregiver. Siblings are welcome to attend as well. Thursdays at 10 am. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

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. Bring your own mahjong set or borrow ours. For teens & adults. Fridays at 1 pm. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

TEEN ZONE - Now - 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. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

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. Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 30 minutes prior to the program. For ages 3 and up. Saturdays at 11 am. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

MINECRAFT CLUB - 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. No registration required. If you are able, bring a laptop with Wi-Fi capabilities & Minecraft installed & join us! For ages 6 & older. Mondays at 4:30 pm. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

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. For children ages 3 & younger with a caregiver. Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

TECH SAVVY SENIORS - 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. Join us to discuss current tech topics & gain the skills & confidence to access information & services online. For adults. No registration required. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

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. 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.

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, 3116 Alden Nash SE, Lowell.

WITTENBACH WEGE CENTER - 11715 Vergennes, Lowell. Trails are open dusk to dawn, 365 days a year.

STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTION? - Lowell Serenity Club is available for all in need of relief and hope. LSC offers 12 step meetings, 365 days a year. Meetings daily 8-9 pm, Mon. - Fri. 12-1 pm, Tues. & Fri. 4:30-5:30 pm and Sat. & Sun. 10-11 am. 101 E. Main St., Lowell, 616-550-6688.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP - A monthly support group for those diagnosed with breast cancer to learn and share together. We will meet the first Tuesday of every month from 6-7:30 pm. Gilda's Club, Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

FREE MOVIE NIGHT - Second Monday of each month, 5:30 p.m. Free movie & popcorn at Alvah N. Belding Library, 302 E. Main St., Belding. 616-794-1450.

FRIENDS OF THE FRED MEIJER RIVER VALLEY RAILTRAIL - Meets second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Pere Marquette depot, 100 Depot St., Belding. Meetings are broadcast on Google hangouts. FMRVRT.org/Facebook: FMRVRT

TECH SESSIONS - 2 - 4 pm by appointment on Thursdays. One-on-one assistance with basic computer, tablets, smart phones, downloadable library material, etc. Please call to schedule an appointment, Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

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

LEGO CLUB - First Tuesday of the month from 4-6 pm. A monthly club for kids to build theme lego creations. For ages 5 & up. Clarksville Area Library, 165 N. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

QUA-KE-ZIK SPORTSMANS CLUB - meets second and third Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at 8731 West Riverside Dr. Go to www.qua-ke-zik.org for information. New members welcome.

MINECRAFT - 1st Monday of the month 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

TECH SAVY SENIORS - 3rd Wednesday of the month, 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

LOWELL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - Open Radio Room Thursdays, 7 pm at Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 Fulton St. E. General meeting 3rd Thursday. www.w8rlrc.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.



Demolition in Newaygo creates opportunity for new downtown development

The City of Newaygo is moving forward with plans to redevelop parts of their downtown as a result of demolition

of three blighted buildings, the State Land Bank Authority announced Friday.

“The Michigan Rural Community Demolition Grant has afforded locals the opportunity to develop vibrant communities,” State Land Bank Interim Director Jeff Huntington said. “It’s great to see a city like Newaygo reap the benefit of these funds and the new economic opportunities blight elimination will have for them.”

Demolition of these buildings is funded by the Michigan Rural Community Demolition Grant awarded to Newaygo in April. Nine communities received a total of \$350,000 to eliminate blight to prepare for future developments that



spark business investment and provide job opportunities for residents.

Prior to the grant award, the buildings sat vacant for three years and the city was unable to fund demolition and move forward with redevelopment.

“Partnership with the State Land Bank has been a key component in preparing the properties on Wood Street for future development. Removing the blighted structures creates a clean slate for expanding our downtown,” Newaygo City Manager Jon Schneider said.

The city plans to build a mixed-use space to include commercial offices on the ground floor and one to two floors of residential units. City officials are working to secure a developer for this project which is slated to begin in early 2020.

Nine communities were awarded Michigan Rural Community Demolition Grant funds. In addition to Newaygo, seven additional communities have completed their demolition projects.



How many inland lakes and ponds does Michigan have?

A: 64,986 inland lakes and ponds

Social Security can help you get back to work

Having a job means different things to different people, but it can give you a sense of self, a community to rely on, and much-needed structure. Some people define themselves through their work. Others may enjoy the social aspect of their jobs. If you rely on Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments or Social Security Disability (SSDI) benefits and want to start working or return to work, Social Security can help.

A plan for achieving self-support (PASS) is a

plan for your future. This plan lets you use your income or the resources you own to help you reach your work goals. You could set aside money to go to school and get specialized training for a job or to start a business. PASS is for both SSI and SSDI. The job that you want should allow you to earn enough to reduce or eliminate the SSI or SSDI benefits you currently receive.

You should use the PASS if all of these apply to you:

- You want to work.

- You get SSI (or can qualify for SSI by having this plan) because you have a disability or are blind.

- You have income, other than SSI, or resources above the resource limit, to use to get a job or start a business.

In some cases, someone on SSDI can use a PASS and become eligible for SSI while pursuing the plan. Your employment income may reduce or eliminate your SSDI benefits. Under SSI rules, any income that you have may reduce your SSI payment. However, if

you have an approved plan, you can use most of that income to pay for the items you need to reach your work goal.

We don’t count money set aside under the PASS when we decide your SSI payment amount. This means you may get a higher SSI payment. However, you can’t get more than the maximum SSI payment for the state where you live. With an approved plan, you can set aside money to pay expenses needed to reach your work goal.

The plan must be in writing, and Social Security must approve it beforehand. To start, contact your local

Social Security office for an application (Form SSA-545-BK). You can access this form at www.socialsecurity.gov/forms/ssa-545.html.

If you need help, there are many people who can help you write a PASS, including a Ticket to Work service provider, vocational



ATTENTION BOWNE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS!

Community Shred-It Day

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019
NOON - 3:00 P.M.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP PARKING LOT - 8240 ALDEN NASH

Bring your paper documents you no longer need to be confidentially shredded and disposed of. (no charge to Bowne Township residents.)

No need to remove paper clips or staples. Folders and envelopes are okay too. This list has been provided as a guideline. Shred-it recommends a comprehensive “shred all” policy to ensure full confidentiality.

ITEMS THAT CANNOT BE SHREDDED:

Please DO NOT place any of the following items in the Shred bins:

- Batteries
- Sharp objects or syringes
- Ink cartridges or toner
- Large metal objects
- Food, glass, cans, etc
- Cardboard (any type)
- Electrical items or cables
- X-rays
- Cell Phones
- Adhesive labels
- 3-ring binders
- Pill/medication or bottles
- Rubber or plastic “Signature” stamps or notary stamps



LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 19-206389-DE

Estate of BERNICE
BRADY JOHNSON,
deceased. Date of birth:
June 26, 1937.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Brady Johnson, died Sept. 12, 2019.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be

forever barred unless presented to William Leeder, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Suite 2500, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

October 14, 2019

Mary L. Benedict (P45285)
4519 Cascade Road SE Ste. 14
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
616-942-0020

William Leeder
P.O. Box 93
Belmont, MI 49306
616-648-7879

counselor or a relative. The Ticket program is free and voluntary. The Ticket program helps people with disabilities progress toward financial independence. To learn more about the Ticket program, call the Ticket to Work Help Line at 1-866-968-7842 or 1-866-833-2967 (TTY) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET.

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

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\$1 1st sheet
50¢ each additional sheet

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105 N. Broadway - 897-9555

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SUDOKO

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Level: Advanced

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!

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

Puzzle solutions on page 12

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TRIAL
VOYAGES
WANDERLUST
WILDERNESS |
| ADVENTURE
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BUSHWALKING | ENJOYMENT
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HAZARD
OUTDOORS | | |

Guess Who?

I am an actress born in Minnesota on October 29, 1971. I made my film debut in 1986, but shot to fame playing a goth teenager in a Tim Burton film. I had many prominent roles, and I am now back in the limelight on a Netflix TV series.

Answer: Winona Ryder

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to adventure seeking.

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Answer: Goals

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CLUES ACROSS

- Third-party access (abbr.)
- This (Spanish)
- Goals
- Something to do lightly
- "Great" North Sea Empire legend
- Iced or chilled drink
- Weight units
- Immune system response
- Groundbreaking German pharmacologist
- Milk-supplying companies
- Enjoyable distraction
- Doctor of Education
- Type of submachine gun (abbr.)
- Curved shape
- Brew
- The 13th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- Advanced degree
- Shock rocker
- Enthusiast

- Quiet's partner
- Hijacked
- TV's once needed them
- Brings together
- Narrow piece of wood
- Paths
- Monetary unit
- Wings
- Soviet Socialist Republic

CLUES DOWN

- Gear
- Outer part of a bird's wing
- Good luck charm
- Removing from memory
- Group of seven people
- Records
- German river
- "Last of the Mohicans" actress Madeleine
- Ancient Greek war galley
- Nonsensical speak
- Title of respect
- Cast out
- Have already done
- Wood-loving insects
- Analog conversion system (abbr.)
- Pokes holes in
- Waiver of liability (abbr.)
- Sea cow
- Protein coding gene
- Where boats park
- The top of a jar
- Fitting
- German city
- Martens
- They're all over the planet
- One that nests
- Coming at the end
- Croatian coastal city

General Election Day

November 5

Official Lowell Township ballot is below. Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 5!

OFFICIAL BALLOT
 Special Election
 Tuesday, November 5, 2019
 Kent County, Michigan
 Lowell Charter Township, Precinct 1 & 2

Proposal Section
Township
Public Safety Millage Proposal
<p>Shall the authorized charter millage for Lowell Charter Township established at 1.1 mills (\$1.10 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and reduced to .7631 mills (\$.7631 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be increased by 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) annually for ten (10) years, 2019 through 2028, inclusive, and levied to provide funds for firefighting, emergency rescue, police and other public safety services and purposes, including, but not limited to operating expenses, purchase and maintenance of equipment, vehicles, supplies and capital expenditures and/or improvements, said revenue from this millage will be disbursed to Lowell Charter Township, and shall Lowell Charter Township be authorized to levy such millage for said purposes?</p> <p>The following is for informational purposes:</p> <p>If approved and levied, this millage would raise an estimated \$224,860.79 in the first year of the levy. All or a portion of the revenues from this millage will be disbursed for firefighting, emergency rescue, police services and purposes and the provision of public safety, emergency rescue and fire protection services within Lowell Charter Township.</p> <p>Yes <input type="radio"/></p> <p>No <input type="radio"/></p>

Every **✓** VOTE COUNTS!

Bowne Construction building demolished



The building at 2531 W. Main, most recently the home of Bowne Construction, was demolished last week. No word yet on what will become of the property. In the past, that address has been the site of a chiropractor's office and the Vern Phelps insurance agency.



Mercy Health Physician Partners Ada

Accepting New Patients



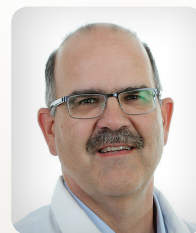
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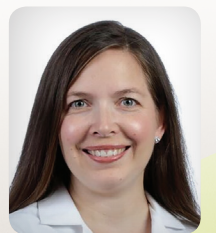
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