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Demolition underway at Riverview Flats

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Demolition work started last week for phase one of Riverview Flats, the condo project that is going to be where Unity School was. The interior of the bus garage is being gutted and the building that housed the school's boiler will be ripped down soon.

"The old boiler building will be coming down within the next week or two," said developer Todd Schaal. "We've got this stuff going on now, then we'll start removing the asphalt after some of this stuff is off of it. It's probably a three or four week process. We call it the initial demolition, getting this debris out of here and taking the asphalt up."

The project has generated

two lawsuits between the developers and the city of Lowell that are working their way through the courts, an eminent domain lawsuit against the developers regarding underground power lines that were installed without the proper easements and a countersuit against the city for rent on those power lines.

"The eminent domain process is still ongoing," Schaal said. "It's a process. We got our appraisal, which we shared with them. They'll get their appraisal and make their offer, which they've done based on their appraisal. Then there are court depositions back and forth, that type of thing. That deposition stuff is starting

to get scheduled. If our appraisals don't line up, then we negotiate something or it gets settled in court. The countersuit that we've got going regarding past rent is still ongoing as well. We revised the invoice, I think it's around \$250,000 now. They've got a power line that clips across the corner of our property and that runs north and south, going in and out of our property. We made them a proposal to clean that all up and they haven't responded to it yet."

Schaal said that it would not be practical or desirable for the project to take over the length of High St. that leads to the boat launch, although six feet of the historic school building protrudes onto it.

"We never pushed for the vacation of High St., that's kind of been a misnomer," Schaal said. "There is six feet hanging off the building, it's been there since the building was built in the 1930s. We would like to preserve it, but if the city wants us to tear it off, I guess we don't have much choice. [Access to the boat launch] is not effected. We don't own High St. and we don't have the ability to take it from the city. We would have no reason to. We would have no reason to interfere with the boat launch because it's a nice amenity for us."

Schaal said the project will be completed in three phases. Phase one of the project is condo construction in the old bus garage/shop/band building, scheduled for completion sometime next summer. About half of these phase one units have already been reserved, although the monthly cost has not been determined. During phase two, they will build condos in the old school building. Phase three has yet to be determined, but it will have something to do with the large green space at the site.

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Riverview Flats / Unity School demolition photos



Lowell city manager discusses street repairs

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The city income tax failed at the ballot on Nov. 5, so now the city has to figure out other ways to budget for badly-needed street repairs.

“It didn’t get passed, and roads aren’t going to get fixed any faster,” said Lowell city manager Michael Burns. “Basically, we’re just going to have to go back to the drawing board and figure out how we’re going to address this. There are not really a lot of options.”

Burns said the city’s annual budget for local street repairs is around \$330,000 a year.

“Most of the streets of the city are local streets, and they’ll be reliant on the roughly \$330,000 a year,



depending on the year, that we have for streets,” Burns said. “And \$330,000 isn’t going to get you very far

[so] it will be a very long time.”

The city is competing for grant funds to pay for some street repairs.

“Right now the state of Michigan doesn’t give us any grant money for streets,” Burns said. “They

might if it’s linked to an economic development project. We tried that with Amity but we didn’t get it. There are some areas of the city that are in the Community Development Block Grant target area, so it’s possible we could get

CDBG funding for some of those streets. We’d have to compete with every project in Kent County for those funds, but there is a possibility there.”

Burns said that certain streets will be repaired because the water and sewer infrastructure beneath them is scheduled for replacement.

“There are projects that can be done,” Burns said. “Basically, what can happen is, if we have to do a water and sewer project that requires street repairs, those will probably get done because we can use water and sewer funds for those. Monroe will get done, the water and sewer work and the street will get done.

Because we have water and sewer work on Washington, that will definitely get done. We’ll be able to utilize water and sewer funds for those. When all is said and done, we should be able to do those with the money we have.”

There will still be some work done on city streets next year.

“The next ones for sure are Suffolk, Howard and Elizabeth, from the school to Hudson,” Burns said. “Also Riverside from Main St. to right around where Lowell Light & Power is, that will get done as well. Those are going to get done in 2020.”

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LHS science teacher and FFA advisor Kevin Nugent

by Cindy M. Cranmer
contributing reporter

A Lowell High School graduate is happy that he is teaching students in the hometown where he himself attended high school.

With more than 15 years of teaching at the district Kevin Nugent is happy that Lowell is his home community and the place where he and his wife, Loie, reside.

The couple will have been married for two years in December, Loie is a dental assistant and works with the Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience and Environmental Center.

“This is where I grew up so I got to come back home and work where I went to school,” Nugent said. “I have always felt support in this community.”

His career in education began in Homer, where he taught for two years, before



moving to Marshall for three years. While at Marshall, he spent one year at the high school and two in the middle school. Nugent was then hired to teach at his alma mater starting with the 2004-2005 school year.

“My favorite part about teaching is working with students and getting to know them a little bit,” Nugent said.

Nugent teaches subjects ranging from animal science to plant science and more as part of being the agriscience teacher.

“With the hands-on classes that I teach I get to see the students in a little different light – from working with the chickens in animal science or in the greenhouse

during plant science, they aren’t just sitting at desk the entire time,” Nugent said. This allows the students’ personalities to show through and gives Nugent that extra insight into the students he appreciates.

He said he has seen students grow through classes, even if it means just understanding where food actually comes from.

“I always look at the agricultural science classes here at the high school that they are really for any students,” Nugent said. “There are a lot of opportunities to make a good living in agriculture.”

From food production and nutrition to feed to plant genetics to horticulture to landscaping, “there just is a wide variety” of agriculture careers that can even expand to include things such as forestry and soil quality.

Part of being the Agriscience teacher means that Nugent also serves as the FFA Advisor.

FFA is officially considered an “intra-curricular” activity - meaning the topics and information covered in the classes directly correlate with FFA Activities. FFA is considered the leadership part of the program.

FFA changed its name from Future Farmers of America in 1989 so it does not stand for anything specifically any more. “The name was changed to reflect diversity and the diverse field of careers within agriculture.”

About 80 students from seventh through graduates from the high school participate in FFA. FFA allows individuals to participate after graduating from high school to various ages through the different program components, but typically the oldest individuals participating would be 20 or 21.

“As the FFA Advisor, I help the students prepare for contests (ranging



Kevin Nugent (center) with the LHS FFA team.

anywhere from public speaking, parliamentary procedure and job interview to hands-on contests like livestock judging, forestry, greenhouse production and vet science), fill out award applications and conduct chapter activities here on a local level,” says Nugent.

Nugent appreciates that he has taught hundreds of students through his work at Lowell schools and potentially helped influence their career choices. “Some of the students come away with a different expectation of what is involved,” he said. “It is not what they thought it would be. Often, that is in a positive way.”

During his free time, Nugent and his wife enjoy seeing another side of the outdoors through their hiking adventures. They hike both locally and have visited some places out of state as well. Pickeral Lake is one of their local favorites while they enjoyed their most recent hiking in Kentucky.

His other hobbies include embracing the love of agriscience with his father. He collects antique Farmall tractors with his dad.

Nugent graduated from Lowell High School in 1995. He completed his education with a Bachelor’s

of Science in Agricultural Education from Michigan State University and has

his Master’s degree in Career Tech Education from Western Michigan

University. Nugent currently resides in Lowell and teaches at Lowell High School.

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Ryne Experience releases acoustic album



Ryne Clarke of the Ryne Experience at Sweet Seasons Bakery, 307 E. Main on Thursday, Nov. 14.

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

On Halloween, Lowell rock band the Ryne Experience released a new acoustic album called "Shopworn." The album was recorded over 20 days this September at Ryne Clarke's "Upstairs, Man Studios" in the upstairs bedroom of his home downtown Lowell.

"Basically, it's just a little acoustic record, I didn't go full-out like I usually do," said Clarke, who recorded, produced and played most of the instruments on the album.

"It was pretty much live takes with vocal and guitar," Clarke said. "I would lay that down, then throw maybe a keyboard or banjo here or there. Kyle [Kuhn] did all the percussion in one day."

The last Ryne Experience album, "Hokey," featured instruments rarely featured in rock and roll, such as theremin, glockenspiel, cello, ukulele, bongos, banjo, stylophone and accordion, mostly played by Clarke himself. On "Shopworn," Clarke is credited with vocals, acoustic and electric guitars, banjo, organ, keyboard, piano, chord organ, accordion, electric kazoo and harmonica. Kuhn's percussion included

shaker, tambourine, bongos, water bottle, guiro and woodblock. Additionally, Mitchell Evink played cello on one song and Jerry Wenger played lead guitar on another.

The title "Shopworn" refers to how a few of the songs on the album had

his hometown, but Clarke denies this charge.

"I just wanted to use that [title], I thought it would be cool," Clarke said. "Make your own judgments, of course."

Clarke said that "Shopworn" is supposed to function as a palate cleanser for the Ryne Experience's next full length band record, "Funky Town," due out in January. He is working with a local filmmaker on a "music video movie" to go along with the new album, these two projects should premiere around the same time.

The Ryne Experience is scheduled to perform at Kava Kasa in Grand



been sitting around for a little while until Clarke figured out the best way to record them. Another song on "Shopworn" was written and recorded within about an hour.

"There are some older songs, some new songs, some I'll come back to later, some maybe not," Clarke said. "I've been messing around with them and I wanted to put them out there."

One of the "Shopworn" tracks is called "Low Well," which could lead one to believe it was about

Rapids on Friday, Nov. 22 with When Particles Collide, a two-piece husband and wife band from Bangor, ME, at the "Troublehouse" in Grand Rapids on Saturday, Nov. 23, at Corner Record Shop in Grandville on "Black Friday," Nov. 29 and at LowellArts, 223 W. Main, on Friday, Jan. 10.

"Shopworn" is available on streaming services such as Spotify, Tidal and Bandcamp. For more information, follow the Ryne Experience on social media or visit ryneexperience.club.

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viewpoint

to the editor

Dear Editor,
Giving Thanks

For years now I've been driving a stretch of US 131 north of Mancelona and scarcely paid any attention to the tired low buildings that once constituted what apparently was a working example of America's family farm. The structures have long since been recycled through a myriad of uses for which they were surely never intended, but that a chain of occupiers needed to sustain their ownership. The evidence would suggest that few met with any success.

Hundreds whiz by on daily missions, some to jobs in nearby communities, others for shopping, the unending line of school children riding to and fro in the ever present yellow buses with the flashing red lights, and lest we forget the countless visitors that pour into the region in every season. Scarcely any will notice the worn properties and the stories that beg to be told. What drew my attention I'm sure I've seen before. It took but a wink of time to capture an image and raise a thousand questions. It's funny how sometimes the briefest of moments can give the most vivid of experiences. Of all the times that I have passed by this place of weathered buildings with peeling paint and sagging fence posts, I had never seen a person. Oh, there was evidence that folks still occupied the place, you know the customary aged pick-up and the older sedan that you come to expect in many parts of rural America. The vehicles, most assuredly, were always there, parked under the stately oak that anchored the end of the dirt driveway no matter the season. And yes, in winter the telltale signs of life were in the smoke rising from the solitary chimney, but never do I remember seeing anyone in or around the property, even if it was plain they were there.

Today, in late October, by an odd set of circumstances at precisely this time, just for an instant, my path crossed that of another. We didn't speak, in fact I'm sure she didn't even discern that my vehicle was any different than any of the others as they whizzed by. And yet oddly, this experience will forever change my thoughts as I sit down this Thanksgiving. For you see, this snapshot of America is one of the few family farms that raise that special guest at most of our holiday tables - the turkey. To many of today's generation, the turkey is commodity acquired in a visit to the local IGA. The bird is plucked, seasoned, pre basted and ready to go complete with built in thermometer. Old Tom is wrapped in plastic and Federally inspected and regrettably for most of us, fully frozen.

This is not the case here on the flats of Northern Antrim County, where behind the wire fences are several hundred cousins

of North America's largest wild game bird. They don't have the colorful plumage of their forested relatives, in fact they are virtually all white, but after generations of breeding, this stock is what we want come the fourth Thursday in November. It doesn't look anything like the centerpiece that graced the Pilgrim's table.

No, here along the road in Northern Michigan you can still see the real thing and in fact buy one. Trust me on this, nothing beats fresh turkey and dressing between glimpses at the other tradition offered up by the NFL. Yes, there amongst the hundreds of bobbing heads, in farm boots and scarf, the matriarch of this long-standing enterprise was dolling out the day's rations. Although I was not close enough to be sure, my imagination sketched a face as weathered as the structures that surrounded her. The curve in her back evidence of years of labor on the land that she loved. What of her family? Were they nearby? Did they appreciate the sacrifices she made those countless years ago? Surely they did, the pride in her eyes would tell you so. Today, surrounded by her charges, one could almost hear her voice as she chatted with them as many of us do with pets.

Soon these fenced yards will be void of life until next season as the frigid winds whip a snowy dervish in the farmyard. As surely as spring arrives late at this latitude she'll be back at it with another flock of birds to offer for our tables. So the next time you're driving north on 131 take a minute to glance at the farm full of yesterdays and while you enjoy your holiday feast remember the love that went into it.

Roger Royer
Lowell



125 years ago Lowell Ledger November 24, 1894

It will be a matter of great interest to the citizens of Lowell to learn that the West Michigan Electric company was awarded the contract for lighting the city of Grand Rapids, both tower and low light, at a meeting of the Grand Rapids city council last Thursday evening, the vote being 16 to 7 in their favor.

Fire destroyed the stock of T. A. Carten's dealer in dry goods, cloaks and carpets, early Thursday morning. It was first discovered in the rear of the store among some lace portieres and other decorations, but soon spread throughout the building. Very little of the stock was saved as what was not destroyed was badly damaged by smoke and water. Mr. Carten places his losses at \$5,000, with insurance of \$3,000. Judge V. H. Smith owned the building, which is damaged to the extent of nearly \$1,000. It is insured for \$3,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Ionia citizens will no longer go dry on Sundays, as the ordinance providing for the closing of all places where liquor is sold has been virtually killed by a decision in a test case which was made.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger November 20, 1919

Yeiter & Company have bought the furniture store and business of H. D. Elder, who but recently bought it of the Miller & Harris Furniture company. Mr. Elder has little to say except that he had not found things as he expected. He offered to sell to Yeiter & Company and the latter firm accepted the proffer without much deliberation.

A campaign against home manufacture of beer is threatened by Internal Revenue Collector E. J. Doyle, who, has placed a number of operators in western Michigan to enforce the national prohibition act. He was asked for an opinion on the law, which he interprets as making illegal the sale of preparations with which to manufacture liquor.

Congressman J. M. C. Smith, of Michigan, has waked up to the iniquity of the strike situation which is ruining the people from greed-gone-wild motives of capital and labor. He demands a square deal for the public. In the he is supported by Congressman Currie, who proposes to make strikes in vital industries illegal; and we presume they will be ably aided by our own Congressman Mapes.

75 years The Lowell Ledger November 23, 1944

A large flock of wild geese southward bound, apparently became bewildered by the Main-st. lights and fog Sunday evening and honked around in confusion over the town for a while before getting their bearings enough to continue their flight.

C. H. Runciman returned home last Saturday from Blodgett hospital, where he had been a patient for three weeks, following serious injuries received when a trailer attached to a heavily loaded truck collided with

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- low testosterone in men

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If a male is experiencing symptoms of low testosterone they should discuss their concerns with their health care provider. Tests can be ordered and if the provider feels it is appropriate, testosterone replacement can be ordered. Testosterone can be administered by mouth, by injections, with topical creams, or patches. Testosterone replacement can carry some risks, so the benefits of taking the hormone must be weighed against the risks of taking it. These risks include, but are not limited to: increased risk of prostate issues including cancer, increased risk of blood clots, strokes and heart attacks.



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capitol matters

State Representative
Thomas Albert



By: State Representatives Thomas Albert (86th District) and Jim Lower (70th District)

The Michigan House of Representatives recently took a historic step in passing legislation to overturn hunting restrictions adopted by the Natural Resource Commission. We were proud to play a role in crafting the legislation that will continue to promote Michigan's hunting heritage.

In an attempt to slow the spread of chronic wasting disease (CWD) within our deer population, the commission has adopted rules that are highly controversial among hunters. One such rule established a baiting ban throughout all of Michigan's Lower Peninsula last year, and recently extended it to portions of the Upper Peninsula. Additionally, the commission adopted a requirement that all bucks taken from Ionia, Montcalm and Mecosta counties have at least 4 points on one antler.

First and foremost, it is worth noting that the efforts of Natural Resource Commission to address the spread of CWD are admirable. Inaction will only lead to the spread of CWD and the ultimate decimation of the deer population. CWD is

transmittable from deer to deer and it is important that Michigan take steps to reduce the deer population in order to slow the spread of this fatal disease. While it can be said that many of the commission's changes make sense, their moves to ban baiting and enforce antler point restrictions are problematic.

There is simply no scientific reason to implement an antler point restriction in core CWD zones. We encourage you to visit the DNR's CWD webpage and watch their presentation for yourself. Data shows that bucks always have a higher prevalence rate of CWD. On top of that, older bucks are roughly two times more likely than does to test positive for CWD. This is why we sponsored two amendments in HB 4687 that would prohibit the DNR from implementing antler point restrictions in core CWD zones.

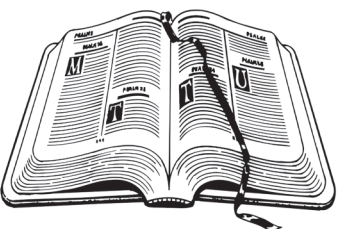
Comments we have received in support of the antler point restrictions have come almost exclusively from those who want to see more mature bucks. The preference to harvest trophy deer either for personal preference or to attract out of state hunters is a separate

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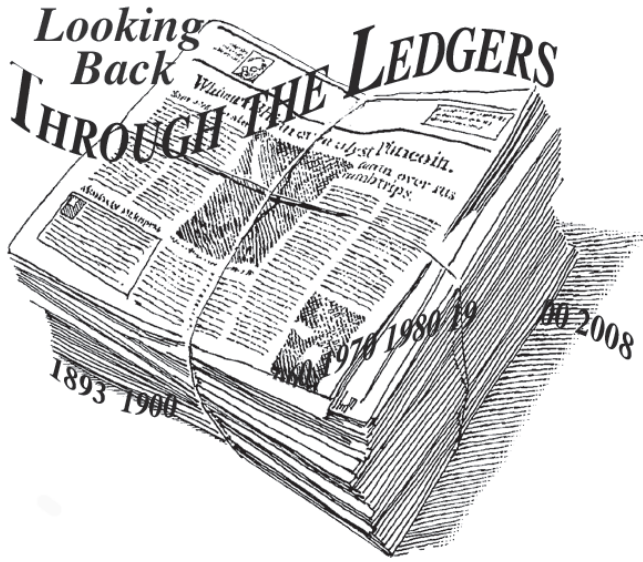
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his car at the approach to the Ada bridge. It was a close call, and Mr. Runciman's many friends are glad to know that he will be back in the job again after a few days rest at home.

Mrs. Arthur Young was among the mothers relieved by the news published on Saturday of the names of ships lost in the Phillipine battle. Mrs. Young had not heard from her son, Jack Maxon, who is on a destroyer, since it was announced two destroyers were lost.

**50 years
The Lowell Ledger
November 20, 1969**

Lowell police today are conducting a search for the person who placed a razor blade in an apple which had been given to a youngster at Halloween. After dusting the apple for possible fingerprints, the officers began a tour of the area where the child had been given the apple.

An intensive search for a Lowell man missing since November resulted in recovery of his body four days later from the Grand River near the point where he had been last seen. Sgt. James Hutson of the Lowell Police Department located the body of Edward Minard, 83, while dragging the river Wednesday last week. A Kent County Medical examiner was called to the scene and pronounced Minard dead due to accidental drowning.

The Grand Rapids branch of Pinkerton's Inc., a national detective agency, has announced the promotion of James C. Pace of Lowell to the position of supervisor-security. Pace, former superintendent of Lowell area public schools, recently completed Pinkerton's training course. He holds a masters degree in administration from Michigan State University.

**25 years
The Lowell Ledger
November 23, 1994**

Funding for improvements to the intersection of Bowes Road and M-21 could be found if Lowell Township meets the requirements of the Kent County Road Commission. Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpson was informed by the road commission that they would share in the expense of improving the intersection if the township takes sole responsibility for the south side of the project.

Having had the chance to peer over and take a look at the next step, Dick Korb has chosen not to pursue the permanent position of superintendent of Lowell Schools. "For personal reasons, the position of superintendent is not right for me at this time," Korb said. "At some point in the future, it may be what I want to do, but not now."

The daughters of Bob Moyer will have a wish come true now that Lowell Township has agreed to approve Moyer's request for a kennel license. Moyer approached the township board two months ago about obtaining the license because his daughters wanted to keep two Irish wolfhound puppies as pets.

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The thing that differentiates man from animals is money.

~ Gertrude Stein (1874-1946)



by Stan Popovich

Managing your fearful and obsessive thoughts

There are times that we encounter fearful thoughts that can be difficult to manage. For some people, the more they try to get rid of the thoughts, the stronger the thoughts become and the more difficult they become to manage. As a result, here is a brief list of techniques that a person can use to help manage their fearful and obsessive thoughts.

1. The first thing a person must do is not to dwell or focus on the fear provoking thought when it comes. The more a person tries to reason out the thought or focus on the fear behind the thought, the stronger the thought becomes. The next time you encounter an obsessive thought, get into the practice of not dwelling on it.
2. A person should visualize a red stop sign in their mind when they encounter an obsessive thought. When the negative thought comes, a person should think of a

college news

The University of Wisconsin-Madison has recognized Olivia Rotelle, of Ada, to the Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2018-2019 academic year. Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester. Each university school or college sets its own GPA requirements for students to be eligible to receive the distinction. Most call the honor "dean's list", but some grant the "Dean's Honor List" and "Dean's High Honor List."

Bowdoin College held its annual Sarah and James Bowdoin Day ceremony Friday, October 25, 2019, to honor those undergraduates who distinguish themselves with excellence in scholarship.

Those students who are designated Sarah and James Bowdoin Scholars are in the top (highest GPA) 20 percent of each class for the previous academic year. In addition, those scholars who earned a GPA of 4.0 are designated Sarah and James Bowdoin Book Award winners.

Brandon Lee, of Ada, is a member of the Bowdoin College Class of 2021.

Lee is earning a major in neuroscience and a minor in sociology.



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red stop sign that serves as a reminder to stop focusing on that thought and to think of something else. A person can then try to think of something positive to replace the negative thought.

3. Your thoughts are exaggerated. Sometimes, a person may encounter a lot of scary thoughts coming at them all at once. Instead of getting upset, remember that these thoughts are exaggerated and are not based on reality. These thoughts are based on fear. Ignore the fear behind these obsessive thoughts, regardless how strong the fear may be.

4. It's only fear. Remember that the difference between an obsessive thought and a regular thought is that an obsessive thought is based on fear. With this in mind, try to find the source of the fear behind the thought. Once you find the source of the fear, the key is to get rid of the fear.

5. Learn to challenge your negative thinking with positive statements and realistic thinking. When encountering thoughts that make you fearful or depressed, challenge those thoughts by asking yourself questions that will maintain objectivity and common sense. Changing your thinking can help you manage your fears.

6. A person should keep a small notebook of positive statements that makes them feel good. Whenever you come across a positive and uplifting verse that makes you feel good, write it down in a small notebook. A person can then carry this notebook around in their pocket and whenever they feel anxious, they can read their notes.

Stan Popovich is the author of "A Layman's Guide to Managing Fear Using Psychology, Christianity and Non Resistant Methods." For more info go to Stan's website at <http://www.managingfear.com/>



**VERGENNES TOWNSHIP
LAND FOR SALE
NOTICE**

The Vergennes Township Board announced that 19.43 acres of vacant property located at 1120 Lincoln Lake Avenue NE is being offered for sale through a sealed bid process.

The Township desires to sell the vacant land to a qualified purchaser for no less than \$200,000. If you are interested in purchasing the property, please submit a bid to Vergennes Township at 10381 Bailey Dr., PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331.

All sealed bids shall be submitted by December 9, 2019 at 3 pm. The property is sold as-is.

All bids shall be in writing and shall include, at a minimum, the following:

1. The price which the bidder may be willing to pay for the property.
2. Proposed use of the property.
3. How the bidder would pay for the property.
4. Proposed general terms and conditions of sale.

All bid information and requirements can be located on the Township's website at: www.vergennestwp.org.

Heather Hoffman
Vergennes Township Clerk

Decent weather for Christmas Through Lowell

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Holiday shoppers swarmed the Lowell area last weekend for the annual three-day Christmas Through Lowell event. Over 300 artists and crafters had their creations for sale at over 50 local homes, businesses and churches last Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Downtown at Flat River Gallery & Framing, 219 W. Main, they had a special holiday-themed artists market set up in their recently-renovated back room.

"We've got cider, cookies and a variety of small items that are available for sale," said Flat River Gallery artist Marylu Dykstra, who paints with acrylics and watercolors. "We're really excited about it. In the back room there are ornaments, little decorative items, paintings and art from the other artists that are in the gallery. And we've got snacks!"

Teresa Gaudino, a Flat River Gallery artist with



a wall's worth of "oil and palette knife" paintings on display, said it was her second year participating in Christmas Through Lowell.

"It's going great so far, and it's picking up," Gaudino said. "I love it. I love meeting all the people who come in from everywhere, from out

of town, and getting to know them a little bit."

Downtown was swamped, but the real action was at private homes around

the Lowell area. The line of people waiting to get into stop # 8, "Homespun Holidays" on Burroughs Rd., stretched about 50 feet out the side door and into the driveway. Those patient enough to get inside found a house filled with crafts, including repurposed vintage items, antique Christmas decorations, folk art, furniture, food and more.

"We've been in it for over 20 years, we're one of the originals," said homeowner Karin Jelsma. "Most of our art is by folk artists. We have people that travel all over the country to find these unique Christmas antiques and

of repurposing that wood, slicing it up and decorating it."

"I am selling custom cakes and cookies," said Deirdre Olszewski of stop # 30, "Deirdre's Cakes & Bakes," in a home on Cumberland Ave. Olszewski is a baker by trade who studied at the Culinary Institute of Michigan in Muskegon. "I am also taking preorders for Thanksgiving and Christmas for tarts and other seasonal baked treats. You can order a shortbread sandwich cookie sampler, that is a dozen cookies, four flavors, three of each flavor. There is also a classic cookie sampler box with three chocolate chip cookies, three Mexican chili chocolate cookies, three shortbreads and three peanut butter cookies. I'll bake them fresh and you can come pick them up at my home."

It was Olszewski's first time participating in Christmas Through Lowell.

"It's been great," Olszewski said. "Everyone has been so friendly and excited to be out. So far it's been a very positive experience."

"It's going great," said Jaclyn Stouten of stop # 26, "Cute and Clever Crafters" on Bowes Rd. "I love Christmas Through Lowell. We've had pretty steady business, in line with other years we've done this. We've been doing it for years, over a decade at least. We just have so much fun. That's the best part, hanging around in

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one-of-a-kind finds that we repurpose. We have people come from out of state to see our show, they come from all over. It takes people back in time. They love to come through."

It was a little less crowded but still busy at stop #14, "Little Black Muumuu," in a home on Four Mile Rd. about seven miles north of town.

"We are selling barn wood crafts, crocheted items, hair scrunchies, Christmas ornaments and holiday cheer," said homeowner Lauren Pnazek, who was actually wearing a muumuu. "My mother [Mary Clark] and I made all of it. I made the barn wood crafts, some of the wood ornaments, some of the jewelry and the little luminaries in the window. The barn wood is from a barn that fell down here. We've just been kind

the kitchen to see who comes in. We're really happy with the nice weather this year, no sleet."

Lowell Women of the Moose assembled 15 crafters at stop # 22, the Christian Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash SE.

"It's my first time doing Christmas Through Lowell," said one of their vendors, "the popcorn man" Glenn Fountain of Saranac. "It's very nice."

"We'll have steady traffic from the time it opens until, sometimes, past close," said Women of the Moose member Beverly Coonrod. "We're very happy, we have a great variety, our location is awesome and our vendors are very creative. They brainstorm all year, then there are many sleepless nights during the last week trying to get everything together."

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Christmas Through Lowell, continued



Maura Hutchinson and Deirdre Olszewski at stop #30, "Deirdre's Cakes & Bakes."



Lauren Pnizek of stop #14, "Little Black Muumu" a few miles north of town.



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Any gifts not selected by families will be sold in Treasures Thrift Shop to help support our neighbors year round.



The line was way out the door at stop # 8, "Homespun Holidays" on Burroughs Rd.



Emily Schultz and Karin Jelsma at stop # 8, "Homespun Holidays" on Burroughs Rd.



Christmas Toy Store/Food Basket Dec 14, 2019

Open to those living in the Lowell Area School District who are in need of food and/or assistance in providing Christmas gifts to their children.

Christmas Toy Store

Registered families can choose up to 4 items per child (infant through High School senior) from a selection of new gifts (at no cost).

Christmas Food Basket

provides those that register with all the fixing's (mixture of fresh, frozen and non-perishable items) for a Christmas meal (choice of ham or turkey)

Registration

November 4- December 10

(must bring photo ID and current piece of mail)

at FROM During Food Pantry hours

(Mon, Tues, Thurs 2:00-4:30 pm, Wed 5:00-7:00 pm and Fri 10:00-12:00)



LMS announces students of the trimester

Lowell Middle School has announced the Students of the 1st Trimester. Each trimester teachers chose a student from their classes that are outstanding in the categories of academics, citizenship, and attitude.

Pictured are this trimester's students: first row: Jacob Hofman, Jackson Schaedig, Weston Godbold, Nico Binns, Caden Cone, Parker Salgat, Ben Atkins, Ania Fleszar, Kalin Williams, Gavin Stewart, and Katie Hofman; second row: Eli Hawk, Brycen Peters, Brayden, Krueger, Gray Butler, Isabel German,

Kira Steffens, Elsie Ries, Hope Brandt, and Emilee Mahony; third row: TJ Hollern, Sam Albert, Faith VanDuinen, Victor Preiss, Caden Dennie, Sam Konyndyk, Noah Wattenhofer, Delaney Reynhout, and Ali Kyes; fourth row: Dylan VanAssen, Ali Bredwell, Sutton Alexander, Jenna Divine, Brooklyn Wobma, Anika Huhn, Emmalee Bonn, Claire Allen, Aaliyha Ewing, Gwyneth Taylor, Gracyn Hamilton, and Emily Zou.

Not Pictured: Zach Boehr, Alyse Miles, and Mason Fuentes.



Litehouse names Kelly Prior company president and CEO

Litehouse, Inc., a 100 percent employee-owned company and the No. 1 Refrigerated Salad Dressing (RSD) brand in the U.S., announced that its Board of Directors has promoted

Kelly Prior to the position of President and CEO, effective immediately. Prior previously held the role of President at Litehouse. In his newly expanded role, Prior will have the

responsibility of setting the company's strategic direction and vision.

"The past year has been a dynamic and exciting time for Litehouse," said Curt Hecker, Litehouse

Board Member. "Along with becoming the No. 1 RSD brand in the United States, we also acquired two new brands, Sky Valley and Organicville. This acquisition took us from a manufacturer in the produce and deli departments to a manufacturer across multiple categories throughout the grocery store. With this expanded scope, it's imperative we put an individual in the CEO role who has vision and a reputation of moving the business forward. Kelly's track record of strategic thinking, strong business

acumen and outstanding relationship skills made him the right choice for the role."

Prior joined Litehouse in 2002 and became CFO by 2005. In 2010 Prior was appointed Executive Vice President of the company, took on the role of Interim President in 2018, and officially moved into the President role in February of 2019. Over the past year as President, Prior has made it a priority to focus his time and energy on developing a long-term business strategy for Litehouse.

"The success of Litehouse is in large part due to the hard work and perseverance of our employee owners," said Prior. "It's crucial we have a forward-thinking strategy to ensure we continue to build a sustainable business that provides our employee owners with opportunities for years to come. I am honored to work with my fellow employee owners to ensure that we maintain our position as the No. 1 RSD brand while also expanding our footprint into other categories of the store."



Kelly Prior, new Litehouse Inc. president and CEO.

Capitol Matters, continued

issue that should not be co-mingled with CWD management rules.

Supporters of the bait ban will argue that baiting leads to deer congregating which could promote the spread of CWD. Although this theory cannot be totally dismissed, there is no definitive scientific data to prove this hypothesis. There are as many arguments against a bait ban as there are in favor. Deer naturally herd and the risk of spreading CWD will still exist without a bait ban. Moreover, a baiting ban also hurts local farmers and the economy.

Michigan has seen a 20% decline in deer hunters over the last 20 years and these controversial regulations could accelerate this drop. The bait ban and antler point restriction policies will further discourage hunters from harvesting deer, which will likely increase our deer populations. This outcome is contrary to the Natural Resource Commission's intent to reduce the deer populations in core CWD zones.

It seems as if these hunting restrictions were less science based and

more focused on imposing a certain hunting belief on everyone. All hunters should not be required to adhere to the beliefs of hunters who don't bait or choose to harvest only older bucks. Let's respect each other's choices and traditions when it comes to hunting. We all enjoy hunting for different reasons and have our own memories and ideas of what a successful hunt is.

For these reasons we were proud to support HB 4687 and we urge our colleagues in the Senate to support as well.

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- VOLLEYBALL

SPORTS

Volleyball earns program's first regional title

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

The Lowell varsity volleyball team fought through two top five matchups last week to capture the program's first ever regional championship.

In Tuesday's regional semifinal match against Byron Center, Lowell swept number five in the state, Byron Center, by a score of 3-0 (25-21, 25-21, 25-22). Led by a powerful offense including the fifth-ranked player in the state (class of 2021), junior Jenna Reitsma, the Arrows overpowered a talented Byron Center squad. It was a challenging draw for the state's number two ranked team (Lowell), who had the fifth, fourth, and eighth-ranked team in the state in their region.

Thursday, Lowell went on to face number four in the state, Hudsonville. The Eagles survived a five set

things going with an ace to force the Eagles into their second timeout of the set and made it 17-9. The Red Arrows comfortably won the first set 25-16.

The Eagles roared back in set two, jumping out to an 8-4 lead. Meghan Meyer hit a couple of quick kills to close the gap to two midway through the set, but Hudsonville would swing momentum their way and take a 25-20 win.

"Our unsung hero against Hudsonville was Kambry Kloosterman. She didn't have to do a whole lot of hitting for us on Thursday, but we had a good feeling that they were going to try and attack Kambry in serve receive, which they did, and she passed amazing for us last night. She was a big reason that Jenna (Reitsma) and Meghan (Meyer) were able to have the games



Lowell volleyball team pictured after winning the regional title.



Lexi Barry high fiving teammates on the sideline.

battle with Grand Haven to advance to the regional final. Two of Lowell's three losses this season were to Hudsonville, which added an extra wrinkle to one of the state's marquee regional final matchups.

"In our two losses to Hudsonville, they really attacked us and our serve receive kind of fell apart in the two matches we lost. We felt that if we were able to pass the ball last night, we would put ourselves in a good position to win," Lowell volleyball head coach Jordan Drake said about the match.

Things started fast for LHS who jumped out to an 8-1 lead in set one. Junior setter Sophie Powell kept

they did last night for us offensively," said Drake. Kloosterman came up with several big points throughout the match to the cheers of "Klooooo" from the Lowell crowd.

Volleyball can be a game where momentum means everything, which is why Lowell pulling away in the important third set was so important. "In the previous matchups, we won the first set big and lost the next two, so it was good to see our girls get back on track after losing that second set yesterday," Drake said.

After a back-and-forth start, Lowell began to pull away in set three. First jumping out to a 13-7

lead, then following two Hudsonville errors, a 19-12 lead. Junior Libero would serve up 22-15 which led to a Reitsma kill. Lowell closed out the set winning 25-18 on an out-of-bounds serve by the Eagles.

The Red Arrows brought a strong crowd to West Ottawa, despite the lengthy drive. In addition, fans who weren't able to make it could listen to the game thanks to WRWW radio. Station manager Al Eckman and former Lowell volleyball coach Laurie Kuna broadcast the game live. The high school sent a student fan bus and the team provided a Snapchat filter to add to the excitement. Those

fans helped spur on the team in the clinching fourth set.

"The crowd and student section were phenomenal last night and it really gave the girls energy to feed off of and finish off that 4th set," said Drake.

The Eagles, needing a win to extend the match, started strong in set four with a 13-10 lead. LHS fought back, and down 16-15, reeled off three straight points. The mini-run started with a Meyer block, then another Meyer kill to give Lowell a lead they wouldn't lose.

"When Hudsonville called their timeout in the 4th set after we took the lead and our crowd just broke out cheering and applauding," Drake added.

Hudsonville did not go down without a fight, first bringing the set to 21-all. Lowell found another mini-run winning three straight to force triple match point bringing the crowd to their feet. The Eagles nearly stymied that momentum, winning two net points and kept their hopes alive.

At 24-23, Reitsma went for a kill which was partially blocked by the Hudsonville defense. The ball deflected into the air before falling past the outstretched arms of a Hudsonville player to end the match.

The win was Lowell's first in a regional final, and their first regional final appearance since 2005 which ended in a loss to Traverse City West.

Lowell moved on to the state quarterfinals that took place on Tuesday, November 19 at Jenison High School. A potential semifinal would take place Thursday, November 21 (4:30pm) at Battle Creek against the winner of Lake Orion and Mount Pleasant. A potential state final would take place Saturday at 2 pm, also in Battle Creek at Kellogg Arena. The results of the quarterfinal match against Mattawan were not available at the time of this article's publication.



Sophie Powell after setting the ball.

obituaries

JOHNSON

William Hobert Johnson, age 87, of Ada, passed away November 11, 2019. He was born on June 16, 1932 in Indianapolis, the son of William and Dorthea (Wisner) Johnson. William married Lena Reagan in 1953. He enjoyed carving, painting, folk art, treasure hunting, fishing, mowing the lawn and going on walks. He loved spending time with his family, grandkids and friends. Surviving are his children, Malinda (Bruce) Kass of Lowell and William Johnson Jr. of Saranac; grandchildren, Stacy (Steve) Huizinga of Cutlerville, Lynette (Mike) Dodge of Kentwood and Audrey Kass of Lowell; great-grandchildren, Lily Huizinga, Evan Dodge and Miles Dodge; sisters, Stella Hungerford of Wisconsin, Rexine Compton of Indiana, Louise Palmer of Arizona and Judy Boss of Kentucky. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Lena; sister, Betty; brothers, Jessie and Charles Johnson. Cremation has taken place and there will be no services. Arrangements in care of Lake Funeral Home in Saranac. Online condolences may be made at www.lakefuneralhomes.com

WILLIAMSON

Doris Marie (Petitt) Williamson passed away on Sunday, November 10, 2019 at the age of 96. Doris was born in Grand Rapids on June 1, 1923 to Merrill and Sophia Petitt. On June 15, 1946 she married Douglas H Williamson. They resided for a short time in Ann Arbor, MI while Doug received his degree in Dentistry. Together they raised five sons, Glen, Steven, Philip, Scott and Raymond. Doris loved her husband, her family, fishing at the cottage and taking road trips with Doug. She was a long-time member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Parnell, MI. Doris was best known for her beautiful smile, her devotion to her family and her faith, and her kind and loving heart. Doris was preceded in death by her husband, Douglas and her sons Glen, Scott and Raymond. She is survived by her sister Jeanne Sloane of The Villages in Florida, her sons Steven (Andrea) of Kenosha, WI, Philip of Grand Rapids, grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A visitation will be held on Wednesday evening, November 20th from 6:00pm – 8:00 pm at O'Brien Gerst Funeral Home 3980 Cascade Road SE Grand Rapids, MI. A funeral mass will be held on Thursday morning, November 21, 2019 at 11:00 am at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Parnell, MI with a luncheon to follow at the church. Internment will be at Resurrection Cemetery.



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Today: Nov. 20, 2019

Nov. 20 is the 324th day of 2019. There are only 41 more days left in the year.

Historic Events

1776: Revolutionary War: British forces land at Palisades, NJ and attack Fort Lee. The Continental Army retreats across New Jersey.

1789: New Jersey becomes the first state to ratify the Bill of Rights.

1805: Premiere in Vienna of Beethoven's opera "Fidelio."

1820: An 80-ton sperm whale attacks and sinks the Essex whaling ship. The incident inspired Herman Melville's novel "Moby Dick."

1861: Kentucky secedes from the United States.

1910: Francisco I. Madero calls for a revolution to overthrow Mexican President Porfirio Díaz, starting the Mexican Revolution.

1917: Beginning of the World War I battle of Cambrai, a British attack on German positions.

1940: Hungary joins the Axis powers.

1943: Beginning of the World War II battle at Tarawa Atoll in the Gilbert Islands.

1945: Beginning of the Nuremberg trials of 24 Nazi war criminals at the Palace of Justice at Nuremberg.

1947: Princess Elizabeth marries Philip Mountbatten at Westminster Abbey in London.

1962: End of the Cuban Missile Crisis after the Soviet Union agrees to remove its missiles from Cuba.

1968: 78 coal miners are killed in an explosion at a coal mine in Farmington, WV.

1969: Beginning of Native occupation of Alcatraz, it will eventually end on June 11, 1971.

1985: Release of Microsoft Windows 1.0.

1989: Velvet Revolution: approximately 500,000 protesters assemble in Prague, Czechoslovakia.

1998: A court in Taliban-

controlled Afghanistan declares Osama bin Laden "a man without a sin," and not responsible for the 1998 bombings of the US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

2017: Demolition of the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.

Birthdays

270: Maximinus II, Roman emperor

1603: Fasilides, Ethiopian emperor

1625: Paulus Potter, painter

1715: Pierre Charles Le Monnier, astronomer

1733: Philip Schuyler, US Army general, senator

1752: Thomas Chatterton, poet

1761: Pope Pius VIII

1781: Bartolomeo Pinelli, illustrator, engraver

1782: Georgius Jacobus Johannes Van Os, painter

1860: José Figueroa Alcorta, former president of Argentina

1866: Kenesaw Mountain Landis, lawyer, judge

1889: Edwin Hubble, astronomer

1890: Robert Armstrong, actor

1891: Reginald Denny, actor

1900: Chester Gould, cartoonist, creator of "Dick Tracy"

1907: Fran Allison, entertainer

1908: Alistair Cooke, journalist, author

1913: Judy Canova, actor, comedian

1921: Jim Garrison, lawyer, judge

1925: June Christy, singer

1925: Robert F. Kennedy, former US attorney general, presidential candidate

1926: John Gardner, author

1927: Estelle Parsons, actor

1929: Jerry Hardin, actor

1932: Richard Dawson, actor, game show host

1936: Don DeLillo, novelist, playwright

1939: Dick Smothers, actor, comedian

1941: Malcolm "Dr. John" Rebennack, singer/songwriter

1942: Joe Biden, former US vice president, presidential candidate

1942: Bob Einstein, actor, screenwriter

1942: Norman Greenbaum, singer/songwriter

1943: Suze Rotolo, artist

1946: Duane Allman, singer/songwriter, guitarist

1947: Joe Walsh, singer/songwriter, guitarist, The Eagles

1948: John Bolton, former US ambassador to the United Nations

1948: Richard Masur, actor

1951: Rodger Bumpass, actor

1951: David Walters, former governor of Oklahoma

1956: Bo Derek, actor

1957: Goodluck Jonathan, president of Nigeria

1959: Sean Young, actor

1965: Michael "Mike D" Diamond, rapper, drummer, The Beastie Boys

1970: Malik "Phife Dawg" Taylor, rapper, A Tribe Called Quest

1971: Joel McHale, comedian, actor

1975: Dierks Bentley, singer/songwriter, guitarist

1975: Davey Havok, singer/songwriter, AFI

1978: Nadine Velazquez, actor

1983: Nayvadius "Future" Wilburn, rapper

1988: Rhys Wakefield, actor



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ORDINANCE NO. 19-08

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3.02, "DISTRICT BOUNDARIES," OF CHAPTER 3, "ZONING DISTRICTS – GENERAL," AND SECTION 10.02, "USES PERMITTED BY RIGHT," SECTION 10.03, "SPECIAL LAND USES," AND SECTION 10.04, "SITE DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS," OF CHAPTER 10, "C-1-NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT," OF APPENDIX A, "ZONING," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 19-08 amending Section 3.02, "District boundaries," of Chapter 3, "Zoning Districts-General," and Section 10.02, "Users permitted by right," Section 10.03, "Special land uses," and Section 10.04, "Site development requirements," of Chapter 10, "C-1-Neighborhood Business District," of Appendix A, "Zoning," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell on November 18, 2019. Ordinance No. 19-08 amends the zone district classification of properties located at 601 W. Main Street, 611 W. Main Street, 617 W. Main Street, 623 W. Main Street, 124 Amity Street and 608 Chatham Street to C-1-Neighborhood Business. Ordinance No. 19-08 also adds single-family and two-family dwellings as permitted uses by right and deletes commercial storage warehouses as a special land use in a C-1-Neighborhood Business District and provides for modified maximum lot coverage, minimum lot area and minimum lot width for such zone district classification.

A copy of Ordinance No. 19-08 is available for inspection at City Hall, 301 E. Main Street in the City during regular business hours of the City.

Ordinance No. 19-08 is effective 10 days after this publication.



Susan Ullery
City Clerk

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HELP US DELIVER THE PAPER...please DIG OUT around your newspaper tube, mailbox, steps, walkways & porches! Let's all try to HELP EACH OTHER survive the Winter.

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.

KDL LAB EXPERIENCE - Nov. 27, 1 pm. Learn how to make your own slime to take home. For children ages 6-12. Seating is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 30 minutes before the program begins and you may save one seat for a friend. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

FAMILY MOVIE TIME & STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER - Nov. 29, 1 pm. Special school break screen-

ing of "Toy Story 4." Refreshments will be provided. Seating is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 30 minutes before the program begins and you may save one seat for a friend. In conjunction with the viewing of the movie, kids can bring their favorite stuffed animal and leave them in the library for a sleepover! What kinds of things do our stuffed friends do after the library is closed? Wait & see! All stuffed animals can be picked up at the library on Sat., Nov. 30 after 9:30 am. For all ages. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

FAMILY YOGA - Saturdays at 11 am. Family yoga is an all-ages activity with a focus on the benefits of mindfulness. Together we will engage in the fun poses, learn how to breathe, be creative with yoga activities/games & relax. Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 30 minutes before the program begins. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

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.

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.

NEEDLERS - Meet the second & fourth Tuesday of the month

from, 5 to 8 pm at Franciscan Life Processing Center, 11650 Downes St. NE, Lowell.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - at Wittenbach Wege Center, 11715 Vergennes, Lowell. Stewardship projects, trail maintenance - adopt a trail! and community events (night hikes, luminary hikes, Winter Fest, Maple Syrup days & more!) Anyone interested in these opportunities please email Courtney Cheers: ccheers@lowellschools.com

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 VanderWart, 616-485-3429 or Del Rockwell at 897-6814.



PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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World War II P.O.W. diary of Sgt. Kenneth L. Ayres

Prisoner of War: Sept. 13, 1944 - May 2, 1945

October 18, 1944, later:

A bunch of new men came in today. Among them was Frank (Radio). Said Bevins is still in hospital. Said his foot is coming along O.K. except they cut his big toe off. And he will walk with a stiff foot. Also said that the Germans told him at Oberusso that three of our crew is dead; pilot, bomb & ball. Said he talked to some men who were flying in front and behind us when we blew out, and they don't see how it was possible that any of us did get out. Said they never saw one plane blow up into so many pieces.

FLAK:

Flak in a way is a funny sort of thing. It's the most harmless looking thing, and yet, it's one of the most deadly. And from a safe distance, it's petty. You sit in your plane and all of a sudden you'll see an orange-red flash and a little cloud of smoke will float past you as harmless and petty as heck. No harm done. The ones you see in the distance, you don't have to worry about. And then one will blow a little close and you'll hear it hit on your ship, and when you get down, you'll have little holes in your wings tail, ect. And then you won't see this one, but you'll sure feel it. It'll bounce the plane and tear a

and raining off and on. The barrack is like an icebox. Everybody sits around wrapped up in a blanket, trying to sleep. The news has been pretty good. We still hope to get out of here before Christmas. Got Red Cross ration tonight (English instead of U.S.) It's not half as good as U.S. Red Cross. Got some new men in the 22nd. Got one of them in our room, which now makes 21 men in our room. Of the new men to come in, was some from my outfit. A crew that had the tent next to ours. Said Harris and his crew is still plugging along. Said that Finders and the rest of the gunners on that crew are building a stone house for the winter. Haven't felt too good lately. No one has for that matter. Some of the men are pretty sick. Thick carmel & pineapple malted milks, ham, pineapple, sweet spuds, squash, creamed peas, sweet pickles, rolls, jam & butter, bean salad, jellow, cake with whip cream, milk, mush & surpe, roast beef, mashed spuds & brown gravy, salad fruit, bread, butter & jam, sweet pickles, creamed carrots, apple pie & whipped cream, roast pork with mashed spuds & brown gravy, rolls, butter & jam, raisin cake, bean salad, squash, creamed peas, upside-down cake with cream, strawberries,

Stanford, Conn.

Edwin Bjorn (tel. 21804), 6221 - 14th Av., Kenosha, Wis.

Caterpillar Club address - Lesleih Irvins, Icknield-Way, Letchworth, England

Mr. Kenneth Pritchard, 53 Willis St., Warrington, Nr. Manchester Lances, England (Phone 120, Miss E. Blake)

Kenneth C. Wolf, 218 Hampden Road, Upper Darby, Phila., Pa.

Roger Clapp (Horseman), Spruce Creek, Pa.

George Clark, Box 111, Santaquin, Utah

Raymond Crabtree, McDermott, Ohio (home address) Mildale Road, RFO #3, Box 496, Portsmouth, Ohio (wifes address) (Henry Mildaugh, phone)

Joe Korf, Sigourney, Iowa
Robert F. Bevins, Rt. 1, Box 189, Wilson, Okla.

Vernon O. Christensin, Dagmar, Montana
Lew Arillo, 118-01 - 196th St., St. Albans, N.Y.

Bob Shaver (Hoppie), St. Thomas, No. Dak.

John F. Hollar, 619 Washington St., Boise, Idaho

"A GUNNER'S DAY IS NEVER DONE"

I - A gunner's day is never done, up at dawn before the sun, with the roar of engines in his head, wishing he could have stayed in bed.

II - Chow at four, fried eggs and such, won't have

now test your guns. Enemy coast...here comes the fun.

VI - Flak at six, flak at twelve. Watch out boys... they're giving us hell!! Here come the fighters, coming in low...maybe they're ours, don't shoot till you know.

VII - P-15's, P-38's, 47's too...our escort is here. They're in the blue. They're fighting fools, each man & his ship. There never was a Jerry they couldn't whip!

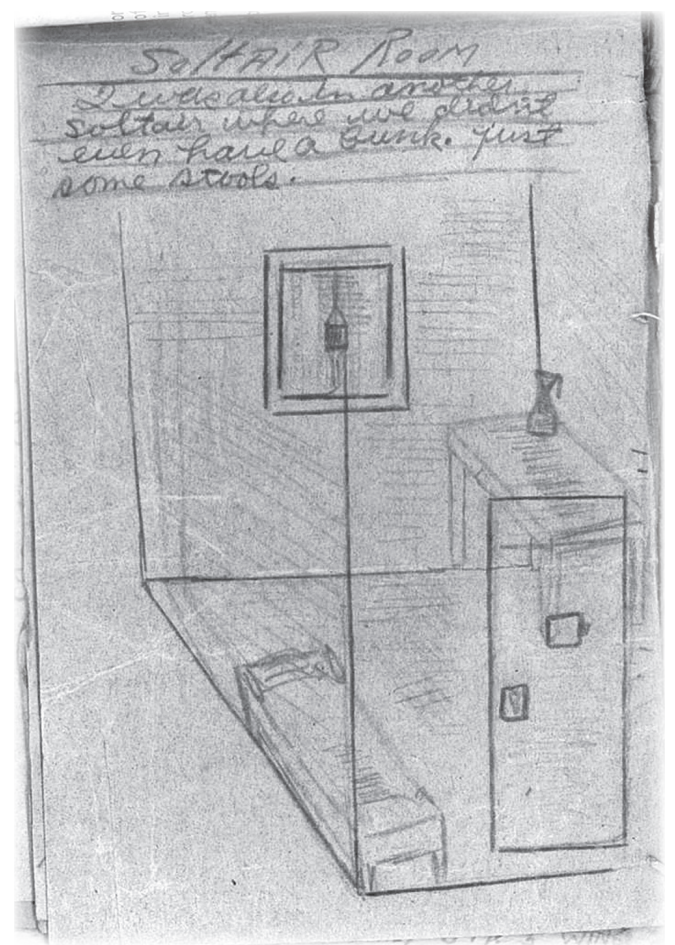
VIII - The air is cold, 50° below. Turn up your heat so you won't freeze a toe. A sharp look-out, boys...the target is near. We don't care to meet the enemy here.

IX - There is our target, plenty of flak. Bombs away, boys, now we turn back. Coming out of the sun, there's an enemy ship. Aim there, boys, we've still got more trips.

X - There goes one down, another one too. Their fighters are busy to see that we don't get through. There's flame in the sky as a bomber goes down. The captain bails out, he's safe on the ground.

XI - There is one on our tail, the guns start to roar. There's blood on your guns...you shoot as before. Your ship is hit, but still flies through the air. You think of your loved ones and whisper a prayer.

XII - Smoke from the target, high in the sky. We'll show these damn Jerries we



Sketch of solitary confinement room at Stalag No. 4. They had other rooms without bunks, just some stools.

First clean your guns...do it good, boys, for those guns are life, theirs...and yours.
XVI - A sandwich and coffee, your chute to turn in. Go to the brief room to turn in your lin. Two meals, both at night...gets on your nerves but still ready to fight.

XVII - The mess hall is warm in the cold of night.

XIV - Then head for the sack at nine or ten, and a letter from home, from the wife, "I love you" she wrote, then you know you've won. And a gunners day is never done.

STALAG NO. 4, Bk. 7, Rm. 6

October 30, 1944

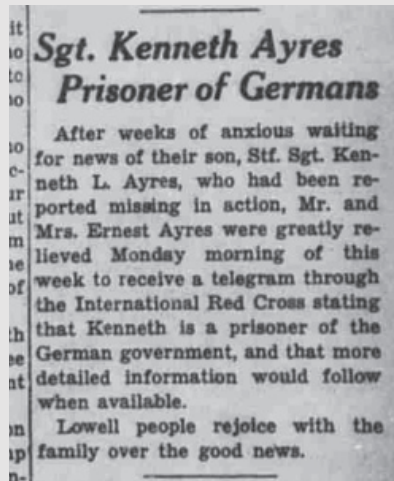
The weather is getting colder everyday. We still haven't a stove of any kind, although we are supposed to get one of some kind soon. But after we do get them, our fuel supply will be so low that it won't make a heck of a lot of diff. if we have them or not. Our fuel has already been cut so low that the mess have hardly had enough to boil our potatoes at night. The Germans are also looking for an excuse to cut our potato ration, as they did our coal. We have enough Red Cross to last for one more week...unless new supplies come in, we will live off Jerry rations (should say, survive). If we don't get Red Cross, our rations will consist of: one pail of potatoes per day, 21 men; one pail of soup per day, 21 men; 1/6th of a loaf of bread per day, 1 man; 1 lb. of butter per day, 21 men; once in a while, we get a bit of cheese or jam; a cup of Jerry tea or coffee per day, 1 man

This special feature will be continued in upcoming editions of the Lowell Ledger

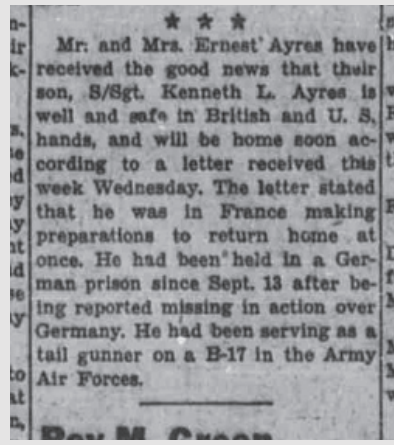
Ayres' story as reported in the Ledger



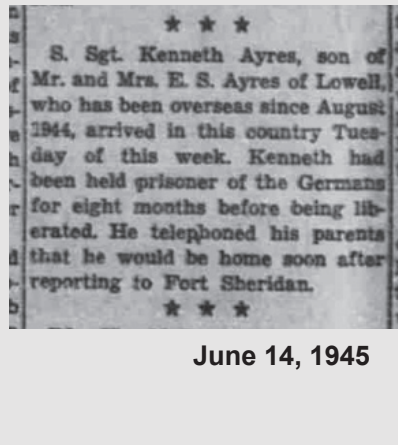
October 5, 1944



October 26, 1944



May 24, 1945



June 14, 1945

wing off. It'll blow any part of the plane off. You can shoot back at a fighter but you can't do a thing when you get hit by flak...that harmless looking little ball of smoke. There's a different colored smoke in the flak also. Usually it's black, but have seen white, blue and heard of other colors. Once a flak gunner gets the range and altitude on a formation, he can sure raise hell.

October 28, 1944:

Well, another day is over. The last three or four days have been rotten. The weather is cold as heck

peaches & cream, pancakes, eggs, hot cocoa, french toast, grapefruit, tom. juice, bacon, hot rolls, cinnamon rolls, toast, ham & eggs, steak, spuds mashed with brown gravy, sweet pickles, jellow with cream, fruit salad, sweet spuds, cranberries, strawberry cake, gulash, red beans & beef, beans & weeners, orange cake, squash, fresh tomatoes...

George Clark, Box 111, Santanquin, Utah

Charles Blackman, 1324 North West 3rd St., Okla City, Okla.

Leonard H. Wogksch (Len), 15 Lafayette St.,

time to eat very much. Briefing at five, the crew is all there, all anxious to be up in the air.

III - See to your chute, ammo and guns, for you know boys, it's not just for fun. Jerry will be there up in the blue, waiting for someone, maybe for you.

IV - Take off at six or maybe six-thirty. Hope that no one has a gun that is dirty. Form with the group at 12,000 feet...see that formation, they really look neat.

V - Put on your mask, the air is getting thin. Off to the battle, some with a grin. We're over the water,

know how to fly. The fighters have left us, the few that were left. Our fighters got some, we got the rest.

XIII - We've been up 8 hours...two more to go. Though we're doing 240, it seems very slow. The base at last, the gunners learn...we think of our buddies who will not return.

XIV - We fly over the field, the crew gives a sigh. We finished another "to do or to die". Wheels touch the ground, a screech and a clump...our ship's brought us back over the hump.

XV - We're tired and dirty, thirsty and sore. The sun has gone down an hour before.

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!

CHILD CARE WORD SEARCH

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

Puzzle solutions on page 13

CHILD CARE WORD SEARCH

COGNITION CONGENITAL DEVELOPMENT EXPRESSION

INFANT JAUNDICE LEARNING MILESTONE MOVEMENT REFLEX SAFETY SCREENING TEETHING

AMBULATORY ANOMALY AROUSAL AUDITORY BEHAVIOR CHILD

FAMILY FEEDING FLUENCY GAIT GRASP

Guess Who?

I am an actress born in Connecticut on November 19, 1961. I acted in commercials while attending New York University. I am known for being a queen of romantic comedies, including two with Tom Hanks.

Answer: Meg Ryan

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to infants.

T O L B E T

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Answer: Bottle

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CLUES ACROSS

- Small viper
- Some are covert
- A waiver of liability (abbr.)
- Speak out
- Retirement plan
- Small dog
- City in Iraq
- Car mechanics group
- Shrimp-like creature
- Majestic
- TV detective
- Central Canadian province
- Causing to wind around
- Wise man
- Knicks legend Willis
- Muscular weaknesses
- John Stockton compiled them
- South American plant
- To some extent
- Where manners are displayed
- Showy
- Fall down
- Shoelaces are often this
- Disease-causing bacterium
- Egg-shaped wind instrument

CLUES DOWN

- Something useful
- It goes great with peppers and onions
- Orifice
- Turned into bone
- The Princess could detect it
- Bands of colors
- Makes use of
- Central African country
- Lake in the Kalahari Desert
- He was a "Chairman"
- Legally possess
- One point north of due west
- Sufferings
- One who noisily enjoys
- About blood
- Transaction verification system (abbr.)
- Related through female family members
- Low velocity grenade
- "In Living Color" comedian
- Veterans battleground
- Expression of creative skill
- Midway between northeast and east
- Patti Hearst's captors
- Small peg of wood
- Stretch of swampy ground
- Is indebted to
- Where you were born (abbr.)
- A team's best pitcher
- Cool!
- Female sibling
- This stimulates the thyroid (abbr.)
- Reserved
- More prickled
- Forbidden by law
- One-time presidential candidate
- A TV show has more than one
- A place to stash things
- Defunct currency in India
- Causes to ferment
- A type of gland
- ___ Humbug!
- Everyone has one
- Punctuation
- Central American fruit
- Brooklyn hoopster
- 100 square meters
- Local area network



This is another installment in the Lowell Ledger's series of feature articles about the many different types of artisans who do business in the Lowell area. Some use the Internet as their storefront, others sell their wares out of a brick and mortar location. All of them are fascinating people and incredibly talented.

If you know of somebody who makes things and sells them, we want to do a story about it! Contact the Lowell Ledger at 616-897-9261 or send a message to ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com

Toadworks

Love of ceramics leads artist to open Toadworks

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When Janet Krueger was a little girl, she loved creating things with her hands. She would use anything she could find to make all sorts of creations. She loved adding trinkets and jewels to things like shoes and tables.

now owns a successful pottery business called Toadworks.

Her love for creativity continued into high school, where she took as many art classes as she possibly could. She then tried working on an art degree at the college level,

Janet's love for ceramics has grown into Toadworks. She had her own studio in Lowell for a while, and then had many pieces on consignment in Tap House Bo, owned by Martha Davis. She currently has some of her pieces at Petals and Perks Coffee Shop in Frankfort, Wee Bee Jammin' in Bear Lake and The Vitrine in Detroit.

Janet makes many different types of pottery pieces, from small bowls and plates to mugs and wall hangings. She has even started making small pots with succulents in them.

Janet has a deep love of nature and incorporates it into most of her pieces. She will press real leaves into wet clay pieces so that the details show through after being glazed. She must really love dragonflies and birch trees, because they are carved into many of her small plates and wall hangings. She also has many pieces with our great state of Michigan carved into them. She loves to finish many pieces by using old fashioned rubber stamps to impress sweet sentiments.

All of Janet's pieces are hand-built, as opposed to using a potter's wheel, and are fired in a kiln for at least 60 hours. She uses translucent glazes to show the texture and character of each piece. She is also a watercolor artist and her approach to landscape painting influences her clay work.

In her spare time she also models for life drawing students at Calvin College.

Janet's one-of-a-kind creativity and passion for art definitely show in all of her original pottery pieces. You can check out her work and purchase her items at LowellArts, located at 223 W. Main, from now until Christmas.



Her mother encouraged her creativity and didn't mind any messes that she'd made. Then one day, while playing on the beaches of the lakeshore where her family had a cottage, she discovered clay and started making little pots out of it. She

but it didn't work out for her at that time. When she was 43 years old and her youngest child went off to kindergarten, she decided to try college again. She went to Aquinas College. That's when she discovered ceramics classes.

