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LHS honor roll



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Congratulations on a fantastic season!



Photo by Brett Bremer

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Event to assist struggling family



by Tim McAllister lead reporter

An event called "Hoopin' for the Hollerns" will bring two communities together on Tuesday, Dec. 10 to help a family that is dealing with a cancer diagnosis.

Tim Hollern is the assistant principal at Forest Hills Eastern High School. He lives in Lowell with his wife, Alicia, and their two daughters and son, all of whom attend Lowell Area Schools. Hollern has been fighting metastatic colon cancer for the past eight years.

On Dec. 10, the Forest Hills Eastern and Lowell boys and girls basketball teams will compete in their first games of the season. The boys team is playing at Lowell and the girls team is at Eastern. Organizers of the event are hoping to pack both gyms with people wearing "Hoopin' for the Hollerns" t-shirts.

The shirts will be available for a \$15 donation prior to the event at Lowell High School. Those wearing the shirts will be admitted to the games for free.

Summary of downtown Lowell Christmas events



by Jeff Ostrander contributing reporter

"Christmas Through Lowell" may be past, but Lowell's journey through Christmas has a long way to go. Following a turnout of more than 5,000 people for the city's November craft shopping weekend, holiday organizers expect good crowds for December events, including the historic Christmas parade.

On Saturday, Dec. 7, activities will begin early, with an arts and crafts show at the high school and a book sale at the Englehart Library. Santa makes his first appearance at 2:30 pm on the Riverwalk, where he'll take photos with kids while Rudolph hosts a craft workshop next door in the

Chamber of Commerce building. Riverwalk visitors will enjoy cocoa, cookies, and live entertainment.

A pancake supper will be offered from 4-6pm at the Fairgrounds, and Santa is expected to drop by to gain strength for his annual

sleigh ride through Lowell that night. At 5:45, holiday bags will be handed out to children along the parade route, on Main St. between Riverside Dr. and Jackson St. The Christmas parade, with more than 50 entries, will begin at 6 pm and end with Santa's appearance. After the parade, visitors to the Chamber's Facebook page will vote to select winners from among the judges' ten favorites.

On Friday, Dec. 13, Lowell is hosting "A Nite of Christmas Cheer" on the Riverwalk from 5:30 until 7:30 pm, with warming fires

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Adoption Month



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Many benefit from Adoption Month every November



Bruce

"129 local churches praying for 129 local foster kids!" That was the message on the big screen at Impact Church of Lowell last weekend.

Jason Holdridge, Senior Pastor at Impact, said the church is partnering with Mosaic, a nonprofit organization that helps families in West Michigan connect with others in the fostering and adoptive community. November is National Adoption month, a month set aside to help raise awareness about the urgent need for adoptive families for children and youth in foster care. Mosaic has many resources and events for these families on their website, you can find more information at mosaicfosteradopt.org

Then a picture of a sweet 15 year old boy, Bruce, was displayed on the big screen. Impact Church is sponsoring Bruce with the simple act of prayers in the hope that a family will want to adopt him to make their family feel more complete. Bruce said that when a family adopts him, not only will they get a new child to love, but also all of his teddy bears. You can see more information about this awesome kid and many others at mare.org

Impact Church also partners with adoption organizations around the world. They have adopted a carepoint in Eswatini, formerly known as Swaziland, where over 100 orphans from Africa can come to get fed and educated. The church has

also sent teams on mission trips to Eswatini to build playgrounds for these children.

"This partnership is a part of our calling as a family and for our church," Holdridge said.

One of the church members, Sue Dood, is also connected to Children's Hopechest in Ethiopia, where there is another carepoint. People can sponsor foster children there for about \$35 a month. This helps feed and clothe them. The initiative to sponsor a foster child through Mosaic came from Dood.

Holdridge and his wife, Heidi, decided a few years ago to adopt a child from Ethiopia. Holdridge knew that ministry was his calling, but Heidi felt very strongly that they were being called to adopt a child.

"It all started with Heidi wanting to adopt, and then all three of our daughters began asking to have new brothers," Holdridge said. "The girls would cut out pictures of babies from magazines and tape them to the walls in the home."

When they started looking into adoption, they realized how costly it could be. They eventually connected with a man from Texas who had adopted children of his own and wanted to help fund adoptions. Jason and Heidi had to fill out an application, tell their story and pray to get chosen over all of the other candidates. The man was impressed with their story and chose to fund them. Another man was so moved by their story that he decided to fund the Holdridges too, so that they could adopt a second child.

"We were excited and at the same time terrified," Holdridge said.

Joshua was two and a half years old and Caleb was nine months old when The Holdridges adopted them. Caleb's biological mother

are very in tune with each other and share a special bond.

The Holdridges are very open about some of the cognitive issues that one of their sons has due to scarring on the brain from birth and the fact that adoption can have it's difficulties.

"This is not a romantic thing and not everyone is called to adopt," Holdridge said. "It's the hardest thing and the most beautiful thing all wrapped into one."

Holdridge said that many people who attend Impact Church have adopted and it's like a big tribe where they all come together to share the ups and downs of adoption.

"It's a spiritual thing connected to a physical thing connected to a family thing," Holdridge said.

Maybe this initiative will



The Holdridges



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gave him to a police officer in Ethiopia and said she couldn't take care of him, so the officer took him to an orphanage. They were able to meet Joshua's biological mother, but she also could not take care of him. Now the boys are nine and seven years old. The boys are not biological brothers, but they

prompt some other families to consider foster care and/or adoption, maybe not, but at least it will get hundreds of people praying for these kids. It all matters.

"129 churches praying for 129 kids? Wow," Jason added. "That's like a force of nature to be reckoned with."

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Lowell travel agent moves downtown

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

After 15 years operating as a home business, Lowell travel agency Adventures by Lori is moving to an office inside of the Big Boiler Brewing building on Main St. Their new office should be ready by Monday, Dec. 16.

“We have been growing, and we wanted to have a

storefront so people would know that we were in the community,” said company owner Lori Spoelstra. “When you’re in your home, you don’t really get a lot of exposure! But we are super busy, so we are just taking another step to see [what happens] if we put ourselves out there.”

Spoelstra said she is hoping the move increases business enough to add more employees.

“We are looking to add another agent or two,” Spoelstra said.

So far, Spoelstra said, the company’s networking has been confined to the annual Lowell Expo, where she has



Adventures by Lori owner Lori Spoelstra. [Facebook photo]

hosted a booth for over a decade.

“We personally craft vacation dreams for our families, couples, friends and solo travelers,” Spoelstra said. “From the spark of an idea, to the detailed planning that comes with a successful journey, all the way to the

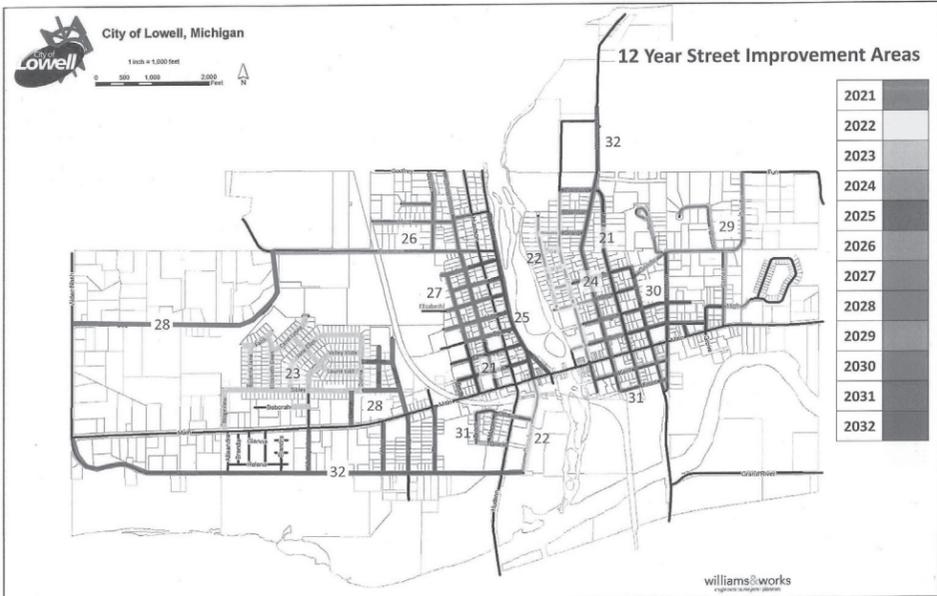
completion of the dream, we take care of every meticulous detail so our clients don’t have to.”

Appointments for the agency’s services are by appointment. For more information, visit AdventuresbyLori.com, send a message to Lori@

AdventuresbyLori.com, call 616-648-6488 or look for one of the company’s social media accounts.

“We don’t have scheduled office hours, we’re happy to talk to our clients anytime that is convenient for them to call,” Spoelstra said.

Lowell city council Nov. 18 meeting report



A map of potential street repair projects.

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell city council had their latest regular meeting at city hall on Monday, Nov. 18.

The meeting began with a discussion of the myriad possibilities to pay for street repairs after voters rejected the city income tax plan on Nov. 5. About 20 different ideas were discussed by the council, including raising the city’s millage to its legal limit, adding a special police and fire millage, reducing salaries of city staff, eliminating the local police force, cutting back on marketing and funding of special events and dedicating all LCTV funds to fixing streets.

“What it really requires us to do, in a sense, is go back to the drawing board and figure out what we want to do,” said Lowell city manager Michael Burns. “There is a number of options you can do, whether you want to just live within the current budget to start making some cuts, those are all options that you have in front of you.”

The council also listened to an informational presentation from representatives from the Kent District Library, approved an IT and cyber security upgrade project and rezoned six parcels of land from “C-3 general business” to “C-1 neighborhood

business district.” The properties in question are all on Main St. between Smith and Amity.

Lowell city council’s next regular meeting will be at 7 pm on Monday, Dec. 2. The council will also meet with the public during a “Coffee with the Council” at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce building from 8 am until 10 am on Saturday, Dec. 7.

To watch various city council, board and commission meetings from the past, look for the “City of Lowell” or “Lowell Light and Power” channels on YouTube.

Understanding Social Security spouse benefits

Marriage is a tradition that exists on every continent and in nearly every country. Having a partner not only means creating a family unit, it means sharing things like a home and other property. Understanding how your future retirement might affect your spouse is important. When you’re planning for your retirement, here are a few things to remember:

If you’re married, your spouse could be eligible for up to 50 percent of your full retirement age amount, if your spouse is full retirement age when they take it. If your spouse

also qualifies for a benefit on their own work history, we always pay their own benefit first and then look into additional spouse’s benefits. Their own full retirement amount must be less than half of your full retirement amount in order for them to file on your record. In addition, they cannot receive spouse’s benefits until you, the worker, also files (except for divorced spouses).

Also, keep in mind that if you file for a reduced retirement benefit and pass away first, the survivor benefit will also be reduced.

Knowing how your finances affect your spouse’s benefit can help both of you avoid future impacts on your incomes. We have decades of experience, and the information to go with it. Access a wealth of useful information and use our benefits planners at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners.

Vonda Van Til 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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Managing Fear
by Stan Popovich




When friends don't get your mental health issues

You struggle with fear, anxiety, depression, or addiction. Eventually your relatives and closest friends find out about your problems. The problem is that some of them get on your case and do not understand what you are going through. Here are six ways on how to deal with your friends regarding your mental health issues.

1. Listen to the professionals and not your friends. Your friends may mean well, but when it comes down to it, the professionals know your situation more than anyone. They know what you are going through and are trained to deal with your situation. Your friends do not have the answers to your medical condition. When you have questions about your mental health recovery, consult with your counselor or other mental health professional. Listen to them and follow their advice and not your friends.

2. Your goal is to get better. Concentrate on how you can overcome your fears and anxieties. Don't waste your time arguing with your friends or relatives who are giving you a difficult time. This isn't a public relations event where you need to get approval from your friends.

This is your life and you are the one suffering. Your main focus is for you to get better.

3. Tell your friends to learn about your condition. Tell your friends and relatives that the best way for them to help you is to learn about our mental health issues. They could talk to a counselor, read some good books, or join a support group to better understand your situation. If some of your friends won't



do this, then stay away from them. They will only make things worse.

4. Distance yourself from people who give you a difficult time. Distance yourself from those people who won't make an effort to help understand what you are going through. You need

to surround yourself with positive and supportive people. If you have problems or issues with a particular person, you can always ask your counselor for advice on how to deal with them.

5. Join a local support group. Go to a support group in your area and talk with the other members of the group who understand what you are going through. This is a great way to meet people who understand your problems.

6. Take advantage of the help that is available around you. If possible, talk to a professional who can help you manage your depression and anxieties. They will be able to provide you with additional advice and insights on how to deal with your current problem. By talking to a professional, a person will be helping themselves in the long run because they will become better able to deal with their problems in the future.

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/>

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to the editor

Dear Editor,
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For the current impeachment inquiry, I have committed myself to paying attention to a wide variety of literature and media sources and urge everyone to do the same. This time in American history is critical.

Limiting yourself to one source limits you to an inaccurate assessment of what is going on in our government. The impeachment hearings of this past week have produced information that every one of us who are blessed to live in this great country need to know. I hope you will take time to be totally informed.

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Candid camera

Back when T.V. sets first showed up in living rooms, one of the original reality shows was called Candid Camera. The producers set up a hidden camera to catch unsuspecting participants reacting to contrived circumstances like switching a regular bowling ball for one without finger

holes. Trail cameras provide the opportunity to observe unsuspecting wildlife.

Digital trail cameras make it possible to monitor a remote location around the clock for extended periods of time. The major market for these devices is with the hunting community. Hunters can determine what animals are in an area and when they are present.

Trail cameras have added a new dimension to the hunting experience. Traditional scouting for natural deer sign is still important. Locating tracks, trails, rubs, scrapes, and bedding areas is necessary to develop hunting strategy. Cameras fine tune the plan.

Trail cameras reveal all activity happening in the area. It is remarkable what shows up when people are not around. When walking quietly on our up-north property, we regularly see deer, turkeys, and squirrels. In addition to these creatures we share the woods with raccoons, coyotes, bobcats, and black bears, but except on rare occasions we have

to enjoy this group on film.

Hunting seasons are short, but one can use cameras anytime. Checking trail cams has become an interesting and exciting way to enrich and extend the hunting season.

Cameras have evolved along with many other digital gizmos on the market today. The level of sophistication and features goes up along with the price of the unit chosen. Hundreds of images can be recorded in still pictures and video. Viewing can be done on the camera itself or with a viewing device on site. We switch out SD cards and view results on a computer at camp or at home. Cellular trail cameras allow viewing images on a cell phone anywhere there is service.

In the case of trail cameras, technology has provided an opportunity to enhance our connection with nature rather than being a distraction. Like with the old T.V. show, it is fun and interesting to catch wildlife being themselves.



125 years ago Lowell Ledger December 1, 1894

Dr. McDannell informs us that matters are progressing favorably with the West Michigan Electric company. The Evening Press and Workman doing their little best to baulk the company, but will not succeed. That was a great article in this week's Workman. It compares Flat river with Plaster creek and scouts the idea of having any power at its "dam site" in low water. Mr. Mills, one of the best mechanical experts in the country has examined the matter and assures the company that they will have 2,500 horse power at the lowest stage of the water. You'll have to give up; Lowell takes the cake this time.

Several new cases of smallpox are reported at Sebewa Corners, Ionia County. Albert Bradley, of Sebewa, died of confluent smallpox. The authorities are taking all precautions against an epidemic, but the exposure has been so general that little headway is made. There are now no less than 15 cases in Danby and Sebewa. Portland people held a public meeting and will keep a patrol on all points of ingress to keep out parties from infected districts.

Jacob Jons, a mason of Lowell, was adjudged an indigent insane person in probate court Wednesday and ordered admitted to Kalamazoo asylum at the expense of the county. His case is peculiarly unfortunate, as he is blind as well as insane, his loss of sight dating back two years and before he had developed any symptoms of mental alienation. Whether his blindness and insanity are both the result of the same causes, is a question the Kalamazoo specialists will try to ascertain.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger November 27, 1919

A. H. Peckham, president of the Lowell Cutter company, and a former resident of Lowell, died at his home in Grand Rapids Monday evening, after an illness of only two days, aged 78 years.

A woman about 46 years old, who gave her name as Clara I. Horten, failed to leave an interurban car as it arrived from Allegan. She was questioned by the conductor and it was found she had lost her memory. She is said to be a nurse.

A sequel to the poisoning case here last summer in which Frank Roberts was convicted of the murder of his wife, Katie Roberts, by leaving Paris green by her bedside for her to take, now has the attention of the authorities. J. G. Stinson, undertaker and embalmer of the state, was called to the board of health at Lansing Friday to be examined concerning what knowledge he had of the affair the day he had embalmed the body. One of the witnesses declared that Stinson admitted to him having had a confession from Roberts the day the crime was committed.

75 years The Lowell Ledger November 30, 1944

A scout for one of the country's big department stores has been in Lowell of late, making a survey of the trading area with the possibility of opening a branch store here. The result of his findings has not been reported yet.

A postal card designed especially to speed mail to American prisoners of war and civilian internees in the Far East is now available to relatives and friends of the prisoners through their local Red Cross chapter. The new card, which may be obtained without charge and sent postage-free, has been designed to facilitate censorship, save weight and space in transportation, and speed delivery.

The Pere Marquette depot was broken into some time around four o'clock last Monday morning, the burglars gaining entrance by breaking a waiting room window, and then forcing the door into the office. Nightwatchman Gene Carr heard the motor of a car idling about this time and went to investigate, which probably frightened the burglars away as investigation revealed that the combination lock on the Express Company's safe had been broken off but because of their hurried departure they had not been able to get at its contents.

50 years The Lowell Ledger November 27, 1969

Two area police officers, sticking tenaciously to the trail of a pair of suspects, were credited today with the solution of a three-year-old safe burglary from a Lowell

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- cold and flu season

Cold and flu season typically runs from October until March or later. Colds and influenza both cause similar illnesses and are caused by viruses. Typical symptoms of both include cough, congestion, runny nose, fever and muscle aches. Colds typically come on slower, have milder symptoms and may last longer. Influenza is often more severe and comes on suddenly.

The best way to avoid getting sick this cold and flu season is to wash your hands regularly before eating, before touching your mouth and face, before and after using the restroom, and after being out in any public space. Flu shots are also important. They are recommended for all adults and children over six months. Getting enough sleep, eating healthy and regular exercise can help to boost your immune system and decrease your risk of getting sick.

If you do get sick, be

sure to stay home from work or school to avoid spreading your illness to others. Cough and sneeze into your elbow rather than your hand to decrease the risk of spreading the virus to others. It is especially important to avoid close contact with certain people that may be higher risk of illness. These people include: people older than 65, pregnant women, those with a chronic health condition like cancer, and young children or babies.

The best way to recover from a cold or flu illness is to get plenty of rest, drink lots of fluids, quit smoking, avoid alcohol, and use a humidifier. The majority of time colds and flu run their course in five to seven days. Signs that you may be getting worse or need to see your healthcare provider include: prolonged fever, shortness of breath, chest pain, inability to keep food or liquids down, severe facial pain, swollen glands, or any confusion.

NOVEMBER 27

Bonnie Vezino, Kim Harding, Marty Chambers, Chad Uzarski, Elizabeth Spies, Heather Burrows, Aaron Rittersdorf, Josh Spencer, Aiden Malone.

NOVEMBER 28

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Chris Chambers, Christine Gillies, Amanda Sterzick, Richard Kline, Jennifer Kovacs.



Looking Back, continued

automotive agency. The safe, containing \$2,000 and valuable papers, was stolen in 1966 from Azzarello Auto Sales.

The 1969 edition of Lowell Showboat, plagued by poor weather and competition from the first manned flight to the moon, wound up with a net loss of \$16,388.50, figures released today indicate. Lowell Showboat, Inc., also distributed \$5,000 to various civic groups and service clubs to create an overall dent of \$21,388.50 in contingency reserves of the non-profit corporation, according to treasurer Keith Caldwell.

After years of spoiling many of his natural resources...including the most vital of all, water...man has begun the task of cleaning up behind himself. The City of Lowell got a head start on this program when, in 1964, voters approved a \$217,000 bond issue by a solid 261-54 majority that led to construction of the city's waste water treatment plant.

25 years The Lowell Ledger November 30, 1994

Most would not argue that the day will come when updating software for school computers will be higher on the priority list than updating textbooks. Most would also agree that it doesn't mean students should be left using outdated books or that textbooks should ever be in short supply.

Saying he just couldn't take it anymore, 29-year-old Vincent Firovich was arrested at his home following his strangulation of his 31-year-old wife, Nancy Firovich Thanksgiving Day morning.

Terry Eickhoff's plans to have his towing service licensed have hit a snag. On July 1 of this year, the state mandated that wrecking services must be licensed through them in order to crush cars. To obtain that license, Eickhoff needs the signature of a township official, but that won't happen until he cleans up his business.

college news

Central Michigan University has announced the graduation list for the 2019 fall semester. The following are local graduates:

Kelli Brunette, of Ada, MS; Charity Landrum, of Alto, MS; and Jennifer Collins, of Lowell, MA.

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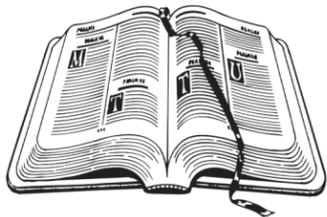
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 19-206554-DE

Estate of MAX JOAQUINE RENAULDO, deceased. Date of birth: 06/16/1997.

TO ALL CREDITORS: Daniel R. Fagan (P39735)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Max Joaquine Renauldo, died 08/23/2019.

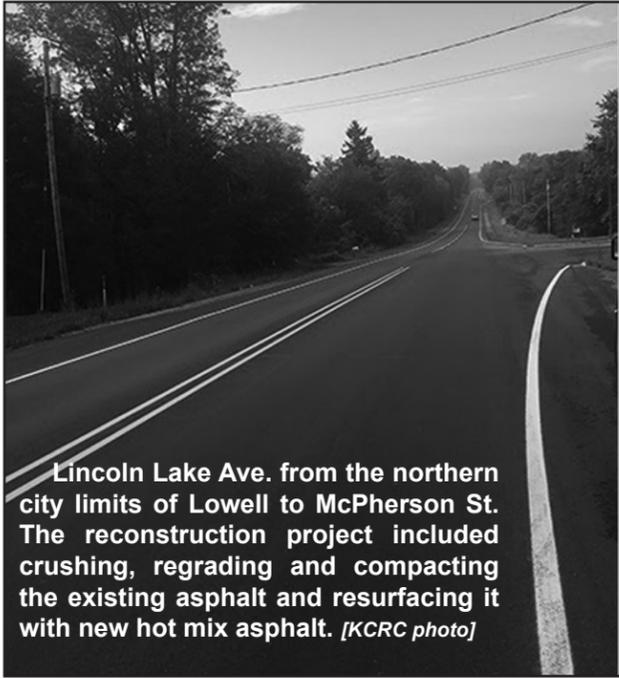
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever

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Julie McGrath Renauldo 295 Shoreside North Drive SE Grand Rapids, MI 49548

KCRC completes 470 miles of road work in 2019



Lincoln Lake Ave. from the northern city limits of Lowell to McPherson St. The reconstruction project included crushing, regrading and compacting the existing asphalt and resurfacing it with new hot mix asphalt. [KCRC photo]

The Kent County Road Commission has wrapped up its 2019 construction season, completing improvements on nearly 470 lane miles, or approximately 12 percent of the county road network.

“One of our major objectives is to achieve 90 percent of our primary roads

in good or fair condition by 2025, and the strides achieved this year will help us get there,” said Steve Warren, KCRC’s managing director.

Exemplifying KCRC’s commitment to excellence, two of its 2019 improvement projects have received an Award of Merit

from the Asphalt Pavement Association of Michigan and the Michigan Department of Transportation, who jointly sponsor an annual Asphalt Paving Awards Program. The reconstruction of Lincoln Lake Ave. from the northern city limits of Lowell to McPherson St. and the reconstruction of Whitneyville Ave. between 48th St. and 66th St., both completed by contractor Superior Asphalt, were recognized for exhibiting exceptional construction qualities.

“These awards showcase KCRC’s commitment to preserving our road and bridge assets with the right fix at that right time,” said Warren. “The recognition is a testament to our staff and contractor, Superior Asphalt.”

Road and Bridge Improvements

Edge-to-edge road improvements along KCRC’s network included reconstruction, resurfacing,

and preservation treatments in addition to the regrading of several miles of unpaved roads. Four of KCRC’s 172 bridges also received major improvements, and 75 culverts were replaced.

Intersection Updates

Across the road network, a number of intersection locations received traffic signal modifications. Seven signalized locations with diagonal span design and incandescent lights were upgraded to box span signal configuration with LED lights. The traffic signal at 44th St. and Patterson Ave. received a new controller and mast arm while the intersection was widened to provide dual left-turn lanes on eastbound 44th St. Finally, new traffic signals were installed at the West River Drive and Division Ave. intersection and the Hudson St. and Bowes Road intersection.

Routine Maintenance and Emergency Response

KCRC maintenance crews kept busy during

the season addressing deteriorated portions of roadway throughout the network. In total, they used over 150,000 pounds of crack sealant, 500,000 pounds of hot mastic and 6,500 tons of asphalt to repair the areas.

Response efforts also increased this year due to frequent storms and heavy precipitation. Crews cleared more than 1,000 downed trees with the assistance of correctional work crews from the Kent County Sheriff’s Department, who contributed over 10,000 hours of labor. Additional routine maintenance activities included guardrail and catch basin repair, ditching, mowing and vegetation management.

Storm Response

KCRC cleared more than 1,000 downed trees with assistance from the Kent County Sheriff’s Department’s correctional work crews.

Increased Funding and Strategic Investment

Increased funding from Michigan’s 2015 road funding package coupled with supplemental appropriations allowed KCRC to increase its 2019 program and achieve more lane miles of improvements on its primary road network than initially targeted. In addition, increased investment from townships was integral to increasing improvements on the local road network, for which KCRC and townships share the cost.

Warren pointed to the organization’s Strategic Plan and supplemental Long Range Plan as essential tools for establishing a clear direction for the future. “We are optimistic that the state will allocate additional funding for roads and bridges in 2020, but we are also preparing for increased costs,” Warren said. “Having a plan helps us prioritize and align projects and purchases with both short-term needs and long-term objectives.”

Today: November 27, 2019

Nov. 27 is the 331st day of 2019. There are only 34 more days left in the year.

Historic Events

176: Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius appoints his son Commodus supreme commander of the Roman legions.
 511: King Clovis I dies in Lutetia, France and is buried at the Abbey of St Genevieve in Paris.
 602: Greek emperor Maurice is forced to watch his six sons be executed before being beheaded himself.
 1095: Pope Urban II declares the First Crusade at the Council of Clermont.
 1703: The first Eddystone Lighthouse, atop Eddystone Rocks, nine miles out to sea near Cornwall, England, is destroyed in the “Great Storm of 1703.”
 1727: The foundation stone to the Jerusalem Church in Berlin is laid.

1809: The “Berners Street hoax” practical joke was perpetrated by Theodore Hook in Westminster, London.
 1815: Adoption of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Poland.
 1835: James Pratt and John Smith are hanged in London, the last two people to be executed for sodomy in England.
 1868: US Army Lieutenant Colonel George Armstrong Custer leads an attack on Cheyenne living on reservation land.
 1895: Alfred Nobel signs his last will and testament, setting aside his estate to establish the Nobel Prize after he dies.
 1896: First performance of “Also Sprach Zarathustra” by Richard Strauss.
 1901: Establishment of the US Army War College.

1912: Spain declares a protectorate over the north shore of Morocco.
 1924: The first Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade is held in New York City.
 1940: World War II battle of Cape Spartivento: the Royal Navy engages the Regia Marina in the Mediterranean Sea.
 1942: At Toulon, the French navy scuttles its ships and submarines to keep them out of Nazi hands.
 1944: An explosion at a Royal Air Force ammunition dump in Staffordshire kills 70 people.
 1945: The Cooperative for Remittances to Europe was founded to send “CARE Packages” of food relief to Europe after World War II.
 1954: Alger Hiss is released from prison after serving 44 months for perjury.

1965: The Pentagon informs president Lyndon B. Johnson that, if planned operations are to succeed, the number of troops in Vietnam must be increased from 120,000 to 400,000.
 1968: Penny Ann Early is the first woman to play professional basketball for the Kentucky Colonels in an ABA game against the Los Angeles Stars.
 1971: The first man-made object to reach the surface of Mars is the Soviet space program’s Mars 2 orbiter. It releases a descent module but then malfunctions and crashes.
 1973: Grand Rapids native Gerald Ford is confirmed by the Senate 92-3 to become Vice President of the United States. On December 6, the House will confirm him 387-35.
 1975: The Provisional

IRA assassinates Ross McWhirter after a press conference in which he announced a reward for the capture of the parties responsible for multiple bombings and shootings

across England.
 1978: In San Francisco, city mayor George Moscone and openly gay city supervisor Harvey Milk are assassinated by former city supervisor Dan White.

NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

Seeking Applications for Board and Commission Appointments

Vergennes Township is seeking applications for the following:

- Two Planning Commission Seats-
term ending 12/2022
- Zoning Board of Appeals-
term ending 12/2022
- Construction Board of Appeals-
term ending 12/2022

Application forms and a summary of job descriptions may be obtained on the township website listed below, or at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, MI 49331. The office is open Monday and Wednesday from 9am to 3pm, and Thursday from 9 to noon.

Deadline for application submission is Thursday, December 17 at 12 p.m. Applicants will be considered at the December 21, 2019 meeting of the Vergennes Township Board.

More information is posted on the township website at www.vergennestwp.org

Heather Hoffman
Vergennes Township Clerk

Thankful



We want to say thank you to the many volunteers who have served families in our community through the Alpha Family Center of Lowell. May you be blessed for your service. We could not do what we do with out you! We want to give a special shout out to the Attwood Corporation coming to serve in November on their lunch hour and doing a baby bottle coin collection. Also, thank you to the Lowell Rotary Club, Lowell Women’s Club, Lowell Chamber of Commerce, churches, businesses, and many individuals who have financially supported or donated supplies throughout the year.

We love the community of Lowell!



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Family Center of Lowell
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Christmas, continued

and still more cocoa and cookies, hot dogs and roasted chestnuts. Santa is expected to return with a reindeer or two, and horse and carriage rides will be available.

Santa will also be available for photos on Monday, Dec. 11 and Monday, Dec. 18 from 5:30 until 7 pm, and on Thursday, Dec. 14 and Thursday, Dec. 21 from 10:30 to 1 pm.

Most events and attractions mentioned are offered without charge, although donations are suggested. Families are reminded to dress for the weather. Photos with Santa will be available for download from the Chamber's website. For a complete list of events, visit discoverlowell.org



Holiday Events

Saturday, December 7

9 am – 4 pm: Rogue River Artisans Fine Art and Craft Show (Lowell High School)

9:30 am – 5 pm: Friends of the Library Book Sale (Englehart Library)

2:30 pm – 4 pm: Santa visits on the Riverwalk, with hot cocoa and cookies. Photos by Bruce Doll.

2:30 pm – 4 pm: Rudolph's Craft Workshop for kids 2-6 years. (Chamber of Commerce building on the Riverwalk)

4:45 pm – 5:45 pm: Pancake Supper at the Kent County Fairgrounds.

5:45 pm: "Sweet Tooth Jubilee". Gift bags handed out to children along the parade route.

6 pm: Christmas Parade (proceeds east along Main Street, between Riverside and Jackson Streets)

Wednesday, December 11

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm: Santa visit and photos on the Riverwalk

Friday, December 13

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm: Santa visit and photos, real reindeer, horse and carriage rides, warming fires, hot dogs, roasted chestnuts, hot cocoa and cookies, and holiday 3d glasses. (Riverwalk)

Saturday, December 14

10:30 am - 1 pm: Santa visit and photos on the Riverwalk

Wednesday, December 18

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm: Santa visit and photos on the Riverwalk

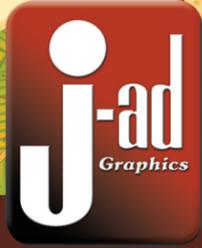
Saturday, December 21

10:30 am - 1 pm: Santa visit and photos on the Riverwalk



May Happiness Surround You at Thanksgiving

Thank you for being such an important part of our year. We wish you and yours all the best this holiday season.





A poetic interview with Liz Baker

Here at the Ledger, we take Christmas seriously, so we cornered Liz Baker, head elf at the Lowell Chamber of Commerce for an interview.

by Jeff Ostrander
contributing reporter

"Tis a month before Christmas," I began, "and all through the town, we've heard creatures are stirring though the ground is still brown."

"Oh, yes," she exclaimed, "you did not mishear! There's no question St. Nicolas soon will be here!"

My eyes grew quite wide and dew formed on my brow, "Not Santa! Not Lowell! Not coming here now!?"

She held up one finger, "Almost, but not quite. Not 'til the 7th, and not 'til that night."

"But how will I find him?" I cried in my shock. "And what's this I hear about Riverwalk?"

"Never you fear, he will make his sleigh bright, and I'll tell you the streets he will travel that night.

Down Broadway, down Jackson, down Main Street so pretty. He will pass through the heart of our dear little city.

And, that afternoon, well before it is dark, he will visit with children in Riverwalk Park."

Astounded, I scribbled, as if in a trance. My notebook had fallen; I wrote on my pants.

I babbled my questions, my wits had all flown, "Is he coming with presents? Is he coming alone?"

"There'll be reindeer and horses and really hot dogs! Carriages, pancakes and bright, burning logs!

Candy and chestnuts and cocoa and cookies! Paintings and drawings and... library bookies!"

"Bookies?" I frowned. "If that's a word, I don't know it."

"I'm PR," the elf muttered, "Not really a poet."

I questioned her further, and though our rhyming fell short, I captured the story and here's my report:

The elves have been busy. The plans are all laid. Come downtown on the 7th and see the parade!



Red Arrow

- HOCKEY

SPORTS

Lowell Caledonia hockey shuts out Northview

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

Winter sports season at LHS kicked off last Friday as the co-op team of Lowell, Caledonia and Thornapple Kellogg

topped the co-op team of Northview, Comstock Park and Oakridge 5-0.

LC got off to a quick start as Austin Douma

scored off a rebound to take a 1-0 lead at the 10:10 mark. Dylan Olsen and Drew Klomparens each added a goal in the second period.

Douma would add his second goal of the night with 6:10 to play to make it 4-0, and Klomparens would finish the scoring to make it 5-0 assisted by Wade Fridley. Goaltender Tommy Near had a big night in net recording the shutout.

On Saturday the team fell to Jenison-Zeeland out

at Georgetown Ice Center by a score of 7-2.

Lowell Caledonia will head to Reeths-Puffer next Saturday. The team plays all home games at Kentwood Ice Arena. They compete in the Baum division along with East Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids Christian, Forest Hills Central, the

co-op team of Forest Hills Northern and Eastern and East Kentwood.

The members of the team that are from Lowell High School are Austin Douma, Ethan Bierlein, Andrew Davis, Owen Carpenter, Spencer Guppy and Christian Smith



Lowell Caledonia Hockey's Austin Douma recorded two goals in their season opening win over Northview.

BOYS VARSITY HOCKEY UPCOMING SCHEDULE

* Denotes a home game at Kentwood Ice Arena

Nov. 30 at 3 pm at Reeths-Puffer

Dec. 6 & 7 time TBA at Petoskey Showcase

Dec. 13 at 8 pm Forest Hills Northern at Patterson Ice Arena



LHS announces November Students of the Month

Lowell High School has announced that Aaron Fox, 12th grade and Nora Jannenga, 11th grade, are the Lowell High School November Students of the Month. In order to be eligible for this honor a student must be nominated by a department. All the nomination forms for the month are then reviewed and voted on at the monthly department chair meeting. Students are selected based on academic

would like to nominate Mr. Aaron Fox to be Student of the Month for November, 2019. It is with absolute pleasure that I write this letter because I have known Aaron well for the past three years and have personally witnessed his growth into an exceptional young man. As a student in my chemistry and AP chemistry classes, he consistently demonstrated his aptitude for the sciences with an inquisitive mind, impeccable organization, perfect questions, and outstanding academic performance. What stands out about Aaron is his thoroughness. When Aaron enters your classroom, he is ready to work and work to the best of his ability. He is never absent, always participates fully and positively in class, and gives his absolute best. What I have loved about Aaron this year is that he has taken on more of a leadership role in helping other students in AP chemistry. If you were in this class. You would probably want to be Aaron's lab and practice partner. Aaron's homework is always impeccably organized, well-researched, and almost always perfect. His math skills are top notch; his attitude is exceptional. This

kid is simply an amazing chemistry student and citizen."

Sarah Ellis nominated Jannenga and she writes,



Nora Jannenga

"Nora Jannenga was in my 1st trimester Spanish 4A class, she did more than just receive an A, she lifted the expectations of the class with her work ethic and positive attitude. Nora was always well prepared, thoughtful in her work, as well as kind to others. On her final 5-minute presentation in Spanish, Nora was well prepared. She presented in the target language without glancing at her notes while using the same inflection and poise one would hope to see in an English-speaking debate class."



Aaron Fox

achievement, character, and work ethic. There are 1,200 students eligible for nomination, so this is quite an accomplishment for Fox and Jannenga. The students receive a \$20 movie gift card and a certificate.

Fox was nominated by Josh Rose and he writes, "I

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Red Arrow VOLLEYBALL SPORTS

Dream season for Lowell volleyball

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

It was a tough task for the Lowell Red Arrows varsity volleyball team in their 3-1 loss on Saturday. The team across from them, Farmington Hills Mercy, was ranked number one in the state of Michigan, number three nationally by USA Today, and had plenty of experience at Kellogg Arena with a finalist appearance in 2011 and final four appearances in 2017 and 2018. They also had the state's Miss Volleyball,

Drake told reporters after the game.

The Red Arrow faithful showed up in big numbers to support their number two ranked Red Arrows in their first ever state championship appearance. While there are no official statistics on fan count by school, team officials say they frequently heard the Red Arrow fan base was one of the largest contingents the volleyball finals has seen.

"The support meant so

point advantage to take set one 25-21.

Set two started well enough for Lowell, with a 9-4 lead. It all changed quickly as Mercy would go on a 21-3 tear to take control of the match and a 2-0 lead. Despite the lopsided finish to set two, the Arrows were not fazed.

"We weren't going to back down from them, and we knew they were going to get their big kills, but it was about just bouncing back and finding a way to keep grinding it out," said Coach Drake.

Lowell would bounce back in set three, starting with another hot start after making it 3-0 on an Emily Struckmeyer block. The Arrows had leads of 15-10 and 20-15, but nothing would come easy against the top-ranked Marlins. At set point, 24-23 LHS, Mercy would spike it down for what would've made it a set-tying 24th point, but a Marlin playing committed a violation stepping across the center line giving Lowell a 25-23 set three win.

Set four began similar to the first three sets, with a quick lead by Lowell, this time 6-1. Mercy would go on a run midway through the set and regain control up 19-17. Mercy would then extend the lead to three, or so it seemed. Second year head coach Jordan Drake felt something was wrong with the last point and after consulting with the umpire, she agreed with him. "Our setter Sophie Powell went to set the ball. The Mercy player was in the back row, and completed her attack from the front zone when the ball was over the net which would be a violation."



The Lowell bench celebrates a point during set three of the MHSAA State Finals.

Referees Jill Baker-Cooler and Marci Tawney discussed with each other and agreed with Coach Drake's challenge. That challenge and ruling ended up being a two-point swing back to 19-18 and a crucial call in Lowell's comeback effort.

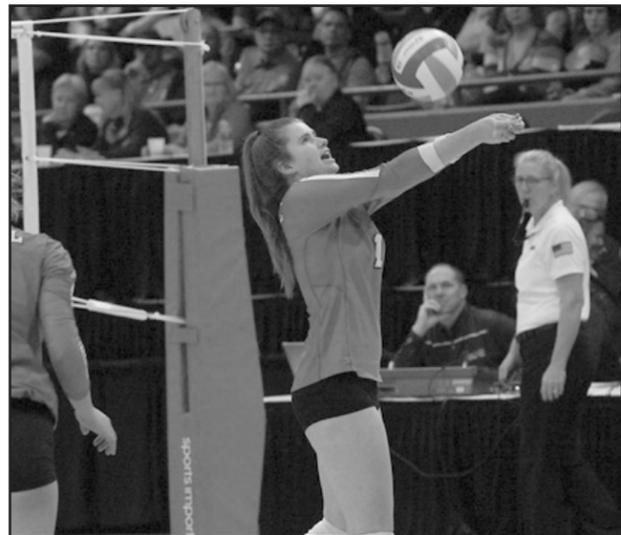
The Red Arrows got it back to 21-21 behind three straight Reitsma kills, and the teams would trade

ever recorded in a state finals match. She offered her compliments to the Red Arrow team following the match. "Lowell played amazing. They're an amazing team. They played out of their minds."

Reitsma led the Red Arrows with 22 kills and 12 digs. Meghan Meyer had 17 kills along with 7 digs. Hall had 13 digs and three aces, and Kambry Kloosterman

in the semifinal match. There was a bit of deja vu during the match as Lowell fell behind early losing the first set 25-17. Like the quarterfinals they also trailed early in the second set before turning the match around en route to a 3-1 (17-25, 25-19, 25-17, 25-15) victory.

Lowell finished the season 55-4 breaking many records along the way. The



Sophie Powell with one of her 40 assists in the State Championship match.

Jessica Mruzik on their side. Lowell however, had something on their side the Marlins didn't have. A crowd of 2,000 strong at their backs.

"I think it's phenomenal for our program and our community. The crowd, the students, they're amazing and getting that kind of following speaks volumes about these girls and the kind of community members they are to get that backing and fill up the entire side. It's definitely a step in the right direction with this program," Coach Jordan

much to our team, and it was awesome to have our community with us on this awesome journey," setter Sophie Powell added.

In their previous two matches, slow starts would doom Lowell in set 1, but it was the Red Arrows who took it to the Marlins to start. Jenna Reitsma would get a kill for point one and Emma Hall would get an ace to follow for a quick 2-0 start. The teams would go back and forth until a few unforced Red Arrow errors allowed Mercy to take a 17-13 edge. They rode that four



Drew Struckmeyer cheers on his sister, Emily and the rest of the Red Arrow team during the division 1 state championship match.

points to 24-24. Lowell fended off one match point in the sequence, but would lose the next two to end the match.

"These girls just play together and fight for every point," Drake added. "There's not a point we're going to give up, and they just responded. We talked in the huddle, and we wanted to go five with them." The team nearly did just that having taken set four down to the wire.

Mercy's Mruzik had 34 kills during the match which was the third highest

had 10 digs. Powell led with 40 of the teams 43 assists.

Last Tuesday, Lowell played number three ranked Mattawan at Jenison in the state quarterfinals. The Red Arrows dropped set one, and fell behind 13-5 in set two. Lowell went on a 6-0 run and once they started rolling never stopped en route to a 3-1 (17-25, 26-24, 25-17, 25-14) victory. Reitsma recorded the game-winning block.

On Thursday, the Red Arrows faced defending state champions Lake Orion

Red Arrows won their first regional title, made their first final four championship game appearance, and broke the record for most wins in a season. The team earned academic all-state honors and several players earned individual records.

"It was a great experience for us to go through as a team. It means so much because we got to show how far all of our hard work has gotten us. I wouldn't have wanted to do this with any other people," added Powell.



Coach Drake with the team on a timeout. Photo courtesy of Brett Bremer.

obituaries

FLANAGAN

Gordon R. Flanagan age 89 of Rockford, died Friday, November 22, 2019 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Gordy was born December 21, 1929 in Grand Rapids, the son of Percy and Beatrice (Edwards) Flanagan. He served in the National Guard for three years. He owned and operated Flanagan Livestock Hauling for over 60 years. His dog, Spike was always by his side. Surviving are his children, Pat (Gerrit) Schut, Kathy Drew, Leo (Patty) Flanagan, Sharon (Charlie) Hieftje, Norm (Shelly) Flanagan, Patrick (Tina) Flanagan, Paul (Ann) Flanagan; 21 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren; siblings, Irene, Erma, Roger (Carol); many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Kathryn; children, Michael Flanagan, Beckie Washington; son-in-law, Gilbert Drew; granddaughter, Candace; great-grandchildren, Kimberly and Jalen Robert; siblings, Bruce, Harvey, Lloyd, Barb, Waneta and Donna. The family greeted friends Tuesday, November 26 at the Bliss-Witters & Pike Funeral Home, Cedar Springs. Family interment St. Patrick's Cemetery, Parnell. Memorial contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice, P.O. Box 389, Cedar Springs, MI 49319.



Rogue River Artisan Market to feature fine art and crafts

While there are many bazaars and fall craft shows in the area, Lowell is known for a premier event that showcases fine arts and crafts from around the state while raising money for Lowell Area Schools.

The Rogue River Artisans Juried Fine Art and Craft Holiday Sale is taking place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7 with more than 120 artists bringing products to sell. The items sold at the event include higher-end art and creative crafts selected by a juried panel.

One of the originators of the event that is now in its 37th year, Robin White, says the items selected have to be "purposeful" and that there is nothing that "is flea market stuff."

"It is truly a fine art and craft show," said White, a

retired Lowell art teacher. "This is high quality, original, handcrafted artwork."

The event started in 1983 under the guidance of White, who was one of the original artists, with the help of her husband, Rick. About 25 artists and craftspeople displayed their artwork in the cozy environment of Deer Run Golf Course complete with a fire in the fireplace and delicious lunches. The group moved to the Lowell High School Gym and Cafeteria, 11700 Vergennes Road, in 2000 and now students help with the event. The Red Arrow Special Activities fund receives all the profits after expenses are deducted.

"We have many artists that have joined us for years and years," White said. "Each year, many new

artists add to the creativity level and items for sale."

While many artists are local, there are artists from all over the state and some travel from neighboring states. "Our artists are juried as to how they make their art and how it is completed and displayed," White said. "All items must be handmade and original."

"This is a great place to gather, shop, and meet friends," White said. "We look forward to being a part of the Lowell holiday season and all of the festivities."

"This brings so many people in the community to the event," White said about the more than 3,000 people who attended last year.

The Rogue River Artists were involved in the original event with four originators pursuing the creation of a show that featured about

20 to 25 individuals. "That has grown over the years into this," White said. Two originators still have products at the event.

To be selected, artists must submit photographs of themselves creating their product, how it will be displayed, and an application. Any more common item needs to be creative and artistic.

The event also is unique because of the diversity of entries. With the juried selection, there is not an overabundance of a particular product. The event includes glassworks, sculptures, handmade jewelry, pottery, photography, printmaking, weaving, fabric, painted items, gourd designs, birdhouses, ornaments, toys, fine artworks, furniture, metal art, wood items, homemade wearable items, children's items, seasonal items, floral, specialty foods, paintings, scarves, rugs, leather items, illustrations, and more.

"The proceeds go to the students," White said. Money is raised through the booth fees, the \$2 admission charge, and food sales. Breakfast and lunch options such as soups and croissants are available for sale as well.

More information about the event is available at www.lowellholidayartshow.com. Information about the history of the event, the artists, the venue, and more is listed on the website and there also is a Facebook page.



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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).

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DRIVER WANTED - for taking me to my chiropractor. For details call Linda between 8 am-noon, 897-9202.

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PLEASE NOTE - All ads placed in this category must be prepaid.

LOST TAILGATE - From utility trailer 3/4" x 12" x 45" with forever trailer plate. If found please call 897-8632. Thank you.

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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

ALTO AMERICAN LEGION - No dinner scheduled for Fri., Nov. 29. No Sunday breakfast on Dec. 1. 6056 Linfield Ave, Alto.

FAX SERVICE - We send or receive a fax for you! Great Rate - \$1 for the first page & 50¢ for each additional page. Buyers Guide, 105 N. Broadway, 897-9555.

Community Calendar AND ONGOING EVENTS

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY TOPS MI #372 - every Tuesday, weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m. in the activity room at Schneider Manor, Lowell.

SENSORY TODDLER TIMES - Tuesdays, 6:30 - 7:30. Dec. 3 - Feb. 18. (except Dec. 24). Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

FAMILY STORYTIME - Thursdays at 10 am, Dec. 5 - Feb. 20 (except Dec. 26 & Jan. 2). Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

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 RAIL-TRAIL - 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.

FROM'S MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOAN CLOSET - is open Monday through Thursday from 10 am to 4 pm; donate gently used medical equipment or borrow equipment including wheelchairs, walkers,

crutches and more.

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

MUSIC & MOVEMENT - Wednesdays, 11 a.m. Kids age 5 & under are invited to sing & dance to favorite storytime songs. Alvah N. Belding Library, 302 E. Main St., Belding. 616-794-1450.

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

CANCER - NEW MEMBER MEETING - Every Tuesday, 5-5:30 p.m. Introductory meeting for those who wish to join the cancer support program. Please register in advance. Gilda's Club, Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

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.

MUSIC & MOVEMENT - every Tuesday at 10 am. Enjoy songs & dance in this active program for children ages 0-5. Clarksville Area Library, 165 N. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

ALPHA FAMILY CENTER OF LOWELL - 519 E. Main. Hours: Mon. & Wed. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Tues. & Thurs. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Diapers, formula, clothing & free ultrasounds & pregnancy testing available. www.afclowell.org

1st trimester Lowell High School Honor Roll

Lowell High School has announced the Honor Roll for the 1st trimester – 2019-20 school year. 1st trimester term GPA must be a 3.000 or higher to qualify based on final grades

9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Emily Ake	Kaidance Martino	Paige Barnhart	Zeke McMeeken
Jordan Alcalá	Alexander May	January Basinger	Joshua Meier
Colin Baas	Gavin Mazarka	Blake Bennett	Oscar Melby
Ryan Baker	Emma McCormick	Blake Bennett	Molly Meyers
Gracie Bassett	Augustus McDonald	Samantha Bennett	Mackenzie Miller
Landon Battle	Ivy McDonald	Kendra Berg	Carissa Mitchell
Hannah Bechill	Luke McMillan	Alexis Berrington	Leah Bredwell
Haylie Beers	Jack Meier	Hanna Bogoski	Derek Mohr
Olivia Berg	Katelyn Meyers	Madison Borrelli	Kassandra Morgan
Ian Berrington	Zoey Mierendorf	Elyse Bosscher	Maloryn Mrozinski
Kayla Bibbler	Avery Miles	Travis Boyd	Sydney Munson
Alexander Binns	Landon Miller	Robert Brabant	Brady Musser
Collin Blattner	Landon Miller	Mariah Bracey	Devin Nelson
Evan Blazo	Levi Mills	Eric Bryce	Grace Nielsen
Vivianne Bledsoe	Hayden Mitchell	Hayden Burt	Ethan Nieuwkoop
Kyra Boersma	McKenzie Munson	Kaylee Byrne	Keegan Nugent
Dylan Bomia	Bristol Nash	Cailey Calhoun	Noah Oswald
Brenden Brandt	Gunnar Nelson	Liam Carpenter	Amanda Oudbier
Benjamin Bromley	Aubriegh Oswald	Owen Carpenter	Emma Parsons
Alonzo Bruinekool	Ryan Parsons	Elise Charon	Cameron Pawloski
Abbey Brummel	Caroline Peal	Freja Roslund	Ethan Pawloski
Logan Buckingham	Lauren Pearson	Alexis Royer	Emma Pearson
Colton Byrne	Ayden Pellerito	Nathan Ryan	Alana Peters
Katie Camphouse	Karina Peplinski	Chloe Sandborn	Asher Peters
Zachary Chambers	Elisha Peters	Dana Sanders	Tyler-Jacob Pett
Campbell Cheney	Ramsey Ponchaud	Jadan Sanders	Brayton Phillips
Alaina Clark	Savannah Redumski	Anna Beatriz Sant'ana	Paige Phillips
Eleanora Clark	Ilana Rhodes	Cierra Sayer	Sophia Powell
Eleanora Clark	Easton Rich	Emma Schmidt	Mallory Price
Taylor Clark	Dustin Richardson	Isabella Schmidt	Skylie Raab
Samantha Conrad	Grace Richmond	Evyn Schneider	Alexander Reisbig
Carson Crace	Jack Rickert	Emma Schulte	Jason Reitsma
Keara Crawford	Jazmin Rios Soriano	Evan Schulte	Jenna Reitsma
Jacob Davidson	Addisen Rodriguez	Andrew Serne	Brooke Rempalski
Leah Davidson	Preston Rojas	Emily Shay	Reid Reynolds
Patrick de Voest	Hope Rummelt	Sara Simoes	Evan Richter
Maeve Dougherty	Emma Sage	Lucas Sloma	Russell Richter
Dawson Douma	Annika Sandman	Evan Smith	Steven Rickert
Brooklynn Dusendang	Katrina Sandman	Gage Snarski	Skyler Ripmaster
Gage Dutkiewicz	Keira Sandman	Preston Sobek	Logan Rose
Reid Eldred	Rhys Sandman	Jeselyn Spaulding	Olivia Rose
Brooke Ellsworth	Anna Seddon	Kyler Spike	Izabel Rutz
Christopher Elwell	Nicholas Seddon	Cassandra Sprague	Logan Ryan
Drew Ferrill	Alanee Selover	Lara Steffens	Bradley Salgat
Isabelle Field	Julian Shafer	Kelsey Stephens	Hannah Schmidt
Aidan Fitzpatrick	Gabryel Shepard	Zachary Stevens	Jarod Schoenwandt
Ezekiel Flentje	Dannion Simmet	Haleigh Strouse	Ian Schwartz
Sophia Flickinger	Nolan Simmons	Emily Struckmeyer	Emma Seddon
Lucinda Foreman	Elayna Skibbe	Lauren Swain	Autumn Serylo
Kyleigh Foss	Steven Skinner	Joseph Swanson	Carter Sherman
Aidan Foster	Cameron Sluss	Brody Swift	Ethan Shindorf
David Foster	Alyson Smith	Avery Szymanski	Luke Skinner
Sophia Fotis	Connor Smith	Jenna Taber	Ayden Slater
Noah Franz	David Smith	Leonardo Tavarone	Christian Smith
Alfredo Garcia-Tinoco	Kaitlyn Smith	Mia Tavarone	Anna Snell
Lillian Geelhoed	Logan Smith	Moirá Thayer	Brett Spanbauer
Ian George	Andrew Snell	Kaitlynn Thompson	Sydney Spanbauer
Audrie Gessler	Kalea Sobie	Olivia Torline	Tyler Spinella
Ryan Goggins	Makayla Socall	Justin Troost	Abigail Stickney
Isaac Graham	Alyssa Spanbauer	Jennie Underwood	Cassidy Stormzand
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Amelia Hancock	Hunter Stepanovich	Haley VanGorp	Troy Taylor
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William Johnston	Andrew Veldman	Shelby Wilcox	Sydney Thompson
Chloe Jones	Vivian VerHulst	Ethan Willard	Tyler Spinella
Krista Jungblut	Lauren Visscher	Julia Wilterink	Abigail Stickney
Josiah Kissinginger	Henry Vredevelt	Logan Wurtz	Cassidy Stormzand
Jonah Kniss	Mason Wade	Aaron Young	Zeth Strejz
William Kolp	Emmaline Wasciuk	Gabriel Young	Ava Tavarone
Jason Korzen	Emma White	Michelle Zou	Riley Taylor
Ethan Krieger	Courtney Witten		Troy Taylor
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FUN PAGE

SUDOKO

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5	4	9	6		2		8	1
	2				8		9	
				3				
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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!

WORK SAFETY WORD SEARCH

M P Y H E E C U X N A A P P R O V E D T
 X U R G Y E Y O H F H G D A C D Y G C I
 E V Z R Y V S N D N T T M D G C R E G D
 Z V I I V G N C O M G F S U S O O Y D U
 N F G F N Y N O I T U A C E A M T N A A
 N O I T A S N E P M O C G D F P A C N U
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 I F Z O I C M R X P U F U Y V A G C A T
 O N A E T X X A V A U T H O R I Z E D N
 N L H N Y T M A R I N V E S T I G A T E

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

Puzzle solutions on page 12

WORK SAFETY WORD SEARCH

COMPENSATION

EXPERT

POLICY

COMPETENT

HAZARD

REGULATORY

COMPLIANCE

HAZMAT

SAFETY

CORRECTIVE

HYGIENE

STRATEGY

ACCESS

APPROVED

AUDIT

AUTHORIZED

CAUTION

DANGEROUS

DUE DILIGENCE

EMPLOYEE

ERGONOMICS

INSPECTION

INVESTIGATE

LOSS

MITIGATION

Guess Who?

I am a singer/songwriter born in New York on June 21, 1985. I received my first recording contract at age 20 while performing at a local club. My breakout love song propelled me to fame in 2011.

Answer: Lana Del Rey

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to oceans.

R E C N U T R

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Answer: Current

	1	2	3	4	5	6		7	8	9	10	11	12	
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60			61		62				63				64	
65		66							67				68	
	69									70				

CLUES ACROSS

- Ancient Rome had one
- Engagement rings tend to have them
- Not the leader
- Decorated
- Morning
- The Garden State
- _, myself and I
- Gets up
- Type of meal
- Cavalry sword
- Proclaims
- Historic places
- They go into space
- Hostelry
- Peter's last name
- Necessary for syrup
- Kids' channel
- Take upon oneself
- A bog
- Small cavities in a gland
- Grand Theft Auto vehicle
- More vigorous
- Supply to excess
- Pie ___ mode
- Dash
- You sometimes pardon it
- Catch doing something wrong

- A constellation's second star
- Famed French painter of dancers
- Engines do it
- Chemically inactive
- Moved quickly on foot
- Threaten persistently
- Commercial
- Listen without the speaker's knowledge
- Rhodium
- Caregivers to kids
- Highly ornamented
- Real, fixed property
- Brains

- Natives of Alberta, Canada
- Cause to become insane
- Feed
- Crime organization
- Acrobatic feats
- Car mechanics group
- Mustachioed actor Elliott
- Inquired
- S. Korean industrial city
- Member of the cuckoo family
- Test for high schoolers
- Some nights are these
- Helps you stay organized
- Cool!
- Genus containing pigs
- An opinion at odds
- Types of bears
- Smartphones give them
- Nobel physicist Hans
- Where rock stars work
- Your car needs it
- Dutch name for Ypres
- Go after
- Cold wind
- Examines animals
- Popular island alcohol
- Northeast
- Indicates position

CLUES DOWN

- Resembling apes
- Famed TV host Sullivan
- Rare Hawaiian geese
- Convicted traitor
- Make into leather
- Urge to do something
- Small town in Spain
- They promote products
- Small Eurasian deer
- Ancient people
- The Volunteer State
- Academic term



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

The Waxy Dachshund

Lowell candle maker features unique scents

by Cindy M. Cranmer
contributing reporter

As the holidays approach, many people walk into the homes of family and friends and are greeted with the warm light of scented candles.

Putting those unique scents in the home of Lowell residents and beyond is the goal of Shayna Woodwyk and her local business, The

do it, she came and asked if I wanted to take over."

With Woodwyk taking over, she has tried to develop a local following. Her most recent attempt to do this was at the Christmas through Lowell event.

"My focus is now trying to do more local," she said. "That's new for the brand."

Woodwyk is working to bring her signature

embracing that. Her scents are not something that customers will necessarily find in a bigger, chain store.

Scents include: mahogany teakwood, vanilla patchouli, Indian sandalwood, ginger lime, eucalyptus and mint, winter garden, teakwood and cardamom, mistletoe, and more.

"These are hand-blended. They are all custom blended," Woodwyk said. She is currently working on a new scent blend with coriander, which is a spice, and tonka, which is a bean. "This is a very, warm rich cozy scent that is slightly musky," she said.

Woodwyk is using many of the old owners' recipes and is bringing her own flare and style to the company. Her husband, Caleb Woodwyk supported her by building her a shop for her candle making and creating a space to use.

Woodwyk and her husband have three children with the oldest being her 14-year-old stepdaughter, Kaylie. The couple also has a seven-year-old son, Carson, and a four-year-old son, Everett. Finding an enjoyable activity to spend time bonding with her stepdaughter was one of the reasons Woodwyk got interested in making candles. The hobby



Shayna Woodwyk pictured with her display at this year's Christmas Through Lowell.



Waxy Dachshund. The specialty candle shop sells products at local craft shows, bazaars, through Facebook, on Etsy and, if the newest owner has her way, in local stores someday.

The company originally began in Chicago in 2015 and was inspired by two "adorable" dachshunds, Hank and Penelope. Woodwyk got involved about a year and a half ago, taking over for the family friend who ran the company. Since customers can order products online, those in Chicago can still get their products.

"She didn't really have the time to devote to it. I started helping her," Woodwyk said. "When it eventually got to the point she couldn't

style to the company, developing her own scents and fragrances for the hand-poured candles. She creates the candles with a blend of soy and vegetable waxes.

Using natural products allows the candles to burn clean, more evenly, and for a longer time period. Her nine-ounce candles can burn for 50 to 60 hours. Woodwyk uses the maximum amount of fragrance oil possible so that customers will get a candle that they can smell for more than just the first few times of burning it.

"When you purchase a candle from us, you get a quality handmade product that you will love," she said.

Woodwyk, who loves the outdoors, is starting to create product lines

turned into a passion for her.

"I started doing this on a hobby basis for something to do with my daughter," she said. "Now, it has grown from there."

In May, Woodwyk

left her employer and plans to pursue running the company, along with watching her children, as a full-time career.

"At first, I was just getting the hang of it," she said. "Now, I love making the soy wax blends."

Woodwyk said the biggest thing she learned is that pouring and making candles is not as easy as people think. "It's not as simple as you would think," she said. "This is slowly evolving into what I want it to be."

She is transitioning away from more colorful products to more natural looks with the option to add colors to the candles as custom orders.

"My packaging is unique," she said. Woodwyk described that the jars have a more modern look and often

feature square jars.

Woodwyk is working on updating the website, www.thewaxydachshund.com, and building up the Etsy store. "I am in the process of growing," she said. "I am kind of diving into it now," Woodwyk said. "Growing the business will not only help me financially but will help me give back."

A share of the profits will be used to give back to dog-related rescue groups.

"Making a purchase is kind of giving back to the animal community," she said.

Woodwyk's passion for giving to dogs is a factor in the company. While Woodwyk has two dogs, one is a boxer the other a pitbull mix. "Ironically, neither of them are dachshunds," she said.

