

Annual Pink Arrow Pride disbursement includes \$68,000 for Gilda's Club of Lowell



Photo by Bruce Doll

Teresa Beachum presents a check for \$68,000 from Pink Arrow 2019 to Wendy Wigger president of Gilda's Club at the annual holiday party. All of these dollars stay local at the Lowell clubhouse.

families in Lowell who are currently fighting cancer. Because of the Lowell community – individuals, students, neighbors, and local businesses—families who are currently fighting this devastating illness are receiving the support they need now. In 2019 alone, 92 local families received a financial grant to help them navigate difficulties brought on by cancer. Beyond supporting individual families, Pink Arrow Pride maintains two scholarships. One in honor of Kathy Talus, a former Lowell teacher and coach who lost her battle with cancer, and a second in honor of Dr. Donald Gerard who has dedicated more than 30 years volunteering and giving care to student athletes. Furthermore, Pink Arrow provides critical support the Gilda's Club of Lowell, which provides numerous programs to families facing cancer. Detailed fund disbursement is outlined below.

The Pink Arrow Pride volunteer committee remains committed to ensuring that 100 percent of the funds raised remain in Lowell and go directly to support the before mentioned programs with zero dollars spent on administrative costs. The committee is humbled by the incredible results achieved in 2019, only made possible by the continued commitment and support of the entire Lowell community. The Pink Arrow Pride committee is excited to begin planning for the Pink Arrow Pride XIII event. The committee welcomes two new members, Tracy Loughlin and Bryleigh Cook, to lead fundraising. Any community member or company interested in becoming a t-shirt sponsor can contact the fundraising team at PinkArrowPrideFunds@gmail.com or by phone at 616-443-1575.

2019 Pink Arrow Pride XII Fund Awards

- Gilda's Club of Lowell: \$68,000
- Lowell Community Wellness Family Support: \$40,000
- Kathy Talus and Dr. Donald Gerard Scholarships: \$3,500

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On Friday, September 13, the Lowell community, led by the students of Lowell High School, filled the Red Arrow Stadium for the twelfth annual Pink Arrow Pride XII event. A truly special event, it brought together community members to support individuals and families whose lives are impacted by cancer. The day

aims to uplift families who have lost or have a surviving loved one by memorializing, honoring and celebrating their names. From names on t-shirts, banners on main street, pink paint on the field, the survivor parade or the pregame ceremony, it is a powerful day for all. The Pink Arrow Pride experience raised the level

of awareness of cancer and provided an opportunity for Lowell's student athletes to demonstrate that life is not just about winning competitions, but that there are more important values of family, community, kindness, honor, and service. Pink Arrow Pride is a unique organization raising money to help

Lowell Township fill ordinance

by Tim McAllister lead reporter

The Lowell Township board of trustees had their latest regular meeting at Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash SE, on Monday, Dec. 16. The meeting lasted just under two hours and was attended by 14 local residents.

Discussion at the meeting was dominated by a potential "fill ordinance" the township has been working on. According to the document, available to read on the township's website www.twp.lowell.mi.us/proposedadoptedordinances.html, the purpose of the fill ordinance would be "to establish operational, maintenance, performance and reclamation standards for fill activities; to provide for approvals and the licensing thereof; and to establish penalties for violations of this ordinance." Those opposed to the zoning ordinance said it

would hamper development of businesses in the township, it could leave the township open to a lawsuit and the already-existing noise ordinance should be sufficient to handle any nuisances of that nature.

Lowell Township trustee Steve VanderZiel said he created and headed a committee that investigated the issue and created the fill ordinance. VanderZiel explained that the committee consisted of board members, "dirt moving people" and Lowell Township residents.

"The first meetings went smooth and they went rougher as we went," VanderZiel said. "Everyone had opinions, some were stronger than others. There was some compromise, there was some non-compromise. [...] My biggest concern was taking rights away from people, from landowners." Township, continued, page 3

Lowell YMCA moving into old Impact Church

by Tim McAllister lead reporter

The Lowell YMCA has purchased the old Impact Church building at 1069 Lincoln Lake and will move their operation to that location sometime next year.

"After the board's approval to purchase the Impact Church in Lowell on Nov. 29, we have now made the next step in our journey to open a new location for our Lowell YMCA," said Scott Lewis, president/CEO of YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids. "The YMCA is working in partnership with the city of Lowell and Vergennes Township, along with the leaders of Impact Church, to move forward with our plans to renovate the building into a new YMCA. We

are currently finalizing renovation plans, project costs and contingencies."

According to surveys



Above: The future location of the Lowell YMCA used to be the Impact Church at 1069 Lincoln Lake.

Below: The current location of the Lowell YMCA, 1335. W. Main.



and input at public meetings, a public swimming pool is one of the community's most desired amenities. It is possible the new YMCA could include this feature, but it is too early to say for sure right now.

"We are excited about what this move will mean for the Lowell community [and] we look forward to sharing more details in early February," Lewis said. "We are hopeful that sometime in the fourth quarter of 2020 we will be welcoming individuals and families to the new Lowell YMCA."

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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

December 1, 1944:

This begins a new month. Wonder how many more we will be here. Nothing to write about. Had a hat made out of the sleeves of my sweater today by a Mexican in a room down the hall. Looks pretty good. Green with white trim.

war is going to be over right away. Also met a nephew of the Dr. Stricker that use to be in Lowell. Guess that is about all.

December 13, 1944 - Wed.:

Another day done. And nothing to say. Three months ago today I was shot down.

pettry good records. It's really winter here now. Cold as all hell! Not much more to say.

December 22, 1944:

Not much to write about. Same old things and we're still here. It sure is cold here now. I'll never forget this winter. Our room is always like an icebox and it's so darn cold that a person can hardly sleep at night. We just lay around with coats on or cover-up with our blankets. Last night, The R.A.F. went over. A few minutes later, we heard the flak guns banging away and then the bombs go off that they dropped. It shook the barrack and rattled the windows. Not much more to say. Bigby got some mail tonight. Just got through eating supper...good old plain spuds.

December 24-25-26, Christmas, 1944:

I'm writing this in the 26th, which will cover Christmas Eve and Christmas and today. We faired better for Christmas than I thought we would. Starting Xmas Eve, we got a Christmas Red Cross parcel per man bout 8:00 in the morn., and then had roll call, which was the last one until this morn. On Xmas Eve and Xmas night, the Germans left the barrack doors and lights on until midnight so we could go outdoors after dark, which is the first time I've been outdoors at night since I've been a P.O.W. Some Xmas carrols were sang at midnight out in the center of the compound. The Xmas parcel had canned turkey, jam, honey, cheese, deviled ham, sausage, some hard candy, two fruit bars, dates, a pipe, tobacco, cigs and gum, a deck of cards and a wash rag. Also, two pictures and some nuts. Christmas morn, I was sick as all hell. Ate a lot of that rich food and really was sick! We got more than we dared hope for but it still didn't seem like Xmas being penned up over here. The news seems to get worse all the time. Now we hear the Germans are advancing and making

good. Looks sometimes like we're going to be here a hell of a lot longer than we were thinking. I've also been having a little trouble... seems like a strain or rupture is showing up. They want to put me in the hospital but are going to doctor it along a while and see what develops. Joe Karf and myself bunk

haircut last night. First once since last July! Gordon got a hold of some scissors and cut most of our hair in here. He's pettry good at it. All we do in here is play poker from morn till night for cigs. I've been pettry lucky. The news has been just so-so. Wrote a letter home tonight.

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January 13, 1945:

Four months ago today, I was shot down. Well, today has been a pettry good day, as we finally got bunks in today. They are quite the thing. Made of wood, with two births, three men to a birth. Joe, Bogard and myself have an upper. Makes things a little better. The news was pettry good today. Said we are advancing on all fronts and that Greece has signed a peace treaty. Makes a person feel better to hear some good news like that. Wrote home today, also, Junior & MaryAnn.

January 16, 1945:

Not much to write about. Things are about the same as ever. The weather is real cold now. Gordon is taking bets 3 to 1 that there will be a truce on the Western front on or before Jan. 28th.

January 22, 1945:

Today we got word on the A.T. that we may be evacuated because of the Russian Drive. I will be taken up some place S.W. of here near Berlin. About 120 klm; will go on foot 20 klm per day.

January 23, 1945:

Sweating it out.

January 24, 1945:

Pauls had a conference with the commandant. It is now official that we may leave.

January 9, 1945:

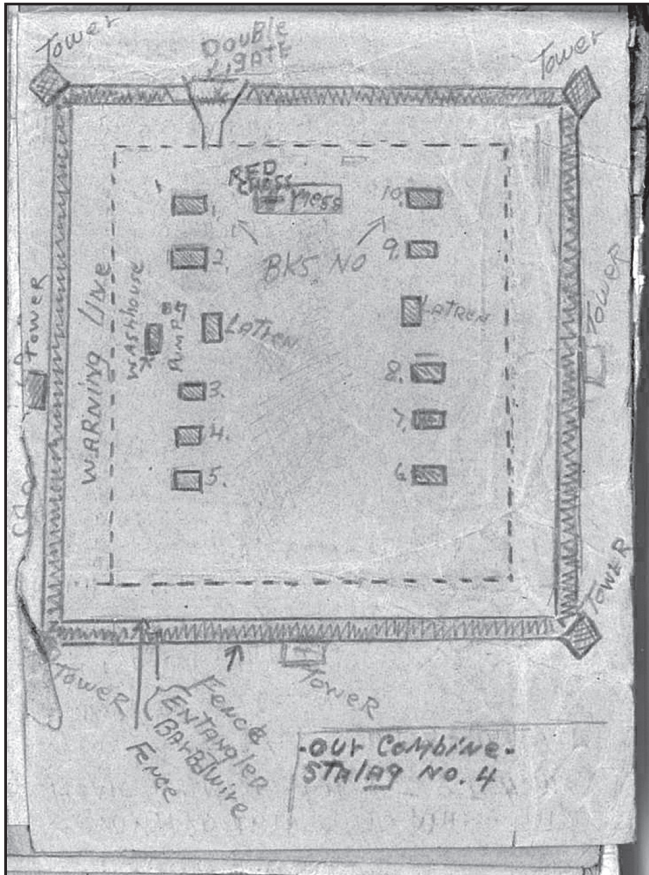
Not much to say...have been sick as hell all day. Both Joe and myself. We stewed some prunes last night and ate them this morn. Had headache, stomachache, cramps, chills...really was sick!! The weather has been pettry cool. Snowed today.

December 30, 1944:

Went to the show today. It was pettry good. Guess I had my first real laugh at it today. Tom Edwards puts them on. He use to be on the stage in the states (Master of Ceremonies). He's really good for a laugh. A fair band has also been developed. But all in all, Edwards deserves a lot of credit. News has been rotten lately. And the weather the same (cold & snow). Other than that, nothing to write about.

January 5, 1945:

Well, we have started the new year, but nothing new has happened except I got a



"Our Combine - Stalag No. 4" drawn by Sgt. Ken Ayres.



Ken Ayres

December 9, 1944:

Well, a few more days have passes and nothing has happened to write about. The weather is getting colder everyday. Got a pair of O.D. pants and a shirt the other day. The Weatherman was around today. Says the Russians are starting again. That Colone has fallen and that they are fighting close enough to Frankfurt that the windows rattle and fall out. Not much more to say. Some new men came in a couple days ago. Got one of them in our room. They don't seem to think that the

Won't be long till Christmas. Bogard got three letters yesterday. The Bird was around and by the sound of things, the Japs are going to be licked before the Jerrys. Had our first real snow yesterday.

December 17, 1944:

Another day and still the same old thing. I'm sure getting my belly full of it. And I'm not the only one! A little while ago, I discovered that I was the owner of a family of crabs. I've had them all now. We have the phonograph tonight...some



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Township, continued

“The proposal coming before you today will stifle growth,” said Greg Forde. “It attempts to regulate private property and land use and really is an overreaction to the real issue that has driven us to this point, which is noise.”

“How do we make sure that the residents and the businesses work cohesively together,” asked Heidi Olesko, who owns a home on Missy’s Way behind Timpson Transport, and who served on the fill ordinance committee. “That hasn’t happened in the past, but we need it to happen in the future. That was the point of the fill ordinance. I came into it with a lot of good faith, hoping this would work for the future. [...] Clearly we are not all on the same page.”

Residential neighbors of Timpson Transport, 3175 Segwun Ave SE, have been complaining about extremely loud noises, increased truck traffic and drastic changes

to the natural landscape as a result of the company’s extended transition from an apple orchard to a mining and dumping operation.

“I’ve done a lot of work to try to absorb the noise,” said Timpson Transport owner John Timpson. “On the back of the pit we’re going up so the noise goes over. Hopefully that will take care of some of the problems at Ms. Olesko’s. If it doesn’t, I don’t know what else to do yet.”

Timpson Transport owner Colleen Timpson said that she would like to grow apples like the family did decades ago, but the mining industry is far more lucrative.

“I have socialized with you people,” Timpson said. “We have worked together and have known each other for many, many, many, many years. However, that does not mean you are in my back pocket. Do you understand that? We’re friends. This community is based on

people that have lived here many, many years. [...] I would give anything if that’s what we were still doing, growing fruit. God put a beautiful pile of sand underneath those trees. The trees weren’t growing, but guess what? The sand was worth a lot more, so we are mining the sand.”

The board voted 6-1 to forward the fill ordinance to the township’s planning commission for their review. The sole dissenting vote was from clerk/trustee Monica Burtt. Lowell Township planning commission chair David Simmonds was at the meeting and said that body would most likely take up the issue in April 2020.

The board also listened to a presentation about invasive plant species from Jessie Schulte, manager of the Kent Conservation District. Schulte said that the three most common invasive plants in the Lowell area were oriental bittersweet,



Lowell Township board in discussion during their meeting on Monday, Dec. 16.

phragmites grass and Japanese knotweed.

“We like to joke that we blame Martha Stewart, because she used to make wreaths with [oriental bittersweet],” Schulte said. “They were selling some of these wreaths over here in

Ada, and people would just dump them in their yard and then the vines would take over. [...] About 85 percent of our invasives are coming from the ornamental industry.”

The Lowell Township board’s next regular meeting will be at Lowell Township hall at 7 pm on Monday, Jan. 20.



Timpson Transport owner John Timpson said the company recently installed a security system to eliminate furtive after hours dumping.



Jessie Schulte, manager of the Kent Conservation District, and her assistant displaying an example of an invasive plant called oriental bittersweet.

NOTICE OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY GAS FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

The City of Lowell has received a request from Consumers Energy Company to grant it a 30-year non-exclusive revocable franchise to conduct a local gas business and, in connection therewith, authorize it to use public places including highways, streets and alleys.

Before the City Council can consider adoption of an ordinance granting the franchise to Consumers, the ordinance must be available for public inspection for at least four weeks after this publication.

A copy of the proposed ordinance 19-09 is available for inspection at the City Clerk’s office in City Hall at 301 E. Main Street in the City during regular business hours Monday through Friday.



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Managing Fear
by Stan Popovich

How To Survive a Panic Attack When It Strikes

Do you experience panic attacks and do not know what to do? A person can experience a panic attack when they least expect it. This can cause a great deal of fear and anxiety for the person. As a result, here are six easy steps a person can follow when a panic attack strikes unexpectedly and how to overcome anxiety.

1. Take a Break: The first thing a person must do when experiencing a panic attack is to stop whatever they are doing. A panic attack can be very uncomfortable and can affect a person's everyday thinking. Take a break to help regain your sense of comfort.

2. Take Deep Breaths: A person should take some deep breaths to help feel better and to get rid of some of the excessive fear and anxiety. There are also many kinds of breathing exercises a person can learn to follow

with the help of a mental health counselor. Taking some deep breaths can help a person relax right away.

3. Distract Yourself: A person should try to distract themselves from the panic they are experiencing. A person could get some fresh air, listen to some music, take a brisk walk, read the newspaper, or do something relaxing that will give them a fresh perspective on things.

4. Get the Facts of Your Situation: Many people feel like they are going to die when they experience a panic attack for the first time. The fact is that you will be okay and that it takes a few minutes for the anxiety to go away. Talk to a counselor and get the facts of what a panic attack is and what you can do when a panic attack occurs.

5. Don't Dwell on Your Thoughts:

A person must not dwell or focus on their thoughts during a panic attack. The more a person tries to reason out their thoughts the longer a panic attack will last. Read some positive statements from your favorite self-help book to help overcome your negative thoughts during a panic attack.

6. Get Help: It is important to talk to a qualified professional in order to learn how to survive a panic attack. By talking to a professional, a person will be helping themselves in the long run because they will become better able to deal with any panic attacks that may occur 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/>

State retirees switching to Medicare Advantage

The MCSC gave final approval to a memorandum of understanding outlining the state's switch to a Medicare Advantage plan for its retiree health care, to be managed by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

The state's health plan PPO for Medicare-eligible retirees will be replaced by the Medicare Advantage plan, both of which are managed by BCBSM. The changes are effective Jan. 1, 2020.

Bob Kopasz, chair of the Michigan State Employee Retirees Association, said today the plan name changed but the benefits will not. He said meetings

with the state helped alleviate the concerns his organization had when the state said it'd be switching to the Medicare Advantage plan.

The MOU indicated the benefits, coverages, exclusions, deductibles and copays are "substantially equivalent" in both plans.

State Personnel Director Janine Winters said Wednesday the state was able to maintain the "plan design" in the switch while adding telemedicine as one feature. She said the change would play a role in helping the state control its costs.

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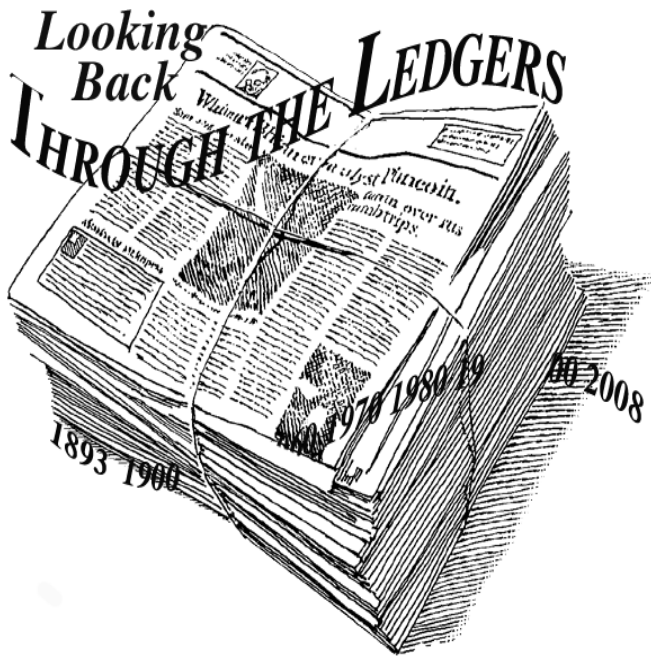
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viewpoint



125 years ago Lowell Ledger December 19, 1894

The secretary of the treasury has approved the income tax regulations. Every citizen of the United States, whether residing at home or abroad, and every person residing or doing business in the United States, who has an annual income of more than \$3,500, is required to make return under oath before the first Monday in March of each year. The first return is to include all income, received in the year 1894, from January 1 to December 31.

Casimir Herner, A Polander, aged 48, pounded his wife to death Friday morning and then committed suicide by shooting. No one knows anything about the tragedy. When Herner's daughter started for school in the morning everything was all right, but she found both her parents dead when she returned to the house at noon. The murder and suicide were undoubtedly premeditated.

Mrs. Ross Kinyon was so seriously burned by a gasoline explosion two weeks ago, died from her injuries Thursday, Dec. 13th, aged 26 years 3 months, 5 days. The funeral, which was held Saturday, was largely attended, the procession containing forty-seven teams. Mr. Kinyon, who was so badly burned in his efforts to save his wife and child, is still prostrated from his injuries and grief over the loss of his loved ones. He has been removed to the home of his mother, where he will receive tenderest care. He has the sympathy of all in his terrible bereavement.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger December 18, 1919

"Thrift Week" is to begin Jan. 17. The department of the treasury says that the people of the United States are making use of the lessons in saving they learned during the world war. The department points out that there are, of course, a great many persons who are spending money recklessly, but all the information on the subject of saving that is coming to the department indicates that the great masses of the people are paying more attention to saving than ever before. The treasury department is undoubtedly good authority on this subject for the savings division, which was established within the department during the war, has been made permanent and is one of the active divisions.

For killing an American eagle near Kalkaska, Ray Rosely and Claude Jackson, both of Grand Rapids, will be arraigned in police court.

Harry Watson, a traveling salesman, believed to have been lost in the wreck of the steamer City of Muskegon, has wired this city announcing that he is not dead.

75 years The Lowell Ledger December 21, 1944

We hear that a number of Lowell women are thinking quite seriously of taking a more active interest in the future in village elections. They figure that by doing so, more citizens will get out and vote than has been the practice for the past several years.

Roy C. Johnson, field artillery, of Alto, was awarded the silver star for evacuating two wounded comrades from a battle zone in Italy, the war department announced Wednesday. The army citation said Johnson's feat occurred to assist in evacuating the wounded men.

All people are urged to save every piece of Christmas wrapping for paper salvage and dispose of it through Paper Troopers and other collection agencies. Paper is more valuable, in some respects, than money, because money alone cannot purchase the paper that is needed for many military and lifesaving purposes. All types of waste paper are desperately needed by Michigan paper mills.

50 years The Lowell Ledger December 18, 1969

Two men, a father and son, who allegedly broke into the J. P. Burroughs & Son Elevator warehouse at 110 S. Hudson on December and stole eight 100-pound bags of kidney beans, have been apprehended by Lowell police.

The 1968-69 audit report on the financial condition of the City of Lowell, as submitted by the accountant firm of Alexander Grant & Co., Grand Rapids, is in the hands of the mayor and city councilmen. It shows the city to be in financially good shape.

A go-ahead signal to sell its hydro plant was given to the City Council Monday night by the Lowell Light and Power board of directors. As a result, hydro will be given nationwide attention, as the council authorized City Clerk Laura Shepard to advertise for bids. The city solons specified that the Wall Street Journal be used for space to carry the message in all of its editions.

25 years The Lowell Ledger December 21, 1994

Anyone who has attempted to use the second-floor doors of the Graham building to go outside knows the first step was a big one. With that in mind, Lowell's City Council was not overly distressed to hear that the doors were replaced with windows as part of a restoration project.

In October Glenn Veltman and his wife moved into Lowell Township with the hopes of opening a kennel for their prized Bichon Frises. Their dreams got a little closer after the Lowell Township Board approved their kennel permit.

It was almost like an out-of-body experience for Carroll Eckman. "Things happen around you that you don't even realize," Eckman said. "Not everything sets in right away." The Clarksville resident's once-in-a-lifetime experience began with a trip to Hollywood where he became a contestant on the "Price is Right."

to the editor

Dear Ledger;

A man of consequence walks amongst the Lowellians. At a meeting sponsored by the Community College, I applied to be on the Redistricting Commission as approved by a clear majority in a statewide vote. Remember "Prop. 2?" The Commission will be a 13 member body, and Voters Not Politicians very recently reached the ten thousand mark of virtuous democrats like me piling on board. You may address me as "Mr. Commissioner" as I hold court at a reserved table at Larkin's. We will naturally go Dutch.

Ah! What slithers in the underbrush? The Michigan Republican Party and Michigan Chamber of Commerce have fought the anti-gerrymandering reform with the tenacity of the Spartans at Thermopylae - with none of their virtue.

It is unclear to me who is licking whose boots, so let us regard both as contemptible. Should such people be buried in Christian cemeteries?

The very latest, on Dec. 6, was an appeal filed in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals after the G.O.P. apparatchiks lost in U.S. District Court. The appellants are an outfit with "Freedom" in its title, generally an Orwellian contradiction. Yes, they are conservative in the way the Romanian Communist Party was until 30 years ago right about now. I object to the fate of Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife Elena, not the Christmas spirit. But there are times when observing the Michigan G.O.P., for the price of a pint, could I do it?

G.M. Ross
Lowell



We love to hear from you!

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The requirements are:

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Pre-registration is open and is required. Visit kdl.org/ events to register. Challenge your brain during the holiday break! Sign up with your family or friends or meet new friends for a collaborative 45-minute challenge. Each person must be registered individually. Sessions in Harry Potter start promptly at the top of the hour and late entry is not possible. All seats of no-shows will be filled with waiting participants 5 minutes before the session. Children ages 10 and up are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Mon., Dec. 30, 1 pm - 7 pm.

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We're giving kids an exciting way to ring in 2020 with a countdown, noisemakers, crafts and fun -- at an hour that won't keep them up way past their bedtimes. Visit the Englehardt branch for a special "Star Wars" spin on welcoming 2020! Tues., Dec. 31, 1-2 pm.

Nintendo Switch Gaming Tournament

Come and compete in a day-long gaming tournament. Win prizes, eat snacks, and give your thumbs a workout. For teens. Thurs., Jan. 2, all day event. 10 am - 12 pm - Puyo Puyo Tetris, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm - Super Smash Bros., 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Mario Kart.

Pop Culture Pop Quiz

You've been consuming pop culture all your life. Now come to the library and put your fandom knowledge to the test. Compete for fabulous prizes and everlasting glory! You bring the brains and we'll provide the snacks. For teens. Fri., Jan. 3, 2:00 pm.

- antibiotic resistance

Antibiotics kill bacteria that once routinely caused fatal illnesses. Since the 1940s, antibiotic use has reduced death and disease related to infections around the world. However, some bacteria have become resistant to the antibiotics that were previously used to treat them. They can continue to grow and make people sick even when exposed to a drug that killed the bacteria in the past. As a result, different and stronger drugs are constantly needed to fight bacterial infections.

There are many reasons antibiotic use is so widespread. Antibiotics are relatively low cost, are easy to take as a pill, liquid or injection and have been very effective in controlling diseases related to bacteria. There are dangers in using too many antibiotics. Antibiotics result in complications such as rashes and other

allergic complications. Using too many antibiotics can increase resistance to the drugs by the bacteria targeted by the antibiotic.

In 2017, the CDC released a report about antibiotic resistance. Overall, resistance causes 2 million bacterial and fungal illnesses and 23,000 deaths yearly. Antibiotic resistance could have a serious effect on recent medical advances. Procedures like organ transplants or cancer treatment are often associated with infections.

As bacteria become more resistant to antibiotics, these infections become more difficult to treat. There are very few new antibacterial drugs ready for the market. The best approach to decrease antibiotic resistance is to use antibiotics only when they are absolutely needed and to use them for as short of a time as possible.

college news

Lauren DeBoer, of Alto, was among the more than 1,800 prospective candidates for a degree attending University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee commencement exercises Sunday, December 15, 2019 in Milwaukee.

UWM is the second

largest university in the State of Wisconsin, with approximately 25,000 students, both undergraduate and graduate.

DeBoer graduated with a Bachelor of Arts, College of Letters and Science.

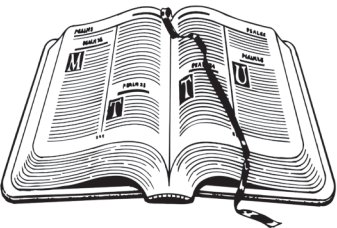
KTC student of the month

Lowell High School announces that Nathaniel Dewitt, 11th grade, has been named November 2019 Student of the Month at Kent Transition Center. Dewitt is enrolled in the automotive program.



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Ledger reader question: What are the differences between communism and socialism?

A subscriber recently stopped by the Ledger office with an alert that the Communist Control Act of 1954 made it illegal for “certain current members of Congress” to serve in the legislature and opined that the offenders should be jailed for this. The subscriber suggested we look into the matter and prepare a story, and we are always open to story suggestions here at the Ledger.

Signed into law by President Dwight Eisenhower on Aug. 24, 1954, the Communist

Control Act outlaws membership in or support for the Communist Party or “communist action organizations” such as labor unions. If found guilty, the punishment would be a fine of up to \$10,000, five years imprisonment or both.

Historians today see the Act as an unenforceable Cold War political stunt. Even FBI director J. Edgar Hoover opposed the Act at the time because he thought it would force the communists underground, making them more difficult for

his agents to detect. The Act was eventually ruled unconstitutional in federal court, but the Supreme Court never ruled on it so, although it is technically the law of the land, it has never been enforced and is unlikely to ever be.

The modern day legislators our subscriber said had broken this law included Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Rashida Tlaib and Bernie Sanders. However, these people are not communists, they are actually socialists, and yes, there is a difference.

The simplest definition of socialism is an economic system where the means of production, distribution and exchange are owned cooperatively by the citizens as a unit and goods are distributed based on one’s contribution. Under communism, the means of production, distribution and exchange are owned by the state and private property does not exist – you’re provided with whatever the state thinks you need, nothing more, nothing less. Both systems oppose capitalism.

Their main criticisms of capitalism are that the free market exploits its workers and increases the gap between rich and poor. Socialism is common in Europe and could be in our future too; in a 2018 Gallup poll, a majority of US residents under 30 said they approved of socialism.

There are dozens of different types of socialism, from violent right wing Stalinism to radical left wing anarchism. Sanders and the other modern American socialists

most closely align with a form called “democratic socialism.”

Democratic socialists such as Ocasio-Cortez believe that the state should take a very active role in the economy to avoid wealth inequality, and they advocate for the rights of workers rather than owners, unlike capitalism. Critics of democratic socialism say that it’s bad for business and that authoritarianism will inevitably creep in whenever a government is given too much control over the populace.

Suit claims 196-year-old person on Detroit voter rolls

A public interest group sued the city of Detroit on Tuesday, Dec. 10 alleging it has “thousands of ineligible deceased registrants,” including one born in 1823, on its voter lists.

Public Interest Legal Foundation, an Indianapolis group, also claims there are duplicate names of registered voters and that both problems could lead to voter fraud in the 2020 presidential election.

The suit, filed in US District Court in Detroit, names city clerk Janice

Winfrey and city elections director George Azzouz as defendants, and alleges the city is violating the National Voter Registration Act and other federal voter list maintenance statutes.

“The city of Detroit is failing to perform some of the most basic functions owed to its citizenry,” PILF president and general counsel J. Christian Adams said in a statement. “The city government’s nonchalant attitude toward addressing evidence of dead and duplicate registrations

exposes yet another vulnerability in our voting systems as our nation works to improve election security before November 2010.”

The suit says official 2016 general election results show the city had 511,786 registrants, but the U.S. Census Bureau’s 2016 American Community Survey estimates the city’s voting-age population at about 479,267.

The Foundation said it checked Detroit’s voter registration list against the Social Security Death

Index and found some on the rolls “have been registered to vote for an extraordinary length of time after passing.”

Its review, PILF alleges, revealed 2,503 registrants aged 85 and older are identified as dead in “one or more databases of death records” and 4,788 are flagged as duplicate or

triplicates. Of those likely dead, 65 percent, or 1,629, have been dead for more than 10 years; 898 for more than 15 years; 324 for more than 20 years; and 13 for more than 25 years, the suit alleges.

The lawsuit also claims PILF has spoken in person and sent letters regarding the voter rolls to the city

since 2017, and while the city has responded, it hasn’t taken action regarding the likely deceased registrants.

The lawsuit doesn’t claim a living person used a deceased voter’s information to vote or that fraud occurred.

According to its website, PILF is a “public interest law firm dedicated entirely to election integrity.”

Lowell preschool changing name & moving

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The old St. Mary’s school is being renovated to house Curiosity Corner Preschool, and that is changing its name to Yeiter Learning Center as of Wednesday, Jan. 1.

The facility’s director Kathleen Burch did not respond to repeated

requests for comment, but a notice was posted on the school’s website:

“Curiosity Corner Preschool will soon be located in its very own building just a block from Bushnell Elementary. Lowell Area Schools has been working very hard

on the old St. Mary’s building, remodeling and preparing it for us to make our program the best it can be. The building is now called the Yeiter Learning Center and Curiosity Corner Preschool will be located there starting in January 2020.”

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Legislation that memorializes the budget deal Gov. Gretchen Whitmer struck with Republican legislative leaders last week moved through the House and Senate on Tuesday, Dec. 10, effectively ending another chapter in the prolonged fiscal year 2020 dispute.

Along with \$573.5 million in restored spending spread over two supplementals (SB 0152 and SB 0154), Whitmer has agreed to give the Legislature a 30-day heads-up if the state Administrative Board is looking to move money around within departments (HB 5176).

Functionally, she's agreed to give the Legislature veto power for any transfers the state Administrative Board makes, based on a provision that was added to one of the supplemental bills (boilerplate in SB 0154). The authority is similar to what lawmakers currently hold for executive orders.

The Senate Appropriations

Committee met Wednesday and voted to reverse the transfers necessary to implement the supplemental. The State Budget Office will accept those reversals.

By state law, lawmakers will need to pass and present appropriations bills for the upcoming fiscal year to the governor by July 1 (HB 5177).

And finally, she's agreed to give the Auditor General full access to all confidential records within state government in the course of doing its job (HB 4336 and HB 4574).

"This negotiated supplemental appropriations bill is an important step forward for Michigan, which includes funding for health care, rural and urban hospitals, tethers to monitor dangerous felons, and our vocational villages," Whitmer said. "I support this bipartisan bill and will sign it, honor the terms, and not challenge any of the provisions. Let's get it done,

Budget deal needs Gov. signature

and let's stay focused on building a stronger Michigan for everyone."

"Today was a big day for the state of Michigan," said House Speaker Lee Chatfield (R-Levering). "I'm glad the leaders came together and restored the funding that was originally put into the budget. We can put this all behind us and continue working for the people of Michigan."

All of the aforementioned bills flew through the House and Senate with a combined two no votes (Reps. Steve Johnson (R-Wayland Twp.) and John Reilly (R-Oakland Twp.) on SB 0152), as the deal received praise from all sides. Johnson said his constituents were not "clamoring for more government spending."

He did support restoring the School Aid supplemental to restore the spending increase for charter schools because he said "what the Governor did to our kids at charter schools" was "patently unfair."

Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich (D-Flint) defended the compromise that got Michigan's budget process up and going again today, in spite of reporters wondering whether the Democrats had surrendered too much.

"I think you can look to try to scratch under the surface and try to find something," the Flint Democrat said at one point. "There's really nothing there. It's just a good compromise that allowed

us to move forward. It was clunky, but we got there, that's all that really matters."

Another reporter asked, "How does this not limit the Governor's power?"

"Notification of when the Ad Board meets, I think is a pretty reasonable thing to ask for," Ananich said. "A number of us have voted for changes to the Auditor General. It operates in a nonpartisan way and just gives us information. So, it's giving them slightly more power. It's something we voted for last session. I'm not a big believer that if it's OK to vote for it with a Republican governor, now [with a Democratic governor] I can't vote for it. That's about the limitations of what was agreed to. I

think it's a win for us moving forward."

Legislative leaders and Whitmer will pick up conversations on numerous other spending priorities that were left out of the first supplemental after the New Year's holiday, said Senate Appropriations Committee Chair Jim Stamas (R-Midland).

The top items on the priority list will be the \$375 million lawmakers wanted to spend for roads, the Pure Michigan marketing program and Whitmer's proposed Michigan Reconnect job training program.

A pair of legislators made the case for Michigan Reconnect (free community college for non-traditional students) and the Michigan

Opportunity (community college, and four-year college assistance for lower- or middle-income students) proposal during an afternoon press conference.

Rep. Sheryl Kennedy (D-Davison) and Rep. Ben Frederick (R-Owosso) joined members of the Rise, Inc. student organization in pushing for House bills 4464 and 4456.

"These proposals offer students across Michigan a great opportunity to improve their lives by offering them a secure and supportive path for higher education or training," said Amina Elamin, a member of Rise, Inc. and current University of Michigan student who transferred from Grand Rapids Community College.

State workers get 6% pay increases over two years

State employees will get a cumulative six percent raise over a two-year period under changes to collective bargaining agreements approved by the Michigan Civil Service Commission on Wednesday, Dec. 11.

The Office of State Employer reached tentative deals with the state's major employer unions earlier this fall, which includes the UAW Local 6000, AFSCME Council 25, SEIU Local 517M, the

Michigan State Employees Association and the Michigan Corrections Organization.

Last year's agreements allowed for the deals to be re-opened on economic provisions, and the unions and state went to the bargaining table earlier this year to hammer those out.

In October, it was announced the parties had tentatively agreed to two percent increases effective in October 2020 and October 2021, the start of fiscal years 2021 and 2022, respectively.

There will also be one percent base wage increases midway through both of those fiscal years in April 2021 and April 2022.

The MCSC also agreed to similar wage increases for non-exclusively represented employees. Earlier this year, the Michigan Association of Governmental Employees unsuccessfully tried to

convince the Coordinated Compensation Panel, which makes recommendations on NERE pay, to agree to a number of increases for its members.

MAGE had argued for a general wage increase of four percent for FY 21, as well as 10 percent raises for services program managers who work as child protective services supervisors and 10 percent raises for physician managers and physician executives.

However, the panel rejected those proposals.

Officials with MAGE took their case to the MCSC today, highlighting their request to boost pay for the physician managers and physician executives who work at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry.

However, the MCSC didn't make any changes to the panel's recommendations and approved them as presented.

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McDonald's donates \$\$\$ to FROM at ribbon cutting

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The Lowell McDonald's, 1300 W. Main, commemorated their official reopening with a \$2,500 donation to Flat River Outreach Ministries during a special ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, Dec. 13. Except for a couple of days, the restaurant remained open during the extensive interior and exterior remodeling project that included self-order kiosks, digital menu boards and table service.

"Construction went very well," said Greg Anthony, who oversees all nine Berg family McDonald's restaurants. "It took a little less than six weeks, we were about a week ahead of schedule. Using Newhof Construction [of Caledonia] made it very

have included an expansion of 1,700 more square feet, which is more room for our customers, more room for our employees and more room for storage, a new PlayPlace and stuff like that."

The Berg family has been in the McDonald's business in some capacity since the 1970s. Through his company, Berg Investments, Ken Berg owns a total of four McDonald's restaurants in West Michigan: the Lowell, Ada, Comstock Park and Northland Dr. locations. His brother Keith owns five more, and they have over 300 employees.

The Lowell McDonald's first opened in 1984. Among those attending the groundbreaking event 35



Ken Berg presenting a big \$2,500 check to Dawn Broene of FROM.



The remodel included brand new equipment for kids to climb on.

easy for us. They do a lot of the McDonald's in West Michigan."

years ago was their father, Larry Berg, the original supervisor of the restaurant.

"It was just a big, open field; this town was pretty small back then," Berg said. "Over the years it's

grown, and it was time for us to grow too."

Part of the ribbon cutting ceremony was a "big check" donation to FROM.

"Flat River Outreach Ministries is an organization that Lowell knows quite a bit about," Berg said. "On our busiest days, we joke about feeding the whole town. They really do feed this community. So this donation will go to help those in need."



Sarah Berg, Ken Berg and Greg Anthony officially open the renovated Lowell McDonald's.

"The donation was not designated to any specific fund, so we'll just use it where we need to," said FROM executive director Dawn Broene. "It will go toward our programing. Our food pantry is always in need, it also needs a new freezer and stuff like that."

"We've really been blessed by Ken and his family," said FROM development director Arianne Hall. "They have really partnered with us this year and we can't say 'thank you' enough for everything they've done."



"I just wanted to say 'thank you,'" said owner/operator Ken Berg. "This is a great day for our family and this is a great day for McDonald's. For the past three years we have been working on redoing this restaurant, making sure we did it the right way. We

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Boys basketball starts off with tough schedule

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

The Lowell varsity boys basketball team started the season off with two straight losses unable to overcome the depth of Forest Hills Eastern and Coopersville.

The game against Forest Hills Eastern was not only

Lowell's season opener, but served as the final game of a special night called Hoopin' For The Hollerns. Tim Hollern is currently an assistant principal at Forest Hills Eastern High School and lives with his

family in Lowell. Hollern has been battling cancer for nearly eight years, and both communities came together for the event where six basketball games were played with proceeds benefiting the Hollern

family. Shirts were sold for \$15 with the funds going toward the Hollern family. Hollern addressed the crowd beforehand.

"Take a moment today and tell the people in your life how much you care about them," Hollern told a big crowd at LHS during the break between the varsity boys and girls games.

Lowell started the varsity boys game fast thanks to a three-pointer from Braiden Hamilton, but

Forest Hills Eastern went on a 19-5 run following that to take command early, eventually winning 71-41.

During the loss, Lowell scorers were Hamilton (5), Brock Gemmell (5), Brett Spanbauer (4), Logan DeKok (7), Nolan Cusack (4), Reid Reynolds (6), Landon Grant (2), CJ Steinbach (4), Caleb Clark (2), and Dawson Douma (2).

The Red Arrows traveled to Coopersville on Friday and fell to the hosts

by a score of 71-50. Lowell was led by Spanbauer who scored 22, and Hamilton who scored 14. The Red Arrows hosted East Grand Rapids on Tuesday, December 17 and host Byron Center on Thursday, December 19 before having a few weeks off.

The boys play on Jan. 7 in Grand Ledge and host Northview on Jan. 10



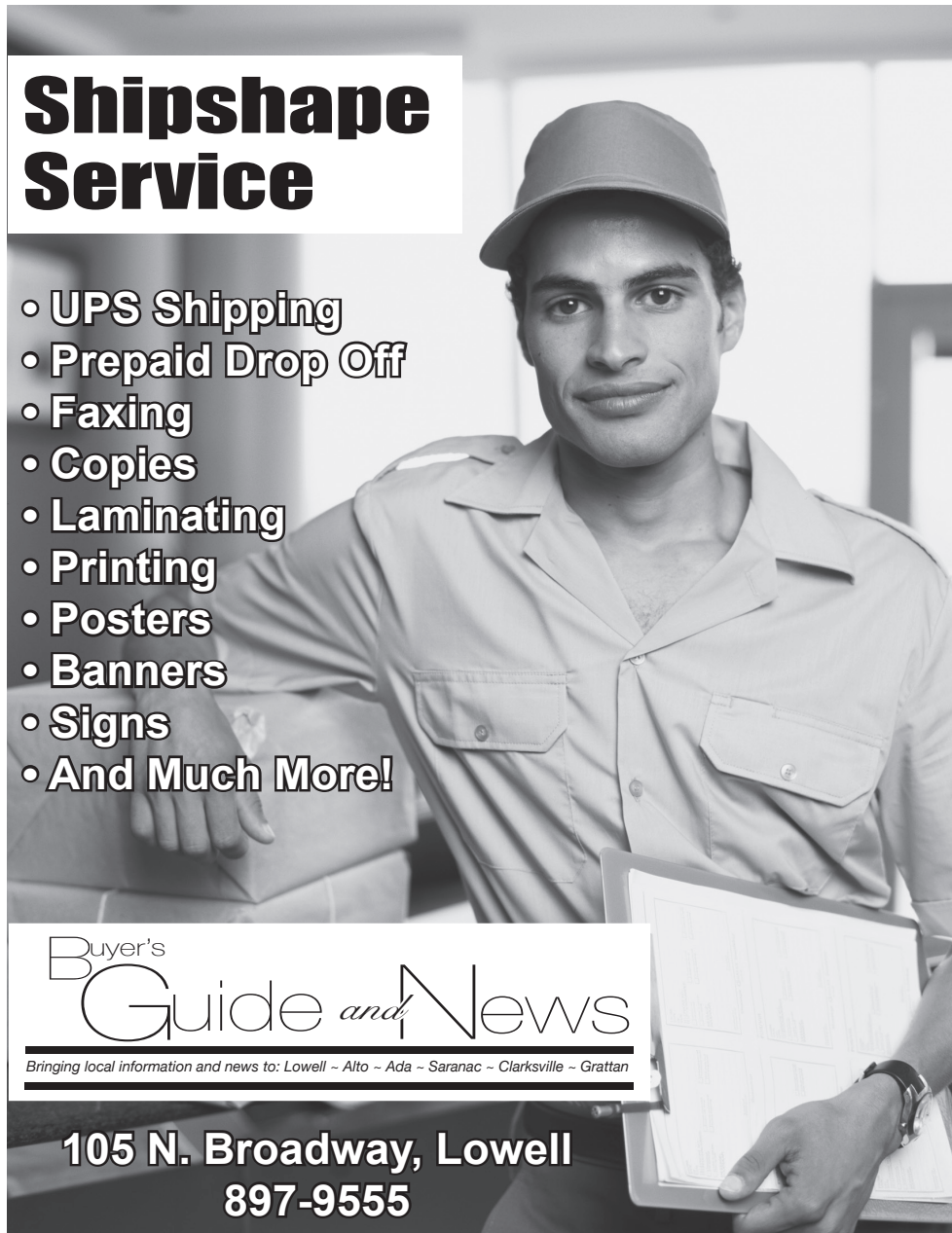
Senior Brock Gemmell during warmups in his Hoopin' For The Hollerns shirt.



Logan DeKok eyeing a teammate to pass to during Lowell's game against FHE.

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Lowell girls basketball bounces back with wins over Coopersville and Forest Hills Eastern

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

East Grand Rapids proved a challenge too tall to overcome in the Lady Arrows season opener, but they were able to get the season started with a 2-1 record thanks to wins over Coopersville and Forest Hills Eastern.

In the season opening 65-36 loss to East Grand Rapids, the Pioneers who are currently riding a 19 game winning streak in their conference and have three players with Division One offers, were able to jump out to an early lead. They kept their foot on the gas and finished with a comfortable win over Lowell. The Red Arrows were led by freshman Lexi Howell who had nine points.

Like the boys team, the girls team also hosted Forest Hills Eastern last Tuesday in the Hoopin' For The Hollerns event. More details about that event can be found in the boys basketball article. The ladies showed a dominating defensive effort in the 36-23 win over the Hawks.

On Friday, Lowell ground out a 37-30 victory over the visiting Coopersville Broncos thanks in large part to the efforts of senior Kyleigh Rau. She notched 17 of Lowell's 37 points including some key buckets down the stretch.

Lowell led 22-15 when they began to open the game up starting with a Rau basket assisted by Audrey Conrad. Rau continued to make plays forcing a turnover on the next possession and scoring a basket to make it 26-15. Coopersville would come roaring back and with 6:00 left had closed the gap to only two.

The Red Arrows would respond and close out the game outscoring Coopersville 9 to 4 in the closing stretch. Also scoring for Lowell was Lexi Howell (10), Summer Havey (4), Addison Bruwer (2), Aubreigh Oswald (2), and Jena Lyon (2)



Senior Kyleigh Rau scores two of her team high 17 points against Coopersville.

Hockey records tournament success

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

The Lowell-Caledonia hockey team traveled to Petoskey for a weekend tournament two weekends ago. LC started out with a 3-0 win over Negaunee, Tommy Near recording a shutout in goal. Garrett Walker also contributed in net during the

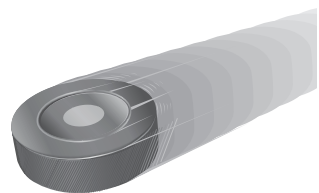
weekend. Goals were scored by Nick Lockart (2) and an empty netter by Austin Douma. Assists went to Drew Klomparsen (2), Owen Carpenter, and Douma.

Dylan Olsen scored the game-winner in overtime against the hosts

the following day, beating Petoskey 2-1. In the game, Lowell-Caledonia broke through first with 16:14 left in the third period, with Colin Clairmont scoring with an assist from Brendan Clarke. Petoskey would respond only a minute later with a quick power play goal

from Nick Aown. LC was able to finish off the win in overtime.

The team fell last weekend in back-to-back games against Forest Hills Central (7-1) and the co-op team of Forest Hills Northern and Forest Hills Eastern (4-0). In the loss to FHNE, Lowell-Caledonia was outshot 49-25. The team faces a lengthy homestretch heading into the holiday break.



Lowell-Caledonia celebrates after an overtime goal against Petoskey. (Photo courtesy of Lowell-Caledonia Hockey Facebook page).

RED ARROW WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES

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* Denotes a home game
12/21 at 9 am Kent County Classic at FHC
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1/9 at 6 pm at Grand Rapids Union

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

* Denotes a home game at LHS
1/4 time TBA Rockford Invitational

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

* Denotes a game at LHS main gym
12/27 at 5:30 pm Marine City High School at St. Clair Shores Community College (Port Huron)

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

* Denotes a home game at LHS main gym
12/19 at 7 pm Byron Center*

GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER

1/4 TBA NPC Cheer Invitational

BOYS VARSITY HOCKEY

* Denotes a home game at Kentwood Ice Arena
12/20 at 8 pm East Grand Rapids*
12/27 at 8 pm Byron Center*

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* Denotes a meet at The Bowling Alley - Ionia
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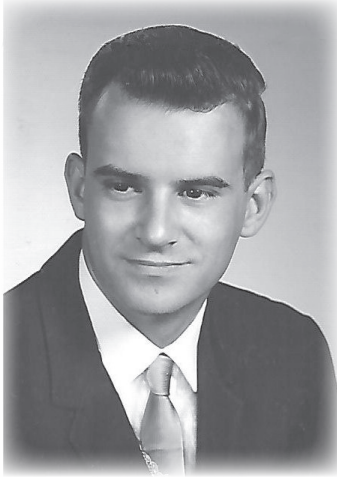
obituaries

HOMAN



John Henry Homan, age 71 of Lowell, passed away Wednesday, December 11, 2019 after a battle with cancer. He is preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Norma Homan;

sisters, Peggy Allen and Nancy Hobert. John is survived by his wife of 35 years, Donna Homan; children, Gary (Chasity) VanderMark, Robin (Jeff) Kyburz, Michelle (Tony) Stepek; grandchildren, Courtney and Bailey VanderMark, Josh, Haley and Nate Kyburz, Gage Stepek; nieces and nephews; as well as brothers and sisters-in-law. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam Conflict. John loved watching his son Gary racing on dirt tracks, watching Nascar racing and going to casino's. He also enjoyed his career trucking throughout the country. The family will be having a private military service at Ft. Custer National Cemetery, 15501 Dickman Rd, Augusta, MI 49012. Memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans, 4809 Eastern Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508.



DURKEE

Sharon Ann (Kauffman) Durkee
September 17, 1940 – December 13, 2019
Sharon Durkee passed away peacefully in her sleep on December 13, 2019. Sharon was born and raised on a farm in rural Bowne Township in Kent County. Sharon was preceded in death by her husband, Eldred; her parents, Henry and Hilda (Yoder) Kauffman; and her sister, Audrey (Ed) Kaufman. Sharon will be deeply missed by her sons, Greg (Anne) Durkee and Jeff (Kristin) Durkee; along with her three granddaughters, Olivia, Sophia and Marin; her sister, Ardith (Donald) Blough; and many nieces and nephews, along with other friends and family. Sharon was a graduate of Lowell Senior High School and enjoyed riding her horse as well as spending time singing and dancing on the Lowell Showboat in her youth. In 1962, Sharon married her high school sweetheart, Eldred Durkee, and soon after welcomed twin boys to the world. Sharon devoted her time to being a loving mother and devoted wife, volunteering in the school library, chaperoning field trips, supporting sporting teams, and providing a welcoming home for all. While raising their two sons, Sharon and Eldred traveled and camped throughout the United States. They continued their traveling into their retirement, their favorite destination being Gulf Shores, AL. Throughout Sharon's life, she enjoyed reading and spending quality time with her friends and family, especially her granddaughters. Sharon loved to read and could always be found with a book nearby. The family will celebrate her life with a memorial service on Thursday December 18, 2019 at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Community Center, 209 S. South St., Freeport, MI 49325. In lieu of flowers, the family requests considering a memorial donation be made to the Saranac Public Library, P.O. Box 27, Saranac, MI 48881.



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

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Community Calendar AND ONGOING EVENTS

December

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TEEN ZONE - Mondays from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm. Teen-only fun for you & your friends at the library. Stop by for activities that may include board games, food & more. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

SATURDAY CRAFTERNOON - Saturdays, 1 pm, now thru February 29. Come enjoy open crafting at the library! Bring your current project and see what others are working on. Hot beverages provided. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

COOKBOOK CLUB - Meets fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. Informal discussion about cookbooks & sample delectable examples, potluck style. Dec. 23 Cookie Swap. Stop by the branch for more details. If Lowell Schools is cancelled for the day, Bookworms will not meet. 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 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

PICTURES WITH SANTA - and a special book reading, Dec. 21 from 10 - 11 am. Clarksville Area

Library, 165 N. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

PICTURES WITH SANTA - and a special book reading. Dec. 21 from noon - 1 pm. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac, 616-642-9146.

WINTER BREAK EVENT - Dec. 23 from 1-2 pm. For ages 5+ Holiday bead decorations for ornaments or wall hangings. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac, 616-642-9146.

CODING FOR KIDS - Thurs., Dec. 26, 1-4 pm. Using simple-to-use visual programming language based on Google's Blockly and littleBits coding kit, the camp is suited for children learning to code for the first time. Sponsored by the Friends of the Englehardt Library. Pre-registration is required due to limited space. For children grades 3-8 only. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

WINTER BREAK ACTIVITY - Dec. 26 from 11 am - noon. For ages 5+ Gingerbread cookie decorating. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac, 616-642-9146.

WINTER BREAK ACTIVITY - for family fun through Jan. 4. Stop in and join life size Candy Land beginning Dec. 26 and you may start your game at anytime. Clarksville Area Library, 165 N. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

WINTER BREAK ACTIVITY - Dec. 26 from 11 am - noon. For ages 5 & up - Gingerbread Cookie Decorating. Clarksville Area Library, 165 N. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

HARRY POTTER ESCAPE ROOM - Mon., Dec. 30, 1-7 pm. Pre-registration opens Nov. 13 & is required. Visit kdl.org/events to register. Challenge your brain during the holiday break! Sign up with your family or friends or meet new friends for a collaborative 45-minute challenge. Each person must be registered individually. Sessions in Harry Potter start promptly at the top of the hour & late entry is not possible. All seats of no-shows will be filled with waiting participants 5 minutes before

the session. Children ages 10 & up are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

WINTER BREAK MOVIE - Dec. 30 from 1- 3 pm. Showing "A Christmas Story" rated PG. Free popcorn & water. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac, 616-642-9146.

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.

ART LAB - Third Tuesday of the month from 4-6 pm. A monthly art exploration with a different theme each month for ages 5 and up. Clarksville Area Library, 165 N. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

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

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

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

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Red Arrow

- WRESTLING

SPORTS

Lowell wrestling team goes through gauntlet to start season

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

It's not very often that Lowell wrestling is on the wrong end of a 54-6 scoreline, but then again it's not every day they face the number five team in the country. That's what happened last week to start

the wrestling season as Lowell traveled to Novi to face the state's top-ranked team in Division One, Detroit Catholic Central.

"We started out the season with the absolute best competition that Michigan

has to offer, and I am excited about the work this team is putting in. They are ultra focused and are excited about the upcoming season," coach R.J. Boudro told us.

In their annual assembly dual, the Shamrocks jumped

up early and never looked back as they beat Lowell 54-6. Lowell, who has ranked wrestlers in nearly every weight class found out DCC was just a little bit better across the board.

"The DCC dual was an

atmosphere like nothing we will see this year, and it was a great learning experience for our program. DCC might be one of the best teams Michigan has ever seen, and I feel we competed well despite what the box score shows," coach Boudro added.

Derek Mohr and Austin Boone recorded decisions for the Red Arrows in the loss. Several wrestlers had extremely close contests including Tyler Delooff who fell in an ultimate tiebreaker.

The team then went to Brighton for the elite Grappler Gold Invitational. Lowell took fourth as a team in the tournament with Landon Miller (fifth), Ramsy Mutschler (fourth), Nick Korhorn (seventh), James Link (seventh), Zeth Strejc (sixth), Dawson Jankowski (sixth), Austin Boone (first), William Link (sixth), James Fotis (second), Doak Dean (fifth), Jacob Lee (third), Derek Mohr (fourth), Jacob Hough (first), Grant Prant (with), and Delooff (second) all placing.

"The GGI was not any easier with five nationally ranked teams in attendance. We had a lot of bright sports in the tournament and learned a lot about our team," coach Boudro said.

The team announced their co-wrestlers of the week were Austin Boone and Keigan Nugent. Boone has started the season 5-0 including wins over two top ranked wrestlers in Division One. Nugent was a part of the Lowell B Team's fifth place finish at the Allegan Southwest Classic last weekend. Nugent pinned his way en route to a first place finish. Other Lowell placers at Allegan were Easton Lyons (fourth), Bryce McCune (third), Nate Cleaver (third), Cole Huisman (fifth), Carson Crace (fifth), and Bryson Vandermeulen (sixth).



Lowell wrestlers after taking fourth at the Gold Grappler Invitational in Brighton.

Corrected competitive cheer competition dates

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

Last week in our competitive cheer article, we highlighted some of the season's upcoming meets. Unfortunately, we were looking at the incorrect schedule and the locations of the matches highlighted in the previous article were not correct. We would like to apologize for this error.

These are the regular-season scheduled meets for varsity competitive cheer this year:

- Dec. 13 at Charlotte CCCAM Meet (5th Place)
- Dec. 18 at Jenison Invitational
- Jan. 4 at NorthPointe Christian Invitational
- Jan. 8 Lowell Jamboree
- Jan. 11 Wyoming Invitational

- Jan. 17 Thornapple Kellogg Invitational
 - Jan. 22 FHN Jamboree
 - Jan. 25 Rockford Invitational
 - Feb. 1 LMCCOA Scholarship Meet at Northview
 - Feb. 5 Cedar Springs Jamboree
 - Feb. 8 Kenowa Hills Invitational
 - Feb. 14 Lakewood Valentine Cheerfest
- The 2019-2020 varsity competitive cheer team had a strong fifth place finish (656.9 points) at Charlotte last weekend, an improvement of four places over last year. Lowell's

scores were 203.5 (Round 1), 196.7 (Round 2), and 256.7 (Round 3).

"To get a look at where this team is with scores compared to this season and last season, the highest round 1 score was 224.3, round 2 was 203.02, and round 3 was 271.7. These scores were hit at the end of the season, so we're already starting close to last season's high scores," Coach Crumback notes.



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Puzzle solutions on page 12

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Guess Who?

I am an actress born in New York on December 19, 1972. I had a breakout role as a tomboy on a show about a housekeeper. I also have been tied to two other popular series, one about witches, the other an LA apartment complex.

Answer: Alyssa Milano

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to philanthropy.

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Answer: Support

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CLUES ACROSS

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- W. African language
- A way to open
- A type of pigeon
- Japanese warrior
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- Not working
- In a way, soaks
- Growing outward
- Ritzy local ___ Air
- Telegraphic signals
- Metric units
- Large wine cask
- Fiber from the husk of a coconut
- Gets up
- French river
- Witnesses
- They make great neighbors
- The sun does it
- Used to store ashes
- First Chinese dynasty
- Network of nerves
- Word element meaning ear
- Metric unit of length (Brit.)
- Tributary of the Danube

CLUES DOWN

- Off-limits
- Appeal earnestly
- It's good to have them
- Commercial flying company
- Acted out in protest
- Took to the sea
- Cuckoos
- Drove fast
- State capital
- One with supernatural insight
- Starts all over again
- Jai alai arena
- Star Wars antagonist
- Freestanding structure
- The ideal place
- The extended location of something
- Made level
- Distinctive smell
- Greek goddess of discord
- Got older
- Type of monkey
- Travels to
- Geological times
- Edge
- Soviet Union
- A narrow path or road
- Contrary beliefs
- One who speaks Gaelic
- Private school in New York
- Jackson and Townshend are two
- Soldier in an airborne unit
- Taken illegally
- Capital of Valais
- Male reproductive organs

Today: December 18, 2019

Wednesday, Dec. 18 is the 352nd day of 2019. There are only 13 more days left in this year.

Historic Events

218 BC: Battle of the Trebia during the Second Punic War: Hannibal's Carthaginian forces defeat the Roman Republic.

1777: The United States celebrates its first Thanksgiving, celebrating the victory by American rebels at Saratoga in October.

1787: New Jersey is the third state to ratify the Constitution.

1865: Secretary of State William Seward proclaims the adoption of the 13th Amendment prohibiting slavery.

1892: Premiere performance in Saint Petersburg, Russia of "The Nutcracker" by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky.

1898: Gaston de Chasseloup-Laubat sets the first officially recognized land speed record of 39.245 mph in a Jeantaud electric car.

1916: The World War I Battle of Verdun ends when German forces are defeated by the French and suffer 337,000 casualties.

1917: The resolution containing the language of the 18th Amendment that would enact Prohibition is passed by Congress.

1932: The Chicago Bears defeat the Portsmouth Spartans and win the NFL Championship in the first NFL playoff game.

1939: The Battle of Heligoland Bight, the first major air battle of World

War II.
1944: 77 B-29 Superfortress planes and 200 other aircraft of the 14th US Air Force bomb a Japanese supply base in Hankow, China.

1958: Project SCORE, the world's first communications satellite, is launched.

1972: President Richard Nixon announces the US will engage North Vietnam in Operation Linebacker II, a series of Christmas bombings, after peace talks collapsed with North Vietnam on Dec. 13.

1999: NASA launches the Terra platform into orbit carrying five Earth observation instruments: ASTER, CERES, MISR, MODIS and MOPITT.

2006: 118 are killed and over 400,000 people displaced after a series of floods strikes Malaysia.

2006: The first-ever elections are held in United Arab Emirates.

2017: Six are killed and 70 are injured when an Amtrak train is derailed near DuPont, WA, outside of Olympia.

Birthdays

1481: Sophie, Duchess of Mecklenburg and Saxony

1626: Christina, Queen of Sweden

1825: Charles Griffin, general

1863: Franz Ferdinand, Archduke of Austria

1870: Saki, short story writer

1878: Joseph Stalin,

Premier of the Soviet Union
1886: Ty Cobb, Detroit Tigers baseball player, manager

1890: Edwin Howard Armstrong, inventor of FM radio

1897: Fletcher Henderson, pianist, composer

1904: George Stevens, director, producer, screenwriter, cinematographer

1916: Betty Grable, actor, singer, dancer

1917: Ossie Davis, actor, activist

1927: Ramsey Clark, former US Attorney General

1931: Allen Klein, businessman, music publisher

1932: Roger Smith, actor, producer, screenwriter

1933: Lonnie Brooks, blues singer, guitarist

1935: Jacques Pépin, chef, author

1938: Chas Chandler, bass player, The Animals

1938: Joel Hirschhorn, songwriter, composer

1941: Sam Andrew, singer/songwriter, guitarist, Big Brother and the Holding Company

1943: Bobby Keys, rock and roll saxophone player

1943: Keith Richards, singer/songwriter, guitarist, The Rolling Stones

1943: Alan Rudolph, director, screenwriter

1946: Steve Biko, South African activist, founder of the Black Consciousness Movement

1946: Steven Spielberg, director, producer, screenwriter, co-founder of DreamWorks

1948: Bill Nelson, singer/songwriter, guitarist, Be-Bop Deluxe

1948: Laurent Voulzy, jazz guitarist, singer/songwriter

1950: Gillian Armstrong, director, producer, screenwriter

1950: Randy Castillo, heavy metal drummer

1950: Leonard Maltin, film historian, author, critic

1952: John Leventhal, songwriter, producer

1953: Elliot Easton, guitarist, singer, The Cars

1954: Ray Liotta, actor

1958: Geordie Walker, guitarist, Killing Joke

1963: Greg D'Angelo, drummer, White Lion

1963: Brad Pitt, actor

1964: "Stone Cold" Steve Austin, wrestler

1968: Casper Van Dien, actor

1970: Earl "DMX" Simmons, rapper, actor

1972: Raymond Herrera, drummer, songwriter, Fear Factory

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2020 grant applications should be submitted to the Lowell City Clerk's office, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331. The deadline for submitting 2020 applications is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 7, 2020. Questions should be directed to Susan Ullery, City Clerk.