

## Riverview Flats developers hold open house

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Developers Jerry Zandstra (left) and Todd Schaal (right) spoke and answered questions about the project.

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

On Thursday, May 30 the Lowell public had their first chance in quite some time to venture inside of one of the former Unity School buildings when the Lowell Area Chamber of

Commerce held an open house with the developers behind the Riverview Flats condominiums. Several dozen attendees enjoyed a catered meal from Main Street BBQ and had a

chance to hear details about the condos, look at potential floor plans and poke around the site.

Developers Jerry Zandstra and Todd Schaal interacted with residents and answered questions about the project, which will convert the old school to 14 upscale riverfront condos with a starting price in the low \$200,000s.

Zandstra said the idea for the project came to him about a year and a half ago when he was walking a dog along the river. First they thought about making it offices, then a restaurant.



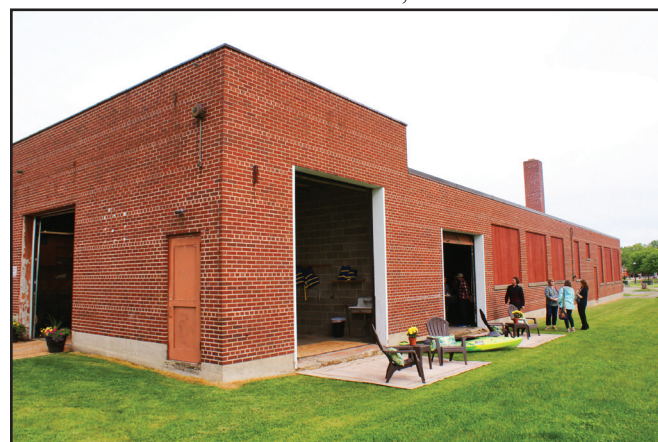
This is approximately what the view would be like from one of the new condos.

property in Lowell and it is phenomenal to look at. When we first got it open, we went, 'Wow!' When the sun

in the old school building itself. Phase three has yet to be determined, but Zandstra said it would most likely have something to do with "the large green space" at the site.

Initial construction should begin sometime before the end of summer, Zandstra and Schaal just need to jump through a few hoops first. For example, the property still needs to be rezoned from mixed use to residential.

"We need approvals from the city of Lowell to start," Schaal said. "The hope would be that they join us in kicking this off and that we get the approvals that we need by the end of the summer. We're ready to go right now, we've got our plans figured out."



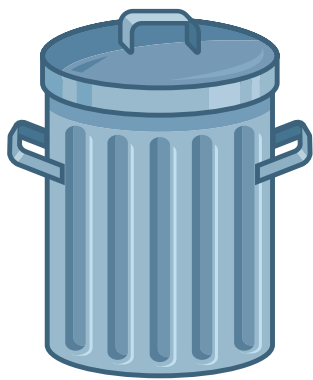
Finally, they determined that riverfront residential units were the best option.

"[I was] walking by here and thinking 'This should be something other than what it is,'" Zandstra said. "This is kind of the last dilapidated

goes down and the steeple across the river is lit, it's really incredible."

Phase one of the project will be condo construction in the old bus garage/shop/band building. During phase two, they will build condos

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## Lowell council discusses tax, street repairs

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Lowell city council had their latest regular meeting at city hall on Monday, June 3. The meeting lasted 50 minutes and was attended by 10 citizens.

The council passed one ordinance and two resolutions that pave the way for the question of a city income tax to be presented to voters in the Nov. 5 election. Although all three of these were passed 4-0 by the council (mayor Michael DeVore was absent), none would take effect until Jan. 1, 2020, and then only if voters approve in November. The ordinance would add a section called "Chapter 26: City Income Tax" to the city's code of ordinances. The first resolution would change the city charter to authorize an income tax. The second resolution would change the city charter to limit property

taxes whenever a city income tax is in effect.

"If you adopt this resolution tonight, the next step is we have to submit the language that will appear on the ballot to the governor for her approval and to the Michigan attorney general for her approval," said city attorney Dick Wendt.

Expect to hear plenty more from city hall about the income tax, they plan to launch an extensive public education campaign very soon.

Lowell is applying for a \$375,000 "Small Urban Project" grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation to pay for a large portion of the reconstruction of Monroe St. "Estimated road construction costs are around approximately \$750,000 for Monroe," said city manager Michael



City attorney Dick Wendt

Burns. "That's just the street component, and the city would need to come up with the remaining costs, which equates to about \$420,000 since we would be eligible for about \$375,000. [...] Monroe is a major street, and as of today we have about \$300,000 in fund balance in the major street account and we would anticipate having more by the time the project would begin in three years. In addition, since we are proposing water and sewer work on the street, those funds could be used for a

portion of the street repairs."

The city is planning to sue the "Riverview Flats" condo project developers. There are power, cable and Internet wires buried on the property. These wires were apparently installed without anybody first obtaining the legally required easements. Depending on when the wires were installed, the land was then owned by either the city or Lowell Area Schools. See the story above for more information about that project.

"On Friday, May 10 our attorney sent notice to their attorney for a good faith offer for the Unity School power lines," Burns said. "We have not received a response from their attorney, so we will be filing paperwork for litigation this week."

The council voted to spend \$23,500 to have Lowell-based Risner's Roofing &

Home Improvement fix the roof of the city-owned "Foreman Building" after it was damaged by wind on Thursday, April 25. The building is used by the Public Works department to store equipment. The city filed an insurance claim and Grand Rapids-based insurance adjuster Chenard & Osborn provided a claim estimate.

Lowell city council's next regular meeting will be at 7 pm on Monday, June 17. The council will also meet with the public at a "Coffee with the Council" event at Lowell Chamber of Commerce headquarters on the Riverwalk from 8 until 10 am on Saturday, July 6.

To watch various city council, board and commission meetings from the recent past, visit the "City of Lowell" channel on YouTube.

# Pollution discovered at defunct Ware Road Dump

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

The Ware Road Dump, located a few miles southeast of town, was in use by local businesses and individuals from the late 1950s until 1982. This spring, the old dump was identified by the State of Michigan as polluted by three highly toxic chemicals: tetrachloroethylene, dichloroethane and carbon tetrachloride. This land is still owned by the city, so the city will be financially responsible for cleaning up the site.

According to an article in the April 7, 1982 edition of the Lowell Ledger, the dump did not open that spring “because of the regulations set forth in the state’s Public Act 614.”

In effect from 1978 until 1994, Public Act 641 was also known as the Solid Waste Management Act. One of the laws in PA 614 stated, “If contaminants that may threaten the public health, safety, welfare, or the environment are found in the leachate collection system [...] the owner or operator of the landfill shall determine the source and nature of the contaminants and shall make repairs, to the extent practicable, that will prevent the contaminants from entering the leachate collection system.”

City leaders in 1982 were either not able or not willing to pay the thousands of dollars it would have cost to do an environmental investigation and repairs at the Ware Road Dump.

“Just the hydrologic studies necessary to satisfy the requirements in PA 614 would cost the city from \$20,000 to \$40,000,” the 1982 Ledger article stated. “The landfill generates about \$750 to \$1,000 annually.”

In late 1986, at their own expense, the State of Michigan installed three monitoring wells in the northern part of the dump.

“The [Department of Natural Resources] has



The area near where the Ware Road Dump used to be is now forests, houses and farms.

offered to fund a hydrological study at the city’s old landfill site on Ware Rd.” read an article on page 1 of the Oct. 8, 1986 Lowell Ledger. “Lowell city manager Ray Quada feels that it is just a matter of time before the city would be required to conduct this study and recommended that the city council take advantage of the DNR’s offer while they are willing to pay for it. Quada estimates that the cost to drill the test wells and set up monitoring stations at \$17,000 to \$18,000. Quada noted that a side benefit to the project might well be the reopening of the landfill if no leaching is found. He added that any re-opening of the landfill would be strictly limited to brush, leaves and other nontoxic materials. The council unanimously agreed to accept the DNR offer.”

The following month, the state’s new monitoring wells determined that tetrachloroethylene,

dichloroethane and carbon tetrachloride were present at 9.5 parts per billion, so the city left the Ware Road Dump closed permanently. The issue of the polluted dump was then put aside for 37 years until the Michigan Environment, Great Lakes and Energy department notified the city about the situation a few weeks ago.

“We were informed of the report from 1987 that indicated groundwater contamination existed at the property from landfill leachate,” Lowell city manager Michael Burns said at the May 20, 2019 city council meeting. “At the time, levels of tetrachloroethylene, dichloroethane and carbon tetrachloride above the minimal impact levels were detected. In the 1980s there was communication between the then Department of Natural Resources and the city to take steps to address this, but it appears there was no action taken by the city,

nor prompting from the DNR to do so. In our [April 2019] letter, we were directed to communicate and begin taking remediation actions.”

The city is working with Grand Rapids firm BLDI Environmental Engineering to investigate the Ware Road Dump and come up with a plan to deal with the contaminated land.

“When I see the data, it’s slightly below clean up criteria,” BLDI president Joe Berlin said at the May 20, 2019 city council meeting. “If everything else falls in line with that, then we’re on the lower end. If the concentrations go up and they go long distances, just simply investigating it could run well into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. But we don’t know that yet, so I would caution anyone to project this out.”

At this point, the city plans to install five or six more monitoring wells at a potential cost of \$5,000 each. That action is just the beginning of what could become a very costly process depending on what is found by those monitoring wells and in what quantities.

Although they are highly toxic chemicals, tetrachloroethylene, dichloroethane and carbon tetrachloride are still widely used in various industrial processes. It will be difficult, maybe impossible, to determine precisely which businesses were responsible for polluting the site, because no records exist that document who dumped what.

Tetrachloroethylene, sometimes called simply “dry cleaning fluid,” is mainly used for dry cleaning, but also as a degreaser in the automotive and metalworking industries, as a paint stripper and as a spot remover. It is known for its sweet odor and, because of its cancer risks, is banned for use by dry cleaners in California. Exposure

to tetrachloroethylene is associated with liver and kidney cancer, Parkinson’s disease, skin irritation and the loss of color vision.

Tetrachloroethylene is one of the most common soil contaminants, and because of its mobility in groundwater, its toxicity at low levels and its density, cleaning it up can be more difficult and costly than dealing with an oil spill.

“Dichloroethane” refers to either ethylidene dichloride or ethylene dichloride; both chemicals have the molecular formula C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. It is not currently known which one of these was found in 1987.

Ethylidene dichloride is colorless and oily and smells like chloroform. More than one million pounds of the chemical are manufactured in the US every year. It is used as a solvent, a degreaser, to make insecticides and fire extinguishers and in the manufacture of rubber. Exposure to ethylidene dichloride can cause an irregular heartbeat, weight loss and kidney problems. It evaporates quickly, but it does not break down in water and does not bind to soil particles so can be difficult to clean up.

Ethylene dichloride is also colorless and also smells

inhalation of its vapor, and highly flammable. It has a 50 year half-life in anoxic aquifers and is very expensive to clean up.

Carbon tetrachloride is used by different industries as a dry cleaning solvent, as the main ingredient in fire extinguishers and as a refrigerant. It was used by stamp collectors to reveal watermarks and it was the chemical that made the goop in lava lamps float around looking psychedelic. Exposure to carbon tetrachloride is toxic to the central nervous system, liver and kidneys. Prolonged exposure, even to its vapor, can put you in a coma, give you cancer or kill you.

During the early 20th century, carbon tetrachloride was commonly used in homes as a cleaning product. People used it to clean furniture, clothing, fabric and other textiles because it was much safer than the era’s alternatives. For example, an article on page two of the Sept. 26, 1935 Lowell Ledger suggested using carbon tetrachloride instead of gasoline or “naptha” [an obsolete product generally comparable to diesel fuel or kerosene] to clean filthy items.



like chloroform. It is one of the main ingredients of polyvinyl chloride, used to make PVC pipes, upholstery, wallpaper, auto parts and housewares. It is highly toxic, especially through

“Accidents caused by the use of naptha or gasoline for cleaning clothes or fabrics in homes can be avoided if carbon tetrachloride is

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used as a cleaning fluid in place of those inflammable liquids, according to the home economics division at Michigan State College," the 1935 Ledger article stated. "Carbon tetrachloride is more expensive than the more commonly used naphtha or gasoline, but the cost of the safe cleaning agent can be kept down if the liquid in which fabrics are cleaned is saved and filtered after use. All cleaning fluids, whether

inflammable or not, should be used out of doors. The fumes are unpleasant and sometimes harmful."

Other Ledger articles from the 1930s through the 1950s suggested household use of carbon tetrachloride for tasks such as removing sweat stains from silk, fumigating closets, soaking garments to kill moths and removing sticky bubblegum from surfaces. However, by 1960, the Ledger was

warning readers not to use the chemical for any reason at all. For example, an article on page three of the Nov. 10, 1960 Ledger carried the headline "Carbon Tetrachloride Is Potential Killer."

"Stains on the carpet, cleaning fluid and death are a terrible trio, but they sometimes go together," The 1960 Ledger article stated. "The villain in this plot is carbon tetrachloride.

Homemakers often reach for a bottle of this chemical, or for a solution which contains carbon tetrachloride, yet too often they fail to read the caution signs on the label. Jessie Marion, home furnishings specialist at Michigan State University, says carbon tetrachloride owes its popularity and 'safe' reputation to the fact that it is nonflammable. This advantage is counteracted by the fact that it can be toxic

when the fumes are inhaled or when it comes in direct contact with the skin. A vapor builds up very quickly, especially in a closed room, and can become dangerous even before odor is noticeable. First reactions to exposure may be headache, mental confusion, nausea and loss of coordination or sense of balance. These symptoms may not appear until sometime after contact. Prolonged use of carbon

tetrachloride produces a high vapor concentration. This happens when a homemaker gives her rug a vigorous cleaning, and may occur even when she is removing spots. This high concentration of vapor can cause major damage to the liver and result in death. The homemaker is not using a harmless liquid when she uncaps a bottle of carbon tetrachloride. She is dealing with a potential killer and should treat it accordingly."

# Betten Baker GMC employee physically assaulted in racist incident

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

In April, a Lowell used car salesman was assaulted by an apparently racist customer who slapped him across the face and used the "n word" repeatedly when he didn't offer her what she thought was enough money for a trade-in vehicle.

The incident occurred at about 12:30 pm on Wednesday, April 24 at Betten Baker GMC, 749 W. Main when a man and woman in their 40s came into the dealership with a truck they were considering trading in toward another potential vehicle purchase.

"I was working with a customer who came in with a vehicle and just wanted to know what their trade-in was worth," said Betten Baker sales consultant Terrance Smith. "I said, 'Okay,' I get that sometimes. They had a 2005 Ford 5150. We got the vehicle appraised, and it appraised at \$3,500. I came back out to tell them that the vehicle appraised at \$3,500 and she said, 'Well, another

place was giving \$5,500,' and the husband chimed in and said, 'Another place was giving us \$5,100.' The lady called me a scammer, and I was like, 'Oh, okay, whatever.' Her title was inside on my desk, and she said, 'Take your scammin' black ass back inside and go get my title.' I said, 'You're not going to talk to me that way, if you want your title you can go get it yourself.' I was taking off, walking back inside the building. I got inside, and she was behind me. I handed her the title and she backhanded me. She hit me so hard it knocked the glasses off my face. She was still swinging and hitting me, and then she called me the 'n word' three or four times. Then her and her husband left and we called the police. The officer was like, 'Are you sure you don't know this lady?' because he couldn't believe that she did this just because I told her what her trade-in was worth."

According to a copy of the police report obtained from Smith, LPD officer James Reamsma made phone contact with the woman implicated in the incident, Shelly Lynn Hueckel, a 47-year-old a resident of Nashville, MI.

"I explained to her the reason for my call and she stated she was the one who was at the dealership," Reamsma's report states. "I asked if she had gotten into an argument with the salesman. She stated that she did not really call him names. She later stated that he had called her 'an ignorant bitch' and she told him 'get your lazy black ass inside and give me my title, I'm not buying from you.' She also stated that she may have said, 'You're a lazy nigger.' I asked her if she had struck him and she stated that she 'slid [through] to grab her title and he bumped against her.' When told she had struck him and knocked off his glasses, she stated, 'In the heat of the moment, I may have.'



Terrance Smith [photo courtesy bettenbakergmc.com]

Officer Reamsma spoke on the phone with Hueckel again a couple hours later. "She asked me if his glasses were broken and I told her no, they had been knocked off his face," Reamsma's report states. "She stated if they were broken, she would pay for them. She stated she wanted to straighten this out and make it right. I

asked why she would pay for glasses if she did not break them. She stated she was wondering if he was just taking her to court to pay for his glasses. She also stated she did not realize she hit them off his face." Hueckel was charged with assault and battery but not a hate crime, despite her use of racist

words and phrases. The Kent County prosecutor assigned the case, Amol Huprikar, did not respond to the Ledger's request for comment about the case. On May 14, Hueckel turned herself in at the Lowell Police Department. The next hearing in the case is for "pre-trial" on Tuesday, June 25 at 9 am.

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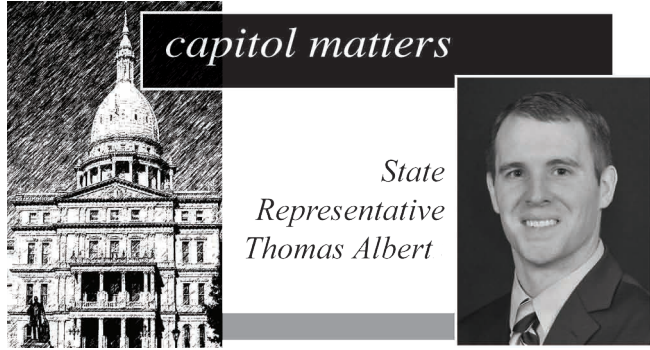
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In January of this year I was named Chair of the House Corrections budget. Since then, I have spent a great deal of time learning about corrections in Michigan. Immediate attention is needed to address the chronic understaffing of corrections officers. Understaffing negatively impacts corrections officers from their day-to-day operations to their family life. I recognize the problem and I am committed to fixing it.

During my first term in office I had heard from corrections officers that staffing shortfalls were a significant problem. I dug deeper into the issue and was informed that the prison closure in Muskegon and \$4.9 million in one-time spending to hire additional officers would fix the problem. A year has passed and the rate of statewide unfilled positions has increased from 14 percent to 16 percent. Even more shocking is the staffing shortfalls at specific prisons. For example, both the Michigan Reformatory and Bellamy Creek prisons in Ionia have shortfalls

over 20 percent. This is unacceptable, and we must do better.

Chronic understaffing has led to recruitment and retention problems. Prisons are in operation 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Staffing shortfalls lead to more work hours per officer. Understaffing is expensive because it leads to voluntary or mandated overtime costs. Although overtime is expensive it pales in comparison to the \$25,582 it costs to train a replacement officer. In this labor market officers have the choice to find a different job and they are leaving. Failing to fix this problem is akin to throwing tax dollars out the window.

The question that arises is how does the state fill the staffing gap. To start, I am proposing a study be conducted to find the best location for a future dedicated corrections officer training academy. I recently went to a training academy which was occurring at a hotel in Lansing. Training new corrections officers at a place that doubles as a wedding venue is nonsense. Recruits had no uniforms,

learned defensive tactics under chandeliers, and had no way to conduct suitable physical fitness training. Does this sound like a career that indoctrinates professionalism? A training facility is needed to instill pride and esprit de corps within the corrections officer ranks.

Another immediate problem that has been brought to my attention is officers suffering with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Officers may encounter traumatic experiences while working full-time alongside murderers, drug dealers and sex offenders. In the past few years, four corrections officers at the Cottonwood Correctional Facility committed suicide. One of these officers, Michael Perdue, was a 25-year veteran and a father of nine children. It is impossible to know what causes these tragic losses of life, but we are going to do better in offering outreach to those in need. I am proposing \$1 million in funding for officers in need of PTSD and health and wellness support.

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# viewpoint

## to the editor

Dear Editor,

### Main Street Mentality

We are living in a city where there seems to be more emphasis on Main St. and the one block north (except for S. Broadway). When the city council pays more attention to the Showboat than what should be, and actually is, the most sacred property in the city of Lowell, there is a major disconnect.

Let that sink in for a minute. What is the most sacred property in the city of Lowell? Come time for the Memorial Day celebrations you will know, but it should be every day. I watch funeral processions head north on Monroe and wonder what these people think taking their loved one down the worst road in the city. Is this how they will

treat my soulmate, mother, father, grandparent or child?

Stephen Garrard Post was right, it is paved with good intentions. However, intentions do not pave the city streets, they do not pay city employees, nor do they maintain city-owned property. Intentions do not do anything, for it is the good ACT that is altruistic.

I have seen the Lowell Light & Power board give the employees and above-COLA raise with good intentions toward the LL&P employees, not realizing that, exponentially, it hurts and hinders the citizens that the board purports to

represent. I have watched the city council agree to allow the city manager to "buy" additional years towards his retirement, never asking why, if it is NEVER going to cost the citizens of Lowell any more money. I know, good intentions.

I have, since moving into this city, butted heads with city officials, board members and city employees. What I have noticed is that, although I have zero deep ties to this city, I take the side of the citizens and all others seem to take the side that will benefit them and their

"power circle" the most. The men, women and children of this city deserve better than what they are, and have been, getting.

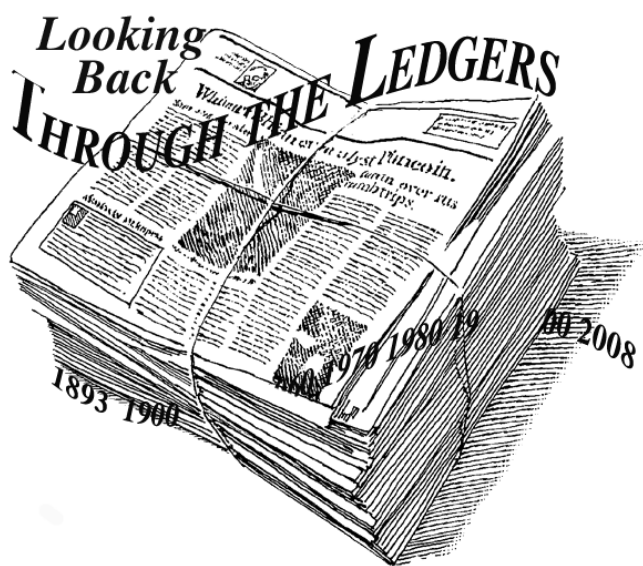
And what they have been getting is roads and infrastructure being replaced and repaired for Main St., tourists, government buildings, LL&P buildings and King Milling. I do not blame King Milling for pushing to get S. Broadway paved, they did what any good business would do. However, truth be known, the residences and businesses on N. Monroe St. pay almost double the taxes that King Milling does on all of their property, and the residences on N. Washington St. are on par with King Milling every year (information provided by the Kent County Assessor's website). Yet the two main routes to Oakwood Cemetery, the city's most sacred property, remain in major disrepair.

It is time that the Lowell city council take a long, hard look at consolidating LL&P into city hall and selling the LL&P building, so that we can generate much-needed tax revenue from it. It is time to ask the state to allow us to sell the airport to a developer, or at least

a private entity that would run it in its current state. It is time to look at selling the Boy Scout camp. Prime waterfront property would bring in a pretty penny, figuratively speaking, to the city's coffers. We need to look at letting a contract to one rubbish company to alleviate truck after truck damaging our roads every week. One company, one route, one day per week. We need to look at closing our police department and utilizing the Kent County Sheriff's Department, which we already pay for.

In your own house, when things are tight, you cut back, trim the fat, tighten your belt and even sell things. It is high time that the elected officials of the city of Lowell quit looking at how to appease themselves and the businesses, and look out for those that put them in office. If they refuse, it may be high time to run all of them out of office, elect other officials and see if they get the message. Either way, the citizens of the city of Lowell do NOT need, nor deserve, more taxes. What we need is better governance.

Shawn Bowne



### 125 years ago Lowell Ledger June 9, 1894

The constitutional convention has been occupied with its organization for the past two days. A strongly supported proposition was made to give a seat in the convention to L. A. Thurston, without, however, giving him voting power. This proposition received only three votes. The draft of the constitution, prepared by the executive council, was distributed to the members of the convention. In it the government is called "the Republic of Hawaii."

D. H. Watters' team ran away Thursday. They started near King Milling Co.'s mill and ran east, in front of Clark's drug store. Devello was thrown off, the wagon running over him. The team ran against a load of dirt near there and was stopped, Devello was shaken up some, the wagon wrecked but no serious damage was sustained.

Lee Jakeway, son of John Jakeway, had the misfortune to fracture his right leg near the ankle, while engaged with companions seeing which could jump the farthest. Lee was one of the graduating class at the Union school and has the sympathy of all.

### 100 years The Lowell Ledger June 5, 1919

This Decoration day is no more sacred than the many that have preceded it, but it is broadened in its scope as it has vitally touched the heart and life of a new generation.

The Kent County War board, organized to help win the war, discontinued its work Saturday. Secretary Edwin J. Quarles left for Indianapolis, where he will

assume his duties Monday as chief of the field forces of the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce, and will be dismantled. The files will be placed in the permanent war record files of Grand Rapids.

Messrs. Ranney, Barber, Gibson, Beardsley and Gish, of the Greenville Garment company were in town Monday with a view of locating a branch factory in Lowell. They were so pleased with the town that they propose establishing an all new factory here if assured of twenty women and girl helpers to start and given a building rent free for a year.

### 75 years The Lowell Ledger June 8, 1944

Mrs. Hattie Scott, who has been in business here continuously for 36 years, is closing her Kandy Kitchen and will retire from active business. Mrs. Scott has not been in the best of health for some time past and her many friends trust that a well-deserved rest will prove beneficial in every way. Mrs. Scott's homemade candies have been enjoyed by people for miles around. She has always supported the Board of Trade and has in other ways shown interest in Lowell affairs.

Sugar stamp 37 in War Ration Book 4 will never be used, OPA announced. Because many housewives mistakenly sent this stamp to their local boards when applying for home canning sugar, instead of the correct stamp - spare stamp 37-OPA has announced that sugar stamp 37 will not be used at all, so that no one will suffer for this mistake.

A collision, early Sunday morning on M-91, two miles north of Lowell, between cars driven by Sam Patterson, 26, of Keene, and Clyde Davenport, 18, Lowell high school student, resulted in two badly damaged cars, with the seven occupants luckily escaping serious injuries.

### 50 years The Lowell Ledger June 5, 1969

Years of hard work and good times were climaxed Monday evening as Mike Blough and Kraig Haybarker received the highest award in Boy Scouting, the Eagle Medal.

Bernard C. Olson is scheduled to clean out his desk at Lowell city hall tomorrow...but chances are the recently-resigned city manager will leave behind a few pens and pencils for future work. That was the indication following Monday's lengthy council session, which ended with a number of future projects and

## We love to hear from you!

*The Lowell Ledger welcomes letters to the editor from readers, but there are a few conditions that must be met before they will be published.*

The requirements are:

- All letters must be signed by the writer, with address and phone number provided for verification. All that will be printed is the writer's name and community of residence. We do not publish anonymous letters, and names will be withheld at the editor's discretion for compelling reasons only.
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- Letters that include attacks of a personal nature will not be published or will be edited heavily.
- "Crossfire" letters between the same two people on one issue will be limited to one for each writer.
- In an effort to keep opinions varied, there is a limit of one letter per person per month.
- We prefer letters to be printed legibly or typed, double-spaced.

# HEALTH

With Drs.  
Wayne A. Christenson III,  
Tracy Lixie & John G. Meier



## - swimmer's ear

Swimmer's ear (otitis externa) is a painful condition of the visible or outer portion of the ear and ear canal. Because this condition occurs most often during the summer while swimming, it has become known as swimmer's ear. Water from the bath or shower may also trigger this condition. Men and women of all ages are affected, but children and teens most frequently develop this type of infection.

The skin lining the ear canal and outer ear serves as a barrier against infection. Any break in the skin lining can lead to infection, allowing bacteria or fungi to invade the outer ear. This barrier can be broken down several ways. Attempting to clean your ears with cotton-tipped swabs may break the skin. Excessive moisture in the ear canal from showering or swimming can also alter the acidic environment of the ear canal. Chemicals such as hair dyes, bleaches, and shampoos may irritate the ear canal, resulting in infection.

The most common symptom of swimmer's ear

is pain, usually in just one ear. The outer ear may be red and the ear canal may be swollen shut, resulting in difficulty hearing out of that ear. The ear may drain and the drainage may be clear, white, yellow or sometimes bloody and foul-smelling. Fever is generally not present.

Swimmer's ear usually needs to be treated by a physician, because over-the-counter drops are not strong enough to treat the infection. A physician can easily diagnose swimmer's ear by examining the outer ear and ear canal with an otoscope. Treatment of swimmer's ear involves a course of antibiotic drops placed into the ear for a certain amount of time. Oral antibiotics are rarely needed, unless the infection is severe. Applying heat to the ear sometimes controls pain, and if you are not allergic, you may try over-the-counter pain medications such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen. Swimmer's ear usually resolves within a week and, in most cases, no additional care or visits to

# anniversary

## Lacic



Albert and Dot Lacic

Albert and Dot Lacic celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with a dinner enjoyed by family and friends at the Pierson Hall in Pierson on May 25. A live band and a lot of good food was served. Albert and Dot met at Winters and Crampton Factory, in

Grandville, where they both worked. They built their home on 36th St., south of Lowell, in 1956 and are still living there today. Their children are Adeline Lacic Brower, Arthur Lacic, Dorothy Lacic House, Russell Lacic and Mary Lacic Dillree.

# Looking back, continued

routine chores still undecided and an obvious intent by the city fathers to hire Olson on a per-diem basis to handle some of the work.

The first fatal accident of 1969 in Lowell was recorded Monday when a Saranac man died from injuries sustained a week earlier in a head-on crash in M-21.

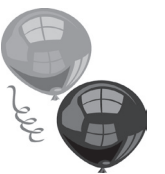
## 25 years The Lowell Ledger June 8, 1994

There is "comfort" in familiarity. There is no better sign of that than the Lowell Police Department. It's fourth police chief, Barry Emmons, will serve his final day June 30 before moving on to Asheville, North Carolina. Replacing Emmons will be Jim Valentine - a face familiar to the city of Lowell. He will become Lowell's fifth police chief since Lowell became a city.

While leveling the ground in his backyard in order to place an above-ground pool, Lowell resident Tom Smith unveiled the remains of a 350-million-year-old glacial deposit.

The results of the Alden Nash/Bowes Road/M-21 intersection were presented to the City Council. The idea for the study was developed due to concern over the present safety of the existing intersection, and the future use of Bowes Road due to the opening of the new Lowell High School in September.

# happy birthday



- JUNE 5**  
Amanda Vezino, Judy Rosenberger.
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- JUNE 7**  
Amber Metternick, April Metternick, Zachary Beachum, Ray Kennedy.
- JUNE 8**  
Mark Essich, Hank Hoekstra, Olivia Richmond.
- JUNE 9**  
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Jim Stone, Courtney Tulppo, April Decker, Gus Geldersma.
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# Observatory opens doors to public to explore night sky



by Brendan A. Sanders  
contributing reporter

The Veen Observatory is excited to open its doors for its upcoming public night.

Over the years, the public has gotten a glimpse of some of the universe's most amazing spectacles through the Veen Observatory. At the observatory's public nights, anyone can see what some of the world's greatest astronomers have documented.

Public nights are held twice a month from the end of April through October. Provided that the sky is clear, tours of the facilities will be given. There will also be audiovisual presentations and observations of many featured objects in the night sky, such as galaxies, nebulas, stars and planets. Smaller telescopes will also be set out for use on the grounds by various members of the observatory.

Public nights are great for all ages, all that is needed to attend is an interest in viewing the night sky.

The Veen Observatory was built and is operated by the Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association. It became fully operational in 1970. The James C.

Veen Observatory houses three permanently-mounted astronomical telescopes. The building consists of two domes, the west dome containing the Jeffery Borr Memorial Telescope and the east dome containing the James and Evelyn Marron Telescope.

Prices for public nights are set at \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 5 to 17 and free for children under 5.

Depending on cloud cover and visibility, the next public night is scheduled for June 8 at 9:30 pm and ending at midnight. The featured objects will be the crescent moon, various star clusters, galaxies and nebulas.

The Veen Observatory is located just off 36th Street at 3308 Kissing Rock Ave. Expect about a quarter mile walk from the parking lot to the observatory grounds. Be sure to bring a flashlight to help guide your way to the observatory, the grounds are kept dark to help better the quality of observing the night sky.

Find more information and updates on the status of the June 8 public night at [graaa.org](http://graaa.org).

## NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES TYLER CREEK INTER-COUNTY DRAIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on Monday, the 10th day of June, 2019, at the Kent County Drain Commissioner's Office, 1500 Scribner Ave NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49504, the Kent County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries, from 8:30am until 4:30pm, to hear the proofs and allegations, and to carefully reconsider and review the description of lands comprising the Tyler Creek Inter-County Drain Drainage District. The Drain Commissioner shall determine whether the addition and/or deletion of lands will more accurately define the boundaries of the land benefitted by the Drain, located and established in the Township of Bowne and the Charter Township of Lowell, County of Kent, and whether such addition and/or deletion of lands is just and equitable pursuant to Section 197 of Act No 40, PA 1956, as amended.

the meeting should contact the County Drain Commissioner at (616) 632-7910, or through the Michigan Relay Center at 1-800-649-3777 (TDD), at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

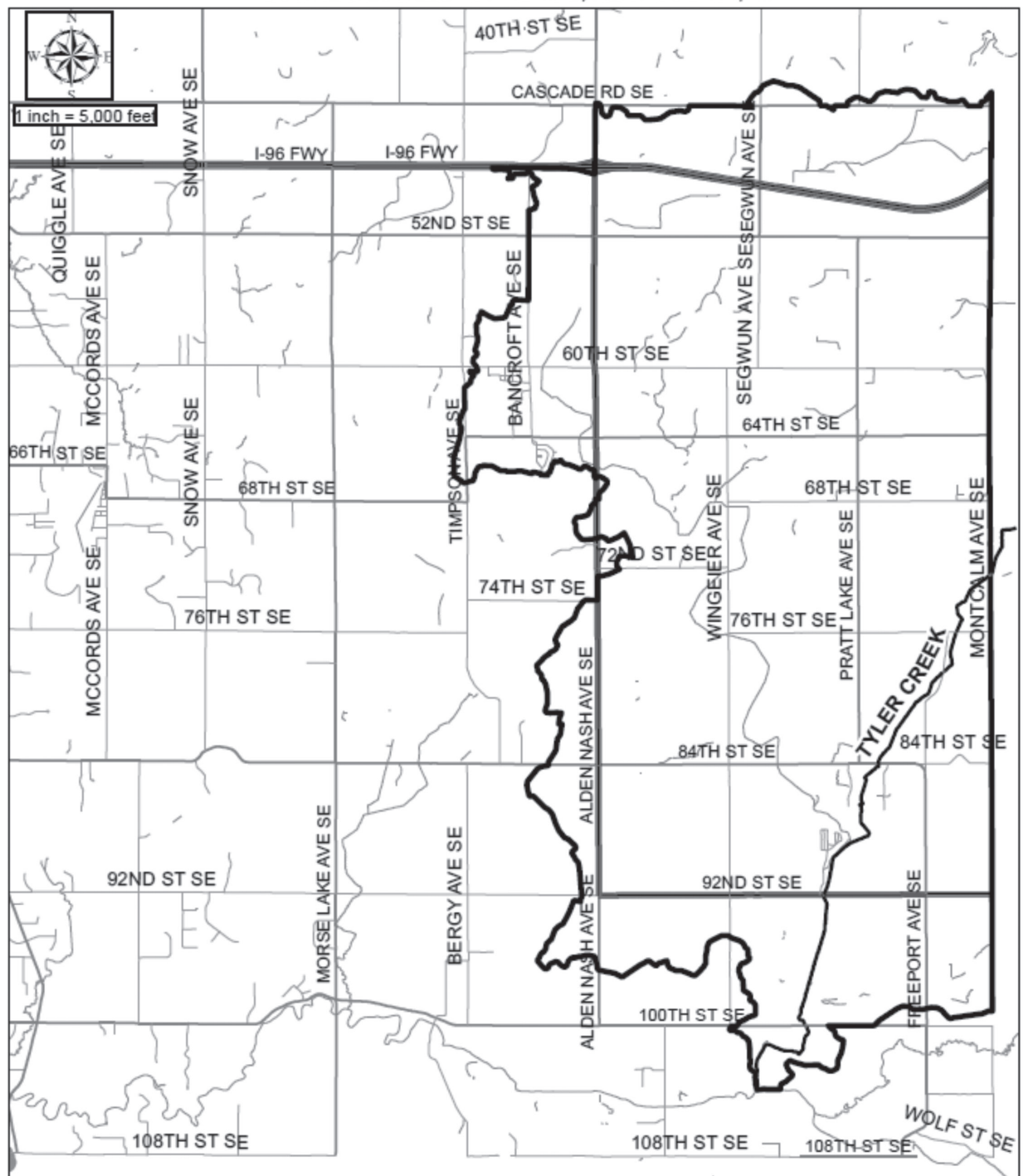
A map depicting the proposed revisions to the Tyler Creek Inter-County Drain Drainage District, as recommended by a licensed professional engineer or surveyor, is enclosed with this Notice.

**YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED**, that persons aggrieved by the decision of the Drain Commissioner may seek judicial review in the Circuit Court, for the County of Kent, within ten (10) days of the determination.

Dated this 24th day of May, 2019.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in Kenneth J Yonker, Kent County Drain Commissioner

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## GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
Synopsis of Minutes  
May 13, 2019

### Motions Approved:

1. To approve that all costs for hook-up to the sewer manhole on Mac DR. by Mr. Mattson are his own expense.
2. To request addition bids to update the Township Zoning Map.
3. To request a meeting with Consumers Energy to negotiate the cost of three-phase power at the Cowan Lake Pump Station.

Our next Township Meeting will be **June 10 at 7 p.m.**

The approved minutes may be reviewed on our website at [www.grattantownship.org](http://www.grattantownship.org)

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# Alan Turner first Sizzlin' Summer Concert of 2019



by Patrick Misner  
contributing reporter

The Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts will begin on Thursday, June 13 with concerts continuing every week at 7 pm on the downtown Riverwalk Plaza until August 22. All of the concerts are free and open to the public. This year's lineup includes country singer/songwriter Alan Turner, the Americana band Deep Greens and Blues, rock-and-roll band Jesse Ray and the Carolina Catfish, along with many others. LowellArts and the Lowell Area Chamber of

Commerce put on the events. The first performer of the year is the country singer/songwriter Alan Turner, who will make a stop in Lowell amid a tour this summer that brings him all around Michigan and into Chicago. The Lowell Chamber of Commerce website describes Turner as, 'a singer-songwriter with songs that speak of loves gained and lost and raucous whiskey drinking, often times with a sly twist of humor mixed in. Alan Turner's voice is rich baritone that pours 'country' into every note he sings. His

inspirational country songs talk about his love of God, country and family, and they will touch your soul.'

Music has been part of Turner's life since childhood. The Ledger was able to ask Turner some questions about his love of music, his latest album "Renegade Road" and his touring experiences.

"I've been playing music all my life," Turner said. "My father was a singer in a Glen Miller-type band before I was born. He taught me to sing, he used to sit me on his knee and sing to me. My mother was a Sunday school teacher and taught me how to play piano at a really young age. So I was surrounded by

music early on in my life. Tragically, my father became terminally ill from cancer and passed away just before my 10th birthday, but he left me as a gift a vinyl record of Kenny Rogers called 'The Gambler'. I fell in love with country music because of that last gift I got from my father."

Although his love of country music has deep roots, he did not start playing country music professionally for many years.

"[After] being involved in gospel quartets, doing backup vocals for national Christian artists and even a late-80s hair band, I was challenged to start my own country band after winning a vocal contest," Turner explained. "This gave me an opportunity to open for a national country artist, Keith Anderson, in 2007. I immediately was approached to start a band and I began pursuing the craft of writing, recording and performing country music. So, technically, 2007 to 2019 has been all part of pursuing that country music dream. A lot of hard work and persistence finally started paying off the last four years or so."

This country music dream has resulted in the release of four albums in the past 12 years. "Renegade Road," his latest album, was released in January 2018. The genesis of the album came after forming a collaborative partnership with another songwriter.

"I had just come off the success of a song that I had written with a songwriter friend, Greg Stryker," Turner said. "He's written for and with Eddie Money, Uncle Kracker and many more. The song was called 'The Preacher Man And Me,' which hit number two for two months on the Power Source Inspirational Christian Country chart. Both the song and its music

video were a huge success, and I realized Greg and I had a songwriting chemistry that needed to be explored."

This chemistry eventually resulted in the writing of "Renegade Road," which has had success around the country and even internationally.

"So we began writing what ended up being some 19 songs, of which 13 made the album," Turner said. "'One Too Many' hit number one for three weeks in Europe on the Euro Academy of Country Music chart, 'Three Nails' went to number one on the Power Source Inspirational Christian Country chart and our current single 'Tennessee Twister' is slugging its way through

son, at Beird Music Group Recording Studios. Both my band and some great a-list players in Nashville were involved in the album's recording."

Although, besides a couple shows in Chicago, this tour is staying in Michigan, Turner and his band have been on tours throughout the country. Sometimes coordinating all of the band members' schedules is difficult.

"We perform all over the country over the course of a year," Turner said. "Frankly, because we perform so much, my mind is often focused on the immediate shows that are approaching, but when so much travel is involved we need to stay on top of the travel plans. Typically there



are around eight to nine people traveling from show to show, and sometimes we run into travel problems if someone's day job interferes with our initial plans. Not long ago we had two weeks of performances in Key West and had to arrange to have our guitar player fly in and fly out do to his work schedule. The rest of us made the trip on the Patriot tour bus. Now we have a band Microsoft OneNote page where often we will have a year's worth of travel plans for each show mapped out. The biggest problem is keeping it updated and being ahead of the curve!"

While music is his passion, he does still have a day job. He is thankful it is flexible enough to allow him to continue touring throughout the year.

"I am a financial adviser and have built a successful career that has given me the flexibility to be able play all over the country and still meet the needs of clients, wherever I may be," Turner said. Turner and his band can be seen performing at the Riverwalk Plaza downtown on Thursday, June 13 at 7 pm. The concert is free and kicks off the Thursday night concert series that will continue throughout the summer.



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# Swiss Lane Farms to educate youth at 'Cow Camp'

by Brendan A. Sanders  
contributing reporter

Swiss Lane Dairy Farms will have a very busy month of June as they gear up to host their annual Cow Camp.

Located at 12877 84th Street SE in Alto, Swiss Lane Dairy Farms will be hosting three sessions for its Cow Camp between June 10 and June 27. The camp is for children from kindergarten and up. For kids age 10 and

older, each session will be four days long; it will be three days for kids under age 10. Each attendee of the camp will get a calf to take care of for the week before a cow showing at the end of each session. They will also get a T-shirt.

"We want to give kids an experience that they would otherwise not get the chance to get," said Annie Link,

founder of Dairy Discovery at Swiss Lane Dairy Farms.

New this year, the first Monday of each session will be reserved for experienced campers over the age of 10. These campers will learn from a nutrition consultant from Caledonia Farmers Elevator, participate in a hands-on activity led by an intern from Michigan State University and they will get extra experience with the calves so they can help mentor the younger campers who will be attending the next day's events.

"We added an extra day to our camp this year for some of the older, more experienced kids," Link said. "They will get more hands-on activities on the first day. They will also get more time with our calves so they can help mentor some of the younger kids that will

be joining us for the rest of the week."

Tuesdays of each session are called "Vet Day," short for "veterinarian." Campers will learn how to milk a cow, along with learning the proper way to take care of their cattle. Students will learn how to find a heartbeat on a cow, as well as other techniques to keep their cows healthy. Kids will also do chores such as adding

sawdust to a cow's pen and sweeping the barns. There will also be time for students to train their calves for the showing.

All campers will learn about a cow's diet on Wednesday, working together to create 100 pounds of food for a single cow. They will also learn about the technology that helps farmers produce milk more efficiently.

Thursday will be the grand finale for each session. Students will do a taste test of the various products that Swiss Lane Dairy Farms produce. They will also learn about human nutrition from a representative from SpartanNash food distribution. After that, campers will participate in their very own calf showing in front of their friends and family.

There is still time to register your child for any one of the three sessions. From now until the start of camp, registration is \$145 per child.

For any questions about Cow Camp, call 616-868-6735, email dairydiscovery@gmail.com, or visit swisslanefarms.com/camps. Swiss Lane Dairy Farms also has a Facebook page that is very responsive to inquiries.



Photos from last year's Cow Camp courtesy Swiss Lane Dairy Farms.





## Jacob Petersen

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Jacob Petersen</b>
<b>Occupation:</b>	<b>Kitchen Manager at the Big Boiler Brewing</b>
<b>Education:</b>	<b>Lowell High School</b>
<b>Experience:</b>	<b>5 ½ years</b>
<b>Family:</b>	<b>Girlfriend, brother, mom, dad</b>
<b>Hobbies:</b>	<b>Video games, plays viola and drums</b>
<b>Pets:</b>	<b>Turtle</b>
<b>Fun Fact:</b>	<b>Listens to metal and classical music</b>

# Local chef makes his mark on Big Boiler Brewing

by Brendan A. Sanders  
contributing reporter

Jacob Petersen is the head chef at the Big Boiler Brewing, a restaurant that is quickly grabbing a foothold in downtown Lowell. Petersen has been in the food production industry since he was 17, working at McDonald's and Flat River Grill before finding a spot at Big Boiler Brewing.

"When I was a kid, my first job was actually working at McDonald's," Petersen said. "My mom worked at Flat River Grill, so I went from McDonald's to working the kitchen there. I never left, working my way up for five years."

Joining Big Boiler Brewing as a chef in December of 2017, Petersen was made

head chef last April. When working as the leading chef at a restaurant as popular as Big Boiler Brewing, the job can get very busy and time-consuming.

"Lots of hours," Petersen said. "When fully staffed, I usually work from 10 am to 8 pm, five days of the week. There was a time where I worked 37 days in a row. It's just one of those things where I need to run what I need to run, if everyone's here and trained up then I have nice 40-hour weeks if I need to stick around and make sure everything works right, then I have 60-hour weeks."

Petersen then described what a day in his shoes looked like.

"A typical Wednesday for me is setup, cook, order, and when the others come in, I sit on the computer," Petersen said.

As the head chef, Petersen is given some liberties to add to the menu that is provided to him. Allowing for experimentation and the potential for the creation of a new menu item.

"I'm in the position where their menu design was pretty much set up. I've done their last few menus, adding a few

small things," Petersen said. "They have their mainstays, people love our wings, people love our burgers, but I have added a couple of sandwiches from my own head. This past menu I put all the recipe burgers on there. We have eight recipe burgers."

Petersen described his process in creating new menu items.

"It's mostly kind of messing around to see what works, along with a lot of online research," Petersen said. "So, I go online to find things that inspire me, then bring it in here and try to change it up a little bit and try to do my own little flavor. We do a lot of cooking with our own house beer, so I try to infuse beer as much as I can."

Petersen works all the catering events, working for parties that reserve Big Boiler Brewing. Peterson also creates the special buffets, such as the Mother's Day buffet.

"I did 40 hours that weekend," Petersen laughed.

When asked what the future holds for Big Boiler Brewing, Petersen detailed an upcoming addition to the menu.



"In the coming weeks we'll be putting up a pizza station," Petersen said. "We're going to start doing individual 8-inch pizzas. We're adding another reach-in cooler in the kitchen dedicated to pizzas and salads. I'm not sure if we're going to do it full time, right now we're just going to ease into it."

Petersen proceeded to detail what he wants to do in the future.

"Right now, I technically don't have any college education in culinary, so

that is one thing that I want to do," Petersen said. "I also want to eventually open up my own kitchen from the ground up, open up my own restaurant or run a food truck."

A graduate of Lowell High School, Petersen played viola in the school orchestra and still enjoys playing drums. His favorite hobby is video games, specializing in first person shooters. He currently lives with his girlfriend and his painted turtle, Calypso.



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Commissioner at (616) 632-7910, or through the Michigan Relay Center at 1-800-649-3777 (TDD), at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

A map depicting the proposed revisions to the Geiger Intercounty Drain Drainage District, as recommended by a licensed professional engineer or surveyor, is enclosed with this Notice.

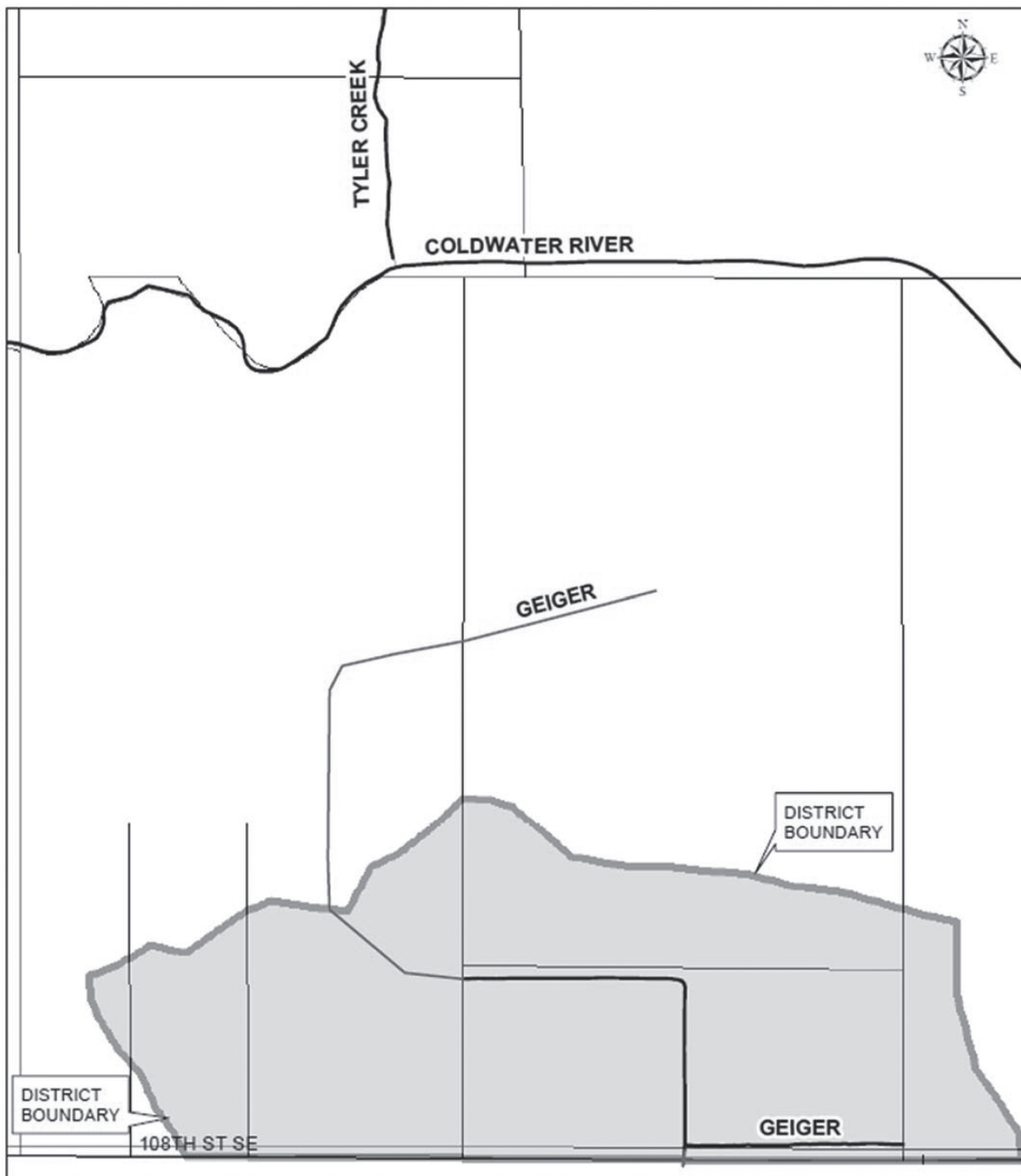
**YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED**, that persons aggrieved by the decision of the Drain Commissioner may seek judicial review in the Circuit Court, for the County of Kent, within ten (10) days of the determination.

Dated this 24th day of May, 2019.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the County Drain

Kenneth J Yonker,  
Kent County Drain Commissioner

### GEIGER DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOWNE TOWNSHIP, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN



Office of the Kent County Drain Commissioner  
Kenneth Yonker

5/15/2019 - AEL



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# Medicare: Rules for those with higher income

If you have higher income, the law requires an upward adjustment to your monthly Medicare Part B (medical insurance) and Medicare prescription drug coverage premiums. But, if your income has gone down, you may use form SSA-44 to request a reduction in your Medicare income-related monthly adjustment amount.

Medicare Part B helps pay for your doctors' services and outpatient care. It also covers other medical services, such as physical and occupational therapy, and some home health care. For most beneficiaries, the government pays a substantial portion — about 75 percent — of the Part B premium, and the beneficiary pays the remaining 25 percent.

If you're a higher-income beneficiary, you'll pay a larger percentage of the total cost of Medicare Part B, based on the income you report to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). You'll pay monthly Part B premiums equal to 35, 50, 65, 80, or 85 percent of the total cost, depending on the income you report to the IRS.

Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage helps pay for your prescription drugs. For most beneficiaries, the government pays a major portion of the total costs for this coverage, and the beneficiary pays the rest.

Prescription drug plan costs vary depending on the plan, and whether you get Extra Help with your portion of the Medicare prescription drug coverage costs.

If you're a higher-income beneficiary with Medicare prescription drug coverage, you'll pay monthly premiums plus an additional amount, which is also based on the income you report to the IRS. Because individual plan premiums vary, the law specifies that the amount is determined using a base premium. Social Security ties the additional amount you pay to the base beneficiary premium, not your own premium amount. If you're a higher-income beneficiary, we deduct this amount from your monthly Social Security payments regardless of how you usually pay your monthly prescription plan premiums. If the amount is greater than your monthly payment from Social Security, or you don't get monthly payments, you'll get a separate bill from another federal agency, such as the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services or the Railroad Retirement Board.

You can find Form SSA-44 online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/forms/ssa-44.pdf](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/forms/ssa-44.pdf). You can also read more in the publication "Medicare Premiums: Rules For Higher-Income Beneficiaries" at: [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10536.pdf](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10536.pdf).

## LEGAL NOTICE

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

**In the matter of Berendina Eman Guardianship File No. 19-205,327-GA Conservatorship File No. 19-205,326-CA**

**June 19, 2019, at 1:30 P.M. at Kent Co. Probate Court, 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: Appointment of a Guardian, Appointment of a Conservator.**

**Dated: May 30, 2019**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS** including her son, Mark Erlick and daughter, Joy Coe, and any other unknown children and heirs, whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

**Adult Protective Services, DHHS, Petitioner**  
121 Franklin St. NE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49507  
(616) 260-5649

**VAN ESSEN AND ASSOCIATES PLLC Attys. for Petitioner**  
by Amanda Van Essen Wirth (P75001)  
3425 Kelly St.  
Hudsonville, MI 49426  
Phone (616) 633-0196

**TAKE NOTICE:** A hearing will be held on

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# SPORTS

## Lowell softball claims district championship

by Justin Scott  
contributing reporter

The goal of winning a district championship for the Lowell varsity softball team was delayed on Saturday following a 4-0 win over Northview in the district semifinals. Stormy weather wreaked havoc on district tournament schedules across the state on Saturday, leading to multiple postponements. This included Lowell's district championship game against the Rockford Rams, and while it took two more days, the Arrows were able to get it done.

Lowell defeated Rockford 7-1 on Monday in the district championship to win their second district title in as many years. The winning play was made

by freshman Hanna Bogoski getting the throwout to second base to finish off the Rams. The Red Arrows and Rams have been frequent softball opponents, with one team having ended the other's season each of the last three years.

Emily Depew, Kylee Stephens, Corah Miller, and Maddi Jordan were named to the all-district team. Coach, Melissa Trainor was also named District Coach of the Year. During the Northview game, senior Depew recorded her 200th strikeout while earning a full-game shutout in the process. Depew struck out 11 batters and allowed only one hit. Jordan led LHS with three RBIs

including a solo home run.

The team advance to Saturday's Division 1

- Region 2 competition where they will play Muskegon Reeths-Puffer in the regional semifinal

at 12:00 pm. The winner of that game will play the winner of Jenison and Caledonia in the

regional championship game at 2:00 pm. All games will be played at Hudsonville.



Lowell softball poses with their district championship trophy. - Photo: LHS Athletics.

## Lowell soccer finishes season at 13-7

by Justin Scott  
contributing reporter

The Lowell varsity girls soccer team took on three OK White conference foes in this year's district tournament. The Lady Arrows were able to beat both Greenville and Northview before falling to FHN in the district finals.

LHS shut out Greenville for the third time this season in the district

quarterfinals by a score of 8-0. The Arrows saw goals from Khloe Hayes (3), Isabel Remar (2), Maloryn Mrozinski (2), and Regan Coxon. Remar, Maddie Halfmann, Amber Clouse, and Hailey Halfmann all recorded assists. Callie Ingram and Abby White both helped record the shutout in the 8-0 win at Greenville.

In the district semifinals, the girls battled back against a strong Northview team to win 3-1. Maddie Halfmann (2) and Jaki Hayes were the goalscorers for LHS to book their spot in the district championship game held Friday at Cedar Springs against state-ranked FHN. It was the team's third win against

the Wildcats as well. In the championship game, the Huskies took a quick lead before Lowell struck

back with a goal from Hayes. The Huskies were able to take advantage of several long-range goals

to defeat LHS 9-1. The team ended their season third in the conference and with a 13-7 record.



Senior Regan Coxon during Friday's district championship game.



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# Massive amount of extra water in Lake Michigan

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

According to a report from the US Army Corps of Engineers, Lake Michigan's water level has risen 11 inches in the past year. The record increase, set in 1986, is 13 inches.

"Heavy precipitation and high flows have continued to contribute to rising lake levels," says the report, published May 31 on the Army Corps of Engineers website. "All lakes are currently above their record highs for the month of May, with Erie the highest above its record by 6 inches. Lakes St. Clair, Superior, Ontario, Michigan [and] Huron are currently 5, 3, 3, and 1 inch above their record high May levels."

"These events are quite consistent with what scientists have been expecting with long-term climate change patterns," Drew Gronewold of the University of Michigan's School for Environment and Sustainability was quoted saying in a May 6 article in the Detroit Free Press. "The challenge is that it's very hard to forecast when those extremes are going to occur and when the transition between them might occur."

All that extra water can create dangerous

conditions for boaters and others who visit the lake for recreational purposes. For example, obstacles in the water, previously visible, could now be submerged, which could cause terrible accidents. It makes beaches disappear and makes all the lakes and rivers that are fed by Lake Michigan rise, which could cause decreases in tourism around the state.

According to an article by Dale Bowman in the June 1 edition of the Chicago Sun Times, Lake Michigan's water is too high for some larger boats to travel under that city's bridges, and it is negatively effecting tourism by flooding the parks, piers, ports, sidewalks and beaches that line Chicago's lakeshore.

The one silver lining is that the increase is good for the shipping industry, because freighters are able to carry heavier loads when the water is deeper.

The extra 11 inches of water in Lake Michigan is the equivalent of 4.3 trillion gallons, or 17.7 billion tons, of additional water. You could fit 597.9 million replicas of Ford Field inside of that space. See info box at right for how those figures were reached.

Lake Michigan's water surface is 22,300 square miles. [source: <http://geo.msu.edu/extra/geogmich/lakemichigan.html>] One square mile = 640 acres. 22,300 square miles = 14,272,000 acres. Therefore, Lake Michigan is 14,272,000 acres.

One inch of rain falling on one acre is equal to 27,154 gallons and weighs 113 tons. [source: <https://www.usgs.gov/>



special-topic/water-science-school/science/rain-and-precipitation] 27,154 gallons x 11 inches = 298,694 gallons per acre. 298,694 gallons per acre x 14,272,000 acres = 4,262,960,768,000 gallons. Therefore, there are 4.3 trillion extra gallons of water in Lake Michigan.

113 tons x 11 inches = 1,243 tons per acre. 1,243 tons of water x 14,272,000 acres = 17,740,096,000. Therefore, there are 17.7 extra tons of water in Lake Michigan.

Ford Field is 1,826,250 square feet. [source: <https://www.fordfield.com/stadium-info/about-ford-field>] 43,560 square feet = 1 acre. 41.9 Ford Fields per acre. 41.9 Ford Fields x 14,272,000 acres = 597,996,800 Ford Fields. Therefore, you could fit 597.9 million Ford Fields into that 11 extra inches of water on Lake Michigan.

## Lowell Farmers Market open soon

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Healthy eating and organic food is all the rage these days, so most good-sized towns have a farmers market. When it opens, the Lowell Farmers Market shall be located in the parking lot by Veterans Memorial park directly across Main St. from the entrance to the

Riverwalk. The market will be open from 9 am until 2 pm every Thursday from June 13 through Sept. 26.

"Nothing makes you think of summer, the goodness of freshly-harvested produce and the enjoyment of viewing and shopping for unique items in an outdoor

atmosphere more than a Farmers Market," said Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Liz Baker. "The Lowell Farmers Market will be a visible indication of the support we give our local farmers and specialty retailers."

"The farmers market is great because you can buy fresh food, grown with no chemicals, and support local businesses," said market master Cinnamin Piggott.

At the Lowell Area Farmers Market you'll find fresh fruit, fresh flowers, organic honey, baked goods, homemade salsa and sauces, milk, ice cream, meat, homemade mead, interesting garden decorations and other handcrafted items.

For more information, visit the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce website, [lowellchamber.org](http://lowellchamber.org), or call them at 616-897-9161. If you are a vendor who would like to participate, contact Piggott at 616-916-9193.

### CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

#### AN ORDINANCE TO ADD CHAPTER 26, "CITY INCOME TAX," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 19-02 adding a Chapter 26 "City Income Tax" to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell on June 3, 2019. Ordinance No. 19-02 (a) enacts the Uniform City Income Tax Ordinance, being Chapter 2 of Act 284 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1964, as amended ("Act 284"); and (b) sets the income tax rate as one percent (1.0%) for corporations and resident individuals and one-half percent (0.5%) for nonresident individuals; and (c) provides for various exemptions; and (d) allows for an income tax administrator; and (d) provides that the ordinance shall not take effect unless a City income tax is approved by the qualified and registered electors of the City as provided for by law.

A copy of Ordinance No. 19-02 is available for inspection at City Hall, 301 East Main Street in the City during regular business hours of the City.

This ordinance shall take effect (subject to its "Effective After Approval" provisions providing that the qualified and registered electors must first approve a City income tax) ten (10) days after publication.



Susan Ullery  
City Clerk

### LEGAL NOTICE

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

**In the matter of Michael Mieras Guardianship File No. 19-205,262-GA Conservatorship File No. 19-205,261-CA**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including his daughter, Lisa Mieras, and any other unknown children and heirs, whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:**

**TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on July 10, 2019, at 3:00**

**P.M. at Kent Co. Probate Court, 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose:**

**Appointment of a Guardian, Appointment of a Conservator.**

**Dated: May 30, 2019**

**Adult Protective Services, DHHS, Petitioner 121 Franklin St. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49507 (616) 260-6443**

**VAN ESSEN AND ASSOCIATES PLLC Attys. for Petitioner by Amanda Van Essen Wirth (P75001) 3425 Kelly St. Hudsonville, MI 49426 Phone (616) 633-0196**

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## wanted

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

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**HALL FOR RENT** - Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash. Newly remodeled, smoke-free, private, great location & great rate! www.VFW8303.org. FREE All Vets Coffee Hour at the center the 3rd Thursday of each month. Bring a friend. Call John at 299-0486 or 897-8303. tm

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

## help wanted

**LOOKING FOR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS** - to deliver the Grand Rapids Press, 3 days per week, must have reliable transportation, Michigan drivers license and car insurance. Please call John at 616-222-9060.

## misc

**ABANDONED VEHICLE AUCTION** - June 11 at noon at 1177 O.E. Bieri Industrial Dr., Lowell, MI. 1996 Chevy Camaro, VIN 2G1FP22K0T2119453.

**CAR WASH AND BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER** - for Lowell Boondockers 4-H. Sat., June 8, 8:30 to 12:30 at the Tractor Supply parking lot. \$5 per car wash.

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**SARANAC COMMUNITY CHURCH BASEMENT & BARN SALE** - June 6 & 7, 9 to 5 pm & June 8, 9 to 12 pm. Lots of children (like new) and adult clothing, books & puzzles, collectibles, furniture, dishes, toys & children books & many more items. This is a big sale!

**MOVING SALE** - Saturday, June 8, 707 Foreman St., Lowell, 9-4. Sofa, TV, table/chairs, twin bed, Bose speaker system, humidifier, antique highchair, tools and tool box, tons of primitive and seasonal decor, bedding, rugs, playpen, baby gate, shelving, shop vac, lawn furniture, tables, chairs, dishes, deep fryer, toys, VHS/DVD/CDs, file cabinet, luggage, much more.

**MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE** - Lots of kitchenware (dishes, pots, pans, utensils, small appliances), linens (towels, blankets, sheets); tool boxes with various tools including one with machinist tools, adult & children's books, 2 vacuum cleaners, lawn chairs, games, kids toys, girl clothing (newborn - 4T), home decor, baby supplies, pachysandra ground cover (big chunks in flats) & much more! Fri., June 7, 9-5 and Sat., June 8, 9-? 9281 Bailey Dr. Corner of McCabe Ave.

**CLEARING THE HOUSE SALES** - June 7-8, Fridays, 9-6 & Saturdays 9-4 pm. 50 totes and boxes of craft supplies & sewing notions, hundreds of craft & cookbooks, large quantity of vintage clothing, all priced to go. June 14-15 farm toys, dolls, milk glass, other collectibles. June 21-22 household items & furniture. 7176 Jackson Rd., Saranac.

**SEMI ANNUAL 2ND BEST & BAKE SALE** - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 10305 Bluewater Hwy., Lowell. Friday, June 7, 8 am - 5 pm & Sat., June 8, 8 am - 2pm. Lots of good stuff this year, along with the usual quality household items & gently used clothing.

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

## services

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

**POWERWASHING - Dirt, mildew washed away. Call Jim today, 915-1745.**

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## services

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# 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.

61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

**STORMY THE MAGICIAN** - June 20 at 1 pm. Come see Dave Storms weave stories, magine & tricks into a show filled with laughter for all audiences. Clarksville Area Library, 165 N. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

**NATURE DISCOVERY "MAKING SPACE FOR MICHIGAN SNAKES"** - June 27 at 10 am. A thrilling learning experience for all audiences. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

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**MAHJONGG AT THE LIBRARY** - June 7 - Aug. 30, every Friday, 1 pm. American Mahjongg: a game of skill, strategy and calculation. All skill levels welcome. Bring your own mahjongg set or borrow ours. Seating is limited. For adults. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell. 616-784-2007, www.kdl.org

**MUSIC ON THE LAWN** - June 11, 7 pm at the Averill Historical Museum, 7144 Headley St., Ada. All-timey String Band, traditional fiddle tunes with popular songs of the 1960s. Free, family-friendly event. Bring a lawn chair. Sponsored by Ada Township. Ada Historical Society, 7144 Headley St., Ada. 616-676-9346. www.AdaHistoricalSociety.org

**RUFF READERS** - June 12 - July 24, Every Wednesday, 6:30 - 7:30 pm. A unique read-aloud program in partnership with West Michigan Therapy Dogs, Inc that pairs kids with a trained therapy dog and their handler. Kids read their favorite book adn the pooches curl up, listen and enjoy. Arrive 15 minutes early to sign in and secure a time slot. First come, first served. For ages 6 and up. No Ruff Readers on July 3. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell. 616-784-2007, www.kdl.org

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**FAMILY YOGA SATURDAYS** - June 15 - Aug. 24, Every Saturday, 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 and relax. For ages 6 and up with a caregiver. Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 30 minutes before the program begins. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell. 616-784-2007, www.kdl.org

**FOAM RELIEF PAINTING** - June 17, 6 pm. Foam relief painting is a forgiving printmaking technique perfect for the beginner. Participants can expect to learn a new craft skill and take home their own work of art. No registration. Seating is limited, first come, first served. Doors open 30 minutes before the program begins. For adults. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell. 616-784-2007, www.kdl.org

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY** - a Christ-centred, Biblically-based 12 step program for people with hurts, hang-ups and habits. Meets every Thursday from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at Impact, 1069 Lincoln Lake Ave, Lowell. Open to all who are 18 years or older. Fourth Thursday of each month is Chip Night when we celebrate a meal together starting at 6 pm.

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

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

**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.

## NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENT TYLER CREEK INTER-COUNTY DRAIN

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that on Monday, the 10th day of June, 2019, at the Kent County Drain Commissioner's Office, 1500 Scribner Ave NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49504, County of Kent, or such place and time, I, Kenneth J Yonker, Kent County Drain Commissioner, may adjourn, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the Tyler Creek Inter-County Drain Drainage District, and the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities in the Drainage District, will be subject to review on the above specified date only, from 8:30am until 4:30pm. Also on this date, the computation of cost for said drain will be open for inspection by any interested parties. You may also review your apportionments by phone at (616) 632-7910.

**WHEREAS**, you are further advised that, pursuant to Section 154 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, drain assessments against land will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If drain assessments are being collected for more than one (1) year, you may pay the assessment in full with any interest to date at any time and avoid further interest charges.

**WHEREAS**, you are further advised that, pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, any owner of land within the Tyler Creek Inter-County Drain Drainage District or any city, village, township, district or county, feeling aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits made by the Drain Commissioner, may appeal the apportionment within ten (10) days after the "Day of Review of Apportionment" by making an application to the Kent County Probate Court for the appointment of a Board of Review. If there is no appeal, the roll will be confirmed ten (10) days after the "Day of Review of Apportionment". The confirmed roll may be slightly different from the roll presented at the Day of Review, due to arguments made at the Day of Review.

**AS A PROPERTY OWNER WITHIN THE DISTRICT, YOU ARE SUBJECT TO A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR A PORTION OF THE COST OF THIS PROJECT.**

The government units and permanent parcel numbers of the parcels of land within the Special Assessment District of said drain being assessed are located at the end of this notice.

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Dated this 24th day of May, 2019.

Kenneth J Yonker,  
Kent County Drain Commissioner

Government units and Parcel Numbers of lands and being assessed:

412022300-013	412034200-013 thru 014	412402400-009 thru 011	412404300-010 thru 015	412413300-005	412423400-002
412023300-002 thru 003	412034200-007 thru 010	412402501-001	412404400-003	412413300-010 thru 013	412423400-011 thru 012
412023300-010	412034300-001	412403100-008	412404400-012	412413400-002 thru 003	412424100-008
412023300-016 thru 017	412034300-008	412403100-010 thru 011	412404400-017 thru 018	412413400-011 thru 012	412424100-012 thru 013
412023400-003	412034300-010 thru 011	412403100-013	412404400-028 thru 029	412414100-002	412424100-015
412024300-002	412034300-018	412403100-015 thru 016	412404400-031 thru 034	412414100-004 thru 005	412424100-019 thru 021
412024300-005 thru 006	412034300-023 thru 027	412403100-018	412404400-036 thru 037	412414200-001	412424100-028
412024400-004	412034400-006	412403100-029 thru 030	412404401-005 thru 006	412414200-005 thru 006	412424100-030
412024400-006 thru 009	412034400-008 thru 010	412403100-021	412404404-001 thru 061	412414200-010 thru 014	412424100-033 thru 039
412025100-001	412035100-002 thru 003	412403100-027	412404405-001 thru 038	412414300-001	412424200-006 thru 007
412025100-006	412035100-005	412403100-023 thru 025	412404425-002	412414300-005	412424200-013 thru 018
412025100-008	412035100-007 thru 012	412403200-002	412404501-001	412414300-010	412424200-023 thru 024
412025100-010	412035200-002	412403200-004 thru 006	412405200-004	412414400-004	412424300-002 thru 003
412025200-002 thru 003	412035200-006 thru 009	412403300-001	412405400-015	412414400-007 thru 008	412424300-010 thru 014
412025200-006	412035300-001 thru 002	412403300-006 thru 007	412405400-020	412414400-010	412424400-001 thru 003
412025300-005 thru 009	412035400-004	412403400-004	412405400-022 thru 025	412414400-012 thru 013	412424400-007 thru 008
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412026100-007 thru 008	412036100-005	412403400-022	412409200-007 thru 008	412415300-016 thru 017	412425100-007
412026100-002 thru 005	412036100-007	412403400-024 thru 026	412409200-013	412415300-022 thru 024	412425100-009
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412033326-002	412401300-007	412404131-001 thru 002	412410400-009	412422100-010	412427100-009
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412033351-009 thru 011	412401400-007	412404131-022	412411100-009 thru 010	412422300-003	412427200-009
412033352-001 thru 006	412401400-009	412404131-025 thru 027	412411200-003 thru 004	412422300-005	412427200-012 thru 013
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The Charter Township of Lowell and the Township of Bowne at large, the Michigan Department of Transportation on account of highways, and the County of Kent on account of roads.

# Murray Lake Elementary Staff Member of the Month

Nancy Russell has been named Staff Member of the Month at Murray Lake Elementary.

Molly Burnett said, "Mrs. Russell is just a ray of sunshine. We will miss her smile and positive attitude! She is a gift to every one of her students. She works so hard to meet all of their needs. She is a great communicator and collaborator. We thank Mrs. Russell for Making Her Mark at Murray Lake. We

love her to pieces and hope she visits us next year!"

"I've taught in Lowell for 34 years, including kindergarten, first and second grades. I've taught at Alto, Bushnell and Murray Lake Elementary schools. I have loved being at Murray Lake Elementary for the last 16 years of my career because there is such a family feel here. I've had many children of my students from the early years in the past few years,

and even some grandkids of my own high school classmates. My retirement is bittersweet. I love the kids and being in the classroom, but I'm also ready for a change of pace. I feel so blessed to have been able to teach in this wonderful community in which I grew up," commented Russell.



Murray Lake Elementary Staff Member of the Month, Nancy Russell.

## MLE Volunteers of the month

Family Links are the Murray Lake Elementary Volunteers of the Month.

"Family Links Moms have been nominated as our Volunteers of the month for the month of May. They have been nominated because they do so much

to make MLE a great place to work and learn. We know this job takes a ton of work and volunteer hours. Everyone at Murray Lake is so grateful for the support they provide our school. We thank them for all that they do," said Molly Burnett.



2018-19 Family Links council members (not all members are pictured): Courtney Serne, Kaily VanLaan, Kati Doyle, Margaret Taylor, Lindsay Kepley, Jen Forney, Jody Yaw, Deb Cross, Cindy Flynn, Michelle Schaedig, and Sarah Simon.

## LEGAL NOTICE

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

In the matter of George Hampton  
Guardianship File No. 19-205,498-GA

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

Dated: May 30, 2019

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including his son, George Hampton Jr., and any other unknown children and heirs, whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on July 17, 2019, at 1:30

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

VAN ESSEN AND ASSOCIATES PLLC Attys. for Petitioner by Amanda Van Essen Wirth (P75001) 3425 Kelly St. Hudsonville, MI 49426 Phone (616) 633-0196

## NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENT GEIGER INTER-COUNTY DRAIN

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that on Monday, the 10th day of June, 2019, at the Kent County Drain Commissioner's Office, 1500 Scribner Ave NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49504, County of Kent, or such place and time, I, Kenneth J Yonker, Kent County Drain Commissioner, may adjourn, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the Geiger Inter-County Drain Drainage District, and the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities in the Drainage District, will be subject to review on the above specified date only, from 8:30am until 4:30pm. You may also review your apportionments by phone at (616) 632-7910.

**WHEREAS**, you are further advised that, pursuant to Section 154 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, drain assessments against land will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If drain assessments are being collected for more than one (1) year, you may pay the assessment in full with any interest to date at any time and avoid further interest charges.

**WHEREAS**, you are further advised that, pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, any owner of land within the Geiger Inter-County Drain Drainage District or any city, village, township, district or county, feeling aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits made by the Drain Commissioner, may appeal the apportionment within ten (10) days after the "Day of Review of Apportionment" by making an application to the Kent County Probate Court for the appointment of a Board of Review. If there is no appeal, the roll will be confirmed ten (10) days after the "Day of Review of Apportionment". The confirmed roll may be slightly different from the roll presented at the Day of Review, due to arguments made at the Day of Review.

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Dated this 24th day of May, 2019.

Kenneth J Yonker,  
Kent County Drain Commissioner

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412435300009	412435300011	

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**NOW THROUGH JUNE 1!**

**Live Action Clue Night**  
**June 11**  
 Get your **FREE** tickets at  
[www.fromlowell.org/clue](http://www.fromlowell.org/clue)



**Matching Sponsors**

**Total Match: \$24,700**  
**Match Used: \$24,700**



**Thank You to Our 2019 Sponsors**

Lake Michigan Credit Union, Canfield Plumbing & Heating, Inc Boulder Ridge Wild Animal Park, McDonald's, Red Creek Waste Services, Chimera Design, Dery Physical Therapy Services, Common Cents Rare Coins, Brian & Cheryl Doyle, Alliance Financial & Insurance, Mercantile Bank, Impact Church, Eckman Landscape Construction, Tom Stahr, First Congregational Church, St. Patrick Catholic Church, Alec & Karen McPherson, Knights of Columbus Council #7719, A-1 Laser, Die & Engineering, Timpson Transport Inc, Metric Manufacturing Co, Forenergy, Springrove Variety, Curtis Cleaners, Rick & Jodie Seese, Greenridge Realty, William & Diane Wieland, Rick & Carol Briggs, Joseph & Mary Bommarito, Anonymous, Robert & Vicki Gruendel, Fan Dangled Custom Apparel, Cy & Lorraine Floyd, Goggins Insurance Agency, Dougherty Farms, Loren Barton, Ron & Patricia Merchant, Steve & Sandra Fleming, Bricks Alto Marathon, Anonymous, Rookies Sportscards Plus Yvonne Harmon, Chris & Kim Mast, Grand River Orthodontics, Guy & Nancy ZandBergen, Faith Bible Church of Alto, Dick & Nola Bryan, BC Pizza, Earthworm Dozing & Excavating, Showboat Automotive, Anonymous, Karen Corbett, James & Lori Lang, Reagan Family Dentistry, PURforms, William & Denise Dommer, Lowell Granite Company, Centrie Concrete Cutting & Drilling, Anonymous, Optec, Inc, Key Heights MHC, Key Vista, William Wheeler CPA, Birchwood Gardens Apartments, Bill & Dottie Roth, William Wheeler CPA, Sneakers, Peter & Kendra Wills, Anonymous, John & Nancy Richardson, Richard & Gloria Muller, Mynt Fusion Bistro, Edwin & Judy Van Ek, Arlene Fansher, Marvin & Velda Rosenberger, Vergennes Co Operative Club, Ken & Sherry Olson, Ada Christian Reformed Church, Anonymous, Patrick & Kati Doyle, Joyce VanDyke, Keith Bennett, Alice Monks, Mark & Faith Bogdanik, Edward Jones, Grand River Veterinary Hospital, Todd and Joanne Gillan, Lowell Women's Club, Grand River Veterinary Hospital, Bill and Dawn

Broene, James and Patricia Haberlein, Blu Sky Farms

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Food Fight!	WEEKLY BOX SCORE						TOTALS
	4/22/19 Week 1	4/29/19 Week 2	5/6/19 Week 3	5/13/19 Week 4	5/20/19 Week 5	5/27/19 Week 6	
<b>NORTH</b>	11,075	5,576	8,486	9,241	16,679	13,188	<b>64,245</b>
<b>SOUTH</b>	12,435	4,406	6,316	5,986	16,283	15,370	<b>60,797</b>

We are so thankful for the support shown by our community. Once again your generosity for this year's Food Fight has been amazing! Generous Matching Sponsors started off Food Fight 2019 strong by pledging over \$24,000 to match any new or increased donations to Food Fight and you, as a community certainly responded. With your help we have raised \$125,041.50 in food and financial donations to help our neighbors in need.

We are pleased to announce that this year's winner is **TEAM NORTH!**

Every time you support FROM with your finances, donations, volunteer hours, purchases at Treasures Thrift Shop and more you help us walk alongside our neighbors during times of need.

*There's a mystery afoot and we need local detectives to help solve the case!*

**Live Action CLUE**

During the **FREE** event to celebrate the end of Food Fight, teams will search the FROM building for clues and talk to characters involved to help your team solve the crime.

*Prizes and light refreshments provided.*

**Live Action Clue**  
**June 11**  
**6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**  
**Family Friendly**  
*(ages 8 and up- just like the board game)*

**FROM**  
*(11535 Fulton Street East, Lowell)*

RSVP by June 10 at (616) 897-8260 or [www.fromlowell.org/clue](http://www.fromlowell.org/clue)

Join us as we celebrate the end of Food Fight with a family friendly game night on June 11 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at FROM. We will be playing Live Action Clue. The game will come to life as you search rooms for clues and ask real-life characters questions to help you and your team figure out "whodunit". The event is FREE but RSVP is required by June 10. Get your free tickets online at [www.fromlowell.org/clue](http://www.fromlowell.org/clue)