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Mundts named Persons of Year by Chamber

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Last week the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce announced the recipients of this year's Chamber Awards. This year the Person of the Year award will go to Mark and Theresa Mundt. The awards will be presented during the annual "Winter Gathering of the Membership" dinner banquet at The Fairway, 13955 Cascade Rd., at 6 pm on Thursday, Feb. 20.

The Mundts moved to Lowell from Union Pier, just north of the Michigan/Indiana border, in 1989. Theresa worked as the Lowell deputy clerk and in various positions at city hall for 15 years. Mark was the superintendent of Lowell's wastewater treatment plant and worked there almost 30 years. Together, the couple have spent countless hundreds of hours volunteering for organizations and participating in events such as Flat River Outreach

Ministries, the Lowell Rotary, Christmas Through Lowell, Cold Weather Warriors and Pink Arrow Pride.

"We're very honored, although we don't really feel comfortable being the center of attention," said Mark Mundt. "It does feel good, but that is not why we volunteer. We're just an active part of the community, like a lot of people are who are making this a wonderful town. We are just doing our part."

Theresa Mundt also crafts quilts from outdated Pink Arrow Pride t-shirts and donates them to Helen DeVos Children's Hospital.

"We like to volunteer," said Theresa Mundt. "Lowell is the place to be, and we love being here. It's a great town. We dug in immediately. Where we were from was a resort town where all the Chicago people had [summer] houses. We definitely like Lowell better!"

In order to qualify for the Chamber's Person of the Year award, one must demonstrate the following qualities: "Over time, the candidate has freely donated considerable time to the community, school district, church or humanity; the community is a better place to live because of the efforts of the candidate; the candidate positively promotes the community in both word and action; the candidate possesses new and innovative ideas that benefit the community [and] the candidate cannot be a Chamber board [or] foundation board member at the time of nomination."

Past Persons of the Year include Chris Van Antwerp, King Doyle, Dr. Orville McKay, Ivan Blough, George and Dode Dey, Dr. Robert Reagan, Al Eckman, Ray Quada, Priscillia Lussmyer, Jim Maatman, Bob Pfaller, Jim Reagan, Marsha Wilcox, John Timpson, Dr. Donald



File photo of Mark and Theresa Mundt volunteering at a Pink Arrow event.

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AHA Auto Service opens on Main Street



AHA Auto Service Center owner Ryan O'Connor in Lowell on Tuesday, Jan. 21.

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

A new mechanic's shop, the AHA Auto Service Center, recently opened at 834 W. Main, the former location of Ronda Auto. The building has been vacant since 2018. It's a good time to open a repair shop in Lowell, some of the local ones are scheduling days or weeks ahead of time.

Describing himself as "self-motivated," owner Ryan O'Connor said he grew restless as somebody else's employee and was compelled to strike out on his own and become his own boss. He has been successful enough at this to be able to open AHA's second location right here in downtown Lowell.

"When this building came up as available I looked it up, and M-21 gets 15,000 to 20,000 cars a day driving by here," O'Connor said. "I already had a couple certified technicians working for me at the other location, and I thought I could keep them busier with automotive repair over here."

AHA is based in Ionia, where O'Connor lives and plans to maintain the original location. O'Connor started the company in 2016, and said the original focus was the repair and maintenance of agricultural machines and heavy equipment. He spent several years training on and working with machines for John Deere.

"My background is in agricultural repair," O'Connor said. "The Ionia location is going to be more for the heavy equipment and agricultural side of things. Agriculture is really busy in the spring and fall, but in between is really hard unless you have a wide customer base. So I started working on automobiles, and that's how we got started."

He began leasing the shop in October, but the opening was delayed a bit after O'Connor's house burned down. He is currently staying in a camper while that situation is sorted out.

"We've just been dealing with a lot of other things," O'Connor said. "It happened Dec. 12, and it is what it is. We were insured!"

O'Connor said his grandparents were Lowell natives, he has relatives in town and he attended Lowell High School for a brief period.

"I've been in and around Lowell my whole life and I have a lot of friends who live in Lowell," O'Connor said. "My parents have as well. It is a growing town, but there is a lot of room for improvement. I think there's room for us and everybody

to prosper here, and grow. Now my family can actually start using me for a repair facility!"

For more information or for auto service, call 616-902-2369 or 616-755-6914.

"When I got my first job, my mom said that life is too short to do something you hate," O'Connor said. "I've always kind of stuck to that, and I love what I do. I like being able to provide for my employees while providing a service for the community."



Winter in the Saranac/Lowell State Game Area



by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Even though it's winter, the Saranac/Lowell State Game Area still sees plenty of traffic and activity, mostly from hunters and other outdoor enthusiasts.

The Saranac/Lowell State Game Area consists of 1,863 acres of untamed land in Ionia and Kent Counties. This land is untamed, but the DNR maintains the grasslands, plants and shrubs, constructs brush piles, maintains trees of various types and sizes and sometimes they even have controlled burns and clear-cutting of trees and plants. Some of the trees on the land include beech, oak, cherry, crabapple, aspen, jack pine,

white cedar, and hemlock.

Hunters are the most common visitors to the Saranac/Lowell State Game Area. It is currently legal hunting season for a long list of species - cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, gray squirrel, fox squirrel, red squirrel, ground squirrel, elk, opossum, porcupine, weasel, skunk, woodchuck, feral swine, feral pigeon, starling and house sparrow - and almost all of these can be found in the Saranac/Lowell State Game Area.

"People would not see snowshoe hare or feral pigeon," said James Miller, a wildlife biologist whose work is based in the Flat

River Field Office of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. "A snowshoe's range does not come this far south. Feral pigeons do not frequent this area or others similar to it, and most of those populations will reside closer to larger urban spans. Feral swine are not common in Michigan and we would like to keep it that way. We have not heard of a feral swine in the area that the DNR is aware of. If anyone was to run into one, the DNR should be notified immediately. The only elk population we have in Michigan is near Atlanta, [in a place] called the Pigeon River Area. Those animals rarely leave that location and it would be incredibly unlikely that someone would ever run into one this far south. Little winter maintenance is required for these species. However, the management we do for them overall is best suited for this time of year."

One of the most common forest management techniques they use is the timber sale.

"[Those] allow us to reset the forest from a mature stand that isn't providing much for wildlife and converts it to an early successional forest," Miller said. "Early successional forests provide more food and cover for the species listed above, as well as many other non-game species. We would also use prescribed burns to maintain our oak forests as well as our grasslands. It has been a while since the Saranac/Lowell State Game Area has seen a timber sale, prescribed burn or other management

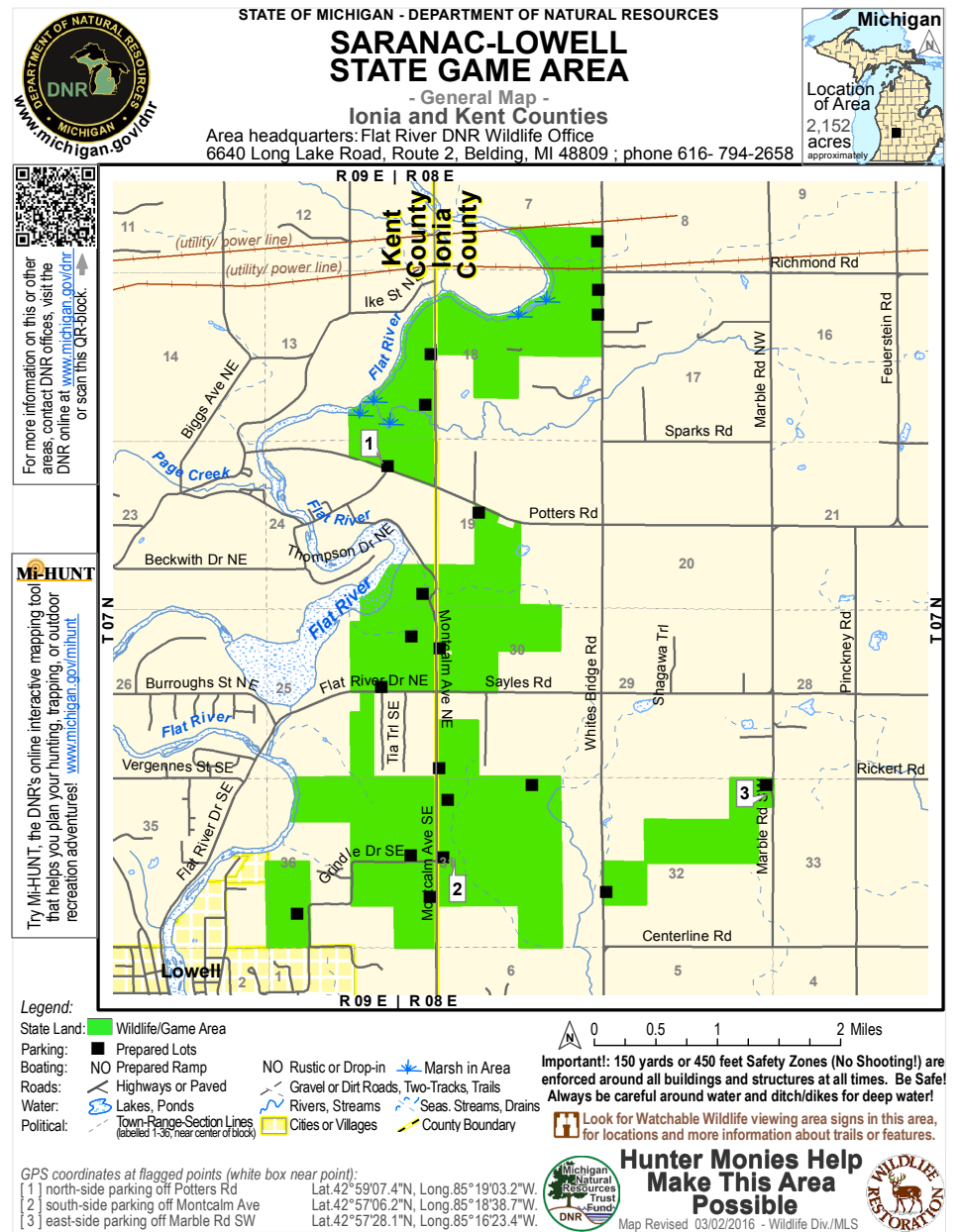
effort. In recent years we have done what we can to keep the parking lots and gun range cleaned up from trash that people dump on state land. We have recently completed a compartment review schedule that will help our office do more management across the board for all of the eight State Game Areas we manage. Saranac/Lowell State Game Area's review will begin in 2021, and we will likely be starting a timber sale that year somewhere in the State Game Area."

None of the wildlife conservation and habitat management efforts in the state of Michigan are paid for with taxpayer funds. Instead, money generated by hunting and fishing licenses is used for this, \$61 million

in 2018. However, there are a wide range of activities one can pursue in the Saranac/Lowell State Game Area that do not involve blasting away anything that moves.

"The Saranac/Lowell State Game Area is managed for wildlife use," Miller said. "This means only activities that are compatible with wildlife management are permitted. State game areas are funded by Pittman Robertson Funds, which are provided from the purchase of hunting/fishing license sales, weapon sales and ammunition sales. Essentially, hunters fund the area and they are our most typical users. However, anyone from the public is welcome to hunt, fish, hike, forage, bird watch, etc. inside of the Saranac/Lowell

State Game Area year-round, as long as they are abiding by hunting/fishing season rules, as well as the State Game Area rules. Motor vehicles of any type, bicycling, e-biking, snowmobiling and horseback riding, are just a few of the activities prohibited inside of the Saranac/Lowell State Game Area. What makes it unique compared to other State Game Areas is a portion of the North Country Trail goes through it. Most State Game Areas do not have trail systems built into them which, in many cases, can be a good thing. However, the hikers along this portion of the trail are respectful of the Saranac/Lowell State Game Area and are advocates for taking care of the land as a whole."



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Lowell Twp to have fill ordinance reviewed by commission

by Cindy M. Cranmer
contributing reporter

The Lowell Charter Township Board continues to move forward on juggling residents' concerns with businesses' needs with the development of a zoning ordinance regulating fill use.

A committee was created in September to address concerns about fill operations and developing an ordinance to govern properties throughout the township when it comes to fill. The fill ordinance related to businesses primarily operating by John Timpson, a long-time area business owner. The fill ordinance covers the entire township, though, and cannot be written just to address concerns related to operations at the Timpson property.

The committee is comprised of Board or Planning Commission members, Lowell Township residents, and area residents who have professional expertise in excavating. The problem the Township Board had with the original ordinance as it was written is that it would encompass all property owners and not just pertain to a current situation.

The results of the committee's work was sent to Township Attorney Cliff Bloom and the Township Board spent Monday night reviewing his suggested revisions. After considerable discussion, the Township Board decided to clarify some items with the attorney and have the Planning Commission continue its process.

The committee decided it was a zoning ordinance, and now the Planning Commission is working on the matter.

"We're on the right path and we're moving forward," said David Simmonds, Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission chair. "We want to get this done as expeditiously as possible."

The attorney submitted revisions to the board late last week, including

cuts, additions and revised wording. Trustees spent time reviewing the proposed revisions, questioning what certain things meant and whether other parts were more restrictive than proposed.

"I don't think that was our intent," trustee Steve VanderZiel said reading one part that he felt was more restrictive. "We need to remember this is for the entire township."

He will contact Bloom to discuss certain revisions, then a version will be sent to the Planning Commission. The ordinance is looking at classifying exemptions, uses and guidelines based on property and project size.

Trustees wanted to ensure that residents would not need to come to the board for basic things and be forced to endure extra expenses or public hearings for projects ranging from driveways to plowing dirt around a garage.

The committee's intent was to allow the Planning Commission to use some discretion when considering a project, as well as the type of property and the areas around the property.

"The smaller things we wanted to be able to do [on a] case-by-case situation," VanderZiel said. "We wanted latitude for the Planning Commission to move forward or back from the lot line, not specific requirements."

Many concerns starting the process in June stemmed from the ongoing use of the Timpson property for their business needs. The fourth-generation owned and operated business offers several services on the property, including hauling oversized loads and transporting specialized products, operating a fully operational sand pit and completing sand and topsoil deliveries.

Nearby residential residents have repeatedly been at Township meetings

expressing they do not want to impact businesses or hinder progress, but there has to be something done to balance residential concerns. They stated noise is coming from all parts of the property, not just the parts where special use is allowed.

Area residents raised concerns that it was not always a consistent volume, but the banging was very loud. While special use permits resolve a high percentage of things already, the committee looked at the concerns of both businesses and residents. Additionally, the ordinance needs to do more than cover one property.

The ordinance's purpose was to try and meet several needs by regulating filling and stockpiling activities. This would lessen impacts to existing drainage patterns and land topography, monitor the amount and type of fill being hauled into the township, prevent hazardous conditions, stop nuisances from activities and prevent conflict related to future developments, future underground public utilities, and area residential uses.

Opposition to the current wording of the attempt to resolve issues has been received from those working in excavating and other related businesses, those who use Timpson's property to dump fill from projects, several area residents and the Board itself.

Fill operations could happen anywhere in the township now, and the controls would be related to other ordinances such as location in wetlands or flood plains.

Greg Forde, committee member and Lowell Township resident, questioned whether the revisions were reasonable in outlining how people may need to go back after a year to meet certain criteria, and said that would be a huge expense. He questioned

whether the wording made it a possibility that things in progress would need to be changed.

"How does anyone know if they are complying or not if we never had an ordinance," committee member Heidi Olesko said. "If it is done fairly, a year should allow for the past"

Olesko felt that a year would be enough time, but others felt that some small projects could be ongoing for considerably longer.

"Cliff was trying to address lawful, nonconforming uses," said trustee William Thompson. The intent was to allow for nonconforming uses to be legal for one year and then if it needed expansions to go for a review.

"Is one year reasonable," Thompson questioned. "Is a 50 percent expansion reasonable?"

Colleen Timpson said to put her business aside and to look at projects that take years of work to get fill dirt.

"Please disregard what is going on with us," Timpson said. "You don't do this in a year. Think about beyond us."

Timpson explained how Lowell Township is full of ravines, valleys, and ditches, so getting fill dirt within a year is not necessarily reasonable.

VanderZiel said they are looking at not eliminating things after a year, but that it just needs to be addressed.

Forde said that is where his concern about the extra expense comes in.

VanderZiel said he would get clarification from Bloom and the committee, and take a revised copy to the Planning Commission. "Let them come back with what they think is reasonable," VanderZiel said.

"Sometimes the bigger guys don't always consider the impact on the smaller guy," said Township resident MaryBeth Reed. "We're hoping for an element of fairness with this ordinance."

December police incidents and year-end totals

Lowell Police Department made 28 arrests during the month of December. These arrests included two for drunk driving, one alcohol violation, two for drug law violations, 11 for outstanding warrants, five for driving with a suspended license and seven that are described in the police department's statistics as "other arrests."

LPD also responded to plenty of misdemeanors during December. There was one larceny call, one dog/animal complaint, four malicious destructions, four disorderly conduct calls and four assaults. Lowell police issued 50 citations and notified three residents about ordinance violations. Out of 150 traffic stops in December, they let 102 drivers go with a warning.

Lowell police were called to assist other law enforcement agencies 21 times and called other

agencies for assistance 13 times in December. They were called for assistance by citizens and motorists 26 times.

Lowell police were also dispatched to seven accidents during December, none with injuries.

That all adds up to a grand total of 238 arrests in Lowell during 2019, including 24 for alcohol violations, nine drug law violations, nine drunk driving arrests, 21 for a suspended license, 86 for outstanding warrants and 73 uncategorized "other arrests."

Additionally, there were 84 assaults in Lowell during 2019, plus 15 breaking and entering complaints, 26 malicious destruction incidents, 88 larcenies, 41 dog/animal complaints and 52 calls for disorderly conduct. Out of 1,429 traffic stops in 2019, the LPD let 1,130 drivers go with a warning and issued 390 citations.

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Zandstra, Marj Harding, Betty Yeiter, John Stencil, Dave and Jan Thompson, Joy Smith, Perry and Teresa Beachum, Noel Dean, Greg Canfield, Rick Seese, Mike Sprenger, Greg Pratt, Betsy Davidson and Carol Briggs.

Brick Awards went to Betten Baker Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, Impact Church, Key Heights and Key Vista Communities, King Milling, McDonald's and The Townhomes at Two Rivers. Brick Awards go to businesses that made a "capital investment" in themselves last year by improving, remodeling or rebuilding their facilities. For example, Betten Baker Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram built a new showroom, Impact Church built a

gigantic new megachurch and the McDonald's recently reopened after the restaurant's interior was gutted.

This year's other Chamber Awards went to River Valley Credit Union for the Business Appreciation Award, Deirdre's Cakes and Bakes for Most Promising New Business and Kent County Youth Fair for Non-Profit Spotlight.

Deirdre's Cakes and Bakes is a custom cake and cookie business run out of a home on Cumberland Ave. Company owner Deirdre Olszewski studied baking at the Culinary Institute of Michigan in Muskegon. They provide pastries for weddings, celebrations, birthday parties, graduation

parties and any other event that requires a sweet, homemade treat.

Kent County Youth Fair is in the middle of moving their operations from the middle of downtown Lowell to a golf course outside of town. This project will require a lot of cash, and the volunteers for the non-profit have been working very hard to raise these funds.

The "Winter Gathering of the Membership" is a dinner event with a cash bar, and it is open to the public. Tickets are \$50 each or \$390 for a table of eight. To make reservations, call the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce at 616-897-9161 or register online at discoverlowell.org. They accept MasterCard, Visa and Discover.

On this date in history...

613: Eight-month-old Constantine is crowned as co-emperor by his father Heraclius at Constantinople.
1879: The Battle of Isandlwana during the Anglo/Zulu War results in a British defeat. About 10 miles away, the Battle of Rorke's Drift results in a British victory.
1890: The United Mine Workers of America is founded in Columbus, OH.
1901: Edward VII is proclaimed King after the death of his mother, Queen Victoria.
1917: President Woodrow Wilson calls for "peace without victory" in Europe. The US is still officially neutral at this point.
1943: Australian and American forces defeat Japanese army and navy units in the bitterly fought Battle of Buna-Gona.
1946: Creation of the Central Intelligence Group, forerunner of the CIA.
1968: Apollo 5 lifts off carrying the first Lunar module into space.
1970: The Boeing 747, the world's first "jumbo jet," enters commercial service with a maiden voyage from New York to London.
1973: The Supreme Court delivers its decisions in Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton, legalizing elective abortion in all 50 states.
2002: Kmart becomes the largest retailer in US history to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

Small businesses and Social Security

According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, the 28.8 million small businesses in the United States represent 99.7 percent of all U.S. businesses, and employ 56.8 million people. Running a small business can be a 24-7 endeavor. Managing employees,

inventory, scheduling, services, and marketing can be challenging. If you are a small business owner or you work for one, we can help make your life easier with our suite of services. Our services allow you to file W-2/W-2Cs online and verify your employees' names and Social Security

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Lowell Area Recreation Authority
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All meetings, unless otherwise noted, will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Lowell City Hall, 2nd floor conference room located at 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331.
THE LOWELL AREA RECREATION AUTHORITY BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2020 ARE SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS: January 8, February 12, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9

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viewpoint

to the editor

To the Editor,
Dear Representative Tom Albert, In reference to the "Capitol Matters" column in the Lowell Ledger on December 25, 2019, please stick to updating your constituents on what's happening politically in the 86th District, and save your Christian ministry for church.

If your message had been a letter to the editor, we wouldn't have been put off because we'd have ignored it. But that was not the case. Although raised as Christians, we take offense at the misuse of the platform provided you as an elected official—a PUBLIC

servant—to lecture your constituents on the glories of Christ and Christianity. We're sure all the atheists, Buddhists, Muslims and Jews in your district were grateful you took 92 lines of your column to extoll a faith they don't share. Since you also so graciously defined "Jesus" and "Christ" for us, we'll define "public" for you: "of, relating to, or affecting all the people or the whole area of a nation or state." (Merriam-Webster on-line dictionary, definition 2a.)

You continue: "I do not say all this in an attempt to judge others or push a certain faith on all . . . We . . . live in a country that .

. . . specifically prohibits the people from being subjugated into a belief they do not want to follow," then spend the rest of the column explaining that the Biblical Christmas—the one celebrating the birth of Christ, in other words, what Christians believe—is the "much more fulfilling version" of the season.

Your actions say to us that your religious beliefs and not your oath to the rule of law drive your decision making and, as your constituents, that frightens us. We are philosophically miles apart, and yet, whatever laws you pass based on your religion will apply to us. That is wrong.

We have no problem with someone whose religious beliefs guide their personal life. And we prefer laws made by just people. But merely being a Christian

doesn't mean you're a just person. In fact, addressing an entire column to only the Christians in your district tells us they are the only constituents you're listening to while ignoring those whose beliefs differ from yours. That's not justice, that's bias. Non-Christians share the same rights under the law as Christians do. To that end, lawmakers are Constitutionally mandated to assure the laws they pass don't favor any religious group over another or over non-believers. Do better to be fair to everyone you were elected to serve.

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Travel is a popular response when new retirees are asked what they plan to do with their time now that going to work is no longer a priority. Air transportation has become accessible and affordable for many. Huge cruise ships welcome throngs of occasional sailors to float around on the high seas to visit well prepared ports of call. Multiple lane highways lead to all parts of the country. More people are traveling more often and farther than ever before.

Human nature leads us to believe that the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence. It is also easy to create a fantasy around traveling to exotic destinations.

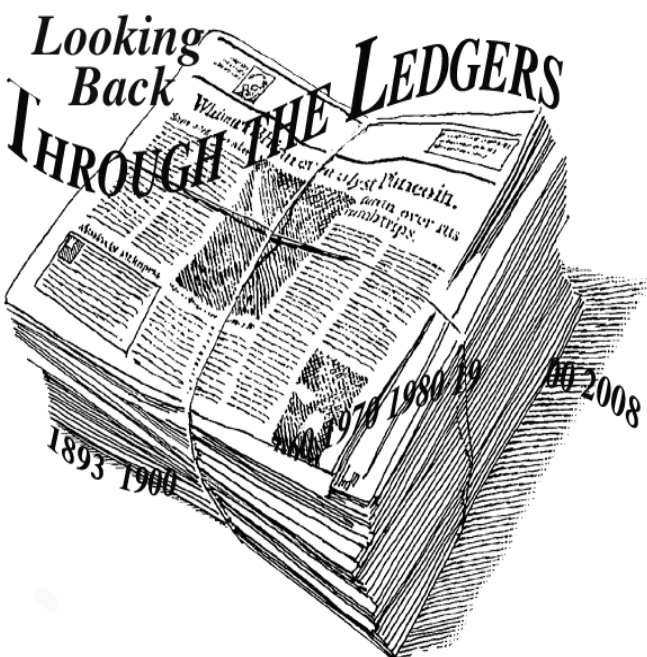
According to a popular travel web site, Michigan is an underappreciated four-season outdoor playground. The Great Lakes State, with millions of acres of forests and 3,000 miles of shoreline, was named the top 2020 travel destination in the world for outdoor enthusiasts. Keep in mind that other destinations were pointed out for travelers with interest in something other than outdoor activities. Folks seeking fine dining and sports fans were directed to Las Vegas. To

each his own.

For well over a hundred years, Michigan's natural resources have been deliberately managed for the benefit of residents and visitors. Whatever your outdoor interest, there are forests, lakes, and rivers to accommodate all kinds of recreational activities.

As residents we don't have to travel far to take advantage of these opportunities. The majority of activities can be done right next door. Most Michigan residents are near public access to forests, lakes, streams, and campgrounds. Beaches, as nice or better than in the Caribbean, are within half a day drive from anywhere in the state. A bonus is that there are great venues for dining, entertainment, golf and other interests not requiring a natural setting. One will likely have to travel through scenic countryside to get there.

So, if for some reason you feel deprived because you are unable for any reason to travel great distances to have quality outdoor experiences, don't despair. There are travel experts that think you are living in the best place in the world.



100 years ago The Lowell Ledger January 22, 1920

Mrs. Rena Paddock Townsend, wife of Senator Townsend of Michigan, died at the Townsend home here after illness which began with a nervous breakdown five years ago and was made more serious several months ago by a paralytic stroke.

The Prohibition Enforcement Act, defining as intoxicating any beverage containing one-half of one per cent or more of alcohol, was declared constitutional by the Supreme Court in an opinion on which the Court divided, 5 to 4.

The cost of women's clothes may be reduced considerably, because there will be considerably less of them, if the prediction of a fashionable Fifth avenue male milliner and dressmaker, who just arrived from Paris, are correct. The latest modes France is sending to the United States he said, are: No stockings, Extremely short skirts, no sleeves, sandals.

75 years The Lowell Ledger January 25, 1945

Investigations under way since Sunday, have convinced authorities that the disastrous fire which swept through the Lowell high school building early Sunday morning had been set. State Police Sgt. Quentin Dean, in a charge of arson investigations for the Rockford post, spent part of Sunday and Monday probing the ruins in overalls, and turned his findings over to the state laboratory in Lansing on Tuesday. He was accompanied by Supt. W. W. Gumser.

News has reached Lowell Friends that Arthur Hulkonen is listed as missing in action in Germany, since December 16. He was a former employee of the Foreman Poultry Farm and resided on the Foreman Farm during his stay in Lowell.

What has caused a big loss to most farmers and gardeners, has been turned into a lucrative business

125 years ago Lowell Ledger January 25, 1895

Last October, Wade Allen of Berlin had a hog come up missing. He searched the country over and could find no trace of the animal. This week while removing an old straw stack he found the hog snugly ensconced in the bottom, alive and in possibly fair condition. The animal, in running over the stack had fallen into a hole where the straw had rotted and had remained there for nearly three months.

A sad case of wreckage is reported from Sparta. One of the big hearted, but big footed belles of that town insisted on throwing her slipper after the hack which was conveying a newly married couple to the depot. The hack is a total wreck, a doctor is looking after the bride and the horses, and a number are searching the ruins for the groom.

Mrs. M. Hiler was amusing herself with the cat Sunday evening, when, in play it suddenly jumped and caught her right wrist, piercing the flesh to the bone with its sharp teeth. The wrist and arm became terribly swollen and very painful and she has been unable to use it since.

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.
- Letters that contain statements that are libelous or slanderous will not be published.
- All letters are subject to editing for style, grammar and sense.
- Letters that serve as testimonials for or criticisms of businesses will not be accepted.
- Letters serving the function of "cards of thanks" will not be accepted unless there is a compelling public interest, which will be determined by the editor.
- 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.

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happy birthday



- let's talk about part of the alphabet

Remembering the ABCDE rule can be helpful when monitoring lesions or moles on your skin.

A-asymmetry. If you divide a mole in half, the halves should appear the same.

B-border. Edges of moles should be round and regular. If they are irregular, ragged, or blurred, this can be concerning.

C-color. The color should be even throughout the mole.

D-diameter. A mole should be 1/4 inch or less,

about the size of a pencil eraser and it should not be changing in size rapidly.

E-evolving. Common moles should remain the same overtime. It should not be changing in shape, size, color(s), bleeding or scabbing.

It is important to perform self-skin exams at least once per month. If you notice any of the above with a new or existing mole, please contact your primary provider or dermatologist.

JANUARY 22

Cheryl DeYoung, Bob Pfaller, Dale Latva, Jenni Magner, Frances Walling, Glenn Vanbuskirk, Shane Gildner, Reece VanderWarf, Frances DeVries, Elijah Barr.

JANUARY 23

Amanda Wingeier, Zach Stauffer.

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David Szymczak, Haleigh Timmers, Mackenzie Stiles.

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Molly Doyle, Dean Olin.

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Victor Weeks, Steven Uzarski, Andy Nowak, Alex Dommer.

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Jacqueline (Bay) Saylor, Brittani Anderson, Dianna Rhodes, Lori Smith, Nancy Roth, Andrea Dewey.

JANUARY 28

Ryan White, Cher Mastenbrook, Amy Newhouse, Renee Peters, Veda Joyce Nearing, Kyle Washburn.

college news

Grace I. Ostrander, of Lowell, was among the 379 students who made the Dean's list for the Fall 2019 semester at Spring Arbor University.

Lydia Irving, of Ada, has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the Fall 2019 semester at Lawrence Technological University. Irving is majoring in architecture. To be named to the honor roll a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average for the term.

Ian James Kastner, of Ada, was among the more than 4,400 Baylor University students were named to the Dean's Academic Honor Roll for the 2019 fall semester. Students honored on the Dean's List are Baylor undergraduates with a minimum grade-point average of 3.7, while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Kastner attends the Hankamer School of Business.

Maya Cole, Chloe Jacobs, and Molly Mullett, all of Ada, have been named to the Saint Mary's College Dean's List for the 2019 fall semester. To earn this academic honor at Saint Mary's, a student must achieve a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.6 on a 4.0 scale, have a minimum of 12 graded credit hours, no incompletes, and no grades lower than a C.

Joslynn Battle of Lowell, a student on Trine University's main campus, earned Dean's List recognition for the Fall 2019 term. To earn Dean's List honors, main campus students must complete a minimum of 15 hours and have a grade point average of

3.500-3.749. Battle is majoring in exercise science.

Alma College has released the Dean's List for those students who achieved outstanding academic performance during the 2019 Fall Term. Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits, at least eight of which are evaluative grades, are named to the Dean's List.

Local students are: of Alto, Ava Frederickson and Luke Jones; of Lowell, Marcus Malling, Zackery Post, Jacob Reagan, and Ryan Stevens; and of Saranac, Michael Wojcik.

Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, Illinois, released the college's Dean's List for Fall 2019.

The Dean's List is Trinity Christian College's highest academic honor. Traditional undergraduate students who attend Trinity full-time and earned a 3.5 grade point average for the Fall 2019 semester earn this honor.

Local students are Alexis Suwyn and Matthew Tamminga, both of Ada.

Thomas James Mitchell, of Alto, is among the 10,066 Iowa State University students recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the fall semester 2019 Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Mitchell is studying aerospace engineering.

Looking Back, continued

by Sylvester Bibbler, local sportsman, who found that cornstalks infested with the destructive corn borer yielded a plentiful supply of luscious bait for ice fishermen all through the winter months. "Bib" leaves the shocks in the fields and brings them in to be picked as needed.

50 years The Lowell Ledger January 22, 1970

State Senator Robert J. Huber (R-Troy) has announced he will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for United States Senator in the 1970 state primary. Huber took to the campaign trail last Friday evening by flying to Traverse City to meet with Young Republicans of Michigan for his opening speech.

Lowell police, assisted by detectives from the Kent County Sheriff's and Grand Rapids department, today were on the lookout for thieves who took \$600 worth of copper from a local firm.

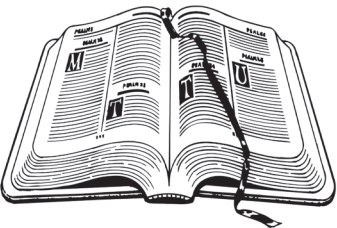
25 years The Lowell Ledger January 25, 1995

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce learned that there is more than just aesthetic value to the theory that restoration is better than modernization. Sue Collins, from the historic district of Marshall, was the guest speaker at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce's winter membership meeting Wednesday night at Larkin's "Other Place."

Gail Kloosterman left the planning commission Monday night wondering what she was going to do with her property at 229 James Street. The Lowell Planning Commission recommended not to approve a variance for construction. The final verdict is now in the hands of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

When and how should manuals in computer programming classes be utilized? A committee made up of Lowell teachers and administrators met to discuss just that, following a computer programming student's requests to see a manual.

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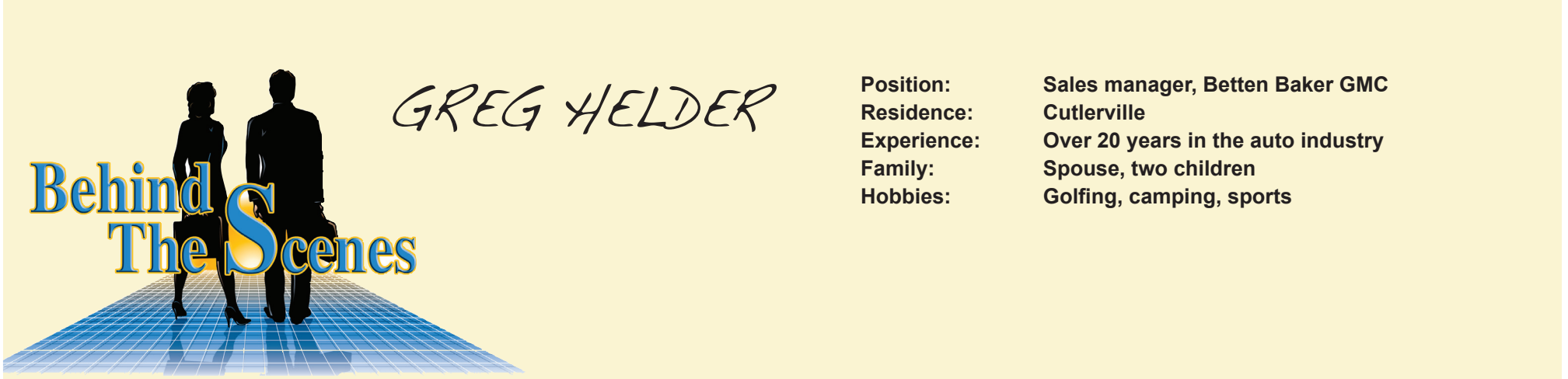
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Position: Sales manager, Betten Baker GMC
Residence: Cutlerville
Experience: Over 20 years in the auto industry
Family: Spouse, two children
Hobbies: Golfing, camping, sports



by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Greg Helder is the sales manager for new vehicles at Betten Baker GMC, 749 W. Main. Helder's responsibilities include ordering new stock, keeping track of old stock and reporting the dealership's sales figures.

"I've been at this store almost 20 years," Helder said. "Then it was called Wittenbach, now we're Betten Baker GMC."

Helder is a native of Cutlerville, still lives in Cutlerville and has two children, ages 16 and 11. He studied criminal justice at Grand Rapids Community College but decided a career in law enforcement was not for him. He sold tools for ten years and then got into the auto industry in the late 90s. Helder sold cars in Lowell from 1997 until 2016, when he took a position at Fox Buick GMC on Alpine Ave. He returned to Lowell late last year.

"I came back in December because they wanted me to come back, and I like it here," Helder said. "They needed me here to help them get things going. Many of the salespeople were a little 'green,' to a certain extent, until I came back. I've sold cars and been a manager here for almost 20 years, so I know a lot of people and they know me. It's nice. I've got a lot of long time customers who have bought like five or ten cars from me. You meet new people all the time too, which is cool."

Auto sales is a notoriously difficult industry to thrive in. For example, sales are down slightly this month because a lot of customers took advantage of an "employee pricing" event in December.

"There are hills and valleys in this industry - mountains and valleys," Helder said. "I wish it was steady, but it's not. It can actually be awful sometimes!"

Helder credits his easygoing nature for his success in the mercurial auto sales industry.

"I'm easy to talk to, I like people, I like helping people and people like me," Helder said. "That's all it takes, it's really simple. These vehicles sell themselves once you list the benefits of what they're buying, how it's going to help them and effect their everyday lives, whether they're using it for a business or anything else."

In his spare time, Helder enjoys golfing and spending time with his family, especially his kids' sports teams.

"I play a lot of golf,

that's probably my passion outside of work," Helder said. "I usually shoot about 10-12 over par, typically, on a decent day. It's like anything, you've got to practice. But I don't get to play as much anymore, because the kids keep me busy. Both kids play, though, and they're pretty good! We do a lot of camping around Michigan in the summer, that's something we really like to do. There are some really nice state parks here."

Helder said that the personal relationships he's forged with customers are what keep him in the industry.

"For me, the most rewarding aspect is getting to know people and meeting new people," Helder said. "It can also be the most challenging aspect, but it's very rewarding."



Greg Helder



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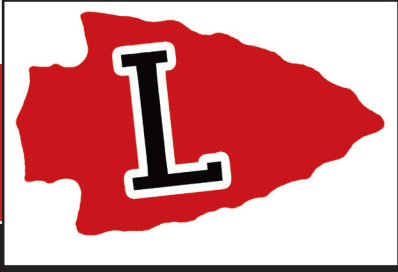
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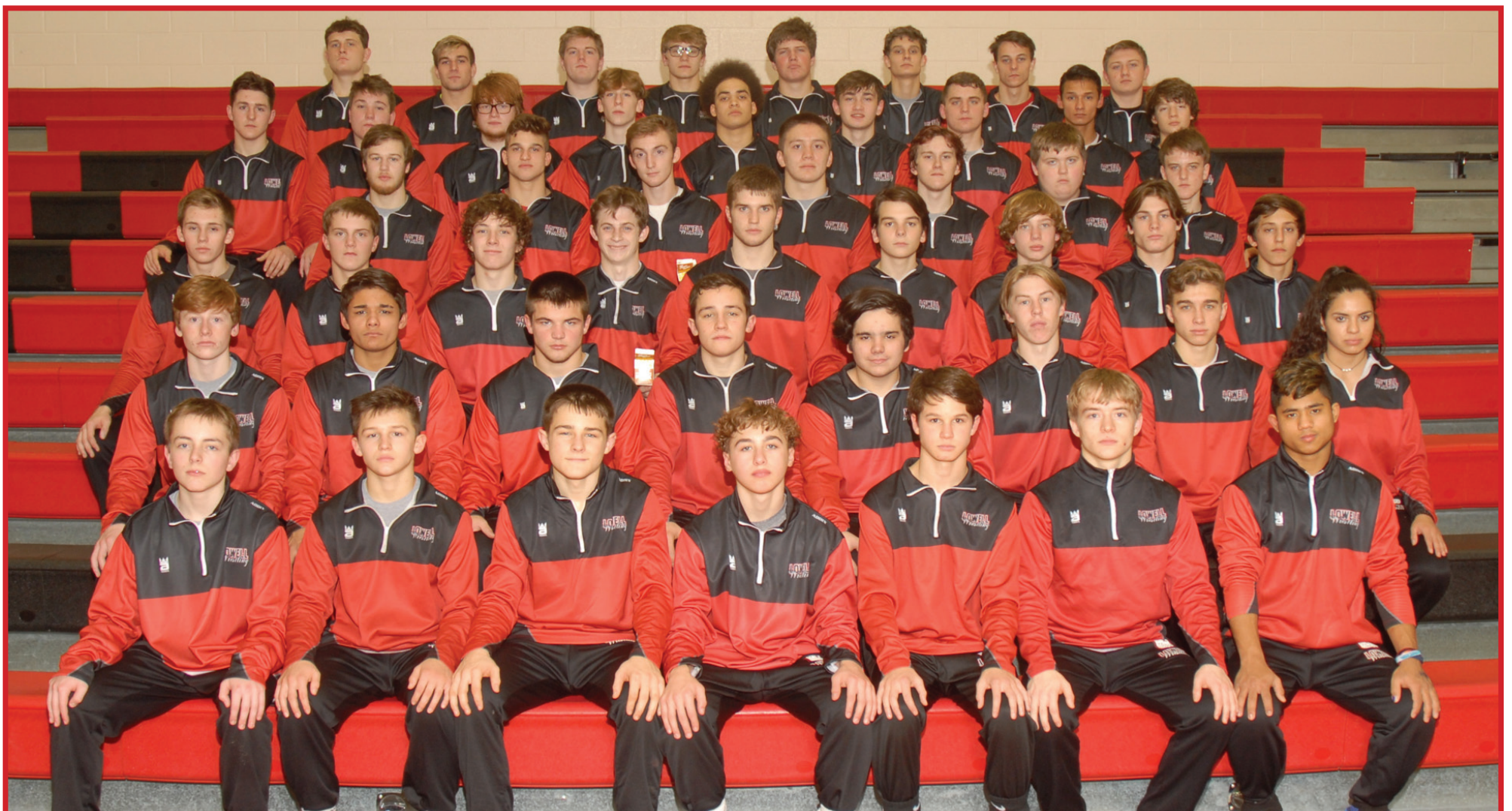


Caleb Clark, Nathaniel Clark, Jacob Cleaver, Nolan Cusack, Logan Dekok, Dawson Douma, Brock Gemmell, Landon Grant, Braiden Hamilton, Reid Reynolds, Brett Spanbauer, Charles Steinebach, Troy Taylor, and Bradley VandenHout.

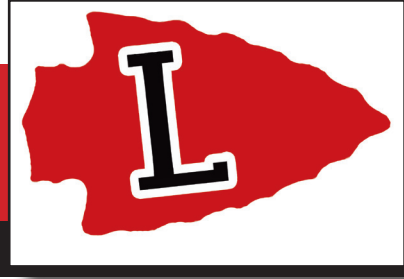


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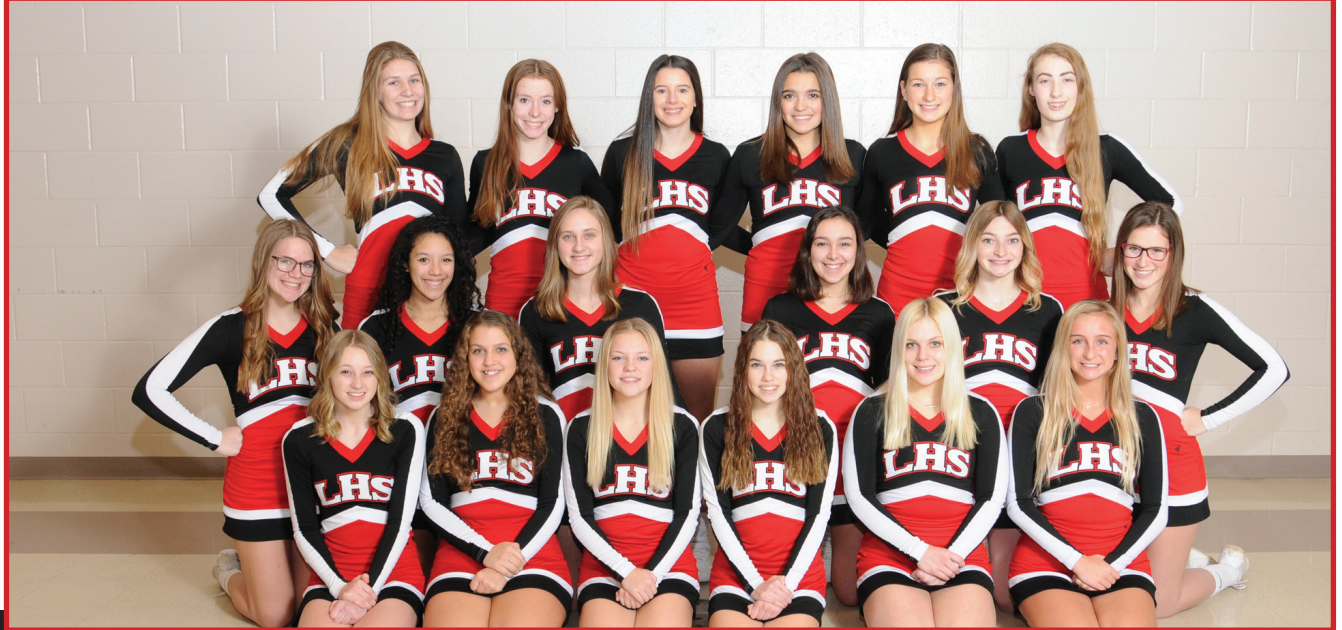
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LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL WINTER TEAMS

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GYMNASTICS

Hayli Allchin, Olivia Barber, Paige Barnhart, Greta Forward, Kathryn Hock, Kira Jungblut, Krista Jungblut, Lillian Kooistra, Aubri Lemke, Ivy McDonald, Marlie McDonald, Taeghan Ronchetti, Sara Simoes, and Marissa Wever.



HOCKEY



Front row, left to right: C is Caledonia, L is Lowell, TK is Thornapple Kellogg: Bruce Langenburg (C), Alex Skibinski (C), Massimo Piccione (TK), Colin Clairmont (C); second row: Nick Lockhart (C), Austin Douma (L), Wade Fridley (C), Eli Radtke (C), Ryan Kieliszewski (C), Brendan Clark (C); third row: Zach Schneider (C), Dylan Olsen (C), Dominic Huver (TK), Drew Klomprens (C), Ethan Bierlein (L), Peter Savage (C), John Kotarski (C); fourth row: Spencer Guppy (L), Isaac Hautala (C), Tommy Near (C), Garrett Walker (C), Owen Carpenter (L), Andrew Davis (L), Ethan Riley (C); back row, coaches: Dan Swink, Phil Wendecker, Paul Ogden.

Red Arrow

- GYMNASTICS

SPORTS

Gymnastics team soars past Kenowa Hills

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

It was a disappointing start to the gymnastics season, as the much anticipated season opener was delayed due to icy weather. The Lowell

Invitational, which also serves as the team's annual Military tribute meet would not be held, which pushed the team's season opening event back to last

Wednesday's meet against Kenowa Hills.

Lowell's season opening meet however, certainly was not a disappointment as LHS would coast past

Kenowa Hills in a 129.925-110.375 victory.

"We knew what the outcome of the meet would be so our focus was just earning regional qualifying scores on each event," coach Michele DeHaan told us about the performance.

Leading scorers on the Red Arrows would include a 8.9 on floor by Marissa Wever, an 8.55 on beam also by Wever, an 8.8 on vault by Greta Forward and

an 8.225 on bars by Aubri Lemke. Other strong scores included an 8.875 on floor by freshman Ivy McDonald, an 8.35 on beam by Katy Hock, an 8.4 on vault by Marlie Fowler and a 7.9 on bars by McDonald.

"We keep making small changes to routines trying to maximize scores before we get to Conference and Regionals later in the season," coach DeHaan added.

While the Lowell Invitational was canceled, a smaller Military tribute will take place prior to this week's meet at 6:30 pm Wednesday. The Lady Arrows have a busy week ahead hosting Rockford on Wednesday, heading to the Kenowa Hills Invitational on Saturday and facing Forest Hills United next Monday.



Lowell gymnasts and coach Michele DeHaan watch as a dismount is performed during a beam routine at LHS.



Lowell Caledonia hockey donates to West Michigan Special Hockey Association

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

It was a good night on and off the ice for the Lowell Caledonia hockey team on Friday. On the ice, Lowell Caledonia jumped out to a 3-0 lead over Kenowa Hills which was enough to defeat the Knights whose comeback fell short at 3-2. Austin Douma got things started with a power play goal in the first period. Spencer Guppy added a goal for LC early in the second period assisted by Nick Lockhart and Dylan Olsen. The eventual game-winner was scored by Owen Carpenter on a Brendan Clarke assist with 5:52 left in the second period. Garrett Walker saved 29 of the 31 shots he faced.

During the night, funds were raised for the West Michigan Special Hockey Association. The charity offers amateur hockey programs to young

adults with developmental disabilities in the West Michigan Area at no cost to their families. 100% of ticket sales went toward the charity. A hockey stick drive was also available which is being donated for use by WMSHA student-athletes.

The team announced they had raised \$735 for the organization in addition to the box of new and gently used hockey sticks they were able to collect.

East Grand Rapids would get the better of Lowell Caledonia in a Baum Conference matchup on Saturday afternoon. EGR had 38 shots on goal to LC's 29 in a 4-1 win. LC's goal was score by Caledonia's Wade Fridley assisted by Clarke and Lockhart. Tommy Near recorded 30 saves.



Lowell Caledonia held a stick drive and donated ticket sales from Friday night's game to the West Michigan Special Hockey Association. (Photo courtesy of Lowell Caledonia Hockey Facebook page)

Lady Arrow comeback falls short against FHC

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

The Lady Arrows lost a pair of conference games last week both on the road against Forest Hills Northern and Forest Hills Central. On Tuesday at FHN, Lowell fell by a score of 47-37 in a closely contested game. Kyleigh Rau (10 Points) and Molly Frederickson (8 Points) led the Lady Arrows.

At FHC on Friday, Lowell faced some tough scorelines. 19-2 after the

first quarter in favor of the Rangers, 34-11 after the first half. The team fought their way back to close the game in the second half, but would fall by a final score of 54-39.

The Lady Arrows continue their road games this week at Greenville on Tuesday, then head to Cedar Springs for a varsity doubleheader, where both the boys and girls teams will be competing.



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Red Arrow

BASKETBALL

SPORTS

Boys basketball tripped up by Forest Hills Schools

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

Lowell's game against Forest Hills Northern was a peculiar one on Tuesday night. FHN, a team that had one loss all of last season, found themselves in a battle midway through the third quarter as Nate Clark scored a basket on a feed from Braiden Hamilton to make the deficit only seven.

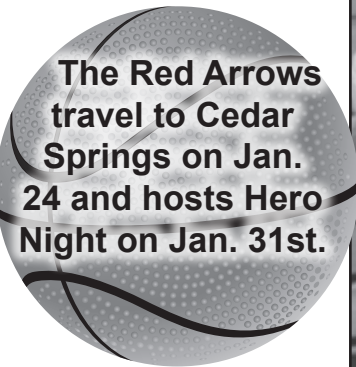
But it was free-throw shooting that would be the team's downfall on this night. Lowell went to the foul line 43 times during the game, making 17 of those. The Huskies won 63-48.

Brett Spanbauer led the Red Arrows with 20 points in the loss. Hamilton would add 11 and Troy Taylor had seven points.

The Arrows were not able to keep it close against Forest Hills Central in an away game on Friday. The Rangers jumped out to a 17-5 lead and never looked back winning by a score of 63-26.

LHS hosted Greenville on Tuesday and heads to Cedar Springs on Friday night. Hero Night, Lowell basketball's annual night honoring the Military and first responders, is

scheduled for January 31st. Certainly a must-make night for Lowell sports fans!



Brett Spanbauer Scoring 2 Of His 20 Points Against FHN Last Week



Bowlers compete against FHN and Northview last week

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

The boys and girls bowling teams at LHS had their Lowell Invitational canceled last Saturday due to weather. However, the past week gave them a couple of chances to bowl.

On Thursday, against FHN, the boys defeated the Huskies 20-10, and the girls team fell to FHN by the same score. The boys got off to a good start taking Baker game one against FHN by a score of 182-157. Baker games are games in bowling where each bowler on a team of five only gets to bowl two frames. The anchor, generally the

team's top bowler, gets the all-important tenth frame. Collin Clark, the boys' team anchor was able to get a spare in the tenth and then nine pins on his next roll to help seal the win while FHN left their 10th frame open. The Red Arrows would take the second Baker 155-126 after the game was tied 108-108 after eight frames. Lowell got a strike from senior Aaron Fritsma, followed by two strikes and a 7 in the last frame from Clark.

In the individual games, Lowell locked up the win in the first of two

sets after winning all five individual matchups against the Huskies. Those winning scores were recorded by Mitchell Anderson (121), Lucas Sloma (174), Jakob Reynolds (162), Aaron Fritsma (200), and Collin Clark (244). The 19-0 score after those games meant Lowell mathematically sealed the win, with only 30 points up for grabs in bowling.

During Clark's 244, he successfully converted a 6-7-10 split into a spare, one of the trickiest spares in bowling.



Haylee Beers watches as she knocks down nine pins in an individual game against FHN.



Senior Aaron Fritsma bowling during Lowell's match with FHN.

The second set of individual games had a near-perfect game accomplished by Carson Hommes. Hommes rode eight straight strikes before knocking down nine pins in the first roll of the ninth frame. While not getting a perfect game, the alley would applaud a strong 267 game which was one of four Husky wins in the second set. Winning his matchup

for Lowell was Jakob Reynolds with a 140.

The Lady Arrows fell to the Huskies by a score of 20-10. A strong 216 game by Emma Blakie who led the Red Arrows. The girls team has been without the senior Brianna Lachowski due to injury.

LHS would drop the first Baker game by a score of 161-120, but would bound back with a 161-103

result in the second Baker game. In the individual games, the team picked up two points in both sets which wouldn't be enough to get the win. Both teams fell to Northview the day prior. The bowling team have their home matches at The Bowling Alley - Ionia. They visited Cedar Springs on Monday this week and FHC on Tuesday.

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obituaries

HUVER

(Ida) Jean Huver, age 82 of Lowell, passed away peacefully surrounded by her children Sunday, January 19, 2020. She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Richard M. Huver; parents, George "Bob" and Katherine Ford; sisters-in-law, Patricia Hoffman, Mary Smyth; brothers-in-law, Robert Huver, Daniel Huver, Chuck Smyth, Ed Smit; parents-in-law, Marvin and Eva Huver. Jean is survived by her children, Richard C. (Laura) Huver, Tamara (Bob Meyle) Huver, Dennis (Sherri) Huver, Patricia (Brian) Schafer, Christopher (Krista) Huver; brother-in-law, Cameron (Joan) Hoffman; sisters-in-law, Donna (Duke Thomet) Smit, Ann Huver; grandchildren Kate (Kyle) Stowell, Lyndsay Huver, Alyson Huver, Andrea (Justin) Walcott, Rob (Katie) Hellmich, A.J.



(Nicole) Huver, Bill (Julia) Wiering, Jon Wiering, Zach Huver, Kenzie Huver, J.R. Schafer, Macy Huver; 7 great-grandchildren, as well as countless nieces and nephews. Jean's most important thing was her family. She loved people and knowing many from Lowell and surrounding counties. Jean sold Tupperware for over 60 years, served as the Lowell Township treasurer for 20 years and sang in St. Mary's Choir for over 30 years and the Lowell Showboat Choir. She liked to play euchre, paint, knit beautiful sweaters and was an avid reader. Jean grew up with horses, always had a dog and was a true animal lover. Visitation will be Thursday, January 23, 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm with the Rosary recited at 7:30 pm at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, January 24, 11:00 am at St. Mary Catholic Church, 402 Amity St. S.E., Lowell with visitation one hour prior. Rev. Aaron Ferris presiding. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Kindred Hospice, 625 Kenmoor Ave SE #115, Grand Rapids, MI 49546 or Lowell Pink Arrow, PO Box 246, Lowell, MI 49331.



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KING

Clara Alice King, age 78 of Lowell, went to be with her Lord Wednesday, January 15, 2020. She was preceded in death by her sister, Ruth Ann King. Clara is survived by her husband Richard King; children, James (Evelyn Garvey) Vandeboss, Dave Vandeboss, Steve Vandeboss, Nancy (Roger) Whip; and granddaughter, Michelle (Cody Cook) Vandeboss. She was a devoted member of the Lowell United Methodist Church who loved puzzles, reading scripture and traveling. Clara was a Lowell native, who moved back in the 90s

reacquainting her with not only the town but several friends and acquaintances. She enjoyed socializing at the dozens of events that she attended through church and with the different senior organizations around Lowell. Visitation will be Friday, January 24, 2-4 pm at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331. Funeral services will be 11:00 am Saturday, January 25, at Lowell United Methodist Church, 621 E Main St, Lowell, MI 49331 with a visitation one hour prior. Rev. Brad Brillhart officiating. Interment Bowne Mennonite Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Lowell United Methodist Church, 621 E Main St, Lowell, MI 49331.



NORDEN

Nila Joan Norden (Hesche), age 78 passed away January 14, 2020 after a battle with cancer. She was born May 23, 1941 in the family home on Snow Ave. Nila was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Pearl Hesche; brothers, Raymond and Darrel Hesche; son, Patrick Norden; and grandson, James Schafer. She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Sidney Norden; daughter, Michelle Norden; 5 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren. Through her life she was a very open and loving person who cared deeply for children and family. It was at her home where neighbor's kids usually gravitated to. The world is a little better place because she was in it. Nila was truly loved and will be truly missed.

Visitation was Friday, January 17, 2020 from 5-8 pm at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331. Funeral services were Saturday, January 18, 2020 at Roth-Gerst Chapel at 11:00 am. Rev. Tom Boutell officiating. Interment Merriman Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 Fulton St E, Lowell Charter Township, MI 49331.



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PARCHER

Donna Mary Parcher, age 69 of Rockford, born April 9, 1950, went to be with the Lord surrounded by her family, January 14, 2020. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jacob and Mary Van Putten; son, Gary Parcher II; brother, Jack Van Putten. Donna is survived by her husband of 50 years, Gary Parcher; daughter, Rebecca (Scott) Walcott; daughter-in-law, Joni Parcher; grandchildren, Jonathan Parcher and fiancé Courtney Woodbeck, Nathan Parcher, Brett Parcher, Ryan Walcott, and Andrew Walcott; siblings, Diane (Dave) Fleeger, Richard Van Putten; sister-in-law, Judy Van Putten; and other brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews. She loved traveling and spending time with family and friends. Some of Donna's favorite places to visit were Pentwater, MI where she spent her summers on the shorelines of Lake Michigan, camping and fishing. She also enjoyed visiting the Michigan's Upper Peninsula and Mexico. She was very loving and involved with her grandson's lives. Visitation was Thursday, January 16, 5:00-8:00 pm with a Rosary at 7:30 pm at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331. Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Friday, January 17 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 4351 Parnell Ave. NE, Ada 49331 at 11:00 am. Family received visitors one hour prior. Rev. Tom Cavera presided. Interment Chapel Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Sable Points Lighthouse Keepers Association, PO Box 673, Ludington, MI 49431 or Crisp Point Lighthouse Historical Society, at www.crisppointlighthouse.org. LOGO # 391



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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

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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.

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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.

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Lowell Township Board discusses gypsy moth concerns

by Cindy M. Cranmer
contributing reporter

More than 15 people attended the Lowell Charter Township meeting to voice opinions on various issues or listen to the concerns the township is facing ranging from gypsy moth spraying to discussing the fill ordinance.

Members of the board learned that steps to eradicate gypsy moths are moving in the right direction although the township now faces the challenge of how to finance additional steps.

The Lowell Charter Township Board approved the proposal in September for the study to be done with the only objections being that the township did not have the money to spray if it was found as a necessity. The results are now back from that study.

"The study shows a reduction of 852 acres from last year," said Trustee William Thompson. There are still more than 800 acres recommended for spraying.

Trustee Steve VanderZiel, who was against the study because there was no money to fund the spraying, again raised the concern of where the township could get \$75,000 to spray.

"I think we need to stay after it. We're getting it under control after years," said Trustee Mark Anderson.

Township Supervisor Jerry Hale expressed his concerns. "I don't know how to pay for it," Hale said. "Where are we going to find the money?"

In the past, a three-year millage paid for costs and the township paid for the additional.

"We should have been proactive a year ago," VanderZiel said. "We should have asked for a millage a year ago."

The board was not in favor of a millage increase without going to the voters.

Board trustees also raised concerns that there may be the possibility of needing to pass a millage to continue to fund public safety with an increase in the number of calls the township is facing. "Anyone with this call volume has some kind of staffing," Blough said.

While members appeared to be discussing two different issues, the township board found they are tied together in how they educate the public and when they ask for money.

McGrath Consulting Group is completing a study to explore and assess the future staffing of the Lowell Area Fire and Emergency Services Authority and discuss the three municipalities covered. Those three municipalities are the City of Lowell, Lowell Charter Township, and Vergennes Township.

The consultant will help the township evaluate things they may not have considered when looking at hiring such as benefits, how to set up any full-time employees, and other items. Lowell Area Fire Department Fire Chief Ron Van Overbeck put together a recommendation and proposal for full-time staffing.

A second consultant will help with team building and understanding on the primary consultant's role. Lew Bender will help the fire department staff and others involved in the three municipalities understand the role of the outside consultant and what they will do for the township and municipalities. Bender will help resolve any concerns about hiring an outside consultant to look at fire department staffing

rather than just reviewing the internal recommendations.

McGrath Consulting Group, Inc. is proposing conducting a comprehensive fire and rescue assessment including studying methods for future staffing. The consulting team will provide options for future staffing as considerations of changing from a volunteer or paid on-call to a career department are being reviewed. Hiring people full time for fire services includes reviewing the retirement program and buying into it with multipliers, health insurance, the amount of overtime employees would have, shift differentials, and other benefits.

While members felt they could go forward to ask for a millage on the gypsy moth funding, VanderZiel stated they could not on public safety until the study is completed.

Trustees also raised concerns about a millage for everyone when not everyone is facing the problem of gypsy moths on their property. The idea of a special assessment also is not seen as a favorable idea.

Hale said millage rates in the township are one of the lowest in Kent County and the area if not the lowest.

"A millage could cause some to pay for a disproportionate amount of the millage when they do not have a problem," Hale said.

A Lowell Township resident pointed out there are limited options and the same argument could be made regarding use of an expressway or park repairs or other items. "Where would it stop, you could say I don't use the expressway so I am not going to pay for that," she said. "It should be all for one and one for all."

The board will try to get a better estimate of how much they are realistically looking at for spray in response to the gypsy moth problem. They will discuss options again at the February or March meeting.

In other business, The Lowell Charter Township Board approved hiring a temporary replacement for deputy treasurer and receptionist while the person currently in the role is on a medical leave.

A public hearing was scheduled for Feb. 18 on the

proposed budget for fiscal year 2020-2021.

The board approved taking \$4,013 from two budget line items to cover insurance costs with the bridge.

Resident Caroline Perkins expressed her concerns on the expansion of a condominium development that was approved previously. Perkins told the board that the project is in violation of ordinances, that the developer is using old plans, and that things have changed from the original plans numerous years ago including increased traffic, drainage, and safety concerns.

Kent District Library presented reports on both the Alto Branch and Englehardt Branch. Alto had 1,317 visitors in December and Englehardt had 6,888 visitors. Almost 13,000 items were circulated between the two branches.

The next meeting of the Lowell Charter Township Board will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, as Monday is President's Day.

Red Arrow

- WRESTLING

SPORTS

Weather shortens Gary Rivers Memorial Invitational

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

This year's annual Gary Rivers Memorial Wrestling Invitational already had a different setup than previous years. Instead of a 16-team tournament with pool play followed by a semifinal and final, this year would be a rotation of four

duals with highly ranked Michigan squads which included Detroit Catholic Central, Richmond, Romeo, DeWitt and Niles. However, due to inclement weather on Saturday and less than ideal road conditions the latter two, who were two

of Lowell's four opponents that day, were not able to make the trip.

The Red Arrows dominated in their wins over Romeo and Division three's number two ranked team, Richmond. The Red Arrows topped Richmond

58-7. Starting at 171 pounds, the Arrows jumped out to a 9-0 lead thanks to a pin by Jacob Lee and a decision by Derek Mohr. Richmond would sandwich wins at 285 on a 2-1 decision and 112 on a 12-2 major decision, but it was all Lowell outside of that. Lowell was given two wins via forfeit and ended the dual with three straight pins by Austin Boone, James Fotis and Doak Dean.

After a Landon Miller pin, Lowell led 18-0 before Romeo would get on the board. Starting with a Zeth Strejc pin at 130, Lowell would go on a 40-0 run to end the dual.

Lowell would also face Cedar Springs

and Greenville in their conference openers last Friday at Lowell Middle School. The Red Arrows would jump out to a 35-0 lead against Cedar Springs to lock up their dual with the Red Hawks early. Winning matches for LHS in their 58-16 win were Boone, Dawson Jankowski, Strejc, James Link, Landon Miller, Keegan Nugent, Jacob Hough, Mohr, Lee and Dean.

The results were even more lopsided against Greenville as Lowell won 62-6 over the Yellow Jackets. Gage Ritter recorded the only points for Greenville, picking up a pin at 103. After that, Lowell swept 112 through

285, including pins from Nugent, Hough, Dean, Carson Crace and Link. The 2-0 conference start for the Red Arrows gets them closer to their 11th straight OK White championship. The team is at home twice this week as they host Alumni Night against Clinton on Friday. All Lowell wrestling alumni are encouraged to attend. The team will also have their first ever hall of fame inductions. On Saturday, Lowell will host Clinton, Dundee and Davison in the Lowell Super Quad. The Red Arrows will only take on Dundee and Davison that day with action starting at 11:00 am.



Lowell's Ramsy Mutscher (Pictured) and the Red Arrow wrestling team will host Clinton, Dundee and Davison on Friday and Saturday.

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

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

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GET ORGANIZED WORD SEARCH

GARBAGE GROUPINGS INSTRUCTION LEADERSHIP LISTENING MANAGEMENT NOTES ORGANIZED

PRESENTATION PRIORITIZE PROBLEM SOLVING PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY SCHEDULE SHELVES SKILLS

STORAGE TIME TRAINING

ASSESSMENT CLUTTER DATA DEADLINES FILING

Guess Who?

I am a singer born in California on January 22, 1949. I was inspired by Sam Cooke and started playing drums in high school. I was the lead singer for a popular rock band for 20 years before my successful solo career. I'm known as "The Voice."

Answer: Steve Perry

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to creativity.

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Answer: Theory

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CLUES ACROSS

- Public broadcaster
- Hit lightly
- Keyboard key
- Grain
- Make a mistake
- To the ___ degree
- Endure without complaint
- Chinese-American actress Ling
- Edible stomach lining
- Sunrooms
- Feared
- Most eager
- Excessive chatting session
- MLB ace
- Major Central European river
- Muscular weaknesses
- Where seedlings germinate
- Former monetary unit of the EU
- Personal ads abbreviation
- Mythical animal
- Members of Orthodox Jewish sect
- German city
- Algerian coastal city
- Military men

CLUES DOWN

- English seaport
- What's owed
- Sound systems
- Elections feature them
- Southern constellation
- London and Brooklyn are two
- One-time Ugandan capital
- Attacked with bombs
- Rebuke
- Expression of disappointment
- A way to work the soil
- The human foot
- Salt of sulfuric acid
- Rhododendrons
- Mixture
- Recommended quantities
- 007's creator
- Men
- Kids need it
- Midway between east and east-northeast
- OJ trial judge
- Yes vote
- USDA branch that manages the FCIC
- Create with cloth
- Sun up in New York
- A small island
- Abnormal rattling sound
- Make lively
- A team's best pitcher
- It goes on the floor
- Not good
- Peyton's little brother
- Barrier that holds back water
- Move quickly
- Deteriorate with age
- Colorless crystalline compound
- Cheekier
- Expresses praise or joy
- Famed boxing promoter
- Cured sausages
- Fill with air or gas
- Angry
- Chemistry prefix
- Practitioner of Jamaican religion
- Softly bright or radiant
- Buffer solution used to separate nucleic acids
- First responder group
- Defensive nuclear weapon



LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL WINTER TEAMS

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL



Caleb Clark, Nathaniel Clark, Jacob Cleaver, Nolan Cusack, Logan Dekok, Dawson Douma, Brock Gemmell, Landon Grant, Braiden Hamilton, Reid Reynolds, Brett Spanbauer, Charles Steinebach, Troy Taylor, and Bradley VandenHout.



Addison Bruwer, Audrey Conrad, Molly Frederickson, Summer Havey, Alexis Howell, Jenavieve Lyon, Aubriegh Oswald, Kyleigh Rau, Faith Stepek, Jillian Weston, and Bailey Wolters.

JV BASKETBALL



Robert Brabant, Aidan Fitzpatrick, Jackson Fowler, Joseph Graham, Robert Hays, Dawson Huhn, David Kaczanowski, Morgan North, Easton Rich, Dominick Ronchetti, Garrett Smith, Gage Snarski, and Andrew Veldman.



Taylor Clark, Emily German, Grace Griffin, Louisa Hirsch, Abigail Kenyon, Emma McCormick, McKenzie Munson, Ruthie Smith, Alyssa Spanbauer, Jennie Underwood, and Shelby VanderMeulen.



SKI

Colton Byrne, Cole Lillie, Preston Sobek, Hunter Stepanovich, Kaylee Byrne, Elise Charron, Liva Clausen, Clara Eriksson, Delaney Kelley, Gina Redondo, Emma Schmidt, Sydney Spanbauer, Matelyn Torline, and Olivia Torline.

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