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LHS sophomore fundraising to compete in 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympics

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Brianna Laux, a Lowell High School student and potential Olympic archery champion, is having a bottle and can drive at Gary's Country Meats, 205 E. Main, to raise money for her trip to the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan.

Laux has been selected for the USA Archery Team and advanced to stage three (out of four) of the trials to determine who is going to represent the US at the 2020 Tokyo Summer Games.

"The next stage is in Phoenix, AZ in April," Laux said. "It will be a week full of qualifications and elimination matches against the other top 16 archers. You shoot arrows and they rank you on score."

Competing on the Olympic level is incredibly costly. Tournaments are held in various locations, and they can last several days.

"The goal of this can drive is to help offset the costs," Laux said. "It is a lot of traveling. I have five or six outdoor tournaments every year that are in



completely different parts of the country. Three of them are on the East Coast. With hotel costs and everything, it probably costs between \$3,000 and \$4,000 per tournament. I get a lot of help from the community, and every single cent I get goes toward archery, even birthday money or things like that. Occasionally I'll go mow peoples' lawns and so forth."

Laux is a 15-year-old LHS sophomore. She spends



three hours a day, six days a week in archery training, meanwhile maintaining straight A's in all of her classes.

"It's a lot, it's kind of almost a full-time job with school and everything," Laux said. "I also do a lot of weightlifting to keep my muscles nice and strong for the bow. I can deadlift 205 pounds and my bench press is up to 145 currently. My arms are pretty strong!"

Despite her young age, Laux already has a decade

of shooting under her belt.

"Archery is my life at this point! It's everything," Laux said. "It started as a way to hang out with my brothers and my dad. I have two older brothers, they're 21 and 22 right now. When I was about four or five years old, they were always practicing out in the backyard and I would be locked up inside the house. My mom was like, 'Don't go out there, they're going to shoot you! It's dangerous!' But I was like, 'Why can't I join them?' On my fifth birthday, my dad went and got me my first bow, and that's how it all started. It was just a way to spend time with my family. From there it kind of took off. I fell in love with shooting. It's a good, calming rhythm - it's almost like meditation for me. If I'm getting frustrated with school or anything else in my life, we'll just go up to the archery range and I can take out all my frustrations on the target."

Laux will be collecting empty returnable bottles and cans at the meat store until Saturday, March 7.

Feb. 18 city council meeting report

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell city council had their latest regular meeting at city hall on Tuesday, Feb. 18. The council discussed the Ware Rd. dump, a house the city has been renting to a local couple for decades and other issues at the one hour and 45 minute meeting. Councilor Marty Chambers was absent from the meeting.

BLDI president Joseph

Berlin discussed a report the company prepared for the city. BLDI installed nine monitoring wells at the site and tested the soil and groundwater. The company found low levels of contamination from tetrachloroethene in the groundwater and methylene chloride in the soil, but said they were "really low

concentrations," "slightly above the criteria" and not near any homes. Berlin recommended that more testing occur in the spring to determine if there is any fluctuation in the levels or movement of the toxic chemicals.

"We would call this one 'stable and shrinking,'" Berlin said. "Over time these concentrations, through natural processes, tend to basically shrink onto itself."

The Ware Road dump was located a few miles southeast of town in Boston Twp. Owned by the city, it was in use by local businesses and individuals from the late 1950s until 1983. Last year, the site was identified by the State of Michigan as polluted by three highly toxic chemicals: tetrachloroethylene,

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The city has been the landlord of this rental home at 990 N. Washington since the 1970s.

January police and fire incidents

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell Police Department made 12 arrests during the month of January. These arrests included one for drunk driving, two other alcohol-related arrests, four for outstanding warrants and five that are described in the police department's statistics as "other arrests."

LPD also responded to plenty of misdemeanors during January. There were four larceny calls, five dog/animal complaints, three disorderly conduct calls and 11 assaults. Lowell police issued 38 citations and notified 10 residents about ordinance violations. Out of 147 traffic stops in January, they let 109 drivers go with a warning and gave out 38 citations.

Lowell police were called to assist other law enforcement agencies 14 times and called other agencies for assistance 13 times in January. They were also called for assistance by citizens and motorists 26 times.

Lowell police were also dispatched to eight accidents during January, none with injuries.

The Lowell Fire Department responded to 61 incidents during January; 31 in the city of Lowell, 20 in Lowell Township one in Saranac and nine in Vergennes Township.

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Lowell Charter Township approves \$792,000 budget

by Cindy M. Cranmer
contributing reporter

A public hearing took place at the Lowell Charter Township board meeting recently on the proposed budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, after which the resolution for the 2020-2021 budget was passed.

The meeting took place on Tuesday, Feb. 18 because of President's Day on Monday, Feb. 17. Township clerk Monica Burt said there were no concerns brought up during the public hearing on the proposed budget. Resolutions were approved for salaries for the Lowell Township supervisor, the Lowell Township clerk, and the Lowell Township treasurer. The salary for each of these positions was approved at \$33,830, which is a 1.9 percent increase for the fiscal year of 2020-2021. The raise goes into effect as of April 1, 2020.

The salaries were a part of the budget that was approved later in the meeting after the public hearing. The budget resolution that passed for fiscal year 2020-2021 included revenue and appropriations of \$792,000. The budget resolution is for a budget that is lower

than last year's budget as it appears that monies will need to come out of the fund balance to cover expenses for the fiscal year budget for 2019-2020. If it happens that \$177,708 is taken out of the fund balance for the 2019-2020 year, the projected fund balance starting the 2020-2021 fiscal year is \$797,647.

The budget did not include funding for treatment related to the gypsy moth study results. The issue needs to be discussed further by the Board, Burt said. The idea of looking at a millage has not been eliminated and a proposed amount developed.

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 and it appears the cost for spraying the 854 acres is approximately \$58,883.

"The study shows a reduction of 852 acres from last year," said trustee William Thompson previously. 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, is concerned the township does not have about \$59,000 to spray.

VanderZiel was clear at the January meeting that he does not want the money to be taken out of the fund balance. Another option being discussed is a millage. Burt was asked to find out the last date to get items on the ballot for the August and the November elections.

The township does not leverage as much as it could, but the board was not in favor of a millage increase without going to the voters.

The gypsy moth issue will be discussed further at the March meeting. Board trustees also have raised concerns that there may be the possibility of needing to hold a millage to continue to fund public safety with an increase in the number of calls the township is facing.

The Lowell Township Water and Wastewater Feasibility Study also was approved on Feb. 18 to go forward at the township meeting. Moore + Bruggink provided the proposal for the

Lowell Charter Township Water and Wastewater Feasibility Study project. The City of Lowell recently discussed a policy that allows properties to connect with the city sanitary or water system by entering into an agreement with the city if they choose to do so.

"The Township does not agree with this, and desires to explore the possibility of designing, constructing, and owning its own water and sewer infrastructure to serve the needs of the Township and its residences and businesses," according to a summary prepared by Moore + Bruggink.

"The proposed study will determine the feasibility of constructing the necessary infrastructure to serve an initial service area within the Township with both sanitary sewer and water," stated information from Moore + Bruggink. The report also will include the cost to operate and maintain the infrastructure and an estimated rate structure for connected properties.

The feasibility study also will factor in anticipated township growth on the north side of the Grand River and proposed development on M-50 and I-96. The

project feasibility study also will "project out average day and peak usage for a 20-year planning period for initial determination of pipe sizes and water and wastewater facility sizes," the proposal stated.

The Lowell Charter Township Board decided to move forward with the \$32,000 feasibility study.

In other business, The Lowell Charter Township board submitted a letter to the Timpsons regarding a parcel that is not part of a special use permit. That letter was sent in January and the Timpsons' attorney submitted a response to the board. The Lowell Charter Township attorney is now writing a letter in response to the letter from their attorney.

The letter submitted from legal counsel for Timpson Orchards, Inc. was in response to a township letter dated January 27, 2020. Nick Curcio of the Curcio Law Firm wrote the letter to the township.

"At the Township's request, this letter details Timpson Orchards' plans for continued agricultural use on its various parcels in the Township, including the parcel known as 2975 Segwun Avenue," the letter

from Curcio stated. "To briefly summarize, the plans involve planting and harvesting corn on at least 20 acres of land on the 2975 Segwun parcel, as well as on approximately 100 acres at the 36th Street Farm as they have done for years. All equipment stored on the eastern portion of 2975 Segwun (adjacent to the Bierisand pit) will be used as part of the farm operation. For this reason, and in light of the facts and legal analysis provided below, we trust that these plans are consistent with the Township's zoning ordinance and are protected under the Michigan Right to Farm Act."

The board also heard from resident Caroline Perkins about 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.

The next meeting of the Lowell Charter Township board will take place at 7 pm on Monday, March 16.

Rep. Whitsett calls her leader 'racist'

Rep. Karen Whitsett (D-Detroit) called House Minority Leader Christine Greig (D-Farmington Hills) "racist" on Detroit radio and to MIRS Tuesday for not putting a higher priority on the issues of her district and urban, African American areas in general.

Whitsett first went on WWJ-950 radio Tuesday morning praising House Speaker Lee Chatfield (R-Levering) for coming to her aid after she supported

the original no-fault auto insurance reform package last spring. Without Chatfield, she said, "I would be unable to do my job."

She said Greig has made her life difficult after she asked the Minority Leader before the term started what her urban agenda was. Since then, the freshman legislator said, "She's been out to get me."

Once she cast the initial votes in favor of auto insurance reform, "She's made my life a living hell."

"I have been annihilated. I have been fought against and I have found it almost impossible to represent my district," Whitsett told WWJ, going as far as to call on the Speaker to conduct any investigation on the Minority Leader. "No one coming in should have to endure what I've gone through."

Specifically, Whitsett said Greig threatened her with not being able to get mail out or get a bill passed. The freshmen legislator also blamed the

lack of knowledge about her town hall meetings on the Minority Leader.

While other members may not speak up about it, Whitsett said she isn't too shy to do so, saying of Greig, "You don't treat your black state representatives the way you treat your white state representatives. I feel that way."

Greig's spokesperson declined to comment and

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LOWELL AREA RECREATION AUTHORITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Lowell Area Recreation Authority (LARA) will conduct a public meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331. The purpose of the Public Meeting is to receive input and comments from the public on the proposed application by the LARA to the 2020 Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund for a grant for the construction of non-motorized trail improvements.

The proposed improvements include the installation of new paved non-motorized trails, pedestrian bridges, benches, picnic shelters and signage. This project will go through the Lowell community will connect to the existing Fred Meijer River Valley Rail Trail network which extends to Belding, Saranac and points beyond. A copy of the proposed trail route is available for viewing at City Hall and on line at <http://www.lowellmi.gov/>.

Following the public comment period, the LARA Board will consider a resolution authorizing submittal of their application, which is due on or before April 1, 2020.

Interested persons may offer comments at the public meeting or submit them in writing prior to the meeting directly to the Lowell Area Recreation Authority at P.O. Box 98, Lowell, Michigan 49331 or by email to betsy@addorio.com

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Local leaders honored at annual Chamber of Commerce awards banquet



by Jeff Ostrander
contributing reporter

Mark and Theresa Mundt were among those honored for their contributions to Lowell during the Winter Gathering of the Membership on Thursday, Feb. 20. The annual event, sponsored by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, was held at the Fairway, until recently known as Deer Run Golf Course. About 200 people enjoyed dinner, accompanied by live music from the Easy Idle String Band.

Following the meal, Liz Baker, executive director of the Chamber, thanked her team and introduced

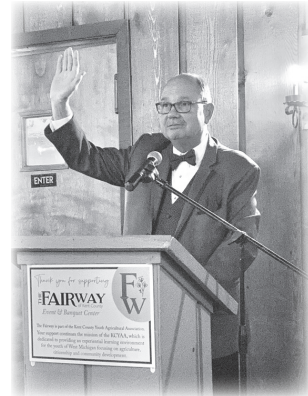
presenters Rick Seese of Greenridge Realty and Cliff Yankovich of Chimera Design.

The Mundts were named Persons of the Year in recognition of their generous and effective contributions as volunteers in their church and local service organizations, including Flat River Outreach Ministries, the Lowell Rotary, Christmas Through Lowell, Cold Weather Warriors and Pink Arrow Pride. Their prior professional service to Lowell residents at the water treatment facility (Mark)

and the police department (Theresa) was also praised.

The Mundts used their acceptance speech to express their love for the Lowell community and to encourage others to volunteer.

“Theresa and I were honored and humbled to receive the award,” Mark Mundt said afterward. “We feel we’re just doing our part to be good, active members of the community.”



Rick Seese

The Non-Profit Spotlight was awarded to the Kent County Youth Fair and accepted by manager Jessica Marks and president Jon Bieneman. The Fairway facility, where the dinner

was held, is on property acquired by the KCYF and under development as a state-of-the-art venue for future fair-related events.

The Most Promising New Business was awarded to Deirdre’s Cakes & Bakes and accepted by Deirdre Olszewski.

The Business Appreciation Award was given to the River Valley Credit Union and accepted by Cutter Phillips.

Winners of the Brick Award for local investment included:

Betten Baker Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram for construction of a new showroom. Their award was accepted by Charlie Jeffrey, director of operations.

Impact Church for construction of a new facility. The award was accepted by executive pastor Ryan Kresge.

Key Heights and Key Vista Community for substantial expansion and improvements. The award was accepted by Fred Desero.

King Milling for construction of new silos, a



Theresa and Mark Mundt

new mill, and development of new packaging capabilities. The award was accepted by Brian Doyle for the Doyle family.

McDonald’s restaurant for improvements and

reconstruction. The award was accepted by Greg Anthony.

Townhomes at Two Rivers for construction of a new apartment complex. The award was accepted by Mark Rohde.

‘Racist’ leader, continued

Greig, too, declined to respond to the charge. However, others pointed out that Whitsett cannot complain about getting mail out, for one. She’s pushed more state-paid mail out to her constituents in 2019 than nearly any other member, they claim.

Turnover amid Whitsett’s staff may be a reason why she’s been able to use her office allotment to educate her district on what’s going on in Lansing more than others.

Also, one source noted that the caucus doesn’t run everything for every House

member. If Whitsett wanted to pursue an urban agenda, she could create a package of bills with other House members and hold a press conference about it.

“The in-fighting isn’t helpful,” the source said. “Our opponents are Republicans who have been destroying our communities for decades.”

Rep. Isaac Robinson (D-Detroit) declined to use the “racist” word when asked Tuesday about the dynamics of the caucus, but he did say “I support Rep. Whitsett’s voice and her agitating the caucus.”

He noted that U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez has moved House Speaker Nancy Pelosi further to the left and that maybe Whitsett is doing the same here. In Lansing, he feels there should be more attention to shutting down incinerators and tackling air pollution in urban areas, for example.

“Obviously, there’s room for major improvement in championing issues that impact majority-black cities and urban areas,” said Robinson. “I think it’s healthy for Karen to raise these issues and it can lead to positivity.”

Today’s historic birthdays

- 1564: Christopher Marlowe, playwright, poet
- 1802: Victor Hugo, poet, playwright
- 1846: “Buffalo” Bill Cody, soldier, hunter
- 1893: Wallace Fard Muhammad, founder of Nation of Islam
- 1916: Jackie Gleason, actor
- 1928: Fats Domino, singer/songwriter, pianist
- 1932: Johnny Cash, singer/songwriter, guitarist
- 1945: Mitch Ryder, singer/songwriter, The Detroit Wheels
- 1954: Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, president of Turkey



Johnny Cash and Ruth Wondergem-Smith backstage in Lansing on Feb. 15, 1964.


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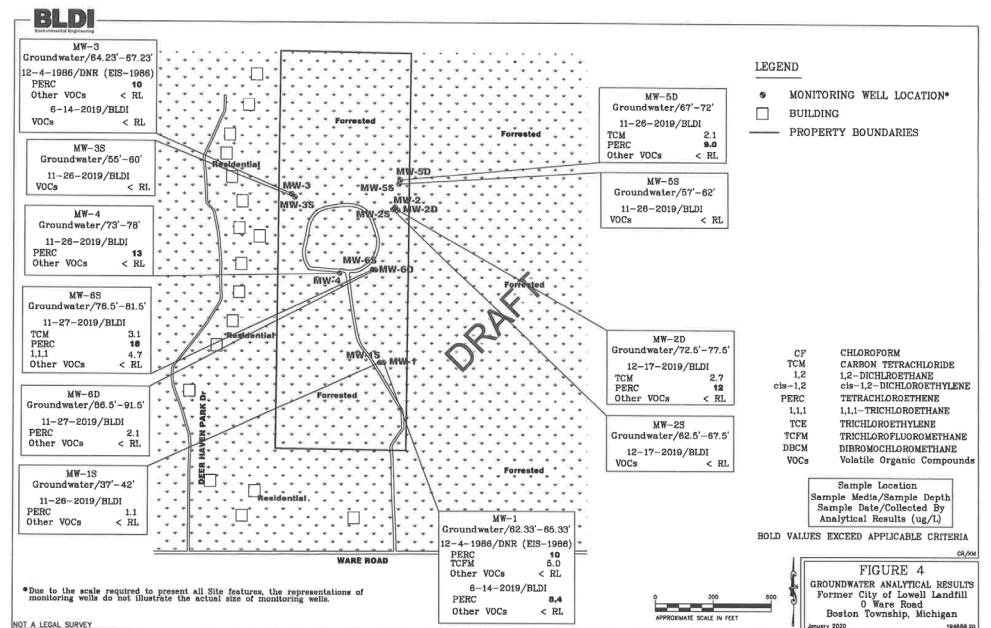
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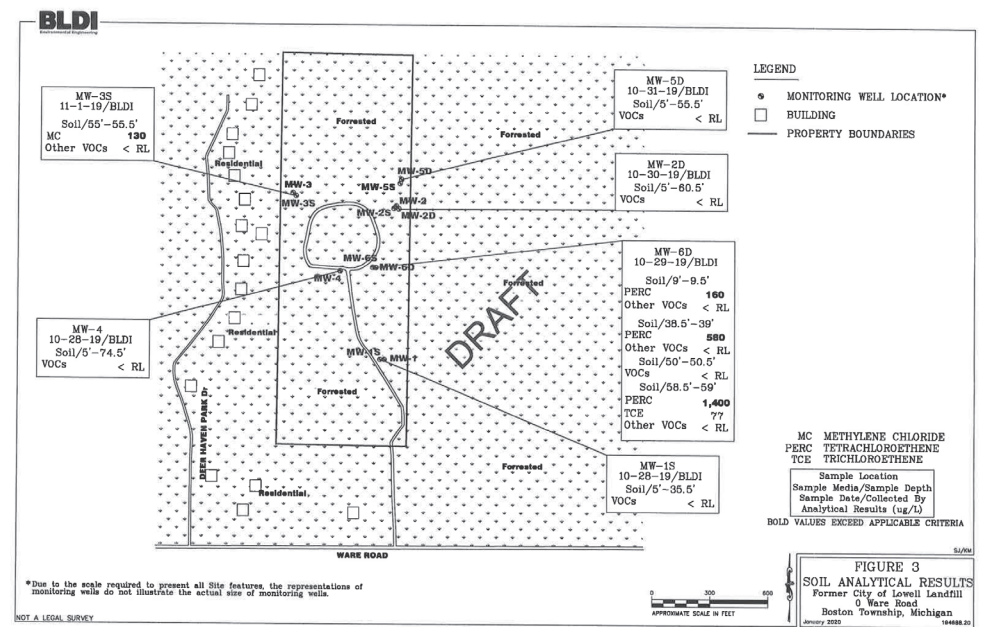
dichloroethane and carbon tetrachloride. The council continued their discussion of a home at 990 N. Washington in Vergennes Township. The city owns the house and the three acres of land it sits on, currently valued at \$128,500, and has been renting it to Gary Dietzel and Sandra Bartlett since August 1979.

diligently at his own expense to make it livable. "I don't see you as landlords and I don't feel like a renter," Dietzel said. "We're just stewards. [...] I've put my life into it." After lengthy discussion, the council decided to raise their rent to \$500 a month and have the city manager prepare a 24 month rental

or access to the retiree healthcare savings plan. "It is apparent to me if we continue to provide retirement and other post-employment benefits otherwise known as OPEB in the manner we do currently, this will not be sustainable for the future of the city of Lowell," Burns said. Lowell city council's next



Pages from BLDI's report on the Ware Dump showing where the samples were taken, where the contaminants were found and at what levels. Groundwater report is above, soil report is below.



The current rental fee is \$450 a month, and this lease is set to expire on June 30, 2020. City manager Michael Burns said that, since the council went public with the issue, the city has received eight separate inquiries from parties interested in purchasing the property. Dietzel attended the meeting and explained some of the history behind the unusual situation. He said the home was built in 1892 and the parcel was originally purchased by the city in 1917 to build "the Kelly well" on the site "to push water up to Shepherd's Hill." That well was closed in 1987. Later, he said, Lowell Light & Power built a barn there and stored poles and other equipment in it. Dietzel said their initial lease was for 30 years at \$70 a month. Dietzel said that when he and Bartlett moved in, the house was abandoned, boarded up and in total disrepair, and he has worked

agreement for the one acre parcel with the house. The council will decide what to do with the remaining two acres at a future date. The council voted to change the benefits that retired non-union city employees will receive. The city will provide retiree health insurance coverage for the first five years after retirement and will contribute to a retiree healthcare savings plan. However, employees hired after Sept. 6, 2016 will not receive retiree healthcare

regular meeting will take place at city hall at 7 pm on Monday, March 2. The council will also meet with the public during a "Coffee with the Council" event at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce building on the Riverwalk from 8 am until 10 am on Saturday, March 7. To watch city council, board and commission meetings from the previous several years, look for the "City of Lowell" or "Lowell Light and Power" channels on YouTube or visit archive.org.

Every day people are straying away from the church and going back to God.

~ Lenny Bruce (1925-1966)

viewpoint

to the editor

To the Editor,
Foremost, I'm thankful for your presence. A recently televised PBS conference bemoaned the quick decline of newspapers and journalists in our country, nearly halved in 20 years. Your reporting of local people, institutions, business, and events promotes the health of this community. Information on official decisions and consequences are necessary for accountability, democracy, and therefore voting. More than a right, voting should be universally accessible, and mandatory, for all the benefits we share.

Please do people! And thank you Ledger.
Next, for the previous city council meeting, I appreciated the thoughtful consideration of all of our situations with the city property in Vergennes Twp., at the end of N. Washington Rd. It's complicated with a convoluted history of use/misuse. Some time was spent with options discussed and a plan was formed to survey these three acres into one acre plots. This house, on one, will be leased to Sandy and I for two years on top of the 40 we've been here. The future

is even more complicated, to be decided later.
I'm not educated in land use or sociology, but experience counts. I used to slide down a steep slope to a frozen pond on farmland that became Roger's Plaza on 28th St in Wyoming, MI. I played on eight inches of fresh concrete near there - US131. Consider the vacant 19 acres north of Attwood and Oakwood cemetery, annexed questionably in 1991, with the loss of river protection. What do you think will become of that? What happen here matters!
A personal disappointment is that our rent will raise substantially. We have more than paid for this temporary space with very little help to maintain it (from the city). This house was boarded in 1979 and due to be demolished.

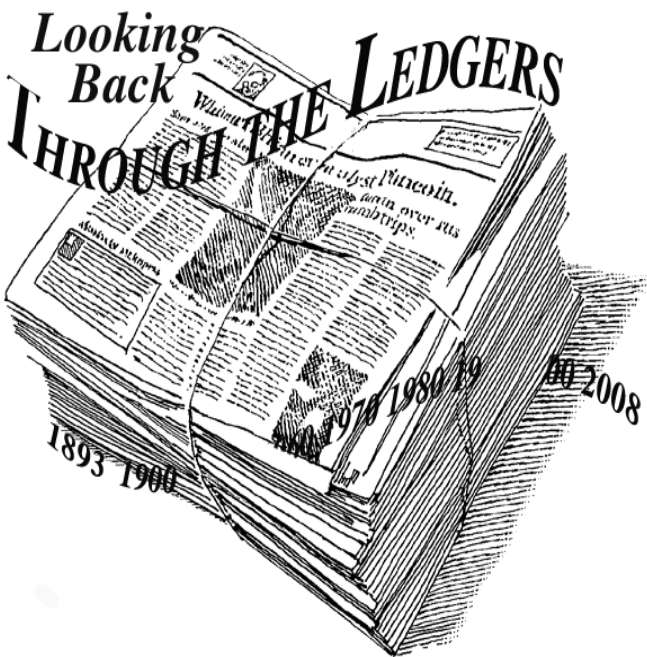
We provided some security for the unfenced, unlit, city utilities that were functioning here for our first 25 years. Then those issues and expansion here were discussed for Light & Power. We objected with many others. Light and Power went to the Newell property. The city then wanted to sell and develop this property - our removal imminent. In 2007 with a petition of 400 and a packed council meeting, the Lowell property became a park and we received a 10 year inhibitive lease until now. The increase cannot be defended citing their unwillingness to improve, our past performance (constant), and regard for the necessary maintenance on a nearly fixed income.
Regardless, I'm grateful to remain. I've gotten and

given most of my life here. It suits me forward. Thanks to the community for past support of the scouts, river, property, and this 1892 home for Sandy and I.

Consider that eventually this property could become an important asset to the North Country Trail Assoc. - a good steward.
*Hopefully,
Gary Dietzel
Lowell*

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125 years ago Lowell Ledger February 27, 1895

Three pupils of the Prairie Creek school, located a mile east of Ionia, are in jail on a charge of assulting their teacher, George Barr. Barr is said to have been frightfully beaten.
James Hitchcock was sent to prison from this county, having been convicted of murder. After thirty-two years he established his innocence to the satisfaction of Gov. Alger, who pardoned him on Thanksgiving day, 1885, the old man proving that he had been convicted on perjured testimony. He is now 80 years old. His family died while he was in prison and an effort will be made to induce the legislature to make some provision for his remaining days. A joint resolution was introduced for this purpose last week.
Not since the unveiling of the Lincoln emancipation statue in 1878 has there been such a popular outpouring of colored people to pay tribute to a benefactor of the race than was witnessed Monday about the Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal church, where the funeral services over the remains of Frederick Douglass took place.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger February 26, 1920

The most definite and deliberate step in the direction of the consolidation of rural schools in Kent county was taken at Alto Thursday night at a meeting of school officers and residents of the eight school districts in Bowne township. More than 150 persons gathered at the Grange hall and sentiment from every district favored the immediate adoption of the consolidation plan.
Through one of the most unusual surgical operations on record, Paul Biese, well known musician, and one of Chicago's heaviest men, is 100 pounds lighter. The operation was performed by Dr. Max Thorek, who removed 100 pounds of skin and fat from Biese's abdomen.

When Mayor Fred Green of Ionia, who is also treasurer of the Ypsilanti Reed Furniture company of that city, was here to attend the Lowell Board of Trade banquet last week, he was induced by Messrs. D. G. Look and M. N. Henry to look at Lowell hotel building, with a view to ascertaining its availability for manufacturing purposes. Since that time several of Mr. Green's representatives have inspected the property and, we understand, stated that it was large enough to accommodate a factory employing a hundred people.

75 years The Lowell Ledger March 1, 1945

Drilling for oil on the Nummer farm, just east of town, came to a halt a few days ago, after attaining a depth of 2,500 feet. Found water instead of oil, one of the promoters states that at one time the black gold had been there, but that it went to a higher level, leaving only a paraffin residue. "We were a couple of million years too late," said our informant with a smile.
The battle of the Belgian bulge last December provided Sergeant William Doran, son of Mrs. Norma Doran of Parnell with a chance to volunteer for dangerous duty, and he took it. Two infantry companies were cut off during the fighting, without food, water, or

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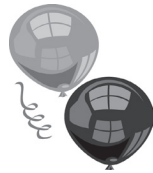
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MARCH 3

Sarah Newell.

Looking Back, continued

ammunition, and with 14 wounded men that needed help. Men were called upon to go to their relief, and Sgt. over the dangerous terrain.

50 years The Lowell Ledger February 26, 1970

The Lowell Police Department is presently operating with a complement of four full-time officers including the chief, a sergeant and two patrolmen. A civilian reserve force of 12 volunteers, including a captain and sergeant, also serves the community.

Funeral arrangements are pending for a 19-year-old Marine who last week became the 112th victim from Kent County in the Vietnam war. The body of Lance Corporal Jack A. Zoodsma is being flown to the United States and will be taken to the Jonkhoff Mortuary in Grand Rapids upon arrival.

Less than a week remains for area residents of senior citizen status to file for special exemptions that were broadened by recent state legislation. The Senior Citizens Homestead Tax exemption Bill was signed last week by Governor William Milliken and offers additional tax relief to those with limited incomes. One major change permits eligible senior citizens to have a gross annual income of \$6,000, an increase of \$1,000.

25 years The Lowell Ledger March 1, 1995

A 23-year old former employee of a Lowell veterinarian testified to allegations, that on two occasions, she was the victim of sexual misconduct by her employer. Bruce Langlois, owner of Lowell Veterinary Clinic (11610 E. Fulton), was bound over for trial Monday by Kent County District Judge Sara Smolenski for alleged criminal sexual conduct (fourth degree).

When Duane Lambert announced that he would no longer own and operate Lambert Variety Store, many of his long-time customers were concerned that Lowell would lose its five and dime store. Nearly two months later, in reflection, that thought must seem silly. Lambert sold the store to Jerry Sprenger, who has worked for the retail chain D&C Stores on the east side of the state for 23 years.

The city of Lowell approved of the allocation of funds from its general fund toward the upgrading of the Rockford/Lowell Ambulance communication system.

college news

Niklaas S. Kurth of Alto, was named to Lewis University's Dean's List for the 2019 Fall Semester. Kurth is studying Aviation Flight Management at Lewis University.

Just under 1,500 students were honored on the Lewis University Dean's List for the 2019 Fall Semester.

To be eligible for this honor, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours during the semester with a grade point average of at least 3.5 and with no "D" or "F" grades.

College news 2-26

More than 1,800 students from Saginaw Valley State University earned a spot on the fall 2019 semester Deans' List.

To be eligible for the Deans' List, a student must take at least 12 credit hours

and carry a semester GPA of 3.4 or better.

Elle Coble, of Lowell, and Kelsey Merrifield, of Saranac, were among those honored for their academic excellence.

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh officials have announced students who qualified for the University Dean's List and Honor Roll in the fall of 2019 across its three campuses (Fond du Lac, Fox Cities and Oshkosh).

To qualify for the honor roll on UW Oshkosh campuses, a student must take at least 12 credits and earn a grade-point average (GPA) of at least 3.3 (out of a possible 4.0). Those with a GPA of 3.75 or better qualify for the Dean's List.

Emily Jacobs, of Alto, qualified for the Dean's List.

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BOWNE TOWNSHIP

NOTICE FOR TESTING OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION MARCH 10, 2020.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Public Accuracy Test for the March 10, 2020, Presidential Primary will be conducted on Monday, February 25, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. at the Bowne Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash Avenue SE., Alto, Michigan 49302

The public accuracy test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Michigan election law.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Clerk
 Bowne Township

Delilah DeWylde to perform at LowellArts March 14



Delilah DeWylde live at Bell's on Jan. 7, 2017. [photo by Tyler Steimle]

by Daniel Sein contributing reporter

Delilah DeWylde is no stranger to the West Michigan stage, and is set to perform with her blazing trio in the LowellArts gallery on the evening of Saturday, March 14.

DeWylde (upright bass/lead vocals), paired with guitarist Lee Harvey and snare drummer Johnny HiWatt (no relation to the amp brand), are sure to get you out of your seat and tapping your feet to their high energy mix of honky tonk, country and electric swampy blues bliss, and to the rockabilly concoctions they're revered for.

"The simplicity of the music appeals to us, as do the old recordings where computers and overdubs were not used," DeWylde said. "Defining features of the rockabilly sound include strong rhythms, slap bass, electric guitar, and a bit of a vocal twang."

DeWylde's musical background is a colorful one which came to fruition thanks to a music-loving family. She started taking piano and violin lessons as a child then moved to drums and saxophone in middle and high school. Upon moving to Grand Rapids for college, Delilah soon met a plethora of artists and musicians, picked up the bass and started looking for bandmates. In 1998, DeWylde joined the infamous Grand Rapids rockabilly group DangerVille and quickly made the switch from electric bass to upright bass. It was also in that group that she met drummer Lee Harvey.

DangerVille held their own for roughly six years until Harvey expressed interest in forming a group in which he could play guitar. Harvey's move placed the pair in a position to play with both bands for a spell, but it became a bit too much so the two departed DangerVille to pursue their current trio.

Since 2004, the trio has been continuing the musical tradition of the early American rock 'n' roll period between 1954

and 1959. When they take the stage, it is as if one is transported to "simpler times" congruent with their retro music and outfit stylings and equipment. On stage, the cool, calm demeanor of guitarist Lee Harvey juxtaposes DeWylde's larger than life stage presence: one minute quietly crooning, the next driving the rhythm forward while literally perched upon the bass itself! The group tended to write and perform

original material in the early days of their formation, but have now pared their material down to swampy hillbilly American favorites that can't displease anyone in the beer-sluggin' crowd. Although the group's studio LPs "Honky Tonk Heart" (2008), "The Price You Pay" (2010) and "Win My Love" (2012) are perfect examples of their no fuss, live-to-tape, crowd-pleasing performance mentality, the live show is the band's preferred method

of delivery, with more than 100 annual concerts.

"On average it's usually around 120 shows minimum per year, some years have been a few more," DeWylde said. "We do play out of state sometimes. Last year we played in Illinois and Iowa, we've also made a few trips to Wisconsin. We've played as far away as Tennessee and Colorado but we prefer to stick around the Midwest."

The band's future plans include playing riveting weekend shows, already scheduled through to the fall.

"We always look forward to summers especially, because those tend to have some all-ages shows like festivals or music in the park type shows," DeWylde affirmed. "No major recording projects or tours coming up, sadly. However we will be making a few trips to northern Michigan for sure."

In anticipation for the LowellArts show, DeWylde

expounded on her intimate history with Lowell.

"I know we've done the Showboat series a couple of times before, which were pretty well received," DeWylde said. "I like the downtown area of Lowell, it has an old-school charm to it."

The music on her previous LPs was recorded quite well, with great use of space in the arrangements, and her vintage equipment is hardly just stage decor. The twang of the guitar and interplay of her woody, thumping bass are reminiscent of old Webb Pierce recordings, and HiWatt's tight, ever-present snare drum is the perfect accompaniment that relishes in the simplicity of the songs. It's not unlike certain instrumental approaches in songs such as Johnny Cash's "Orange Blossom Special." If you are a fan of rockabilly, surf, honky tonk, old timey country, blues or guitar noir, Delilah DeWylde is the livewire group for you.

2020 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE

Lowell Charter Township
2910 Alden Nash Ave SE
Lowell, Mi. 49331

2020 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

The Lowell Township Board of Review for 2020 will be held at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash Ave SE, on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 9 a.m. =
Organizational Meeting

Monday, March 9, 2020
9:00 a.m. to 12 noon & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 12, 2020
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2020 assessments.

By board resolution, residents are allowed to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 9, 2020.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2020 are as follows:

Agricultural	44.26	1.1297
Commercial	44.01	1.1362
Residential	47.31	1.0569
Industrial	48.76	1.0255
Personal	50.00	1.0000

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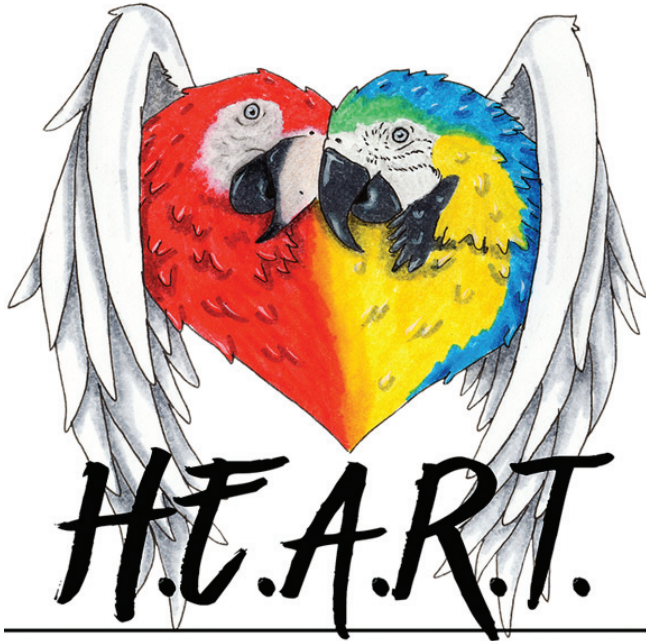
HEART non-profit avian rescue in downtown Lowell

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Colt and Bobbi Holliday are the owners of HEART: Holliday's Exotic Avian Rescue Team, a non-profit bird rescue based in downtown Lowell for the past two years.

"We're located in our home in Lowell, a couple blocks from the police station," said Colt Holliday.

"We originally started five years ago in 2015 working with the Lowell Farm and Wildlife Center, said. "In 2019 we branched out on our own and became a public non-profit. In December 2018 they contacted us about two blue Moluccan



Holliday's Exotic Avian Rescue Team



Pappi, a Catalina macaw (hybrid of a scarlet macaw and a blue and gold macaw).

cockatoos that could either be sent to us or be put down. They were between 15 and 25 years old, and they weren't friendly, so we took them in. We figured out most of their problems. They couldn't be housed together. When you put two birds together and they don't get along, they're either going to kill each other or try to kill you! We worked through all that and got them adopted out, and now they're doing great."

The Hollidays are a young married couple with

two small children, and the family coexists with over 20 birds in their house, all of whom are very demanding.

"The kids love the birds, but eventually we'd like to have a separate facility close by," said Bobbi Holliday. "That's what we're aiming for. We only have about a quarter acre, so that's not enough room. Technically, the city would allow us to build a pole barn and put it there, but we'd rather have it in a location separate from our house."

"Many people will see a beautiful bird and say, 'I want that in my house,'" Colt Holliday said. "It talks and it does all this cool stuff. They don't realize that it requires a lot more care than a dog or a cat. A dog can sort of take care of itself, but a bird requires just as much of your attention as another human being would. They're a lot smarter than we may realize, and they live just about as long as a person does. These birds can live up to 80 years. People don't really think about that either."

"The daily care regimen begins every morning between 9 and 10 am," Bobbi Holliday said. "First, I clean out the bottoms of all the cages. Everyday because it gets nasty if you let it build up. Then I take all their bowls, including their food bowls, and I dump them out and wash them. I refill their water and their food. In the morning they get 'chop,' which is just fruits



Rio, a green Quaker parrot, is missing his beak because a cockatoo at his last residence bit it off.

and veggies, fresh food. When they're done eating, I let them out. We kind of rotate who comes out every day, that way we don't have macaws trying to eat the little birds! In the evening, about three or four, that's when they get their pellets, and they can eat from that all night. Their diet should be 90 percent fruits and vegetables and 10 percent pellets. Birdseed can cause liver damage. Anyway, after that it's regular maintenance like sweeping, dusting the cages, dusting the walls, checking the air filters. Birds are super dusty. I'll also fill the humidifiers, because birds require a humid environment. We also bathe them, but not all at once, we trim their nails, and that's it! So then, of course, you can train them, interact with them and give them the attention they want. A lot of positive reinforcement is good."

"We have a lot of birds, so the first couple hours in the morning involves a lot of cleaning and feeding, then after that you get to mess



Colt and Bobbi Holliday, owners of HEART: Holliday's Exotic Avian Rescue Team, a non-profit bird rescue.

around with them and play with them," Colt Holliday said.

"If they become 'unwanted birds,' that's when they start the behaviors like feather-pulling, screaming, biting, self-mutilation and things like that," Bobbi Holliday said. "They will actually put holes in themselves or pluck out their feathers. Or it's sad when a bird comes in and it keeps saying something like, 'Shut up!' or 'You're a bad bird!' Cockatoos are probably the worst ones because they scream often and very loud."

"They have a great personality when they're happy, but when they're upset they're going to be screaming all the time," Colt Holliday said.

"When something is stressing them out, you've got to find what is causing the issue and work with them through it," Bobbi Holliday said. "Maybe they're just bored, so you've got to find something to stimulate them, to keep them busy."

HEART has over 15 birds ready for adoption at this time, including three macaws, three senegal parrots, two Quaker parrots and a few parakeets. If you're interested in adopting one, fill out the form on their website.

"It's a very user friendly form," Bobbi Holliday said. "But if it's not filled out completely, we won't consider the application."

After they review the information submitted, the Hollidays will require a home walkthrough video and three successful visits at HEART with the bird you're interested in. HEART is a non-profit, so the Hollidays are able to



Monty, a scarlet macaw.

charge far less than the retail rate for exotic birds. The only financial outlay a bird adopter has to make is to pay off any outstanding vet bills generated while their new family member was a HEART resident. Depending on the bird and its situation, this figure can vary between a couple hundred dollars and several thousand.

"We've had birds come in that were ready to find their new home in just a couple weeks," Colt Holliday said. "Other birds take a lot longer. For example, Sonny has been with us for close to a year now. I've got a scar on my arm where she grabbed ahold of me about six months ago. I was just sitting there waiting for her to let go for about a minute and a half. It was pretty painful. Luckily she didn't puncture the skin too much, she just sat there and ground and crushed the



Harley, a harlequin macaw (hybrid of a green wing macaw and a blue and gold macaw).

skin. It actually took until last month before I got all the feeling back in my arm!"

If you have a bird you're not confident about taking care of, if you have been considering adding a bird to your family or if you want to learn more, contact HEART at 616-307-3680. Also, HEART is continuously looking for donations of various items, such as cages, toys, toy-making supplies, pellet food, vegetables, fruits, carriers, towels, nuts in the shell (but not peanuts), paper towels, dishes, sponges and so on.

"You don't really pick the bird all the time, the bird picks you," Colt Holliday said.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP NOTICE

BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE 2020

The Board of Review of Bowne Township will meet in the Township Office Building located at 8240 Alden Nash SE., Alto, Michigan on:

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020 1:00 P.M.
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020
9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON
& 1:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2020
1:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
&
6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

(EVENING hours are by appointment ONLY)

FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THE TAX ROLL AND HEARING ALL CLAIMS, YOU MAY APPEAL YOUR ASSESSED VALUATION ONE (1) OF TWO (2) WAYS: BY LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE BOWNE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR AND RECEIVED BY HIM PRIOR TO MARCH 9, 2020 OR BY APPEARING IN PERSON ON ONE OF THE DATES THE BOARD OF REVIEW MEETS.

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Lowell Planning Commission allows developer to move forward with modifications

by Cindy M. Cranmer
contributing reporter

The Lowell Township Planning Commission is allowing revisions to move forward on development in the Highlands at Cumberland Ridge.

A public hearing took place Monday to review two major amendments to the development from the originally passed version in 2005. The original version could be put into place at any point, but developer Steve Hanson wanted to make some changes to the second phase, which was putting in the Highlands at Cumberland Ridge. More than two dozen area residents showed up for the public hearing.

Hanson's plan was to reduce the number of units from 63 to 54 and to not put in basements on all the units, but to put them on slabs. Commissioner Scott Edwards clarified that these would be slabs with footings and meeting building codes for permanent structures.

After a meeting that went for almost 2.5 hours with public input from numerous residents and many comments during a Planning Commission discussion, Hanson got the approval to move forward. It was decided that the Lowell Township Planning Commission was in favor of reducing the units in Highlands at Cumberland Ridge from 63 to 54 units with the allowance for 39 units on slabs and 15 with either daylight or walkout basements.

Final details will need to be secured before any building can occur. The final recommendations for the development also will need to go before the Lowell Charter Township Board and a public hearing. The Planning Commission will briefly review the resolution draft with wording changes and other modifications at its March meeting before sending a resolution to the Lowell Charter Township Board. However, the action that they took allows Hanson to make plans based on the number of units and how they will be set up.

The biggest concerns from those in Cumberland Ridge were about property values and traffic. A couple of people were concerned about water flow and storm drainage.

Steve Hanson, who is also a broker and owner with Hanson Real Estate Group, was at the meeting to answer questions about the development and respond to concerns.

Hanson explained that he was looking at decreasing the number of units to increase the size up to 1,495

square feet for the main level. The 2005 plan had condominiums as small as 900 square feet but all had plans for basements. The footage increase would not include any condominiums that had enclosed porches, any unit with a basement, or any unit that had a second level but was just the main floor footage.

"I wanted to do something a little nicer than the original plan," Hanson said. "I am asking that we have the ability to put some of these on slabs."

Hanson's plans with the slabs would allow for features such as a courtyard, the owner's suite complete with a bath, a covered porch, a family room, a dining room, kitchen, a foyer, two bedrooms, a two-car garage, and a porch. Other enhancements could be made for those wanting a basement or those on a slab who wanted to build up.

"You won't be able to tell if they have a basement or a second level," he said about the way the proposed development would look.

Tim Johnson, who serves as a consultant to the Planning Commission and Lowell Township, is a professional planner with MainStreet Planning Company.

Johnson advised that Hanson could "build 63 units tomorrow." However, he said Hanson wanted to make some changes with the reduction of units increasing the size and not having basements on all units so it came to the Lowell Township Planning Commission.

Many things will remain the same from the original site plan such as being five feet away from the property line and 20 feet apart. A third small change was moving from streetlights to garage-mounted down to dusk lights. That issue was previously resolved so it was not a part of the proposal.

Commissioner Scott Edwards stated they had received a letter with a legal opinion from the attorney that the road was a private road, but that Hanson and residents would have the right to use it. Additionally, two different associations for the two condominium developments would govern the maintenance.

The maintenance agreement for the roads will be developed between the Home Owners Association for the Cumberland Ridge development and the Highlands at Cumberland Ridge development.

"Steve has been working with us," said Marea Borg, a resident who serves on the board working on the road

agreement, said during the public comment section of the public hearing. "This is complicated. We need to really look at the use of our roads."

Township Supervisor Jerry Hale informed residents that other housing developments have two groups working together to handle maintenance issues.

Deb Canfield, a Cumberland Ridge resident, said she believed there would be no further development when she bought her place. Since it is happening, she said she wants to make sure the development does not decrease property values. "I am not excited about the slab thing," she said.

"I don't think houses on slabs are worth as much," she said. "These should be comparable to what I purchased."

"The basements should not be a factor that needs to be changed," said Cumberland Ridge Resident Jack Heckaman. "These are our life savings we put into our condos."

He said he did not want to see the value of their property decreased because of any new development. "You're compromising what we bought into in the 2005 plan."

He also expressed concern that even with a decrease in the number of units there was an increase in traffic on the private road. "We are still adding more than double the traffic," he said.

Hanson reassured everyone that the building plans increased footage from the original plan, which would have made even smaller units.

"These condos are going to increase the value of the first phase," Hanson said in response to residents' concerns.

Hanson said he anticipated the condos to sell for more than \$300,000. Some would be priced in the \$270,000

range but modifications would increase the value.

Resident Mary Gasper reiterated concerns about traffic, square footage, and property values.

"The square footage is going to be more," Hanson explained compared to the original plan. Square footage does not include the basements so the main floor space is increased. Some units would have basements and other units would have the option to build up.

Caroline Perkins was concerned about safety and whether parts of an ordinance were not being covered correctly. "It's been 15 years since the first project was approved. All of this should have been revisited," Perkins said.

"It's more than a major change, it's an ordinance change," Perkins stated. She said the 37 Cumberland Ridge families had concerns and those concerns were not being addressed.

Hanson said he also was covering maintenance costs for the road during the construction phase. He explained since he had to see the units that things would be in acceptable condition as well as the road as he would be trying to sell units.

The Planning Commission discussed the residents' concerns and what they saw as needing to be answered for final approval of the entire site plan. Engineers looking at the plans will resolve many items such as drainage issues and water flow. Building cannot occur if there are issues.

Hanson said permits would need to be pulled for many things such as soil and grade, water quality, wastewater management, sewer drainage, and many more things before he would even get building permits.

"I know it can't go forward if it doesn't work right," Hanson said.

Edwards said he had a

concern about the water flow and making sure it was not going into Cumberland Ridge and some end condominiums there.

Hanson said that determining how the project would move forward he could get the grades, contours, and information from the engineer. Additionally, permits could not be pulled until everything was reviewed.

Hanson reassured the Planning Commission he was looking at quality building and not throwing something up that would decrease value.

Improvements to the original plans include the size increases and the material quality. A modification is that not all units will be on basements.

Commissioner Carlton Blough, who also is on the Lowell Charter Township Board, stated that one downfall could be that

basements were safer in storms. However, the Planning Commission decided that was an issue for homeowners to decide.

Chair David Simmonds felt the size increase and the changes could actually increase the value from the earlier proposal and even from the other condominiums at Cumberland Ridge. "The higher value he is looking at could increase property values," he said.

Secretary R. Timothy Clements pointed out that traffic flow problems could actually be decreased when reducing the number of units from 63 to 54. "It's fewer trips because you have fewer dwelling units," Clements said.

Zoning and Michigan's building guidelines would govern some details. Hanson will bring more details to the Planning Commission in March.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF LOWELL

2020 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

The City of Lowell Board of Review for 2020 will be held at Lowell City Hall, 301 E Main St SE, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting:
Tuesday, March 3rd, 3:00pm

Appeal Hearings:
Monday, **March 9th**, 10:00am to 4:00pm
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The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2020 are as follows:

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Red Arrow

- BOWLING

SPORTS

Bowlers have four All-Conference

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

Both teams earned 15-15 ties against Cedar Springs in bowling action last week. The Lady Arrows were led by Emma Blakie who rolled an impressive 233. Teammate Courtney Witten wasn't far behind with a 202. Individual team points were earned by the following bowlers: Blakie (1), Courtney Witten (1), Savannah Escobedo (1), and Amelia Wells (2). The boys had high scores from Collin Clark (184) and Taylor Chambers (183). Individual points were scored by Lucas Sloma (1), Chambers (1), Clark (1), and Aaron Fritsma (2).

At the conference tournament held at Rockford Lanes, the boys team took fifth while the girls placed fourth. All-Conference honors were earned by Clark, Blakie, and Witten. Olivia Dennie earned honorable mention OK White honors after placing individually.

Each team will be graduating three seniors this year. On the boys side, Fritsma, Chambers, and Clark will be graduating. For the girls, this will be the last season at LHS for Dennie, Blakie, and Jessica Hull.

This Friday and

Saturday LHS will head to Westgate Bowl in Comstock Park for team and individual regional competitions. A top-three finish is needed to advance to the team state tournament. Teams in the region are FHE, Allendale (host), Cedar Springs, Coopersville, EGR, Fruitport, GR Christian, FHC (boys only), FHN, Kenowa Hills, Northview, Ottawa Hills (boys only), Greenville, Muskegon, Mona Shores, Reeths-Puffer, and Sparta.



Lowell's All-Conference and Honorable Mention All-Conference bowlers: Collin Clark, Emma Blakie, Courtney Witten, and Olivia Dennie.

Basketball teams win pair of close games

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

The Lowell basketball teams gave us an early glimpse of March Madness last week in a pair of narrow wins over conference foe Greenville.

LHS swept the season series against the Yellow Jackets.

Nolan Cusack played the hero as he scored a three-pointer as time expired to give the boys team a 42-39 win over Greenville.

Free throws proved to be the difference for the girls team. At home, the Lady Arrows held on for a

33-32 win over Greenville. With six seconds to play in a 31-31 game, Molly Frederickson drew a foul and made both free throws to put LHS up 33-31. The Yellow Jackets had a chance to tie the game with one second to play at the free-throw line, making their first shot, but missing the second.

In the girls 49-40 loss to Cedar Springs, Frederickson had 16 points to lead the Lady Arrows. Freshman Aubreigh Oswald chipped in eight points. Jena Lyon and Audrey Conrad each

pulled down six rebounds. Summer Havey led with four assists.

Lowell was not able to hold a 27-19 halftime lead against the Redhawks in the

boys game. Nate Clark led a balanced Lowell attack with 11 points. Clark, Nolan

Cusack, and Reid Reynolds all had five rebounds.

Podcasts of nearly all home boys and girls varsity basketball games are available through WRWW Radio at lowellradio.org.



Jena Lyon ready for tipoff against Greenville.



PUBLIC NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

A Public Accuracy Test of the voting equipment to be used in the March 10, 2020 Presidential Primary Election will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in the Vergennes Township Board room located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, MI 49331.

This test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Heather Hoffman
Vergennes Township Clerk

Arrows record program highs in Lakewood

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

The Lowell Competitive Cheer team finished their season at the Lakewood Invitational and MHSAA Districts.

LHS built up some momentum heading into

Districts with a strong performance at Lakewood. Lowell recorded a 227 in round one, their highest round one in the program's history. They would go on to finish third at the

meet with a 697.64, also a program record.

The Red Arrows placed ninth at the Division 2 - District 11 Championships held last Friday with a score of 666.44.

DeWitt, Charlotte, Cedar Springs, and Forest Hills Northern took the top four positions to advance to the regional competition.



Catch Up On Lowell High School Sports



Red Arrow

- WRESTLING **SPORTS**

Wrestling team to send record best 14 to State meet

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

Lowell was represented by 14 wrestlers at the individual regional tournament held at Lowell High School on Saturday. All of them placed, which means for the first time in program history, Lowell will be sending 14 wrestlers to the individual state tournament held at Ford Field March 6-7.

It wasn't an easy feat for these wrestlers by any means. Eight LHS wrestlers came away with regional championships, winning all of their matches on the day. Those wrestlers were James Fotis, Doak Dean, Jacob Lee, James Link, Zeth Strejc, Dawson Jankowski, Austin Boone, and Will Link.

Tyler Delooff and Keegan Nugent both advanced to the finals undefeated, avoiding any elimination matches and finished as regional runners-up.

Four Red Arrow wrestlers suffered a loss prior to the finals, which meant having to face an

elimination match in the blood round. A loss meant their season was over.

In the semifinals, Jacob Hough would get caught and pinned by a 41-1 wrestler from Reeths-Puffer. He would pick up a pin in his consolation semifinal match securing his spot in the state tournament, and won his third-place match to take third.

Senior Grant Pratt lost in the quarterfinals, his first match, to eventual regional champion Jordan DeGroot of Allendale. Pratt would battle back, needing to win two straight matches to secure his spot at the state meet. He bested that, winning by major decision, pinning the tenth-ranked wrestler in the state, then picking up a 4-2 decision over the number eight wrestler in the state to finish third. The 285 pound weight class which Pratt competes in was named the hardest weight class in Division 2, Region 6, by Michigan Grappler.

At 112 pounds, Ramsy Mutschler would

lose a narrow 2-1 decision in the semifinals. In the consolation semifinals he won by pinfall to advance to state. Also at 112, teammate Nick Korhorn would lose a 2-1 decision in the semifinals. He scored an 8-1 decision in the blood round to advance. Korhorn placed third and Mutschler placed fourth after a 9-8 by Korhorn over Avry in the third place match.

"It's hard to make history with as much that has been made by the Lowell program over the last decade but the class of 2020 figured out a way by getting all 14 to qualify. Our guys had a great day yesterday and competed very hard and know that that this is just a step in the right direction," Coach RJ Boudro told us.

For the time being, Lowell will turn their attention to team state meet which will take place Friday and Saturday at Wings West in Kalamazoo. Lowell will be looking to win their seventh straight team state



One of eight Lowell Regional Champions, James Fotis and the Arrows return to action Friday and Saturday for team state tournament.

championship, but it won't be an easy task.

The Red Arrows have been chosen as the number one seed for the tournament and will face Crosswell-Lexington in the state quarterfinal on Friday. The winner will face the winner

of Warren Woods-Tower and Muskegon Reeths-Puffer in the semifinals. On the other side of the bracket is New Boston Huron, Mason, Stevensville Lakeshore, and Gaylord.

This will be Lowell's first-ever matchup with

the Pioneers of Crosswell-Lexington. Even with the historic achievement that the team just accomplished, they're laser-focused on their quarterfinal opponent. "The team is really excited to wrestle Cross-Lex on Friday," added Boudro.

Lowell football schedule finalized

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

The Lowell Football program has announced its schedule for the 2020 season. Fit with a newly realigned OK White conference, new playoff rules, and a difficult schedule it will be certain to be an intriguing year.

The finalized football schedule includes the much anticipated Pink Arrow XII date, which will be held on Thursday, September 3 against the Caledonia Fighting Scots.

Moving out of the OK White and into the OK Gold

starting the 2020-2021 school year will be Cedar Springs and Ottawa Hills. Grand Rapids Christian and East Grand Rapids will be moving back into the OK White, and are being joined by Byron Center. Lowell, Forest

Hills Central, Forest Hills Northern, and Greenville remain in the OK White. Non-conference opponents include a Week 1 road trip to Marshall and the Pink Arrow game against Caledonia. Their nine 2020 opponents had a combined

record of 51-39 in the 2019 season.

Five games will be played at Bob Perry Field while four will be played on the road. New playoff rules will also be in effect in 2020. This means that

there's no magic number to make the playoffs, and teams are rewarded for scheduling tougher opponents and larger schools. We'll provide a more in-depth look at the new playoff format as the season gets closer!

The 2020 Lowell football schedule. (Graphic by Joel Fritsma)

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obituaries

BERRINGTON

MaryLou Berrington, age 89 of Lowell, went home to her Lord and Savior on Sunday, February 16, 2020. She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Robert and son-in-law, Dennis Morris. She is survived by her children, Robert Berrington Jr. (Pam), Daniel Berrington, Kathleen Morris, Steven Berrington (Therese), Marlena Brown (Jerry); her grandchildren, Robert, Nick, Tyler, Erik, Steven, Russell, Dawn, Ron, Ashley, Jesse, Marie, Joseph, Samuel, Lydia, Ephraim, Chavah; her 17 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. MaryLou was a homemaker, loved the Lord, enjoyed gardening, her children, and taking care of many of her grandchildren. She was loved by her family and friends. A funeral service will be held Friday, February 21 at 11:00 AM at South Boston Church, 6958 Kyser Rd. Lowell, MI, Rev. Ronald Tuinstra, officiating. Interment Alton Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday, February 20 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM and 6:00 - 8:00 PM at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI and Friday one hour prior to the service at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to South Boston Bible Church.



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And those who were seen dancing were thought to be insane by those who could not hear the music.

- Friedrich Nietzsche

ROBERTSON

Sybil Ione Robertson, age 98 of Lowell, passed away Friday, February 21, 2020. She was preceded in death by her son, Steve Robertson; sisters, Leah (Clarence) Snyder, Lois (Merle) Aldrich, Alice Carol (John) Blanding; grandsons, Scott Robertson, and



Andy Nauta. Sybil is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Becky (Mark) Nauta; daughter-in-law, Melva Ludge; grandchildren, Carrie Parsons, Nate (Lois) Taylor, Veronica Grace, Chris Nauta; 13 great-grandchildren; 6 great-great-grandchildren; also, nieces and nephews. Her greatest love was her family, baking in her kitchen, her community, and Snow Methodist Church, where she worked as the janitor from the age of 17 with her father, retiring at the age of 91. Sybil's family would like to thank her Faith Hospice team that gave her such wonderful care. Funeral service will be Friday, February 28 at 12:00 pm with visitation one-hour prior at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI. Rev. Al Strouse officiating. Interment Snow Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Old Time Methodist Church, 5590 Whitneyville Ave. SE, Alto, MI 49302 or Faith Hospice, 2100 Raybrook SE Suite 300 Grand Rapids, MI 49546-5783.



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WHITE

Rose Mary White, 89, passed away Saturday, February 22, 2020. She was born to Erle and Grace (Harris) Daggett. She is survived by her spouse of almost 68 years, Alfred James White; daughters, Pamela (Steven) Courter, Connie (Glen) Wilcox, Cheryl (Bob) Powell; grandchildren, Brian Wilcox, Nic Courtney, Kevin Wilcox, Travis Powell; and 4 great-grandchildren. Mom and Dad moved to Lake Odessa soon after marrying. She enjoyed growing flowers and tomatoes, bowling, camping, and spending winters in Florida and Texas. She worked at



Keeler Brass in Lake Odessa for 30 years. There will be no service and cremation has taken place per her wishes. The family would like to thank Kindred Care and Kindred Hospice for their care and kindness.



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SPEAKER & TEA - Susan B. Anthony Brings the National Suffrage Movement to Grand Rapids Thursday, March 12 at 1 pm. at Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash. Presented by the Lowell Area Historical Museum and Friends of the Englehardt Library. Susan B. Anthony had visited West Michigan many times between 1873 and 1899. But her last appearance was probably at the 1899 National American Woman Suffrage Association's annual convention in Grand Rapids, the only time the NAWSA ever met in Michigan. Melissa Fox from the

Greater Grand Rapids Women's History Council will consider what brought Susan B. Anthony to Grand Rapids, what other well-known suffragists (both local and national) joined her and how West Michigan came to host it.

ATTENTION SENIORS - Every Friday evening seniors get together for conversation, food, dancing and music. Cunningham Acre, 4980 W. Pepper Lake Rd. on route M-50, 1 1/4 miles W. of Lake Odessa. For more information contact Betty at 616-374-7512.

TECH SESSIONS - 3-5 pm by appointment on Wednesdays. One-on-one assistance with basic computer, tablets, smart phones, downloadable library materials, etc. Please call to schedule your appointment, 616-693-1001. Clarksville Area Library, 165 N. Main, Clarksville.

MAHJONG AT THE LIBRARY - Every Friday at 1 pm. Join us for American Mahjong; a game of skill, strategy & calculation. All skill levels welcome. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY - meets every Monday, 7-8 p.m. at Bowne Center United Methodist Church, fellowship hall, 12051 84th St., corner of Alden Nash. Call Sue at 868-6219 or www.womenforsobriety.org

CELEBRATE RECOVERY - a Christ-centered, Biblically-based 12 step program for people with hurts, hang-ups and habits. Meets every Thursday from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at Impact, 11840 Fulton St., Lowell. Open to all who are 18 years or older. Fourth Thursday of each month is Chip Night when we celebrate a meal together starting at 6 pm.

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

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

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

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

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

V.F.W. POST #8303 - meets the first Monday at 7 p.m. at 3116 Alden Nash S.E.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 102 - every Monday, 7-8:30 p.m. during school year in Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. Ages 11 and up or completing 5th grade. Call Scoutmaster Clay VanderWart, 616-485-3429 or Del Rockwell at 897-6814.

VERGENNES CLUB MEETS - at 1 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month March thru Nov. Meeting at Schneider Manor Community Room. Program & refreshments. Guests welcome.

AMERICAN LEGION #152 MEETING - fourth Monday of the month, 7 pm. Lowell Veteran's Center, 3116 Alden Nash SE, Lowell.

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

WITTENBACH WEGE CENTER - 11715 Vergennes, Lowell. Trails are open dusk to dawn, 365 days a year.

STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTION? - Lowell Serenity Club is available for all in need of relief and hope. LSC offers 12 step meetings, 365 days a year. Meetings daily 8-9 pm, Mon. - Fri. 12-1 pm, Tues. & Fri. 4:30-5:30 pm and Sat. & Sun. 10-11 am. 101 E. Main St., Lowell, 616-550-6688.



Murray Lake Elementary Staff Member and Volunteer of the Month named

Andrew Allmon is the Staff Member of the Month at Murray Lake Elementary.

“Andrew makes a concerted effort to bring the staff together, by organizing outside activities. He has a gentle personality and is always willing to offer music in a positive way with students and staff. Andrew is making a difference in our building,” commented Carmen Tanney.

“I enjoy teaching music at Murray Lake Elementary because I love giving students access to the tools they need to engage with music in a more meaningful way in their everyday

lives. I believe that people enjoy things more in life when they have a deeper understanding of them, and a deeper understanding of music is what we are working towards in my classroom. I also enjoy getting to work with every student in the school. We have so many amazing kids at MLE, I am lucky to get to know all of them and help them develop as people. I hope all of our students will develop a love for music as they grow older, and I’m proud to play a role in that personal growth,” said Allmon.



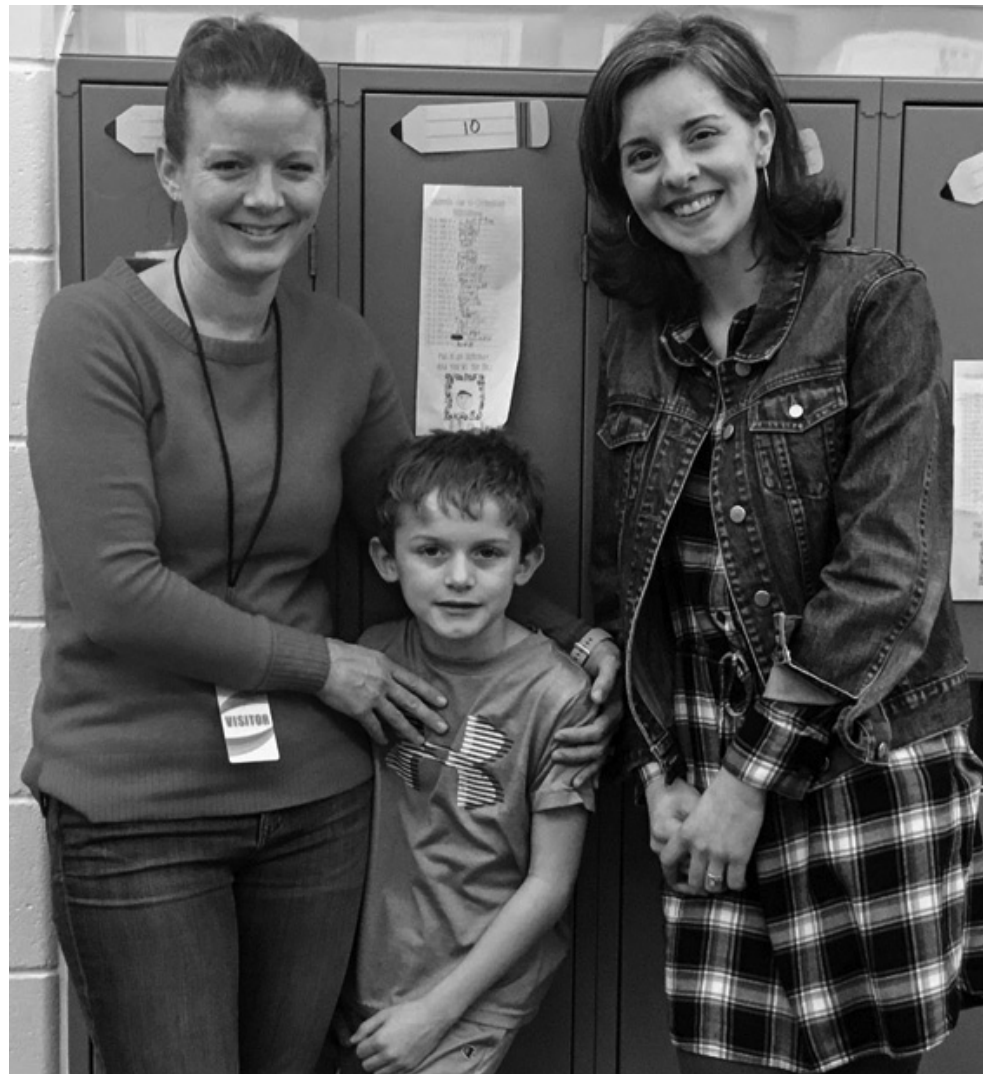
Andrew Allmon named Staff Member fo the Month at Murray Lake Elementary.

Murray Lake Elementary has named Ericka Gramza as their Volunteer of the Month.

“I have been volunteering at Murray Lake for the last 6 years. I love getting to know the kids in my boys’ classrooms as well as the teachers. The teachers at Murray Lake are exceptional and always

make me feel welcome in their classrooms. Not only does volunteering fill my cup, but I want my boys to learn that serving others should be a regular part of their lives. I’m blessed to have the opportunity to volunteer at such an outstanding school,” said Gramza.

“She comes in every week and works on whatever is needed, whether it is stapling packets, working on telling time with students, or reading with kids,” commented Emily Cannon.



Murray Lake Elementary's Volunteer of the Month is Ericka Gramza.

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Puzzle solutions on page 12

Guess Who?

I am an actress born in California on February 25, 1976. I have famous parents in the entertainment industry, but originally I wanted to be a lawyer and attended Harvard University. I have been in several films and a TV show about office life.

Answer: *Rashida Jones*

WELLNESS WORD SEARCH

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

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| WELLNESS
WORD SEARCH | COMPOSITION
ENDURANCE
EXERCISE
FITNESS
GYM
HEART
INTENSITY
ISOMETRIC | LIFESTYLE
MEDICATIONS
MUSCLES
PHYSICAL
PHYSICIAN
RESPIRATION
STRENGTH
STRETCHING | TRAINING
WEIGHT
WORKOUT |
| AEROBIC
BALANCE
BODY
CARDIOVASCULAR
CHECK-UP | | | |

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to health.

C D R O O T

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Answer: *Doctor*

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CLUES ACROSS

- Stain one's hands
- Subdivision
- A passage to be performed slow
- Invests in little enterprises
- Medians
- Member of the giraffe family
- Makes official
- Choose in an election
- Hill or rocky peak
- Member of an ancient Iranian people
- Crest of a hill
- Small, faint constellation
- Cultivated from crops that yield oil
- The ancient Egyptian sun god
- Hollywood tough guy
- Chinese drums
- Merits
- Indicates center
- Increases motor speed
- Mentally fit
- BBQ favorite
- Wings
- Female parents

CLUES DOWN

- Mental object
- Blackbird
- Undergarments
- Old cloth
- One from Utah
- Greek goddess of the dawn
- Become less intense
- Developed to readiness
- Defunct phone company
- About Freemason
- Taking everything into account
- Famed Czech engineer
- Impress into silence
- Boxing term
- Marketplaces

- Pounds per square inch
- Locomotives
- Short musical composition
- Football position (abbr.)
- Heavyhearted
- Denotes particular region
- Famed NHLer
- Ingested too much
- Formulates
- Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- Broad, shallow craters
- Thick cuts
- Breezed through
- Breakfast is one
- "Rule, Britannia" composer
- Periodicals (slang)
- Indian title of respect
- More (Spanish)
- Creation
- A loud utterance

LHS presents their spring musical Freaky Friday

by Sierra Hieshetter
contributing reporter

The stage of the Lowell Performing Arts Center will soon be filled with singing, dancing, and acting. The LHS Theatre program's spring musical is in full swing. This year, the department is putting on Disney's *Freaky Friday*, based on the novel by Mary Rodgers and several classic films.

Katherine Blake is an overworked mother who becomes more isolated from her daughter every day. Ellie Blake is her daughter, a teenager struggling with the change that comes with growing

up. When they magically switch bodies, they learn to see things from different perspectives and recognize the love a family shares for each other.

Junior McKenna Grody and senior Emma Organek play the mother-daughter duo at the center of the show. They have the responsibility of embodying both Katherine and Ellie at different points in the production. Grody, who portrays Katherine Blake, says, "The most challenging part of the show for me is to play two incredibly different characters. I love them

both so much. Making the personality switch evident to the audience is just the best feeling."

Organek, who portrays Ellie Blake, states, "The most challenging part of the show for me is being able to create two immensely different characters and play both parts for the show. Being able to make sure that there are key differences and similarities between Ellie and Katherine when playing them takes a good amount of focus and creates a nice challenge."

The cast and crew are hard at work combining all the elements that go into such a large production. Stage Manager Sydney Munson, a junior at LHS, identified the hardest part of the show as "finishing all the sets on time and staying organized."

"We're putting together blocking, character analysis, choreography, timing with music, and vocals," says director Amanita Fahrni, "It is an exciting moment in progress."

Speaking to her favorite part of the musical, Grody stated, "I love working hard with all my other cast members and creating magic that comes only from a musical. I'm looking forward to showcasing all of our hard work." Organek said, "I hope everyone who comes to watch the show walks away with a little more cheer, compassion,

and understanding in their hearts."

Fahrni finished by saying, "This show will take you through many emotions, it will make you laugh, reflect on your relationships, remind you to love, celebrate, and possibly shed a tear or two."

Lowell High School's production of *Freaky*

Friday will perform the first and second weekends in March. Shows are March 6, 7, 13 and 14 at 7 pm and March 8 at 2 pm. Tickets are available for purchase online at seatyourself.biz/lowellhs for \$13 or at the door for \$15.



The cast learning songs from the show.



The cast of the LHS spring musical, *Freaky Friday*.

PUBLIC NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP 2020 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

The Vergennes Township Board of Review for 2020 will be held at the

NEW VERGENNES TOWNSHIP HALL
69 LINCOLN LAKE AVE NE,
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on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting:
Tuesday, March 3th, 9am

Appeal Hearings:
Monday, March 9th, 3:00pm to 9:00pm
Tuesday, March 10th, 9:00am to 3:00pm

Meetings are by Appointment, to schedule, contact: Township Office at 616-897-5671

The Board of Review will meet additional days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests and to equalize the 2020 assessments

By Board Resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 5, 2020

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2020 are as follows:

Agricultural.....	50.08	0.9984
Commercial	45.27	1.1044
Residential.....	47.05	1.0626
Industrial	47.16	1.0602
Personal Property	50.00	1.0000

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