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Annual Fallasburg Fall Festival celebrates autumnal beauty, arts

by Emma Palova

The 44th annual Fallasburg Fall Festival, scheduled for this weekend, will have something for everyone.

The festival is one of the region's most popular events in a beautiful historic park setting north of Lowell. It will run both Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm.

"It's a very successful event that attracts people from all over Michigan," said Lowell Arts marketing director Kacey Cornwell.

Last year, the festival was moved up by one week to give people a chance to visit ArtPrize in downtown Grand Rapids.

"The new timing has worked out very well," said Cornwell.

And the artists and crafters did well with sales last year. This year, all the booth space has been rented out.

"All booths are filled and we have a secondary waiting list," said Cornwell.

Bands will be playing for longer sets and there will be a new activity every

two hours for preschool children. Various crafts and arts' activities will be rotating in the children's craft area, organized by early childhood education programs. Each child may decorate and take home a pumpkin.

The Lowell Arts tries to keep a good balance between the types of arts and crafts.

"We have a good assortment of arts and crafts and tons of jewelers," said Cornwell.

The staff estimated the average turnout to be between 20,000 and 30,000 based on the influx of cars, since there is no entrance or parking fee to the festival. Freewill parking donation supports the Lowell High School Interact Club.

The picturesque festival under the tree canopy features a wide variety of jury-selected fine arts, fine crafts booths, craft demonstrations and great musical entertainment.

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This quilt by Dawn Ysseldyke will be raffled off at the Fallasburg Fall Festival.

Collage, assemblage and construction art exhibit opens at Lowell Arts

by Emma Palova

Fifty-eight artists from around the state entered nearly 100 artworks in Lowell Arts' Michigan Collage,



East Coast Rose by Peggy Kerwan.

Assemblage and Construction Art Exhibition, all hoping to receive top awards in the juried competition.

Guest juror Patti Sevensma selected 52 of the best two- and three-dimensional art showcasing the wide variety of the mixed media. The works illustrate the

expanse of art from textiles to found objects, to ceramic and photography.

"Combining materials in order to create a mixed media artwork is only limited by one's imagination," said marketing director for Lowell Arts, Kacey Cornwell.

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All Weather Seal completes window installation at FROM ahead of schedule

by Emma Palova

All Weather Seal will complete the installation of 76 energy efficient windows ahead of schedule. The last installation will be 25 windows plus one donated window.

The gift value is more than \$70,000 and it will ensure that Flat River Outreach Ministries' (FROM) heating bills are lower.

"We've done it in three years instead of five," said Scott McDowell, owner of All Weather Seal.

The original aluminum windows, dating back 30 years when Cumberland Manor was built, will all have been replaced with preservation windows.

"These are premium grade windows," said McDowell. "It is the best

energy efficiency window on the market."

McDowell expects also to get done the lobby entrancing to FROM for approximately \$10,000 to

\$12,000 by the end of this year.

FROM executive director Tamela Spicer

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Al Norton and Tony Perkins of All Weather Seal install the 26 windows in the courtyard of Flat River Outreach Ministries.



along main street

Living Well Workshop with Maria Robertson, Maria Robertson, representative from Metron Integrated Health Services, will focus her session on living well and provide practical ideas for managing stress in our everyday lives, Tues., Sept. 18, 3:30-4:30 pm. Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson St. For more information call 897-8600 or visit www.gildasclubgr.org/pinkarrow

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The residents from Green Acres Assisted Living of Lowell also supported the efforts of Pink Arrow Pride and the Pink Arrow Force team.



Now relocated in Florida, the Cook family sent the above picture of themselves to show their support for Pink Arrow Pride.

The e-mail read, "We purchased the shirts on our annual visit to our hometown. Just wanted to share with you that even 1,600 miles south, we have Pink Arrow Pride. We are longtime subscribers to the Ledger and enjoy our little piece of home each week." Pictured, left to right: Greta (Osbourne) Cook (1985 Lowell graduate), Scott Cook (1984 graduate) and Ernest Cook. They are standing in front of the Pompano Pier showing our colors at the *Night under the Stars* in Pompano Beach.

Exhibit, continued

Sevensma said she was honored to jury the exhibition for Lowell Arts.

"Each of the artists should be proud of their accomplishments," she said. "It was an adventure of anticipation to view each piece."

The entered pieces were colorful, diverse and inspiring.

"Some of the works were hauntingly sensitive and others left me with a sense of mystery," she said. "Color,

line, shape and space were used in imaginative ways." Sevensma has artworks in both public and private collections across the USA.

In honor of the competition, \$2,100 in prize money will be awarded with \$1,000 going to the first place winner, \$500 for second place, \$300 for third place, \$200 for fourth place and \$100 for fifth place.

Artists will receive their awards at the closing reception on Sunday, Oct. 21 from 2 pm to 4 pm. The public is invited to attend.

Lowell Arts King Gallery is located at 149 South Hudson in downtown Lowell. Exhibit hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 am to 6 pm and Saturday from 1 pm to 4 pm.



Persistence of Repetition by Susan Mulder.

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~ Arlo Guthrie (1947 -)

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Windows for FROM, continued

said not only are the windows energy efficient, but they're also a cosmetic and functional bonus to the building.

"It's nice to be able to open them," said Spicer.

One extra window will also be donated to the building.

The window replacement was part of the original "River of Hope Campaign."

"We've been blessed to

have the local community support us," said Spicer.

McDowell called the installation an obligation because of what FROM does for the community.

Also prior to Christmas, All Weather Seal donates a houseful of windows worth \$15,000 to those in need.

A houseful of windows is done by nomination and anybody can qualify.

McDowell expects to get involved in the

upcoming "Neighbor to Neighbor" partnership between the Lowell Ledger, FROM and organizations able to complete a specific repair.

Neighbor to Neighbor will link the needy through the Ledger and FROM with volunteer groups willing to do the work and provide materials.

"It sounds like a good program," said McDowell.



All Weather Seal installs windows at FROM ahead of schedule.

Fall festival, continued

Demonstrations in the pavilion include origami, wool spinning, wood carving, felting and many artisans give hands-on lessons.

"Why change

something that has worked out well," said Cornwell.

The entertainment on center stage will include The Juke Joint Handmedowns, Jonesy, Greg and Kathy Proulx, Steam Powered

Bluegrass and Jonas Ridge performing on Saturday. The following bands will perform on Sunday, Steve VanRavenswaay, KinFyre, Proulx Brothers Band and Adams Family.

The park is located on 76 acres in Vergennes Township on the Flat River. The site is scattered with walking trails, picnic tables and with opportunities for fishing and kayaking.

"If we can match or get close to last year's sales, good weather and good crowds," said Cornwell, "it will be a lot of fun."

The annual raffle will feature a Fallasburg Fall Festival for the Arts quilt made by Dawn Ysseldyke, called "Amazon Star." Raffle tickets are available at the Lowell Arts King Gallery or at the Fallasburg Fall Festival information booth during the festival.


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viewpoint

to the editor

kudos to the community

Dear Editor,
To the Lowell community -
Wow! Gee willikers! Amazing! How wonderful! There are just not enough words to describe all the events surrounding the Pink

Arrow Game. Certainly, we can only give thanks to God for all the organizers and supporters of this marvelous ministry, for it truly is a ministry, helping those in need.

Vance M. Dimmick

endowment for the arts

To The Editor:
Lowell Arts! is pleased to acknowledge an exciting new endowment created by Chris and Jill VanAntwerp and their son, Jay (Chad) VanAntwerp. After many years of dreaming of a special fund to serve Lowell Arts! organization, we are extremely grateful for their generosity to create the new Lowell Arts! Endowment, established by the VanAntwerp family.

Through Jill, Chris, Jay and Jay's employer's matching gifts, they have continued quietly and unceremoniously giving until the endowment has now reached over \$22,000! At our annual fundraising event, Art Attack, on August 17, Chris announced the new endowment to a very appreciative crowd of arts supporters. And nearly \$1,000 additional was raised for the endowment that evening! This endowment will now permanently house funds that will "live" in perpetuity. The principal revenue will not be used, allowing for growth and the eventual use of the interest earned by the endowment for special projects.

This endowment was Chris' dream as long ago as the early 1980s, shortly after he and Jill had a hand in creating the Lowell Area Arts Council. The actual endowment then began with Chris and Jill's request to their family and friends to donate to their campaign in lieu of 40th anniversary

Please consider the Lowell Arts! Endowment

for future memorial planning and for special gifts. You too can make an impact on the future of the arts in Lowell, just as Chris, Jill, and Jay have. Their commitment to help make Lowell a great place to live, be involved and visit is an inspiration to us all! Lowell Arts! board of directors wishes to express our gratitude publicly, thanking the VanAntwerps for their efforts to ensure the

longevity of Lowell Arts!, as we strive to connect regional artists and audiences through the visual and performing arts in and around Lowell.

Sincerely, LowellArts! board of directors:
Jack T. Lane, Lori Ingraham, Barb Pierce, Dave Organek, Sue Clay, Gary Eldridge, Linda LaSage, Laura Leasure, Eric Lundstrom, Liz Ripley, and Bobbie White

abuse of authority

Dear Editor,
I have come to the conclusion that the city council has abused its authority by leaving the very constituents that voted them into office out of the important decision-making.

The city manager sets the agenda and if the subject isn't on the agenda, the council reserves the right not to comment. Many important subjects have not seen the light of day when it comes to public hearings and debates.

The city council was not voted into office to be the sole decider, but to be the servant to its constituents. It's time to put the important decision-making back in the hands of the constituents where it belongs. It's time to have a public hearing on the Lowell Light & Power and Department of Public Works fiasco.

An administration fee was added to the tax bill without

the say of the constituents - no matter how small the fee, the constituents should have been asked for their permission. The city may be experiencing a shortage of revenue, but Michigan's median household income lost \$12,000 in the last decade or the equivalent of a \$1,000 a month from the family budget.

The constituents of Lowell have had to adjust to their losses and so should the city and not by adding a new burden to the constituents. There hasn't been anything done about the single largest cost to the city budget or having the DDA pay their share of the cost of the police department, but management can add a new fee.

If management is allowed to add a fee without the say of its constituents, then what's next?

Sincerely, Jim Howard
Lowell

showboat birthday omissions

Dear Editor,
This is in regards to the August 29 Letter to the Editor, written by Mrs. John Erickson, about the omission of important names at the 80th birthday celebration of the Lowell Showboat. Terry Buck, a former endman, was in the audience at the celebration and was not recognized either. Terry's rendition of "The Auctioneer's Song" was so good that a 45 rpm record was made and sold. We bought one and still have it.

Edwin says he saw every show that was put on from

the beginning to when the Showboat closed. His favorite show entertainer was Eddie Peabody, the banjo player. Eddie was a real showman and was so good that he was booked twice.

Our daughter, Jeanne, was in the Showboat chorus one year when Dinah Shore was the star entertainer. Dinah graciously signed her program book and made it a special keepsake for our daughter.

It's wonderful that the Lowell Showboat is still being put to good use.

Edwin and Doris Roth
Lowell

off the cuff

Jeanne Boss

Hero. There's a word we throw about willy-nilly these days. A guy rescues a cat from a tree, he's a hero. Because of our willingness to use the term so frequently, we may have, however inadvertently, devalued the word.

Maybe we need to rank them. You know, something like, hero one, two and three. Is it too much to ask that we parse the use of the word a little more carefully? Probably. I'm doubtful we can get a handle on that. Too many people are willing to use the term all too quickly, even when someone is simply doing his or her job.

In the news of late is a self-centered navy seal who is profiting from the orders he received to kill Osama Bin Laden. He is definitely not a hero. There were many people on that mission who have the integrity and patriotism to stand together, be faithful and not clamor for the spotlight and credit for a job well done. Those are the heroes. I dare say, that this squeaking wheel is not only a selfish non-hero, but could be labeled a traitor.

Many men and women in the service have given and are giving so much to our country. Our way of life, our freedom, depends on them. They are the heroes. They do what they have to do and collectively, we honor them. These true heroes don't boast and brag and seek individual attention.

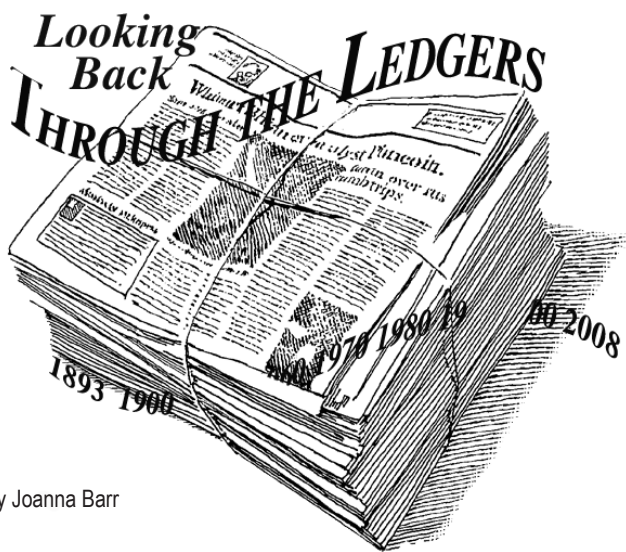
Inner strength, integrity and setting a high mark for others. That's a hero.

It can be an action that, at first blush seems small but, can have a lasting effect on a person or community.

For instance, a student who sees someone bullied or hurt and not only rescues but, befriends the other student - hero.

And in Lowell, this last week, we were all privileged to be surrounded by heroes - the folks that make Pink Arrow Pride happen. In town we know who they are and they don't seek personal recognition. What they genuinely want to do, is to help ease the stress and burden for as many people as they can. And in addition, what they've done, is also to make hundreds of citizens who volunteer to help, heroes.

I was privileged to meet three ladies this week whom I would, without a doubt, call heroes. We were on board a helicopter that lifted us over the city and the football field displaying a massive human pink arrow formed to show support for the cause. The strength of these three, to enjoy and seize the moment lifted my spirits. Lori, Debrah and Danielle were wonderful examples of strength, endurance and joy in the face of adversity. Thank you for sharing the moment with me.



By Joanna Barr

inches in circumference. After that he didn't stop to measure them.

We learn that the house of Mrs. Silas Collar, of Vergennes, was struck by lightning last Saturday night. No serious damage done.

S. N. Parsons, the Lowell Station Agent on the D. & M., sold foreign tickets to the amount of \$450 during the month of August.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger Sept. 12, 1912

Headline: Lowell Schools Open With Record-Breaking Attendance. Supt. A. F. Frazee offers the following encouraging report of the opening of the Lowell schools for the fall term: School opened Tuesday, Sept. 3, with a record breaking attendance. So far the enrollment has reached 446, of whom 131 are in the High school. The rest are distributed as follows: Central building: Eighth grade, 24; Seventh grade, 29; Sixth grade, 31; Fifth grade, 26. East Ward: First and Second grades, 52; Third and Fourth grades, 37. West Ward: First and Second grades, 31; Third and Fourth grades, 34. South Ward, 25. Kindergarten, 26. The crowded conditions in the East ward has made it necessary to transfer several students to the West ward. There are just 70 non-resident students enrolled, all but one in the High school. This makes 52 percent or over half of our High school composed of foreign students.

Several of the new iron street lamp posts have been installed at the west end of the pavement. Work on the cement job between curbing and sidewalk is also underway at that end. Bricklaying on the pavement is

140 years ago Lowell Weekly Journal September 11, 1872

Headline: Ward School House - As will be seen in the report of the annual school meeting, the district board are considering the question of erecting a ward school house on the west side of Flat River. This seems to us a wise move. The primary rooms in the Union School building are too small for the number of children already in attendance and will not answer the demands in the future. Then again, there are many small children on the west side who now remain home, who will attend school if a school house be erected as contemplated. We think the proposition of the board will be well received by our citizens.

We are indebted to W. M. Krum of Vergennes for some of the finest peaches we have seen this season. Our devil says the first one he ate measured 9-1/4

engagements

Phillips / VanderWoude

The marriage of Aubree Phillips, of Alto and Josh VanderWoude, of Middleville, will be celebrated on October 6, 2012, at Historic Charlton Park in Hastings. The bride-to-be graduated from Caledonia High School and is currently attending Ferris State University. She is the daughter of Gordon and Shelly Phillips of Alto. The future groom is a graduate of Thornapple Kellogg High School and attended the University of Northwestern Ohio. He is the son of Scott and Billie VanderWoude of Jenison.

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resulting in severe pain and blockage of urine flow from that kidney.

Middle-aged adults are more likely to develop kidney stones than the elderly, although it can happen at any age. Teenagers have even been seen with kidney stones. Metabolic disorders can result in unusually high levels of calcium within urine, increasing the risk of stone formation. Other risk factors include obesity, a family

history of stones, diets rich in animal proteins and oxalate and certain medications, including diuretics.

Symptoms of kidney stones include pain radiating from the flank to the groin, blood in urine, pain with urination and nausea or vomiting.

Your physician will diagnose kidney stones after performing an examination, obtaining a urinalysis and confirming the presence of a stone with ultrasound or a CT scan.

If a kidney stone is found, it can usually be passed successfully without intervention if it is less than 6mm. Medications are

prescribed to enhance urine flow rates, relax the ureter and control pain. Larger stones need to be removed surgically or broken into smaller fragments with shockwave therapy.

Once a stone is passed, it should be collected and analyzed to determine its chemical composition. This helps determine why the stone developed in the first place and may help guide proper preventative therapy. You should always maintain adequate hydration to prevent formation of kidney stones. Your doctor will make other recommendations regarding preventative measures based on the type of stone.

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Sizzlin' Summer is back with The Steve Hilger Band

by Emma Palova

The Steve Hilger Band is back for a make-up concert due to cancellation because of rain. The progressive blues band will take to the Riverwalk stage on Sept. 13 at 7 pm.

"The band was so excited about the opportunity to play the Showboat Sizzlin' Summer concerts that when it was cancelled due to rain, they wanted to make sure we invited them back," said chamber director Liz Baker.

The band mixes a rich blend of traditional blues with progressive ideas. It was started by its leader Steve Hilger, who has been a singer and songwriter since the 70s.

The band includes the rich talents of legendary professional musicians, including John Gist on the saxophone, the keys of Steve Talaga, the lead guitar riffs of Matt Young, the bass lines of Dave Devos, the drums of Bill Roelofs, the vocals of Deborah Richmond and songwriting, singing and guitar playing of Steve Hilger.

The band plays a wide mix from traditional blues covers to original traditional and progressive blues. The Steve Hilger Band has electrified audiences all the way to Chicago.

Sheriff's department warns residents of attempted abduction

According to the Kent County Sheriff, last Thursday, around 9:00 pm, there were two separate attempted abductions in Lowell and Vergennes townships.

The first incident occurred when a 28-year-old female was jogging on Finn Avenue. A vehicle pulled to the side of the roadway and the driver got out and began running after her. She was

able to run to a nearby house for help.

The second incident happened on Barnsley Road. Two females, ages 21 and 14, were followed by what appeared to be the same vehicle.

Again the driver pulled to the side of the road and began to get out of the vehicle.

The two victims were alarmed so they

turned around and walked away from the vehicle. A neighbor, see this, called to the girls and the suspect drove off.

The vehicle is described as a white pickup truck with an extended cab and a long box. It is possibly a late-model (1995 - 1999) GM vehicle with a ladder rack in the bed and plow lights on the front.

FallFest comes to the fairgrounds

by Emma Palova

The annual Bluegrass FallFest will be held this weekend, Friday through Sunday, at the Kent County youth fairgrounds. All concerts will take place indoors with plenty of activities for the young and the old.

The FallFest starts off with a Thursday night potluck and jam. Also scheduled are band scrambles, music workshops, a 50/50 drawing, bake sale, kids' activities, and crafts for non-musicians.

There will be plenty of campsite jammin' plus bluegrass music stage acts all weekend long.

The line up includes many regional and local favorites.

"Be sure to bring lawn chairs," said president Dave Simmonds. "It's bluegrass music come rain or shine."

Performing on Friday night will be Belle River String Band, Family Tradition, Bluegrass Express and Luke Lenhart and Friends, from 6 pm to 10 pm. The tickets are \$10.

There will be great music from noon until 10 pm on Saturday. The bands will include Bobby Hutch & Grand Ole Country, Pushin' The Limits, Blue Town and Schlitz Creek. The tickets are \$17.

On Sunday at 10 am, visitors can enjoy gospel by Bluegrass Express, along with audition bands and a chance to win \$100. Sunday admission is \$5.

The ticket prices for the entire weekend are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the gate.

For advance tickets, send check payable to WMBMA and a SASE to Norma Noall, 12530 Heim, Lowell, MI 49331. Campsites are available.

FallFest is sponsored/produced by the West Michigan Bluegrass Music Association (WMBMA). For more information visit www.wmbma.org.

outdoors

it's getting late

Dave Stegehuis

The transition from summer to fall seems to happen faster than any other two seasons. Winter to spring, for example, feels like it takes forever.

This phenomenon probably occurs because of the amount of seasonal activities which are packed into this time of year. It is time to start a new school year, festivals of all kinds draw folks to small towns across the state, farm markets pop-up along back roads, and how about football. On top of that, several hunting seasons are getting underway during September. Recently, the report of shotgun blasts in the distance could be heard shortly after

daybreak — most likely the result of goose hunters taking advantage of the early season dates.

Regular archery season begins the first of October and that date is fast approaching. Bow hunting requires a lot of preparation. Archery like golf takes serious practice because of the need to judge distance, build muscle strength, and develop hand-eye coordination. Repetitive practice with the same equipment and clothing which will be used for actual hunting conditions provides realistic practice. Stands and blinds should also be included in the practice regimen. Shot angles from

elevated positions require additional practice. Tree and ladder stands must be inspected for loose fasteners and damage for safe practice and hunting.

Scouting hunting areas early avoids the possibility of spooking deer before the season begins. Setting up stands and establishing shooting lanes can also be disruptive and should be done early, so the animals will settle down and acclimate to the changes in the woods.

It is time to get busy in order to be prepared to be in the right place at the right time and make that hard won shot at the moment of truth. Hunt hard, hunt safe, and have a memorable season.

business matters

Greenridge Realty announced that Selena DeGrote received Sales Associate of the Month in August.

This award recognizes DeGrote for her outstanding success and achievements.

Selena DeGrote



Looking Back, continued

completed, except for a narrow strip for a driveway from Ford's Hardware to the Lee block. This will be rushed to completion on return of the concrete mixing machine from Greenville, where the contractor is doing a small job. The bridges are to be surfaced to pavement level and the long job will soon be finished.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 13, 1962

Lowell High School football team will be primed Friday night to go for its first win of the season when they meet Ionia at the Bulldog field in the traditional battle for the V.F.W. Inter-city trophy. Lowell squeaked through to a 6-0 win over Ionia last year for the first time in four years. This year the local team is given a fighting chance of making it two in a row. The Red Arrow eleven in 1962 are missing the great running and pass catching ability of Don Dilly, but they do have a young but determined team with the greatest balance of all positions for several years. There are 34 members of the varsity squad and coach Charles Pierce has more depth than he has had since coming to Lowell. Pierce announced after the scrimmage with Hudsonville last Friday night that he will start Tex Ford at quarterback, Mike McMahon and Lloyd Slack at halfbacks and Terry Abel at Fullback against Ionia.

Gary, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerritt VanderMark of Timpson Ave., had the misfortune to fall in the barn Sunday and cut his arm on a piece of tin. He was taken to Blodgett Hospital, where eight stitches were taken to close the wound.

25 years ago

The Grand Valley Ledger September 16, 1987

Headline: Analyzer is donated — Lowell High School's automotive shop instructor Curt Kaeb and assistant superintendent Gary Kemp take receipt of an engine and gas analyzer donated by Dale and John Stuckey of Stuckey's Amoco. Kaeb says he has been trying to get such a unit for his students for ten years or more. The Stuckey brothers estimate that the seven year old unit is worth approximately \$6,000. It was recently replaced with a \$20,000 ultra-sophisticated Sun Interrogator system. Kaeb is delighted with the donation. "It'll do anything the new ones do, except you have to read meters instead of digital read-outs," Kaeb said. Dale Stuckey said the old unit isn't capable of analyzing certain modern engine systems, but for the most part it is still functional. "It can be used for 95 percent of all service work," Stuckey said.

A 14- and a 15- year old juvenile will be referred to Juvenile Court at a later date on charges of trespassing on the Lowell Showboat, after being caught by Lowell officers on Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 8.

Lowell officers recovered a stolen car Tuesday morning, Sept. 8, after it was taken from a dealership in Charlotte, MI, over the weekend. The car was abandoned on Gee Drive and Alden Nash Rd., after being run off the road into the ditch.

Apprehended for shoplifting at Cousins' Card Shop on West Main by store employees, were four juveniles, on Wed., Sept. 9.

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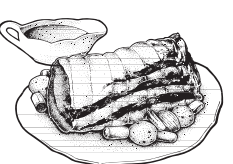
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financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

invest early — and wisely — for college

School is back in session. If you have school-age children, you're probably busy getting them acclimated to another year of hitting the books. But the school years go by quickly, so it won't be long before

your kids are ready to head off to college. Will you be financially prepared to help them?

It's certainly a challenge, especially given rising costs of higher education. Consider these figures from

the College Board: For the 2011-2012 school year, the average cost (including tuition, fees, room and board) was \$17,131 per year for an in-state student attending a public, four-year college or university. For a student attending a private four-year school, the comparable average cost was \$38,589 annually. And these numbers are likely to increase in the years ahead.

So, what can you do to help meet the high costs of higher education? For starters, you need to save

and invest — early and often. And you'll also want to choose investments that are particularly well suited for college. Here are a few suggestions:

- 529 plan — When you invest in a 529 plan, all withdrawals will be free from federal income taxes, as long as the money is used for a qualified college expense for your child, or even your grandchild. (However, non-qualified withdrawals may be subject to federal, state and penalty taxes.) Contribution limits are quite high so, in all likelihood, you'll be able to put as much as you want into a 529 plan; although you generally can't exceed the annual gift tax exclusion, which is \$13,000 per beneficiary in 2012. Furthermore, if you participate in your own state's 529 plan, your contributions may be tax deductible on your state taxes.

- Coverdell Education Savings Account — Depending on your income level, you can contribute up to \$2,000 annually to a Coverdell Education Savings Account (ESA) in 2012. Your Coverdell earnings and withdrawals will be tax-free, provided you use the money for qualified education expenses. (Any non-education withdrawals from a Coverdell ESA may be subject to a 10 percent penalty.) Unlike a 529 Plan, in addition to college expenses, Coverdell funds can be used for kindergarten through 12th grade expenses and you can place Coverdell ESA contributions into virtually any investment you choose - stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, etc.

- Zero coupon bonds — A zero coupon bond is priced at a discount to its principal or face value. You receive the principal value

when the bond matures. So, you could purchase a zero coupon bond that matures in the year your child is ready to go to college. Although you won't receive regular interest payments throughout the life of the zero coupon bond, you'll still be liable for the taxes on this interest. So, before purchasing a zero coupon bond, consult with your tax advisor.

These investments have proven popular among many parents and grandparents. However, you'll need to consult with your financial advisor to determine which college-savings vehicles are appropriate for your needs. But don't wait too long — because, before you know it, today's grade-schoolers will be packing for their college dorms.

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MON: Whole grain beef & bean burrito (French bread pizza at Bushnell), seasoned corn, fruit & veggie bar, romaine side salad, baby carrots, grapes, pears, milk.

TUES: Breaded chicken caesar salad w/croutons (WG mini corn dogs at Bushnell), herb broccoli & cauliflower, fruit & veggie bar, red pepper strips, citrus black bean salad, applesauce, banana, milk.

WED: Hot ham & cheese on whole grain bun, carrot coins, fruit & veggie bar, romaine side salad, jicama sticks, mandarin oranges, peaches, milk.

THURS: Cracker stackers (cheese cubes & saltine crackers), mashed potatoes w/gravy (fresh veggie medley at Bushnell), fruit & veggie bar, spinach & romaine side salad, citrus black bean salad, orange smiles, mixed fruit cocktail, milk.

FRI: Homemade cheese pizza on WG crust, seasoned green beans, fruit & veggie bar, baby carrots, celery sticks, pineapple, apple slices, milk.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE

The Vergennes Township Board will hold a Public Hearing to receive comments on a Resolution to adopt the 2012 edition of the National Fire Code of the National Fire Prevention Association. The hearing will be held during the regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, September 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell.

A copy of the 2012 edition of the National Fire Code is available by contacting Mari Stone at the township offices (897-5671) on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am to 3 pm, and Thursdays from 9 am to noon.

Written comments will be accepted if received by 7 pm on September 17th by the Township Clerk. They can be sent to PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331, or by e-mail to clerk@vergenestwp.org.

Mari Stone
 Vergennes Township Clerk

Alto Harvest Festival slated for September 22

If you have not enjoyed a real small town festival lately, this will be a good family time that should not be missed. The 32nd annual Alto Harvest Festival will be held on Sat., Sept. 22 in downtown Alto.

Begin your day with a pancake breakfast sponsored by the Alto/Bowne Township Fire Department at the Alto Fire Station at 6260 Bancroft from 7 am to at 10 am. Opening ceremonies begin at 10 am with the raising of the American Flag. Arts and crafts vendors open at 9 am and run until 3 pm.

The Classic Car Show

keeps growing in popularity. Make plans to take a trip down memory lane to view street rods and hot rods along with classic and muscle cars that will line the street. There will be goodie bags and dash plaques for the first 120 entries. Registration starts at 7:30 am. Awards will be handed out at 3 pm. There will also be door prizes and a grocery guess.

There is a contest for everyone, including the Blue Ribbon Baking Contest that brings in tasty treats every year. One lucky entry will be chosen from the adult and youth division. A grand champion will be chosen

and awarded a cash prize of \$25. Categories include any and all desserts, cookies/bars, candies and yeast/quick breads.

Returning contest favorite, Baking Bingo, is a new twist on an old game. Instead of prize money you can win baked goods and baking essentials. This is a true Harvest Festival original. Other contests include pie eating contest, Puff-N-Pedal Tractor Pull, open to ages three through 10 years of age, tractor trivia and a scavenger hunt. If you can figure out the clues you will find a sweet treat when you turn in your hunt sheet.

This year's entertainment includes four local bands that will be performing at the pavilion before and after the parade. The bands performing are the Caledonia String Players, beginning at 10:15 am, Lowell Fusion Experience, Offsiders Band and Crisi Dykstra, who will be performing Christian Rock.

Entries are being accepted for the Guitar Hero Contest, open to ages zero through adult. With cash prizes of \$50 for first and \$25 for second place. This contest will be between 3-5 pm.

Other attractions

include the Alto Library gently used book sale and the Alto American Legion's popular dunk tank; antique tractors will also be on display. Located on the "Green" will be kids crafts and inflatables. Also on the "Green" you will find Rick the Reptile Guy from Boulder Ridge Wild Animal Park.

Another great attraction starting at 11:30 am is the parade. Honored as Grand Marshall, in gratitude for his many years of community service, is Larry Jerrils.

Food is always on one's mind at the festival and a

variety of mouth watering items will be on hand to choose from including chicken strips, French fries, elephant ears, ham sandwiches, hot dogs, pies, ice cream, polish sausage, pizza, walking tacos, kettle corn, as well as pulled pork served at the Alto Bar.

Alto is not hard to find; it is located just off I-96 at exit 52. After exiting I-96, go south on M-50 following it to 60th Street. When you come to the stop sign at Bancroft you have arrived in Alto. Parking is available on the street and at the Alto Baptist Church.

college news

Olivet College students, alumni, employees and friends will recognize and relive the memories of Greek life on campus during "My Big Fat Greek Homecoming," Friday through Saturday, Sept. 28-29. The college's 11 active Greek societies have been in existence for a combined 850 years, with many of them celebrating milestone anniversary years in 2012.

Distinguished Alumni Award recipients have included Noel Dean, Lowell High School head football coach.

A number of alumni

receptions, athletic events and additional activities are planned throughout the weekend. For a complete list of Homecoming activities, visit <http://www.olivetcollege.edu/alumni/events.php>. For more information, contact Marty Jennings, director of alumni relations, at alumnirelations@olivetcollege.edu

Dali Giese, Michael Oyster, Kathryn Perry and Jennifer Sobie, Ph.D. have been named full-time faculty members at Olivet College, according to an

announcement by Maria Davis, Ph.D., provost and dean of the college.

"Enrollment at the college is at an all-time high," Davis said. "We are pleased to be able to serve our students better by expanding the faculty with the addition of these fine individuals."

Sobie, of Lowell, joins the faculty as assistant professor of psychology. Previously a research scientist in neurobiology at Pfizer, Pharmacia and Upjohn, Sobie has taught many psychology and several animal behavior courses at University of Illinois-Champaign/Urbana, Grand Rapids Community College and Western

Michigan University (WMU), where she won several awards for her teaching. She has authored two chapters in a book about exotic pet behavior and has held several appointments with the Association for Behavior Analysis. Sobie also has her own business as an animal behavior consultant, aptly named "The Creature Teacher." She holds a doctorate in behavioral analysis from WMU, where she also earned her bachelor's and master's degrees.

Classes for the fall 2012 semester began Tuesday, Aug. 28. For more information about Olivet College, visit www.olivetcollege.edu

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160 new citizens have opportunity to register to vote

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Wednesday's ceremonies will be at 10 am and 1:30 pm. Both events will be held at the Gerald R. Ford Museum, 303 Pearl St. N.W. About 80 participants are expected at each ceremony.

"One of our most basic freedoms, the right to vote in the United States, is reserved

for U.S. citizens under law," said Johnson. "I encourage our newest citizens to take a moment to register in order to cast a ballot on Election Day."

As Michigan's chief elections officer, Johnson will have a voter registration table on site for the convenience of the newly sworn citizens. People also may register to vote at their local clerk's office, at their local Secretary of State office or by mail.

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services


Bureau, part of the Department of Homeland Security, is conducting the ceremonies, during which residents who want to become citizens take the oath of citizenship and receive their certificate of naturalization.

This follows a detailed application process including interviews, fingerprinting and an English and civics test.

For more information about office locations and additional services, visit

www.michigan.gov/sos. Sign up for the official Secretary of State Twitter feed at www.twitter.com/michsos and Facebook updates at www.facebook.com/michigansos.

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obituaries

HEYDENBURG

Virginia Lorraine Heydenburg, age 74 of Lowell, passed away Saturday, September 8, 2012. She was preceded in death by her husband Keith and brother, Andy Ehrmantraut. She is survived by her children, Sue Johnson, Art "Guy" Heydenburg and Barb Ely; brother, Frank (Ann) Ehrmantraut; sister, Francine (Denzil Young) Crespo; grandchildren, Jeremy (Casey) Gutierrez, Jennifer (Ryan) Elarton, William (Kristin) Johnson, Kipp Heydenburg and Shawn Heydenburg; great-grandchildren, Brianna, Braylen, Brylee and Austin. Virginia was a Grand Rapids Public Schools bus driver for 20 years and volunteered for 20 years at the Retired Seniors Volunteer Programs (RSVP) in Lowell. Funeral services will be Tuesday 1:00 PM at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, Pastor Wes Hershberger, officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to Grand Rapids Home for Veterans, Volunteer Office, 3000 Monroe Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49505.



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Katherine Jeanne (Noble) Stevens, age 71, of Grand Rapids, passed away on Saturday, September 8, 2012, after a short but courageous battle with cancer. "Katie" was preceded in death by her parents, William and Mary Noble, and her beloved sister, Mickey Dunkelberg. She is survived by her loving husband of 36 years, Douglas Stevens; her children, Bernard (Sandra) Ratcliffe, Robert (Robin) Ratcliffe, Katherine (Glenn) Meredith, and Victoria (Mike Kubizna) Stacey. Katie is also survived by her sisters, Polly Decker and Peggy Noble Idema, and her brother, William (Christine) Noble; her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. Katie will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered by many friends, family and her loving animals. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, Donation Processing Center, 989 Spaulding Ave. SE, Ada, Michigan 49301-3701. In keeping with Katie's wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be celebrated Sunday, September 16 from 1-4 PM at 810 Ball Ave. NE.



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FILE NO. 12-192625-DE

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TO ALL CREDITORS: August 30, 2012


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9/12 at 4:15 p.m. Jenison
 9/15 at 9 a.m. Holland Invitational Tournament
 9/17 at 4:15 p.m. FH Central*
 9/19 at 4:15 p.m. EGR*
 9/22 at 8:30 a.m. South Christian Invitational Tournament
 9/26 at 4:15 p.m. Caledonia
 10/1 at 4:15 p.m. Grand Rapids Christian
 10/6 time TBA Conference at GR Christian
 10/8 at 4:15 p.m. Unity Christian*

BOYS' VARSITY SOCCER

* Denotes a game at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium

9/13 at 6:45 p.m. FH Central
 9/18 at 6:45 p.m. EGR*
 9/20 at 6:45 p.m. Caledonia
 9/25 at 6:45 p.m. Grand Rapids Christian*
 9/27 at 6:45 p.m. Jenison*
 10/2 at 6:45 p.m. FH Central*
 10/4 at 6:45 p.m. EGR
 10/9 at 6:45 p.m. Caledonia*
 10/11 at 4 p.m. Grand Rapids Christian

BOYS' & GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

* Denotes a home meet at the High School Campus

Boys begin at 4:45 p.m. & Girls begin at 5:15 p.m. unless noted.

9/15 at 8 a.m. Sparta Invitational
 9/19 Jamboree at Jenison
 9/22 at 9 a.m. Lowell Tournament*
 9/29 at 9 a.m. Carson City Invitational
 10/3 Jamboree *
 10/6 at 10:15 Allegan Invitational
 10/13 at 9 a.m. Grand Rapids Christian Invitational
 10/17 Conference at EGR

BOYS' VARSITY FOOTBALL

* Denotes a game at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium

9/14 at 7 p.m. Muskegon
 9/21 at 7 p.m. Jenison
 9/28 at 7:30 p.m. FH Central* (Homecoming)
 10/5 at 7 p.m. EGR*
 10/12 at 7 p.m. Caledonia
 10/19 at 7 p.m. Grand Rapids Christian

GIRLS' VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

* Denotes a home game at LAS main gym

9/13 at 7:15 p.m. FH Central*
 9/15 at 8 a.m. Caledonia Tournament
 9/18 at 7:15 p.m. EGR*
 9/20 at 7:15 p.m. Caledonia
 9/26 at 7:15 p.m. Grand Rapids Christian
 9/29 at 8:30 a.m. West Ottawa Tournament
 10/4 at 7:15 p.m. Jenison*
 10/11 at 7:15 p.m. FH Central
 10/16 at 7:15 p.m. EGR
 10/18 at 7:15 p.m. Caledonia*
 10/25 at 7:15 p.m. Grand Rapids Christian*

GIRLS' VARSITY GOLF

* Denotes a home meet at Arrowhead Golf Course

9/12 at 4:30 p.m. OK White Jamboree at Thousand Oaks
 9/19 at 3:30 p.m. OK White Jamboree at Grand Rapids Christian
 9/20 at 3:30 p.m. FH Eastern
 9/27 at 9 a.m. Conference at Thornapple Pointe
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Lowell High School Red Arrow

Fall Sports Preview



Girls' Cross Country

First row, left to right: Desiree Striplin, Mallory Paiz, Bethany Dean, McKaire Elliott, Emily Judd, Elle Coble, Alyssa McCormick, and Rebekah Betts; second row, left to right: Esme Misiah, Victoria Hewitt, Jessica Montgomery, Kristine Bobko, Mary Leasure, Taylor Bierling, Colleen Cater, Rachael Walters, and Rachel Woody; third row, left to right: coach Sarah Ellis, coach Kelly Gibbons, Sarah VanderKlok, Breanna VanLaan, Megan Khodl, Jessica Graves, Abi Cummings, Cuerston Blough, and Colleen Lally.



The numbers are great this year for the number of participants on the team, which includes 15 girls new to the sport. Last year was the first time they had any significant numbers, which allowed them to choose from the best

runners in order to place at events. This year, they're running 26 girls.

With only two seniors on the team, they are a very young team. Those two seniors include Rebekah Betts and Jessica Montgomery.

In her sixth year as

the coach, Sarah Ellis believes they'll make the best of it and believes they will improve fast. With a rough start last week, she believes the girls will focus on running better, with better form, making the most out of every step they take.

As far as regionals,

it's going to be tough to get out, as they have to be one of the top three teams in order to advance. With the teams in their region, it will be a challenge to get there with such a young

team. This year, though, with the rules' change, they potentially add a fourth qualifying team if that team places fourth at the regional with four or more runners in the top 20 places and eight

or more complete teams finish the race. For individual qualification to go to the state meet, they must finish in the top 15 places overall.

With the realignment in the OK White conference, once again the conference will be tough. Last year, the Arrows tied for third in the conference, but the realignment may have an effect on their placement. "But, we will make it work," said Ellis. "Running against tough teams in our conference only makes us better for the invites."

The girls to watch this year are Jess Graves, Rachael Walters, Haley Engles, Emily Judd, and Desiree Striplin. Graves has had the best time so far, running the 5K (3.1 miles) in 20:08.

"All I can say is, watch for improvement," said Ellis.

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Boys' Cross Country



First row, left to right: Dan Onan, Alexander Bohr, Nick MacDonald, Jon Wyckoff, and Dakota Miller; second row, left to right: Nick Price, Marc Vandenberg, Zach Crawford, Travis Brubaker, Kaleb Smith, and coach Clay VanderWarf.

It's promising with sophomores and split with the experienced versus the inexperienced. Zach Crawford is another senior on the team, but this is his first year running.

The OK White is going to be tough this year, with Caledonia and Jenison joining the conference," said VanderWarf. "We already have East Grand Rapids and Grand Rapids Christian to contend with." VanderWarf expects 16 boys on the team, at least he's got some choices to build up the most challenging team he can against the competitors.

It's promising with sophomore Zac Diamond, who has already run a 17.41 5K (3.1 miles), which equates to five minute miles. He also has Mark as his number two runner, who just broke 18:00 for the first time. Nick MacDonald is his number three runner and is improving all the time. Crawford is the number four runner, which helps, seeing as this is his first year on the team. Also, with VanderWarf expects 16 boys on the team, at least he's got some choices to build up the most challenging team he can against the competitors.

The team placed second in the Comstock Park Invitational this year, already, with Diamond finishing second, and Mark finishing third. Other placers were MacDonald at eighth and Crawford at 18th out of 64 runners. In the Grand Rapids Christian Jamboree, Diamond finished 23rd out of 155 runners and the team finished in sixth place in that event.



It was a tough year last year for the boys' cross country team, but coach Clay VanderWarf, who is in his 13th year as the coach, is hoping to turn it around this year with some new talent. Finishing sixth in the

conference last year, VanderWarf feels they can improve this year. Still a very young team, only returning one senior – John Mark – he's got his job cut out for him. The rest of the team consists of an almost even split of


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Fall Sports Preview

Varsity Football

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The Red Arrow football team wants to make it to Ford Field again this year to avenge their loss in the finals against Birmingham Brother Rice last year.

Their schedule this year certainly may help them get there. With a grueling nine game schedule against such powerhouses as Muskegon and Rockford, they certainly

will be ready for any of the tough teams out there looking to put them out of the running for Ford Field. Add Jenison and Caledonia to the schedule – new OK White teams – and that makes for a very tough schedule.

In their first three outings, the Arrows have shown they've got both the talent and the moxie to get there. Led by senior Titan Anderson

as the quarterback and a powerhouse defense, the Arrows have shown that they can be contenders.

With almost a brand new offensive line, questions were out there at the beginning of the season as to how well they would do. With Anderson as quarterback, Kyler Sherlow as the back-up quarterback and utility man and Kanon Dean

as the running back, they've gotten off to a good start.

On defense, add Sherlow, Pierce Watson, Shannon Massey, and Josh Colegrove and they look even better. The defense has held the opponents in any rushing yards to a negative number so far this year. That's a good sign. Noel Dean, head coach, said he needed to rely on his defense

early this year until they could get some games under their belt and the defense has come through. In their game against Grand Haven, they held them to -20 rushing yards, forcing them to throw the balls. Getting at least three sacks per game, they're quick too.

"This team is a great bunch of kids. Every single one of them are

hard-working young men, who have both the strength and the will to win," said Dean. Time will tell how well they will hold up against tough teams. Starting 3-0 is a bonus. Ranked as number one in the Detroit Free Press rankings and number two over all divisions in their Super 10 rankings, Lowell is the team to beat.



Varsity Cheerleaders

First row, left to right: Hannah VanWynen, Katie Haan, Khayli Scott, Ashley Burks, Abby Rogalke, Taylor Ergang, Jocelyn Polinsky, and Kailee Dawson; second row, left to right: Kiersten Ashenbremer, Sami Segal, Abby Mitchell, Ashley White, Zoey Kramer, Michelle Smith, Kenzie Huver, Tara Propst, Katie Yunas, Hannah Churches, and coach Kari Dawson.

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Rainy start fails to dampen the spirits of Pink Arrow Pride enthusiasts on game day

by Karen Jack

All day, the skies were overcast. All day, the community of Lowell was praying that Mother Nature would do just as she had done two years ago and keep the rain at bay for as long as possible.

For the most part, she participated. It was sunny at 2:30 pm, when the event started and stayed that way, pretty much until the beginning of the football game – which afforded the thousands of attendees to get some much needed Pink Arrow time in.

Restaurant row was buzzing throughout the night, with vendors from Keiser's, Backwater Café, Larkin's, Sneaker's, Flat River Grill, Ice Cream Caboose, Heidi's Farm Stand, Ella's Coffee House, and the Lowell Boosters.

Kids were playing in the humongous play area, laughing, running and squealing. Moms, Dads and grandparents, all standing there watching, with grins on their faces as their children or grandchildren cried out in delight.

Friends were hugging old friends. Families were sitting with their families under the large tent, eating or sharing stories, most with laughter spilling forth.

Fans of football were milling about, with dads talking to other dads about football plays, or their older children who were off to college.

Security was trying to keep things organized and orderly, directing the shuttle buses to and from campus.

Numerous volunteers were busy selling tickets or food, or t-shirts.

Teresa and Perry Beachum and their crew were busy putting fires out to make the event go smoothly.

Honorees and their families were busy taking pictures they would treasure forever.

Survivors were telling their stories and people were listening.

Then the parade started. Coming down the winding walkway from the high school, led by the Lowell Police, people were lined up all down the walkway to share their respect for all involved. Following the police was the loyal honor guard, holding their flags high. The high school band was playing the familiar drums for the procession and the girls' volleyball and boys' soccer teams were holding their heads high and showing the Arrow pride. And then the survivors marched behind them all, wearing their hearts out on their sleeves, daring cancer to try to beat them. Bringing up the end, of course, was the football team, decked out in their pink jerseys, with names of people they were honoring on the back.

When they entered the stadium, people stood. People clapped. People cried. As they took the walk around the track, going towards the visitor's side first, people stood in awe of how many survivors were marching. The Grand Haven fans gave a standing ovation as they passed. Then when they came around to the Lowell side, people cheered. Some saluted. And more cried.

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Photo by J. Boss

The Pink Arrow was formed by Lowell students on the morning of the game.

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Fuller Septic employees had fun at the Quiver Run.



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Plenty of excitement was generated by the cheerleaders and fans.

Pink Arrow Pride 2012, continued

A Community Fighting Cancer

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It began with Jake Mitchell who played for his uncle, Chuck Snoop, who is currently battling cancer. Andrew Metternick played in honor of his grandmother, Sue Krebs, a survivor. He stood there with his sister, Ashley. Austin Bieri was honoring his cousin, Mike, who lost his life in January

White played in honor of Ruth St. John, who lost her fight against cancer this year. Reed Stormzand honored Laura Neubecker, a recent cancer survivor and Dylan Brower played in honor of both his grandparents, Charles and Agnes Brower.

Shannon Massey honored Doug Barnard, a current survivor of kidney cancer. Gary Kornoely, who is currently fighting cancer, was honored by his grandson, Taylor. Cody Bieri played in memory of his grandpa, Jim Serne and Zach Dawson played in honor of his survivor grandpa, Al Dawson. Josh



cancer survivor.

Maxin Ligman remembered his grandmother, Sally Koorndyk and James Wierenga played in memory of Barb Shade. Austin Gildea played in memory of his great-grandma, Doris Gildea and Alex Kaminski honored his grandma, Jeanine Johnson, a survivor. Tyler Roth played in memory of



Mitchell honored a close family friend, Myrtis Thut, another survivor.

Seth Monroe remembered Wendy Liley, who lost her battle with cancer and Ryan Schaefer honored his cousin, Jordan Schaefer, a survivor. Zac Graves honored a family friend, Vance Dimmick, a survivor and Donnie Shaffer honored Dick Bryan, who is currently battling cancer.

Others honored, included Liz Pratt, with Grant Noskey playing for her. Pratt is "Lowell's biggest fan" and also happens to be the wife of Lowell schools' superintendent Greg Pratt and she's currently battling cancer. Another honoree, Peg Knowles, was remembered by her grandson, Alex McIntire, but was represented by his great-grandmother, Amy Knowles, a two-time survivor who is celebrating her 101st year of life.

Another poignant moment was watching Pink Arrow quarterback, Titan Anderson, walking hand-in-hand with his father, Gavin Anderson, whom he was playing for. Anderson had a reason to play hard, as his dad is currently battling cancer.

After the last player and his honoree was announced,



Mother Nature unleashed her vengeance on the crowd, as if to say, "I waited for you all to be announced, because I respect the battle you have fought or are fighting and the heavens are with you."

She continued to rain down upon the game for the first half, but at halftime, she let up again – just in time for the all-school half-time performance, where each school danced to a different song out on the field and then they all came together at the end. All the songs they danced to were tied to battling cancer, somehow.

Pink Arrow V lived up to its billing, even if Mother Nature wanted a piece of the action. As with all the survivors and people currently battling cancer, the crowd stood firm and took her unleashing, only to come out as winners in the end.



to colon cancer and was represented by Chris Bieri. Brett Hindley played in memory of his grandmother, Deborah DeGreen.

Linda Sharpe was honored by her grandson, Kyle Blough and Kanon Dean played in memory of his grandpa, Allen Setske, who lost his battle with cancer.

Ryan Walters played for Fritz Sutter, his grandpa and a survivor of cancer. Zach Huver honored his grandmother's memory. Jeff Houston played in



his family member, Larry Roth and Doug Nordman honored his grandfather, Dr. Thomas Myers, a survivor. Zach Kaywood played in memory of his

honor of his cousin, Donna Strickland, a survivor. Remembering his aunt Kimberlie (Perkins), Kyler Sherlow stood with his cousin Gregory. Ben Bigham played for his survivor, grandpa James. Jake Stephens honored his great aunt, Hazel Jutkus, who didn't win her battle with cancer.

Colegrove honored Pat Kruizenga, a recent survivor of cancer and Pierce Watson played in honor of Lowell High School teacher, Kristin Schutte, who is a recent

Blake Willard played in memory of his grandfather, Bill Fout and Grant Peterson played in honor of a close family friend, Kelly Fuller, a survivor. Garrett



grandmother and Daniel Dyer, remembered his aunt, Dorothy Clay.

Josiah Buys remembered his grandpa, Wayne Kauffman and Matthew Reitsma honored his survivor, grandma Carla

A bird's eye view of the stadium

by Emma Palova

It was an emotional moment for Lori Fox, Danielle and Danielle's mom, Debrah Knight, as they got lifted off the ground in a helicopter to fly over the stadium only a few hours before the start of the Pink Arrow game last Friday.

The helicopter ride was courtesy of Amway Corporation.

"It was amazing," said Fox. "The most emotional moment was when we were flying over the field. It was a good, overwhelming feeling."

Debrah Knight, mom and companion to Danielle, 14, said she was scared

but her daughter is pretty adventurous.

"She loved it," said Knight. "She was very excited and smiled the whole time."

And overall it wasn't just the flight, but the overwhelming support of the Lowell community that created wonderful memories.

"We will never forget this," Knight said. "It was the first time for both of us."

That same excitement resonated with Fox as she took the survivor community walk with husband Jake prior to the game.

"This year my journey comes full circle on Sept. 22," she said. "The whole

day was fantastic."

Knight said the Pink Arrow is a wonderful program that has brought a lot of comfort to the entire family.

"I want to thank the entire community for being generous and supportive," she said.

Fox appreciated the feeling of support from Pink Arrow and not being alone.

Lori Fox, Danielle Knight and her mother, Debrah Knight with Amway helicopter pilots before Friday morning's flight over the field.



Fifth straight win for Pink Arrow football

by Karen Jack

For the first time in 81 years, the Pink Arrows faced Grand Haven in the fifth annual Pink Arrow game. In true Pink Arrow fashion, they won the game for the fifth straight year, 29-12.

The Arrows led the entire game, but neither team could capitalize on their first possessions. On their second drive, Kyler Sherlow caught the punt at the 43-yard-line and ran to the 33-yard-line of Grand Haven. On first-and-ten, Kanon Dean ran eight yards and then Titan Anderson ran it in for the touchdown. Austin Bieri kicked the extra

point to make the score 7-0. As usual, Lowell's defense forced Grand Haven's next possession to go three and out. On Lowell's next drive, a fumble turned the ball over to Grand Haven on Lowell's 47-yard-line. Grand Haven passed to Lowell's 11-yard-line and Sherlow made the tackle. Grand Haven then ran it in for the touchdown, but missed the extra point, so trailed Lowell 7-6. Lowell went three and out on their next possession and Cody Bieri, Zach Dawson and Jake Mitchell all made key plays to force the ball back to Lowell.

The second quarter started with Lowell having the ball at Grand Haven's 47-yard-line. Dean and Shannon Massey both ran the ball, but came up short for the first down. With it being fourth and short, Lowell's Titan Anderson ran it to the eight-yard-line for the first down. Sherlow came in for a play on a quarterback keeper for three yards. Dean ran for three yards, but Lowell got an illegal procedure, making it second-and-

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Kyler Sherlow gets one of his six tackles.

Pink Arrow volleyball triumphs over Union

by Karen Jack

In a total wipeout, the Pink Arrow volleyball team crushed Grand Rapids Union, winning all three games played in a rare outside volleyball showing, in front of a home crowd.

In the first game, senior Delainey Ferguson served the ball for 19 straight points, with eight aces, before turning the serve over to Union. Points were scored from blocks by

Kolby Kloosterman and Paige Wilson and spikes from Kloosterman and Abby Petroelje. The first game ended on a serve by Wilson that Union couldn't handle. Final score of that game was 25-2.

In the second game, the Arrows won 25-13. Scoring points with spikes and blocks was the name of the game. Tess Richardson, Katie Bush and Wilson each had spikes, scoring points. Points earned from blocks were from Grace Quiggle, Bush and Wilson.

The Arrows won the third game, 25-13, with serves from Leah Schlosser for six straight points, Katelyn Kaczanowski and Bethany Kaczanowski.

The volleyball team also honored individuals who are either survivors of cancer, are currently battling cancer or who lost their battle with cancer. Kolby Kloosterman honored Judy Kinsman, Delainey Ferguson honored her Uncle John, Leah Schlosser honored her



Kortney Beachler serves.

grandmother, Judy Joppie; and Abby Petroelje honored Bev Hall – all who are currently battling cancer.

Kortney Beachler honored Doug Beimers, Katelyn Kaczanowski honored Ruthanne Largent, Emma McLane honored Lori McLane, Bethany Kaczanowski honored Chester Kaczanowski, Grace

Quiggle honored Marcia Taylor, and Tess Richardson honored her mom, Libby Richardson – all survivors of cancer.

Those playing in memory of ones who lost their battle with cancer included Aubreigh Steed in memory of her grandfather, Gerald

Wierenga; and Katie Bush in memory of her grandmother.

The volleyball team faces Forest Hills Central at home on Thursday, Sept. 13 at 7:15 pm and a tournament on Saturday, Sept. 15 in Caledonia, beginning at 9:00 am.



Kolby Kloosterman spikes the ball.



Paige Wilson gets one of her several spikes.

Pink Arrow soccer team gets shutout



Sean Khodl passes the ball.

by Karen Jack

Wearing pink jerseys and playing just prior to the football game, the Pink Arrow soccer team came away with a shut-out win, beating NorthPointe Christian 2-0. It was all about defense in this game, as the Pink Arrows held NorthPointe to only two shots on goal in the win – both being blocked by goalkeeper Liam Kelly. The defense consistently stole the ball, stopping any movement on Northpointe's behalf, any time they got close to the Lowell goal.

On offense and with great passing throughout the game, Lowell took control of the ball for most of the game. The offense was able to get 24 shots on goal, scoring on two of them. The first goal came with 2:13 left in the first half by Jacob Khodl, with the second goal coming from Spencer Lyon in the second half.

"It was great to pull off a win on such an important day. Not only did we win in front of our hometown, but we won in front of a Pink Arrow town," said junior Jake Sweet.

With true Pink Arrow pride, several of the players played in honor of someone battling cancer, a survivor or someone who lost their battle with cancer. Alex Heffron played in honor of David Staybel, a survivor. A.J. Morris played in memory of Patricia Morris. Nick Pfoefke remembered his great-grandfather, Lawrence Proefke, who lost his battle with cancer. Kyle Bowers honored his mother, Linda Bowers, a survivor. Josh Rocco played in honor of Doug Butcher, a two-time

survivor. Lukas Henderson honored his aunt, Kathi-Jo DeYoung, a survivor of breast cancer. Jacob Sweet honored Kelly Fuller, a survivor. Nick McCormick remembered his grandpa Mach and Spencer Lyon honored his grandmother, Mary Lyon, a survivor. Joshua Theisen played in honor of his aunt, Cathy Love, who lost her battle with cancer.

The Arrows play at Forest Hills Central on Thursday, Sept. 13 at 6:45 pm.

Pink Arrow football, continued

seven. Anderson spiraled it to Sherlow in the end zone, scoring another six points. Bieri made the extra point, with the score 14-6. Late in the second half, the defense pushed Grand Haven all the way back to their own 17-yard-line, thanks to sacks by Pierce Watson, Josh Colegrove and Sherlow. The Bucaneers intended to punt, but had a bad snap,

setting the Arrows up for a score. With :01 seconds left, Arrows went for a field goal, but missed it, going into the locker room ahead 14-6.

In the third quarter, the Bucaneers took possession of the ball and thanks to two interference calls, were able to cross the goal line, but couldn't convert on the extra point again, changing the score to 14-12. Lowell

wasn't able to score in the third quarter.

The Pink Arrows came alive in the fourth quarter with an interception by Sherlow in the end zone, on a Grand Haven scoring drive. With first-and-ten on Lowell's own 20, Anderson ran the ball 80 yards to score another six points for the Pink Arrows. Bieri kicked the extra point, making the score 21-12 with 7:54 left in the game. On the kickoff, Zach Huver tackled the Grand Haven receiver at their own six-yard-line. Moving it up to the 45-yard-line, Lowell's Reed Stormzand sacked the Bucaneer quarterback and stripped the ball, causing a fumble. Huver picked it up and ran 45 yards into the end zone. Anderson ran it in

on the extra point for two, making it 29-12.

The leading rushers were Anderson for 160, Dean for 86, Massey for 25, and Dawson for 24. The defense held Grand Haven to -20 rushing yards, with sacks from Colegrove, Watson, Huver, and Sherlow. Sherlow led in tackles with 9, followed by Watson and Massey, each with four.

"These boys are taught values for when they become husbands and fathers and putting other people before themselves. They came out in the fourth quarter and fought for the people they were representing, fighting cancer and they brought it home," said head coach Noel Dean.



Shannon Massey plows through a Bucaneer.



Lowell High School Red Arrow

Fall Sports Preview

Girls' Golf

With the loss of Morgan Groom, the girls' golf team is relying on two seniors, two juniors and two sophomores to catapult them into the top half of the conference. Being a very young team, their coach, Kim Stevens, says they've really made some strides. "The girls worked in the off-season to improve their scores, even getting professional coaching," said Stevens. "That certainly helps," she added.

In fact, so far this season, they've beaten one team they didn't beat last year. They

also finished fifth at the preconference meet. In their meet with Byron Center, they only lost by five strokes, which gives them hope that the off-season training has paid off. Stevens is hopeful, as she sees the improvement over the three years she's been coaching. She believes the professional coaching has made a difference.

The number one player on the team is Sophie Kohtz. But she's being challenged by sophomore Danielle Krajewski. With Krajewski only being a sophomore, Stevens believes they will continue to improve each year and believes they all can shave enough strokes off to get them out of regionals –

if not as a team, then certainly have one or two out of regionals at the individual level.

A team must finish in the top three teams out of fifteen at the regionals in order to advance in the state tournament. For individuals, the golfer must finish in the top five. Last year, the team finished ninth. Stevens is hopeful they can improve on that this year. "I believe in them. It's going to take some work and they're going to have to shave some strokes off to accomplish this, but I believe they can do it," said Stevens.

With the OK White realignment, they're facing some tough teams in the conference, with East Grand Rapids, Forest Hills Central, and



Pictured, left to right: Allysen Dubisky, Kaylee Depew, coach Kim Stevens, Paige McKenna, Sophie Kohtz, Lauren Weaver, Bailey Loughlin, Morgan Fuller, and Danielle Krajewski.

Grand Rapids Christian being the powerhouses, but throw Caledonia in there and it creates a tough road for the young Red Arrow team. Perhaps playing at their new venue, Arrowhead Golf Course, will make

a difference, as most of the girls practice there during the off-season. The seniors on the varsity team include Kohtz and Bailey Loughlin. Laren Weaver and Morgan Fuller are the juniors on the

team. The sophomores include Krajewski and Alaine Thomas.



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First row, left to right: Micah Babcock, Dan Cowden, Austin Rix, Zach Fotis, Paul Heemstra, Parker Groom, and Keaton Pomper; second row, left to right: coach Roger Wall, Derek Bitterman, Tony Hanson, Luke Kloosterman, Quinn Summerfield, Kilian Kohl, Christian Huisman, and coach Bonnie Wall.



The boys' tennis team has a lot of potential this year, returning five seniors. Add to that, six juniors and they are improving over last year.

The team won the Portland quad this

year, tied for first at the Allegan quad, took fourth at the Cats & Dawgs tournament in Jenison, and took fourth at the Caledonia eight-team tournament. Certainly promising.

The OK White realignment has

affected the tennis team as well. The conference now has several top teams in the state and no easy matches. It's too early to tell how they will do in their dual matches, as they've only had one so far this season,

beating Greenville 7-1. If the score is any indication, perhaps they will surprise some of the powerhouse teams in the conference this year.

Players to watch for are seniors, Austin Rix (#2 singles flight), who

is currently 8-5; Dan Cowden who is 9-4 and exchange student, Kilian Kohl, who is 11-2. The number three flight doubles team of Quinn Summerfield and Keaton Pomper are also on top of their game, with a record of 11-2.

"We have an experienced team, but a very tough league schedule, having to compete with several of the top teams in

the state and no easy matches," said head coach Bonnie Wall. In her 14th year of coaching, along with her husband Roger as her assistant, she hopes to do better at regionals this season. As far as conference goes, the league realignment has made it very difficult to improve in the conference, as all the OK White schools are tough tennis schools.

Varsity Volleyball

First row, left to right: Emma McLane, Bethany Kaczanowski, Leah Schlosser, Delainey Ferguson, Kortney Beachler, Grace Quiggle, and Kolby Kloosterman; second row, left to right: Katelyn Kaczanowski, Tess Richardson, Katie Bush, Aubreigh Steed, Abby Petroelje, and Paige Wilson.



According to coach Gigi Peal, she's glad it's still early in the season to figure things out. With a current record of 6-6-4, she believes she needs to make some changes to improve that record. Having seven matches under their belt, she

believes she knows how to improve that record.

With matches always being the best two out of three, it can be a gruesome schedule. "It seems we never get a night off now." If they're not practicing, they're playing games, having three to four matches per week. They've got eleven more matches



to play, which could potentially be another 33 games to play.

Their goal, of course, is to win the conference and advance in districts, but Peal will be happy with a top-half placing in the conference. "We're

a relatively young team, having only four seniors on the team, with three juniors, five sophomores and one freshman. There are lots of tough teams in the new conference and we have our work cut

out for us," said Peal. "It's a challenge for us in every game."

In districts, they will face two of the top teams in the state, with one of them being in the top ten of the state. "But

anything can happen," said Peal.

The seniors include Leah Schlosser, Delainey Ferguson, Kolby Kloosterman, and Katelyn Kaczanowski.

Lowell High School Red Arrow

Fall Sports Preview

Varsity Boys' Soccer

First row, left to right: Lukas Henderson, Austin Sirowatka, Raul Damian, Alex Heffron, Liam Kelley, Nick Proefke, Christian Sirowatka, Jordan Dennie, and Nick Mulormick; second row, left to right: coach Chris Wilfore, Kyle Bowers, Aaron Morris, Sean Khodl, Josh Theisen, Spencer Lyon, Jacob Khodl, Josh Rocco, and Jacob Sweet.



The boys' soccer team comes back this year with some experience, with a total of nine seniors and nine juniors on the team. They returned eight players to the team, but only three of those eight were starters last year.

While they're still considered a young team, they're getting better every week. With a record so far of 2-4-2, it may not seem so, but in the last three games, they are 2-0-1.

Defense seems to be the key for this young team. In only one game, they have given up more than two goals. Goalie Liam Kelley

and defenders, Alex Heffron and Spencer Lyon, lead the defense. Heffron and Spencer are both juniors, so their experience on the field this year, will be invaluable for next year as well.

Standout seniors A.J. Morris and Kyle Bowers are also key players for

this year's team. While the team doesn't have a lot of "superstars," they're a solid group of good players, says head coach Rich O'Keefe. He should know. He's been coaching for 20 years, spending the last three years as the head coach at Lowell.

O'Keefe anticipates the team making it to the district finals for the third year in a row. With last year's final record of 16-4-1, it looks promising. "We're getting better each game in preparation for the start of the conference

and ultimately the district tournament," said O'Keefe. "The new conference is balanced, but Jenison and Grand Rapids Christian will be a tough test this season," added O'Keefe.



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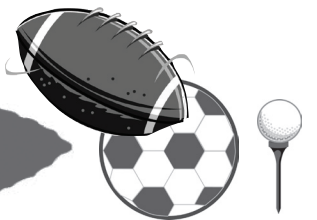
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Junior Varsity Boys' Soccer



First row, left to right: Jason Cupp II, Anthony Pollock, Christian Worsley, Austin Dewaard, Kellen Guinn, Collin Pawlowski, Curtis Bramble, Isaac Hamilton, Bradly Depew, Drew Struckmeyer, and Brandon Pelkey; second row, left to right: coach Kenny Bier, coach Jon Bell, Trevor Roest, Adrian Rodriguez, Jared Brzezniak, Brandon Cole, Ian Grohman, Ryan Lubbers, Brendan Pauks, Dylan Henderson, Max Majinska, and Liam Peterson.

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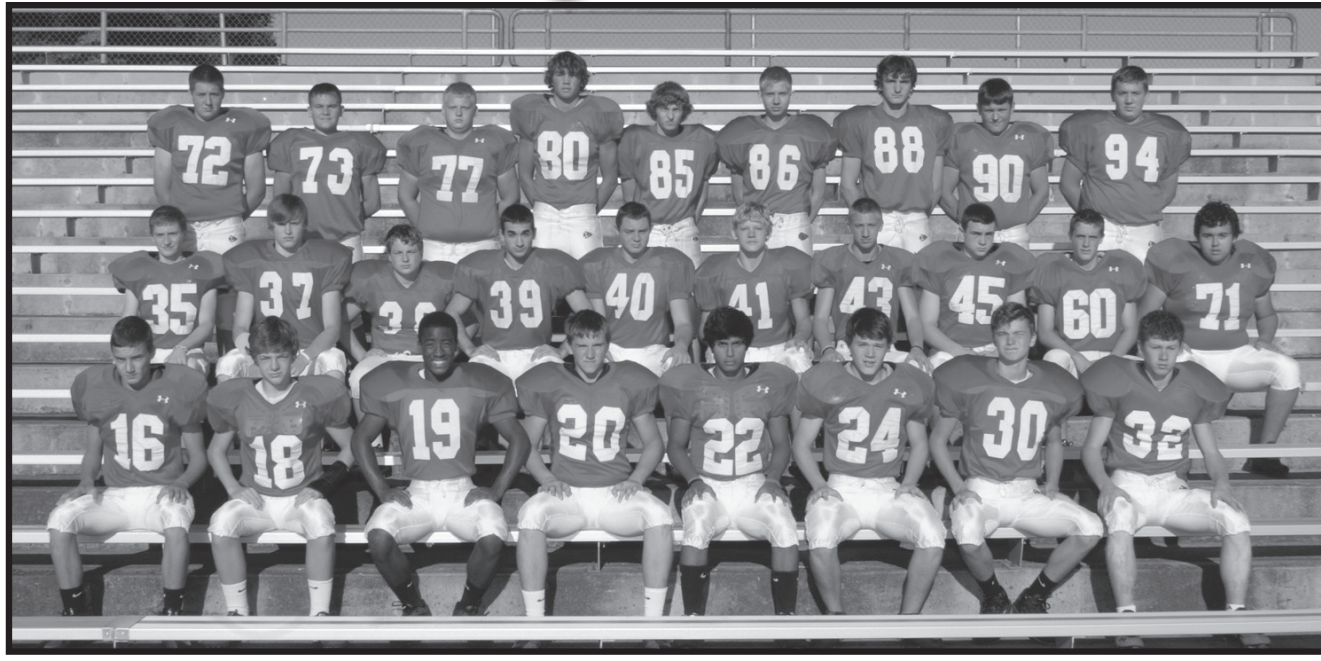
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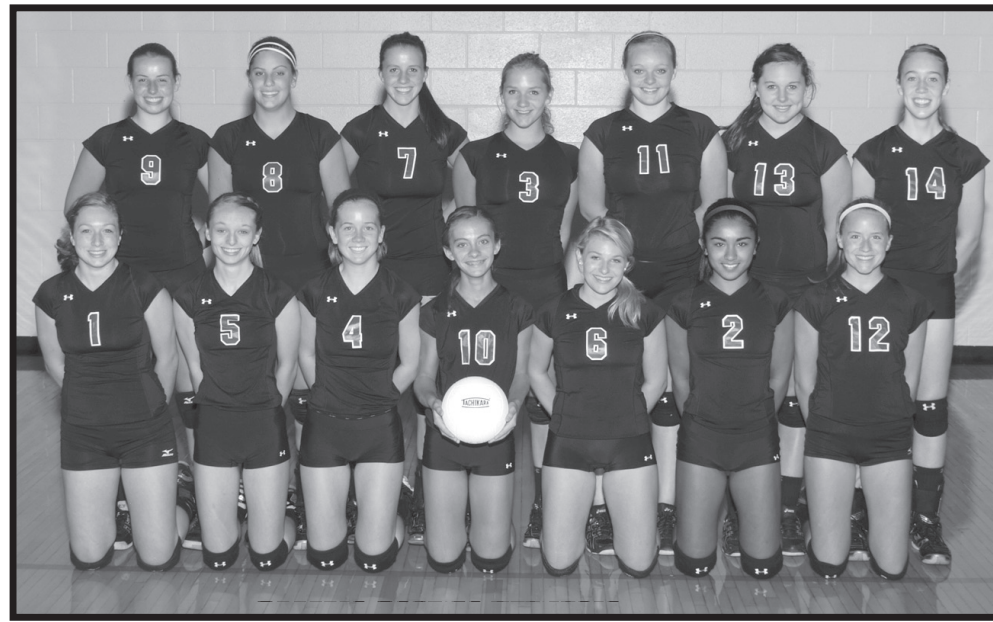
Junior Varsity Football



First row, left to right: Anthony Alderink, John Bigham, Brady Schaefer, Max Barber, Louie Hart, Ethan Pearson, Tanner Barnes, and Jason Nagy; second row, left to right: Chase Ullery, Austin Hoekstra, Andrew McCormick, Duncan Elliott, Danny Bieri, Nick Higgins, Koda Barry, Max Dean, Logan Smith, and Kenny Duke; third row, left to right: Brendan Spencer, Bailey VanAmburgh, Logan Wilcox, Jonathan Roberts, Alex Viviano, Ryan Tarchala, Josh Branagan, Tyler Hall, and Jared Laux.

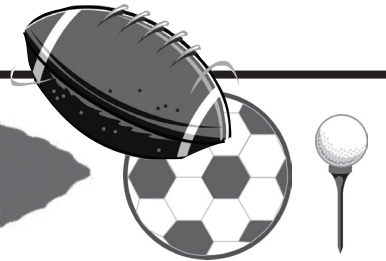


Junior Varsity Volleyball



First row, left to right: Catherine Stump, Amy Carpenter, Tara McQueen, Elena Bishop, Mallery Yaw, Kelsey Emmanuel, and Bailey Reitsma; second row, left to right: Kennedy Coxon, Lydia Tawney, Breanna Oesch, Abbi Bladey, Megan Hofman, Mallory Ziomkowski, and Rachel Fox.

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Junior Varsity Cheerleading



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Junior Varsity Boys' Tennis

Junior Varsity Girls' Golf



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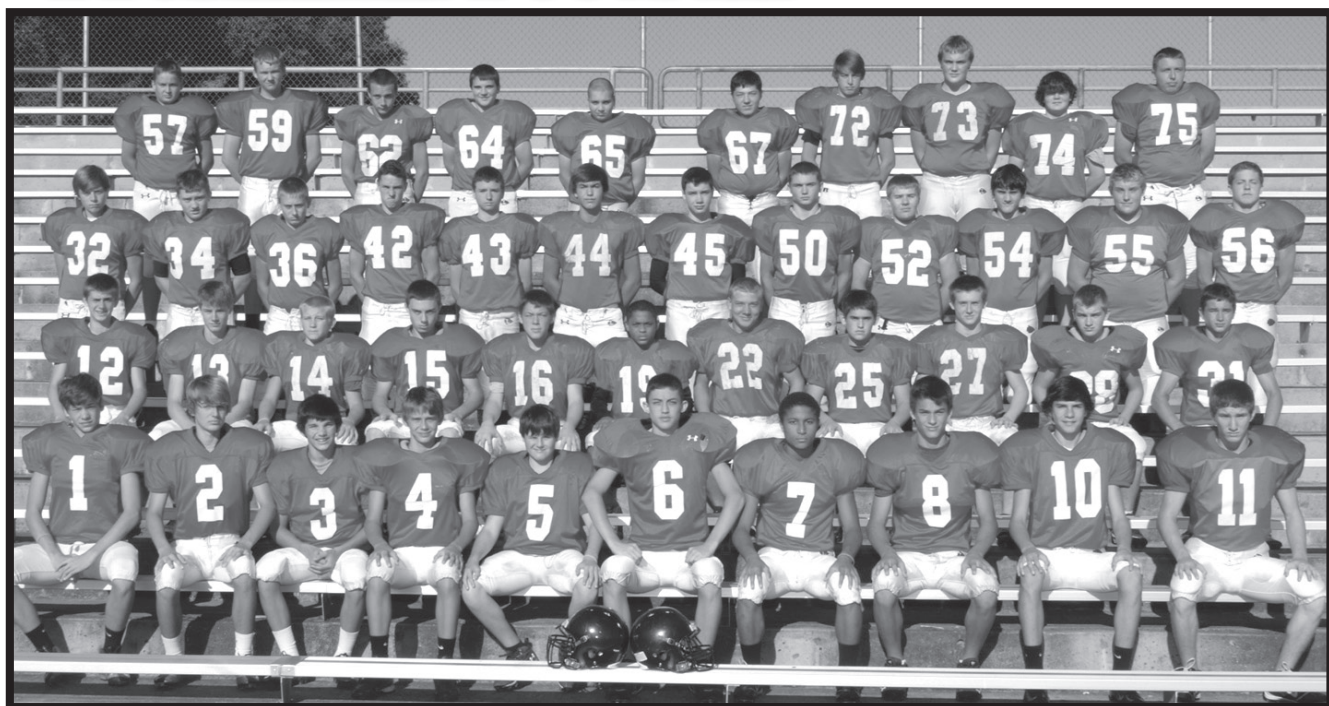
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Freshman Football



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Freshman Volleyball



First row, left to right: Jessica Havlik, Grace Cammire, Addie Grohman, Autumn Hamilton, and Shelby Mutschler; second row, left to right: coach Lisa Johnson, Olivia Rivera, Hannah Duvernay, Madison Gaskin, Jordan Mixon, and Emily Roche.

Freshman Cheer



First row, left to right: Katie Taylor, Baylee Bennett, Hunter Kramer, and Justine Anes; second row, left to right: coach Sydney Burrows, Kalie Kopecek, Mallory Koster, Elizabeth Dickson, and coach Kylee Karas.



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- 73. *Conference of last 6 college champs
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 - 36. *Nevada Wolf Pack's home
 - 38. Do over
 - 42. Touch is one of these
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 - 54. Genuflecting joints
 - 56. Loyalty to the loyal, e.g.
 - 57. Farmer's output
 - 58. Alternate spelling of #64 Across
 - 59. In or of the present month
 - 60. Athletic event
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★ In The Service

Marine Corps Pvt. Karley E. Traver, daughter of Laurie A. and Philip A. Traver of Saranac, earned the title of United States Marine after graduating from recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C.

For 13 weeks, Traver stayed committed during some of the world's most demanding entry-level military training in order to be transformed from civilian to marine instilled with pride, discipline and the core values of honor, courage

and commitment. Training subjects included close-order drill, marksmanship with an M-16A4 rifle, physical fitness, martial arts, swimming, military history, customs and courtesies.

One week prior to graduation, Traver endured The Crucible, a 54-hour final test of recruits' minds and bodies. Upon completion, recruits are presented the Marine Corps emblem and called marines for the first time.

Traver is a 2011 graduate of Saranac High.

Supplemental Security Income

The Social Security Amendments of 1972 created a new federal benefit program. This month, that program—the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program — celebrates its 40th anniversary.

Administered by Social Security, SSI is a needs-based program for people 65 or older, blind, or disabled who have limited income and resources.

of institutions or live in a shelter for the homeless, you may qualify for SSI.

People with blindness or a disability who apply for SSI may be able to get free special services to help them work. These services may include counseling and job training.

The monthly maximum federal SSI payment is the same nationwide and amounts to \$698 for an individual and \$1,048 for a couple. However, the amount you receive depends on factors such as where you live, your living arrangements, and your income. Some states add money to the federal payment.

For income, we count things such as wages, Social Security benefits, and pensions. However, Social Security does not count all of your income when it decides whether you qualify for SSI. For example, we don't count food stamps or most home energy assistance.

For resources, we count the things you own, such as real estate (other than the home you live in), bank accounts, cash, stocks, and bonds. A person with resources worth no more than \$2,000 may be able to get SSI. The resource limit is \$3,000 for couples.

To qualify for SSI, you also must live in the United States or the Northern Mariana Islands and be a U.S. citizen or national. In rare cases, noncitizen residents can qualify for SSI. If you live in certain types

of institutions or live in a shelter for the homeless, you may qualify for SSI.

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Funding for the SSI program comes from the general revenues of the U.S. Treasury, not from Social Security payroll taxes.

To learn more about SSI, visit the SSI page at www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi.

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

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SNOW UNIT - METHODIST CHURCH - at 3189 Snow Ave. SE will serve a family style Turkey & Dressing Dinner on Wed., Sept. 12, starting at 5:30 p.m. Adults are \$10, Children 6-12 are \$4, and children 5 & under are free. Takeout dinners also available.

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LIL' RED BARN SALE - Lovely fall decor, antiques, furniture, shabby chic items, linens. Fri., Sept. 14 & Sat., Sept. 15, 9-6 p.m. Meet us at 12795 Burroughs NE, 2 miles North of Lowell, off Lincoln Lake, Rd.

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I have climbed the hills of view,
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Remembering you and missing you on your birthday, September 10.

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BOOKWORMS - Mon., Sept. 17, 6 p.m. Group meeting discussing "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot at Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

TOTS PLAYGROUPS - Every Tues., Wed. & Thurs., 8:30-10 a.m. or 10-11:30 a.m., during school year beginning Sept. 12 for ages birth to preschool in room 104 at Bushnell Elementary, 700 Elizabeth, Lowell. For information call 987-2432.

TOTS ALTO PLAYGROUP - Every Thurs., 10-11 a.m., during school year beginning Sept. 13 for ages birth to preschool in cafeteria at Alto Elementary, 6150 Bancroft, Alto. For information call 987-2532.

TOTS FALL PRESCHOOL ALMOST NEW SALE - Sat., Oct. 6, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sign up now. Free to sell, registration required. Call 987-2532 to reserve your spot.

TRUNK OR TREAT - Wed., Oct. 31, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. for children up to age 12. Hosted by Doric Chapter #75 Order of the Eastern Star, serving the Belding, Green-

ville, Ionia, Lowell, Lyons-Muir & Saranac areas at Belding-Ionia Masonic Lodge, 211 E. Main St., Belding.

HOOKER CHAPTER #73 - of the Royal Arch Masons, serving the Belding, Ionia, Lowell, Lyons, Muir & Saranac areas, will hold its stated convocation on Wed., Sept. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the lodge room at the Masonic temple, 211 E. Main St., Belding. Dinner will precede the meeting at 6:30 p.m. All Royal Arch Masons may attend!

LOWELL SHOWBOAT GARDEN CLUB - meets the 3rd Monday in the Church of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall, 211 N. Washington St. at 6:30 p.m.

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 Randy Jesberg at

897-4569 or Del Rockwell at 897-6814.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY TOPS MI #372 - every Tuesday at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

CUB SCOUT PACK 3188 - meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main.

QUA-KE-ZIK SPORTSMANS CLUB - meets second and third Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at 8731 West Riverside Dr. Go to www.qua-ke-zik.org for information. New members welcome.

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