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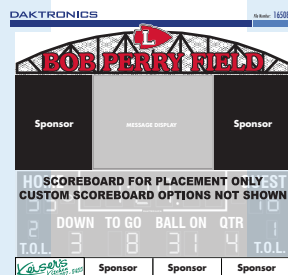
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Cleanup planned for National Public Land and Trails Day by Cherry Creek

by Emma Palova

Volunteers from area trail groups will gather for a clean-up day to celebrate the National Public Land and Trail Day on Sept. 29.

The event is hosted by the Lowell Area Recreational Authority (LARA), North

Country Trail, Fred Meijer River Valley Rail Trail and the National Park Service.

It will take place in the pond area by Cherry Creek Elementary. The hosts will provide lunch, snacks and beverages and work gloves.

However, volunteers

should bring loppers, pruners, rakes, pruning or hand saws and they should wear long pants, long sleeve shirts, work boots or sturdy shoes.

“We will work around the pond, pruning back invasive species and normal

grooming on the trails,” said Betsy Davidson of LARA.

The goal is to get the pond area clear enough for kids to learn about the environment and the trees outside.

Some 20 years ago, the pond was used for learning, according to Davidson.

But for the last 10 years, the area hasn’t been cleared and it has overgrown with shrubs and invasive species of plants.

“It got bad again,” said Davidson.

In conjunction with the National Parks Service, a wider path will be cleared for the volunteers to go through and prune back plants like poison ivy.

“We want to make it a clear trail,” said Davidson.

Another group will work on clearing the rail to trail portion from Foreman to Vergennes roads. If there is enough time

and volunteers, the clearing will continue to Bailey Road.

“Our primary focus is to clean the trail around the pond and the rail bed,” she said.

The other aspect of the event is to make awareness to the community about the multiple trails in the area and the various trail projects in the works.

LARA is currently planning for the next phases of the trail project that will include pond, path and bridge improvements and a pavilion with donor bricks.

“We envision improved paths for students, teachers and the community,” said Davidson. “We have great ideas for future improvements at the Cherry Creek pond.”

Consultants Williams & Works are designing a connection from Foreman to the Ionia County line, as well as linking the current trail from Gee Drive to M21.

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Lowell area artists enter ArtPrize with hopes of exposure

by Emma Palova

The ArtPrize experience is just as unique for the artists as it is for the visitors. It is an exhibition of art in all its forms, using any or all media, huge and small, abstract or realistic with no boundaries.

But it’s also a social event for friends, fellow artists and families to get together and to freely talk and live art.

Two well-known Lowell artists have entered this year’s popular competition with hopes to garner votes and exposure for their work.

Studio 208 artist Gerard Wood is in the competition for the third year in a row.

“I want to be part of a whole,” he said, “and I wanted to do an action painting.”

Wood entered with his “Triathlon,” water color paintings of runners, a swimmer and cyclists.

It was in late spring after hearing a few friends were participating in another triathlon, that Wood realized

the triathlon would be his theme for ArtPrize.

He attended several local

events to capture material, then watched his friends

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Jan Johnson’s “What Does Rob Bliss Have For Us Today” on Pearl Street.

Planning commission reviews signage for biodigester, holds work session

by Emma Palova

The Lowell Planning Commission reviewed sign request and landscaping for Sustainable Partners, LLC (SPART). The eight by four feet sign will designate the location of the biodigester at 625 Chatham Street. It will not extend beyond the building or the roof line.

The site plan for the biodigester had been approved in May, with the conditions of reviewing landscaping and signage. The landscaping will include screening of the tank from the adjacent properties, with white spruce trees approximately 20 feet tall and five years of age.

People will be able to visit the plant for educational purposes.

In related business, the planning commission held a work session on regulation of signage in the city. Currently, the city zoning ordinance regulates signs. However, signs can also be regulated by general law or police powers that carry civil penalties.

“Be careful about shifting from zoning to general law; most communities don’t do that,” said consultant Jay Kilpatrick of Williams & Works.

General law, even though it avoids grandfathering, can be controversial. Signs fall under the first amendment and as such cannot be prohibited. Municipalities can regulate the content pertaining to health and welfare of the residents and the format.

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Planning Commission meeting, continued

Exempt from regulations are traffic signs, indoor signs, holiday décor, flags, name plates, warnings, construction, political signs and real estate signs.

Prohibited are off premise signs, signs in right of way, broken signs and obsolete signs.

Typical sign standards regulate the number of signs on parcel, location of signs on parcel with setback from the lot and the street, as well as the maximum area of a sign. Twenty percent of wall space is the maximum area of any sign.

According to Kilpatrick, many businesses do not want monument signs, because quite often they can't be seen or they overgrow with shrub.

Lowell zoning ordinance is unclear about business center signs. But, it allows for illumination of all but home occupation signs. Signs can also be placed to the right of way.

Kilpatrick talked about regulation of billboards and the future of signs.

"Billboards should be treated as a particular land use and not as an accessory to the property," he said.

Temporary signs in Lowell can be placed for up to 60 days.

Most new signs are digital, including digital wraps on buildings, changeable copy.

Commissioner Jim Salzwedel said people in

town don't pay that much attention to signs.

However, commissioner Rachel Schwab said signs should be about the image the city is trying to project.

"So, let's clean it up," she said.

Technology is going to continue to drive the signs, according to Salzwedel. But still, the signs will reflect that Lowell has a small town charm.

This may become part of Lowell's vision.

A checklist of things that need to be addressed will be created and zoning ordinance pertaining to signs will be cleaned up, much like the previous lighting regulations.

Cleanup, continued

A study should be completed by the end of this year.

The cost of the quarter mile long connection to M21 has yet to be determined.

The National Trails Day, launched in 1993, increases awareness about trails and celebrates the work and support of many people and partners, including volunteers, land agencies and outdoor-minded businesses. It's a day to introduce people to the benefits of the trails.

America's 200,000 miles

of trails allows access to nature for recreation, education, exploration, solitude, inspiration, and much more. National Trails Day events involve a broad array of activities, including hiking, dog walking, bike riding, trail maintenance, birding, wildlife photography, geocaching, paddle trips, trail running, trail dedications, health-focused programs, and children's activities.

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First annual Ride for Warriors raises funds for Disability Advocates of Kent County

by Karen Jack

Ellen Seese likes to ride her bicycle. So she decided she wanted to do something constructive with her time riding and created the Ride for Warriors, which took place on Sunday for the first time ever.

The event raised funds for Disability Advocates of Kent County, an organization that works to achieve equal access and opportunity for all persons with disabilities. One area of the work

they do is with veterans. This entails assessing the homes of disabled veterans and determining what modifications are needed. No other funding sources are available for the home modifications. The current list, in Kent County, for veterans needing home modifications is 65, needing close to \$100,000 in modifications and equipment. The Disabled American Veterans Charitable Trust

has donated \$15,000 towards that goal and the Home Depot Foundation donated another \$2,500, but there's still a long way to go. This event's funds will add to this, as well.

"This is a cause that's near and dear to my soul. I believe we should take care of our soldiers once they get home," said Seese. Her son, Raymond, a 2007 graduate, currently attends the Naval Academy, after attending Michigan State University for two years before he received his nomination. So she's got another reason to get involved.

She made it a family event as well. Her husband Paul patrolled the roads and her daughter Leannah passed out snacks at the Lake Odessa VFW.

The event brought people from not only Lowell and Alto, but also, people came from as far away as Indianapolis, MN; East Lansing, Jackson, Plymouth, and Manhattan, IL; to ride.

"This is important to me," said Shawn Dreffs, who came from Jackson. He found the event on a rider's website where Seese advertised the event. With the ride beginning at 8:00 a.m., he had to get on the road pretty early. Dreffs is a veteran himself, having served in the army for 21 years, including tours in Iraq and Panama. "This is a great cause. We definitely need to support our veterans when



Melisa Mendez smiles as she gets ready to ride 21 miles.



Shawn Dreffs gets ready to ride.

they get home," he added.

Another rider, Melisa Mendez, has been riding all her life. She participates in rides like these a couple times a year and wanted to do this run because of where the funds are going. "It's important that we support our veterans, especially all the guys coming back now." Mendez just moved back to Alto after being gone for several years.

The riders had options for a four-mile ride, a twelve-mile ride, a 21-mile ride and a 50-mile ride. Most either

rode the 21- or 50-mile routes. The shorter routes were around Alto, where the ride originated.

But the 21-mile ride included stops at the Lowell VFW and the 50-mile ride included stops at the Saranac American Legion and the Lake Odessa VFW. Seese felt it was important to keep the military organizations as part of the run and enlisted the help of the VFWs and American Legions. The Alto American Legion offered breakfast to the riders before the ride.

The event had 28 participants and raised \$500. Seese was pleased with those numbers.

"I only had nine people preregistered, so three times the people showed up. I'm very pleased. This is all a learning experience for me. Each year, I will work on improving things, but right now, I'm pretty pleased with the outcome – most of the riders enjoyed themselves, too and said they would be back next year," said Seese.

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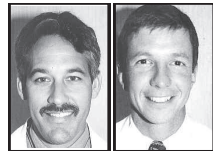
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influenza

Once again, it is time to get your annual flu shot. The Center for Disease Control recommends that everyone get immunized against the flu.

Unfortunately only a small portion of the targeted population will receive the flu shot this year and 10-20 percent of the population will get the flu this season. Most people recover from the flu without complications, however the flu is responsible for over 200,000

hospitalizations and 35,000 deaths annually. People with chronic medical conditions and the very young and very old are more likely to experience complications.

The peak flu season in our area usually starts in November and lasts through March. The flu is caused by a virus. Symptoms include fever, headaches, fatigue, muscle aches, cough, nasal congestion and sore throat.

Treatment of the flu is symptomatic and includes

rest, drinking plenty of fluids, and taking ibuprofen or Tylenol for fever and myalgia. Antiviral medication can be prescribed within 24-48 hours of symptoms, but it only reduces the duration of the flu by a day or two. Antibiotics are ineffective.

Getting the flu shot offers the best means of prevention. The shot is simple and relatively painless. Side effects may include minor soreness at the injection site, low grade fever or slight muscle aches for a day or so after the injection. You cannot get the flu from the flu shot.

Everyone over the age of six months should get the flu shot. You should avoid the flu shot if you have an allergy to eggs or have had a serious reaction to previous flu shots.

Lifeline telephone service

The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) today highlighted the discount telephone service available to low-income customers in Michigan.

"Lifeline telephone service discounts are substantial, adding up to \$148 a year for certain customers," noted MPSC Chairman John D. Quackenbush. "The Michigan Public Service Commission encourages low-income telephone customers to apply for the Lifeline program by contacting their local

telephone or wireless provider to apply."

To qualify for Lifeline in Michigan, the customer's household income must be at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, or the customer must participate in one of the following assistance programs: Medicaid; food stamps; supplemental security income (SSI); federal public housing assistance (Section 8); the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP); the national school free lunch program;

or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.

All landline telephone service providers and some wireless telephone service providers offer Lifeline discounts in Michigan. Rules permit one discount per household.

According to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), at least half of the telephone customers who are eligible for the Lifeline program do not take advantage of the monthly discounts available to them.

The FCC recently implemented comprehensive reforms to modernize the program and reduce burdens on carriers by establishing a uniform, interim flat rate of reimbursement, allowing carriers to obtain a subscriber's signature electronically and streamlining enrollment through uniform, nationwide eligibility criteria. These reforms - and others - are expected to save at least \$200 million in 2012.

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The reason it is called fishing and not catching is because when you go fishing it doesn't necessarily mean you will catch fish. The same concept is true of hunting — bagging game is not always the end result of a hunting excursion. If you want a sure thing, go bowling. The lights will be on, the lanes will always be the same length, and the pins will be sitting where they were last time.

Hunters and fishermen must deal with the unpredictability of nature. A recent salmon fishing trip is a good example. Gwen and I

break out the salmon gear on the same date each fall and head for a Lake Michigan port to intercept the salmon run when the fish return to their home rivers to spawn. High near-shore water temperature this year discouraged the fish from making an early run, so we postponed the trip and waited for more favorable conditions.

Finally, heavy rain showers dumped water into the rivers and strong northwest winds drove cold water to the shoreline. The water temperatures dropped 20 degrees, so we headed north anticipating a big run of fish

which had been patiently waiting offshore.

By the time we got the boat launched, the wind reversed direction causing the water temperature to rise into the low 70's, so the run stalled out. There were some stragglers which provided enough action to make for an enjoyable trip which included great weather, but the catch was nowhere near what we expected.

Those who fish, hunt, and gather must be aware of things like air temperature, water temperature, wind direction and velocity, wildlife food sources, times when fish and wildlife are most active, rain and

snow conditions, and understanding the life cycle of plants and animals.

Game animals, especially, have predictable habits which, if known, can help to bring the hunter or photographer up close and personal. Weather conditions have a direct effect on the development and harvest times of plants like wild mushrooms and asparagus.

Fishing, hunting, and gathering food affords a person the opportunity to become an active participant in the natural cycle of life. Mother Nature, however, makes up the rules which we all have to follow.

financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

401(k) Loans: The Last Resort?

As you're well aware, we're living in difficult economic times. Consequently, you may be forced to make some financial moves you wouldn't normally undertake. One such move you might be considering is taking out a loan from your 401(k) plan — but is this a good idea?

Of course, if you really need the money, and you have no alternatives, you may need to consider a 401(k) loan. Some employers allow 401(k) loans only in cases of financial hardship, although the definition of "hardship" can be flexible. But many employers allow these loans for just about any purpose. To learn the borrowing requirements for your particular plan, you'll need to contact your plan administrator.

Generally, you can borrow up to \$50,000, or one-half of your vested plan benefits, whichever is less. You've got up to five years to repay your loan, although the repayment period can be longer if you use the funds to buy a primary residence. And you pay yourself back with interest.

However, even though it's easy to access your 401(k) through a loan, there are some valid reasons for avoiding this move, if at all possible. Here are a few to consider:

- You might reduce your retirement savings. A 401(k) is designed to be a retirement savings vehicle. Your earnings potentially grow on a tax-deferred basis, so your money can accumulate faster than if it were placed in an investment on which you paid taxes every year. But if you take out a 401(k) loan, you're removing valuable resources

from your account — and even though you're paying yourself back, you can never regain the time when your money could have been growing.

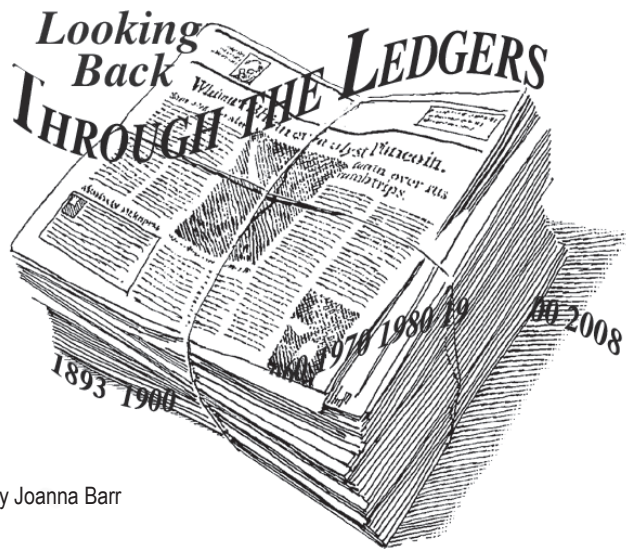
- You might reduce your contributions. Once you start making loan payments, you might feel enough of a financial pinch that you feel forced to reduce the amount you contribute to your 401(k).

- You may create a taxable situation. Failure to pay back loans according to the specified terms can create a taxable distribution and possibly subject the distribution to a 10% penalty.

- You may have to repay the loan quickly. As long as you continue working for the same employer, your repayment terms likely will not change. But if you leave your employment, either voluntarily or not, you'll probably have to repay the loan in full within 60 days — and if you don't, the remaining balance will be taxable. Plus, if you're under age 59 1/2, you'll also have to pay a 10 percent penalty tax.

Considering these drawbacks to taking out a 401(k) loan, you may want to look elsewhere for money when you need it. But the best time to put away this money is well before you need it. Try to build an emergency fund containing at least six to 12 months' worth of living expenses, and keep the money in a liquid vehicle. With this money, you're primarily interested in protecting your principal, not in earning a high return.

A 401(k) is a great retirement savings vehicle. But a 401(k) loan? Not always a good idea. Do what you can to avoid it.



By Joanna Barr

good addresses, from a Republican standpoint, though neither mentioned President Taft. Mr. Musselman claimed credit to the G.O.P. for present and past prosperity and promised a good business administration of state affairs if elected governor. Mr. Mapes claimed to be a progressive and pointed to his record for progressive measures in the legislature to prove it, pledging himself to the same line of notion if elected to congress. His democratic hearers smiled when the speaker described the 'I'll-tickle-you-and-you-tickle-me' features of tariff legislation.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo September 30, 1937

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Five-Year-Old Marriage License is Finally Used — Five years ago Clarence E. Bessert and Hildegard Link took out a marriage license as the climax of an Albion college romance. The depression forced them to postpone their marriage plans.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 27, 1962

The walls of the new high school on Foreman Street are rapidly rising and all the footings and walls to grade have been completed. The grey-tone brick walls are taking shape with the class room wing facing the street. Steel is expected to arrive on the job before many weeks go by and the walls of the gym can be completed. Plumbers and electricians are hurrying to get their underground pipe and conduit ahead of the cement workers who already are pouring the cement floors. Bids are being taken this week Wednesday for fixtures and built-in facilities in the arts and crafts room, industrial arts department, home-making room, the library, auditorium and science rooms.

140 years ago Lowell Weekly Journal September 25, 1872

The Union Fair — Items — To say that the Great Union Fair was a glorious success, is the least that can be truthfully said of it even by its enemies; to call it the greatest triumph ever achieved in Michigan by any similar organization is a fact, which its friends announce with truth and pleasure. Immense crowds were in attendance during each day of the Fair, and the exhibition in all its various departments was complete in the full sense of the word.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger Sept. 26, 1912

A Relic of Lumbering Days — While repairing the roof of the Flogaus house, Cliff Hatch took therefrom a wide shingle bearing on the underside in stenciled letters still bright and fresh the label "King, Quick & King." The old shingle mill on Flat river closed down 27 years ago; and this old shingle, after some thirty years of service, is in perfect condition today, except for wear on the weather side.

The presidential campaign of 1912 has been formally opened in Lowell and Kent county generally and figuratively speaking, things may be expected to get warmer and hotter until the election November 5. Messrs. Musselman and Mapes, candidates for governor and congress on the Republican ticket, assisted by Andy Fyfe, opened the ball Saturday evening, speaking from an automobile to a good street crowd. They had close attention and made

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engagements

Breuker/Gray



Ian Gray and Olivia Breuker

The marriage of Olivia Breuker and Ian Gray will be celebrated on September 14, 2013. The bride-to-be graduated from Lowell High School. She and her parents,

Burt and Nancy Breuker, are of Lowell. The future groom is an East Kentwood High School graduate. He and his parents, Bill and Linda Zvonar, are of Kentwood.

In The Service

Army National Guard Spec. Joshua J. Miller has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill

and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Miller is a 2006 graduate of Saranac High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in 2010 from Grand Valley State University.

happy birthday!

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OCTOBER 1

Sue Zoodsma, Stephanie Foss, Justin Anes, Sara Schuitema, Sandy Nikodemski.

OCTOBER 2

Doris Titcombe, Timothy Hoag.

A century of baby names

With more than 4.87 million individuals bearing the moniker, James is the most popular boys name, and Mary, with 3.62 million, is the most popular name for girls born in the U.S. in the past 100 years.

The Social Security Administration compiled following list showing the 100 most popular given names for boys and girls during the past century, 1912-2011.

These time-tested popular names were taken from a universe that includes 166,148,800 male births and 163,307,183 female births.

Popular names for births in 1912 to 2011 include:

Male	Female
1. James	41. Raymond
2. John	42. Brandon
3. Robert	43. Gregory
4. Michael	44. Samuel
5. William	45. Patrick
6. David	46. Benjamin
7. Richard	47. Jack
8. Joseph	48. Dennis
9. Charles	49. Jerry
10. Thomas	50. Alexander
11. Christopher	51. Douglas
12. Daniel	52. Walter
13. Matthew	53. Tyler
14. Donald	54. Peter
15. Anthony	55. Henry
16. Paul	56. Aaron
17. Mark	57. Jose
18. George	58. Harold
19. Steven	59. Adam
20. Kenneth	60. Zachary
21. Andrew	61. Nathan
22. Edward	62. Carl
23. Brian	63. Arthur
24. Joshua	64. Kyle
25. Kevin	65. Gerald
26. Ronald	66. Lawrence
27. Timothy	67. Albert
28. Jason	68. Roger
29. Jeffrey	69. Keith
30. Gary	70. Joe
31. Ryan	71. Jeremy
32. Eric	72. Terry
33. Nicholas	73. Willie
34. Stephen	74. Sean
35. Jacob	75. Ralph
36. Frank	76. Jesse
37. Larry	77. Billy
38. Jonathan	78. Bruce
39. Scott	79. Roy
40. Justin	80. Austin
	81. Bryan
	82. Christian
	83. Eugene
	84. Louis
	85. Harry
	86. Wayne
	87. Russell
	88. Alan
	89. Jordan
	90. Philip
	91. Randy
	92. Howard
	93. Ethan
	94. Juan
	95. Bobby
	96. Vincent
	97. Johnny
	98. Dylan
	99. Phillip
	100. Craig
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	Katherine
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	Janet
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	Carolyn
	Rachel
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	Evelyn
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	Doris
	Ann
	Jean
	Cheryl
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	Megan
	Kathryn
	Andrea
	Jacqueline
	Gloria
	Teresa
	Janice
	Rose
	Sara
	Julia
	Theresa
	Mildred
	Judy
	Hannah
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	Grace
	Denise
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Rainy Alto Harvest Festival still successful

by Karen Jack

People were checking out vintage cars; kids were laughing; and festival goers were wheeling and dealing with vendors – a typical sight at the Alto Harvest Festival held this past Saturday in Alto. People didn't seem to care that it was chilly and overcast.

The festival usually draws about 5000 people and they were hoping for the same attendance this year, especially once the sun came out, as they hoped to build on last year's success.

Eva and James Carey have been involved with the festival for 15 years. This year, Eva was the chairperson

and of course, James was responsible for the car show, which is in its sixth year as part of the festival.

"Last year, we had 140 cars and we're hoping to at least meet that number this year," said James. But with the weather – cold and rainy – he wasn't sure they would meet that goal. "This festival can be dependent on the weather each year, but the real festival goers come out, rain or shine."

The money raised from the car show usually goes into paying for the following year's festival. But this year, Carey wants to donate some

of the money to Nick Hess, to help offset some medical costs he has due to his Hodgkin's lymphoma. Hess is a longtime Alto resident and Carey believes in giving back.

Building on last year's success, they even upped the awards this year, giving awards to the top 40 cars. They also gave the first 120 entries goodie bags and dash plaques and were giving out door prizes all day to the entrants. "The businesses in Lowell have been very, very kind to us with the sponsorship of the car show," added Carey.



Vendors having fun, selling food.



Antique cars as part of the car show.



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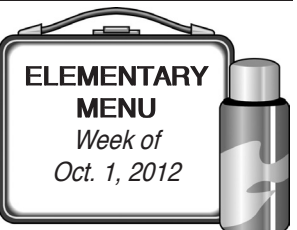
Some of the entertainment included the Caledonia

String Players, The Offsiders and Crisi Dykstra, all on stage at Memorial Park.

For the kids, Rick the Reptile Guy was there with his reptiles. They also had gigantic inflatables for the kids to play in and a kids' craft tent.

For a day that was overcast, the rain held out for the most part, giving the area residents a chance to mill about, talk to old friends and give back to their community.

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ArtPrize, continued

cross the finish line with raised arms.

"I could sense the spirit, determination and drive they take to complete a triathlon," Wood said. "It may not be with the intensity or devotion of an Olympian athlete, but it was inspiring."

But the pieces are also a tribute and recognition to the friends, co-workers and to all who participate in triathlon events either competitively or for fun.

"I created these paintings to savor the human spirit of pushing oneself toward a goal," he said. "Be it an athletic event or ArtPrize."

Wood has thoroughly enjoyed the ArtPrize experience, taking it all in, both as an artist and a spectator.

"It's a good experience," he said. "It's fun to look at other people's work and to get inspired."

He also loves the transformation of the city into an arts' showcase on every corner of the street, from fine art to sidewalk kitsch.

"The energy ArtPrize brings to the streets of downtown is fantastic; people are walking and talking," said Wood. "I have found myself talking with people from regional corners of West Michigan and with people from around the country and the world about the entries."

And everyone seems to have a favorite, according to Wood.

Wood's favorite is Fraser Smith's piece of carved wood that looks like a quilt located at the Women's City Club.

From the first years' event, the entire family has enjoyed the scale of art. Friends from Southeast and Northern

Michigan now connect with Wood during ArtPrize, so does the family. Wood's sister came in for the show all the way from Seattle last year.

"We schedule time with them on the various ArtPrize weekends, spending the majority of our day and evenings together taking it all in," Wood said. "The city has a vibe during this time and invigorates the visual senses."

Wood has a scheduled reception at Gardella's on Ionia Street this Wednesday.

"Come in and vote for me," he said. "I have fun with this just like with everything else I do."

For Jan Johnson, longtime Lowell artist, this year was the first time she entered the competition.

And from the very beginning it was pure fun.

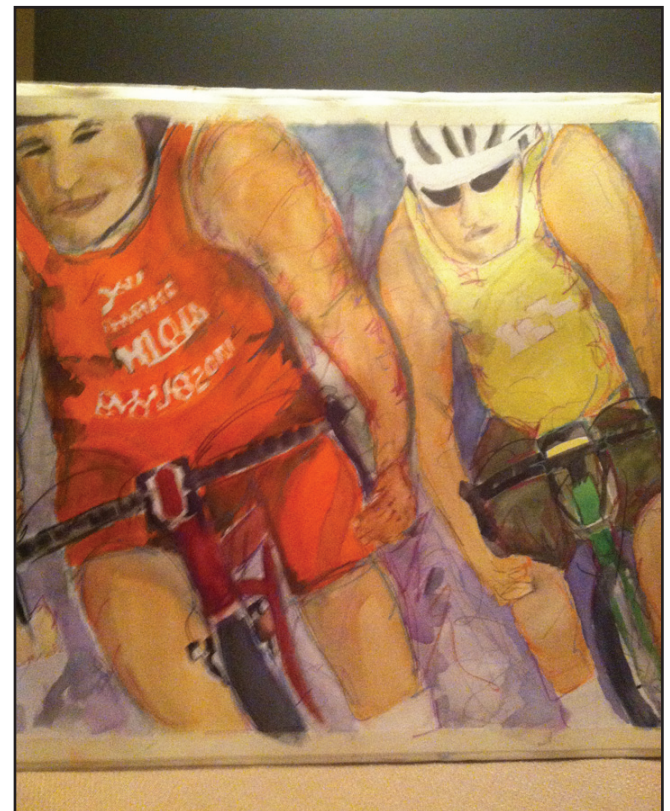
When Johnson found out that her friend Pat Nasser entered this year, she knew it was time to enter.

"If she can do that, I better too," said Johnson.

Last year, during ArtPrize, Johnson displayed her painting in a store window of David Barney's men's clothing store. But the store didn't qualify as an art venue because it's not open in the evening. The painting was created especially for the ArtPrize in 2011.

So, this year Johnson paid the \$50 entry fee, filled out a form and set out to find a venue that would accept her work. Johnson approached 20 venues and never heard back. She sent back requests and finally heard from the manager of Sundance Grill on Pearl Street.

"I don't have room for it if it's in feet, but if it is in inches, I can find a place for it," said the manager.



Gerard Wood's "Triathlon" at Gardella's on Ionia Street.

They drafted an agreement and Johnson landed a venue for her "What does Rob Bliss have for us Today" acrylic on canvas painting.

She also attended the fancy artist reception at the BOB two weeks ago.

"The place was mobbed," she said. "We took the whole fourth floor."

There were 904 people attending the reception with hors d'oeuvres. Johnson met other artists she knew, like Lynn Anderson and sculptors from South Africa and Detroit.

"I enjoyed meeting people," she said. "I handed out a lot of cards."

Johnson said she probably won't get too many votes.

"If I get 40 votes... but I enjoy being a part of it," she said. "I had a big kick out of all of it. Maybe somebody will want to buy the painting."



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Bob Perry Stadium gets new scoreboard

by Karen Jack

According to Lowell athletic director Barry Hobrla, the scoreboard at the football field was having some problems last year. In talking with the manufacturer, he learned that the drivers for the scoreboard are no longer being made and the incandescent light bulbs were being phased out.

So, rather than repair the 20-year-old scoreboard, for the short term, it was decided to look at replacing the board with new technology and one that would run more efficiently.

Hobrla gathered the information needed to make the decision as to whether to purchase a new sign or stay with the old one. He shared that information with Greg Pratt and John Sielinski, chief financial officer and together, they made the decision to also look at new scoreboards that

also have a video board that could display messages and videos, believing it would also generate some income through advertising.

With the video aspect included, the scoreboard costs approximately \$77,000. Hobrla approached Blair Cahoon, of Keiser's Kitchen, about the possibility of using the money, generated through several "tee it up for turf" golf outings, towards the purchase, as the seed money needed to get other funds. Cahoon agreed to redirect approximately \$30,000.

Greg Pratt, superintendent of Lowell Schools, asked the Lowell Area Community Fund for a grant to cover a portion of the cost as well. The community fund agreed to support the purchase, with a \$40,000 grant, as they already had the commitment from Cahoon.

According to Hobrla, the rest of the money will come

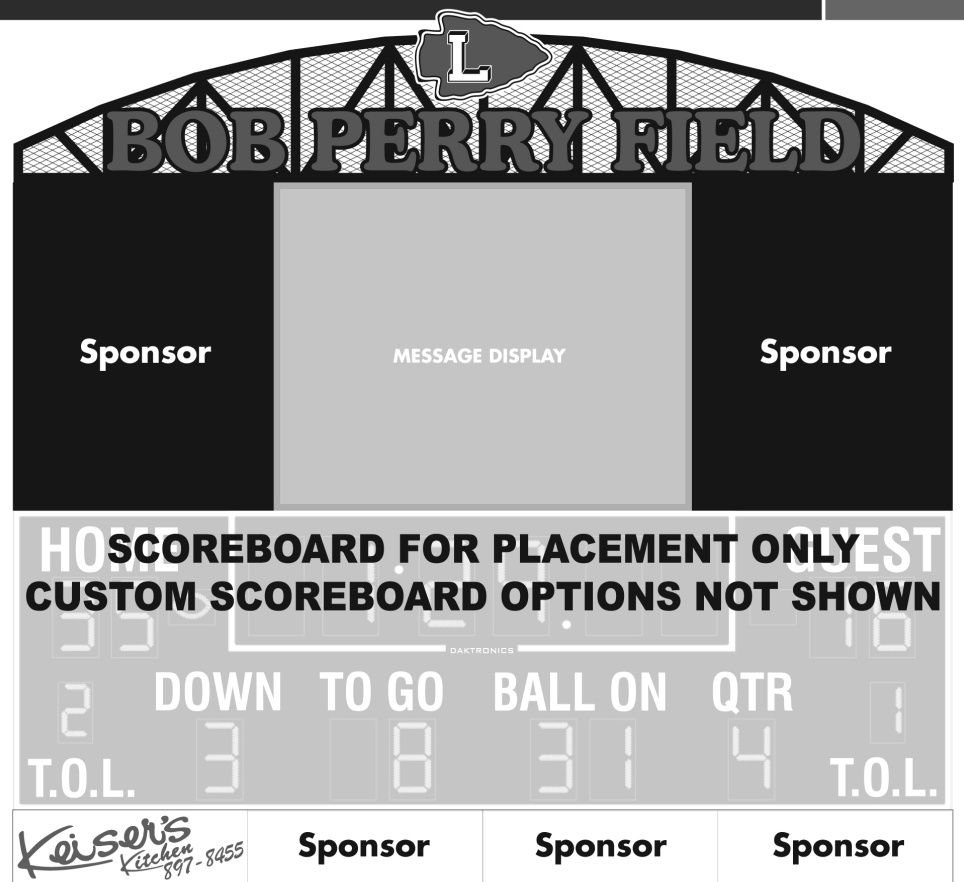
from advertising money generated by the sign itself. The cost of the installation, which is approximately another \$30,000, will also be covered through advertisements. Hobrla has been working on securing some anchor and founding sponsors to cover a significant amount of the installation, but to date, nothing has been firmly secured, although some interest has been received.

Until that money is raised, the school district is absorbing the costs. Once those funds are raised, future advertisement dollars will go to an annual fund, which will be used to cover the cost of replacement items needed in athletics, such as track equipment and wrestling mats, which are not typically in the athletic budget.

The new sign will be installed today.

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Lowell grad earns full football scholarship to State

by Karen Jack

A graduate of Lowell and an all-star of many sorts, Connor Kruse was awarded a full-ride scholarship from Michigan State this past week. Kruse, a 2010 graduate, was a three-year starter for coach Noel Dean and played on the 2009 state championship team.

He originally signed with Michigan State as a preferred walk-on. Preferred

walk-ons are players who are recruited, but don't receive scholarships. The preferred walk-on hopes for a scholarship as others leave the program – either through academic issues, playing time issues, injury or other issues.

But Kruse was red-shirted his freshman year, which means he couldn't play at all in any of the games. He

worked out with the team and practiced, but couldn't play. During one of those practices, just before the Capital One Bowl game, Kruse tore his ACL, MCL and a little bit of his meniscus. He had surgery in January 2011, but wasn't given the go-ahead to play again until August of 2011. That put him behind his teammates,

so he had to work his way back into playing.

Then on Tuesday of last week, a scholarship opened up and it was offered to Kruse.

He is currently the starting guard for special teams and is the second-string right guard on the offense for Michigan State.

"His dad and I and our

entire family are so proud of him, because we know how hard he worked to earn that full-ride scholarship," said Sue Kruse, his mother. "I know he also greatly appreciates how much the Lowell community has supported him and wished him well."

In his days as a Red Arrow, Kruse was two-time all-

state, two-time member of the Grand Rapids Press All-Area Dream Team, named to The Detroit News and Detroit Free Press Dream Teams in 2009, two-time all-conference. He was also a two-time all-state wrestler, finishing second in the 285 lb. weight class in the 2010 individual all-state wrestling championships.

Red Arrow SPORTS

Tennis team continues to tough it out

by Karen Jack

The Red Arrow tennis team keeps trying to get those elusive wins, but had another tough week. They did reach a milestone in their match against East Grand Rapids, in that, the flight one, doubles team of Micah Babcock and Tony Hanson,

beat their opponents. This is the first victory ever, in flight one doubles, over East Grand Rapids.

Last Monday, they lost to Forest Hills Central 7-1. Zach Fotis, Lowell's singles flight four player, beat Chris Yasenchak, in three sets, 4-6,

6-1, 7-6(3). That was the only win the Arrows got for the day. Dan Cowden, singles flight two, gave his opponent a run for his money, making that match go three sets, but couldn't quite pull it off.

On Thursday, the Arrows fell to East Grand Rapids

with a final score of 7-1, as well. The flight one doubles team of Babcock and Hansen defeated Parker Chuba and Teddy Ehmann, 7-6(3), 7-5, for the Arrows only win. Again, Cowden went three

sets with his opponent, losing 4-6, 7(6)-6, and 2-6. The doubles team of Derek Bitterman and Luke Kloosterman also went three sets against their opponent, losing 0-6, 6-3, 3-6.

The invitational scheduled for this past weekend at South Christian was cancelled, due to weather. The Arrows play again on Wednesday, Sept. 26 in Caledonia at 4:15 pm.

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Red Arrow SPORTS

Cross country teams host invitational

by Karen Jack

Both the girls' and boys' cross country teams were the hosts for the Lowell Invitational on Saturday. They hosted teams from City-Crystal, Covenant Christian, Evert, Maple Valley, Saranac, Zeeland



Jess Graves leads the Lowell pack.

East, and NorthPointe Christian.

As a team, the girls placed fifth and the boys placed ninth. Leading the pack for Lowell girls' was Jess Graves, a junior. She placed fifth overall, out of a field of about 60 runners. She's been running long distances since middle school and her best time is 19:59. She ran a 20:52 on Saturday, with the hills and toughness of the course. "It was a really tough course this weekend, but the whole team did really well. Our coaches, Sarah Ellis and Kelly Gibbons, did an amazing job preparing us for this race," said Graves. She trains each day, except Sunday, running three to eight miles. She continues to run throughout the rest of the year, but not as intensely as she does during cross country and track seasons. Her best finish, thus far, was first at the Comstock Park Invitational.

Zac Diamond, a

sophomore, also led the pack for the Lowell team, individually. He placed in the top ten, with a time of 18:30 for the 3.1 miles. His best time is 17:39, but his goal is to break 17:25. Lowell's course is very hilly, so times for all the runners are much

slower than what a flat course would be. Diamond has been consistent all year and usually finishes in the top ten of the field.

The next cross country meet is the Carson City Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 29 at 9:00 am.



Zac Diamond comes in for the finish.

Girls' volleyball triumphs over Caledonia

by Karen Jack

This past Thursday was a great night for the volleyball team. They beat Caledonia 3-2 in a conference match.

In the first game, the team looked good and proved it by the final score of 25-18. They dropped the second game to Caledonia, 25-21, but made a great final run, at one point being down 21-12. A great shot during this

game was made by Bethany Kaczanowski, when she faked a set and put it over the net, instead.

The Arrows won the third game 25-21 and led the whole game, except early on in the game at the 9-10 mark. Kortney Beachler served the last point for the win.

Losing the next game, 25-19, put the pressure on for

the fifth and final game. The Arrows pulled it out with a score of 15-9, wrapping up the match.

Leaders for the match included Abby Petroelje with 24 kills, Beachler with 22 digs and three aces;

Aubreigh Steed had four blocks and Kaczanowski had 38 assists.

The Arrows play again on Wednesday, Sept. 26 at Grand Rapids Christian. Start time is 7:15 pm.



The boys' team starting their run.



Katelyn Kaczanowski blocks the ball.



Kolby Kloosterman spikes the ball.

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Jack "Aaron" Swick, age 26 of Alto-Lowell, tragically passed away in a motorcycle accident Tuesday, September 18, 2012. He is survived by the love of his life Teresa Sturgeon; children, Jack Austin, Blake Aaron, Mariana Kae; parents, Betsy (George) VanderLaan of Alto, Don (Kathy) Swick of Grant; sister, Rose (Nathan) Schlappi; brother, Abe (Alli Wosinski) VanderLaan; grandparents, Jack and Bev Smith, Caroline DuBois; father and mother-in-law, Victor and Karen Sturgeon; sisters-in-law, Brittney (Josh), Amber, Sammy; brother-in-law, Takoda; nieces, Elaina, Emily, Lizzy; nephews, Ethan, Ean; also many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Funeral service was held Saturday September 22 at Alto United Methodist Church, 11365 - 64th Street S.E., Alto. Officiated by Pastor Dean Bailey. Interment Bowne Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Jack Swick Children's Fund at any Huntington Bank.



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SUMMONS AND
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CASE NO. 12-05174-DO

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Plaintiff's name(s),
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Community cafes, survey seek input for Lowell's future

by Emma Palova

A survey and a series of community meetings will gather input from the area residents about their vision for the future of the greater Lowell area.

The Community Vision Cafes will be held at the Lowell High School on Oct. 10th, 23rd and 25th, starting with a meal at 6 pm followed by sessions.

"The easiest and the most fun will be the community cafes," said chamber director Liz Baker. "You can join your neighbors to share a meal and your thoughts."

It is the hope of the organizers that area residents will be able to attend at least one of the café sessions and fill out a survey.

"Everyone is invited," Baker said.

There will be childcare

for children up to 10 years of age. Older kids are encouraged to participate in the conversations.

The free event is sponsored by the Lowell Area Community Fund.

The main purpose of the cafes is to gather information as part of a community vision project to identify key elements that will be included in a greater Lowell Community Vision.

In addition to the popular voice, the visioning committee, comprised of representatives from the city of Lowell, Lowell Area Schools, the chamber, Lowell and Vergennes Township, is talking with the elected officials and meeting with leaders in the non-profit community.

"We are soliciting ideas at

many Lowell area activities as well," said Baker.

The survey available at www.greaterlowellvision.org/survey focuses on the city of Lowell and the townships of Lowell, Vergennes, Grattan, Cannon, Ada, Cascade, Bowne, Campbell, Boston, and Keene.

It doesn't take more than 10 minutes to complete the survey, according to Baker.

For example, one of the questions in the survey explores the ideal greater Lowell community now and in 50 years.

The description of an ideal community in the survey should include good neighborhoods, a vibrant and exciting downtown, healthy streams and rivers, open land, strong farms, reliable utility services,

new families moving in, places for children to play, affordable housing, quality services for the elderly, effective zoning and land use controls, world class schools, numerous well paid jobs and business opportunities, variety of shops, safe and wholesome activities for youth, easy access to natural areas, community support for healthy lifestyles, great entertainment options, and fast and efficient travel to nearby communities.

Mayor Jim Hodges, who participated in the committee visioning session on Sept. 26, encouraged residents to attend at least one community café.

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THE COURT FINDS:

1. Service of process upon the defendant, Russel J. Peacock, cannot reasonably be made as provided in and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

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Red Arrow SPORTS

Arrow football wins conference opener against Jenison

by Karen Jack

Coming back a week after a tough loss to Muskegon, the Red Arrows steamrolled Jenison, beating them by a score of 43-7, in their OK White conference opener.

Lowell won the toss and elected to defer to the second half, so the Wildcats were the first to touch the ball. They went three and out. On Lowell's first possession, Titan Anderson rushed for 41 yards in a

total of six plays to score the first touchdown of the game. Austin Bieri kicked the extra point. Jenison couldn't get a first down in their next four possessions of the quarter. In Lowell's second possession, they scored from a 28-yard rush from Kanon Dean and then a 19-yard rush from Dean. Bieri's extra point was good, making the score 14-0. Lowell had to punt on their

next possession and then went for a field goal on their fourth possession, which was no good. On Jenison's last possession of the quarter, the Lowell defense had them backed up to their own 10-yard line and Jenison ended up getting a safety to add another two points to Lowell's total.

In the second quarter, the only score was the result of a Jenison fumble, recovered by Lowell's Pierce Watson, who ran it 40 yards for the touchdown. Bieri's kick was good, changing the score to 23-0.

Lowell's second possession of the third quarter netted another touchdown, thanks to Anderson's rushing for ten yards, in three plays, for a first down. He then had a break out run for 84 yards to score the touchdown. Jenison's only score of the game was a 36-yard touchdown pass and the extra point in the quarter. Lowell's next possession was the result of rushes from both Anderson and Dean and then a 24-yard touchdown pass to Cody Bieri. Lowell missed the extra point, making the score 36-7.

The final score of the game came in the fourth quarter, thanks to a 92-yard run by Taylor Kornoely. With the extra point being good, the final score of the game was 43-7.

Lowell's defense held Jenison to no first downs in the game, except for the first down as a result of a Lowell penalty. They also held them to minus eight rushing and only 49 yards passing. Leading the tackles for the game were Zach Huver, Reed Stormzand, Shannon Massey, Watson, and Ryan Schaefer – all with

four. Leading rushers were Anderson, with 154 yards, Kornoely with 105 and Dean with 93 yards. Ben Bigham

had 24 yards as the back-up quarterback in the fourth quarter.

The Red Arrows face

Forest Hills Central on Friday at Bob Perry Stadium for the annual homecoming game. Kickoff is at 7:30 pm.



Ben Bigham runs with the ball as Andrew Metternick blocks for him.



Titan Anderson crosses the goal line.

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Community cafes, continued

"You can attend one or you can attend them all," said Hodges.

Consultant Jay Kilpatrick of Williams & Works said he will be working with the visioning committee to begin to outline approaches and policies that would eventually achieve the community goals, after the cafes are completed.

"Our goal is to get our finger on the pulse of the community," he said.

The survey, according to Kilpatrick, is very broad, and it will provide a snapshot of what people think.

"We'll pull the common elements together," he said.

Overall, the visioning sessions and the survey are on a fast track with a study slated for completion in early 2013.

In November, there will be a meeting with the steering committee and stakeholders to outline implementation.

An executive summary and discussion may lead to policies if the community wishes to switch gears.

"Not many communities are taking an elevated look to prepare for future challenges," said Kilpatrick. "It is very rare to get this many groups all together. We will be helping move it forward."

Kilpatrick is looking to have a succinct statement

of what is the vision for the community.

"That's what we want to see," he said. "You begin with an end. We don't have a sense how ambitious it will be."

And the study will have to be revisited periodically.

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6. British rule over India prior to 1947
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13. Grooves in rocks, e.g.
14. Flightless bird
15. Mr. in Mexico
16. Arm-__-__
17. __ Kempner, famous socialite
18. Speak one's mind
19. From times long ago
21. *"Anna Karenina"* author
23. __ date
24. C&H crop
25. Pacquiao move, e.g.
28. a.k.a. "The Biggest Little City in the World"
30. Preserve, as in body
35. Inspired by feeling of reverence
37. R in RPM, pl.
39. Titled peer of the realm
40. First __ on a ship
41. **Romantic* novelist
43. **Oscar Wilde's* character Dorian __
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46. **Betty Smith's* grew in Brooklyn
47. Equal
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SEPTEMBER 19 - SEPTEMBER 25

- Bill Nye, aka, "The Science Guy" is condemning efforts by some Christian groups to cast doubts on evolution and lawmakers who want to bring the Bible into science classrooms. Christians who view the stories of the Old Testament as historical fact - creationists - argue that the world was created by God just a few thousand years ago. "The Earth is not 6,000 or 10,000 years old," Nye said citing scientists' estimates that it is about 4.5 billion years old. And if that conflicts with your beliefs, I strongly feel you should question your beliefs."
- Apple sold over 5 million of their new iPhone 5 smartphones in the three days since it hit stores.
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61. **Rabbit's* chronicler
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65. Transgression
67. Napoleon's time on Elba, e.g.
69. Ralph in Paris
70. And so forth

71. Follows wash
72. They march one-by-one
73. Likewise
74. Passover meal

DOWN

1. Tire measurement
2. Volcano in Sicily
3. Crossdresser's garb

4. Ran or appeared
5. **Prolific* Western fiction writer
6. Tear violently
7. Medical group
8. Military-led government
9. To liven, as in "it ____ him up"
10. Used for measurement
11. Kissing disease?
12. **Michael Crichton's* novel about nano-robotic threat to mankind
15. In earnest
20. Sneers
22. The top seed
24. The corrupt often do this
25. ***"The Turn of the Screw"* author
26. Inundated
27. Davis or Midler, e.g.
29. As opposed to gross
31. Peat wetlands
32. Biblical Abraham's original name
33. Camel's cousin
34. **The Twilight Saga* author
36. It freezes in headlights?
38. "As ____ on TV"
42. Reduce pressure
45. Communication that encodes a message
49. __ Rida, rapper
51. Superior commands
54. Early stages, as in sickness
56. Female water-elf
57. ***"Pretty Little Liars"* author, __ Shepard
58. Islamic Republic of ____
59. Debatable point
60. Plural of #14 Across
61. Beyond what is natural
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