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Voters will face crowded ballot, may need online sample ballot before going to polls

by Emma Palova

Voters this year will be facing a crowded ballot in the Nov. 6 general election to a point where they may need an online ballot guide

to study before they get to the polls.

There are six ballot proposals, including a referendum petition for

emergency financial manager, a proposed constitutional amendment to create a new right to collective bargaining, and

a proposed constitutional amendment to require utilities to obtain at least 25 percent of their electricity from clean renewable sources.

Department of Public Works with International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. The negotiations have been in the works since January.

"I don't like anything that messes with our constitution," said Lowell city clerk Betty Morlock.

The Lowell City Council recently voted for a resolution opposing the 25 percent renewable energy constitution amendment, known as ballot proposal three.

And even though Lowell appears to be on the cutting edge of producing renewable energy with a German-made bio-digester for the Lowell Light & Power (LLP) utility, both the council and the board have publicly opposed the proposal.

The main reason for opposing the renewable energy proposal was taking away control from local governing bodies.

The city is also in the process of union negotiations for LLP and

The other proposals are:

Citizens for affordable quality home care that would establish the Michigan Quality Home Council. The council would require training of providers and provide limited collective bargaining rights.

The proposed Michigan Alliance for Prosperity would prohibit the imposition of new or additional taxes unless approved by a two third majority of legislature.

Last but not least, is a proposed constitutional amendment to require a vote of the people before the State of Michigan can construct or finance new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles.

To sift through all this, the Secretary of State Michigan

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Recycling for the creative soul – an altered books workshop

submitted by Lynda Austin

Participants can create one-of-a-kind books that can be used as garden journals, personal diaries, a place to record thoughts and dreams, bird observation books or as memory keepers, in a two-session program to be held

at the Englehardt branch library on consecutive Saturdays, November 3 and 10 at 11 am.

According to mixed media artist Meredyth Parrish, instructor of the program, altering books is not a new technique. "Altering books can be traced to early monks who bleached books so they could reuse them to copy scripture," said Parrish. "Now altered artists use discarded books to create new pieces of art using inks, paint, sandpaper, old trinkets, jewelry - basically anything that will add texture to create another dimension to the piece."

Parrish's work has been featured in magazines,

newspapers and online. The program will be conducted over consecutive Saturdays in the hopes that participants will make two altered books – one to keep for themselves and one to donate to the Friends of the Englehardt Library, so the Friends can sell it during Christmas Through Lowell at Ella's Coffee and Cuisine. The Friends' group traditionally sells themed book baskets. According to Friends' president Joy Smith, selling one-of-a-kind altered books is a great expansion of their product offerings. "All our sale profits go to support programming at the Englehardt library," said Smith.



Meredyth Parrish

A fun, fall Girls' Night Out in Lowell

by Karen Jacks

Main Street was filled with shoppers on Girls' Night Out last Thursday.

Merchants claimed there were probably twice as many shoppers than the last one, despite the drizzling on and off rain. The theme this year was "big hair" and some of the shoppers went all out.

Several merchants jumped into the theme and had hair reminiscent of the 60s or 70s with beehives and ratted bouffants.

This year also brought a lot of firsts from our young shoppers. The youngest was a little girl no more than a year old. She was smiling and laughing while being mesmerized by the crowds and lights. Many stores offered beverages and cookies and the toddler was delighted to sample the snacks, as were the rest of the ladies that were shopping.

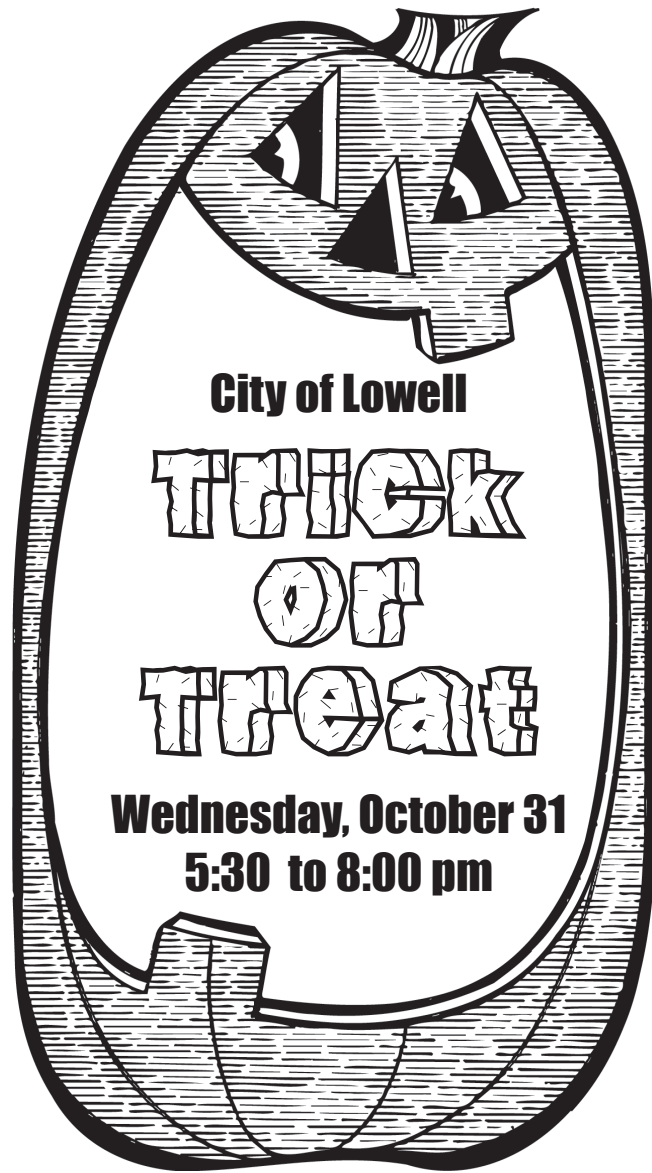
Hollie Jordan, owner of Pep Talk, said she was pleased with the outcome this year. Her store was

bustling with laughter, as women came through with their friends, families and coworkers. "It's always nice to see all the women come in and see what we have in here. Girls' Night Out is a great event that helps the women of our community see what all the merchants in Lowell have to offer. It's a win-win for everyone involved."





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COAT DRIVE FOR THE VETS

Curtis Cleaners and the VFW are collecting new and used coats for both men and women living at the Veterans Home in Grand Rapids. The coat drive will run through Nov. 31. There are about 60 women living at the Veterans Home. Curtis Cleaners and Laundry at 1410 W. Main in Lowell has graciously offered to be a drop-off point for coat donations.

COMMUNITY VISION CAFÉ

A Community Vision Café will be held Oct. 25 at the Lowell High School freshman cafeteria. Light dinner at 6 pm, meeting starts at 6:30 pm. Free dinner and childcare provided. For more information call the Lowell chamber office at 897-9161.

LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL DISTRICT GAMES

The first round of football districts will be held at Lowell High School on Fri., Oct. 26 at 7 pm, vs. Northview. Tickets are \$5 for everyone from kindergarten on up – no passes are accepted at the tournament games. The ticket booth and the gates will open at 5:30 pm. We will also be selling tickets at the high school main office during the day on Friday, from 7:30 am to 3 pm.

FERAL CAT EDUCATION

On Sat., Nov. 3 from 10 am to 12 pm, come learn about community cats and how to control feline overpopulation, at the Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience & Environmental Education Center, 11715 Vergennes. The purpose of this event is to inform and educate caring individuals about feral and stray cats and how to help and manage them in communities. For additional information e-mail: feralcateducation@gmail.com

SLEIGH BELLS & HOLLY: A GALLERY OF FINE ART AND GIFTS

LowellArts! King Gallery will open the doors Nov. 8 thru Dec. 22 for its annual Sleigh Bells & Holly: A Gallery of Fine Art and Gifts, a holiday market featuring over 40 area fine artisans. Reception to meet the artists will be held Thursday, Nov. 9 from 6 - 8 pm at the gallery, hours are Tuesday - Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm.

CALL FOR ACTORS

The Thebes Players and LowellArts! announce a call for actors for Joseph Robinette's dramatization of *Charlotte's Web*, based on the beloved children's book written by E.B. White. Auditions will be held at Engelhardt Library, 200 N. Monroe on Thurs., Nov. 8 and Tues., Nov. 13, beginning at 6:30 pm. Casting will include a dozen youth and adult actors, ages 10 and older plus several extras. The play will be presented on stage at several Lowell area elementary schools in early February 2013. For a sample script, stop by LowellArts!, 149 S. Hudson, during regular business hours, Tues. through Fri., 10 am – 6 pm. For more information, visit www.lowellartsmi.org, call 897-8545 or e-mail info@lowellartsmi.org

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A Survey From Your Hometown Newspapers

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is currently gathering input from the community about the vision for the Lowell area using a survey and upcoming Community Cafes. Our survey does not replace the chamber's survey, but we'd like to hear from our readers and get more information regarding the thoughts and feelings of the community.

Please take a few minutes to answer these questions, and drop off the survey at the Lowell Buyers Guide/Lowell Ledger offices located next to the post office at 105 N. Broadway.

You may also e-mail your responses to displayads@lowellbuyersguide.com Please respond by October 31.

If you need more room, feel free to write more. The results will be published in the Lowell Ledger and shared with the chamber.

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- 3 WHAT SERVICES DO YOU GO OUT OF TOWN FOR THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE HERE ?**
- 4 WHAT QUALITIES DOES LOWELL HAVE THAT YOU THINK SHOULD BE PROMOTED OR DEVELOPED FURTHER ?**

Former Lowell resident on winning senior master's team

Las Vegas was the site for the 2012 Senior Grand Masters Softball World Championships, Oct. 1-5. Four hundred and fifty-six teams from around the world competed in various age brackets. Each team played two games a day in temperatures of 100 degrees.

Former Lowell Red Arrow star Bill Potter and his Florida Center for Sight team won their third consecutive world championship by defeating the Arizona

Prospectors 22-20 in the final game. There were 11 teams in the 80-year-old bracket in the double elimination tournament. Potter was the hitting sensation for Cris Burch's Red Arrows in the 1949 and 1950 championship years. He later signed a pro contract with the Milwaukee Braves.

Potter had another outstanding hitting performance going 18 for 27, including four home runs, five doubles and 145

RBI's. He earned another all tournament selection, a championship shirt and a world championship ring. He was presented the championship ball from his teammates. He is retiring from the tournament trail but will continue to play winter ball in Clearwater, FL.

He has three national championships, three world titles and four tournament of championships to his resume.



Bill Potter hits a homer during the championship game.

college news

Central Michigan University has announced the graduation list for August 2012. The following are local graduates and their degrees:

Ada: Frank Heeringa, Bachelor of Science; Timothy LaValley, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; Katie

Potts, Master of Science; Keith Schwartz, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Alto: Sarah Fritz, Bachelor of Science; Zandalow Hilton, Bachelor of Science.

Lowell: Laura Walsh, Bachelor of Social Work.



fire safety 411

by Captain Roger Reed

When the ghouls' and goblins come out and the bewitching hour is at hand, the following safety tips are sure to make Halloween a safe and fun time.

When it comes to choosing a costume, stay away from billowing or long trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so they can see out. Provide your child with flashlights to carry for lighting or incorporate glow sticks as part of their costume.

A parent or responsible sibling should always accompany the smallest trick-or-treaters. Keep dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper and other decorations well away from open flames and heat sources, such as light bulbs and heaters. These are highly flammable materials and are reported to be the first items ignited in over

1,000 home fires each year. It is safest to use a flashlight or battery-operated candle in jack-o-lanterns. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution.

Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace style matches or a utility lighter.

Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, porches and walkways.

Remember to keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes. Tell children to stay away from open flames. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice, stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands and rolling

over and over to put the flames out.)

Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torch lights when decorating walkways and yards. They are much safer for trick-or-treaters, whose costumes may brush against the lighting. If your children are going to Halloween parties at others' homes,

have them look for ways out of the home and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

Don't let children open or eat any of their treats until you have a chance to check them out.

Safety first will make Halloween fun for everyone.

Kent Career Technical Center Student of the Month

Lowell High School has announced that Liam Kelley, 11th grade, has been named October 2012 Student of the Month at Kent Career Technical Center in the graphic design program.



Liam Kelley

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financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

Explore new opportunities during open enrollment

If you work for a medium-size or large organization, you may well be entering that time of year known as Open Enrollment. While it may not be as dramatic as the "other" election that's arriving in a few weeks, Open Enrollment will provide you with some choices that can have a big impact on your life.

Depending on how your organization administers its benefits program, you may be able to make changes to several important areas during open enrollment. Here are three of them:

- **Life insurance** — If your employer offers free or inexpensive life insurance, you should almost certainly accept it. But if your situation has changed since you first received life insurance as an employee benefit — that is, if you've gotten married or had children or bought a house — you may well need to supplement your employer's policy with outside insurance. Also, make sure the beneficiary designations on your employer's policy are still correct.

- **Disability insurance** — Almost everyone recognizes the need for life insurance. But that's not necessarily the case

with disability insurance — which is unfortunate, because a worker's chance of becoming disabled is 2 to 3.5 times greater than dying, according to A.M. Best, the credit-rating company. If your employer offers disability coverage, you should probably take it — but, as is the case with life insurance, you may need to supplement your employer-sponsored plan with a policy of your own. To determine how much protection you need, add up your monthly living expenses and then compare the total to your current disability insurance coverage. You may well discover a "gap" that should be filled.

- **401(k) plan** — If you can make changes to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan (such as a 403(b) plan for nonprofits or a 457(b) for state and local governments), you'll want to consider two key areas: your contribution amount and your investment mix. As a general rule, it's a good idea to contribute as much as you can afford to your retirement plan because your money can grow on a tax-deferred basis. So, if you can afford it, or if you're anticipating a salary increase for next year,

consider bumping up your retirement plan contribution. As for your retirement plan's investment portfolio, take a close look at it. Does it still reflect your risk tolerance and time horizon? These two factors will change over the years, so you'll want to make sure your investment mix keeps pace. Also, is your account properly diversified, or have you tended to concentrate your dollars in just one or two types of investments? While diversification cannot guarantee a profit or protect against a loss, it can help you reduce the impact of volatility on your holdings.

You should have several weeks in which to study your benefit plan options, so take the time you need to make the right choices. You may also want to consult with a professional financial advisor — someone who can help you determine your life insurance and disability protection needs as well as review your retirement plan's investment mix to ensure it's still appropriate.

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football through the years

To The Editor,

It has been that time of the year, time for football. Football has taken baseball's place as America's favorite sport.

Here in America, we love National League football and we worship college football. That being said, the bottom line is our love for hometown teams, our high school teams. For Lowell, it is the Red Arrows.

And it was the beginning for a little boy, seven-years-old, that asked his mom to let him go to a Red Arrow football game in 1998. Sam's

brother Michael was on that team, so his mom called coach Dean and asked him if her son Sam could meet the high school football team. The coach said yes.

On that day, Sam stood by the memorial rock and as the team members passed by, each member of the team slapped Sam's hand. That moment has lived in Sam's heart to this day and he has not missed a Red Arrow game since.

Sam's parents, along with some of Sam's friends, have helped to see that Sam has not missed a Red

Arrow game, home or away. Sam's parents are Frank and Mary Long. Mrs. Long is a librarian here in Lowell and Mr. Long works at Steelcase in Grand Rapids.

How many games has Sam Long attended, without a miss? Hold your hat. Sam is 22-years-old now and has been with the Red Arrows for a total of one hundred and seventy-four games.

Sam may be the Red Arrows' super fan. If not, he is right up there with the best of them. Our hats are off to you, Sam.

Richard Vorase
Note: Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Long for their help with this information.

outdoors

Michigan deer camp

Dave Stegehuis

Deer hunting is sewn into the cultural fabric of the State of Michigan. The whitetail deer is officially our state animal. Each year as many as three quarters of a million hunters take to the woods in pursuit of roughly one and a half million whitetail deer. Many of these hunters will spend days or even the entire season at deer camp — a long standing Michigan tradition.

Although the accommodations and location may vary, the experience of deer camp

has not changed since the turn of the 19th century. Anticipation, excitement, and fellowship lure legions of hunters to the deer woods by opening day.

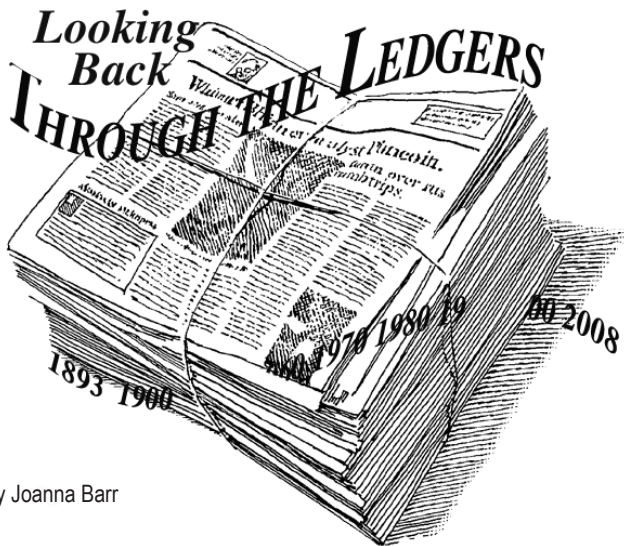
Deer camp can be an army surplus wall tent, an R.V, a rustic cabin in the woods, someone's house, or a pole barn. Over a century ago, abandoned logging camps were turned into deer camps after the old growth forests were cleared and the new growth provided excellent habitat for a deer herd recovering from unregulated hunting and marginal habitat. Other camps are set up each season on public land. Some camps are cabins on land which may have been purchased recently or passed down through several generations.

Deer camp provides a place for families and friends to gather and enjoy the great outdoors, renew

old relationships, strengthen current ones, and develop new friendships. Talk around the campfire usually revolves around debates about which is the best firearm and caliber for deer, speculation on the behavior of old crafty bucks, and an endless stream of often re-told stories about hunts from seasons past. Memories made there will last a lifetime.

Deer camp erases the cultural lines between young and old, rich and poor, and more recently male and female. Ladies and a large number of young women are filling the ranks of the hunting fraternity. All must play by the same rules because Mother Nature shows no favoritism.

In a world which would be unrecognizable to my grandfather, the need to connect with nature and seek fellowship with friends and family in the great outdoors is as strong today as it was in his time. Thankfully, some things never change.



By Joanna Barr

has, at last shot one great horned owl and trapped another. The two owls had taken their toll of Foreman's prize chickens during the past two years, but just recently had been more active than usual, killing 25 large Plymouth Rocks and about a dozen pheasants. Recently, a short time after the depredations of the two owls had begun in earnest, one of them was shot. Then the other owl tried to make up for both until eventually was captured.

Several cases of the jitters [were felt] on the main drag when the stock market took a tumble a few days ago, which reminds us that "when the devil is sick, the devil a saint would be, but when the devil is well, the Devil a saint is he."

The park benches were removed from Main-st. this week and stored away for winter after serving their useful purpose during the summer months. Of course, the near approach of Hallowe'en had a good deal to do with their removal just at this time.

140 years ago

Lowell Weekly Journal

October 30, 1872

We are informed that on Wednesday last, a fire broke out in a building near Pratt's Lake, in which was stored the machinery of Fletcher Bros. who were soon to commence the manufacture of agricultural implements and that the building and all its contents were destroyed. Loss, about \$850 with no insurance. Fire supposed to have originated through the carelessness of children playing about the house.

100 years ago

The Lowell Ledger

October 24, 1912

Headline: Pure Gold A Winner - Pure Gold flour, the pet product of the King Milling company of Lowell carried off the honors in its department at Success Grange fair last Friday evening. W. V. Burras, master of the Grange, had offered a prize of \$1.00 for the best loaf of bread made from any flour and the King Milling Company had offered a prize of 50 lbs. of flour for the best loaf of bread made from Pure Gold flour. Mrs. Charlie Reynolds had the best loaf of bread of all and won the Master's prize and as it was made of Pure Gold flour, she won the King Milling Company's prize also.

75 years ago

The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo

October 28, 1937

After more than two years of vigilance, Garret Schreur, workman at the E. C. Foreman Poultry Farm,

50 years ago

The Lowell Ledger

October 25, 1962

Headline: First Snow Here - Winter's officially here was the remark all around Lowell Tuesday as the traditional white sheet that heralds the cold dreary months fell to the amazement of the local residents. On Monday, the first snow of [this year] fell to the amazement of the state when one city reported two inches.

Rep. Jerry Ford will visit four Kent County communities when he brings his mobile office to Cascade, Lowell, Alto and Caledonia to visit with his constituents.

25 years ago

The Lowell Ledger

October 28, 1987

A 16 year old juvenile will be cited into juvenile court for throwing missiles (toilet paper) at cars, from a car he was a passenger in when apprehended by Lowell Police Oct. 22.

Headline: "Lettermen return to Showboat" - About 100 supporters turned out for Saturday's Lowell Showboat Celebration held at Pockett's nightclub. Showboat board president Ray Quada said nearly \$1,000 was raised to support the campaign toward a 1988 Showboat production. Their biograph[y] in the 1980 Showboat program said that the "Lettermen" had cut 36 albums to date, nine of which had gone gold.

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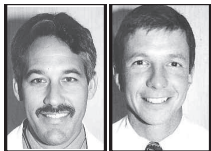
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health



With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang, Wayne A. Christenson III, John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie

chronic sinusitis

Sinusitis is an infection or inflammation of the nasal sinuses. Acute bacterial sinusitis usually happens after a person develops an upper respiratory tract infection (a cold). Colds are caused by viruses, but they can cause swelling in the nasal passages and may make it difficult for the sinuses to drain normally. The sinuses can then become infected with bacteria. Chronic sinusitis is due to long-standing inflammation and swelling that do not go

away on their own. Nasal polyps, growths within the nasal cavity, block drainage from the sinuses and can be part of chronic sinusitis. Individuals who have hay fever and nasal allergies or who have asthma are more likely to develop chronic sinusitis.

Signs and symptoms of chronic sinusitis include facial pain and pressure, nasal congestion and discharge, difficulty breathing through the nose and loss of sense of smell

and postnasal drip. Swollen nasal mucosa (the lining of the nose) may be red, irritated or inflamed. Pus-filled discharge may be present. CT scan or MRI may also show the sinuses filled with fluid or in an inflamed, swollen state. Because sinusitis symptoms can be similar to those of other illnesses, in some cases it may be necessary to do tests to make certain there is not another cause of the symptoms.

If there is a sign of a bacterial infection, antibiotics are recommended.

Decongestants reduce swelling in the nasal passages, making it easier to breathe. Oral steroids reduce swelling in the nasal cavity and improve inflammation within the sinus cavities. Inhaled steroids, sprayed directly into the nose, also improve swelling and inflammation. Nasal irrigation with salt water may be recommended. Other medications that reduce inflammation of the entire airway may be prescribed. These medications often take several weeks to be fully effective.

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weddings

Arredondo/Reynolds

The marriage of Stephanie Reynolds and Ricky Arredondo was celebrated at Fallsburg Park in Lowell on September 22, 2012. Parents of the couple are Kathy and Terry Montague of Fenwick and Rick Arredondo of Ionia. The couple will be residing in Lowell.

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~ Jane Hawkins

Voting, continued

Bureau of Elections suggests downloading a sample ballot as a guide before voting.

You must go to www.michigan.gov/vote, enter your birth date and zip code or your driver's license information and then go to view my sample ballot. You can take it to the polls, but a real ballot will be issued to you at your voting precinct.

According to Morlock, the process is supposed to speed up time and eliminate lines.

You can make notes on it, as long as no one else sees the sample ballot.

This has been around since 2008, according to the elections bureau.

For people who do not have computers, Department

of State spokesperson Fred Woodhams said to call your clerk or go to the library.

The State of Michigan Department of State issued a list of proposals that didn't make it on the ballot, such as the establishment of new casinos, a proposal to eliminate the state senate and term limits for legislators,

a proposal to eliminate collective bargaining for state employees, an amendment to eliminate the need to pay union dues as a condition for employment, ban fracking in Michigan, and to allow certain persons to acquire, cultivate, sell, possess or ingest marijuana.



**TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 6**

STATE PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL 12-1 A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 4 OF 2011 - THE EMERGENCY MANAGER LAW

Public Act 4 of 2011 would:

- Establish criteria to assess the financial condition of local government units, including school districts.
- Authorize Governor to appoint an emergency manager (EM) upon state finding of a financial emergency, and allow the EM to act in place of local government officials.
- Require EM to develop financial and operating plans, which may include modification or termination of contracts, reorganization of government, and determination of expenditures, services, and use of assets until the emergency is resolved.
- Alternatively, authorize state-appointed review team to enter into a local government approved consent decree.

Should this law be approved?

PROPOSAL 12-2 A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

This proposal would:

- Grant public and private employees the constitutional right to organize and bargain collectively through labor unions.
- Invalidate existing or future state or local laws that limit the ability to join unions and bargain collectively, and to negotiate and enforce collective bargaining agreements, including employees' financial support of their labor unions. Laws may be enacted to prohibit public employees from striking.
- Override state laws that regulate hours and conditions of employment to the extent that those laws conflict with collective bargaining agreements.
- Define "employer" as a person or entity employing one or more employees.

Should this proposal be approved?

PROPOSAL 12-3 A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH A STANDARD FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY

This proposal would:

- Require electric utilities to provide at least 25% of their annual retail sales of electricity from renewable energy sources, which are wind, solar, biomass, and hydropower, by 2025.
- Limit to not more than 1% per year electric utility rate increases charged to consumers only to achieve compliance with the renewable energy standard.
- Allow annual extensions of the deadline to meet the 25% standard in order to prevent rate increases over the 1% limit.
- Require the legislature to enact additional laws to encourage the use of Michigan made equipment and employment of Michigan residents.

Should this proposal be approved?

PROPOSAL 12-4 A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH THE MICHIGAN QUALITY HOME CARE COUNCIL AND PROVIDE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR IN-HOME CARE WORKERS

This proposal would:

- Allow in-home care workers to bargain collectively with the Michigan Quality Home Care Council (MQHCC). Continue the current exclusive representative of in-home care workers until modified in accordance with labor laws.
- Require MQHCC to provide training for in-home care workers, create a registry of workers who pass background checks, and provide financial services to patients to manage the cost of in-home care.
- Preserve patients' rights to hire in-home care workers who are not referred from the MQHCC registry who are bargaining unit members.
- Authorize the MQHCC to set minimum compensation standards and terms and conditions of employment.

Should this proposal be approved?

PROPOSAL 12-5 A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO LIMIT THE ENACTMENT OF NEW TAXES BY STATE GOVERNMENT

This proposal would:

- Require a 2/3 majority vote of the State House and the State Senate, or a statewide vote of the people at a November election, in order for the State of Michigan to impose new or additional taxes on taxpayers or expand the base of taxation or increasing the rate of taxation.
- This section shall in no way be construed to limit or modify tax limitations otherwise created in this Constitution.

Should this proposal be approved?

PROPOSAL 12-6 A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES AND TUNNELS

This proposal would:

- Require the approval of a majority of voters at a statewide election and in each municipality where "new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles" are to be located before the State of Michigan may expend state funds or resources for acquiring land, designing, soliciting bids for, constructing, financing, or promoting new international bridges or tunnels.
- Create a definition of "new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles" that means, "any bridge or tunnel which is not open to the public and serving traffic as of January 1, 2012."

Should this proposal be approved?

Class of '62 celebrates reunion at the Grand Volute

The class of 1962 held their 50 year reunion at Grand Volute on September 7. Those attending were Maryland (Houseman) McCleod, Steve Kelly, Tom Kehoe, Ruth Ann (Moore) Penning, Michelle Martin, Lois (Rash) Eickhoff; Wendell Christoff, Ann (Barnhard) Huver, Dan Huver, Dennis Hawk, Karen (Estes) Franchi, Ron Potter, Barb Krebs; Kitty (Ellis) Dintaman, Sue (Kyser) Dykema, Don Dilly, Lloyd Wepman, Chad Lampkin, Junior Boes, John Kropf, Jo Ann (Schlernitzsauer) Bousquet, Joan (Wester) Venneman, Marylyn (Wilson) Sullivan, Howard Acheson; Mary Ann (Hoover) Sawka, Ron Wilson, Fred Fuller, Charles Flowers, Bill Roth; John Sawka, Fred Hoffman, Art Bachstrom, Jerry Phillips, Albert Osech, Rick Beimers, William Doyle, and Jeff Bonn.



Secretary of State offers online training for election precinct workers

– Training promotes Election Day integrity, ballot security and consistency

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson today announced the first-ever online training for Michigan's poll workers. The training is designed to promote consistency across polling places, to reinforce procedures that maintain integrity in the elections process and to help ensure ballot security.

Johnson said the videos were created with input from county and local clerks around the state and is intended to supplement local or regional training efforts.

"This was a way for us to assist local clerks and the state's nearly 30,000 precinct workers who have such a critical job on the front lines on Election Day," Johnson said. "Our poll workers have a tough job and we want to do everything we

can to support them. These are people who want to be a part of democracy in action and their work allows every Michigan voter to have their vote count and their voice heard on Election Day."

The first phase of the Election Day Management online training can be viewed here on the Secretary of State's website at www.Michigan.gov/sos or on the state's Bureau of Elections YouTube Channel.

Traverse City Clerk Benjamin Marentette has already used the new online training.

"In Traverse City, we are showing the election training videos from the Bureau of Elections during the training sessions we are holding with all of our polling place workers," Marentette said. "The videos

drive some key points home and are a great tool that we are using as part of our training program."

Oakland County Elections Director Joe Rozell said the training videos are the result of strong collaboration between the Secretary of State's office, county clerks and local clerks.

"We're looking forward to incorporating them into our training program," said Rozell, noting that clerks in Oakland County employ some 3,600-poll workers on Election Day. "These arrived just in time to help us train for November."

Johnson said the training is intended to supplement local and county clerks' own training. Clerks can download the individual video files to their computers or present the videos live

from the web during their own training. Clerks can also direct poll workers to the site so they can review the videos on their own time as a "refresher" course at home.

Training topics range from enforcement of Michigan's photo ID laws to the processing of provision and challenged ballots, important checks and balances that must be observed on Election Day and the way to seal and secure ballot containers.

The videos will also help ensure that no eligible voter is turned away from the polls on Election Day.

Johnson said in addition to the videos, state elections officials have put in long hours to assist clerks with additional training to help prepare for the presidential election year. Trainers held

training sessions in each of Michigan's 83 counties as well as regional sessions across the state on topics ranging from Election Day issues to use of the state's electronic poll books, which are specially-programmed laptops used to check in voters at the polls. Electronic or e-pollbooks are now used in 80 percent of precincts statewide.

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Neighbor to Neighbor continues to receive requests for those in need

Neighbor to Neighbor has decided to do a community work day to get some of these projects done and disbursed. They will be meeting on Saturday, Nov. 3 at 9:30 am at Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) 11535 East Fulton. If you would like to help by donating your time and energy to fulfill one of these requests, contact Tamela Spicer to confirm which project you could complete at tamelas@fromlowell.org

1. This home needs help with electrical work, including outlets, switches and fixtures and dishwasher installation. It is also in need of floor covering and interior painting for living room, kitchen, bathroom, and hallway.
2. This homeowner and his wife both have cancer and it's getting hard for them to get up the steps; a ramp is needed in their home.
3. This home needs the deck and porch to be sealed.
4. This mobile home has a leaky roof and needs repair; the roof is caving into the bathtub and the ceiling may need repair. It is also in need of a new door on the side of the house and could use some weatherization for winter, including storm windows for five windows.
5. This home has a large hole in the kitchen floor and a hole in the bathroom floor that both need repair. There is also mold in the bathroom that needs to be taken care of. A replacement window is needed in the son's bedroom. The lawn mower is broken and in need of repair.
6. This home is in need of plastic on the windows.
7. A senior citizen with numerous health issues and a fixed low income is in need of some winterization. The water pipes freeze every winter and he suspects the well pump shed as the cause. The homeowner also needs carpet to be laid in the small bathroom for insulation in cold weather. The owner has the carpet and is just in need of someone to do the work.
8. An 89-year-old active member of the senior neighbors is in need of window repair. The bedroom window is broken and needs repair. The kitchen window has no storm window; the homeowner enjoys sitting and looking through this window into his yard, but has high gas and electrical bills due to needing to use space heaters because his windows are not energy efficient.
9. This home is in need of repair to a gutter, insulation of the crawl space, a replacement bedroom door, addition of vent fans in two bathrooms, electrical work for a ceiling fan, plumbing work on a leak in the crawl space, as well as a replacement electrical outlet.
10. The roof and floors of this home are in need of repair. This home also needs work done on the furnace, hot water heater, and the insulation under the trailer.



11. This couple is in need of roof repair. They are having a hard time finding homeowner's insurance because of this issue. Due to layoffs, it has been a struggle to repair the roof themselves.
12. This homeowner is in need of someone to auger the sewer line from the basement because roots are clogging up the drains. There is also a need for new pipes under the sink and storm windows for winter weatherization.
13. The roof of the garage at this home is in need of repair. It has a hole and is slowly caving in.
14. This home needs its roof, front door and front steps replaced. It is also in need of furnace repair and handrail installation.
15. This home needs its roof replaced. The homeowner has all the materials, just lacks the manpower and know how.
16. This home is in need of a mold inspection.
17. The home of two disabled veterans needs repairs to

- the roof as well as the eaves around the house so that water doesn't run between the walls.
18. The roof, windows and toilet in this home are leaking and need repair.
 19. This home needs furnace repairs, miscellaneous inside repairs, as well as repairs to the soffit and fascia due to squirrel damage.
 20. This homeowner has liver cancer and is going through chemotherapy and is in need of much help. The back door on the mobile home needs to be repaired or replaced. The carpet needs to be torn out and a hole in the bathroom floor needs to be repaired.
 21. These homeowners are in need of some help leveling out a steep hill that leads to the backyard. Their house was built into the hill, but sod was never laid on the hill so the hill has been gradually falling away from the house.
 22. This older mobile home needs various winterization: roof repair done, a leak in a water pipe fixed, a new hot water heater and caulking in the windows.
 23. This homeowner's husband passed away and she is now working two jobs to pay the bills. Her house is falling apart and she needs help with the foundation, windows, insulation, and electrical work.
 24. This home is in need of repairs to the bathroom floor, plumbing behind the shower/faucet and replacement of the wall with the shower head.
 25. This home has cracked windows that need repair and new doors.
 26. This homeowner needs two large trees cut down and one large tree needs major trimming.
 27. This home needs the side walls and crawl space insulated. The homeowner has freezing water pipes and costly gas bills every year because of having no insulation.
 28. This home needs an exterior door frame and door installed because there is a two inch gap. The owner has the materials but needs help with the work.

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Red Arrow SPORTS

- FOOTBALL

Arrows fall to Christian in conference matchup

by Karen Jack

In the game to decide the OK White championship, the Red Arrows traveled to Grand Rapids Christian, only to lose a heartbreaker, 21-7.

The game started out a little rough for both sides. Lowell got the ball first, but was unable to capitalize on the possession. For Christian's first possession, they couldn't capitalize

either, thanks to two sacks from Pierce Watson and Josh Colegrove. But on their next possession, Christian was able to score on a 72-yard rush. Lowell had a hard time moving the ball

in the first quarter and went scoreless. The Eagles were a little more fortunate and were able to score twice more by the end of the quarter, capitalizing on an

interception and long passes from their quarterback. Lowell came back in their first possession of the second quarter, with rushing from quarterback

Titan Anderson and then a pass from Anderson to Shurlow for 20 yards to score a touchdown. With

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Red Arrow SPORTS

Football, continued

Austin Bieri's kick being good, the score was 21-7 at the end of the first half.

The rest of the game was a defensive battle, littered with penalties from both sides that affected the outcome of the game. Lowell made adjustments coming out in the second half and was able to curtail Christian's deadly passing

game, holding them scoreless for the duration.

Leading the defense this week was Watson with eight tackles, followed by Jake Mitchell with six, Zach Huver with four, and Shannon Massey with three. Offense was led by Titan Anderson with 89 rushing yards.

The Arrows start their march to Ford Field this Friday, against Grand Rapids Northview, at Red Arrow Stadium in the first round of districts. Game time is 7:00 pm.

If they win that game, they will face the winner of Muskegon v. Kenowa Hills for the district championship on Nov. 2.



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Cross country teams wrap up 2012 season

by Karen Jack

The girls' cross country team performed well in their last couple of meets of the season. At the Allegan invite last week, they recorded 19 personal records for the team, according to coach Sarah Ellis. "Our team had a late bloom, but the girls are starting to improve when it counts, which is fantastic," said Ellis. At the Allegan invite, Jess Graves ran not only her personal best at 19:50, but it was also the team best.

The Kent/Ottawa invite was held this past weekend at Gainey Athletic Fields and the team finished eight out of 23 teams, without their best runner, Jess Graves, who was participating in the equestrian districts at the time.

On Wednesday, the team ran in the OK White conference meet, finishing eighth. Jess Graves broke her personal best record, again, with a 19:47 and finished 12th individually.

The boys' team finished ninth at the Allegan invite, 13th at the Kent/Ottawa invite and eighth at the OK White conference meet. Zac Diamond finished 24th individually at the conference meet, with a time of 17:47:58.



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Businesses that donated FOOD and the " 2 guys" cooking the pigs.

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Thank you to all! |

obituaries

KUIPER

Beatrice L. Kuiper, 100 (a century old), formerly of Lowell, passed away October 4, 2012, in Mt. Angel, Oregon. Beatrice was born in Ada on Sept. 13, 1912, to Henry and Etta (Doane) Fase, the second of ten children. She was raised in the Ada area and married Clarence Kuiper in 1937. Together they had three children and shared 35 years, until his death in 1972. Beatrice was a homemaker and devoted mother who enjoyed knitting/crocheting blankets, gardening, cycling and walking. She did daily crossword puzzles from the time she was 13 years old until three months prior to her death. She remained active in her walking club in Ada, enjoyed traveling on group tour busses, with the Cascade Senior Citizens, to places like Nashville and the Mississippi River; and taking quick trips with family to Michigan campgrounds, including trips to Montana and Oregon. She moved to Oregon from Michigan in 2004 to live with her son. Beatrice was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Marvin, at age of 13 from polio complications; sisters, Ethel Veenstra and Viola Spoelstra; and brothers, Leonard, Henry 'Buster' and Arlie Fase. She is survived by children, Vern Kuiper of Mt. Angel, OR and Ruth (Lowell) Luke of Helena, MT; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; siblings, Don Fase, Winifred Spoelstra, Milford Fase, Ardith Schroeder; and many nieces and nephews. Burial will be held at a later date at Ada Township Cemetery where she will be laid to rest with her husband and son. Condolences can be sent to the family at www.ungerfuneralchapel.com

MICHAEL C. HOOVER AGED 93

A Memorial Mass for Mike, brother of Jacob (Peg) Hoover, will be held at St. Mary Church, Lowell at 11:00 am, Saturday, October 27. Msgr. Edward Hankiewicz, celebrant.

CITY OF LOWELL

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FREE ALL VETS COFFEE HOUR - Third Thursday of each month at the Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash. Bring a friend. Call 868-7426 or 897-8303 for more information.

OUT OF THIS WORLD PARTY - Thurs., Nov. 29, 10:30 a.m. Galactic games, stellar stories & alien activities for all ages. Come dressed as an astronaut or space creature & enjoy the fun at Englehardt Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell, 784-2007.

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LOWELL AREA PRAYER & HEALING ROOMS - located in the FROM building, 11535 Fulton Street, most Monday evenings, 6-8 p.m. Christian Scripture based. No cost or fees, no appointment necessary, confidentiality respected.

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1st & 3rd Thursday at 7 p.m. at Keiser's Kitchen.

COFFEE WITH THE COUNCIL - Come meet & have a cup of coffee with your city council members. First Saturday of each month at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office, 113 Riverwalk Plaza, Lowell, 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

CIVIL AIR PATROL - Meets the second & fourth Tues. of the month, 6 p.m., Benz Aviation Building at Ionia Airport, teen/adult programs available, Call Shawna, 616-430-1348 or visit online http://mi222.miwg-cap.org

KIDS TALK - Every Tues., in 1st - 4th grade on a cancer or grief journey. Incorporates curriculum-based activities, discussion & playtime. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

ADULT CANCER SUPPORT GROUP - Every Tues., 6-7:15 p.m., for adults diagnosed with cancer. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

FREE SENIOR COFFEE - Every fourth Friday, 8-9 a.m., sponsored by Laurels of Kent, Lowell McDonalds, 1300 W. Main St.

FOOD PANTRY - First Friday of month at Lakeside Community Church, 6201 Whitneyville Rd. Free frozen, perishable food. Registration 1 p.m., distribution 4 p.m. Bring own containers. 868-6402.

MOMS IN TOUCH GROUP - forming for Alto Elementary. Call Suzanne for more info, 868-7337.

FREE SMOKING CESSATION CLASSES - offered at Lowell Family Medical Center. Call 616-446-7058 to register. The class

runs for 8 weeks. Evening & weekend sessions are available. Time & dates will be determined by those registered.

LOWELL WOMEN'S CLUB - Meets the second Wed. of each month, Sept. - May, 11:45 a.m., Schneider Manor. For more information call Jan at 897-2533.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY - Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. A Christ centered program to help overcome life's hurts, habits, hangups. Impact Church, 1069 Lincoln Lake, www.impact-church.org or www.celebraterrecovery.com

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from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. at Laurels of Kent, 350 N. Center St. RSVP 897-8473.

LOWELL ROTARY CLUB - meets each Wednesday at noon at Lowell City Hall. New members welcome.

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

CARVING CLUB - Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m. New members welcomed. Call for information, 616-752-0096.

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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 is currently "under construction" and will temporarily not meet. Watch for information. Questions or concerns? Call 987-2532.

TOTS LOVE & LOGIC PARENTING CLASSES - Oct. 22, 6:30-7:45 p.m. Positive discipline strategies for families w/children birth-5 years. Free childcare. Registration required. Call 987-2532. Bushnell Elementary, 700 Elizabeth, room 116.

Red Arrow SPORTS

Lowell ends OK White season with loss to Caledonia

by Brett Brener

The Fighting Scots were looking forward to this one.

Lowell's varsity girls' volleyball team edged Caledonia 3-2 in the teams' first OK White Conference meeting of the season. The two teams met up again in Lowell Thursday and this time the Scots never let the Red Arrows get flying.

Caledonia earned its first victory in its new league, knocking off Lowell 25-19, 25-23, 25-22.

"Our first conference win and definitely a win the girls deserved," said Caledonia head coach Heidi Langworthy. "Everyone played so well. They came out ready to go and pushed through all three games. We were able to finish key rallies and stay aggressive even while behind by a few points. I am so proud of each and every girl on the court, as well as on the bench who cheered their hearts out."

Langworthy said it was a great night for all

her players, but especially for Jenna Schumaker who she called a "blocking machine."

Schumaker finished with five blocks, as well as five kills.

Rylee Kuiphoff led the Scots in kills, digs and aces. She had 23 digs, 16 kills and was one of four girls with one ace. Mackenzi Bredeweg, McKinzie Arnold and Morgan Swift had one each.

Arnold had 30 assists for the Scots and Abby Morse came off the bench to add one.

Hallie Green added two blocks. Bredeweg was second on the team in digs with 16. Jamie Ulanich was second on the team in kills with six.

The Scots played in their final tournament of the regular season Saturday, the Subway Invitational at East Kentwood.

Caledonia reached the gold bracket, but fell there to top seeded Grand Haven 25-7, 25-21.

"This was yet again, another tough day with great competition," Langworthy said. "Despite a limited amount of wins, the team continued to keep their heads up and power through and ended with a great, close match against a number one seeded team in the gold bracket."

The Scots were second in their pool to start the day, falling 25-15, 25-17 to East Grand Rapids and beating Plainwell 30-28, 25-21.

Caledonia went 0-2 in its power pool, despite playing four close sets.

Traverse City West beat the Scots 25-20, 25-22; then Portage Central got the best of the Scots 25-19, 25-18.

Kuiphoff had 33 kills, 69 digs and four aces for the day. Arnold had 59 assists.

Ulanich added 16 kills and three aces. Bredeweg had a team-high 72 digs and Abby Morse added 25 digs.

The Scots also got eight kills each from Adrianna Bunce and Schumaker.



Lowell libero Kortney Beachler moves into position to pass the ball as teammate Leah Schlosser looks on during her team's OK White match with Caledonia Thursday.



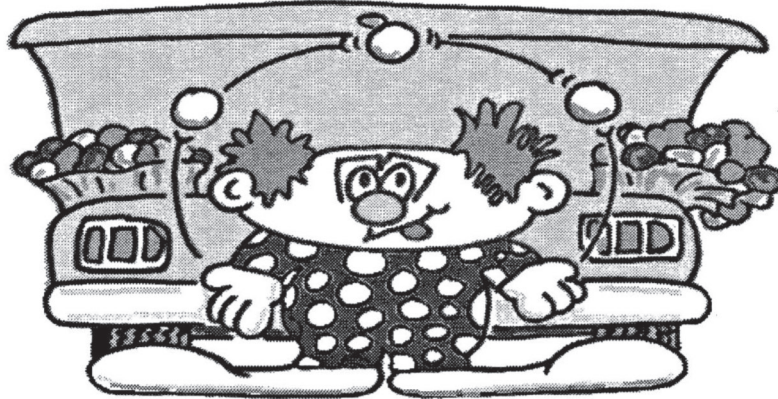
The Red Arrows' Abby Petroelje hits an attack past the block of Caledonia's McKinzie Arnold (left) and Ashley Dougherty (right) during Thursday's OK White contest in Lowell.

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