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## Time to get in line for the new school year in Lowell

Almost four thousand students and a fleet of yellow buses hit the road under sunny skies Tuesday morning for the first day of classes at Lowell Area Schools.



The districts' seven buildings, housing learners from preschool to high school, opened the doors to bustling crowds of eager children welcoming the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year.

Pictured are students at Bushnell Elementary as they wait in lines outside the building prior to the first school bell of the year.



The faces of the students depict the variety of emotions on the first day of school.

## From beginning to end the annual Pink Arrow Pride game is a labor of love

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

Everything is coming together for the sixth annual Pink Arrow Pride game this Friday, Sept. 6. The amount of manpower and hours it takes to pull it all together boggles the mind.

Lowell's Pink Arrow Pride event is a unique combination of hard work,

Arrow Pride game ended up raising \$93,000, after expenses. Six years later, the 2013 event is projected to raise over \$1 million.

Perry and Teresa Beachum, along with Perry's sisters Donna Miller and Beth Stevens, are among what Perry describes as "a core group of five or

is in the middle of a huge sports complex adjacent to Lowell High School. Perry expects the entire area to be swarming with people on Friday.

"It expands every year," Perry Beachum said. "This year we're expecting 8,000 to 10,000 people. We're also adding new things every year. For example, last year we added fireworks and we're having them again this year too. The opponents are always shell-shocked when they come in here."

There are over a hundred individual volunteers working to put

the event together. In addition, dozens of local businesses donate goods, services and products.

"Local businesses underwrite a lot of what we do," Perry Beachum said. "Now companies come to us. They want to be a part of it. Even manufacturing firms."

The planning for Pink Arrow Pride takes months. The "core group" works almost year-round to make the event a success.

"It's a 12-month job for some of us," Teresa Beachum said. "Since March or April, we probably work eight hours a day on this."

"The list of things we have to do is enormous," Perry Beachum said. "Especially in these last two weeks. Really, the community comes together to make it happen."

The Beachums estimate the number of volunteers involved in making Pink Arrow Pride run smoothly at between 100 and 200 people.



Donna Miller auctioning off pink jerseys, Friday, Aug. 30.



Star 105.7's Kelly Iris and Teresa Beachum.

community involvement, charity, hope and grief. It all started six years ago when Lowell High School football coach Noel Dean saw former NFL-star Brett Favre's wife on television wearing a pink version of her husband's team jersey. Dean's initial idea was a charity game with a goal of raising \$10,000 to be used for scholarships for students. That first Pink

six people" who coordinate Pink Arrow Pride every year. The Beachums were Lowell's "Persons of the Year" in 2012. They, along with Miller and Stevens, are very active in the Lowell community, especially with the Lowell Area Schools Athletic Boosters Club and are at the core of that "core group."

The football stadium



Perry Beachum

"It's hard to say exactly how many," Teresa Beachum said. "If I send an e-mail, people show up. It's wonderful."

"The people who take a day off work, move around vacation days, personal days; it's costing them," Perry Beachum said.

"Our local community is what sets us apart," Miller said. "And 100 percent of the money stays here in the community. Every penny. It's truly a family affair."

"We use local businesses as much as possible," Perry Beachum said. "The t-shirt store, the

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# A talk with the principal

For the next few weeks, *The Ledger* will interview Lowell's elementary principals.

During the inaugural week of classes for the 2013-2014 school year, we had the opportunity to speak with Brent Noskey, Principal of Murray Lake Elementary, about the current state and future goals of the school he has been at the helm of since its opening day.

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

(Ledge) **Do you have a motto or a mission for the 2013-2014 school year?**  
(Noskey) Our mission is: Working together to Achieve academic excellence; Build self-esteem; and Care for others.

(Ledge) **What do you think are the three most important factors in elementary education?**

(Noskey) It is important to get each child to reach his or her highest potential academically. We need to prepare each child to be successful in their future. It is also important to build each student's self esteem so each can have confidence as they move on from elementary school.

(Ledge) **What is the best thing about your job?**

(Noskey) The best thing about my job is my interactions with students, teachers and parents on a daily basis. We have great adults and students at Murray Lake Elementary (MLE) and I consider myself lucky to have the opportunity to interact with them on a daily basis.

(Ledge) **What programs have been added; what has been cut?**

(Noskey) Although we have had to endure budget cuts over the past several years, we have kept these cuts away from the kids. Our programs have been maintained, although staff members have been asked to take on additional roles within the academic setting.

(Ledge) **What is the current student to teacher ratio?**

(Noskey) A typical elementary class size at MLE is between 21 and 28 students.



Principal Noskey with his wife Lisa and sons: Grant, Zach, Carter; and "daughter" Ellie.

(Ledge) **What new roles is technology taking in your building?**

(Noskey) It is important to remember that technology is a "tool" in education. It will never replace the teacher. It is a tool that can truly enhance the educational experience that a student receives. However, there is no substitute for a top notch teacher. All the research points to a great teacher being the number one factor in a child's success in school.

(Ledge) **How important do you think art, music and physical conditioning (PE) are to elementary students?**

(Noskey) Music, PE and the arts are very important for elementary students. These subjects allow some students to excel when they may not excel in some other academic areas.

(Ledge) **What would you most like to see more of from parents?**

(Noskey) I am extremely happy with the parent support we get at MLE. Many families are forced to have both parents working, yet we get an enormous amount of support from parents in many areas.

(Ledge) **What are some of the goals you have set for the 2013-14 school year?**

(Noskey) Our goals this year are to improve our students writing, math skills, and informational reading comprehension. We will work very hard to improve in these areas.

(Ledge) **What change from state government would help education most?**

(Noskey) I think more trust from the state government would be helpful. It seems like public education gets attacked from many government representatives, yet Lowell schools continues to produce outstanding graduates. Two of my own sons, who spent 13 years in Lowell's public education, are at the University of Michigan and Michigan State University. They are very well prepared and are

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printers and local restaurants will be set up out there; the guy at the billboard company was a Lowell graduate. Buist Electric donates all the generators and so much more."

After the event, it usually takes several weeks to get everything cleaned up and all the bills paid. Finally, in December, tens of thousands of dollars are donated to Gilda's Club of Lowell and Lowell Community Wellness. The rest of the money is used on a case-by-case basis to help families who, due to a battle with cancer, are unable to pay bills, buy food and cover other household expenses.

"It all stays local," Teresa Beachum said. "The whole community embraces this."

This year, instead of playing a local team, Lowell is hosting the football team from Hubbard High School, on the southwest side of Chicago. Hubbard High has spawned two NFL players and two NBA players. Along with the football team, also making the trip is the Hubbard High marching band and their cheerleaders.

Getting all of those kids from Chicago to Lowell was an expensive undertaking and for a very brief period it looked like they wouldn't be able to afford to come.

"It would take \$1,600 for them all to make the trip," Perry Beachum said. "It wasn't in our budget. The Hubbard people said if we could cover half, they would cover the other half. Around noon on Tuesday I went around to local businesses and by 2:00 I had the \$1,600. Everybody just thought it was the right thing to do. 'Here's \$100.' Not one person said 'No.'"

Hubbard High's band director Patrick Benson has a relative who lives in Lowell and she will be joining him on the field during the game for a special presentation.

"Mr. Benson's aunt lives here and she's been on her own cancer journey," Perry Beachum said.

At the Pink Arrow Pride game, instead of their own names, each player's jersey will bear the name of someone who has had cancer. At the game, the family members of the person will come onto the field and the players will

present the jerseys to them.

"It's a hugely emotional event," Perry Beachum said.

Between games at the J.V./Varsity double-header last Friday, Aug. 30, several of the jerseys were auctioned off. The volunteer auctioneer was Kelly Iris, disc jockey at Grand Rapids radio station Star 105.7.

One of the winning bidders, Ashley Rich, bought a jersey to honor her mother, who died of brain cancer on Dec. 19, 2012.

"She was diagnosed on Dec. 6 and given three to six months," Rich said. "She passed away a week later."

Rich's mother, Joann Helpap, a Midland resident, was only 64.

"She was a wonderful woman," Rich said. "She was diagnosed with leukemia in 2003 and was in remission. The doctors told her she might get cancer later."

Rich had the idea to buy the jersey when the two were on a survivors' walk.

"I said, 'Okay, we'll do it, I'll get you a jersey this year,'" Rich said. "It was very important to her. This

program was always really close to us."

Lowell football player Benjamin Bigham will be wearing the jersey honoring Rich's mother.

"It's the pride factor," Perry Beachum said. "For one of the athletes to carry someone's name on their back, or to be the recipient of this... it empowers both the student and the person who's on a cancer journey."

"A couple years ago one of our junior volleyball players had no one to play for," Stevens said. "She read a story about a local woman who had been on a cancer journey, so this young lady called her up and asked if she could play for her. She's a senior now and this year she re-contacted her and she is going to play for her again."

"It's an emotional, emotional day," Teresa Beachum said.

The entire Lowell school district gets involved in Pink Arrow Pride.

"We're one of the largest school districts in Michigan," Perry Beachum



Ashley Rich and her husband Todd Rich

said. "Every other year, each K-12 school has their own pep assembly and every other year we bring all the students out here for one big pep rally."

Also important to Pink Arrow Pride are the ubiquitous pink T-shirts.

"Every student has the opportunity to get a shirt," Miller said. "Even if they can't afford it, we have the ability to underwrite that cost."

"By Friday, every

student will get a t-shirt," Teresa Beachum said.

Events similar to Pink Arrow Pride now take place all over the United States. Lowell's event was the first of its kind and has been featured on national media, including NBC's "Today Show."

"We want people to copy this," Miller said.

"It's a huge, circus-like event now," Perry Beachum said. "This whole place will be pink on Friday."

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commonsense bill would stop our states from forming about two million new corporations each year for unidentified owners, and instead require those applying to form a new corporation to list the owners behind it so that, if

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The bill, which I introduced with Sens. Chuck Grassley, Dianne Feinstein and Tom Harkin, has the support of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, the Fraternal Order of Police, the National Association of Assistant United States Attorneys, and the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Law enforcement groups support our bill because right now in the United States it takes more information to get a driver's license or to open a bank account than to form a corporation. Our bill would change that by requiring any state that accepts crime-fighting grants from the Department of Justice to add one new question to their existing incorporation forms, asking applicants to identify

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## A talk with the principal, continued

doing extremely well. I think the public starts to believe the negative comments that come from our government. I do agree there are improvements that need to take place in many public schools, but I believe Lowell Area Schools, including Murray Lake, do an outstanding job preparing our students for their future.

(Ledger) *During your time as an educator, what was one of the most endearing moments? The funniest?*

(Noskey) I was a teacher in elementary schools in Lowell for 13 years. The most rewarding part of having been an educator is when former students come back and tell me that I made a difference in their lives. This is why we all get into education; to make a difference. One of the funniest moments recently for "others" around me was when a student called me "grandpa". I've been called "dad" many times, but this was the first time I was called "grandpa"!

(Ledger) *How did you come to be the principal at Murray Lake?*

(Noskey) I was the assistant principal at Cherry Creek Elementary for one year. The next year Murray Lake opened. At the time, Sherry Miller was the superintendent of Lowell Schools. Mrs. Miller encouraged me to apply for the position of principal at Murray Lake. Despite my lack of experience, I was given the opportunity to be Murray Lake's first principal. This is my tenth year here and I am extremely grateful to Mrs. Miller for this opportunity. She was battling cancer at the time I was hired and has since succumbed to the disease, but I will be eternally grateful to Sherry for her confidence in my abilities. She was a great woman.

(Ledger) *How do you help fifth graders transition to secondary school?*

(Noskey) Our fifth graders visit the middle school in the spring. Our fifth-grade teachers also do a nice job of answering all of our fifth graders questions about middle school.

(Ledger) *What is the best thing about Murray Lake students?*

(Noskey) The best thing about MLE students is that they come to school each day with a positive attitude and with an eagerness to learn. This stems from the involvement from our parents. Our students know that their parents expect them to do well in school. We have an extremely high level of parent involvement at MLE and this makes a big difference in the success of our students.

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# viewpoint

## to the editor

### pink arrow game an opportunity

Dear Lowell Ledger,

After a great summer working with the Ledger I am finally back at school. Having worked and lived in Lowell for a near two months, I finally got the full experience of a town I've visited many times before with family. Now that it's over, I'd like to write a letter to my co-workers and Lowell residents.

I did a lot of work on the Pink Arrow project this year and was able to get fully immersed into the excitement. From meeting so many of the people involved, from the organizers to the supporting families, I learned what the Pink Arrow game really means to the town of Lowell.

To me, the Pink Arrow

project is about uniting people. Most everyone I got to talk to this summer described the Pink Arrow as an opportunity to bring an already tight-knit community closer. Often, those suffering from cancer can look inward, try to minimize their connections and avoid those closest to them. Pink Arrow serves to give a new voice to families and individuals who may not have been heard or acknowledged without this kind of effort. It's a chance to bring understanding and acceptance to help bring relief.

This summer I also had the unique opportunity, since I started the summer doing remote reporting from

my hometown of Chicago, to meet and interview the coaching staff and even a few players from Pink Arrow game opponent Chicago Hubbard. As a Chicago native and former Chicago Public School student, I truly enjoyed connecting with another CPS school and getting a back-stage look at their athletic department. Chicago Hubbard seems like the perfect school to play given that the Greyhounds have their own pink game and have also done extensive work in breast cancer awareness.

Having an interstate matchup for the Pink Arrow game seems to fit the Pink Arrow message perfectly: it's bringing more people together. On a cancer level, this year's game will unite more people than ever to the cause and serve to widen the base of involvement across the Midwest. At an experiential level, this game

will give the students from both schools a chance to meet and learn from a new community and way of life.

Having now lived in the small town of Lowell as well as the vast city of Chicago, I can see how without context the two towns can feel worlds apart. However, this game and this cause is a gift to the players for both teams who will now have a chance to play with and learn from each other during that weekend. There's never been a more important time to immerse ourselves in experiences and work toward understanding. Just like how Pink Arrow does for the town of Lowell, this year's game will unite different people through willingness to learn and grow.

I wish the team good luck and that the Pink Arrow project stays strong.

Will Greenberg

### only interested in lowell

To The Editor,

I'm sure there are those who aren't tired of reading about 'Chad,' the alleged sex offender who had a great deal of coverage in the Ledger a week or so ago. (Plenty was written about him in the GR Press as well as covered by local TV news reports.)

What I am interested in is what happens in Lowell. Many others I have spoken to feel the same way. A man was hit by a car on a Wednesday morning two weeks ago and we still don't

know if he lived or died, or if he survived, has he been hospitalized? This happened on Church Street, near Main in Lowell.

Also, a woman riding a bicycle was struck by a car on Thursday evening. Not a word about her or how badly she was injured.

Why don't we get more of this type of important news happening in the Lowell area?

Sincerely,

Marge Rehl

Lowell Township

### common core conundrum

Dear Editor,

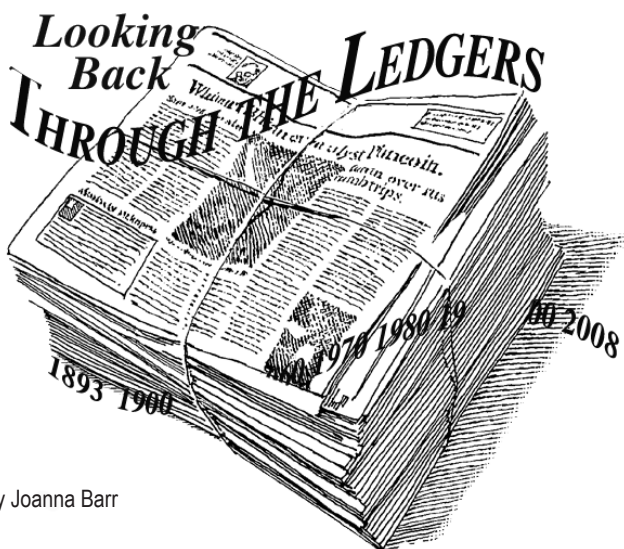
Parents have you heard about common core? School is starting; do you know what's being taught to your children? Did you know the federal government is trying to take over the curriculum of our local schools? Our own teachers will be forced to teach communism is the ideal form of government. Our children are being taught what to think, not how to learn! If you have children or grandchildren in school ask questions of the school board. Make sure they know what the conditions are for taking federal funds. No child left behind sounds nice, but has turned into

"if your child can't read no child will read better." Education needs to stay local and state regulated. Common core dumbs down our children and puts them into categories beginning in kindergarten.

Don't let strangers tell your children what to think and what is important, that is your job, you are the parent not the federal government!

Ask questions, do your own homework. No one wants better and knows your child better than you do. Don't sell your children's future. Stop common core!

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By Joanna Barr

### 140 years ago Lowell Journal September 10, 1873

The sudden departure of our devil no. 1, accounts for the late issue of the Journal last week. We are still in the suds and trust our friends will bear with us yet a little while.

The weather has been unpleasantly cool most of the week past. Men go around nights and mornings with their overcoats on and collars turned up. Straw hats have a sort of ghastly look now.

Don't pay any attention to domestic quarrels this week. Every family man has been putting up his wife's parlor stove. Next week he will take back all he said to her about married life and thunderlighten.

General Row was at the Franklin House last Friday night. The conflict was between bus drivers, store builders and others. It was a sort of variety performance. Reserved seats were used to pummel heads.

### 125 years ago Lowell Journal September 7, 1888

Frank McDonald, the 15-year-old clerk at C. Bergin's grocery, owned up to tapping the till \$35 worth and then skipped Monday night. Mr. B. thinks

he took more than that. The boy's father found him at Grand Rapids Tuesday and brought him home.

A number of new books are to be added to the school library. All patrons are requested to make a selection of one book and leave the name of such book with the librarians. In this way a list can be made out which will best suit those who patronize the library. Make your selection at once.

Wm. Eckert, residing about three miles west of this place, came near losing his entire crop of grain in the stack last Friday, by sparks from the threshing engine lighting on an oat stack. It was discovered by one of the men in time to extinguish it before any serious damage was done.

The Dake house was burglarized last Saturday night and a couple of coats and several boxes of cigars were taken. One of the couple of coats was found the next day in one of the stalls of the Dake House barn. No clue to the thieves.

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# area births

## Wirgau

Andrea and Dustin Wirgau are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Nora Rose. Born on Thursday, August 8 and weighing 9 lbs., 1 oz., she was welcomed home by her big brother, Gabriel Jerrold. Nora is the third grandchild for Barb and John Wirgau of Posen and the twenty-first for the late Diane and Jerrold Richmond of Lowell.



Nora Rose Wirgau

# health



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## diverticulitis

Diverticulitis is when you have pouches in the colon wall that bulge out. The pouches are called diverticula. They are caused by pressure in the colon that weakens the bowel wall. Not eating enough fiber, not exercising enough and taking nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs like ibuprofen can cause diverticulitis. Diverticulitis is when the diverticula become infected or inflamed. One in four people with diverticula will get diverticulitis.

Symptoms of diverticulitis vary and can include stomach pain (usually on the left side), fever, constipation

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# Pink Arrow shirt quilt unveiled at first game of the season

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

For Lowell resident and mother of three Suki Fleet, it was just natural to get involved with the Pink Arrow Project. "My son Dan Fleet is a football player and my husband Jim is both a teacher and a coach for Lowell schools," she said. "It just kind of came to me that it would be cool to make a quilt and that it would be a great way to help out."

So, with the help of friends, community members and the local Goodwill, Fleet went about creating her brainchild, a Pink Arrow quilt utilizing t-shirts from past years events. Fleet, who had no previous experience with quilting, called upon several quilting veterans to assist her in production. Joy McKinley and Deanie Cummings volunteered their time and experience generously to the project. "I was the grasshopper," said Fleet laughing, "and they were the masters helping

me along the way!" Tanya Vandervelde, owner of Tanyas Sew Crazy here in Lowell, donated her services for the long arm portion of the quilting process.

Fleet, who admits she bit off a bit more than she could chew with the project, is thankful for the efforts of those who helped her accomplish her goal. "I guess I can cross 'making a quilt' off my bucket list," she said with a smile.

Pink Arrow Project committee member Beth Stevens said that the one of a kind quilt is scheduled to be auctioned during the Pink Arrow festivities on Friday with the proceeds going directly to the cause. "It just turned out so beautiful," she added. The quilt, which made its debut at the Red Arrows' home opening shut out victory over River Rouge, is on display at Pep Talk until Friday when it will be relocated to Bob Perry Memorial Stadium for the game.



Suki Fleet, the projects originator; and master quilter Deanie Cummings with the finished Pink Arrow quilt.

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All concessions - Athletic Boosters and Restaurant Row vendors will be accepting PINK TICKETS ONLY in \$1 increments. All items will be clearly priced per number of tickets at each booth. There will be many ticket booths available throughout the stadium. This system will speed the process for fast service.

## SCHEDULE FOR EVENT DAY



SEPTEMBER 6

\* Approximate times

- 2:30 pm ..... GATES OPEN
- 3:00 pm ..... Boosters Concessions and Restaurant Row Open *Pink Ticket System*
- 3:35 pm ..... Soccer introductions - Song by Audrey Pearson
- 3:45 pm ..... VARSITY SOCCER GAME - Lowell vs. Greenville
- 4:25 pm ..... Volleyball introduction and match - Lowell vs. Greenville
- 6:00 pm ..... Survivor and Honor Walk - Song by Nick Smith  
*Walk starts at high school main entrance*
- 6:35 pm ..... Football Player and Honoree introduction *on field*
- 7:00 pm ..... National Anthem presented Brennan Prill
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# Pink Arrow jerseys auctioned off during opening game halftime

by Karen Jack

This year, six members of the football team gave up their jerseys to be auctioned off to make money for the Pink Arrow program. The jerseys were auctioned off on Thursday between the junior varsity and varsity football games, raising over \$2500.

The six purchasers were Todd and Ashley Rich, Dale and Dee Crowley, Shad Propst, Chris and Bonnie

Meiste, Amanita Fajrni, and Kathy Nugent.

Todd and Ashley Rich's jersey will be worn by Ben Bigham (#18) in honor of Joann Helpap, who lost her battle with brain cancer. The Crowley's jersey will be worn by Josiah Buys (#57) in honor of their daughter, Leslie Crowley, who is a survivor. Derek Massey will be wearing Shad Propst's jersey (#22), in memory

of Irvin Propst. Chris and Bonnie Meiste's jersey is in memory of Julius Meiste and will be worn by Alec LeClair (#24). Amanita Fajrni's jersey will be worn by Kenny Duke (#71) in honor of Tom Boersma, who is currently battling leukemia and Karson Murley (#55) will be playing in memory of James McFall with the jersey Kathy Nugent purchased.

Each player will be introduced with the people they are representing, or a family member or friend,

prior to the Pink Arrow game on Friday night. After the game, the players will

present their jerseys to the loved ones they honored for the game.

## Breast cancer stamps now available at the Lowell Post Office

The Lowell Post Office offers breast cancer stamps and a display in the lobby that highlights the semipostal stamp in conjunction with Pink Arrow Pride.

The Breast Cancer Research first-class semipostal stamp was issued

on July 29, 1998, at a first day ceremony held in the White House. It was the first semipostal stamp in U.S. history.

To date, the stamp has raised over \$76.3 million for breast cancer research.

Designed by Ethel Kessler of Bethesda, MD, the stamp features the phrases, "Fund the Fight" and "Find a Cure" with an illustration of a mythical "goddess of the hunt" by Whitney Sherman of Baltimore.

This self-adhesive, non-denominated semipostal stamp is sold in sheets of 20 55-cent stamps. The price of a semipostal stamp pays for the first-class single-piece postage rate in effect at the time of purchase plus an amount to fund causes that the postal service determines to be in the national public interest and appropriate. By law, revenue from sales (minus postage and the reasonable costs of the postal service) is to be transferred to a selected executive agency or agencies. The stamps are made in the USA.

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# Red Arrow SPORTS

- FOOTBALL

## Arrows crush River Rouge in season opener

by Karen Jack

True to Red Arrow football fashion, the Arrows opened up their season pounding River Rouge 49-0. Winning the coin toss at the beginning of the game was pretty indicative of how the night was going to go.

River Rouge got the ball first, but was intercepted on the third play of the game by Jeff Houston. Lowell was unable to capitalize on the interception, with two incomplete passes and a two-yard rush by Kanon Dean. River Rouge then took possession on their own 29-yard line, but due to three penalties in that possession alone, were forced back to their 14-yard line and had to punt, which gave the Arrows excellent field position starting at the

River Rouge 38-yard line. Kyle Shurlow passed to Kyle Blough for a gain of 19 yards and then rushed for eight yards himself. Dylan Brower then rushed for three yards and then took it in the end zone on the next play. River Rouge went three and out on their next possession. Shurlow passed to Ben Bigham for a gain of 15 yards on the first play of their next possession. Shurlow then rushed for 18 yards for another first down. Dean took it into the end zone after a rush of three, and a rush of two in the two previous plays, ending the quarter with a 14-0 lead.

The Arrows scored another touchdown, thanks to a 13-yard pass to Houston, a rush from Dean

for two yards, and a 23-yard pass to Josh Branagan in the end zone. Their next score was due to rushes from Shurlow for a total of 12 yards, a rush of six yards by Houston, a pass to Bigham for five yards and another pass to Branagan for the score. River Rouge got their only first down of the game on their next possession, but Shurlow intercepted at the Lowell 35-yard line and ran it 65 yards for the touchdown. Lowell's next possession resulted in another touchdown, from rushes by Brower for a total of seven yards and a rush by Shurlow for 29 yards. The Arrows went into the locker room up by 42-0, which ensured a running clock for the second half.

Coming out at half time, the Arrows scored in the very first possession. Shurlow rushed for 12 yards, Brower rushed for 33, and Blough rushed for one. Shurlow threw a 19-yard pass to Bigham for the touchdown. Neither team scored again for the rest of the game.

Shurlow led the team in rushing yards with 79, followed by Brower with 51, and Duncan Elliott for 39. Shurlow was seven for eleven in passing on the night for a total of 111 yards. As a team, the Arrows had a total of 194 rushing compared to 42 for River Rouge.

Defensive standouts were Kanon Dean with six tackles and a sack and Max Dean with five tackles.

"I'm just happy our kids played hard and we had a game opener with youth night and it was a lot of

fun," said Noel Dean, head coach. "It's just really hard for us to play schools with 2400-2500 kids week in and week out and stay healthy, so we're extremely healthy coming out of this game and we learned a lot about ourselves."

When asked about next week's Pink Arrow game, he said, "Chicago Hubbard is a pretty good team. They're a much bigger school than us, so we'll be looking at films and preparing for them, with the kids coming to practice at 6:00 am Monday morning. Then they start school and it's Pink Arrow week, so we're really excited."

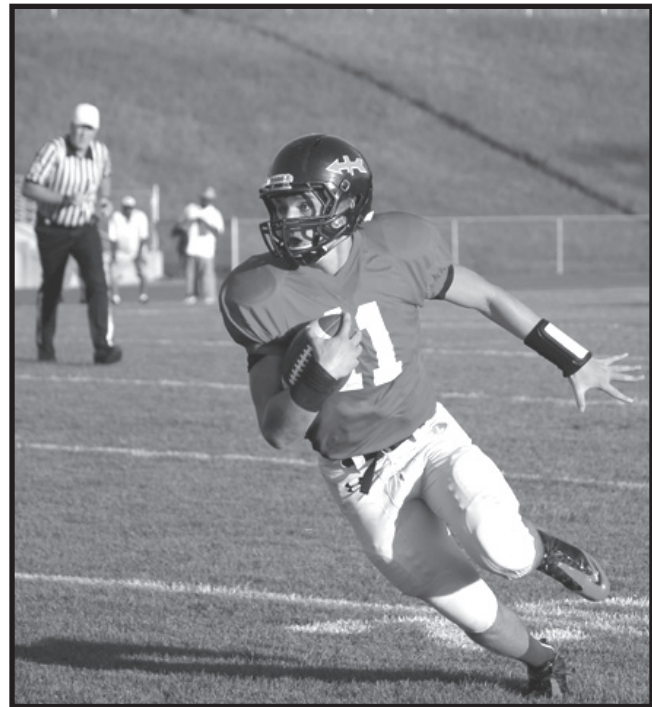
To get a schedule for all the Pink Arrow activities this week, you can go to [www.pinkarrowpride.org](http://www.pinkarrowpride.org). The game begins at 7:00 pm on Friday.



Ben Bigham takes the ball down the field after catching it.



Kyle Shurlow hands off to Dylan Brower.



Kyle Shurlow runs around the end for a gain.



Noel Dean being recognized by the Marines of Recruiting Station Lansing as a 2013 Semper Fi coach prior to the game, in large part due to the success of the Pink Arrow game and his being "always faithful" or "always loyal" to the football players and the community.

### LUNCH MENU

**ELEMENTARY MENU**  
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**MON:** Breaded fish nuggets served w/WG dinner roll, baked beans, fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, baby carrots, applesauce, pears, milk.

**TUES:** Sweet & sour popcorn chicken over rice (Bosco sticks w/dipping sauce served at Bushnell), seasoned carrots, fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, cucumber coins, strawberries, peaches, milk.

**WED:** Scrambled eggs w/ sausage & biscuit, hashbrowns, fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, cauliflower bites, watermelon, orange juice, milk.

**THURS:** Roasted turkey & gravy w/dinner roll (WG breaded chicken nuggets served at Bushnell), mashed potatoes & gravy, fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, cherry tomatoes, pineapple, orange smiles, milk.

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# obituaries

## BERK

James Christopher Berk, age 72, of Lowell, passed away August 29, 2013, in Lowell. He was born July 30, 1941, in Coleman, the son of Vernell and Vesta (Walton) Berk.



James married Shirley Kehoe in 1974. She passed away in 2005. He then married Jacquelyn (Ambrose) Felty on September 9, 2009. James retired from Dow Chemical Company and later worked for Lowell High School as a security guard. He was a faithful Christian and attended Good Shepherd Church in Lowell. James was a member of the NRA, Qua-Ke-Zik Gun Range and was an avid hunter. He loved his John Deere Tractor. James is survived by his loving wife, Jacquelyn Berk of Lowell;

children, Kevin Berk of Farwell, Calvin (Michelle) Berk of Lupton, and Kimberly; step-children, Brian (Tina) Kehoe of Utah, Pat Kehoe of Lowell, Joseph (Karen) Felty of Rockford, Jason (Shawna) Felty of Hudsonville, and Jill (Rodney) Bloom of Comstock Park; sister, Faye (Ray) Berk-Pyle of Alabama; grandchildren, Amber, Kalley, Cody, Brittany, Christopher, Josh, Stephanie, Annette, Miranda, Chandler, Carter, Ethan, Makayla, Evelyn, Julianna, Kenneth, Ross, Lydia, Nathan, and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his late wife, Shirley Berk; parents, Vernell and Vesta Berk; step-son, John Felty Jr.; and granddaughter, Jessica. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, September 9, 2:00 pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lowell with Pastor Joseph Fremer officiating. Visitation will be held Tuesday at 12:00 pm until time of service at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in James' name to the Flat River Outreach Ministries. Arrangements by Lake Funeral Home of Saranac. Online condolences may be made at [www.lakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.lakefuneralhomes.com)

## DOYLE

Kevin Michael Doyle, age 55, passed away on August 30, 2013, at Spectrum Continuing Care, following a brief battle with cancer. His parents, King and Mary Louise Doyle of Lowell, preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife Rennell, his son Erik Doyle of Charlotte, NC, mother Marie Doyle, brother Brian (Cheryl) Doyle, sisters Louise (Carl) Berasi and Sharon Hawkins, twin sister Karen (Fred) Adelman, step-sister Patricia Metzger, and many nieces and nephews. Kevin was a 1977 graduate of Lowell High School. He was passionate about Tiger baseball and Michigan Football, and he delighted in his daily visits to Steak 'N Shake. He will be dearly missed by family, friends, and co-workers. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Mary's Church, 402 Amity, Lowell on Saturday, September 7th, at 2:00 PM, Msgr. Edward Hankiewicz, presiding. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery.



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Synopsis of Minutes  
For August 12, 2013

Motions Approved:

- Fire Dept. signed Automatic Aid Agreement with Cannon Township.
- Escrow fee of 500.00 for Dock Variance Issues.
- Resolution 2013-015 Designate Sept. 20, 2013 as POW/MIA Recognition Day
- Meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

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**DWARF BUNNIES** - 8 weeks old, \$10. Family raised. Call 648-4170.

**TWIN BED** - Mattress, box spring & frame, (Sealy), \$85 complete. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook.<sup>TFN</sup>

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**HALL FOR RENT** - Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash. Newly remodeled, smoke-free, private, great location & great rate! [www.VFW8303.org](http://www.VFW8303.org). FREE All Vets Coffee Hour at the center the 3rd Thursday of each month. Bring a friend. Call John at 299-0486 or 897-8303.<sup>TFN</sup>

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**CASH PAID** - walnut trees. Call Bob Sayers, 616-527-4142, Ionia.

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**CAREER OPPORTUNITY** - King Milling Company is seeking a qualified individual for a second shift (3 p.m. - 12 p.m.) loading position. Hilo experience is preferred. Please apply at 115 S. Broadway, Lowell.

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## misc.

**SNOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - at 3189 Snow Ave SE, will serve a family style turkey & dressing dinner on Wed., Sept. 11, at 5:30 p.m. Adults are \$10 & children 6-12 are \$4, and children 5 & under are free. Takeout dinners also available.

## sales

**HUGE YARD SALE** - Aug. 31, 9-5 p.m., Sept. 1, 12-5 p.m. & Sept. 2, 9-5 p.m. Two houses became one, clothing, many household items, some furniture, piano. 130 Rivertop Dr., Lowell.

**3 FAMILY SALE** - Thurs. & Fri., Sept. 5 & 6, 9-6. 13108 Grand River Dr., SE, Lowell (corner of Segwun & Grand River).

**PRE-MOVING SALE** - Guitar, small bike, canning jars, pressure cooker, quilting material, lawn cart, chain saw, weed eater, 20 hp garden tractor w/bucket & 5 ft. mower, antique patio table & chairs & much more. Sept. 4, 5 & 6, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. 11850 Bluewater Hwy.

**GARAGE SALE** - golf clubs, few small antiques, air compressor, professional karaoke system w/tons of music, table saw, antique paper cutter & misc. Fri. & Sat., Sept. 6 & 7, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., 10895 Peck Lake Rd.

**ESTATE/GARAGE SALE** - Furniture, collectibles, antiques, new items, elderly aids, holiday items, TONS of everything & anything household/kitchen. Sept. 6 & 7, Fri., 9-5, Sat., 9-2 p.m. 2650 Bewell, Lowell.

**GARAGE SALE** - 2335 Segwun, Thurs., Sept. 5 & Fri., Sept. 6, 9-5 p.m. Snowblower, recliner, etc. Come & see!

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**PLEASE NOTE** - Coming Events are for non-profit organizations. If you are charging admission for an event - it is considered an advertisement. Coming events are ran on a space available basis & **ARE NOT GUARANTEED TO RUN**. If you would like to make sure your event is placed in the paper, please call our office & place it as a classified ad. We will not run ANY Garage or Rummage Sales as a coming event. All Coming Events or changes to coming events should be submitted by fax: 897-4809, email: [classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com](mailto:classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com), by mail: PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or in person: 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

**LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS** - (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs.: 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.; Tues. & Fri.: 12-1, 4:30-5:30 p.m. & 8-9 p.m.; Sat. & Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m. The first step is always the hardest. If your life has become unmanagable due to alcohol, please join us at 101 W. Main. 897-8565.

**RIDE FOR WARRIORS** - Sept. 15. Event takes place in Alto. Bicycling event in honor of the brave men & women that fight & have fought for our freedom. Proceeds will go toward Veterans in the West Michigan area who are in need of home modifications. For more information contact Ellen Seese, 821-9554.

**TODDLER THURSDAY** - Every Thursday 11-11:30 a.m. Stories, songs, rhymes & learning. Ages 18 mo. - 36 mo. Alvah N. Belding Library, 302 E. Main, Belding. 616-794-1450.

**EVERY THURSDAY** - Night service at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 865

Lincoln Lake SE at 6:30 p.m. Public welcome.

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

**NEW CLASSES FOR EVERYONE** - children - adults at Christian Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash SE, Lowell. Every Wednesday 7-8 p.m. Bible-centered classes for children through 5th grade, youth group for 6th grade thru high school & adult prayer & Bible study. Everyone is invited to attend.

**FREE COMMODITIES** - Thurs., Sept. 5, 9-11 a.m. at FROM Food Pantry, 11535 E. Fulton, Lowell.

**TOTS PRESCHOOL ALMOST NEW SALE** - Oct. 5, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cherry Creek Elementary. FREE to shop, FREE to sell. Reserve your space now! Call Lori at TOTS, 987-2532.

**MOMS IN TOUCH INTERNATIONAL** - Thursdays 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. at Friendship Country Chapel, 10200 Grand River Ave. Moms & grandmas come pray for our kids & schools. Contact Missy at 308-7920 or [missykoistra@gmail.com](mailto:missykoistra@gmail.com) with any questions.

**KNITTING** - Tuesdays, 6-7:15 p.m. Instructional knitting class by Cathie Richter. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

**SUPPER TOGETHER** - Tuesdays, 5:30-6 p.m. Join in a meal together before group begins. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

**STORYTIME** - Tues., Sept. 10, 17 & 24, 10 a.m. Stories, songs & crafts w/Ms. Elizabeth at Saranac

Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

**KIDSTALK - CANCER OR GRIEF** - Tuesdays, 6-7:15 p.m. A group for children 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.

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

**GRIEF - NEW MEMBER MEETING** - Call the clubhouse to schedule your introductory meeting for grief support groups. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

**KNITTING GROUP** - Tues., Sept. 10, 17 & 24, 10 a.m. - noon. Beginning to advanced meets at Village Hall in Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

**TEEN & TWEENTALK - CANCER OR GRIEF** - Tuesdays, 6-7:15 p.m. A group for youth in middle or high school on a cancer or grief journey. Incorporates curriculum-based activities & discussion. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

**MOTHERS WHO HAVE OR HAVE HAD** - sons/daughters serving in the military. We are meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. For more info 616-761-2042.

**NOOGIELAND** - Tuesdays, 6-7:15 p.m. Supervised play for children kindergarten or younger on a cancer or grief journey. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

**FRIDAY FUN** - Every Friday, 11-11:45 a.m. Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, games & a simple craft. For 3-5 year olds. Alvah N. Belding Library, 302 E. Main, Belding. 616-794-1450.

**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.

**KENT COUNTY NARFE GROUP** - for retired & current federal employees meet the 2nd Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton, 1/2 mile west of E. Beltline. Potluck at 12:30 p.m. & meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. Call Ed Moore for time, 616-784-6716.

**COFFEE WITH THE COUNCIL** - Come meet & have a cup of coffee with your city councilmembers. 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>

**ADULT CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** - Tuesdays, 6-7:15 p.m., A committed group for those diagnosed with cancer. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

## Looking Back, continued

make nothing out of it at all and my boy cried and sed he didnt dare go back in the mornins without doin it. So I had to go to Lowell and buy a nine-gallin keg of bere, which I could ill afford to do and then he went and borrowed a lot of wine and brandy bottles and then counted them and there were 19 and my boy put the number down for an answer. I don't know whether it is rite or not, as we spilt some while doin it. P.S. – Please let the next some be in water, as I am not able to buy more bere.”

Drastic measures should be taken for the detection and punishment of cowardly motor drivers who run people down and then run away, leaving their victims to die of neglect. "Let the punishment fit the crime.”

Russell and Kenneth Fox killed a large rattlesnake in the road near the bridge, one day last week. It had four rattles.

### 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 8, 1938

The critical injuries sustained by George Kingdom last week Wednesday evening when he was struck down by a passing truck as he turned away from the crowd listening to a political speech at the intersection of Main St. and Riverside Dr., have caused several citizens to express the opinion that such assemblages should not be held in the business district. The new stage at the site of the Showboat landing or the West Side park would provide safer places for crowds to gather.

"Member When— When many village residents had their own shaving mugs at their favorite barber shop, each with the owner's name printed thereon in gold letters? When the present motor cars were not used by P. M. and Grand Trunk section hands and the men had to "pump" their small vehicles by hand when they went out to work on the tracks? When a state band tournament was held in Lowell about 40 years ago? More than 20 bands participated and about 20,000 people assembled on Picnic Island and vicinity? One thousand pounds of beef were used at the barbecue. There were five saloons here at the time and one of them reported a business of \$1200 and none of the saloons reporting less than \$250, according to a local citizen who remembers the occasion. Those must have been owlish days.

### 50 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 5, 1963

Headline: Vote to blacktop Division Street. The city council on Monday night voted to blacktop North Division Street hill after an on-the-site inspection with the contractor Beckman Company last week. The street will be made 30 feet wide up to the top of the hill to carry the drainage water. From the top of the hill to Grindle Drive will be 20 feet wide, total cost of the project is \$2796.00. This is far less than the nearly \$10,000 figure that engineers originally estimated for

cement curb and tile drains. Beckman said, that he felt his plan for carrying off the drainage water on the road itself would provide an adequate plan at a cost the city can finance. Work will be completed this fall.

The council will meet with the school board on Sept. 16 to discuss the financing of additional sidewalks to provide access to the new high school on Foreman St. In the mean time a traffic study will be made by the city manager to observe the patterns of foot traffic to the new school.

### 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 7, 1988

Headline: Lowell Showboat donates \$1,000 to Rice, Lowell band. Bob Rice, Lowell High School band director, hasn't even entered his Lowell High School band into any competitions yet and already it has come up a big winner. Following its group picture for the fall sports program, the LHS band was presented a check for \$1,000 by Showboat board members: Ray Quada, president; Gordan Gould, vicepresident; and Kelly Hoist, secretary of treasure. Quada said that the Showboat board has agreed to establish three funds each year for [and in the amounts of] capital improvements, \$5,000 for repairs and improvements to boat; operational fund, \$7,500 – start-up money for 1989; and contribution fund, \$1,000. "This is the first contribution Showboat has made to a community function in 20 years," Quada said.

Lowell's Bushnell Elementary School started a playground equipment fundraiser Sept. 2 and will run through Sept. 13. The fundraiser proceeds will be used to pay for the \$8,000 playground equipment... students in grades 1- 5 will be asked to sell wrapping paper, cards, ribbons, wrapping bags, taper candles for Christmas and all occasions, "We hope to have

the products available by Oct. 13," [Pinky] McPherson said. "Our general policy is to stay away from food and we've had previous success with selling this type of merchandise." McPherson added, that if there is more than one child from a family at Bushnell, they will sell as a family unit not individually. "That way there's not a race to grandma. No sibling rivalry, one family works as a team."

## Levin, continued

the company's true owners.

That's it. One simple question. But it's an important one.

Why? To begin with, we know some terrorists and criminals use U.S. corporations to carry out their activities. Viktor Bout, an arms dealer who was found guilty in November 2011 of conspiring to kill U.S. nationals and selling weapons to a terrorist organization, used corporations around the world in his work, including a dozen formed in Texas, Delaware and Florida. It is unacceptable that Bout was able to set up corporations in three states and use them in illicit activities without ever being asked for his name.

In another case, a New York company called Assa Corp. owned a Manhattan skyscraper and in 2007 transferred about \$4.5 million in rental payments to a bank in Iran. U.S. law enforcement officers tracking the funds had no idea who was behind that corporation until another government disclosed that it was owned by the Alavi Foundation, which had ties to the Iranian military. In other words, a New York corporation was being used to ship millions of dollars to Iran, a notorious supporter of terrorism.

U.S. corporations with hidden owners have also been involved in financial crimes. In 2011, a former Russian military officer, Victor Kaganov, pleaded guilty to operating an illegal money-transfer business from his home in Oregon and using Oregon shell

corporations to wire more than \$150 million around the world on behalf of Russian clients.

Shell corporations are also notorious for their role in health care fraud. One example involves an individual named Michel Huarte who formed 29 shell companies in several states including Florida, Louisiana and North Carolina and used them to make fraudulent health care claims, bilking Medicare out of more than \$50 million.

In these and other cases, great law enforcement work eventually pierced the veil of corporate secrecy. But that's not always what happens. In October 2004, the Homeland Security Dept.'s division of Immigration and Customs Enforcement identified a Utah corporation that had engaged in \$150 million in suspicious transactions. ICE found that the corporation had been formed in Utah and was owned by two Panamanian entities which, in turn, were owned by a group of Panamanian holding corporations, all located at the same Panama City office.

By 2005, ICE had located 800 U.S. corporations in nearly every state associated with the same shadowy group in Panama, but was unable to obtain the name of a single person who owned any one of the corporations. ICE had learned that the 800 corporations were associated with multiple U.S. investigations into tax fraud and other wrongdoing, but no one had been able to find the corporate owners. The trail went cold, and ICE closed the case.

Our bill would not only help law enforcement in such cases, it would bring the United States into compliance with international standards requiring countries to obtain beneficial ownership information for the corporations they form.

It would also make U.S. domestic practices consistent with U.S. foreign policy. The fact that we have corporate secrecy right here in our backyard contradicts U.S. efforts to end corporate secrecy offshore. All over the world, people are standing up and speaking out against shell corporations with hidden owners being used to commit wrongdoing. It is time Congress acted to ensure transparency in the formation of U.S. corporations.



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# Lowell businesses are in the pink!



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The Lowell Post Office, from left to right: Michele Rowe, Ben Zoodsma, Jon Vezino, Amy VanDuinen, Marie Schweitzer and Nancy Roth



Bierling family at Y.E.S.S Thrift on Plainfield Ave.



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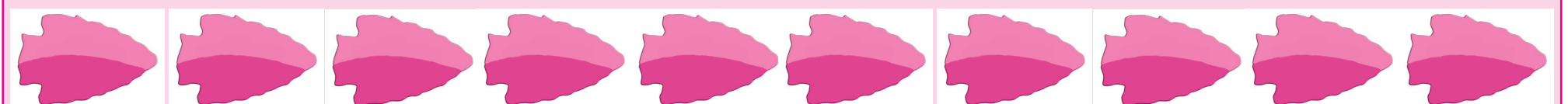
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Boulder Ridge Wild Animal Park. 8313 Pratt Lake Ave. Alto, MI

A drawing will be held on Wednesday morning among all the businesses on page 15 and 16 of this week's Ledger - with the exception of the Ledger/Buyers Guide employees. The winning businesses will be contacted by phone by the end of the day on Wednesday, September 4. All decisions are final.

## Good luck and enjoy the game!



# Lowell businesses are in the pink!



Family Dentistry of Lowell - from left in front: Gina Ghareeb, Dr. Jennifer Byrd and Sandy Bagroski; middle row, from left: Chrissy Willis and Amy Wasker and top row, from left: Melissa Klemish, Pat Schlanderer and Stephanie Haggerty



Cousins' Hallmark - from left: Sue Mooney, Kathy Southland, Amy Gasper, Karen Hale, Mike Hale and Terri Chopp



Daisy Floral - From left: Jeff Barger, Stephanie Heaton, Cathi Poll and Jack Poll



Dery Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation personnel in their Arrow Force VI T-shirts. "We have supported the Pink Arrow Project for all six years by purchasing T-shirts for all of our employees. We all wear our Pink Arrow Force T-shirts every game day until the team stops playing, usually in November."



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