

2014

game day  
schedule

pages 8 & 9

exploring  
our national  
parks



page 7



l's sports



pages  
10 & 11

50  
CENTS



## Parking still an issue as DDA meeting seeks public input on downtown planning

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

Lowell's Downtown Development Authority had a "vision" meeting on Tuesday, August 26 at city hall.

The meeting was led by Lynee Wells, an urban planner from the engineering company Williams & Works and Trevor Bosworth, an architect with the Viridis Design Group. About 30 local residents attended.

"Our intention with this type of process is that we wanted to hear from you and come back with what we felt, as urban designers, landscape architects and professionals, what the best option could be to meet the various needs that you have, because some of the needs are competing," Wells said.

"It's a good turnout of a nice mix of people that are interested in the downtown area," said mayor Jim Hodges. "Some business owners, some members of the planning commission and city council and other interested parties."

The purpose of the meeting was to seek public input about what improvements to make to

the downtown area. Wells and Bosworth presented several different options and plans. Residents were encouraged to speak up and ask questions throughout the presentation. It didn't take long for the meeting to turn into a debate about downtown parking options.

"You have to examine the different parking strategies that are available to the community," Wells said. "Many communities are looking at pricing parking; they're looking at holed parking limits."

"The city administration is not really reacting to the merchants' needs for parking," said Greg Canfield, owner of Canfield Plumbing & Heating, 411 E. Main. "There was talk of a parking lot behind the Moose building for a couple years. It was almost a sure thing. We invested in the Moose building thinking that was coming. We have a city council that couldn't even put it on the ballot for the voters to approve extending lease options."

"I have a business in that same block and when I signed the lease to put my

business in that building, there was an article in the paper just a few months prior saying that was going to be a parking lot, 'done deal,'" said Nancy DeBoer, owner of Station Salon, 214 E. Main. "I set up my business purposely the way I did because there was going to be a parking lot back there."

City manager Mark Howe was on hand to address these questions.

"I don't know that anybody ever said it was a 'done deal,' because it's certainly far from it being a 'done deal,'" Howe said. "It is a very complicated process. A lot of pieces have to be put together and we are working on it."

Topics other than parking were discussed. The meeting also touched on ways to get pedestrians across Main Street.

"One of the important things that we heard a lot from a lot of people at the last meeting was the ability to cross [M-21] at the Riverwalk," Bosworth said. "It's kind of hard to cross three lanes of traffic as it is right now."

Other ideas included making Monroe a one-way street, putting a pedestrian tunnel under Main, slowing traffic as it approaches downtown and encouraging biking and walking rather than driving.

"We can make the city safer for people walking, which might incentivize walkers to walk," Wells said. "We can provide safe ways for people to bike, which might incentivize people to bike more. And so little by little as we provide these facilities for other modes we might have people making the choice to, instead of driving their car they might use these other



Lynee Wells from Williams & Works discussing downtown parking options.

modes. That would help free up the demand that we see for parking in the city."

## Annual Alto Harvest Festival gears up for fun this September

On Saturday, Sept. 13 the Alto Harvest Festival committee is once again hosting their 34th annual Alto Harvest Festival.

Begin your day with a pancake breakfast put on by the Alto/Bowne Township Fire Department at the Alto Fire Station at 6260 Bancroft beginning at 7:00 a.m. and ending at 10:00 a.m. Opening ceremonies begin at 10:00 a.m. with the raising of the American Flag. Arts and crafts vendors and farmers market open at 9:00 am and run until 3:00 pm. The parade begins at 11:30 am.

The grand marshalls of the parade will be Dick and Sally Johnson.

The Classic Car Show keeps growing in popularity. Make plans to take a trip

down memory lane to view street rods and hot rods, along with classic and muscle cars that will line the streets. Goodie bags and dash plaques for the first 150 entries, top 50 awards with many quality door prizes handed out throughout the day. Registration is \$10.00 and starts at 7:30 am. Awards at 3:00 pm. There will also be door prizes and a grocery guess.

There is a contest for everyone including the Blue Ribbon Baking Contest that brings in tasty treats every year. One lucky entrant will be chosen from the Adult and the youth division. A grand champion will be chosen and awarded a cash prize of \$25.

New this year will be a Chili Cook-off. The

Alto Bar is hosting the inaugural Chili Cook-off that kicks off at noon on the patio. Registration is \$20 with proceeds going to Alex's Lemonade Stand for spinal cord tumor research. Live music with Dennie Middleton during the chili cook-off. For more information on team participation contact the Alto Bar at 868-9961.

Returning contest favorite, Baking Bingo, is a new twist on an old game. Instead of prize money you can win baked goods and baking essentials. This is a true Harvest Festival original. The Alto American Legion are once again hosting Bingo at the Legion. Other contests include pie

Alto Harvest Festival,  
continued, page 2

## Join the Arbor Day Foundation in September and receive ten free trees for planting in Michigan

Everyone from Michigan who joins the Arbor Day Foundation in September will receive 10 free trees as part of the Foundation's Trees for America program.

Through Trees for America, everyone is encouraged to plant trees that will benefit the environment and improve the quality-of-life. With one million members, the Arbor Day Foundation is the nation's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to planting trees.

Everyone joining this month will receive an eastern redbud, white pine, sugar maple, white flowering dogwood, pin oak, red maple, river birch, silver maple, northern red oak and Colorado blue spruce.

"This group of trees was carefully selected to yield year-round benefits in Michigan, including beautiful spring flowers, cool summer shade, spectacular autumn colors and winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation.

"These trees will also add to the proud heritage of Michigan's 125 Tree City USA communities," Harris continued. "For the last 38 years, Tree City USA has supported effective urban forest management across Michigan and planting these trees will enhance the state's tree-planting tradition."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between October 15 and December 10. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Easy-to-follow planting instructions are enclosed with each shipment of trees.

New members of the Arbor Day Foundation will also receive The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care.

To receive the 10 free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by September 30 or join online at arborday.org/ september.





# along main street

D.C. in 1865, through the pen of Robert Loomis. Loomis kept a diary for 50 years. Stevens discovered a treasure of information when he found the diaries in a local garage. Loomis was born in 1832 in Newcastle, Maine. He operated a leather business in Boston and Washington D.C. as an adult. He met famous Americans like Henry Clay, Daniel Webster and Abraham Lincoln. During the Civil War, Loomis and his partner sold harnesses and boots to the United States Army. Loomis and his family moved to Grand Rapids after the Civil War. The program will be at the Lowell Township Hall. Coffee and light refreshments follow the program.

### PINK ARROW PRIDE GAME DAY

The Pink Arrow Pride game will be held on Fri., Sept. 5. Gates open at 2:30 pm, concessions at 3 pm. Varsity soccer game starts at approximately 3:30 and volleyball game is at 4:25. Football game time is 7 pm.

### COFFEE WITH COUNCIL

Come meet and have a cup of coffee with your city councilmembers on the first Saturday of the month from 8 to 10 am at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office, 113 Riverwalk Plaza.

### WALK TO DEFEAT ALS

Walk to Defeat ALS Sun., Sept. 7, in Grand Rapids. The walk starts at 1 pm at the 6th Street Bridge Park. Anyone

interested in supporting "Team Ken" by either walking or making a pledge, can contact me, Shannon Goggins at goggins.shannon@gmail.com or go to www.walktodefeatal.org, click on donate, then choose "Team Ken." This walk is being done in honor of my dad and in memory of Larry Gene Kelly and Everett Carey, all from Lowell.

### LIVESTRONG AT THE YMCA

Cancer Survivor Exercise Program classes start the week of Sept. 8. For more information call 855-9570.

### LAHM PRESENTS

#### "1865 DIARY OF ROBERT LOOMIS"

The Lowell Area Historical Museum (LAHM) will present "1865 Diary of Robert Loomis" with Ron Stevens on Sept. 16 at 7 pm. Stevens will present life in Washington

### FIRST WHITES BRIDGE BRIDGEFEST

The Whites Bridge Historical Society's first annual BridgeFest will be held Fri. and Sat., Oct. 3 and 4 at the Ionia County Fairgrounds. For more information or to purchase tickets go to www.eventbrite.com/e/bridgefest-tickets-12717122255?aff=es2

*Feel free to send your event information to the Ledger for Along Main St. All submission requests for Along Main St. are subject to space limitations. The Ledger makes no assurances that they will appear in print. To ensure that an event notification will appear in the Ledger, it is best to place a paid advertisement. All efforts will be made to place suitable items in the Along Main St. column but they are printed at the discretion of the publisher. For profit events, church services, yard sales and the like, will not appear in this column.*

## PINK ARROW SHIRTS NOW AVAILABLE AT

**PEP TALK**  
207 East Main  
897-7200



**SPRINGGROVE VARIETY**  
123 West Main  
897-9918  
Monday - Saturday: 9 to 6 pm

### T-SHIRTS ALSO AVAILABLE:

**WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY  
SEPTEMBER 3 & 4:**

Available at all schools during lunch  
**AND  
EXTENDED HOURS  
AT PEP TALK**  
207 East Main St. • 897-7200  
**9:00 AM TO 9:00 PM**



Extra Charge for 2XL, 3XL, 4XL & 5XL

**THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 4:**

Freshman and JV Football games and 9:00 am to 9:00 pm at Pep Talk

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5:**

T-Shirts available at Pep Talk till noon and Springgrove till 4 pm  
T-Shirts at football stadium at noon

**Pink Arrow Bead for necklace or bracelet available at Chimera Design**  
208 E. Main - 897-9480



Get our 3-Bed, 2-Bath, 4-Door, V-6 discount.

Deborah Wilks, Agent  
11827 Fulton St E  
Lowell, MI 49331  
Bus: 616-897-9237  
dwilks@deborahwilks.com

Put auto and home together for hundreds in savings. When you have a State Farm® car and a State Farm home, get ready to drive around with a big, money-saving State Farm smile. **GET TO A BETTER STATE.™** CALL ME TODAY.

1103161.1 State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, State Farm Indemnity Company, Bloomington, IL

## Alto Harvest Festival, continued

eating contest, tractor trivia and a scavenger hunt. If you can figure out the clues you will find a sweet treat awaiting you when you turn in your hunt sheet. Other attractions include the Alto Library's gently used book sale and the annual Antique Tractor display.

Located on the "Green" will be the Free Kids Area where there will be inflatables, face painting, and petting zoo, smoke house, an ambulance, as well as a fire truck. The Kent County Sheriff's department will be handing out free stuff for the kids. A returning kid's favorite is Puff-N-Pedal. Trophies will be awarded, as well as medals and participation ribbons.

Another new attraction taking place at Veterans Park is the Lumberjack for Lemonade Contest. Everyone can be a lumberjack for this great cause and win great prizes. Proceeds also going to Alex's Lemonade Stand.

Food is always on one's mind at the festival and a variety of mouth-watering items will be on hand to choose from.

Alto is located just off I-96 at exit 52. After exiting I-96 go south on M-50 following it to 60th Street. Turn West on 60th Street. When you come to the stop sign at Bancroft, you have arrived in Alto. Parking is available on the street and the Alto Baptist Church.

## the lowell ledger

(USPS 453-830)

Published weekly for \$2500 a year for zip codes beginning with 493 or 495 \$3600 a year any other zip code.

Deadline for display advertising is Friday at Noon

Deadline for classified advertising is Monday at 5 pm

Jon Jacobs.....Publisher

Jeanne Boss.....Editor

Tim McAllister.....Contributing Reporter

Kathryn Atwood.....Contributing Reporter

Tammy Janowiak.....Classified/Accounting

Jon Jacobs.....Advertising Sales

(616) 897-9261

Email: ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com

Second Class Postage Paid at Lowell, MI

Published every Wednesday

POSTMASTER: Send address change to:

The Lowell Ledger

PO Box 128 • Lowell, MI 49331

www.thelowellledger.com



# Michigan retail sales climb again in July

Michigan's retail industry posted strong sales numbers in July for the second month in a row, and forecasts for the end of summer and beginning of fall also rose, according to the Michigan Retail Index, a joint project of Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

Retailers' short-term sales forecasts also increased, by

seven points in July after slipping by nearly 10 points in June.

"It has been an unusually good summer. Shoppers were open to summer's sidewalk and other clearance sales as well as discounts on back-to-school merchandise, which may tell us two things about today's consumers," said James P. Hallan, MRA president and CEO.

"First, they were confident

enough to go shopping and spend money. Second, summer's sales appealed to their continued caution and desire to stretch their dollars."

The positive numbers were across the board geographically and by types of stores and merchandise, he added.

The July survey of MRA members showed 63 percent of retailers increased sales

over the same month last year, while 18 percent recorded declines and 19 percent reported no change. The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 74.9, up from 66.7 in June. A year ago July the Index stood at 63.9.

The 100-point Index gauges the performance of the state's overall retail

industry, based on monthly surveys conducted by MRA and the Federal Reserve. Index values above 50 generally indicate positive activity; the higher the number, the stronger the activity.

Looking forward, 58 percent of retailers expect sales during August-October to increase over the same period last year, while 13

percent project a decrease and 29 percent no change. That puts the seasonally adjusted outlook index at 76.7, up from 69.5 in June. A year ago July the Index stood at 82.0. Note: William Strauss, senior economist and economic advisor with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, can be reached at 312-322-8151.

## Tax-avoiding companies shouldn't get contracts paid for with your tax dollars



Sen. Carl Levin

Over the last few months, there has been a growing rush of U.S. corporations seeking to swear off their U.S. citizenship and move their mailboxes, for tax purposes, to a low-tax jurisdiction. I don't think that's right, and it's time we put a stop to it. Three months ago, I introduced the Stop Corporate Inversions Act with 22 cosponsors, which would do just that.

A few weeks ago, I and Sens. Richard Durbin of Illinois, Jack Reed of Rhode Island introduced another bill, the No Federal Contracts for Corporate Deserters Act. This new legislation would at least ensure that companies that shift overseas and renounce their U.S. citizenship to avoid taxes don't get taxpayer-funded federal contracts.

Most Americans agree with us that taxpayer dollars shouldn't be used for contracts with companies that move their addresses

abroad to dodge U.S. laws. Over the last 12 years, Congress has passed a series of restrictions on federal contracting with inverted corporations. We passed restrictions in 2002, 2006 and 2007. Since fiscal year 2008, a government-wide provision banning contracts with inverted corporations has been included in every annual appropriations bill.

The No Federal Contracts for Corporate Deserters Act would strengthen that ban by closing a number of

loopholes in the current law. Those loopholes have allowed some inverted corporations to continue collecting revenue from American taxpayers while at the same time shifting their tax burden onto those same American taxpayers. Our bill also makes the existing ban, which has been included in annual appropriations bills, permanent.

Some may say that the real reason for inversions is that our tax rate is too high. It's true the top corporate rate is 35 percent. But the effective tax rate – what corporations really pay – is about 12 percent. And when companies can go to places like Ireland or the Caribbean and negotiate sweetheart deals to pay little or no taxes, there will always be tax incentives for

companies to abandon their country instead of paying their tax bill, no matter what our tax rate is.

Some may say that we should wait for tax reform to address this issue. There are two reasons why we shouldn't. First, if it happens at all, tax reform is months or years away; these inversions are happening now. Second, this is a bill about contracting.

This bill doesn't amend the tax code. And it has been referred to the Homeland Security and

Governmental Affairs Committee, which oversees federal contracting, and not to the Finance Committee, which oversees tax policy. So even senators who think we should wait until we pass comprehensive tax reform before fixing the tax inversions problem should be able to support this bill.

In similar circumstances in the past, Congress has chosen to act – overwhelmingly – and in a bipartisan fashion. This should not be a partisan issue. This is about fairness.

It is simply unfair to businesses that don't invert to have to compete with companies that do invert.

This is about putting American families who work hard and pay their share. We shouldn't sacrifice the interests of those families. We shouldn't ask them to send their hard-earned tax dollars to contractors who skip out on their tax obligations. I look forward to working with my colleagues to move this legislation forward.

...  
The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.

~ William James (1842 - 1910)

**SPAY NEUTER EXPRESS**  
LOW COST SPAY & NEUTER  
No restrictions. Available for everyone. Also vaccinations, tests and parasite control.  
Call 897-8865  
www.spayneuterexpress.com

**WINDOWS/SIDING**  
DOORS/INSULATION/GUTTERS  
SAVE **50% OFF**  
**HEATING/COOLING BILLS**  
GUARANTEED!!!  
SAVE 10% OFF WITH THIS COUPON  
897-7300  
319 E. Main Lowell  
All-Weather Seal  
allweathersealinc.com  
Not good w/any other offer! Good on initial presentation

**LOWELL TOWNSHIP WATER CUSTOMERS**  
Lowell Township will be replacing remote readers for water service with radio readers. The new radio readers will attach over the current remotes. The Township has hired Infrastructure Alternatives to complete the work over the next several months. See our website for more details - www.twp.lowell.mi.us or call us if you have any questions at 897-7600.  
Linda S. Regan, Clerk  
Lowell Charter Township

**simply give**  
Help Boost FROM's Food Pantry  
Lowell Meijer will have **Double Match Days** on their Simply Give Program. Double Match Days are **September 4 - 6, 2014.** For every \$10 Simply Give card purchase, Meijer will give \$20, resulting in a \$30 donation to Flat River Ministries  
**FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES**  
11535 Fulton East Lowell, MI 49331  
Phone 616-897-8260  
www.fromlowell.org

**AREN'T YOU READY FOR A BETTER DENTAL EXPERIENCE?**  
At Family Dentistry of Lowell, traditional dental services meet modern dentistry...with a feminine touch.  
Dr. Wilson and Dr. Byrd welcome you and your family into our calming and nurturing environment.  
Heated neck pillows and blankets will help you slowly relax.  
We also offer personal headphones with access to the music of your choice.  
Doesn't your family deserve a better dental experience?  
**Family Dentistry of Lowell**  
147 NORTH CENTER STREET, LOWELL 616-897-4835  
WWW.FAMILYDENTISTRYOFLOWELL.COM  
JENNIFER BYRD, D.D.S. | ANN WILSON, D.D.S.



# business directory

TO ADVERTISE IN THE LEDGER

BUSINESS DIRECTORY Call 897-9261

**FRY DADDY'S**  
608 West Main Street  
Lowell, MI 49331  
**897-FISH**  
FISH SHRIMP WING DINES -  
CHICKEN STRIPS  
DAILY SPECIALS  
OPEN MONDAY - SATURDAY  
SUNDAY 3-8  
Best Fish In Town!!!



**Rich's Service Co.**  
In-Home Appliance Repair  
Dryer Vent  
Cleaning  
INSURED • 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE  
WASHERS • DRYERS • REFRIGERATORS  
GARBAGE DISPOSALS • STOVES • DISHWASHERS  
209 E. Main St. RICH CURTIS  
Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-5686



**KIRK COLLINS**  
Owner  
**Howboat**  
AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY, INC.  
Auto Value  
Parts Stores  
1450 W. Main St., Lowell, MI  
(616) 897-9231  
HOURS: MON - FRI 8-7; SAT 8-5:30; SUN 9-3



**THE LAURELS OF KENT**  
A Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center  
• Rehab Services • Respite Stays  
• Long Term Care • Palliative Care  
Able to admit 24/7  
350 North Center Street  
Lowell, Michigan  
616-897-8473 or  
616.292.1031  
www.laurelsofkent.com



**HANSON REAL ESTATE GROUP .com**  
(616) 682.9225



897-4123  
**Arctic Inc.**  
Heating & Cooling  
• Heating & air-conditioning • Wall hung boilers & water heaters  
• Geo Thermal systems • Radiant floor heat • Snow melt systems  
• Whole house generators • Duct work • Humidifiers  
SALES, SERVICE AND INSTALLATION, UPGRADES, NEW HOMES  
www.HeatingCoolingOnline.com



**Eckman Landscape Construction**  
Hard Scapes - Brick Pavings -  
Boulder Walls - Retaining Walls -  
Decks - Fences - Tractor Services -  
Bark - Mulch  
Joel Eckman, owner  
Lowell  
616-802-2666  
joeleckman80@yahoo.com



**BILL WHEELER**  
Certified Public Accountant  
W. J. WHEELER MICHIGAN  
103 Riverside Dr.  
Lowell, Michigan  
49331  
616-897-7711



**YOUR BUSINESS COULD BE HERE!**  
**SAVE \$\$\$\$\$\$**  
ADVERTISING IN THIS SPACE!!!  
Only \$17<sup>00</sup> PER WEEK!



Check us out online ...  Find us on Facebook  
**thelowelledger.com**  
Make us your homepage!

## financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

### Make the right moves to leave a legacy to grandchildren

On Sept. 8, we observe National Grandparents Day. If you have grandchildren, they will hopefully mark this occasion by sending a card, making a call or, best of all, paying a visit. But however your grandchildren express their feelings for you, you undoubtedly have a very big place in your heart for them. In fact, you may well be planning on including your grandchildren in your estate plan. If that's the case, you'll want to do the best you can to preserve the size of your estate — without sacrificing the ability to enjoy life during your retirement years.

Here are a few suggestions to help you achieve this “balancing act”:

- *Expect market volatility — and don't overreact.* If you've been investing for a while, you know that volatility in the financial markets is normal. In fact, it's not unusual for the market to drop 10%, or even more, in a year. Try not to overreact to this type of volatility. For example, don't immediately sell investments just because they've had a down year — they may well bounce back the next

year, especially if their fundamentals are still strong.

- *Diversify.* It's always a good idea to diversify across a range of investment vehicles — stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit (CDs) and so on. While diversification can't guarantee a profit or protect against loss, it can help reduce the effects of volatility on your portfolio.

- *Maintain a cash cushion.* During your retirement years, you may face unexpected expenses, just as you did when you were working. To help pay for these expenses without being forced to dip into your long-term investments, try to maintain a “cash cushion” that's sufficient to cover six to 12 months' worth of living expenses.

- *Limit withdrawals from your investments.* To keep your investment portfolio intact for as long as possible, set limits on your annual withdrawals. Your withdrawal rate should be based on a variety of factors — age at retirement, other sources of income, lifestyle choices, etc. A financial advisor can help you calculate a withdrawal

rate that makes sense for your situation.

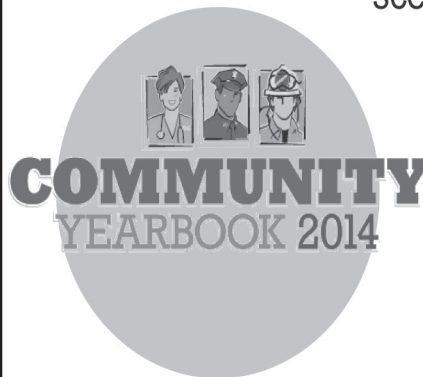
- *Delay your generosity.* It can be tempting to provide for your grandchildren — and perhaps even your grown children — as soon as you can. But you need to balance this impulse with the financial challenges that two or three decades of retirement can bring. It's not being “selfish” to take care of yourself first — in fact, by doing everything possible to remain financially independent, you will be helping your family in the long run.

- *Don't delay creating your estate plan.* If you are committed to leaving a generous legacy for your grandchildren, you need a comprehensive estate plan. And it's best to create this plan as soon as possible, while you are mentally and physically healthy. You may never become incapacitated, of course, but the future is not ours to see. In addition to starting early with your estate plan, you'll need to assemble the right team, including your financial advisor, legal professional and tax expert.

You might enjoy receiving attention on National Grandparents Day. But you'll get even greater pleasure out of knowing that you're maximizing your efforts to leave the type of legacy you want for your grandchildren — while still enjoying the retirement lifestyle you desire.

## GET A LOCAL PERSPECTIVE ON JOBS & BUSINESS

From community developments to a look at rising stars on the local business, dining, sports and entertainment scenes, The Lowell Ledger has it all!



Not a subscriber?  
Subscribe now!!!

the lowell ledger

616-897-9261 • ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com



# viewpoint

## to the editor

### walk to defeat ALS

My dad, Ken Vos, was diagnosed with ALS in May of this year. I am putting together a team to participate in the ALS walk in Grand Rapids on Sunday, September 7. The walk starts at 1 pm at the 6th Street Bridge Park. Anyone interested in supporting "Team Ken" by either walking or making a pledge can contact me, Shannon

Goggins, at goggins.shannon@gmail.com or go to www.walktodefeatal.org, click on donate, then choose "Team Ken." This walk is being done in honor of my dad and in memory of Larry Gene Kelly and Everett Carey, all from Lowell. Please help Team Ken raise awareness and funding for the ALS Michigan Chapter.

What is ALS? Often referred to as Lou Gehrig's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) is a progressive, fatal neuromuscular disease that slowly robs the body of its ability to walk, speak, swallow and breathe. The life expectancy of an ALS patient averages two to five years from the time of diagnosis.

Every 90 minutes a person in this country is diagnosed with ALS and

every 90 minutes another person will lose their battle against this disease. ALS occurs throughout the world with no racial, ethnic or socioeconomic boundaries.

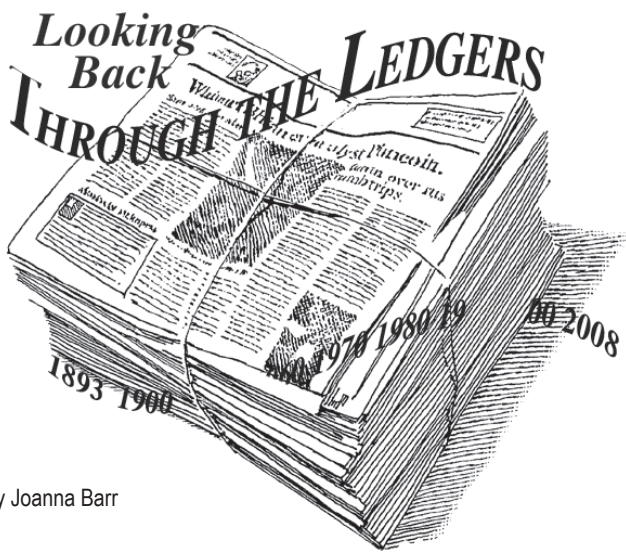
This crippling disease can strike anyone. Presently there is no known cause of the disease yet it still costs loved ones an average of \$200,000 a year to provide the care ALS patients need. Help make a difference and donate or join a walk today.

Shannon Goggins

## We love to hear from you!

The Lowell Ledger welcomes your Letters to the Editor. Letters are required to bear the author's signature, phone number and address (for verification purposes only, not for publication). Letters will be published at the discretion of the publisher. Opinions expressed in "To The Editor" are not the views of the Ledger employees or the publisher. All letters are subject to editing for length and grammar. Thank you letters and advertising will not be printed.

Letters may be submitted via email to: ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com ("to the Editor" in subject line) or dropped off or mailed to: The Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell, MI 49331.



By Joanna Barr

more increasing their working force and the amount of manufactured goods. The kiln is one of the finest in the country, and was put in by A. R. Hendrix.

### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 3, 1914

The first Lowell Chautauqua proved so successful and satisfactory to promoters and patrons that before its close, more than sufficient patronage was pledged for a similar event next year...The number of season tickets sold was 436, total receipts approximating \$825. and before the close of the course the sale of 559 season tickets was pledged for next year. The Chautauqua people were so liberal in their settlement that only a small deficit – about \$25 will be carried over to next season. The officers and committees in charge of the affair are deserving of much praise for their untiring efforts to make the opening Chautauqua a success, and The Ledger, in behalf of the public, assures our good and enterprising citizens of the hearty appreciation of their fellow townspeople.

The surveyors for the newly-projected electric railroad to Grand Rapids, have staked out a line through Lowell township on the south side of Grand River, on the north side of the highway and half a mile south of this village. If the projectors do not care for Lowell passenger traffic that is a good place for it, but if our two thousand population is any inducement, the projectors of the line would do well to move their stakes nearer town.

The 1914 report of the Michigan department of labor is at hand. It gives the number of hands employed in the factories, etc., of Lowell as 270.

In addition to the free anti-tuberculosis exhibit at the Idle Hour theater Friday evening, two comedy numbers will be given and an admission of 5 cents will be made to all. Adv

Several series of the latest and handsomest faces of type have been added to The Ledger job department, which we will be glad to show our patrons who desire a change in their business stationary and other lines of printed matter. A prompt, satisfactory and reasonably-priced service is assured. Call at Ledger office or phone 200.

F. E. Stowell lost the first joint from a finger at the Winegar factory last Thursday. Dr. Lee dressed the wound.

Surveyors are again at work staking out the right of way for an electric railway from Lansing to Grand Rapids by way of Ionia and Lowell, and "possibly" Cascade.

Arthur Martin of Ada is laying the foundation for a house on his farm, which was a part of the Holt estate, north of this village.

Martin Davis, Philip Jakeway, Helen Andrews and Margaret Dowdy began school Monday morning in Belding going up and back on the trains daily.

### 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 7, 1939

L. W. Rutherford's canning factory is running full blast these days putting up the annual tomato pack, the daily output being about 30,000 cans. About 120 persons are given employment.

Just as Decoration Day marks the opening of the straw hat season so Labor Day has come to mark its close and the man who now ventures on the main drag with a lid made of straw shows rare temerity. But Emerson tells us that life has its compensations and the old straw which has been so comfortable during the hot days of summer is now replaced with a bright new colorful felt adding much to man's feeling of well-being.

The European war is 3,000 miles away yet the affects of it are felt right here on Main Street although the conflict has been in progress only four or five days. Flour and sugar prices are going up as well as the prices of beans, corn, wheat, other grains, and cattle, hogs, sheep, lambs, etc. It may prove interesting to look up your last week's Ledger and compare the market quotations therein with those given this week on page five.

The general consensus of opinion in Lowell and surrounding community appears to be strongly against the new parallel parking law, scheduled to become effective September 29 on all city and village streets which are parts of state trunk lines. State Highway Commissioner VanWagoner and State Police Commissioner Olander have concluded that enforcement of the new law will be impossible in

Looking Back, continued, page 7

Find us on Facebook the lowell ledger  
ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com

105 N. Broadway  
Lowell, MI 49331



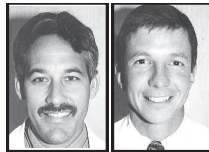
# engagements health

## Rempalski/Barle



**Benjamin Barle and Amber Rempalski**

Amber Shea Rempalski and Benjamin Josph Barle are happy to announce their engagement. Amber is the daughter of Steve Rempalski of Ada and Toni Versluys of Freeport and Benjamin is the son of Raymond and Linda Barle of Lowell. Both are graduates of Lowell High School. They are excited to be married on October 4, 2014, in Lowell.



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

### urinary tract infections in older women

Your urinary tract is made up of the bladder, the urethra, the uterus and the kidneys. Urine is made by the kidneys. It then passes through the ureters to the bladder; it is stored in the bladder before leaving your body through the urethra.

A urinary tract infection (UTI) occurs when germs (bacteria) in your urine are causing symptoms. If you develop a UTI you will need medical treatment.

Symptoms of a UTI include urinary frequency, pain with urination and possibly blood in the urine. Older women may also experience more leakage

of urine than usual, which may be indicative of a loss of bladder control. Your doctor will help clarify which of these problems you actually have.

Usually a urinalysis will determine if you truly have a UTI. A culture of your urine may also be done to clarify which bacteria is causing your infection. Antibiotics are prescribed to eradicate the bacteria and are usually taken for three to five days. Older women should drink lots of water or other fluids if you have more frequent UTIs. It might also be suggested to pass urine after having sex to prevent infections.



## lend a hand

volunteering opportunities

### tutors needed

The Literacy Center of West Michigan has scheduled an information session on Monday, September 8, 2014, for prospective volunteer tutors. This session is held at 6:30 pm and lasts one hour. It allows persons interested in becoming volunteer tutors to find out more about the center and its literacy programs. At the end of the session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training.

The Literacy Center of

W. Michigan is a nonprofit, United Way agency devoted to reducing illiteracy in the community. Based on 1990 census figures, at least 19,000 adults in Kent County cannot read at a functional level. At least 6,000 adults cannot speak or understand English well.

The information session will be held at the Literacy Center of West Michigan, located at 1120 Monroe Ave., NW, Suite 240, Grand Rapids, MI. Please call 459-5151 (ext. 10) to register.



## happy birthday!

**SEPTEMBER 3**  
Bailey Allen, Fay Johnson.

**SEPTEMBER 7**  
MacKenzie VanDerWarf, Gloria Morris, Karah Baker.

**SEPTEMBER 4**  
Ashlie Hathaway, Mark Smith, Ron Merriman, Theresa Engle, Ethan Riddle.

**SEPTEMBER 8**  
Wilma Fairchild, Teresa Kenney, Papa Wilson, Brendan Lobbezoo.

**SEPTEMBER 5**  
Barb Vezino, Kohlton Scott Clouser, Nicole Bellah.

**SEPTEMBER 9**  
Sarah Schalow, Amy Cook, Allison Maholic, Linda Morrison, Charles Gee, Todd Lenneman.

**SEPTEMBER 6**  
Brian Haan, Mitch Mercer.

**Alto United Methodist Church**  
*Now at 9:00 am*  
*Beginning Sept. 21st*  
**Everyone Welcome! Join us this week**  
**11365 64th st. (1/2 mile west of M50)**

# area churches

**SNOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 3189 Snow Ave. SE, Lowell  
**Pastor Tony Shumaker**  
 9:45 A.M. .... Sunday School  
 10:30 A.M. .... Fellowship  
 11:00 A.M. .... Worship  
**897-9863**  
 Nursery & Children  
 Worship Programs Provided  
  
*A friend...a family...a mission!*



**CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER (Assembly of God)**  
 3050 Alden Nash S.E. • 897-1100 • Staffed Nursery  
**Robert Holmes, Pastor**  
**SUNDAYS:**  
 Worship: 10 a.m.  
**WEDNESDAYS:**  
 Family Night (for all ages): 7:00 p.m.  
 "The Source" Youth: 7:00 p.m.  
**Loving God ... Loving People!**

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL**  
 2275 West Main Street • 897-7168  
**Barrier Free**  
 Internet: <http://www.fbclowell.org>  
 Rev. Jon Pickens & Pastor Phil Severn  
 Sun. Worship Service.....9:30 A.M.  
 Sunday School, nursery - adult.....11:00 A.M.  
 AWANA - K-5, during school year.....Wed. 6:15 - 8 P.M.  
 Youth Ministry - grades 6-12.....Mon. 6:30 - 8:30 P.M.  
 (Youth Ministry moves to Wed. during summer)

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL**  
 621 E. Main Street  
 897-5936  
[www.lowellumc.com](http://www.lowellumc.com)  
 Barrier-free entrance  
**SUNDAY WORSHIP.....9:30**  
 July & August at the Riverwalk  
**YOUTH GROUPS (JR. & SR. HIGH).....6:00 p.m.**

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 402 Amity St. • 897-9820  
[www.stmary-lowell.com](http://www.stmary-lowell.com)  
 Weekend Masses: SAT. 5 PM; SUN. 10:30 AM  
 Saturday confessions: 3-4:30 PM  
 Prayer & adoration each Wed. 8:00 AM - 8 PM  
 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, CHILDREN TO ADULTS - CALL PETE WIGGINS 897-7915  
 SEE LOWELL CABLE CH. 393, EMTN FOR 24 HR. CATHOLIC BROADCASTING

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod)  
 Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-21  
[www.goodshepherdlowell.org](http://www.goodshepherdlowell.org)  
 Worship Service.....Sunday -10:30 A.M.  
 (Nursery available)  
 Joseph Fremer, Pastor **897-8307**  
 All facilities are wheelchair accessible

**CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL**  
 897-7060  
 Pastor Rod Galindo  
 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI  
 Morning Worship.....10:00 A. M.  
 Sunday School.....11:20 A.M.  
 Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.  
 Nursery available at both services  
 Barrier-Free



**First Congregational UCC**  
 A progressive voice in our community.  
 865 Lincoln Lake Ave SE 616.897.5906  
  
 Sundays 10am  
[www.ourbigchurch.org](http://www.ourbigchurch.org)

Your local agent insures your

# Life



*Michigan's Insurance Company*




**Michael Curtis**  
 1410 W. Main Street  
 Lowell

**616-421-8505**  
[mcurtis@fbinsmi.com](mailto:mcurtis@fbinsmi.com)  
[FarmBureauInsurance.com](http://FarmBureauInsurance.com)

**FLAT RIVER ELECTRIC, LLC**

- \* Residential
- \* Multi-Family
- \* Commercial

[www.flatriverelectric.com](http://www.flatriverelectric.com)  
 Email: [Info@flatriverelectric.com](mailto:Info@flatriverelectric.com)

# 616.987-0596

# THE CLASSIFIEDS

small ads **BIG** deals



## exploring our national parks

Kurt Hieshetter

**Brought to you by -  
KOOL TOYOTA • www.kooltoyota.com  
3780 Plainfield Ave • 866-421-3030**

Our big summer trip of 2013 had us leaving the continental US and traveling to a couple of the most remote national parks in the United States, Haleakala and Volcanoes, in Hawaii.

Even though Hawaii has two national parks, they are not on the same island, so it was like planning two completely different trips. For this story, I will focus

on Volcanoes National Park, which is located on the big island or the island named Hawaii.

The first step in getting to Hawaii was finding airfare that wouldn't break the bank. The cost for a family of four could conceivably be more than we spend on an entire summer trip. I found the key is to check online directly with the airline.

We went with United and found prices could change by hundreds of dollars every hour. To make things more complicated, we had to fly into one island, take an inter-island flight and fly home from a different island. My recommendation to you if you ever take this trip, as soon as you find a fare that you are happy with, book it and don't look back.

Our next order of business was finding a place to stay. For this we used VRBO (vacation rentals by owner). This was a site we had never used before so we were a little leery, but we soon found out that there was no reason to be

skeptical; VRBO is great. After a few e-mails with the homeowner, we were able to rent a house, in a gated community with an ocean view, bikes and snorkel gear for less than one night in most Hawaiian hotels.

With so much to see and do on the big island (other than the national park) it was very hard to decide where to stay. The island of Hawaii has over ten different climate zones, from rain forests to volcanic deserts to snow-capped mountain peaks. Each area offering different activities. Since our main objective was to visit Volcanoes National Park, we found

a house near Kalapana on the far eastern tip of the big island. This also was near the area where lava was still flowing into the Pacific Ocean.

After layovers in Chicago and San Francisco, our flight arrived in Hilo on the big island at 10 pm local time or 4 am back home in Lowell. As Steph and the kids gathered up our bags, I got in line for the rental car. We were quickly approaching the mark where we had been up 24 hours with a 30 minute drive in the dark ahead of us.

The directions from the airport to the key box and then to the house were perfect. It was a little spooky driving on highway 130 outside of Pahoia as the canopy of trees forms a tunnel over the road making it even darker. The kids had fallen asleep, but there wasn't much to see anyway. After unloading the car and going to bed, it did not take long to fall asleep.

The first full day was spent hanging around the house and getting familiar with the neighborhood. Our house was in an area surrounding the Champagne Ponds, pools naturally heated to 90 degrees by the volcanic activity of

the island. We also drove back into Pahoia to visit the island's largest farmers' market. After the first day we were ready to sell everything in Lowell and move to the island.

After a relaxing first day, it was time to visit the park. After all, isn't that the reason we came to Hawaii? Kilauea is one of the most active volcanoes in the world and when we were there it was still flowing into the ocean forming more land. Because of the lava flows, some roads have been closed. The eruption of 1983 through 2010 added acres of land and cut off the access road from Pahoia. This meant an hour drive from our house to reach the visitors center.

The kids picked up their junior ranger work books. We watched a great film on how the Hawaiian islands were formed and populated. The film also showed how life evolved from nothing but ash over a 30 million year time span and how this one island is still continuing to grow. After the film, we were off to hike Kilauea Iki Crater, the one crater people are able to walk on.

Exploring our national parks, continued, page 16

## Looking Back, continued

certain cases because of physical difficulties, such as high curbs, etc. Parallel parking would mean that fewer cars could be accommodated and for this reason it is hoped that angle parking can be continued here. Parallel parking is a difficult feat for most drivers.

The site where the West Lowell Church stood for many years, has been sold to Elwin Flynn who plans to build a house there.

Tuesday night cattle thieves took a calf from the front yard of Henry Hesche, also one from the Dan Walker farm at Gove Corners.

### 50 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 3, 1964

Headline: School opens Tuesday. School starts Tuesday, September 8 at 1! It is expected that by this time over 2,000 area boys and girls will have been enrolled in the Lowell Area School system.

As the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Richard McCaul were playing Tarzan in their woods last Wednesday evening, Jimmie while swinging on a vine slammed into the trunk of a nearby tree. His parents took him immediately to Blodgett Hospital where it was found that he had a broken collar bone and a badly battered head. The broken bone was set and Jimmie returned home wearing a protective frame until the bone had healed.

A big Hereford bull belonging to Wendell Berman has been giving Lowell Police quite a chase. The animal seems to find openings in the fence and has been running loose on the roads and in the church yard on West Main Street.

Local hunters selected for first Elk hunt. Only three from this area were lucky enough to be among the 300 names drawn for the thousands of applications to take part in Michigan's first elk hunt in the upper peninsula on December 5 to 13. Selected by data procession machines on August 26 were Albert Zigmont II, Lowell; Richard Schlernitzauer, Lowell; and Harold Walton, Alto.

Fire Thursday afternoon damaged a shed in the rear of the Kroger Store. The rear of the building was used to store empty bottles and cartons. The fire was believed to have started from a nearby burner.

Wittenbach Sales & Service Company took over West Side Garage from Frank Baker and Nelson Stormzand on September 1. Plans are to use the building for a body shop, a spokesman for the company revealed.

### 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 6, 1989

"Ranch House" opens its doors in Lowell. You hear and read about it all the time - "Family style cooking at an affordable price." Now experience it at the newly opened "Ranch House" at 109 Riverside Dr. Who better to run a "family style" than Delores Linderman or as all her friends refer to her as "Ma." "Ma" will be fixin' up soups, pies, sandwiches, hamburgers and French fries. And like all good mothers, she's even willing to

take suggestions on not only what she should fix up, but when's the best time to eat.

Lowell soccer "kicks its sister" in no-league games. Lowell's varsity soccer team is showing the maturity of a veteran team as it opened the season with a victory and two ties. The successful back-up goal keeping of sophomore Aaron Snell, in for the injured Doug Sanford, has been the key to the Red Arrow's early success on the road.

Short bus trips in and around Rosenheim, Germany had been the extent of travel for Barbara Sonnleitner. That changed on Sept. 16 when Sonnleitner overcame a phobia, the fear of flying, to float through thousands of miles of blue sky and cumulus so that she could visit her son (Gary Yeiter) in Lowell. Sonnleitner, met her son for the first time in 33 years back in February of 1988. The meeting came about when, Yeiter and his wife, Connie flew 11 hours to Munich to meet a mom he had last felt the loving touch of at the age of three months.

Charles Edward Keech, 34, of Lowell was charged Friday with second-degree murder in the beating death of David Dickerson, a five-year old boy from Lowell. Keech, who lived with the boy's mother, Patricia Dickerson on a rural road in Ionia County, was being held on \$100,000 bond after his arraignment in Ionia County District Court.

Your local agent insures your

# Life



**Mark Johnson**  
mjohnso@fbinsmi.com  
616-940-8181



**Kristin Johnson**  
kjohnson@fbinsmi.com  
616-940-1151

**FARM BUREAU INSURANCE®**

Michigan's Insurance Company



6095 28th Street, Grand Rapids

MarkJohnsonAgency.com



## WE SHIP UPS!

Our Prices Can't Be Beat!

Call Us for a Price Quote!

Weight & Zip Code Required for a Quote

**The Lowell Ledger**  
105 N. Broadway, 897-9261

We want to be your Other Family Doctor.

- Sick or Injured Animals Seen Same Day
- Evenings & Saturday Hours Available
- Early Drop-offs & House Calls
- 24-Hour Emergency Service
- Science Diet Pet Foods
- Boarding & Grooming



Dr. Bruce Langlois, D.V.M.

Call 897-8484  
11610 East Fulton Street • Lowell, Michigan

ANIMAL HOSPITAL OF



LOWELL



# PINK ARROW PRIDE



## PROUD PINK SPONSORS



## PARKING

ALL HIGH SCHOOL EVENT PARKING MUST ENTER AT VERGENNES ENTRANCE.

Lower stadium lot is for Handicap and parking pass only. (must enter off of Alden Nash entrance)

## SHUTTLE PARKING

is available starting at 4:30 p.m. from Cherry Creek Elementary (Foreman St.) AND Lowell Middle School (Foreman St.) pick-up and drop-off area front entrance, parking in rear off Suffolk St. entrance.

Buses will start return trips at the start of the 3rd quarter

## RESTAURANT ROW

- Backwater Café
- Flat River Grill
- Heidi's Farm Market
- Ice Cream Cabus
- Keiser's Kitchen
- Larkin's
- Sneaker's
- Riverbend Bar & Grill
- Biggby Coffee



## CONCESSION TICKETS

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.

AT THE GATE BE SURE AND PICK UP YOUR **COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM** - \$1 minimum donation

## SCHEDULE FOR EVENT DAY



SEPTEMBER 5  
\* Approximate times

- 2:30 pm ..... GATES OPEN
  - 3:00 pm ..... Boosters Concessions and Restaurant Row Open *Pink Ticket System*
  - 3:30 pm ..... National Anthem presented  
..... Ryder Jones
  - 3:35 pm ..... Soccer introductions
  - 3:45 pm ..... VARSITY SOCCER GAME -  
..... Lowell vs. Chicago Hubbard Greyhounds
  - 4:25 pm ..... Volleyball introduction and match -  
..... Lowell vs. Catholic Central High School
  - 6:00 pm ..... Survivor and Honor Walk *-Song by Brennan Prill*  
..... 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
  - 7:09 pm ..... PINK ARROW GAME -  
..... Lowell Pink Arrows  
..... vs. Chicago Hubbard Greyhounds
- BETWEEN 1ST AND 2ND QUARTER -**  
Presentation to T-Shirt Sponsors

**STICK AROUND for a SPECIAL HALFTIME FUN EVENT!!!**

Between 3rd and 4th Quarter -  
Present Kathy Talus Scholarship and Dr. Donald Gerard Medical Scholarships  
**CONCLUSION -**

**EVERYONE INVITED DOWN TO THE FIELD TO VIEW FIREWORKS!**

**FOR HONOREES - Pink Arrow Jersey presentations on SOUTH END of playing field**

## ARROW FORCE VII SHIRTS

Purchase your Arrow Force VII shirts at  
PEP TALK, 207 E. MAIN • 897-7200  
& SPRINGROVE VARIETY, 123 W. MAIN • 897-9918

### YOUR \$15 SHIRT:

- LONG SLEEVE \$20 • (2XL and 3XL \$18 - 4XL \$20)
- Helps support those traveling a cancer journey through Lowell Community Wellness/Family Support and Gilda's Club of Lowell
- Supports Kathy Talus scholarship
- Supports Dr. Donald Gerard medical scholarships

**YOUR SHIRT IS YOUR TICKET TO THE DAY'S EVENTS**

- Donation stays local and there is no administration cost.

## THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS

Twilight Walkers

Thanks!

**Buist Electric -**  
for the additional electric service

**Sysco -**  
for the additional refrigeration

**Brennen Prill**  
for singing the anthem & honor walk songs

**Mark Johnson Agency**  
for underwriting the Thundersticks

Thanks!

**Pep Talk & Springrove Variety**  
for selling our T-Shirts

**Ryder Jones**  
for singing the anthem

**Dad's Tent Rental** Thanks!

Modern Photographics

for the photobooth & Perseverance photos

Thanks!

**Titan Equipment**  
**River Valley Credit Union & Custom Components**  
for underwriting the fireworks

**Dave Powell Family & Ronald E. Palowski, Sr. Family**  
for the pyrotechnics Thanks!

**Fence Consultants**  
**Golf Cart Taxi Sponsors**

**Greenridge**  
for the Pinknic Thanks!

**Red Barn**  
for the concert

**SEPTEMBER 5 • 2014 • BOB PERRY FIELD AT RED ARROW MEMORIAL STADIUM**



# Red Arrow - FOOTBALL SPORTS

## Arrows play first home game against Canada Prep Academy

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

American spirit and hometown pride shone at Red Arrow Stadium last Thursday when the Arrows took on Canada Prep Academy in the team's first international game and the first game of the 2014 season.

Canada won the coin toss and started off the game with a quick first down. Unable to score due to solid stops from Logan Wilcox and Danny Kruse, the ball turned over to the Arrows just as quickly. First year starting quarterback Ryan Stevens suffered a sack about five minutes into the game, but the Arrow leader quickly recovered when he launched a 26-yard touchdown pass to Gabe Steed putting the first score on the board. A successful extra point kick put the squad up 7-0.

Lowell's defense went hard on Canada in their next possession when after two solid runs toward the goal line Max Dean and Kruse put the stop on their progress. Kruse sacked the

visiting quarterback and then the squad successfully blocked a field goal attempt keeping Canada at a 7-0 deficit going into the second quarter.

Canada Prep put up their only score of the game during the second when they earned a 25-yard touchdown run despite tremendous pressure from Arrow defense. Lowell quickly answered back capitalizing on a Canada fumble recovered by Andrew McCormick that was soon handed off to Max Dean, who ran the ball in for a touchdown from the 3-yard line. This put the Arrows back on top 13-7 which is where the score remained at halftime.

Lowell continued to lead the defensive battle when the game reconvened, putting up big stops, breaking up passes and issuing a sack from Steed who racked up 115 yards receiving during the game. The score remained unchanged as the game headed into the final quarter under the stadium lights.



Gabe Steed performed well in the home opener on both defense and offense earning both points and a sack in the game.

The storied "Hook and Ladder" trick play from Stevens to Sawyer Olesko to Zeth Dean put the squad at first and ready for a goal early in the fourth. Zeth Dean ran the ball in for his first score of the season and the third in the game for the squad. A two-point conversion attempt was good and the score went to 21-7 Lowell on top.

One more touchdown, this time off a soaring 56-yard pass from Stevens to Josh Branagan, sealed the win for the Arrows with a final score of 28-7. Quarterback Stevens led the

way running the ball often himself and passing for a total of 248 yards. This is the 21st consecutive home opening win for the team.

This week Lowell will host the Greyhounds from Chicago Hubbard in the seventh annual Pink Arrow Pride game. The Arrows were triumphant in the same match up last year where they won with a score of 49-12. The successful student learning project and fundraiser, started by head coach Noel Dean, has earned over one million dollars which directly serves Lowell residents.

Dean said that he is still amazed by how far this event has come and the leaps and bounds with which it has grown, "I am really proud of the way that our community had embraced it. We have a lot of really great and talented people who work hard to organize it and make it better every year. To have been a part of it from the beginning and to be able to stay a part of it as it grows, makes me feel really good."

Pink festivities kick off on the Lowell High School grounds shortly after gates open at 2:30.

Booster concessions and Restaurant Row, featuring Heidi's Farm Market, Sneaker's, Flat River Grill and the Ice Cream Cabus, will open at 3. Varsity soccer and volleyball will kick off the night's action beginning at 3:35 and 4:25 respectively. The Survivor and Honor Walk down the hill will begin at 6 and will be followed by player and honoree introductions. Kick off is at 7. Pink Arrow t-shirts, which serve as a ticket for game entry, will be available on site.

### PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

2	8	5	9	7	6	1	3	4				
9	1	7	4	8	3	5	6	2				
4	3	6	1	5	2	7	8	9				
3	7	2	5	9	1	6	4	8				
1	6	9	3	4	8	2	7	5				
8	5	4	6	2	7	3	9	1				
6	9	8	7	1	5	4	2	3				
7	2	1	8	3	4	9	5	6				
5	4	3	2	6	9	8	1	7				
I	S	A	A	C	Y	O	O	R	A	L		
S	H	I	R	R	E	E	N	O	P	E	R	A
M	O	N	E	Y	A	R	P	P	A	N	I	C
P	U	N	I	S	H	E	Y	E	H	O	L	E
A	N	T	A	G	A	R						
A	G	O	G	E	M	S	W	A	T	S	O	N
D	R	U	M	M	E	S	A	S	A	M	B	A
Y	E	T	I	S	L	A	N	G	L	I	E	S
T	E	E	N	S	T	U	T	U	E	R	S	T
A	D	R	I	A	N	L	I	M	N	K	E	Y
L	A	S	T	B	A	A						
Y	O	U	C	A	N	T	P	O	P	G	U	N
E	R	R	O	R	E	E	L	A	R	S	O	N
W	E	A	R	Y	E	R	A	L	E	P	T	A
S	O	L	E	D	R	Y	M	E	S	S	Y	

## Cross Country

The Lowell Red Arrow boys and girls cross country teams both kicked off their season on Wednesday, August 27 at Hesperia. The girls, pictured, brought home fourth place and the boys were fifth place respectively.





# Red Arrow - GOLF SPORTS

## Lady Arrows finish busy week at conference jamboree

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Girls golf took to the course three times last week in a busy line up that included competitors Lakewood and Ionia and a successful trip to the OK White conference jamboree.

Tuesday at the team's home, Arrowhead Golf Course, the ladies faced off against a solid Lakewood squad. Despite good showings from each of the Arrow competitors, the team fell just short of victory with a final score of 187-195. Head coach Kim Stevens cited several issues within the team that led to their slight loss, "We struggle

with our approach shots and short game. We get off the tee really well, we just need to hit greens." Danielle Krajewski led Lowell with a 45.

Wednesday in Ionia the girls fared better winning with a score of 178-212. The low scorer for the Arrows was once again Krajewski with a 42. Alaine Thomas followed with a 44, then Caitlyn Gauck with 45 and sophomore Paige Fosburg earned a 47. Exchange student Marta Lopez shot a 37, but her scores are ineligible at this time due to a paperwork issue.

All of the OK White conference gathered at Watermark Country Club in Cascade Thursday morning for the first jamboree of the season. Lowell finished in fourth place in the event with a combined score of 217 coming in behind Forest Hills Central (193), Grand Rapids Christian (200) and Caledonia (211).

East Grand Rapids (243) and Jenison (261) claimed the final two places.

Individual scores were as follows: Krajewski 54, Fosburg 56, Gauck and Anna Organek 58 and Nicole Hewitt 60. Alaine Thomas led the team with a 49, just three strokes behind the event medalist and earned a fifth-place finish.

**The team will face Caledonia on the road this week and then welcome the Northview Wildcats to Arrowhead on Thursday.**



Nicole Hewitt

### - SOCCER

## Third victory in a row for Lowell

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Boys varsity soccer kicked their way to their third straight victory last Tuesday at home versus a tough Wyoming Godwin Heights team maintaining their undefeated record on the season.

Godwin scored the first goal of the game about thirteen minutes into the first half of play. They continued to lead the game offensively throughout the half earning an additional three goals and leaving the Arrows with a 4-0 halftime deficit.

"I'm proud of the

composure of the entire team; they continued to push forward," said head coach Rich O'Keefe of the team's performance after his halftime pep talk. "We regrouped, maintained our composure and we put enough pressure on them where we had that opportunity to get back into it. We talked about how we had to be more attack-minded, so from the start of the second half we took control early."

Tides quickly began to turn for the squad during the second half as they began

to soar offensively. Robbie Dubisky was the first to put a goal up for the team which began the Arrow's big drive toward victory. Dubisky's goal was quickly followed with another, this time courtesy of freshman starter Jonny Draigh. Striker Curtis Bramble followed that up with yet another goal bringing the team just one short of a tie.

The game's tying goal was earned on a penalty kick driven in by Collin Bowers. "We had a breakaway go into the middle and a player was taken down from behind," O'Keefe said of the play that led to the penalty kick. "It was a tough defensive play, but it was the right call at the time."

Tied at 4-4 with just minutes left in the game Lowell officially overcame their earlier shutout and moved into the lead when Collin Pawlowski offered up one of his three assists of the day to Draigh who secured the game-winning

goal and the squad's big come back victory.

Draigh finished with two goals, Bramble had a goal and an assist, Dubisky and Bowers each scored once and strong sophomore goal tender Trevor Sherman made five saves, including several attempts by Godwin to retie the game.

O'Keefe said that he is proud of his team's undefeated status and pointed out some things the team would have to work on in order to maintain it. "We definitely need to learn to start faster and be more comfortable with the various styles of play we will be facing this season, especially in conference. It is always good to get off to a good start but it is always better to finish strong. Early season experiences of coming from behind and keeping our composure as a team in tough situations, should pay dividends as the season progresses."



Sophomore Trevor Sherman earns one of five saves made during the home game against Wyoming Godwin Heights.



Curtis Bramble makes his way to the net for a goal during the Arrow's come back drive that ended in a 5-4 victory.

**Lowell will take on Greenville on the road this week Thursday and face off against the Chicago Hubbard Greyhounds on Friday as part of the Pink Arrow festivities beginning at 3:45.**

What's  
Your  
Sport?

Keep Caught Up On All The Lowell  
High School's Sports Action In



the lowell  
ledger





# FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

## BOYS & GIRLS

### VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

- \* Denotes a game at the high school campus  
 9/6 at 9 a.m. Bredenweg Invitational at W. Ottawa  
 9/13 at 8 a.m. Sparta Invitational

### BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL

- \* Denotes a game at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium  
 9/5 at 7 p.m. Hubbard\* (Pink Arrow Game)  
 9/12 at 7 p.m. at East Grand Rapids

### BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

- \* Denotes a game at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium  
 9/5 at 3:45 vs. Hubbard\* (Pink Arrow)  
 9/9 at 7:15 at East Grand Rapids

### GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

- \* Denotes a game at Lowell High School  
 9/5 at 4:30 p.m. Catholic Central\*  
 9/6 at 8:30 a.m. WMVOA Tournament at E.  
 Kentwood

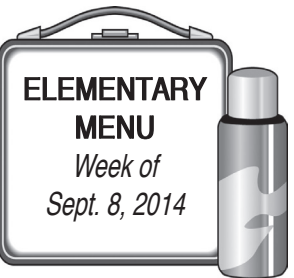
### GIRLS VARSITY GOLF

- \* Denotes a meet at Arrowhead Golf Course  
 9/4 at 3:30 p.m. Northview\*  
 9/8 at 3:30 p.m. Jamboree at Jenison  
 9/10 at 3:30 p.m. Jamboree at Cascade  
 Country Club

### BOYS VARSITY TENNIS

- \* Denotes a game at the high school tennis courts  
 9/4 at 4 p.m. at Northview  
 9/10 at 4:15 p.m. at East Grand Rapids

#### LUNCH MENU



**ELEMENTARY  
MENU**  
 Week of  
 Sept. 8, 2014

**MON:** Cheese quesadilla, refried beans, Fruit & Veggie Bar: spinach & romaine side salad, salsa, applesauce, chilled pears.

**TUES:** Sweet & sour popcorn chicken over brown rice, seasoned green beans served at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake; popcorn chicken w/roll & seasoned green beans served at Bushnell. Fruit & Veggie Bar: spinach & romaine side salad, cucumber coins, strawberries, fresh grapes.

**WED:** Cinnamon glazed French toast w/sausage & hashbrowns, Fruit & Veggie Bar: spinach & romaine side salad, baby carrots, applesauce, chilled peaches.

**THURS:** Hot dog on bun mashed potatoes & gravy (seasoned broccoli served at Bushnell), Fruit & Veggie Bar: spinach & romaine side salad, cherry tomatoes, chilled pineapple, fresh apple.

**FRI:** Tony's pepperoni pizza on WG crust, baby carrots, Fruit & Veggie Bar: spinach & romaine side salad, baby carrots, chilled mixed fruit, juice.



**WE SHIP  
UPS!**

Our Prices Can't Be Beat!

Call Us for a Price Quote!

Weight & Zip Code  
Required  
for a Quote

**The Lowell Ledger**  
 105 N. Broadway, 897-9261



**office hours:**  
**Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.**  
**Fri. 8 a.m. - noon**  
**closed Sat. & Sun.**

# classifieds

## for sale

200 APPLIANCES - Washers, dryers, refrigerators & stoves. Guaranteed. From \$69. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook. Delivery available. TFN

QUEEN PILLOWTOP MATTRESS SET - (new), \$248/set. Thick & plush. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook. TFN

GET THE SMOKE, ASH & WOOD MESS OUTSIDE - Central Boiler Classic Outdoor Wood Furnace with a 25 year warranty. Call SOS your "Stocking Dealer" Dutton, MI 616-554-8669 or 616-915-5061.

KENMORE REFRIGERATOR & STOVE SET - (2006), cost \$900, sell \$199 for pair. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook. TFN

ANTIQUA DESK - \$25; futon bed, \$30; CD player, \$15; dresser, \$10; wooden TV trays, \$20; laminator, \$15. Call 616-421-5286.

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

BATH & BODY PRODUCTS, CHEMICAL FREE! - Handmade hand & body lotions, all-natural face wash, lip balm, diaper rash cream - without the harsh chemicals for your baby! Many scents & unscented available as well. Made to order. Check out my store on www.etsy.com, search NanaHannahs. Free shipping or you can pick up in Lowell.

BED & MATTRESS SET - queen, Sealy, \$95 includes frame. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook. Delivery available. TFN

FREE AD! - Place & pay for a classified ad in the Buyers Guide & Lowell Ledger for 3 weeks & receive the 4th week FREE! You must mention the special in order to receive this offer. Valid only with new classified ads, and must be paid for when ad is placed. Call 897-9555.

A BED - A brand new queen pillowtop mattress set in plastic, w/warranty, sacrifice, \$135. Call 989-584-6818. TFN

## wanted

I WANT TO BUY - Refrigerator, stove, washer, dryer & furniture in good shape. Have cash. 989-584-6818. TFN

RECYCLING MATERIAL SCRAPS WANTED - to be used for housing insulation. Scraps may be dropped off at L4 Alterations, 216 E. Main St, Lowell. Call 897-0052 with questions.

## help wanted

NOW HIRING - and training for career positions with West Michigan's leading real estate company. Call Rick Seese, Greenridge Realty, Inc. for a confidential interview. 616-437-2576 or 616-974-4250. TFN

LITEHOUSE FOODS JOB FAIR - Litehouse Foods, Inc. is having a job fair on Thurs., Sept. 4 from 2-5:30 p.m. We are a growing company & have produced quality dressings for over 50 years! Visit us at www.lighthousefoods.com for a full description of our company & current job openings. If you have experience as a machine technician, sanitation operator, spice operator, forklift operator, line attendant or maintenance technician, please visit us at the job fair at 1400 Foreman St., Lowell. We are proud to be as ESOP Co. EOE/AA

COMPOSITECH a ISG company - Taking applications for Fiberglass fabrication, General shop work, Manual machine operator, CAD operator & Field services. Apply between 9 a.m. & 3 p.m., 683 Lincoln Lake Ave. SE, Lowell, MI 49331. (Lincoln Lake Business Park, across from the airport).

FOOD PROCESSING POSITION - An Ada food processing company is hiring for a full-time position. Position will require food processing abilities. Hours are 6:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Medical insurance, bonuses and retirement pay are available. Start at up to \$10 per hour, depending on experience. Questions? Contact Mary at 616-676-0767 or apply in person at 6210 East Fulton.

J & H FAMILY STORES/TIM HORTONS - are now hiring energetic & friendly people to fill part-time positions at our new location at the corner of Lincoln Lake & Vergennes. Duties include great customer service, running a register, stocking, cleaning & food service. We offer flexible hours. Applicants must be available to work on weekends & holidays. Please apply at Lowell Mobil, 4475 Alden Nash, Lowell or applications may be completed on our website.

RESIDENT CAREGIVERS - Position overview: Provide comfort, safety and general supervision to residents by assisting them with activities of daily living & tending to their individual care needs while learning their unique preferences & personalities to assure a safe, protected, clean and orderly environment. Positions available 2nd & 3rd shift. Please send resume to: Fountain View of Lowell, 11537 E. Fulton, Lowell, MI 49331. Phone 897-8413, fax 897-7839, email: fvlowell@baruchsls.org

## help wanted

HOUSEKEEPING - Part-time first shift. Position overview: Perform a variety of general housekeeping duties in resident rooms, public areas & other interior/exterior facility areas & assist in maintaining a positive physical & psychosocial environment for residents while meeting or exceeding quality standards. Please send resume to: Fountain View of Lowell, 11537 E. Fulton, Lowell, MI 49331. Phone 897-8413, fax 897-7839, email: fvlowell@baruchsls.org

LOWELL TACO BELL - open/close shifts. Apply at 1975 W. Main, Lowell or online at tacobell.com

## sales

CRAFT & SEWING SUPPLIES, COSTUMES, MORE! - Sewing notions & patterns galore, quilting, sewing & craft books, floral arrangement materials, Christmas picks & ornaments, soap making, glass etching, fabulous kid & adult Halloween costumes. Thurs., Sept. 4 through Sat., Sept. 6, 9-6 p.m. 11579 Foreman St.

## for rent

PRICELESS STORAGE - Indoor/outdoor. New Units on Alden Nash, 1 mile South of I96. Call for specials 558-2900. TFN

HALL FOR RENT - Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash. Newly remodeled, smoke-free, private, great location & great rate! 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. TFN

## memorials

**MORNA JUNE (RICKERT) FORD**  
**June 18, 1929 -**  
**September 6, 2013.**  
 You were the strength that lead our family. From you we learned how to love, how to give without expecting anything in return. You taught us to be strong and independent. You taught us to learn from our mistakes. We learned from your example, by how you lived your life, how you loved and continued to give to others. We miss you more than words can say,  
 Love, Bob,  
 your children & grandchildren

## services

YOGA & HOOP DANCE CLASSES - at 901 W. Main, walk-ins welcomed. For class details & schedules: www.thehammockllc.com or 616-893-5661.

JIM'S POWER WASHING - Dirt, spores, mildew washed away. Call today, 616-915-1745.

STUMP GRINDING - No stump too big. Call Dan at 970-3832.

PROFESSIONAL TREE CLIMBER NEEDS WORK - Fully insured. Removals, trims, chipping, stump grinding. Call Dan for free estimate at 616-970-3832.

TIME TO SHINE WINDOW WASHING - is running a summer special. Call for details, 616-292-0695.

STUMPED OUT LLC - Quality & dependable stump removal at affordable prices. Call today for a free estimate. 616-485-5214.

## services

HANDY REPAIR SERVICE - All kinds of service work: locks rekeyed, deadbolts installed, screen & window repair. Call Bob Ford, 299-3198. TFN

PIANO INSTRUCTION - Fall Openings, ages 6 - 18. Learning disabled, A.D.D., and Asperger kids, welcome! Patient, experienced teacher who is a seasoned performer. Call or Text: 616-915-9515.

NEED A DUMPSTER? - 14 to 20 yards available. Garage, attic, household cleanup, roofing, trash, junk etc. Dependable service & affordable prices. Call for free estimates. Contact Doug 616-295-6640. TFN

TAXES, PAYROLL, QUICKBOOKS, & ACCOUNTING SERVICE - by certified Quickbooks advisor. Call Kathy 897-0686. TFN

## misc.

LEAGUE OPENINGS AT ROLLAWAY LANES - Mondays mixed league & Wednesdays ladies league. Call 897-0001.

SNOW UNIT - ED METHODIST CHURCH WILL NOT - be having a September dinner. Please join us at our Oct. 8th and Nov. 12th dinners.

CONCEALED CARRY CLASS - is being offered by Pfaller Firearms LLC in cooperation with Tri Town Conservation Club over two days on September 22 and September 27. Cost is \$100. For more information or to register for class, email: jamespfaller@gmail.com or call 897-5771.

LEDGER OFFICE  
 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.  
 Accepts Federal Express & UPS packages.  
 Daily pickup at 3 p.m.  
 897-9261

# Coming Events

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, by mail: PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or in person: 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

KDL UNCORKED: WINE TASTING WITH PAULY'S - Mon., Sept. 29, 6:30 p.m. Pique your palate with a few of Pauly's favorite Michigan wines. For ages 21 or older. Pre-registration required, spots limited. Englehardt Public Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell, 784-2007.

FLAT RIVER WATERSHED GROUP - Meets 3rd Monday of each month at the Main Street Inn in Lowell at 6:30 p.m. Our purpose is to protect, enhance & maintain land & water quality & other natural resources surrounding the Flat River Watershed. For more information, call Lloyd at 676-1812. Also, "Like" us on Facebook at the Flat River Watershed Council.

LADIES SEWING CLOTHES TO DONATE - First Friday of the month, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Items are made from donated material & fabrics, clothes from newborn to 12 years old. Items are donated to Blodgett Children's Home & St. John's Home. Join us to cut out patterns, L4 Alterations, 216 E. Main St., Lowell.

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

WEE WEDNESDAYS - Every Wednesday, 11-11:20. Rhymes, stories, songs & fun for adult & baby. Babies birth to 17 mo. Alvah N. Belding Library, 302 E. Main, Belding. 616-794-1450.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY TOPS MI #372 - every Tuesday, weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m. Key Heights, 11335 Fulton, Lowell.

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

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

LOWELL LIONS CLUB - meets third Tuesday at noon at Lowell City Hall.

LOWELL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - meets the 2nd Saturday at Flat River Outreach Ministries,

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

NEEDLERS - Second & fourth Monday evenings, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Schneider Manor Community Room.

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

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

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 102 - every Monday, 7-8:30 p.m. during school year in Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. Ages 11 and up or completing 5th grade. Call Scoutmaster Don Aversano at 847-571-8373 or Del Rockwell at 897-6814.

WEE WEDNESDAYS - Every Wednesday, 11-11:20. Rhymes, stories, songs & fun for adult & baby. Babies birth to 17 mo. Alvah N. Belding Library, 302 E. Main, Belding. 616-794-1450.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY TOPS MI #372 - every Tuesday, weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m. Key Heights, 11335 Fulton, Lowell.

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

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

LOWELL LIONS CLUB - meets third Tuesday at noon at Lowell City Hall.

LOWELL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - meets the 2nd Saturday at Flat River Outreach Ministries,

11535 E. Fulton, 9 a.m. social gathering; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES THRIFT STORE SUMMER HOURS - Wed. 10-8 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri. 10-6 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 11535 Fulton St. E. Thrift Shop, 897-8260; Food Pantry, 897-8260; Emergency Services, 897-8260.

ALPHA WOMEN'S CENTER - 517 E. Main. Hours: Mon. 11-3 p.m.; Tues. 12-8 p.m.; Wed. 10-3 p.m.; Thurs. 10-6 p.m. 987-9533. Diapers, formula, clothing & free pregnancy testing available. www.awclowell.org

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Tues. & Wed., 12-8 p.m.; Mon. & Sat., 9:30-1:30 p.m.; Thurs., 1-5 p.m. Info., call 784-2007.

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS - Mon.-Wed., noon - 8 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri., 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat., 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 784-2007.

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 unmanageable due to alcohol, please join us at 101 W. Main. 897-8565.

3DOODLER DREAM IT, DRAW IT - Thurs., Sept. 25, 4 p.m. Drawings come to life with the use of 3Doodler. Pre-registration is required. For all ages. Alto Branch Library, 6071 Linfield Ave., Alto, 784-2007.

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.



**CROSSWORD**

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8		9	10	11	12	
13						14				15				
16						17				18				
	19				20			21	22					
			23				24							
25	26	27		28		29			30		31	32	33	34
35			36		37			38		39				
40					41			42		43				
44				45		46				47				
48					49		50			51		52		
				53		54			55		56			
57	58	59	60					61				62	63	
64						65	66			67				68
69						70				71				
72						73				74				

**THEME:  
MOVIE QUOTES**

**ACROSS**

1. Newton or Stern
6. "Here's looking at \_\_\_"
9. Face-to-face exam
13. Bake, as in eggs
14. Even, to a poet
15. "Madama Butterfly," e.g.
16. "Show me the \_\_\_!"
17. Sculptor Hans/Jean \_\_\_
18. "Nobody \_\_\_!"
19. Penalize
21. For peeping
23. It can be red or black
24. Lab culture
25. In the past
28. Emeralds and rubies
30. "Elementary, my dear \_\_\_"
35. Ringo Starr's instrument
37. \_\_\_ Verde National Park
39. "Dancing with the Stars" number
40. Supposed giant Himalayan
41. \_\_\_ Subculture language
43. "You sit on a throne of \_\_\_"
44. Peer-conscious group

**DOWN**

46. Apartheid opponent Desmond \_\_\_
  47. Formerly
  48. "Yo, \_\_\_!"
  50. To represent in drawing or painting
  52. "Are you the \_\_\_ master? ...I am the gatekeeper"
  53. "About \_\_\_ Night"
  55. "Sheep be true! \_\_\_-ram-ewe!"
  57. "\_\_\_ handle the truth!"
  61. Toy weapon
  64. \_\_\_ Unwelcome computer message
  65. Reef dweller
  67. Match play?
  69. Spent
  70. E in BCE
  71. Plural of lepton
  72. Cobbler's concern
  73. Wine quality
  74. Piglike
11. Seed coat
  12. Add booze
  15. #15 Across, pl.
  20. Flower holders
  22. Swerve
  24. Battery's partner?
  25. Temples' innermost sanctuaries
  26. "\_\_\_, for lack of a better word, is good"
  27. Kind of space
  29. Patty \_\_\_
  31. Tall one is a lie
  32. To be wiped off a face?
  33. Corpulent
  34. Foul
  36. Small British car
  38. Opposed to
  42. Louisiana dish
  45. As opposed to hourly pay
  49. Grandmother in Great Britain
  51. "I love the smell of \_\_\_ in the morning"
  54. Knight's mount
  56. Acquiesce
  57. Evergreens
  58. Three-ply snack
  59. Eurasian mountain range
  60. Apple leftover
  61. "\_\_\_ it, Sam"
  62. Mail agency
  63. Haves and have-\_\_\_
  66. Make #64 Across
  68. Aye's opposite

**dish**

**Make the Switch to Dish Today and Save Up To 50%**

Call Now and Ask How!

**1-800-318-5121**

Call 7 days a week 8am - 11pm EST Promo Code: MB0113

\*Offer subject to change based on premium channel availability

Promotional Packages starting at only ...

**\$19.99**

mo. for 12 months

**FREE**

PREMIUM MOVIE CHANNELS\* For 3 months.



© StatePoint Media

Puzzle solutions, page 10

# Ship it.

## Because nobody can hug an email.

When your sentiments need to go the distance, choose FedEx® shipping. Available from your local pack-and-ship experts.



the lowell **ledger**

105 N. Broadway, Lowell  
897-9555



Authorized ShipCenter

**SAVE MONEY AT THE GAS PUMP BY SHOPPING LOCALLY!**

No need to go to Grand Rapids! We have almost everything you need right here in Lowell!

*You are supporting your community & saving gas!*





# EARTH TALK™

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

**Dear EarthTalk:** We must really be swimming in electronic waste, what with all the iPhones and other devices that are so common. How is this all being dealt with? - *Mary Shufelt, New Bern, NC*

With electronic equipment and gadgets the fastest growing waste stream in many countries, how to deal with so-called "e-waste" may in fact be one of the most pressing environmental problems of the 21st century. According to BCC Research, consumers around the world purchased 238.5 million TVs, 444.4 million computers and tablets and a whopping 1.75 billion mobile phones in 2012 alone. Most of us discard such items within three years of purchase, and this is driving the global growth in e-waste by some eight percent a year. Meanwhile, a recent study conducted by researchers from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) on behalf of the United Nations found that the growth in demand for and manufacturing of new electronics will result in a 33 percent increase in e-waste globally between 2012 and 2017.

But why is e-waste any more of a problem than old fashioned garbage? "Some of the materials in personal electronics, such as lead, mercury and cadmium, are hazardous and can release dangerous toxins into our air and water when burned or deposited in landfills improperly," reports the non-profit Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC). "And throwing away metal components, like the copper, gold, silver and palladium in cell phones and other electronics, leads to needless mining for new metals."

Today some 80 percent of unwanted electronics are disposed of improperly. "E-waste is either discarded or exported to emerging nations, where open-air burning and acid baths are used to reclaim precious metals and other elements," reports Maureen O'Donnell in *EHS Journal*. The lack of proper controls in such countries, she says, has led to elevated lead levels in children and heavy metals pollution of soil and water. As a result, she adds, "we now stand at the forefront of a growing environmental catastrophe."



The good news is that many nations have enacted new laws to hold manufacturers responsible for the future e-waste created by their products. The European Union has led the way with its Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive, which calls on electronics makers to "take back" their products for recycling when consumers upgrade to something new, and restricts European countries from exporting or importing e-waste. Japan and China are among other countries that have passed similar laws.

The U.S. government has yet to follow suit, but the Electronics Takeback Coalition (ETC) reports that 21 U.S. states have implemented their own "take back" laws, and several other states are considering similar legislation. Meanwhile, environmentalists continue to pressure Congress to consider similar legislation at the national level, given especially that Americans' are the world leaders in generating e-waste.

Additionally, many manufacturers are adopting voluntary e-waste recycling certification standards. One is the e-Stewards program, which helps those looking to dispose of obsolete electronics identify recycling options that adhere to high standards of environmental responsibility and worker protection. Another program, R2 Certification, run by the non-profit SERI, is supported by several large manufacturers, including DirecTV and Microsoft. Consumers can do their parts by choosing manufacturers that embrace so-called "producer pays" electronics recycling through participation in one of these programs.

**CONTACTS:**ETC, [www.electronicstakeback.com](http://www.electronicstakeback.com); e-Stewards, [www.e-stewards.org](http://www.e-stewards.org); SERI [www.sustainableelectronics.org](http://www.sustainableelectronics.org); WEEE, [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/waste/weee/legis\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/waste/weee/legis_en.htm).

EarthTalk® is written and edited by Roddy Scheer and Doug Moss and is a registered trademark of E - The Environmental Magazine ([www.emagazine.com](http://www.emagazine.com)). Send questions to: [earthtalk@emagazine.com](mailto:earthtalk@emagazine.com).



AUGUST 27 • SEPTEMBER 2

- Comedian Joan Rivers, 81, was rushed to Mount Sinai Hospital and put into an induced coma after she stopped breathing during a throat procedure last Thursday. 
- Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt finally got married while their six children looked on. Her wedding dress was adorned with embroidered pictures the children had drawn. 
- US military targets strike extremists in Somalia-six were killed. Al-Shabab's top leader was traveling in one of two vehicles hit and It is not certain whether Somali Ahmed Abdi Godane, the rebel leader, was among those killed.
- More than 30 juveniles escaped a Tennessee detention center Monday, by Tuesday 17 were still on the run. The escaped teens range in age from 14 to 17 and have at least three felonies but none had been detained for homicide.

## SUDOKU

you could save 28%\*

Call 1-800-970-4376 to see how much you could save on car insurance.

**esurance**  
an Allstate company

\*National average annual savings based on data from customers who reported savings by switching to Esurance between 12/1/11 and 4/30/12.  
© 2012 Esurance Insurance Services, Inc. All rights reserved. CA License #0G87829

	8			7			
			4		3		6
4				5		7	9
		2	5			6	4
1	6						7 5
	5	4			7	3	
6		8		1			3
	2		8		4		
				6			1

© StatePoint Media  
Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

Puzzle solutions, page 10

Subscribe TODAY!  
616.897.9261



P.O. Box 128  
Lowell, MI 49331  
897-9261

**OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday - Thursday:  
8 am - 5 pm  
Friday: 8 am - Noon  
Closed Sat. & Sun.

## LAST WEEK'S ONLINE POLL RESULTS

Are you concerned  
about too many  
vitamins and minerals  
being added to foods?

- YES ..... 60%
- NO ..... 40%

**TO VOTE IN  
THIS WEEK'S  
ONLINE POLL**

go to  
**WWW.**  
**thelowellledger.com**



# Exploring our national parks, continued

The Kilauea Iki trail was a four mile loop that started on the rain forest rim and descended down to the cooled lava lake, across the crater and back up thru the lava ring on the other side. This crater erupted in 1959, continued for five weeks, then the lava drained out and the surface cooled. We were walking on a lava lake that was not completely solid until 1988. In some places it still vents steam. The trail crosses large black plates, some 20 feet across, like walking on Lake Michigan in the winter, only you are walking on lava, not ice. The climb out of the crater to the parking lot had us traverse back through the rain forest and just like that

we were back in the thick, lush vegetation that Hawaii is known for.

The parking lot that is used for the Iki Crater hike is also used for one of the park's most unique sites, the Thurston Lava Tube. This tube was formed several hundred years ago from hot lava flowing from the Kilauea Crater to the ocean. It was discovered in 1913 by Lorrin Thurston and is one of the most popular sites to visit at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. The hike into one end and out the other takes less than an hour from the parking lot. It is a little unsettling to know that lava is flowing through another tube, from the Pu'u O'o

Crater, to the ocean just a few miles away.

After leaving the Iki and Thurston parking lot, we drove the Chain of Craters road to the ocean. This road crosses early lava flows from nearly 4,000 feet above sea level until it ends at the 1983-2010 lava flow. This Southeast coastline of the big island is very rough with cliffs, arches and breathtaking beauty. Because the road is covered with lava, you must turn around and drive the 18 miles back to the visitors center.

The highlight of our trip had to be our trip with Lava Ocean Adventures to actually see the lava flowing into the ocean. This tour operator ran 24 passenger, high horse powered, catamaran style, open ocean boats from a small boat ramp carved out of the rock at a place called Isaac Hale Park. The ramp is in a very small bay that is sheltered very little from the open Pacific Ocean. Once you leave the limited shelter of the bay you are in for 18 miles of high speed, bone crushing, teeth jarring, wave smashing open ocean. If you survive the boat ride you reach one of the few places on earth where new land is

being formed. The boat we were in pulled up on a black sand beach that was only a week old. Red hot lava was pouring out of the cliffs into the ocean just feet from our boat. Hot steaming volcanic rocks floated all around us like ice. As we watched nature at work, my daughter Sierra reminded me that in this place, even she was older than dirt, so I should not feel like the only one. She was right. New dirt was being created right before our eyes.

One thing to remember about the big island is that it is just that, big. We drove over 1,500 miles in the eight days we were there. From Hilo over to the beaches of Kona, to the tallest mountain in the world from the sea floor, Mauna Kea at 13,796 above sea level. We spent an entire day in Kona where we took Dillon scuba diving and snorkeled with giant manta rays that night.

If you are ever able to visit the big island of Hawaii, do your homework before

you go. There is so much to see and do away from the resort areas of Kona. If the lava starts to flow into the ocean again, I recommend that you get over there as quickly as possible...you don't get to see land being formed every day and it's truly an amazing sight!

In my next article we will visit Haleakala National Park on the island of Maui. It's just a short flight over to the next island, close enough that you can see it from the top of Mauna K.



Top of Mauna Kea.



Lava flowing into the ocean.

**WINNER WILL RECEIVE:**

- ✦ 3 months Free membership
- ✦ 3 months Personal Training
- ✦ Start/Finish photo
- ✦ Customized Nutrition & Meal Planning Tools
- ✦ Body Composition Evaluation
- ✦ Fitness Assessment
- ✦ Free 30 minute massage



*Results = Rewards.  
Final Makeover prize contingent on winner participation in all training and meeting goals*

## FALL FITNESS MAKEOVER!

*“This Season, Change your Body Change your Life”*

Lowell Snap Fitness is looking to sponsor one individual for a full fitness makeover. Let us help you get the results you have always dreamed of!

Tell us why we should select you as our sponsored community member to help you get in the best shape of your life. Write us a brief story: 500 words or less, on why you should be selected. Please submit your story in writing to Snap Fitness 2173 W. Main St. Lowell, MI 49331 or email [lowellmi@snapfitness.com](mailto:lowellmi@snapfitness.com). Submissions must be received by September 15th, 2014. Winner elected week of September 22nd. Training will start Oct. 1st-Dec. 31st.

---



2173 W. Main  
Lowell • Michigan  
616-987-4000  
[snapfitness.com/lowellmi](http://snapfitness.com/lowellmi)

fast • convenient • affordable

\* terms and conditions apply. Current members cannot apply. Must be 18 years or older and abide by the terms of the membership and personal training agreements. Consent to release of all before/during/after photos and information to media outlets.