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Storms threatened, lightning cracked as Pink Arrow Pride fans persevered throughout inclement weather

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

This year's Pink Arrow Pride football game was as big as ever, despite some nasty weather before the game.

The event was nearly canceled or postponed due to a severe thunderstorm. The first raindrops fell at exactly 5:53 pm. Once lightning was spotted, the stands and field were immediately evacuated. People found shelter under the big tent behind restaurant row or at the high school. The cafeteria at the high school was the place to be during the rain delay. The kids from Lowell and the kids from Chicago socialized together and had a good time. Smaller kids were content to slide around outside in the rain and mud. Once the rain, thunder and lightning dissipated, organizers decided to cancel the 'survivors walk' and proceed directly to the honoree introductions at the field.

Madeline Stevens of Beal City was there representing her husband Richard Stevens. Their grandson, quarterback Ryan Stevens, was wearing his grandfather's name on his jersey.

"His grandpa died of liver cancer," Madeline Stevens said. "I've been here a couple times. We went out on the field. It's going to be something."

Roger D. Stranger, the great-grandfather of Koda Barry, was also one of this year's honorees.

"I am a survivor of prostate cancer," Stranger said. "First time I've done this. It's really great. It's awesome. I'm honored."

Ethan Bates played for his grandfather Larry Kozler, who passed away from lung cancer.

"It was just a great feeling to get out there and play for people that I love," Bates said. "They support



Fans remained enthusiastic throughout the rain on Friday.

me all the way and it's good to give back to them. The game was very fun. They were pretty big and tough, but we got through them."

Danny Kruse wore a jersey honoring his grandfather George O'Connor.

"It's so wonderful,"

Danny's mother Sue Kruse said. "It's heartwarming to see the players out there playing for somebody that's gone through such a horrible time in their life or their family's. This year is very

special for me because my son is playing for my father, who passed away. Lowell is a great community. We're very supportive of each

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Annual Fallasburg Fall Festival signals start of the fall season

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

It's almost time for the 46th annual LowellArts! Fallasburg Fall Festival for the Arts. This year it will take place on September 20 and 21 from 10 am to 5 pm at Fallasburg Park.

They have a ton of art, food and music planned this year.

"The festival is always well attended," Janet Teunis, LowellArts! project director said. "There are people who have attended for many years and people who attended as children now are bringing their kids. It is a family fall tradition for a lot of people in the area."

The festival will present various crafts and artisans.

"An important tradition of the festival is to highlight timeless fine crafts, including blacksmithing, calligraphy, fly tying, butter churning, glass

bead-making, leather craft, origami, quilting, rustic furniture, vintage button jewelry, wood carving, weaving, spinning, and other fiber arts," Teunis said. "Talented artisans from the community are onsite in the pavilion throughout the festival demonstrating their skills. Artisans are available to answer questions about their craft and some allow visitors to try their hand at learning the skills."

It's called 'Festival for the Arts,' so of course there will be plenty of art on hand.

"The event features 100 fine art and fine crafts booths with artisans chosen by a jury each year," Teunis said. "Talented artists from around the state and the country apply every year to be part of this well-respected event. Artisans are selected based upon the uniqueness

of their work and its artistic merit. Artisans apply by category and a broad range of types of work are accepted into the festival each year. These categories include jewelry, sculpture, ceramics, glass, fiber, mixed media, wood, painting, drawing, photography, floral, basketry, print-making, and more."

In addition, local artists will also be represented at the festival.

"LowellArts! extended an invitation to its artist members to apply to be in a shared booth space," Teunis said. "Twenty LowellArts! members will share a 10 by 20 foot booth space and will have the opportunity to sell their artwork at the festival this year."

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City plans for more parking

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

On Thursday, September 4, the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) approved "survey work and cost estimates" for the construction of a new parking lot "south of the buildings located on the 200 block of Main Street."

They also approved up to \$3,000 for a "detailed parking analysis," which will determine how parking is used and how much parking is needed.

"The additional parking in this area of downtown will help spur economic growth in the community," said Lowell city manager Mark Howe.

"We are looking forward to taking this first step toward creating additional downtown parking. We are also looking at the potential for expanded residential living in second- and third-floor stories of downtown buildings and the impact that will have on parking needs. The DDA is really being proactive by looking

at infrastructure needs in the commercial areas of the city."

The property in question is the area behind King Milling that has been endlessly debated recently, culminating in a failed bid to change the city's charter to allow for extended leases.

A press release from the city stated, "The area under consideration is owned partly by the city of Lowell and also leased by the city of Lowell. In order to construct a full parking lot, another parcel of property will need to be purchased from a private party."

"The other parcel of property is owned by Lowell Granite," Howe said. "The sale of that parcel hinges on whether or not the city can obtain a parcel that is part of the old Superior Furniture site. That parcel may contain a railroad easement that would need to be removed

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Pink Arrow Pride, continued

other and I'm really happy I live here. To have my son and my brother out there in memory of him was very special. We always bring our best, that's for sure."

Pink Arrow focused on education this year in the days leading up to the game, teaching students about what they call The Seven Words: resilience, endurance, perseverance, strength, rest, courage, breathe.

"It's the seventh year for Pink Arrow and we have seven buildings in our district. Each building has what we call a 'meaningful word,'" said Dee Crowley, athletic director and assistant principal. "We have a video we put together that focused on each word and the definition of each

with pictures of families in the community that we've helped. We had a speaker who was a four-time survivor of cancer. He's been fighting cancer for 40 years. His name is John Krish. He is a very good friend of our football coach Noel Dean. He actually was who hired Noel Dean for the first time as a teacher. He is from the Flint area. And then we had another video that Gilda's Club put together where they went around to our students and asked them what each word meant to them, then Gilda's Club, along with their mascot, did a presentation at each of the elementary schools. It's just a reminder of what Pink Arrow is all about, how we help people and we take care of our

community. This year we're talking about taking care of your community, helping people in your community, about The Seven Words, how you can represent those and what they mean."

The big hit at the game was the free 'thunder sticks,' provided by Mark Johnson of Farm Bureau Insurance. Young children had fun beating each other with the things and making noise with them. At the end of the night thunder stick carcasses were all over the ground.

Restaurant row did good business despite the storm delay. There were lots of choices, including Biggby Coffee, Larkin's and Sneaker's.

"The rain scared people off for a little bit, just a short period of time, but

everybody kind of stuck it out under the tents and came back out as soon as the lightning went away," said Matt Horan from the Flat River Grill. "Really good turnout. Always well-organized, always a lot of fun. It's nice to see the community come out, just really support a good cause."

The folks from Chicago were glad to be back in Lowell for the game. Many said they've come to look forward to the event and hope to be invited back next year. Dave Stahlberg, Hubbard's band director, was enthusiastic about the event.

"It's great," Stahlberg said. "A lot of energy, good food, everybody's really

into it, dedicated to it, very positive. It's just great to be here. We enjoy coming here, it's a nice event for us. It's good to get the kids out of school and in a different environment. They love it."

In addition to the football team, this year Hubbard brought their entire school band, soccer team, cheerleading squad, about 100 parents and family members also made the trip.

"It's outstanding," said Brenda Blackman, one of the Hubbard parents. "I like coming back here."

Lowell beat Hubbard 45 - 6 in the game, but the Hubbard players were all smiles as they left the field.

Hubbard senior and quarterback Jacquelle Smith scored his team's sole touchdown, but like everybody else, he was more interested in talking about Pink Arrow than about the football game.

"I like this because we get to support cancer," Smith said. "And playing a great team like Lowell, it makes us better in life. I think it's a great thing."



along main street

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 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. 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.

BLUEGRASS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Inside Bluegrass music concerts on Fri. and Sat., Sept. 19 and 20, at Lowell fairgrounds. Campground jamming, instrument workshops, slow jams, vendors, bake sale, kids activities. Camping available. For details call 891-8825 or see www.wmbma.org

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

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FROM VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Volunteer orientation at Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) will be Thurs., Sept. 18 at 1 pm. Please call 897-8260 for additional information.

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in order to execute the sale. So, in order to complete the entire parking lot, there will need to be agreement among the city council, the DDA, two property owners and the railroad company."

The press release also said that the water line in that area would be improved at the same time, "in order to create a loop in the system and provide additional water flow for fire protection."

"We continue to look for ways to improve our fire protection capabilities," Howe said. "It would be a shame to lose any portion of our historic downtown

buildings, so improving fire protection is a priority."

It is unknown at this time when the project will be completed.

"Not sure when construction would start and end," Howe said. "Our goal is to do the water/sewer project this fall and some of the parking. The rest cannot be done until we own all of the property. In the meantime, we are moving forward with the planning and installation of parking that can be accomplished on the property the city currently owns."

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~ Milton Friedman

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LL&P employee wins third place in "Gimmicks and Gadgets" contest

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Lowell Light & Power employee Ralph Brecken took third place in "Gimmicks and Gadgets," a national competition held by the American Water Works Association (AWWA). According to their website, the 50,000 member AWWA is "the largest nonprofit, scientific and educational association dedicated to managing and treating water."

"Every year they ask anybody who is part of the AWWA, which is pretty much anybody who is part of the water industry, to submit any unique, new, interesting ideas or gadgets," Brecken said. "Things that could help them in their job. It's kind of like an invention contest."

The city will be flying Brecken to Atlanta to accept the award at the AWWA's national conference October

27. He will receive a plaque and a cash prize of \$300.

"This is the second time I made it to final judging, the first time I made the top three; and I once won the Michigan state award," Brecken said.

Brecken's invention is a device that holds large cylinders in place so they can be weighed safely.

"It is a scale stand to weigh a pressure gas cylinder," Brecken said. "They're like those big, tall cylinders that you use to fill hot-air balloons. They're about four feet tall and that's the size we're weighing. We used to have an old, mechanical scale just to weigh the tanks. And as we use gas out of it, it starts to weigh less and less and that's how we can tell how much we used. We upgraded to a very precise digital scale. I built an elaborate

stand to hold this new scale. It's made of steel. I cut it, fabricated it and welded it all together, then we sent it out and had it powder-coated. It keeps the cylinder from tipping and the valve can't get broken."

One of the reasons Brecken's invention stood out was because of his use of scavenged materials.

"The unique thing about it is, a lot of it is out of recycled parts," Brecken said. "I used old road signs and an old door handle from the library. Another chunk of brass I used was out of an old fire hydrant. A lot of the old equipment that we use, you can't buy parts anymore, so we'll actually build them right in-house."

Brecken shares the credit for the invention with his fellow water system employees.

"I absolutely could not have achieved this without the support of the staff that we have," Brecken said. "These are a great bunch of

guys. They deserve some credit. Some of the guys helped me fabricate it. I'm going down to accept this award on their behalf."

"I'm excited to go down. I'm looking forward to it," Brecken said.



Pictured, from left to right: Scott Fosburg, Joe Baker, Ralph Brecken, Bob Robinson and Brian VanVeelen. Todd Phillips and Dan DesJarden are missing from the picture.

Fallasburg Festival, continued

There will, as always, be a lot of live music, with bands playing continuously both days.

"A highlight of the festival is the musical entertainment that is held on a central, outdoor stage both days of the event," Teunis said. "Guests enjoy a variety of musical entertainment, including bluegrass, country rock and classic folk music. This year's line-up of musicians includes Steam Powered Bluegrass, the B-Side Growlers, the Proulx Brothers Band, Hawks and Owls, the Jukejoint Handmedowns, the Bruce Matthews Band, the Blue Water Ramblers, the Easy Idle String Band, and the Adams Family."

For all you art collecting gamblers out there, they plan to raffle off a lot of art during the festival.

"Visitors are invited to purchase raffle tickets and to win one of over 90 artist-made items donated by this year's festival artists," Teunis said. "The raffle's grand prize is a beautiful quilt, created by Dawn

Ysseldyke, exclusively for this festival. The quilt and raffle items are on display at the information booth throughout the festival and raffle tickets can be purchased at the information booth on both Saturday and Sunday. The winners are announced at the end of the festival. You do not have to be present to win."

You will not starve at this festival.

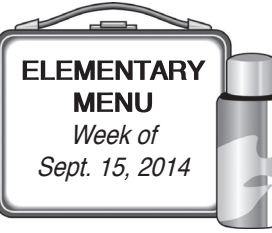
"Highlights from the various menus include pulled pork, squash bisque, hearty beef chili, apple dumplings, Polish sausage, elephant ears, half chicken from the grill, doughnuts, and apple cider," Teunis said.

Based on previous years' attendance

LowellArts! expects people from all over the area to attend the festival.

"Since the caliber of the artists is always excellent, word has gotten around that this is a must-see festival for art enthusiasts," Teunis said.

LUNCH MENU



MON: Yogurt parfait w/ goldfish, graham & cheese stick, strawberries, Fruit & Veggie Bar: spinach & romaine side salad, celery sticks, applesauce, chilled pineapple.

TUES: Beef & cheese nacho, refried beans, Fruit & Veggie Bar: spinach & romaine side salad, salasa, banana, chilled mixed fruit.

WED: Pancake & scrambled eggs, warm cinnamon apples (hashbrown served at Bushnell), Fruit & Veggie Bar: spinach & romaine side salad, baby carrots, fresh grapes, grapefruit slices (applesauce served at Bushnell).

THURS: Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, Fruit & Veggie Bar: spinach & romaine side salad, broccoli florets, mandarin oranges, fruit goop.

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financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

Prepare yourself for the unexpected

Are you ready for this? September is National Preparedness Month. Sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), National Preparedness Month seeks to educate Americans on preparing for natural disasters and other types of emergencies. But you'll also need to prepare for unexpected events in many other areas of your life — particularly those events related to the financial security of you and your family.

Here are some of the most important of these events, along with possible preparations for them:

- **Unanticipated early retirement** — If you encounter a "downsizing" or other occurrence that results in the loss of a job, or even the end of a career, before you expected it, would you be able to avoid major disruptions to your lifestyle? To help prepare for such a loss of income, make sure to fully fund your IRA each year. The maximum contribution is \$5,500 per year plus an additional \$1,000 for those age 50 and older.

- **Disability** — Even a short-term disability

can seriously harm your finances — and a long-term disability could prove devastating. Your employer might offer some form of disability insurance, but it may not be sufficient. So you may need to explore private coverage.

- **Personal liability** — If someone were ever injured on your property or due to some action of yours, you could face legal actions demanding hundreds of thousands of dollars. To help protect yourself, consider adding umbrella liability insurance.

- **Changing family situation** — Changes in your life — marriage, divorce, remarriage, children, stepchildren — can drastically affect your estate plans and the type of legacy you want to leave. To prevent unpleasant surprises for your family, make sure you periodically review beneficiary designations on your investment accounts, such as your IRA and 401(k), and work with your tax and legal advisors to update your estate-planning documents — will, living trust and so on — as needed.

- **Outliving your money** — Once you reach retirement, your greatest

concern may be that you'll outlive your money. To help prevent this from happening, create a sustainable withdrawal strategy — that is, determine how much you can take out each year from your investment and retirement accounts, and stick to this amount.

- **Need for long-term care** — You can't predict whether you will ever need to enter a nursing home or require the assistance of a home health care worker, but one thing is for sure — these services are extremely expensive. Consider this: The national average for a private room in a nursing home is nearly \$84,000 per year, according to a recent survey by Genworth, a financial security company. To help prepare for these costs, you may want to consult with a professional financial advisor, who can suggest appropriate solutions.

- **Untimely death** — Your absence could jeopardize your family's financial security, particularly if you passed away while your children were still at home. To help ensure that your family could remain in the home and that your children could go to college, if they choose, make sure you have adequate life insurance.

Your passage through life will be filled with twists and turns, and you can't always see what lies ahead. But you can ease your journey by preparing yourself for the unexpected.

kidsView



by Sierra Hieshetter

The Pink Arrow game this year is different from the rest in more ways than one. First off, it is the only Pink Arrow game in history to be delayed. And second, it is also the seventh and, in my opinion, the best game so far. Not just because we won 45 to 6 either. It's because even after being delayed to 8:00 pm, one hour behind

schedule, the applause when the Pink Arrows scored came from community that cared enough to stay.

The event began at two pm and by 2:30 seats were scarce. The waves of people kept coming though. The restaurant row had a large selection of local restaurants, all of which had marvelous food options.

Heidi's Farm Stand with donuts for a dollar, Keiser's Kitchen with chicken strips and drinks sold in between the booths.

The soccer game started at 3:45. It was a tough match that Lowell lost 0-2. The volleyball game started at 4:30 and was an equally tough match, but Lowell lost 2-1.

After the second match in the volleyball game I was starving so we went to restaurant row and I got chicken strips and fries from Keiser's. As I was finishing up my dinner, it started to pour. Not shortly afterwards, the thunder and lightning started. We booked it to the car and spent the next two hours there. The lower level of the press box was open as was the high school. It rained for what seemed like an eternity. But, when it finally cleared up, the honoree introductions were held and the national anthem was sung.

Looking around me as the game began I realized it takes a special kind of person to go through all that and stay for the game. I guess that's just the kind of people we are in Lowell... passionate about the cause and dedicated to our team of Pink Arrows!

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 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

viewpoint

to the editor

attend city council meetings

Dear Editor,
Small update: Who's running the asylum?

At the September 2nd city council meeting there was a vote to approve the purchase of a truck to haul what the LL&P board and manager have been trying to shove up the customer's and citizen's of Lowell's backsides.

A lot of questions were raised and the bottom-line is that the council approved the loan.

My dear wife sat next to me and wanted to ask the question of "If Spart (or the new company that was set up for this venture) and was to have covered all of the costs, why is the city [and] LL&P taking on buying the truck and moving this stuff?"

The answer is and it is my understanding that bids were asked for and no one, including John Timpson (A great patriot of Lowell who does a lot of generous things

for our city), could find a way to make it work for their company to be able to take on the project.

So, the great minds who last fall told me and you citizens over and over that customers would not have to incur any costs as the new biodigester came online now have the authority to buy a 14-year-old truck.

We were told that this is a five-year lease and Spart will be covering all of the cost to run the digester and we buy a truck.

So in the LL&P's infinite wisdom, they decided that they can do better than any experienced trucking company can (especially since no one thought they could profitably do the job).

LL&P then decided to finance a 14-year-old truck that will start running manure into Lowell six days a week and then transition into seven days a week.

A three-year loan on a

\$45,000 loan so much more than \$15,000+ a year must be what Spart is paying LL&P to do this?

They didn't say what Spart will be paying them but rest assured they have the numbers to make it work.

Since the 14-year-old truck is so special they must think that there will be no down-time for maintenance?

This is the same manager who spent \$200,000 on two old generators only to dismantle and mothball them after the upgrades were complete.

Manager Pierce stood up at the meeting and stated

that the truck will be used for other LL&P and city hauling.

How can this be if the truck is going to start out running six days a week?

Aren't you as citizens thinking something is amiss in our city? Why do you stand by and let these inept people run our finances into the ground?

Your power bill is going to go up!

Your property taxes are going to go up!

Think about these things and decide to attend the next city council meeting.

Alan Teelander
Lowell

your new purchases to your home if need be.

Kathleen Mooney, Art Academy 318, was so pleasant to talk to and helpful in picking out some of her very own artwork for our home and was able to tell you what inspired the pieces and the background behind them. She has even produced pieces for our home at our request, including reproducing our family crest to display outside. She is located at the east end of Main Street in the old white-bricked Superior Furniture building. It is always like going on a vacation or adventure when she shares the stories behind her prints/artwork. Thanks, Kathleen.

What can we say about Leighann and her group at Lowell Floral located in the mini-shop area next to Speedway. They have always been there for our family, whether it was to request an arrangement for a holiday or some other special event (a wedding comes to mind) or just to have fresh flowers for the house. Their unique floral designs, including arrangements of real flowers and those of artificial flowers, are fun and fresh. They love what they do and it is reflected in their friendliness and the concern and care they have for their customers. But they don't just have flowers for

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many places to shop in Lowell

Dear Editor,

With a few weeks left of summer and fall just around the corner, it is a perfect time to visit some of the many quaint shops right here in the city of Lowell.

Some of our favorites include:

Flat River Cottage where we have made very reasonably priced purchases of items for both inside the

house and outside for the patio area. Items such as unique Christmas wreaths and lighting for display inside and out, vintage curio-type furniture where we store extra linens, towels, etc., wicker chairs for outside and much more. Rita always greets you with a smile and is very helpful in assisting you with getting

outdoors



hunter education

Dave Stegehuis

Hunting was a rite of passage for farm boys at a time when wild game was standard fare at the homestead dinner table, and hunting skills were passed down from generation to generation by fathers and older brothers. Firearm safety was part of that training. I know in my own case any safety infraction would have resulted in serious consequences. Apparently not everyone at that time was held to the same strict standards, because since the implementation of mandatory hunter safety education and the hunter orange rule, firearm accidents have been drastically reduced.

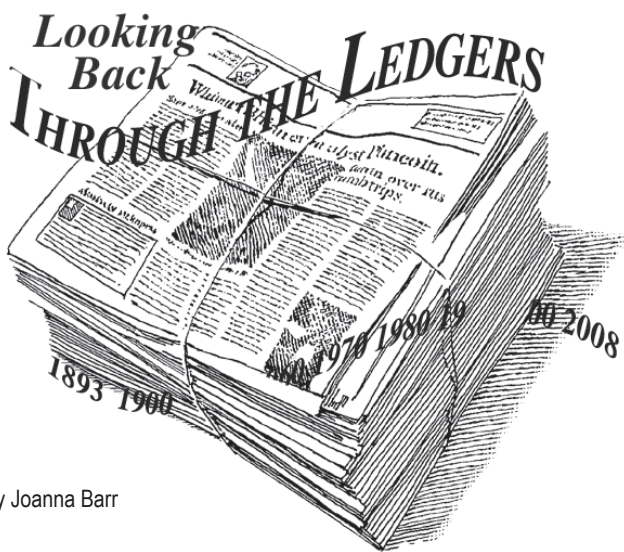
A Hunter Safety certificate is required to purchase a Michigan hunting license for everyone born after January 1, 1960. Requirements can be met through online courses, regular classroom instruction, or home study. All require an on-site field day. Youth 9 years of age and younger may hunt under a mentor program. Persons 10 years and older may purchase an apprentice license for two years then must complete a hunter safety course to purchase a regular hunting license.

Consult a Michigan Department of Natural Resources 2014 Hunting and Trapping Guide or go online for the regulations related to these special programs.

These courses provide safety instruction as well as related knowledge, skills, and attitude development which help people to fully enjoy the outdoor experience and gain an appreciation for wildlife and respect for the environment.

Hunter safety classes have lots to offer non-hunters as well because in a society where private firearms are common, it is important for people to be knowledgeable about guns, and all citizens should be informed about wildlife management and natural resource conservation.

Hunter Safety classes are designed for younger people, but all ages can benefit. Classes are a great way for youth and adults to share an interest in outdoor pursuits. Hunting is no longer a normal part of growing up for reasons related to our modern lifestyle and lack of access to places to hunt. It is important to provide opportunities for young people to engage in the hunting culture, which can improve one's quality of life. Hunters are effective advocates for wildlife conservation which benefits everyone. In recent times, young women who in the old days were a rare demographic in the hunting community have stepped up to fill the gap in hunter numbers. The hunting tradition is alive and well in Michigan.



By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal September 11, 1889

The home of Mrs. W. T. Mason, of Lake Odessa, was burned to the ground Friday morning and the lady barely escaped with her life. A lamp exploded by the side of her bed.

The flouring mills are running now night and day, when the water will permit. Flat River being so uncommonly low, they are bothered some for water.

On Friday last several old gentleman called on Mr. John Look, it being his 88th birthday. It was a great surprise to him and the afternoon was very pleasantly spent in a good old fashioned visit. Seven including Mr. Look gave their ages which combined reached 560 years.

Mr. N. P. Husted, the veteran nurseryman, brought us a sample of pears a few days ago, which for beauty, richness and flavor, surpassed any early pear we have ever tasted. They are considerably earlier than the

Bartlet and the tree is a very hardy and rapid grower. The variety is one introduced in this section by Mr. Husted several years ago and the samples shown were from some of the trees he had sold in this vicinity.

Pears and plums are very abundant and cheap this season.

Peaches are finding their way to market in considerable quantities, are bringing good prices, but the crop is much below the average.

There will be considerable more corn in some places, than many expected. The late planted corn is coming on wonderfully and if the frost holds off a week longer, it will be a nice crop in many places.

A Unadilla man's turkeys got into a dispute with his bees and the result was that 17 turkeys were killed.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 10, 1914

News and notes of interest by student reporter. The High school opened with an enrollment of 140 students. Inter-class foot ball is being organized. It is felt that home games will be cheaper and each class will take an active part. Modern history students have started with the Franco-Prussian war in order to intelligently follow events in Europe.

For sale – first class family cow, Durham Jersey strain. Inquire of Chet. Leary.

Frank McGee has accepted a position in Detroit with the Studebaker Motor company.

Mrs. H. Bank and daughter Freda are expected to arrive home today from Germany, where they were detained for weeks on account of the war. Rev. Mr. Bank has just been returned for his eighth year by the German Methodist Conference at Wheeling.

The successful Chautauqua should whet the

area births

Doyle

Patrick and Kati Doyle, of Alto, are happy to announce the birth of their son Casen King Doyle on August 6, 2014, weighing 8 pounds 12 ounces and measuring 21 inches. Casen was welcomed home by his big sister Nora. His grandparents are Brian and Cheryl Doyle, of Alto; and Paul and Rosemary Palawski, of Davison.



Casen King Doyle

Soyka

Justin and Audrey Soyka, of Lowell, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, William Donald Soyka. He was born on July 2, 2014, weighing 7 lbs. 8 oz. and measuring 20.5 inches. Proud grandparents are Mark and Vicki Soyka and Bill and Carol Grummet. Proud great-grandparents are Gladys Alexander, Lila Lee Grummet, and Shirley (Weeks) Nester.



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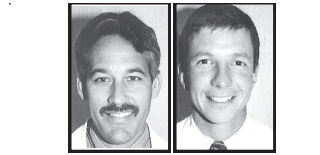
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health



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Influenza prevention 2014

We would like to remind everyone that it is time to get your annual flu shot. The Center for Disease Control recommends that everyone over the age of six months get immunized against the flu.

Unfortunately, only a small portion of the targeted population will receive the flu shot this year and 10-20 percent of the population will get the flu

this season. Most people recover from the flu without complications, however, the flu is responsible for over 200,000 hospitalizations and 35,000 deaths annually. People with chronic medical conditions, the very young and the very old are more likely to experience complications from the flu.

The peak flu season in our area usually starts in November and lasts through

March. Getting the flu shot in September or October allows time for the body to develop immunity and for protection to last throughout the winter. The flu is caused by a virus; symptoms include fever, headaches, fatigue, muscle aches, cough, nasal congestion and sore throat.

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

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Speaking of new in the area, check out Laurie and Marty Chambers' Red Barn Consignments and Antiques shop, just down from where the Hallmark shop used to be. Many say, "it's the best! Very cute and well organized." If you can't find what you are looking for, you will probably walk away with something else that caught your eye. Great items for yourself or for gifts for those special in your life. You meet friendly people shopping there, can buy a

soda from the old-fashioned pop machine while browsing the shop, chit chat with Marty and Laurie for a bit and walk out a satisfied customer with plans to return. Very reasonably priced merchandise. If they don't carry what you are looking for, they are great at writing down the type of item you need and will get back with you when they find it. Nice people, unique items/gifts, great store.

At the end of your shopping experience, don't forget to stop at one of the local watering holes, like Flat River Grill or Sneaker's. If you are an early shopper, try the Backwater Café or Keiser's Kitchen for a late breakfast or the like. Friendly service and fine food. How can you lose?

There are many great places to frequent locally in our city. These are just a few of the shops we have personally visited and revisited. Shopping local should be a first priority for us all in the city, especially when our shop owners give so much back in ways of which you might not even be aware. These owners are hard workers and very talented people. We are lucky to have these shops so available.

Very happy local shoppers/customers,
Lynette and Jim
Salzwedel

survey is a waste of time

Dear Editor,

I attended the Sept. 2 city council meeting and I understand that there is a possibility that a survey might be taken to see if there's a need for another parking lot downtown.

I believe a survey would be a big waste of money, because it's not about if the city needs another parking lot it's about priorities and where a new parking lot stands in those

priorities. It was stated in the Lowell Ledger that Greg Canfield said that the city administration is not really reacting to the merchants' needs for parking.

How should the city administration react? The administration has already given the Downtown Development Authority their right to spend the greatest share of their taxes in the downtown area for the past 22 years while the

general fund suffered from the loss of their tax revenue. The administration isn't the culprit. It's a variety of factors. There's a lot more to the parking lot situation than the public knows about. I believe there should be public hearings on the subject and then it should be put on a ballot for the constituents of Lowell to vote on.

Any proposed spending

by the DDA or by the general fund in these harsh economic times on any new project other than maintenance should go on a ballot so it can be voted on by the constituents of Lowell. It's time to put the important decision making back in the hands of the constituents where it belongs.

Jim Howard
Lowell

Health, continued

Getting the flu shot offers the best of prevention. The shot is simple and relatively painless. Side effects may include minor soreness at the injection site, low grade fever or slight muscle aches for a day or so

after the injection. You can not get the flu from the flu shot.

You should avoid the flu shot if you have allergy to eggs or have a serious reaction to previous flu shots.

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Red Arrow - FOOTBALL SPORTS

Lowell "Pink" Arrows victorious on rainy day game

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Stormy skies and a nearly two-hour rain delay were not enough to deter dedicated Lowell football fans from the seventh annual Pink Arrow Pride football game held at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium last Friday.

Spectators took shelter under tents, in the high school and in their cars during the lightning filled storm that forced an evacuation of the stadium just prior to the originally scheduled start time of 6 pm. Arrow nation held strong and refilled the bleachers, after the torrential storm passed, in support of the team and of the school and community's effort to fight cancer.

Football players, as well as cheerleaders, took part in the emotional honoree introductions on the field before Lowell High School alumni Brennan Prill

performed The National Anthem to officially kick off the game, played for the second consecutive year against long distance competitors the Hubbard Greyhounds of Chicago.

The Arrows won the coin toss but deferred to Hubbard in favor of second-half possession and began showing off their fast and effective defense immediately with Derek Massey leading the charge. Unable to capitalize, the Greyhounds turned over the ball to the Arrows starting quarterback Jake Stevens. Stevens handed off the ball four times in a row to Massey who advanced a few yards with each carry before blasting into the end zone on a fifteen-yard carry for the game's opening score. Opting for a two-point conversion the Arrows went up 8-0.



The offensive line drives hard toward the goal during the first half of play in the winning game.



Gabe Steed makes his way to the end zone on a 52-yard touchdown run in the first.

Arrow defense dominated in the Greyhound's next possession with Gabe Steed breaking up and nearly intercepting the ball, as well as earning a sack, before the still scoreless Greyhounds were forced to surrender the ball to Lowell again via a punt.

Within minutes another Arrow was in the end zone this time on a huge 52-yard pass from Stevens to Steed. Trevor Shurlow completed another successful conversion bringing the score to 16-0 at the end of the first.

Shurlow carried the ball several times in Lowell's next possession getting it down to the goal, with the help of several yardage penalties on behalf of Hubbard, before Stevens connected with Alex Anschutz on a short seven-yard touchdown pass for the third Arrow score of the game. Dan Bieri kicked in the extra point bringing the score to 23-0 over the outmatched Greyhounds.

Shurlow was the next to score carrying the ball into the end zone after Stevens ran it down to the two-yard line. Bieri came in for the extra point, but was roughed by the opposing team for the second time causing a flag and a slight change of plan. Going for the two-point conversion instead, the Arrows continued to dominate with a score of 31-0.

Pink Arrow game,
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Pink Arrow game, continued



Shurlow brought another one in with just three minutes left in the half, pushing the Arrows to a 38-point lead over Chicago. Josh Branagan rounded out the scoring action for the home team scoring on a touchdown pass from Stevens just before the buzzer for a halftime score of 45-0 with the extra point by Bieri.

The highly anticipated Pink Arrow halftime show was cut extremely short due to the weather delay only leaving time for a performance from the LHS marching band. The band presented a medley of music from the soundtracks of the popular 007 movies, including Die Another Day, Live and Let Die and the original James Bond Theme Song. Presentations by each school in the district and a sky lantern release were cancelled.

A scoreless third for both squads was followed by the lone touchdown put up by the visiting Greyhounds in the fourth. Hubbard quarterback Jacquelle Smith, who had faced a swarming Lowell defense all night, broke free from the pack surging past

Arrow defenders for a huge 71-yard touchdown run. An unsuccessful extra point attempt put the score at 45-6 where it remained at the final buzzer. This is the seventh consecutive win for Lowell in the annual Pink Arrow Pride game.

New quarterback Stevens amassed three touchdown passes and 147 yards on the game. Branagan caught four balls, scoring once and earning a team high 99 yards. The overall performance was tight with Lowell scoring on six of their seven drives in the first half of the game.

The typical sea of Pink Arrow fans inside the stadium was lesser in numbers due to the inclement weather, but those who braved the elements were no less enthusiastic and supportive of the game and of the cause. The Pink Arrow Pride service project begun by head coach Noel Dean has grown tremendously, inspired high schools across the nation to hold similar events and essentially takes over the town of Lowell each September. The charity event is closing in on two million dollars raised



which is donated to local organizations supporting those struggling with the physical and emotional effects of cancer.

Dean says that the rewards of this game go far beyond the team's commanding victory on the field, "There is

a lot of great lessons for the kids as far as thinking outside of their own needs. There is a lot of real quality stuff that comes out of it. It is a very valued piece of what we do with our football program and our community."



The 2-0 Arrows will move on to face league competitor and rival East Grand Rapids on the road this Friday.



Red Arrow

- VOLLEYBALL

SPORTS

Lowell hosts Lowell Quad

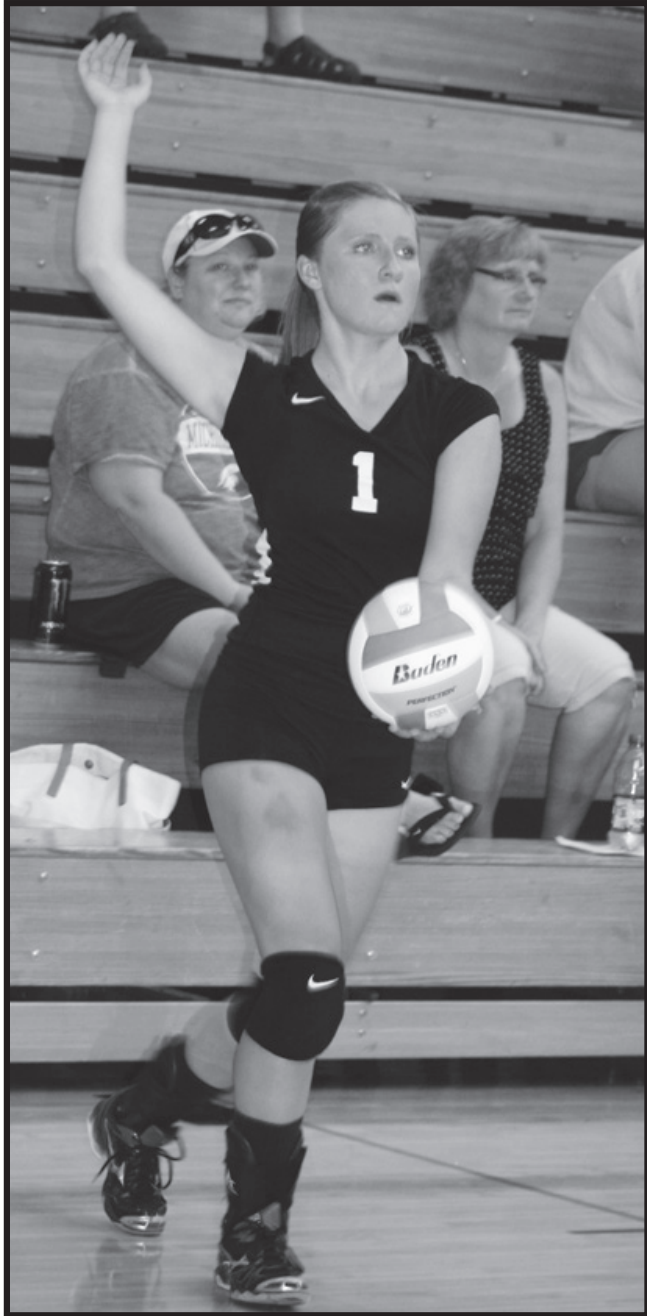
by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporterLowell
volleyball
varsity
hostedHills and Coopersville at
the Lowell Quad last week
Tuesday.

Two side-by-side volleyball courts were set up in the Lowell High School gymnasium providing for simultaneous set competition during the event. Each team faced the others for a total of three matches played per team.

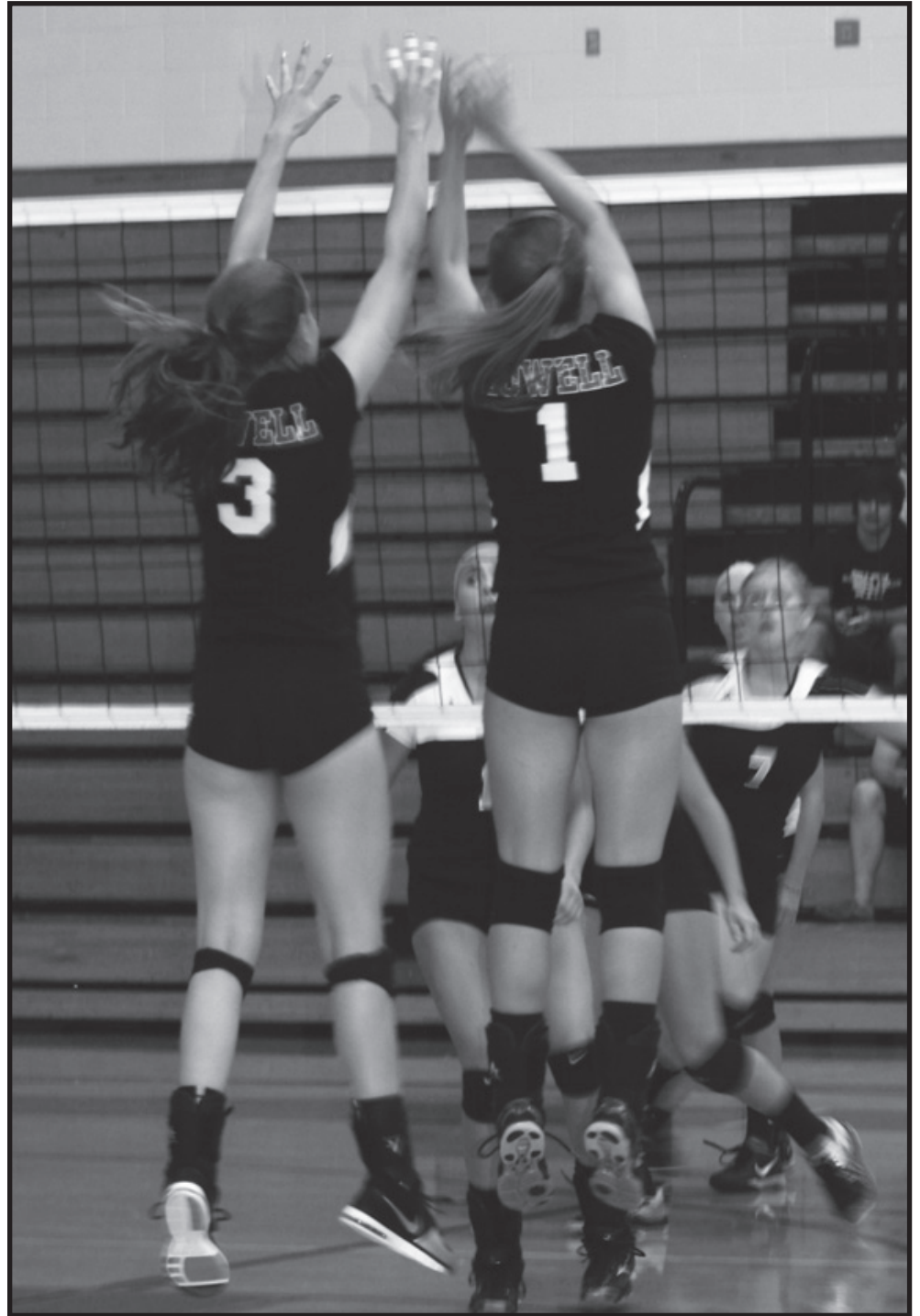
Lowell was able to push each of their matches into a third set, play was best of three, but failed to snatch a victory ending 0-3 for the night despite some extremely close matches.

Quad winner Coopersville grabbed up the bulk of the wins taking Lowell out 24-26, 25-19 and 16-14 and finished the night undefeated. Kenowa Hills lost only once during the quad, to Coopersville, and finished in third place.

Head coach Julie Quist said that though they were disappointed with their finish, they are reaping the benefits of the experience. "This week we worked on mental toughness and finishing. At this point we need to match our confidence with our athletic ability," added Quist.



Senior Bethany Kaczanowski sets up for her serve during the Lowell Quad held last week.



Bethany Kaczanowski and Katie Bush put up the block during last Tuesday's Lowell Quad.



Go Red Arrows!

Volleyball and soccer teams play in Pink

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Varsity volleyball and soccer both took to Red Arrow Memorial Stadium last Friday to compete as part of the seventh annual Pink Arrow Pride festivities.

Action kicked off under sunny skies at 3:30 when the soccer team took to the field for the honoree introductions. The game started immediately after with the Arrows facing off against the Hubbard Greyhounds from Chicago.

Coming off of a tough 6-1 loss to non-league competitor Greenville earlier in the week, the team's lone goal was credited to Jonny Draigh with the assist to Brendan Paulus, the team seemed

poised to take control early. Jonah Epema and Ben Noffke offered up fierce defense in the first half of the game and the team was able to manage several serious shots on goal, but were ultimately unsuccessful leaving the score 0-0 at the half between the seemingly evenly matched squads.

Hubbard came back hard in the second half getting by goal keeper Trevor Sherman twice within minutes, putting the Arrows down 2-0 where the game eventually would end.

Honoree introductions for volleyball began during soccer halftime with the game starting just before 4:30. Challengers Catholic

Central High School joined the pink clad lady arrows on the outdoor court located right alongside the main field at the stadium.

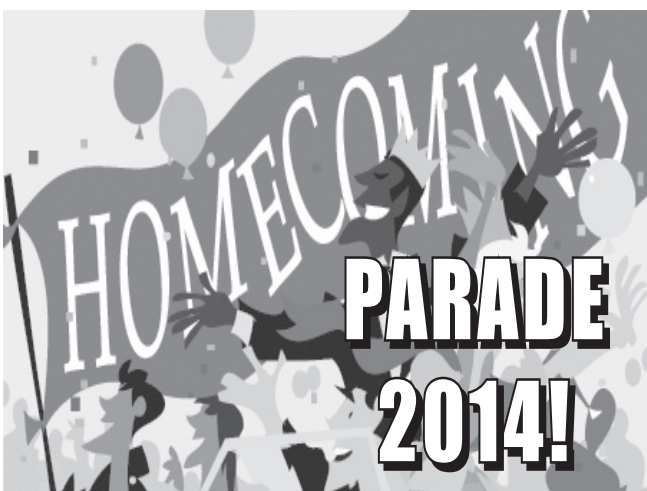
The dueling pair went 1-1 with scores of 25-23 and 22-25 and were dead even at 15 in the third and deciding set before the storm clouds swept into the stadium providing a swift and unwanted soaking for the fans in attendance. The stadium was formally evacuated due to a severe storm warning that was evident by the bright flashes of lightning that guided the wet spectators to the gym, where the two teams finished the match. Central pulled ahead once they

settled inside, grabbing the victory with an 18-16 finish.

"It was an amazing night, I think both teams showcased volleyball in a very positive and exciting game. I'm sure there were first time volleyball watchers in the crowd," said varsity head coach Julie Quist, "It is something they look forward to all year long. They appreciate that they get to be part of something to bring attention to their loved ones that have fought or are fighting cancer."



Great Job!



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Red Arrow SPORTS

- CROSS COUNTRY

Runners place sixth in jamoree

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell's long distance runners hosted the first of four OK White jamborees last Wednesday.

Both the boys and girls cross country teams

participated and both teams finished in sixth place.

Overall results for the girls half of competition put Grand Rapids Christian on top with a score of 42,

followed by East Grand Rapids at 43, Forest Hills Central (65), Jenison (101), Caledonia (122) and Lowell (168).

Girls coach Paul Judd said the results were about what he expected

"I thought that we would finish one place higher this meet. When looking at the places we took we will only get there by moving our pack up 5-10 places each. Many of the girls had strong parts of the race but for us to be successful we will need to have the entire 5K be strong. The girls need to get out better in the first mile. Our conference does not allow for us to play catch up as it is too deep," explained Judd.

Individual top finishers included junior front runner Desiree Striplin, senior Emily Judd, juniors Breanna VanLaan and Megan Khodl and senior Colleen Carter. Both Striplin and Judd improved their previous season finish times.

The boys team finished slightly better than the girls point wise, but still struggled

in the competition overall. Grand Rapids Christian led the competition here as well with an impressive score of just 19, East Grand Rapids and Caledonia came in next tying at 77, Jenison (82), Forest Hills Central (142) and Lowell (149) rounded out the pack.

Zach Diamond was the first finisher for the Arrows coming in sixteenth with a time of 18:39. Eric Judd and Nick MacDonald finished in the nineteenth minute; Garrett Nauta and Kyle Carter finished in the twentieth and twenty-first minute respectively.

Coach Clay VanderWarf said that he is happy with his team's performance.

"Overall, I felt the boys did pretty well. Their times are coming down as the season progresses. The goal is to get the top seven boys running closer together so that their times will continue to go down. They have a good work ethic and as long as I see continuous improvement, I can't complain," said coach VanderWarf.



Zach Diamond finished with a time of 18:39.

The teams will both participate in the Bredenweg and Sparta Invitationals this week and face off in the second conference jamboree on the seventeenth.



Desiree Striplin bested her own personal time and was the top female finisher.

- GOLF

Busy week of competition for Lady Arrows

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell faced competitors Caledonia and Northview in a busy, and pink, week of competition.

Tuesday on the road at the Broadmoor Country Club the girls went up

against the Scots of Caledonia and came up just short finishing with a score of 198-193 in this first conference competition of the season. Alaine Thomas and Dani Krajewski led the team both earning a score of 47. Caitlyn Gauck followed with a 51 and Nikki Hewitt with a 53.

Dressed in pink and teeing pink golf balls on Thursday in support of the Pink Arrow Project, the lady Arrows pulled out a decisive thirty point victory over a visiting Northview squad 193-223. Gauck was Lowell's best finisher carding a score of 47 while Thomas, Krajewski and Anna Organek each finished one stroke behind the other at 48, 49 and 50 respectively. Marta Lopez shot a 40 in exhibition play.

"Dani and Alaine have been consistent all year," said head coach Kim Stevens. "We didn't play as well as we could; conditions were a little wet and the ball didn't go as well. We're getting off the tee well, we just need to work on our approach shots."

This particular match was not just about a win or a loss though, according to Stevens, who said the team is proud to be a part of this great school and community tradition, "The girls realized that they were playing for a bigger cause, not just the final score. I took time with them to reflect on people I have lost in my own family from cancer. Life is short. Make the most of it while you can."



Leading scorer Alaine Thomas on the course during the team's winning Pink game against visiting Northview.



Exchange student Marta Lopez shot an impressive 40 against Northview in exhibition play.



obituaries

BARTON

Pauline A. Barton, age 69 of Lowell, did it her own way until her passing away Friday, September 5, 2014. She was preceded in death by Burt and Dorothy Chaffee. She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Loren; children Mathew (Denise) Barton of Grand Rapids, Shawn (Brian) Grant of Rochester Hills, Amy (Chris) Markel of Lowell; grandchildren Julianna and David Barton, Elizabeth Grant; sister Mary (Walt) Brownell; and many nieces and nephews. A funeral service was held. Interment Oakwood. Memorial contributions may be made to Lowell Pink Arrow Pride, c/o Lowell Community Wellness, P.O. Box 246, Lowell MI 49331.



CROUT

Lillian J. Crout (Booth), born September 8, 1930 to Claude and Lena Booth, passed away Sunday, September 7, 2014 at the age of 83. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Sterling Crout; son Roger (Karen) Crout; daughters Nancy Jones and Debra Crout; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; many special nieces and nephews. Lillian's family thanks Jody Haybarker and everyone at Schneider Manor for 25 years of retirement living. Funeral services will be held at a later time.



MILLER

Francis J. (VanSittlen) Miller, age 83, of Lowell, passed away on September 5, 2014 in Ionia. She was born December 31, 1930, in Lake Odessa, the daughter of Clark and Doris (Snyder) VanSittlen. She married Leon Miller on July 5, 1949. He passed on December 17, 2013. Francis was a member of First Baptist Church in Lowell. Francis is survived by her son, Leon (Judy) Miller of Ionia; sisters, Catherine Roy of Alabama, Eulah (Elmer) Gostnell of Lake Odessa, Clara Haney of Sheridan, Martha (John) Shockey of Ionia, and Marica Fox of Nashville; four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and three great great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Leon Miller; daughters, Patricia and Peggy; four brothers and two sisters. Funeral Services are being held Wednesday, September 10, 11:00 am at the First Baptist Church in Lowell with Rev. W. Lee Taylor officiating. Interment at Oakwood Cemetery in Lowell. Those wishing, may make donations to the family. Online condolences may be made at www.lakefuneralhomes.com

SMITH

Sandra (Snyder) Smith, 69, departed into Jesus' arms on September 3rd, 2014, at her home in Sebastian, FL surrounded by her loving family. She was born February 13th, 1945, in Muskegon and was raised in Parnell. She raised her own family in Lowell before moving to Vero Beach, FL in 1986. She worked several years as a cashier and then many years in banking. She will always be remembered for her loving and giving spirit and as a mother, grandma, sister, niece, aunt and friend to many. She was preceded in death by her loving parents, Richard and Laurrene (Ginter) Snyder. She is survived by her daughter, Jody (Chris) Herbst of Sebastian, FL; son, Jeff (Terri) Smith of Alto; grandchildren, Cassie and Christian Herbst and Jordan and Dakota Smith; brothers, Larry Snyder of Lowell; Mark (Charlotte) Ruble of Marietta, OH; and Mitch (Sandy) Ruble of Lowell OH; sister, Lori Miller of Lakeland, FL; uncle, Bob (Arlene) Ginter of Sturgis, SD; aunt, Murma (Dave) Sweitzer of Hudsonville and many, many nieces and nephews who she loved dearly. She also leaves behind many friends who she cherished deeply. A memorial service will be held on September 13th, 2014, at 2:00 pm at the Crossroads Christian Fellowship Church in Sebastian, FL. To send a condolence, please visit Sandra's memorial page at www.seawindsfh.com

business matters



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sales

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YARDSALE - Sept. 11 & 12, 9 to 5; Sept. 13, 9 to 3. Boys clothes to size 6, kids toys. 11410 Bluewater Hwy.

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misc.

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memorials

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Kenneth R. Kropf
 Out through the fields and the woods,
 And over the walls I have wended;
 I have climbed the hills of view,
 And looked the world, and descended;
 I have come by the highway home,
 An lo, it is ended.

Robert Frost
 Remembering you and missing you on your birthday, September 10.
 Your brother & his family

card of thanks

The family of Margie Lowry would like to thank friends and family for the beautiful flowers and cards, prayers and hugs. Thank you all and God bless you.

Her six children & their families;
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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.

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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

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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.

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

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

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.

Looking Back, continued

appetite of the public for a similar treat during the winter and it will be provided, as usual, by the Clover Leaf club lecture course which opens November 17.

Austin Erb and family are again quarantined for diphtheria. No one is ill with the disease but germs have been found in their throats and they are taking treatments to ward off the disease.

On Mrs. Comb's return from Portland last week she discovered that her house had been broken into through the kitchen window. All the drawers in the house were ransacked and a set of silver knives and forks and some bedding was taken.

George Mesecar of Monrovia, Calif., is visiting his relatives here and expects to remain about three weeks. George called at the Ledger office and "handed us a lemon" weighing 1 1/3 pounds and measuring 15 inches around the long way. He picked the monster

across the street from his home. See it in our west window.

Quite a number of Boston people attended "Uncle Tom's Cabin," at Lowell Monday evening.

During the storm of Saturday night lightning killed a colt belonging to Perry Dennison.

Last Sunday evening, some one blew open the safe at the Elevator and then made his escape.

G. W. Rouse is pushing the manufacture and sale of his fine patent hoof nippers and good orders are being received from widely scattered jobbing centers.

Louis Pottruff and wife have returned from Lyons, where they have lived this summer, to reside in their old home.

Mrs. Edith James shipped her household goods Saturday to Howard City and expects to soon go to her farm home 8 miles from there, which she lately

purchased. We wish her all success with her little family, who have been with us so long.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 14, 1939

Here it is again, "is there such a season as Indian Summer?" That is what we call it here though in Germany it is termed "Old Wives Summer." Officially we do not have a season named such and many are the scientific facts against there being Indian Summer. But we know there is a sign of something that comes with Northern Spy and Grimes Golden apples, vines heavy with plump pumpkins, sumac brilliantly red, football shouts filling the ozone. Time is too short in Lowell to enjoy these weeks before the harvest moon bids farewell. We know there is an Indian Summer even if you can't find it on the calendar.

Continuing to plug loopholes in the collection of sales tax, the State Board of tax administration has ordered all vending machines licensed. The new ruling of the board requires that each individual machine must have a location license and the owners of them must make regular monthly reports of their sales. Every vending machine owner must have a general Sales Tax license and pay the regular three per cent tax on the gross proceeds of his vending machine business. If an owner is already a licensed retail dealer he will not have to pay for the individual machine license but he must include machine sales in his regular returns to the State Board of Tax Administration.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 10, 1964

Headline: Showboat is dead! "Showboat" will not sale in 1965 if the recommendation of the Board of Directors is accepted at the annual meeting on Monday, September 14. The future of Showboat was fully discussed by the board at their last two meetings and in view of its losses for the past three years, there is no other way to handle this annual summer event. Final figures presented to the board have revealed a loss for 1964 of \$4,000; the operating costs of the '64 show were over \$29,500 with income of only \$25,500. Dropping Showboat for 1965 is in reality a nice way of saying that Showboat is dead! Only a miracle will bring Showboat as we knew it back in 1966 or any other year...

On Thursday, September 3, at Silver Lake golf course, Don Beachum, better known as Jack Nicklaus of Lowell, scored an "Eagle 2." The eagle was made on the fifth hole, which is 375 yards long.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 13, 1989

Orval I. McKay, M.D. doctor, Chairman of the Look Committee, member of the Lowell Light and Power Board, member of the Planning Commission, a charter commissioner, a father of three, a contributor to Lowell's unity within the community and Lowell Chamber of Commerce's "1989 Person of the Year..."

Change of the banners. The Showboat Banners have been removed from the Main Street scene and stored for another year. They have been replaced with the attractive brown, gold and orange banners for Fallasburg Fall Festival.

Following the posting of the newly created position of director of special education and instruction, it was announced and approved at the Lowell Board of Education meeting that former Alto Elementary Principal Jim White be assigned the post.

Fumble – In the Sept. 6 edition of the Lowell Ledger, both Catholic Central and West Catholic were mentioned in the Red Arrow football story. While Lowell is good, it prefers to play one team at a time. In this particular game, the Red Arrows defeated the Cougars from Catholic Central 11-8. Meanwhile the Falcons from West Catholic were defeating the Wildcats from Northview. The Ledger regrets such an error and will work hard to see that it doesn't happen again.

FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

BOYS & GIRLS

VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

- * Denotes a game at the high school campus
- 9/13 at 8 a.m. Sparta Invitational
- 9/17 at 4:45 p.m. (boys) • 5:30 p.m. (girls)
- Jamboree at Gainey Athletic Complex

BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL

- * Denotes a game at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium
- 9/12 at 7 p.m. at East Grand Rapids
- 9/19 at 7 p.m. at Reeths Puffer

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

- * Denotes a game at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium
- 9/11 at 7 p.m. at GR Christian
- 9/13 at 12:30 p.m. West Catholic*
- 9/16 at 6:45 p.m. at Jenison

GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

- * Denotes a game at Lowell High School
- 9/11 at 7 p.m. at East Grand Rapids
- 9/18 at 7 p.m. GR Christian*

GIRLS VARSITY GOLF

- * Denotes a meet at Arrowhead Golf Course
- 9/17 at 3:30 p.m. Jamboree*
- 9/18 at 3:30 p.m. Jamboree at Thousand Oaks

BOYS VARSITY TENNIS

- * Denotes a game at the high school tennis courts
- 9/13 at 8:30 a.m. Holland Quad
- 9/15 at 4:15 p.m. GR Christian*

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44. Montezuma, e.g.
46. Eurozone money
47. Arabic for commander
48. Nervous system component
50. First king of Israelites
52. *Br'er Rabbit is more this than Br'er Fox
53. Sommelier's domain
55. Additionally
57. Drag one's feet
61. *Halloween prowlers
64. Collectible in a cabinet
65. Court

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- A Virginia man has one of the longest commutes to work - 220 miles round trip - much higher than the average American's 25-mile commute. Thurmond Alford drives every day, from Richard, Virginia to Washington, D.C. He says it's his dream job and he does it to stay near his family.
- Former New Orleans mayor Ray Nagin, 58, began his 10-year sentence at a federal prison in Texarkana, Texas, on Monday for corruption committed during the years when the city was struggling to recover from Hurricane Katrina. He was convicted in February on 20 criminal counts including bribery, conspiracy and money laundering, all tied to payments he received for granting city contracts during the recovery effort.
- Kate Middleton and Prince William are expecting their second little prince or princess.



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67. Brownish gray
69. Resembling wings
70. "To ____ is human ..."
71. Encourage
72. *Br'er rabbit fought with a sticky one of these
73. Levi's competitor

74. What the defense does?

DOWN

1. Pilot's announcement, acr.
2. Fish of the carp family
3. Mythological ship
4. "The hills are alive with the ____ of music..."
5. Lifting injury
6. Swerve
7. "____ the land of the free ..."
8. ____ eclipse
9. Waiter's handout
10. Footnote word
11. Musical composition for one, pl.
12. Friends of #29 Down
15. *Br'er trickster
20. Icy hut
22. Rest in state
24. Paint the town red
25. *Revolutionary Allen
26. Drunkard's downfall
27. African language
29. *Blue Ox
31. Clarified butter
32. Steers
33. Hiker's path
34. *Steel-driving man
36. Hunted ruminant
38. Evening in Italy
42. *Where "Uncle Remus" tales took place
45. *Pecos Bill, e.g.
49. Goose egg
51. Plunderer
54. Handrail post
56. "August: ____ County"
57. Healing sign
58. Maui dance
59. Kuwaiti, e.g.
60. Boggy
61. *Blood's partner in Halloween tales
62. Yanks
63. Dalmatian mark
66. Bonanza find
68. Lt.'s inferior, in the Navy

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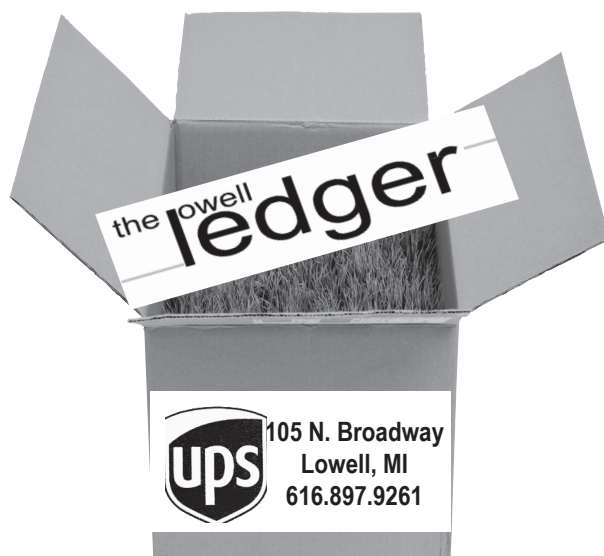


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Local veterinarian seeks help identifying thief caught on surveillance camera stealing shingles

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Somebody stole a big pile of roofing shingles from outside Animal Hospital of Lowell, 11610 East Fulton, at 6:28 am on Tuesday, September 2. This was not the first theft at the hospital.

"It's been a problem we've had, which you really wouldn't think of in Lowell," said hospital director Bruce Langlois. "Something gets stolen several times a year. Two or three times I've had people steal the power cords from our mobile clinic, I'm sure to turn in the copper. It's over \$100 for me to replace them every time. I've had them steal the hitches out of my truck."

Langlois said that the hospital has been burgled in the past.

"People aren't breaking into the building," Langlois said. "I've got a security system in the building because we've got medications and stuff. There's an alarm system and all that. People have broken into the building, but it's been many years since that's happened."

Once he noticed a pattern to the thefts, Langlois put some video cameras outside the building.

"I installed some security cameras about six, eight months ago," Langlois said. "They're pretty good cameras. They work in the dark and in the daylight. They just record when there's motion and it saves it on a hard drive and you can go back several days."

The theft was discovered when the shingles were required by a roofer.

"We are having a new roof put on," Langlois said. "The builder came and said, 'Hey, what'd you do with those shingles?' I said, 'I didn't do anything with the shingles, they're right out there on the pallet.' He said, 'No, they're gone.' So I searched through the tape and that morning you could see somebody."

Langlois said the thief drove up in what looked like a Saturn Vue and stole the shingles.

"He gets out of the car,

opens up the back hatch, and cool as a cucumber throws the bundles of shingles in [the car], closes the hatch and drives away," Langlois said. "He must have seen them before or he's stolen

stuff from me before. I wouldn't be surprised if he's taken stuff from us before."

Langlois hopes somebody in the public will recognize the thief or his vehicle.

"Unfortunately I can't see the license plate on the car," Langlois said. "You can pretty much make out who he is, if you know him. I'm thinking somebody will recognize him and give me

a call. It's kind of a balding, mid-40s guy."

If you have any information on the theft please call the Animal Hospital of Lowell at 897-8484.



This surveillance camera photo shows the thief just before driving off with the stolen shingles.

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