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Crowds flocked to enjoy annual Fallasburg Fall Festival of the Arts

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

The 2014 Fallasburg Fall Festival for the Arts was held last weekend. The weather was beautiful on Saturday and the park was still full of people even on a rainy Sunday.

"We had an amazing day Saturday," said Lorain Smalligan, executive director of LowellArts! "It was probably at capacity as far as crowd. We had long lines for the cars to get in and we used our overflow parking off of Covered Bridge Road. Just a really, really big crowd; it was wonderful. Sunday was down a little bit, of course because of the weather. There's not a lot you can do about that. Everybody's attitude is great. I've talked to a lot of the artists and they just said you get used to having rain every once in a while."

LowellArts! raffled off over 90 pieces of art. The raffle's grand prize was a large, beautiful, handmade quilt.

"It's made by Dawn Ysseldyke," Smalligan said. "She lives right here in Lowell and she designs it and makes it. She always has the quilt done by the beginning of summer so that we can showcase it at the summer concerts. She will start next year's quilt right away, because it does take that long for her to be able to make it."

There was live music, fresh food, artisan demonstrations and 100 booths with artists from all over Michigan, as well as Texas, Wisconsin, Georgia, Florida and other states.

Paul Callog, a wood artist from Niles, had a booth full of smooth, hand-carved wooden bowls.



The LowellArts! booth with the grand prize quilt on display.

"I have lathe-turned functional wooden bowls," Callog said. "I start from a log and take it through the roughing-out, the drying, the finishing. The drying time takes six to twelve months. Then I go to festivals and offer everything I have for sale to the public."

Callog said the weather

on Sunday slowed business a little.

"Yesterday was a nice day, lots of people. It was quite full yesterday," Callog said. "Today I think things have slowed down, probably because of the weather."

Nine bands played throughout the weekend, including Steam Powered

Bluegrass, the Adams Family and the JukeJoint Handmedowns.

"It's folk music, bluegrass, Americana, that's kind of the flavor of the music," Smalligan said. "We had the Bruce Matthews Band. Bruce is the

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Elementary offers free outdoor movie night

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Alto Elementary was the site of their Parent Teacher Organization's (PTO) first-ever "Outdoor Movie Night" featuring *The Lego Movie*.

develop the community at Alto Elementary. Many of our parents work full time outside of the home. This event gave them the opportunity to meet their child's classmates and



Around 250 people made their way to the green space at the southernmost Lowell Area Schools elementary building to enjoy a free feature film on an inflatable screen. Popcorn, drinks and snacks were available on site.

PTO president Cindy Johnston said that the night focused on building relationships between students, staff and parents.

"Our primary goal this year is to continue to

other parents. By doing an outdoor movie, we have given our family a way to connect."

With the combined efforts of PTO volunteers, the Alto staff and event sponsors, Heidi's Farm Stand and Social Strategies, Inc., the event was highly successful and will now be scheduled as an annual event.

"Parents and students alike can not wait until we do it again," said Johnston.

Lowell grad inducted into Great American Rivalry Series Hall of Fame

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Keith Nichol, a 2007 Lowell High School graduate, was inducted into the Great American Rivalry Series Hall of Fame at the football game on Friday, Sept. 12.

"Keith was an all-state football player at Lowell High School and played collegiate football at Oklahoma and Michigan State University," said Dee Crowley, assistant principal and athletic director at Lowell High School. "He played in the Lowell/East Grand Rapids rivalry for three seasons. As a sophomore in 2004 Keith led the Red Arrows to two victories over East, a 51-22 win in the regular season and 28-14 in the playoffs in route to a 14-0 undefeated and state championship season. East won the rivalry game in 2005 with a score

of 25-21, but Keith avenged that loss his senior year with a 28-25 victory. At the end of his high school career, Keith won three out of four games over East and his overall career was 33 wins and three losses. He passed for 6,550 yards and 76 touchdowns and ran for 3,100 yards and 58 touchdowns in his high school career. He was an all-state selection for three years and went on to play college football at Oklahoma and Michigan State."

The award was presented to Nichol by the Great American Rivalry Series.

"The Great American Rivalry Series was created to recognize both present and past players in top rivalry games across the country," Crowley said. "The gridiron heroes from years past have

helped make the game what it is today, exemplifying all that is good about these contests and why they are embraced by communities. The goal is to celebrate the history of your rivalry and honor someone who starred in or impacted this rivalry in a significant way, whether this player scored the winning touchdown, had the most tackles, holds the record for the most completed touchdowns in the rivalry or was the game's M.V.P., et cetera."

Crowley said that it was good for Lowell to receive "recognition on a national scale of an outstanding rivalry football game between Lowell and East Grand Rapids and [an] honor for a former great Lowell High School football player."

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Michigan companies recognized at Green Agribusiness Awards

Agribusinesses from across Michigan gathered today at Troppo for recognition by the Michigan Agri-Business Association (MABA) with 2014 "Green Agribusiness Awards." The companies were recognized for pursuing sustainability requirements across the scope of agricultural production - from energy efficiency and renewable energy, to recycling and optimizing fertilizer use.

"This program is more robust than ever before, with a record number of Michigan companies pursuing sustainability requirements and the inclusion of new standards for the program designed to protect our Great Lakes," said Jim Byrum, president of MABA.

"Every day, consumers are more connected to our food system and they want to know that Michigan agriculture is producing food in a sustainable way. In addition, our industry knows the value of protecting our air, water and Great Lakes for coming generations. By pursuing a wide range of sustainability criteria under the Green Agribusiness Designation Program, companies across the state are leading the way on this important issue."

The application components include an evaluation of agronomic practices, water quality and conservation measures, energy efficiency, facilities improvement, transportation, recycling,

and the use of advanced site specific agriculture technology. Many of the criteria outlined under the program are specifically designed to help agriculture further protect water quality and our Great Lakes. In particular, by taking steps to optimize fertilizer use, farmers and agribusinesses can achieve the greatest possible yields while protecting the environment.

As part of the agriculture industry's ongoing water quality focus, Byrum announced that for the first time this year, all agronomic retailers were required to be partners of the 4R Nutrient Management Strategy, which provides guidance to optimize fertilizer use and protect water quality. The

4R Strategy encourages the use of fertilizer from the "Right Source, at the Right Location, at the Right Time and Right Place."

Byrum also announced that MABA has hired Dr. Tim Boring, who will serve as vice president of the organization beginning Oct. 1. Dr. Boring earned Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate degrees from Michigan State University, with his doctoral work in crop and soil science. He will lead programmatic and research efforts, including on issues of agricultural sustainability and water quality.

"Michigan's agriculture industry is a pillar of our state's economy, and it is inspiring to see

leaders in the industry adopting conservation and sustainability measures that will better protect our land, air and water," said Lisa Wozniak, executive director for the Michigan League of Conservation Voters. "We have more work to do to ensure that our soil and Great Lakes are healthy and here for future generations of Michiganders, and today's awardees are leading the way toward an even stronger and more sustainable agriculture industry in the Great Lakes state."

In addition to the presentation of 93 Green Agribusiness Awards, Cooperative Elevator Co. was named the 2014 Outstanding Green Agribusiness.

"Sustainability is more than just a buzzword. Michigan agriculture places special value on protecting our Great Lakes and ensuring our environment is healthy for coming generations, and we know

we can do our part while still achieving a strong bottom line," said Patricia Anderson, chief executive officer of Cooperative Elevator Co. "This simply can't be a zero-sum game. The measures that earned us the 2014 Outstanding Green Agribusiness Award are important for our future as a business, as well as the future of the communities we call home across Michigan."

State Sen. Mike Green expressed appreciation for proactive measures within the agriculture community to ensure water quality and soil health.

"Across the state, farmers and growers are driving incredible expansion in our \$96-billion agriculture sector, and those in agriculture know the value that sustainability measures bring to their work," he said. "Michigan agriculture is clearly working hard to be ahead of the game on environmental sustainability."



along main street

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Volunteer orientation at Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) will be Wednesday at 6 pm. Please call 897-8260 for additional information.

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GILDA'S CLUB OF LOWELL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Gilda's Club of Lowell will celebrate their fifth anniversary with a traditional birthday party for the public on Tuesday, Oct. 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Lowell Fairgrounds. RSVP at www.gildasclubgr.org

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.

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Alto residents enjoy annual harvest festival and car show

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Alto residents ushered in the fall season recently when the community hosted their 34th annual Harvest Festival and Car Show.

Festivities began, as always, with a pancake breakfast held at and benefiting the Alto Fire Barn. Along the small and

quaint streets of Alto a variety of activities kicked off next, including the popular car show, a library book sale, a baking contest



Lifetime Alto resident and veteran pie eater Ken Bailey prepares to claim the top spot in the festival's Pie Eating Competition.



Classic and unique vehicles lined Depot Street at the car show that is one of the stand-out features of the local festival.

and a good variety of both food and craft vendors.

Official opening ceremonies took place at ten am just before the kids area opened along the Baptist Green, featuring crowd pleasing inflatables, the Whispering Pines Mobile Zoo and free face painting by Melissa Hendricks from Cheek to Cheek.

Attendees enjoyed a parade before witnessing the fun and funny, youth and adult pie eating competitions which drew crowds to the main stage area of the festival. Baked goods remained a main theme for the festival as the

American Legion hosted baking bingo rounds for the remainder of the event's ten hour Saturday lineup.


Kid and crowd favorite the Pedal Tractor Pull rounded out the childrens' entertainment for the day. B&D Pedal Pullers hosted the event which was sponsored by Cogent Engineering, Dougherty Electric and Magna Mirrors. Children aged 3-11 were invited to participate in this lighthearted competition, which awarded a first-place trophy and a second-place medal in each age category. Nearly forty children

participated. First-place honors went to Chelsea Wolfe, Audraya Wieland, Evan Kryger, Austin Rouse, Jacob Hoeksema, Wyatt Fuss, Ramsey Kryger, Savannah Steffen and William Link.


Car show awards, a scavenger hunt sponsored by the Graham Family and a Lumberjacks for Lemonade competition benefiting the childrens cancer charity Alex's Lemonade Stand also took place at the event, which continues to grow and diversify heading into their 35th anniversary next fall.

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protect your retirement against market volatility

As an investor, you're well aware that, over the short term, the financial markets always move up and down. During your working years, you may feel that you have time to overcome this volatility. And you'd be basing these feelings on actual evidence: the longer the investment period, the greater the tendency of the markets to "smooth out" their performance. But what happens when you retire? Won't you be more susceptible to market movements?

You may not be as vulnerable as you might think. In the first place, given our growing awareness of healthier lifestyles, you could easily spend two, or even three, decades in retirement — so your investment time frame isn't necessarily going to be that compressed.

Nonetheless, it's still true that *time* may well be a more important consideration to you during your retirement years, so you may want to be particularly vigilant about taking steps to help smooth out the effects of market volatility. Toward that end, here are a few suggestions:

- *Allocate your investments among a variety*

of asset classes. Of course, proper asset allocation is a good investment move at any age, but when you're retired, you want to be especially careful that you don't "over-concentrate" your investment dollars among just a few assets. Spreading your money among a range of vehicles — stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, government securities and so on — can help you avoid taking the full brunt of a downturn that may primarily hit just one type of investment. (Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can help reduce the effects of volatility, it can't assure a profit or protect against loss.)

- *Choose investments that have demonstrated solid performance across many market cycles.* As you've probably heard, "past performance is no guarantee of future results," and this is true. Nonetheless, you can help improve your outlook by owning quality investments. So when investing in stocks, choose those that have actual earnings and a track record of earnings growth. If you invest in fixed-income vehicles, pick those that

are considered "investment grade."

- *Don't make emotional decisions.* At various times during your retirement, you will, in all likelihood, witness some sharp drops in the market. Try to avoid overreacting to these downturns, which will probably just be normal market "corrections." If you can keep your emotions out of investing, you will be less likely to make moves such as selling quality investments merely because their price is temporarily down.

- *Don't try to "time" the market.* You may be tempted to "take advantage" of volatility by looking for opportunities to "buy low and sell high." In theory, this is a fine idea — but, unfortunately, no one can really predict market highs or lows. You'll probably be better off by consistently investing the same amount of money into the same investments. Over time, this method of investing may result in lower per-share costs. However, as is the case with diversification, this type of "systematic" investing won't guarantee a profit or protect against loss, and you'll need to be willing to keep investing when share prices are declining.

It's probably natural to get somewhat more apprehensive about market volatility during your retirement years. But taking the steps described above can help you navigate the sometimes-choppy waters of the financial world.

kidsView



by Sierra Hieshetter

Back to school is always hard. The summer is a hazy flash of fun then all of the sudden you are plunged into homework, hallways and so much more! It is especially hard when you go from being a carefree fifth grader with one teacher, straight lines and no talking in the hallway to a middle schooler starting her secondary education. You only have four minutes to get to class,

a locker with a combination to remember and so much, (so much) more pressure. And that is exactly what happened to me! There is always that teacher who makes an impact on your life. They encourage you to do your best no matter what.

I know it is only the second week, but to me that teacher is Mrs. Hall. She is intelligent and funny; and even with a

broken foot, she is always encouraging. Lockers are a different experience for sixth graders...everyone is forgetting their combination which creates a lot of backup in the hall. I am also learning to play the cello for the very first time. It is hard to learn and with a concert coming up, I have a lot of practice to do.

Some kids say that sixth grade is an exciting change and I can't say that I disagree; however, there are definitely some days where I feel that I may have bitten off more than I can chew when I became a sixth grader.

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An education isn't how much you have committed to memory, or even how much you know. It's being able to differentiate between what you do know and what you don't.

~ (1844 - 1924)

viewpoint

to the editor

extra charges affect cookoff

Dear Editor,

I am writing on behalf of Larkin's 13th Annual Chili Cook-Off. I'm sure you and your readers are aware of our annual event and the fact that each year a different local nonprofit is chosen to receive the proceeds of the money raised.

Over the past 13 years we've given to the Lowell Fire Department, Lowell Senior Center, Flat River Outreach Ministries, Alpha Women's Center, St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center and several more. We've donated over \$30,000.00 in these 13 years and receive a lot of community support that enables us to do this.

Previously, the Kent County Health Department would charge a nominal fee of \$120.00 for the special

license needed for the cook-off. Larkin's always took care of this fee as part of its support of the event. This year we've been informed that the fee is reduced (unheard of) to \$108.00, but are now requiring \$20.00 per team! Based on the average number of teams (25), that's an additional \$500.00 in fees! The department is not requiring us to do anything differently, so this is strictly fees.

We can hardly ask our competitors to pay this fee, as it's already costing them plenty just to provide the chili. \$608.00 to cover the cost of one inspector, for less than one hour, to inspect what Larkin's is required to inspect under its own license is unreasonable.

In the 13 years we've been doing this, we've never had an issue with the health department.

While we understand the need for health department oversight with their regular inspections, this just appears to be a money grab for the department. This additional fee, unless waived, will severely hamper our ability

to provide help to those in need.

Since the community is involved in supporting us each year with our event, I felt the community should see the price of trying to do good.

Sincerely,
Deb Apol, manager,
Larkin's Restaurant

do we need another auto parts store?

Dear Editor and Lowell area citizens,

First let me say that I believe in free enterprise, but I question the need for another auto parts store in Lowell. If you don't know, a national chain has started construction on an auto parts store in Lowell. I encourage you to continue to support Showboat Automotive and Kirk Collins. Kirk has supported area non-profit groups along with our area sports teams. Anytime I

have needed assistance with a community event, Kirk has been there as a volunteer and also financial support. I would ask that when you need anything auto related, give Kirk and Showboat Automotive a call. You can also ask when your car is in for repair to have the shop use parts from Showboat Automotive. Again, support area businesses that support us.

Thank you,
Perry Beachum

The ghost that has been seen semi-occasionally in this town was investigated a few nights ago by a couple of skeptical young men who treed her ghostship in a sloop pail back of one the houses in the neighborhood.

Why can't Lowell have a good system of sewers? He town is most favorably located in the way of natural advantages, every street sloping toward the south. Now that so many have city water in their houses they find themselves without any way of getting rid of the surplus water and slops, unless they throw them on the surface of the ground or have a cesspool, either of which is very unsatisfactory. Let us have sewers.

We are reliably informed that the Deputy Game Warden at Rock River not only countenances violation of the game laws but has violated them himself by hunting deer out of season.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 24, 1914

The city papers are everlastingly poking fun at their country cousins for our little rural new items; but some times it's different. The Grand Rapids dailies made a great fuss because two city dames after a great commotion captured a ten-pound fish at Reed's lake. But Mrs. Jay Frost landed a fifteen pounder at Murray Lake all by her lonely and never turned a hair; and our Vergennes correspondent disposes of it in three lines. It takes the city reporters to get excited over a common every-day fish.

Business is improving at The Ledger office in all lines - subscriptions, advertising, and job printing. That's what we like to see. We have a good staff of office help now and want to keep all hands busy. Don't forget the news end either. Local items of all sorts and sizes wanted. Everybody can help on this.

Deputy Sheriff Raimer is having a hearing today before Justice James Murphy of Ionia on a charge of perjury growing out of his testimony in the Benjamin Taylor case. Justice Andrews was called as a witness.

R. D. Stocking has sold and used the White sewing

outdoors

bow hunting

Dave Stegehuis

Hunting whitetail deer with a bow is a big deal for a lot of Michigan hunters. A major part of the hunt involves time spent in preparation. During this period anticipating future days afield creates an excitement known only to those who hunt.

Long before opening day, shooting practice sessions become a daily routine. Practice the way you hunt. That means suiting up in hunting clothes and shooting from a tree stand or a ground blind. Shooting in low light and in the cold brings more realism to practice than wearing shorts during a summertime session in the back yard.

Final tuning of equipment must be completed by this time. A new string needs time to stretch out and sights must be zeroed in.

Deer movement shifts from summer to early fall patterns. Scouting hunting areas is done with care so as not to spook the current residents. A few hardcore hunters may want to identify a particular deer to pursue.

Once a location is

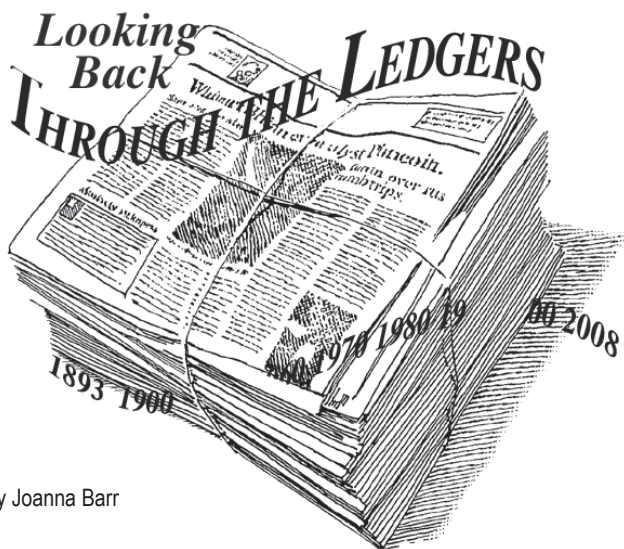
chosen, blinds and stands can be set-up. There are special regulations for stands on public land. Care should be taken to get to the stand undetected by choosing a route where human scent will travel downwind from the assumed location of the deer. The slightest unnatural noise can alert the quarry to the presence of a predator. Concealing movement as much as possible is also important.

Finally, after settling into the blind or stand on opening day, let the hunt begin. While the sun slowly breaks out on the horizon and casts long shadows over the forest floor, the hunter watches intently and listens carefully as wild things wake up and begin their day. Dry leaves rustle noisily as a red squirrel dashes to the next tree causing the heart to race. The morning will be spent anxiously sorting out random movements and sounds in the surrounding cover. A deer may or may not appear, but anticipating the possibility makes time in woods exciting and enjoyable. Good hunting.

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By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal September 25, 1889

A fakir with a trick musician and a blind man with an accordeon furnished music for a large audience on Bush's corner Saturday afternoon.

Lowell will undoubtedly have a railroad over in the village in a short time, as there are several forces working and from one source or another it will surely come. We expected surveyors on the ground ere this.

Sunday was red letter day with the sports. A closely contested game of base ball was played, some of the positions being filled by young men who would dislike very much to have the fact known by their friends. After the game a cock pit was formed in a barn and a cock fight to a finish was indulged in. Quite a bit of money changed hands on the later event.

The rain has come. It came last night after the ball game. Nature seemed to sympathize with us and sheds tears at the defeat of our pride, but nevertheless the rain is very acceptable to all classes just now.

It would be a good idea for the village marshal to send some one over the sidewalks with a hammer to drive down the spikes that are sticking up, tearing the dresses of the ladies.

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engagements health

Heiman/Bodus

Amanda Heiman and Mark Bodus II will be united in marriage on October 17, 2014. The Lowell couple are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Heiman of Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Art Adams of Saranac and Mr. Mark Bodus, Sr. of Lowell. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lowell High School and Baker College; the future groom is a graduate of Lowell High School.

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warning signs of stroke

A stroke occurs when a part of the brain is damaged by either a lack of blood flow due to a blocked blood vessel or a rupture of a blood vessel resulting in hemorrhage. Strokes caused by a blockage are much more common than hemorrhagic strokes. Risk factors for stroke include high blood pressure, atrial fibrillation, high cholesterol, diabetes and smoking.

Many different symptoms can present during a stroke. Some common symptoms include weakness or drooping of one side of the face, weakness on one side of the body, difficulty speaking, and numbness on one side of the body.

within the first few hours, so do not delay calling 911 if you experience any symptoms of a stroke. The F.A.S.T. stroke recognition is a national campaign to increase early recognition of stroke by the general public.

If you have any symptoms of a stroke it is very important that you are seen at the hospital right away. Medication is available that can be given in the ER within the first few hours after a stroke which dissolve blood clots allowing for a better chance of full recovery. The clot dissolving medication is only effective if given

F. Facial weakness – asking the person to smile. Is one side drooping?
A. Arm weakness – asking the person to raise arms. Does one side drift downward?
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The Literacy Center of West Michigan has scheduled an information session on Thursday, October 2, 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. By training people to be tutors, the center can offer one-on-one reading help to adults asking for assistance in reading or English as a Second Language (ESL). You do not need to speak another language to tutor ESL. 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.

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LHS Students of the Month for September

Lowell High School has announced that Emily Grochowalski, 10th grade and Bailey Cummings, 12th grade are the Lowell High School September Students of the Month. In order to be eligible for this honor a student must be nominated by a department. All the nomination forms for the month are then reviewed and voted on at the monthly department chair meeting. Students are

selected based on academic achievement, character and work ethic. There are 1,200 students eligible for nomination, so this is quite an accomplishment for Grochowalski and Cummings. The students receive a \$20 movie gift card and a certificate.

Nancy Richter nominated Grochowalski and she writes, "Emily has a very positive attitude. She comes to school every day



Emily Grochowalski



Bailey Cummings

with a smile on her face. She focuses on her blessings instead of her burdens. She is very friendly to all of her peers and is also respectful to staff members. She has a great work ethic. She works very hard in all of her classes despite whatever obstacles she may face. She is responsible and always completes her assignments and comes to class with all of the required materials. Emily is motivated to be the best student that she can be."

Cummings was nominated by Sara Ellis and she writes, "Bailey

Cummings is currently in Spanish 3A. She is a sweetheart, always on task, always trying to speak the target language and continuously participates even though she is more on the shy side. Bailey is a positive influence in my Spanish 3 class and her attitude is contagious."

This program is made possible by the support of the LHS Academic Boosters, who support the high school in many ways. If you are interested in helping support the LHS Academic Boosters you may contact the office at 987-2900.

Report highlights importance of cyber-security



Sen. Carl Levin

Recently, I joined with Sen. Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma in releasing an unclassified version of a bipartisan report by the Senate Armed Services Committee on a little-recognized but urgent issue: cyber-security, and in particular, intrusions into the computer networks of private contractors that are an essential element of our national security strategy.

The committee spent months examining intrusions into the computer networks of contractors for U.S. Transportation Command. That is the command responsible for moving troops, equipment and supplies around the

world by land, sea and air, and TRANSCOM's contractors are essential to fulfilling that mission. For example, private airlines provide more than 90 percent of our military's passenger movement capability. These companies' computer networks are essential to our ability to move what is needed to where it's needed, and that's why the committee launched this investigation.

What we found was very disturbing.

Key finding number one is that in a single 12-month period beginning in June 2012, there were at least 20 sophisticated

computer intrusions into the networks of TRANSCOM contractors. All 20 of those intrusions originated from the Chinese government.

Our investigation looked at troubling cases of computer intrusions, either during the 12-month period we examined, or from other reports the committee reviewed from outside that timeframe:

- In one case, a Chinese military intrusion into a TRANSCOM contractor resulted in compromised emails, user passwords and even computer source code.

- In another, the Chinese military stole documents, flight details and passwords for encrypted email from a TRANSCOM contractor.

- A third involved the Chinese military penetrating multiple systems aboard a commercial ship working for TRANSCOM.

No other military in the world has the capability to move troops and equipment as quickly as the U.S. military. We rely on TRANSCOM and the command's private sector partners for that capability. It is essential that we do all we can to ensure that capability is not compromised. So our finding that the computer networks of these contractors are under sustained pressure by cyber-threats originating from the Chinese government is of course worrisome.

That's bad enough. But our second key finding is just as disturbing: Information about these threats isn't getting where it needs to go.

Last year, in a talk on cyber-security at the Brookings Institution, Gen. Martin Dempsey, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs,

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My religion consists of a humble admiration of the illimitable superior spirit who reveals himself in the slight details we are able to perceive with our frail and feeble mind.

~ Albert Einstein (1879 - 1955)

LWC announces board members

Lowell Women's Club (LWC) announces the 2014-15 officers and board members: president, Jan Thompson; president-elect, Ginny Weber; secretary, Leah Vredenburg; treasurer, Chris Parks, past president, Lori Ingraham; board members, Cindy Betts, Mary McAlary, MaeDean Alexander, and Sharon Landman.

Recently Landman presented the final LWC gift for 2014 to Kim Ridding, president of

Mary Free Bed Guild. LWC provided \$2,100 in community gifts and \$8,400 in eight scholarships to graduating junior members in 2014 through fundraising projects.

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Neva welcomed guests for Dot Lacie's 15th annual tea party at 10443 36th St., Lowell on Sept. 11, 2014.

Many guests arrived in vintage dresses, jewelry and beautiful big hats, some that were homemade.

All enjoyed great food and beautiful garden flowers.

Poems were read and there were drawings after lunch.

Ladies came from as far as Ithaca, Allendale, Alto, Sand Lake, and Kentwood.



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Fallasburg festival, continued

director of North Country Trail Association and his band played earlier today and that was the first time he's performed here. They were really well-received. They're from Lowell and a new group. We like to showcase local artists if we can."

Dave Simmonds from the Easy Idle String Band was enthusiastic about the festival as he stepped off the stage after his band's set.

"We had a good gig. It was a lot of fun," Simmonds said. "We enjoy playing the Fallasburg Festival. This is our fourth year playing here. They keep asking us back! It's always good stuff. The rain wasn't enough to drive people away."

Marion Adamy, a self-described "Lyons' wife," said the weather slowed food sales at the Alto Lions

Club's fish and chips booth on Sunday, but Saturday was a madhouse.

"Yesterday we had a line that went all the way around," Adamy said. "Today it's been coming and going, but it's still good. I thoroughly enjoy it, the people are great."

In the pavilion there were crafters demonstrating various crafts.

"There are artists that do traditional arts and crafts and they demonstrate for the public that comes in," Smalligan said. "There's leather, there's wood carving, there's spinning and weaving, there is a man that does origami, [and] there is a woman who makes beaded jewelry. The weavers in there are actually making their own yarn."

Don Smith, a wood carver from Lowell, was in

the pavilion carving people, birds and other animals out of small blocks of wood.

"I'm demonstrating wood carving," Smith said. "I have some pieces that I've carved in the past on display

and I'm just showing people what can be done with wood. It's easy to learn."

One kid-friendly activity was free pumpkin decorating.

"In the children's area

pumpkin painting and decorating is the highlight," Smalligan said.

"We get 1,200 pumpkins from Paulsen's Pumpkin Patch [in Belding]. It's free for the kids to take a pumpkin. We

give them art supplies and they decorate the pumpkin."

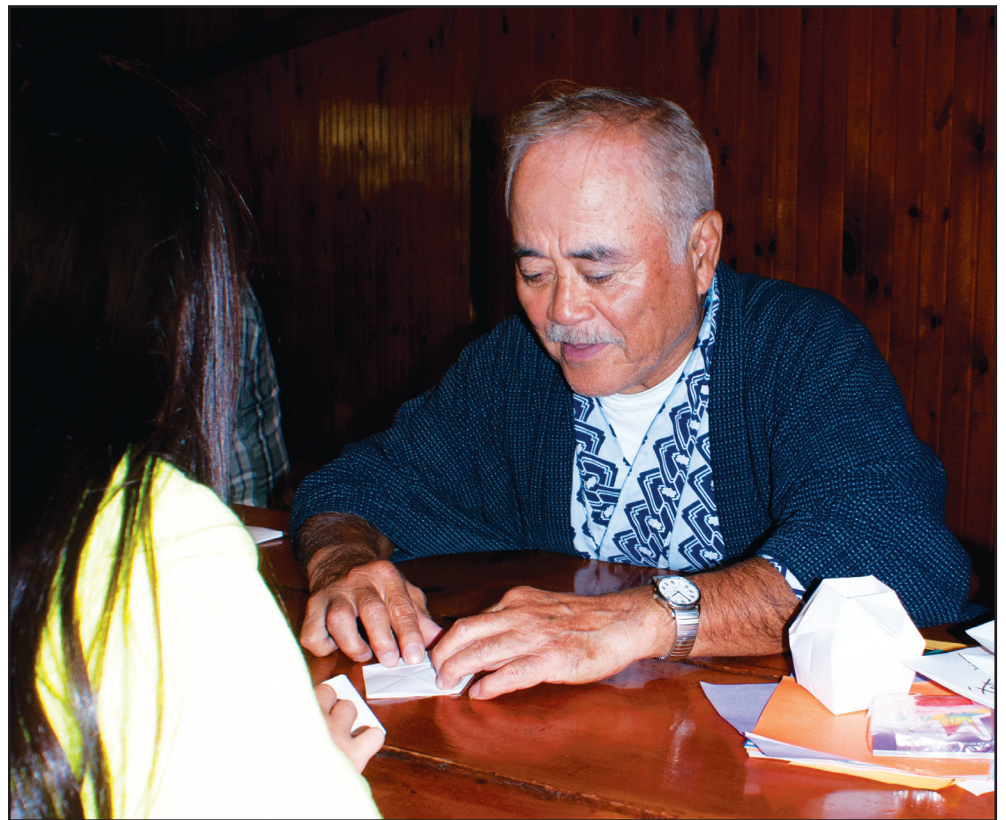
The next Fallasburg Fall Festival for the Arts will take place in September 2015.



The Easy Idle String Band played a mix of classic folk and country songs.



Kids took some time decorating pumpkins.



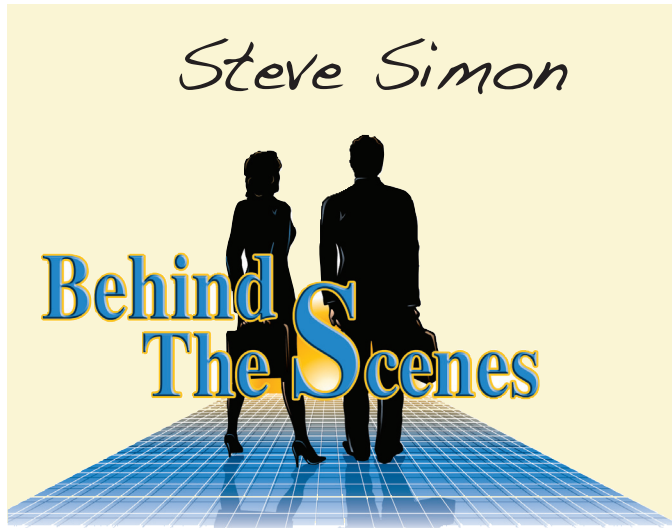
Hito Akehi shows a little kid how to do basic origami.



Todd Drenth won this quilt created by Dawn Ysseldyke, both are from Lowell.



The food booths weren't quite as busy on Sunday.



Steve Simon

Position: Sales, service, install, tech. guy at Arctic Heating & Cooling
Education: Graduate of Ionia High School, class of 2000
Family: wife Kim and son Kole
Hobbies & Interests: Camping with family, remodeling own home, helping out at dad's business, Specialty Softwater in Ionia



Simon says it helps to have a variety of skills to keep busy

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Steve Simon does just about everything at Arctic Heating & Cooling in Lowell. Simon, a 2000 graduate of Ionia High School, is the company's 'jack of all trades.'

"I am the sales/service/install/tech guy," Simon said.

A typical day has Simon racing all over the area putting his various skills to work.

"Right now we're doing construction throughout the day," Simon said. "We have five houses going on in Lowell at the moment, in the midst of multiple stages, from putting in foundations, to finishes, to installing ductwork. I was also at Union in Grand Rapids and the boss was in downtown Lowell today. Then I had some service calls towards the end of the day. Usually we try to do those in groups

so we're not leaving and coming off from the new construction."

Arctic has been in business since 1983. The company was started by Evert and Catharina Bek, a couple from the Netherlands who moved to the United States in the late 1970s.

"Catharina covers the office; Evert is the boss," Simon said. "They've been in business 31 years. I've been with the company six

years now."

Simon is married to their daughter Kim. The couple has a four-year-old son named Kole.

"Kim is a managing nurse at MapleCreek [a 'senior living community' in Grand Rapids]," Simon said. "Kole is a pretty smart kid. The family came from the Netherlands many years ago, so they all speak fluent Dutch and now he is pretty fluent in Dutch and English. He picks it up quick, so he's fluent in both languages. I've got a few words here and there, enough to know what's going on, but I'm not fluent at all."

The family enjoys spending time together in Michigan's great outdoors.

"I work a lot, but we try to do camping here and there, as much time as we can do," Simon said. "Usually in state parks, we just try to pick a different spot every year. That way we see new things; we're not always seeing the same thing over and over."

Simon has also spent a great deal of time remodeling his own home. He's finished the house and is completing the garage.

"When we bought the [30-year-old] house, the whole second floor was just open, there was nothing there," Simon said. "There was no stairway up there, nothing. I built a master bedroom, master bath, a

loft, in-floor heat. Then I did the downstairs, gutted it down to studs, took out the concrete floor, re-did all the under-floor plumbing, the doors and windows."

As if all that wasn't enough, Simon also helps his father out at his business.

"Sometimes I do a little work with my dad," Simon said. "He owns Specialty Soft Water in Ionia. If he needs help or he has a big job, I may be doing that on the weekends. I'm always busy."

Arctic Heating & Cooling does "anything and everything when it comes to heating and cooling," Simon said.

"We do new to remodels," Simon said. "That consists of both forced air and hydronic, which is boilers, and we do numerous things when it comes to any of that. We do just typical, normal forced air heating and air conditioning, we do geothermal, open and closed loops, we do hydronics, the older style cast iron boilers to the new wall-hung combination boilers that do your heating and all your domestic hot water in one unit. Anything new and updated. Wi-Fi thermostats, internet connections, wireless thermostats."

The new Wi-Fi thermostats are particularly interesting and rather futuristic. One is able to control their house's environment with just a few pokes on a smartphone,

even if they're thousands of miles away.

"As long as you've got Wi-Fi you can get online and turn your temperature up or down and it sends you alerts," Simon said. "We do them for cottages so when you're gone for the winter if you have a malfunction with your equipment it sends you an alert. If the temperature is below a certain temperature it sends you an alert so you don't have someone keep an eye on it. It calls you, boom, you go up and take a look at it. If you're going to the cottage on vacation you can turn the heat up a couple hours before you get there so it's warm."

"Heating and cooling" also means mold control.

"We use filters and energy recovery units, so we're managing the fresh air coming in and out of your house," Simon said. "If your air stays too stale inside the house it can create mold, can create smell. In older houses it's not a big deal but newer houses are so efficient, so tight, that you have to bring the fresh air in. If the humidity is too high the fan kicks on and off to help control it and keep the mold down."

Simon said that Arctic is a round-the-clock operation and that all you have to do is call the company at 616-897-4123 for immediate service.

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Red Arrow - FOOTBALL SPORTS

Lowell Red Arrows shut down Reeths-Puffer Rockets

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell improved their season record to a flawless 4-0 last Friday when they took on the Rockets of Reeths-Puffer in Muskegon in another high scoring and decisive victory on the football field.

Reeths-Puffer came into the game still reeling from a difficult loss to Grand Haven last week. Lowell entered the game fresh off of a nail biting fourth consecutive conference victory over rival East Grand Rapids. Both teams seemed poised for a victory, but Lowell dominated play both defensively and offensively in the competition leading to a blowout 42-6 victory for the Arrows.

Game action kicked off quickly in the first when quarterback Ryan Stevens, who ended the game 13-of-25 for 205 yards with two

touchdown passes, found Gabe Stead with a twenty-yard pass that led to the first score of the game. Dan Bieri earned the extra point putting the score at 7-0 at the end of the first.

Max Dean led the team on the ground earning 78 yards and three touchdowns during the game, including the second score of the contest, a one-yard touchdown run that pushed the score to 14-0 in the second with another successful extra point from Bieri.

The Arrows manged one more score just

before the halftime buzzer when Stevens once again connected with Stead, this time on a huge 66-yard touchdown pass. Stead played a huge role in the Arrow passing attack, finishing with 98 yards receiving and two first-half touchdowns. Rockets quarterback Jalen Cooley did manage to connect with Evan McCrary for an eleven-yard touchdown run in the second but failed to earn the extra point. The strong Muskegon thrower struggled to combat a potent Lowell defense, failing to find his stride in the pocket.

Going into the second half with a score of 21-6 Reeths-Puffer continued to struggle against the Arrows, failing to convert on six fourth downs and turning the ball over twice. Lowell on the other hand continued to go hard scoring several more times. Both Deans scored on short yardage runs and Josh Colegrove kicked in another after forcing a fumble and then capitalizing

on the next play with a two-yard touchdown drive.

With a game ending score of 42-6, the Arrows seem prime for playoff potential this season led by play maker Stevens, who also contributed forty running yards; Max Dean, who leads the team's talented group of running back; and kicker Bieri, who earned all six of his extra point attempts.

The Arrows are back in action this Friday when they host 3-1 Grand Haven at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium at 7 pm.

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WED: Breakfast pizza, warm cinnamon apples, Fruit & Veggie Bar: spinach & romaine side salad, red pepper strips, chilled peaches, applesauce.

THURS: Homemade macaroni & cheese w/ dinner roll, seasoned broccoli, Fruit & Veggie Bar: spinach & romaine side salad, baby carrots, fruit goop, chilled sliced pears.

FRI: Homemade cheese pizza on WG crust, side salad, Fruit & Veggie Bar: spinach & romaine side salad, baby carrots, mandarin oranges, juice.

- TENNIS

Lowell plays GRC in first home match

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

After nearly a month of competition on the road, the Lowell varsity boys tennis team hosted their home opener last week against conference competitor Grand Rapids Christian.

The fourteen member team is being led this year by captains Zach Ritchie and Josh Beuchler, two of the only three seniors playing on this year's young team. They kicked off their season at the Portland Invitational where the team placed last despite a good showing from singles player Andrew DeVoest. According to head coach Chris Phillips, DeVoest has been a top performer for the squad, "We've been getting great play from sophomore Andrew

DeVoest at 4th singles. He is a very consistent hitter and keeps the ball coming back. This frustrates a lot of other players. He has a winning overall record and has taken 1st and 2nd in two tournaments."

The Arrows claimed a non-conference win next when they faced their second competitors of the season, Lake Odessa. Kyle Bell led the team in singles action while Blake Posthumus and Zach Ritchie claimed the top doubles win.

The squad placed third at the Jenison Invitational which featured eight area teams, including conference competitor and host the Jenison Wildcats. The Arrows finished third in the competition with eleven points landing behind

Zeeland East and Grandville who tied at twenty and Jenison who earned fifteen points.

A loss against Northview High School in exhibition play was followed by another tough loss, this time against conference competitor East Grand Rapids who bested the Red Arrows 8-0.

The team went on to place third at the Holland Quad, which was won by strong non-conference competitor Zeeland East, before finally hosting their home opener against Grand Rapids Christian (GRC) last week on the grounds of Lowell High School. The team fell to GRC 7-1 in conference play, which Phillips said is not a surprise due to the inexperience of

the team and tough OK White competition, "So far in conference play we haven't done too well. This is a very tough tennis conference with schools like East Grand Rapids, Forest Hills and Grand Rapids Christian. Since we lost so many seniors last year, we also lost a lot of experience."

Both Carter Noskey and DeVoest claimed victories in singles play against conference competitor Jenison in the team's latest away matches. Despite their strong individual showings, a lack of doubles wins left

the Arrows with a four-point deficit and another loss.

Phillips said that the advantage to having such a youthful team is that it will remain mostly intact next season making the experience and lessons learned this year paramount to the possibility of additional conference success in the future, "I think we'll continue to have a tough time in conference this year, but hope to pick up some non-conference wins and the players can continue gaining experience for next year."

The gentlemen will take to the road twice more this week when they take part in the Sailor Invite at South Christian High School and face Caledonia in conference play.

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SPORTS

Challenging couple of weeks for Lowell soccer

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Varsity boys soccer faced a busy and challenging series of matches that included four league events on the road and two home exhibition challenges over the past ten days.

Action kicked off at

East Grand Rapids (EGR) where the squad fell 2-1 in the first conference game of the season. Despite an outstanding defensive performance by goalkeeper Trevor Sherman who managed fourteen saves and a goal by Collin Bowers,

the team was unable to overcome the one goal deficit. Head coach Rich O'Keefe said the Arrows performed well but gave credit to EGR for their performance, "Overall it was a well-played game by both teams but credit to EGR for creating an up tempo flow."

Another league competitor and another loss for the squad came when they faced Grand Rapids Christian (GRC) two days later. Sherman performed well once again producing save after save for the squad as they lagged defensively against the tough GRC team. Unable to put up a goal, the Arrows lost the game in a 5-0 shut out.

The team fared better in exhibition play at home against West Catholic where they controlled possession most of the game. They managed two goals before the half and came back even stronger earning five additional goals, bringing them to a total of seven to West Catholic's single score. Curtis Bramble scored two goals, one delivered to an empty goal box and an assist on the game. Robbie Dubisky matched that effort with two goals of his own, while Jonny Draigh earned a single goal as well as an assist. Strong defense by Jonah Epema and consistent goalkeeping from Sherman were also on display.

Conference competitor Caledonia turned the tables on the Arrows in the next game scoring three early goals on headers as they quickly took control of play in the game. The Arrows

remained scoreless at the half. Logan Landman scored the team's lone goal early in the second, but missed scoring opportunities and two additional late goals from the Scots ended the game with a 5-1 Arrow loss.

Next up for the Arrows was Eaton Rapids. Though Lowell controlled most of the game's play, they had trouble converting that control into goals. Collin Pawlowski and Collin Bowers teamed up for an assist and long goal during the second half giving them the advantage over scoreless Eaton Rapids, who only managed one viable shot on goal during the game which was saved by Sherman to secure the 1-0 Arrow victory.

The Wildcats from Northview rounded out the long calendar of matches for the Arrow squad. The opponents got out of the gate fast, scoring early, according to O'Keefe, "Northview scored two early goals to take control of the game, but the boys continued to fight back and look for opportunities to create scoring changes."

About halfway through the first half, striker Bramble scored off of a pass from Landman putting the score at 2-1 in the Wildcat's favor. Northview quickly answered back and then continued to dominate for the duration of the game beating Lowell with a final score of 6-1.



Keeper Trevor Sherman makes the save during the squad's winning match with West Catholic.



Curtis Bramble moves in to regain possession during the West Catholic game which ended in a 7-1 Arrow victory.

Three consecutive OK White matches at home are on slate next for Lowell against Forest Hills Central, East Grand Rapids and Grand Rapids Christian. Games are held at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium and begin at 6:45 pm.

Golfers doing well as season draws to an end

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Girls varsity golf faced off four times in a series of OK White jamborees over the past two weeks finishing near the top of the pack three times and claiming victory at Arrowhead, their home turf.

Jamboree 2 was hosted by The Meadows Golf course and was won by Forest Hills Central (FHC) who edged out the next closest competitor Grand Rapids Christian (GRC) by 19 strokes. FHC also won

the league's first jamboree putting them at the front of the race for the OK White title. The lady Arrows tied with Caledonia for third place with a score of 200. Dani Krajewski led the team earning a 46 on the par 37 course.

Cascade Country Club hosted jamboree 3 where FHC just barely edged out Caledonia on a fifth play tie break after both teams finished at 184. Lowell came in next with a score of 190, once again

solidifying a third-place finish. GRC, East Grand Rapids (EGR) and Jenison rounded out the jamboree contestants. Alaine Thomas and Krajewski both finished with 45 on the par 33 course while Paige Fosburg earned a 49.

Lowell hosted jamboree 4 at Arrowhead Golf Course and managed to put a stop to FHC's winning streak, beating them out by a single stroke with scores of 191 and 192 respectively. Head coach Kim Stevens said that

nabbing the win meant a lot to the team, "We have some great programs in the OK White so we knew we had to play well and that we had the potential to do it. It is a big win for us."

He credits the victory to the girls' determination and playing on their home course, "As strong as FHC has been, I was totally shocked. The girls took advantage of their home course. We had three girls in the 40s; they really stepped up."

Lowell's Thomas led the lady Arrows with a score of 43, just 7 over par, which earned her a shared first-place medal with Caledonia's Maddie Lorenz. Anna Organek and Fosburg came in next with scores of 46 and 48.

FHC made their way back to the top in jamboree

5, beating out GRC by 11 strokes and Lowell by 25, landing the Arrows back in a respectable third place. Caledonia (213), EGR (223) and Jenison (265) rounded out the competition. Krajewski and Fosburg both earned a 48 on the day while Thomas came in with a 49.

This week the team faces Kenowa Hills on the road, Cedar Springs at home and their final conference jamboree of the season.

obituaries

LACIC

Christine Holly Lacic, born a gift on Christmas day 1983, passed away unexpectedly on September 21 at the age of just 30. She is survived by her daughter Calleigh; her fiancé Keith Finkler; her parents Arthur and Eileen Lacic; siblings Tracy Lacic, Luke Lacic and Angela Tuomela; nieces Meija and Lindsey Tuomela and Taylor Lacic; her grandparents Albert and Dot Lacic; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. A celebration of her life is being planned. Donations in her name can be directed to Hospice of Michigan.



SCHRAM

Amy Marie (Steward) Schram, 54, of Montrose, Colo., formerly of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, September 9, 2014. She was preceded in death by her father, Robert (Bob) Steward, of Lowell; her father-in-law, Abraham Schram, of Grand Rapids; brothers-in-law, Sam Fulginiti of Del. and Doug Schram of Mont. Amy is survived by her husband of 19 years, Geoff Schram of Montrose, Colo.; daughters, Ashley (Trevor) Cook of Madison Heights, Maddy and Gaby Schram of Montrose, Colo.; mother, Marie Steward of Lowell; sister, Sue (Mike) Murley of Lowell, mother-in-law, Barb Schram of Grand Rapids; and sister-in-law, Sandra DeVries of Grand Rapids. Several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and many dear friends who will miss her. Services were held in Montrose, Colo. on Saturday, September 20, 2014. Services are pending in Michigan.



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During National Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs from September 15 to October 15, Social Security recognizes the many contributions of Hispanic Americans and celebrates Hispanic heritage and culture.

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This National Hispanic Heritage Month, visit www.segurosocial.gov (or www.socialsecurity.gov in English) to learn about Social Security.

Vonda VanTil is the public affairs specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 3045 Knapp St NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525 or via email at vontil@ssa.gov

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, October 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331 to consider an amendment to the City of Lowell Zoning Ordinance.

Section 4.08, G, 2, is being proposed to be amended to read as follows:

2. Other uses:

- Multiple-family developments: nine hundred sixty (960) square feet, excluding garages for the use of residents.
- Manufactured home parks: as required by Chapter 12.
- For uses in the C-3 district: not to exceed the floor area of the main building(s).
- For uses in all other nonresidential districts: not to exceed 25% the floor area of the main building(s).

Information regarding this request and the Zoning Ordinance are available for public viewing at City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan, during regular business hours. Written comments will be received at City Hall until the time of the hearing. The City will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to those with disabilities planning to attend upon three (3) days' notice to the City Clerk. Individuals who require such services should contact the City at the address listed above or by telephone at 616-897-8457.



Susan Ullery
Deputy City Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The Frank E. Olewinski Trust
Re: Frank E. Olewinski, decedent,
Date of Birth 06/5/1933.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Frank E. Olewinski, who lived at 50 Centennial Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan 49504, died on April 16, 2014. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the deceased or the trust will be forever barred unless

presented to **JAMES L. OLEWINSKI, Trustee, of 6878 Silver Meadow Ct. NE, Rockford, MI 49341, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.**

Dated: 8/28/2014

John T. Conroy,
Attorney (P43709)
CONROY LAW, PLC
410 Bridge St. NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
616-454-4119

James L. Olewinski
6878 Silver Meadow Ct. NE
Rockford, MI 49341

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BOWNE TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The public accuracy test for the November 4, 2014 General Election will be held on Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 3:15 p.m. in the Historic Township Hall located at 8240 Alden Nash SE., Alto, Michigan.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk
Bowne Township Clerk

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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. Must be paid for when ad is placed. Call 897-9555.

help wanted

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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).**

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LOOKING FOR A POLE BARN/GARAGE/SHED - to store boy toys. Winter or full year. Call 517-214-1482.

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sales

GUYS GARAGE SALE - This is the "Guy" version of a great garage sale but the gals might find some cool stuff, too. Fri. & Sat. Sept. 26 & 27, 9-6 pm 11570 Foreman, Lowell, bet. Cumberland & Alden Nash.

sales

ALLEGAN ANTIQUE MARKET - Sun., Sept. 29, 400 exhibitors. Rain or shine, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Located at the fairgrounds right in Allegan, MI. \$4 adm. No pets.

for rent

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

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LAMINATING SERVICE AVAILABLE - Next day service. Drop off & pieces will be available by 9 a.m. the next day. Lowell Litho, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

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

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misc.

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

card of thanks

The family of Pat Erickson would like to thank all of those who sent cards, flowers, food and visited while Pat was sick. We found comfort in knowing so many people were there for us throughout this difficult time. Thank you for all your prayers and comforting words.

Harry Erickson;
 Rick & Pam Price
 & family;
 Barb Erickson;
 Brenda Erickson

WEDDING INVITATIONS

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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.

THE LOWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION - second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building, 300 High St., Lowell.

NORTH COUNTRY TRAIL DAY - Sat., Sept. 27, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Open house, trail work project, guided hikes & hotdog roast to celebrate North Country Trail Day. Stop by 229 E. Main St., Lowell or call Jill at 897-5987. www.northcountrytrail.org

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.

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.

V.F.W. POST #8303 - meets the first Monday at 7 p.m. at 3116 Alden Nash S.E.

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.

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.

QUAKE-ZIK SPORTSMANS CLUB - meets second and third Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at 8731 West Riverside Dr. Go to www.quake-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 TREASURE'S THRIFT SHOP HOURS - Wed. & Fri. 10 - 8 p.m.; Thurs. 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

AVERILL HISTORICAL MUSEUM OF ADA - 7144 Headley, is open every Friday & Saturday 1 - 4 p.m. or by appointment. Closed Jan. & Feb. 676-9346.

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 ARTS! GALLERY HOURS - Mon. - Fri., 10 - 6 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m.; 149 S. Hudson. Visit www.lowellartsmi.org or call 897-8545.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM - open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday: 1-4 p.m. Families: \$10; individual \$3; ages 5-17 \$1.50; members free. 897-7688.

KNITTING - Tuesdays 6- 7:15 p.m. Cathie Richter will be here to offer an instructional knitting class. Bring your projects & come & knit together. Gilda's Club, Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

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

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

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

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

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

KENT COUNTY NARFE GROUP - for retired & current federal employees meet the 2nd Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton, 1/2 mile west of E. Bellline. Potluck at 12:30 p.m.

& meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. Call Ed Moore for time, 616-784-6716.

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

SECOND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH - Community Crisis Fund meeting at 7 p.m. at Poppa C's in Clarksville.

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

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION FOR FROM - 1st. Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m. and 3rd Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. FROM, 11535 Fulton St. E. Call for more information 897-8260.

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

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

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

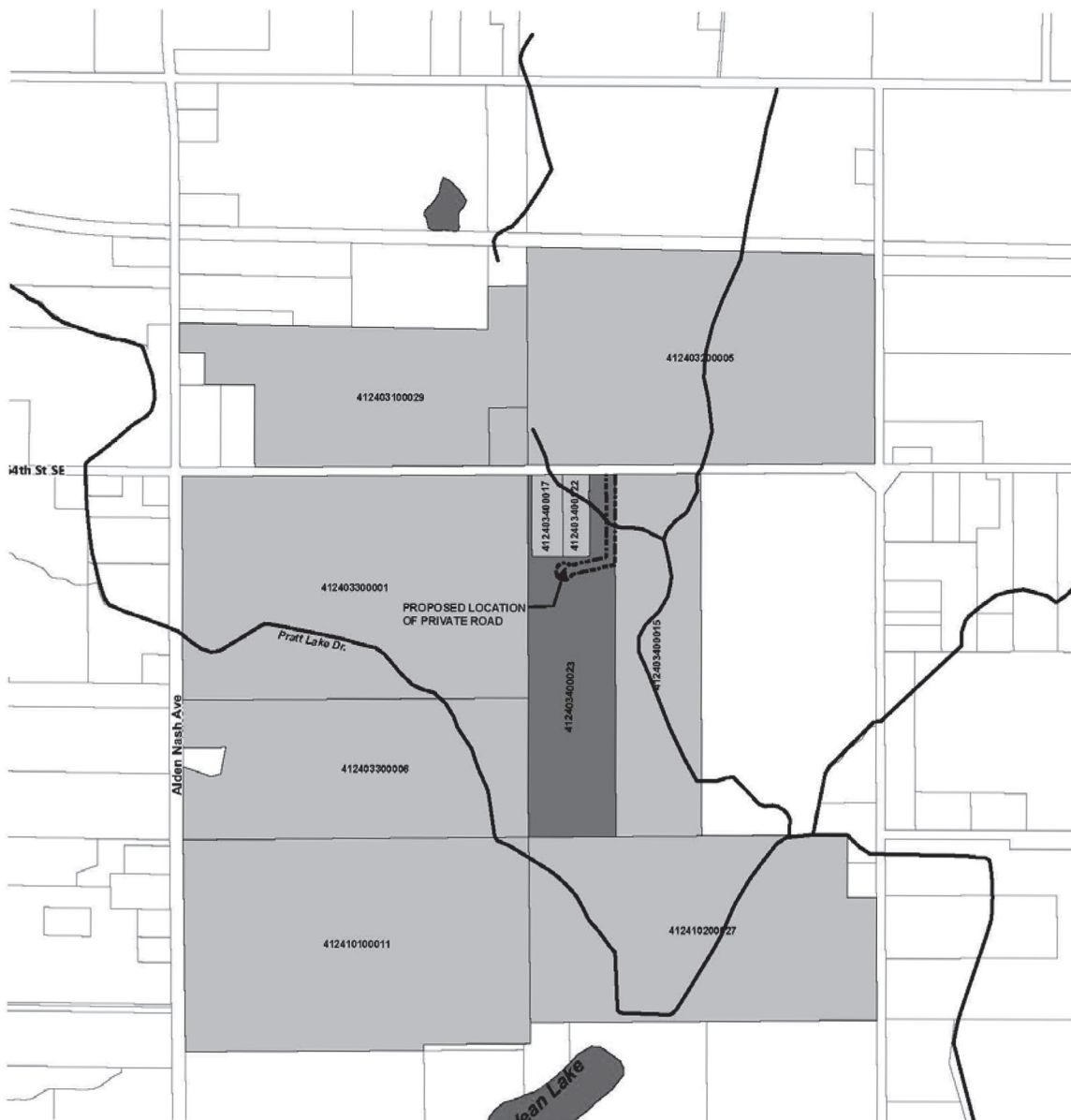
CELEBRATE RECOVERY - Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. A Christ centered program to help overcome life's hurts, habits, hangups. Impact Church, 1069 Lincoln Lake, www.impactchurch.org or www.celebrater-recovery.com

FLU SHOTS FOR KENT COUNTY RESIDENTS - age 60-64, Fri., Sept. 26, 10 a.m. - noon, Lowell Senior Neighbors, given at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Bowne Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing to consider a request for a variance from the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Applicant: Keith and Tenneke Herp; Joseph and Amanda Lynch
Address of Variance: 12500 64th Street, Alto, Michigan 49302
General Location: South side of 64th Street, generally one-half mile east of Alden Nash Avenue
Zoning of Property: R-1 Rural Residential



REQUEST FOR VARIANCE

- PROPOSED PARCEL
- PROPERTIES WITHIN 300 FEET

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Variance Request: Section 3.24 D. 8. states that a private road serving six (6) or fewer parcels shall have a finished driving surface width of not less than twenty-two (22) feet wide, and shall have a road shoulder on each side of the private road surface of a minimum width of two (2) feet, for a total of 26 feet of width.

The variance requested is to allow the applicant to construct a new private road with a driving surface of twelve (12) feet, which is ten (10) feet less driving surface than the Zoning Ordinance requires.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2014
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: BOWNE TOWNSHIP HALL
 8240 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
 ALTO, MI 49302

The application materials are available for review at the Bowne Township offices located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Alto, Michigan, 49302 during normal office hours on Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to Noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Friday from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, or by calling 616-868-6846.

Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk
 Bowne Township

Looking Back, continued

machine for many years and recommends and guarantees it. In appreciation of his valuable services, the White company has placed an advertising contract with The Lowell Ledger. See their opening announcement elsewhere in this paper.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 28, 1939

Oil drilling operations began a week ago on the Wm. C. Doyle farm in Vergennes township. The drillers have a first class outfit and are working 24 hours a day, the well now having reached a depth of 350 feet. Here's hoping they strike flowing gold.

According to reports, there is more activity in the building trade in Lowell and surrounding community than for a long time past. Bruce Walter, proprietor of the Lowell Lumber & Supply Co., says that the volume of business done by his institution during the present month has exceeded any September since 1932, which is as far back as records are available for comparison. All of which is a good sign.

Two dairy farms in the Lowell area have had improvements. Earl Thomas at Fox's Corners has repaired the floors using a mixture of gravel, sawdust and cement. Alex Wingeier of Bowne has torn out all old stalls and pens, replacing them with new cement alleys, feed trough and up-to-date stanchions, drinking cups, etc.

Many of those rejected for military service, because of defective eyes, can still get licenses to drive. Evidently pedestrians are much easier to hit.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 24, 1964

Lowell Police turned up a run-away from Greenville last Thursday morning at 2:15 am after the Ionia Police had assisted the boy unknowingly. Local authorities were asked to help the boy get to the bus in Grand Rapids by the Ionia Police. After being questioned, the local officer decided to give the boy a room at Juvenile Home. A report later Thursday morning from Greenville, reported the 15-year-old had run away.

New sidewalk is under construction on Riverside Drive and West Main Street, at Frank's 5c to \$1 Store. When completed the roadway will be some 3 feet wider.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 27, 1989

Headline: Fallasburg sales steady. Despite blustery weather and threatening skies on Saturday, the Fallasburg Fall Festival was pronounced a success by both participants and visitors, with Sunday's sunny weather bringing out large crowds. Sales were steady at the eleven food booths as visitors enjoyed everything from ice cream to hot dogs to tacos; apple turnovers, Polish dogs and crunchy vegetables. Three food booths received special recognition after votes were tallied for best booth. Teams of judges visited the booths both Saturday and Sunday, giving scores for decorations, costumes, adherence to theme and menu.

The Southwest Chapter of the Michigan Society of Registered Land Surveyors Foundation will conduct an original-research survey. Using chain and stake, they will determine the locations of the 1939 sawmill, 1840 gristmill and tannery lot at the Fallasburg Pioneer Village. Saturday...at Fallasburg Pioneer Village, across the old covered bridge, guides will show in-progress restoration of the Fallas House.

In an effort to help raise money for the mentally impaired, Lowell's Police Department participated in the 1989 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. The Law Enforcement Torch Run raises funds in support of Special Olympics. Special Olympics provides sports training and competition opportunities for mentally impaired persons of all ages – kids and adults. Lowell Police Department participants included officer Al Eckman and part-time officer Bill Keiser, who was substituting for Scott Borg.

**THEME:
SCARY MOVIES**

ACROSS

1. Sir Toby of "Twelfth Night"
6. Mosquito enemy
9. Wide river valley
13. Part of soft palate
14. Grassland
15. Hamelin's child abductor
16. Awful smell
17. Banned insecticide
18. City in Belgium
19. "One, two, _____, coming for you..."
21. "The People Under the _____," 1991
23. Seek damages
24. It's more commonly called a pika
25. Onomatopoeia for collision
28. Young salmon
30. Maneuver for attaining particular goal
35. Show horse type
37. Fireplace smudge
39. Famous march composer
40. Yugoslavian leader during World War II
41. Chef's headgear
43. It will
44. To impede
46. Lowest brass
47. Not made up
48. "____ Margery Daw"
50. *Like a lot of horror movie scenes
52. First responders
53. Metal enemy
55. Face twitch, e.g.
57. *1976 prom night thriller
60. *Movie about a cursed videotape
64. Antique shop item
65. Federal procurement org.
67. Was dishonest with
68. DVD player button
69. *Don't take one if you star in a Krueger flick

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SEPTEMBER 17 • SEPTEMBER 23

- Multiple airstrikes in Syria and Iraq are just the beginning as the U.S. and fifty allies address the fight against ISIS
- Former President Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalynn, helped to celebrate the 100-year anniversary of GRCC when they were the first in the lineup of speakers at the college's Diversity Lectures series.



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70. Fourth letter in Greek alphabet
71. Fancy-schmancy
72. Be in the red
73. Winter driving hazard

DOWN

1. In the _____, like a skinny-dipper
2. "What _____ Happened to Baby Jane?"
3. Stringed instrument with pear-shaped body
4. Oafs
5. Desperate or badly-off
6. Another name for an Oldsmobile
7. Nourished
8. String bean's opposite
9. IV+IV
10. Imitator
11. 1983 ZZ Top hit
12. "... _____ he drove out of sight"
15. Mexican beaches
20. Brewer's staple
22. Big bang maker
24. Lawn pastime
25. *Norman _____
26. Get off the chair
27. Opposite of glossy
29. Place of origin
31. Coconut fiber
32. One who is tutored
33. Muhammad's religion
34. "When a Stranger _____"
36. Fans reactions
38. London subway
42. "Hellraiser III: Hell on _____"
45. "Scary Movie 2" bird
49. Writing under influence, in text
51. Bears or cedes
54. Dal _____, in music
56. Angler's basket
57. *Rabid St. Bernard
58. Aphrodite's lover
59. "Lifestyles of the _____ and Famous"
60. Measuring roll
61. Doing nothing
62. Post-it _____
63. Buzzing pest
64. Large edible mushroom
66. *Movie with same name as certain tool

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Levin, continued

said, "We can't stop an [cyber] attack unless we see it." But the committee found that TRANSCOM was in the dark about the vast majority of intrusions into its contractors' computer systems.

Of those 20 intrusions, TRANSCOM was aware of only two – even though the FBI, other entities within the Defense Department or the contractors themselves were aware of all of them.

TRANSCOM didn't know about these intrusions in part because of gaps in reporting requirements, in part because TRANSCOM and its contractors lack a common understanding of what must be reported to TRANSCOM, and in part because TRANSCOM and other Defense Department agencies lack a clear understanding about what information on computer intrusions can and should be shared. This stovepiping of information, the failure of one government agency to share information with another agency that needs to know, hampers our ability to protect national security.

This is an emerging area of national security policy that the Defense Department, other agencies

and the contractors on whom we depend must get right.

In response to our findings, the Senate Armed Services Committee included a provision in the defense authorization act we debated earlier this year that requires operationally critical contractors to report serious cyber-intrusions. It breaks down the stovepipes our investigation found by requiring the Pentagon to establish one entity within the department to act as a clearinghouse that will receive all reports of intrusions into contractor networks and get that information where it needs to go. The provision also requires the Defense Department to establish procedures to assist contractors to mitigate cyber-security threats.

This investigation also continues the bipartisan tradition of the Senate Armed Services Committee. Sen. Inhofe and his staff worked alongside my staff every step of the way to complete a bipartisan report, one I hope will help our nation take the necessary steps to ensure cyber-security in this important area.

STRINGERS WANTED



The Lowell Ledger is looking for a stringer to help cover Lowell area news and events. Opportunity to earn some extra cash doing something you enjoy! Photography experience a plus but not necessary.

Email ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com

In subject line put "Stringer"

Include a few writing examples along with your name, address and contact information.

Why we volunteer ...



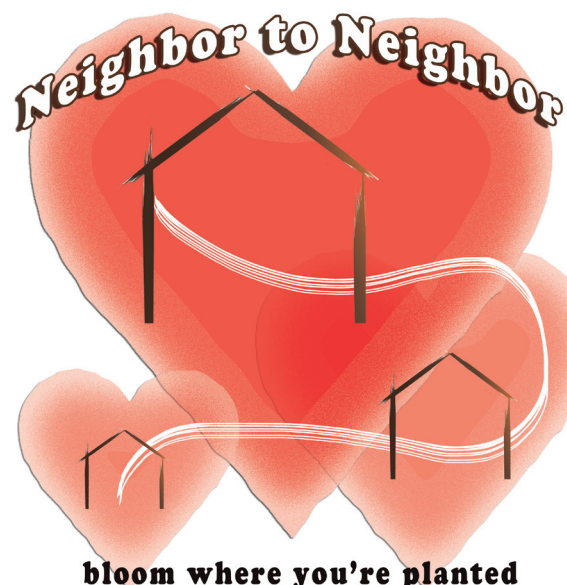
My reason for volunteering for the Neighbor to Neighbor Project is a tri-fold reason. When I was growing up in Northern Michigan my father and I would volunteer to pick up government surplus food.

We would fill up our station wagon and deliver the boxes filled with cheese, peanut butter, dried milk, canned meat along with other foods. This left me with a good feeling of knowing that we were able to help others.

Secondly, as a retired educator from the Lowell School system, I am able to find time where I can use other talents I have to help people who are less fortunate. Being able to use my hands to fix a door, repair a broken window, or build some steps brings a smile to my face and the faces of others.

My third and final reason for volunteering is service. As a member of the Lowell Rotary Club we have a belief of service above others. To me it means helping those who need help. It also gives me the satisfaction of knowing I have helped others. It brings a warm fuzzy feeling.

~ John Sterly



I have volunteered in the Neighbor to Neighbor program for the past three years. I love the opportunity to give back to this caring, generous community where I live and work. As the Utility Services Coordinator at Lowell Light and Power, I am pleased to provide energy efficient lighting to help the community save on utility bills. It is truly a blessing making a difference in someone's life.



~ Sharon Morris

NEIGHBOR 2 NEIGHBOR WISHES

- Single mother needs gutters cleaned. She is physically unable to climb a ladder. Needs someone with a tall ladder.
- Senior citizen on Social Security needs a deck and shed power washed and painted.
- Senior citizen's roof is leaking over a bedroom and bathroom and considerable damage has been done to the interior of the home.
- Winter has done a lot of damage to the roof of a single lady. The roof has been leaking for most of the past year.



NEIGHBOR to NEIGHBOR Wish Application for Home Repairs

Anyone may submit an application to have work done on their residence or a home of someone in need. There are no guarantees that the work listed below will be done. If your application is selected by a group of volunteers, you will be notified through Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM). All contact information will be kept in confidence until you give permission to release it to a group wishing to work on your home.

A brief description of the work needed:

(This description is for publication in the Lowell Ledger - be clear and brief)

(For Private use by FROM - not to be published)

Contact Person for Project _____ Phone () _____

Application Submitted by: _____ Phone () _____

Submit this application now through October 3, 2014 - later applications have less chance of being chosen by volunteer groups. Submit them to **The Lowell Ledger** (105 North Broadway, Lowell) or to **Flat River Outreach Ministries** (11535 Fulton Street East, Lowell) Applications may be submitted electronically to intern@fromlowell.org

**Permission to Conduct Work
Neighbor to Neighbor**

I, _____ agree to allow the undersigned crew from _____ to perform the above noted work on my home at _____, in _____, Michigan. In addition, my signature on this form acknowledges that I hold harmless The Lowell Ledger and Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. and give permission for my photo to be used as outlined on page two of this document (sign & date).

Permissions:

- I now and forever release and/or discharge Flat River Outreach Ministries and The Lowell Ledger, its agents, officers, employees, volunteers or any other entity from any and all causes of action that otherwise might come about as a result of work performed in conjunction with the Neighbor to Neighbor Program;
- I give permission to The Lowell Ledger and/or Flat River Outreach Ministries, its agents, employees or officers to obtain and use photographs of myself, home and family in relation to the Neighbor to Neighbor program for promotional purposes only, including News articles, Facebook postings, Newsletters, Annual Reports, FROM brochures and any other print or electronic medium to promote the continued ministry of FROM and the Neighbor to Neighbor Program.

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