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Remains of "bicycle man" may have been found

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

The remains of Donald "bicycle man" Dietz might have been found in Lowell on Saturday, Aug. 22. Two different cadaver dogs indicated there were human remains buried behind the garage on Bowes Rd. That is the former home of Rami Saba, the alleged murderer of Dietz. In 2011 Saba was sentenced to 32 years in prison for 11 counts of bank fraud, identity theft, kidnapping and conspiracy in connection to Dietz's death. He was not charged with Dietz's murder due to lack of evidence, mainly because Dietz's body was never found.

Vic Weeks, a private investigator with Quick Results Investigations, 1748 Bella Pines Dr., was hired to look into the case by the Dietz family soon after the disappearance.

"Dietz had worked at Amway for several years and was retired," Weeks said. "He was into investing his money and living very



The cadaver dog indicating the presence of human remains behind the garage.

simply, almost like a pauper. He had a trailer house on 20 acres east of Saranac. Apparently Rami Saba, who lived on Bowes Rd. here in Lowell, had gotten into financial advising or

whatever and somehow he found out about Donald Dietz. To make a long story short, Donald Dietz was never seen again."

Weeks had a hunch the body was cremated in

the garage and the remains buried on the Bowes Rd. property, so he arranged to have the area searched by ground-penetrating radar.

"My theory is that Saba cremated Mr. Dietz

in a freezer in that garage," Weeks said. "He had such a fire inside that garage that this black soot oozed out and got on the vinyl siding

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1,200 Arrow Force VIII t-shirts sold at community day

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Despite about an hour of rain that chased some folks away, the Pink Arrow Health Fair was a great event that raised money for Pink Arrow Pride and Gilda's Club of Lowell.

The event was held at Gilda's Club, 314 S. Hudson St., on Tuesday, August 18. There was a bouncy slide and other games, a bunch of live bands, free ice cream and hot dogs, and lots of other fun activities.

"We've had live music since 10 o'clock and we had our Lowell radio station playing and interviewing various people," said event volunteer Teresa Beachum. "We had ponies, balloon twisters, a magician with a bunny; there were a lot of activities. It was excellent."

Not only was there plenty of games, food and music, the Pink Arrow Health Fair was also the first opportunity to purchase this year's "Arrow Force VIII"



Lowell High School freshman volleyball players serve lunch during the daylong community celebration.

t-shirt. They sold over 1,200 shirts, as well as other Pink Arrow Pride merchandise, with all of the proceeds going to Pink Arrow Pride to help people with cancer.

"We have t-shirts, hats, sweatshirts, dry-fit shirts, cup holders, license plate holders, all sorts of things," said Beth Stevens, one of the volunteers. "It was really busy and then the rain kind of took some people

away and now we're getting busy again. The rain put a little damper on it."

Michigan Blood was on hand with all four of their giant blood-collecting buses. They pledged to donate \$10 to Gilda's Club of Lowell for every person who attempted to donate blood, successfully or not.

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Items stolen from cars may be at LPD

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

If you've had something stolen from your car recently, the Lowell Police Department might have your stuff.

"We currently have close to a dozen GPS units that are unclaimed; we have two iPods that are unclaimed, a Philips car DVD player; we've got a 250-watt car amplifier, we've got a couple car stereos, we've got assorted tools, different knives, we've got a handful of sunglasses, we've got some car audio subwoofers, and I think that's about it," said detective Gordy Lauren. "There's a whole mess of stuff."

Police were tipped off by an informant that there were stolen goods in a house in Lowell.

"We've got two suspects, currently,"

Lauren said. "One juvenile, one adult. Basically, we just got word that all this stuff was stored at a house so we did a consent search on the house [on August 11] and found a duffel bag full of all the stuff that was stolen from the different cars. Three of the original larcenies we know for sure were in [Kent] County jurisdiction and then we're still piecing together the remainder."

The two men have not been arrested yet, but they probably will be soon.

"We're still piecing together all the evidence and everything in the report; then we'll bring it to the prosecutor's office and they'll determine charges," Lauren said.

If you think some of the items might belong to you, call the Lowell Police Department at 897-7123.

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First day of school is Tuesday, Sept. 8

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

This might be good or bad news depending on your perspective, but it's almost time for the new school year to begin.

The first day of school will be Tuesday, September 8 and there are a few interesting changes in store for students.

"We always have new and exciting things going on at [Lowell High School]," said high school principal Amy Pallo. "This year we will be growing our video productions program

[and] partnering with Van Andel Institute. [Heather] DeJonge, one of our science teachers, will oversee and run a mini research lab."

They've introduced new security measures at several local schools.

"The security doors that were installed are the same security doors that have been installed in all the elementary buildings and [have] been part of our overall updates associated with the sinking-fund proposal that passed in 2012," said superintendent Greg Pratt. "The doors have

a camera and buzzer system that are associated with the main entry door, allowing school personnel to identify visitors before entry. The security vestibules were added to the middle school, high school and Bushnell this summer. We also replaced portions of the roof at the high school and a portion of the parking lot at Alto Elementary."

"The new security doors/system is complete, ensuring our building is even safer than it has been," Pallo said.

One thing that

hasn't changed is school administrators' commitment to providing the best possible education to Lowell students.

"Our focus remains the same," Pallo said. "To prepare our students for success in their college and career paths. Curriculum is continuously updated after looking at data and the needs of our students. However, we closely follow the state curriculum so we ensure our students are learning everything that they will need for college and career success."

Car accident tragically ends 24-year-old's life

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

A car accident tragically ended the life of a young Lowell woman early in the morning on Wednesday, August 19.

According to a report from the Kent County Sheriff Department, a Ford Taurus driven by 22-year-old Brian Welch of Lowell was traveling west on Vergennes near

Alden Nash around 7 am when he ran off the road and hit a tree. His passenger, 24-year-old Kristina Garza, was killed in the accident. Welch was seriously injured in the accident and is in critical condition at Spectrum Hospital. Police said that alcohol did not appear to be a factor in the crash, which is still under investigation.



along main street

July police stats

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Lowell's police and fire department had a pretty busy July.

According to statistics released last week, Lowell police made 24 arrests during July. These arrests include three for drug law violations, two for drunk driving, five for outstanding warrants and nine "other arrests." That adds up to 162 people who have been arrested in Lowell during 2015.

The police department responded to a lot of misdemeanors during July as well. There were five larceny calls, five dog complaints, four malicious destruction

complaints and one breaking and entering complaint. Lowell police wrote 32 citations and notified seven residents of ordinance violations. They were also involved in 48 assistance calls and were dispatched to seven accidents. They also let 124 drivers at traffic stops go with a warning.

The Lowell Area Fire and Emergency Services Authority went on 31 runs in July. Among their calls were two vehicle fires, three structure fires, one grass and brush fire, 18 "miscellaneous" fires, 45 medical calls, and five accidents. There were also two false alarms.

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The LowellArts! Gallery committee is seeking dark/mysterious/horror themed artwork for an October 2015 exhibition with the theme "Art of Darkness." Deadline is Sept. 1. Seeking work that embraces the concept of darkness, mystery, fear and terror in a thoughtful (not too gruesome) way. The show will be juried to ensure that artwork fits the theme and is appropriate for all viewing audiences. Traditional depictions of everyday life (however scary) are encouraged, as well as conceptual works in any media – both 2d and 3d. For more information email info@lowellartsmi.org or call 897-8545.

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all the way around the window. You can still see it. Then he went out in the wee hours of the morning while everybody was sleeping and didn't realize there was a big fire and all this smoke coming out of this building and he buried what was left."

On Saturday, Aug. 22, Weeks and Mike McGarry, president of Worksmart, Inc., arrived at the home on Bowes Rd. and used ground-penetrating radar to scan the entire backyard of the property. Worksmart is a Kalamazoo company that, according to their website, is "a ground penetrating radar and surface penetrating radar underground locating company specializing in geotechnical phase 2 environmental studies, [ground penetrating radar] survey and underground locating." McGarry pushed the radar system back and forth through an area where Saba had a garden, but got no results. When he ran the radar behind the garage, it



Mike McGarry and Vic Weeks digging up large pieces of metal grating.

showed there were large, flat pieces of metal buried not far below the surface. With the consent of the current homeowner, Weeks and McGarry probed the ground and immediately met resistance from a hard object. They dug into the earth a little bit and pulled up two large metal grids with what appeared to be cinders of burned material on them. The digging stopped while Weeks called an acquaintance of his who owns a cadaver dog. The woman with the dog arrived a few minutes later and let the animal loose. The dog sniffed around the yard until he got to the area with the metal pieces and burned matter, where he indicated

there were human remains by sitting down on top of it. At that point Weeks covered the area with plastic sheeting, called the police and nobody else disturbed the spot until they came. Later in the day the state police brought their own cadaver dog, who also sat on the grill indicating human remains are there. The police then took the metal pieces away. Weeks expects they'll be back to excavate the site at some point in the near future.

"They wrapped it up and are sending it into the state lab," Weeks said. "I'm sure they won't tell me the results; I'll just have to see if they come back to dig."



The area behind the garage where there might be human remains.



Scorch marks on the floor show there was a fire in the garage.

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No secrets to investment success

Many people look for the “secrets” to investment success. Is it timing the market just right? Is it finding those hot stocks or getting in on the “ground floor” of the next big thing? Actually, these types of moves have little relevance to the vast majority of investors — even the most successful ones. So let’s take a look at some steps you can take that can be effective in helping you work toward your financial goals.

• *It’s time in the market...not market timing.* Some investors think they can succeed at “market timing” — buying when the price is low and selling when the price is high. And this would indeed be a good strategy if they could predict highs and lows. No one can accurately forecast these peaks and valleys, though. So, instead of ducking in and out of the market in a vain attempt to catch the highs and lows, simply stay invested. The more time you spend in the market, the lesser the impact you’re likely to feel from short-

term price swings. And if you’re always invested, you’ll always be in a position to benefit from the next market rally.

• *It’s “buy and hold” — not “buy and sell.”* Even if you aren’t trying to time the market, you may be tempted to buy and sell frequently as you look for new and better opportunities. Yet, this constant buying and selling can be costly. Frequent trading, with all the additions and subtractions from your portfolio, can make it hard for you to follow a consistent, unified investment strategy. You’re better off purchasing quality investments and holding them for the long term, until either your needs change or the investments themselves no longer possess the same attributes they did when you purchased them.

• *It’s building a strong foundation — not getting in on the “ground floor.”* Many people regret not being one of the initial investors of a company that has done spectacularly well. But most new companies don’t achieve anywhere

near that level of success. So, instead of looking for the next big thing on the “ground floor,” try to build a strong “foundation” consisting of a mix of quality investments suitable for your risk tolerance, goals and time horizon. This type of investing may not sound glamorous, but a strong foundation is better equipped than a possibly shaky ground floor to withstand the shifting winds of market forces.

• *It’s cool-headed thinking — not chasing “hot stocks”* — If you browse the internet or watch one of the investment shows on cable television, you are bound to read or hear about “hot” stocks. But by the time the news reaches you, these stocks may already be cooling off. Even more importantly, they might not be right for your needs in the first place. Instead of chasing after hot stocks, which, by their nature, carry a strong emotional component (namely, the desire for quick, big gains), try to coolly and dispassionately analyze your situation to determine which investments are really most appropriate for your goals.

There really aren’t any shortcuts to reaching your desired financial destination. But by taking the slow and steady path, you can work toward getting there.

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Risk factors for developing AAA include male sex, history of smoking, high blood pressure and a family history of AAA. The risks of rupture increases as the AAA enlarges. Surgical intervention is usually recommended in individuals with an AAA diameter of 4.5 to 5.5 cm to prevent rupture.

The U.S. Preventive Task Force (USPTF) recommends ultrasound screening for men age 65-75 who have ever smoked. Selective screening of men age 65-75 years who have never smoked and screening in men 60 years old who are siblings or offspring of parents with an AAA. At this time the USPTF does not recommend routine screening for women. If an aneurysm is found during screening, follow-up ultrasound is recommended at certain intervals depending on the size of the aneurysm. Elective surgery can prevent AAA rupture but is not without risk.

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to the editor

Election time is coming

Dear Editor,

I've been sidetracked with health issues for the past fifteen months so haven't really been up to voicing an opinion on what is going on with our political leaders. The recent letter to the editor from Mr. LaWarre made me realize that maybe it is time to again speak up. As an owner of several properties in Lowell, I have a vested interest in what happens there.

Roger's points about the volunteerism of Lowell citizens is spot on. We all know that when a cause needs workers this small community goes above and beyond what is usually asked of them. I have been a

recipient of the Pink Arrow's support of breast cancer patients. Their support was most appreciated.

They and all of the people who help this and other causes are celebrating living in Lowell on a continuous basis. That does not mean however that those who volunteer to serve on the city council are doing a great job when they refuse to embrace the rights of the citizens to question and even criticize them when they make poor decisions. Where would this country be if we weren't allowed this primary freedom of speech? To blindly follow the dictates of elected leaders is the most foolish thing the

citizenry can do. Wearing rose-colored glasses may make some complacent folks feel comfortable that they are being taken care of. Don't be fooled.

I for one, don't believe I'm being "negative" by stating that three of the current councilmembers are some of the most negative people to ever serve that office. They refuse to discuss issues that caring citizens bring to their attention. That's negative. They constantly hold "work sessions" where the only discussion on important issues takes place. While no agenda is published to let the public know what will be discussed. That's negative. And then no recording of the work session is made available. The only public recording is of the actual council meeting where they simply vote on the issues. That's negative. These "work session" meetings don't violate the Open Meetings Act since they

give public notice of the meeting in advance. But it is still a sneaky way of doing business and it wasn't done before Mr. Howe came to Lowell. One used to be able to attend a council meeting and hear a member's point of view before a vote took place. You can be sure that if an issue is raised at a work session by Mr. Howe, he knows it will be approved at the next council meeting because three councilmembers will rubber stamp anything he proposes.

So, is Lowell going to continue to be the next place to be? It will if voters will come out in numbers to elect Mike Devore, Jeff Phillips and Alan Teelander to the city council. They have promised to be open, honest, take care of our streets and most of all, be available and listen to their constituents. Then maybe we can celebrate Lowell.

*Barb Barber
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with their lanterns were out in search of him. After they had searched that field and were deliberating what to do next, lo and behold he came down the road from Smyrna where he had gone with a passerby.

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Ben Wepman is taking the baths at Mt. Clemens. Most of us have to be content with the Saturday night tub.

L. E. Johnson, local Pontiac dealer, has leased the store building at 207 E. Main street and is moving therein today. One of the new cars has already arrived and is now on display.

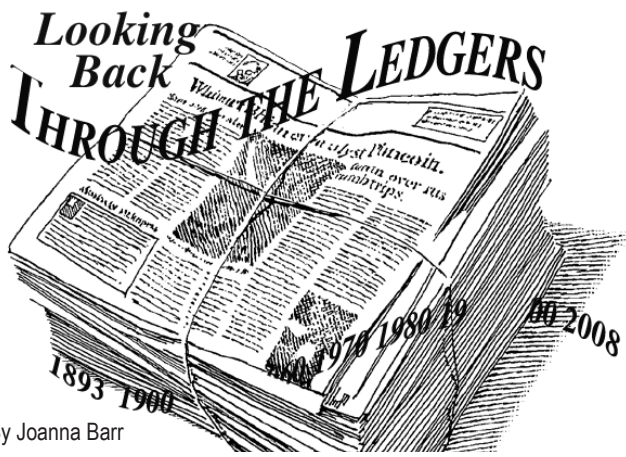
Excitement ran high last Friday at the 4-H cattle barn when the prize-winning Jersey heifer entered by Donna Davis of Oakfield Twp., gave birth to twin calves—a bull and a heifer. Donna was certainly tickled. That's what the Lowell climate can do.

It has been estimated that between 15,000 and 17,000 persons visited the 4-H Club fair held here last week, which is real evidence of the growing importance of this annual event and is a great tribute to the boys and girls of Kent county. They ask no favors and in addition enter into their undertakings with true American spirit.

Forty-seven years ago, a 16-year old boy began learning the printing trade in the Ledger office. The name of the boy was Amos Andrews. Last Friday, Mr. Andrews, now a man of 63, paid a return visit to the printing office where he began his life's work and reminisced of the days when the Ledger was published in "the old wooden row", long since gone up in flames.

Charles Rudd, owner and operator of an oil station in South Boston, is a champion burglar catcher. Early one morning recently, he was awakened by an alarm system in his bedroom connected with his station, and accompanied by his son, went to the station and trapped a 19-year-old Bellaire boy in the act of filling a bag with cigarettes, tobacco and candy. The catch also brought about the subsequent arrest of the boy's companion. A number of years ago, Mr. Rudd installed a homemade alarm system in his house, running from his oil station and since that time has been successful in catching nine burglars. Sounds like a good idea for others to follow.

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By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal August 27, 1890

Here is where the Electric lights will be located, how do they suit you?: Corner of Hudson St. and Ada road; Hudson St. and Main St. (near the elevator); Main St. and Pleasant Ave. (just east of F. D. Tarleton's); Main St. and W. Water St; Hudson and Howard Sts (Wisner's corner); Washington St. W. S. and the highway from the west past W. R. Blaisdell's; Bridge and Monroe Sts; Bridge and Division Sts; Bridge and James Sts; Washington and High Sts.; and Monroe and Pine Sts.

Geo. B. Fuller has the agency for a "Name Front." Call and see it. Have your name on your horse. Also agency for a blacking to oil harness, that beats the world. Does away with washing and makes the leather soft. Call and see them.

The Lowell and Hastings is running a construction train, leveling up, straightening, and ballasting the road between here and Freeport.

C. B. Parks has recently patented an improved refrigerator and it is a fine thing, the philosophy of it being right. It can be seen at his shop on the bridge.

J. O'Herron met with a severe accident last Friday. As Mr and Mrs Tinkler were loading their goods into the wagon to start for Caledonia, the horses became restive and breaking away from Mr O'Herron, threw him to the ground and the loaded wagon passed over him, injuring him severely.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 26, 1915

Notice to Light & Power Users- Starting yesterday, the Lowell Municipal L. & P. Co. will rebuild the plant, making a fire proof tile and cement building. This means that all wiring for lighting arrestors, switch boards and generators will have to be put in iron conduit – work which cannot be done with the current on. We will endeavor to do this, as much as possible, at noon hours, Sundays and after midnights. If the service is not up to the standard—there's a reason. F. J. McMahon, Supt., W. S. Winegar, Chairman.

It beats all how excited some folks get, especially on Sunday night. Royal King's entertained company Sunday evening and when they went to get the rig found he had forgotten to tie the horse. About this time Floyd Parrott discovered a horse without a driver in front of his house and recognizing the lady's coat assisted in restoring the lost property.

Diamond Dick's show will give a parade at noon which will exhibit in a striking manner, the merits of this show and the wide variance of talents and feature exhibits carried with the show. Will be in Lowell one day only Monday, Sept. 13. adv.

Little John Rutherford caught one of the fingers of his left hand in a machine at the canning factory last week and badly bruised it.

Last week Tuesday evening our neighborhood was greatly aroused when news came over the phone that one of the neighbors was missing from home and fears were entertained that as he had gone to turn the colts out of the buckwheat fields where they had got in that harm had come to him. All the neighbors

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The Literacy Center of West Michigan has scheduled an information session on Wednesday, September 2 2015, for prospective volunteer tutors. This session is held at 10 am 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 the 2003 National Assessment for Adult Literacy and the 1992 National Adult Literacy Survey, up to

14.6 percent of adults in Kent County lack basic prose literacy skills and have difficulty using certain reading and writing skills considered necessary in everyday life. 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) or email info@literacycenterwm.org to register.

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outdoors

what's for dinner?

Dave Stegehuis

Spending time engaged in outdoor activities has a number of benefits. Fresh air, exercise, a better understanding and appreciation of nature, as well as the opportunity to disconnect from sometimes stressful environments are all part of the outdoor experience. It is also a time to re-establish a more direct relationship with the natural world. For those who fish, hunt, and gather there is the added bonus of coming home with something good to eat. Wild fish and game feed on natural foods and provide lean protein for nutritious table fare. Hunters also donate thousands of pounds of venison to organizations to feed those in need. Check out sportsmenagainsthunger.org for more information or to participate.

For many who engage in these consumptive activities, bringing home the bacon is the main objective and the non-tangible benefits are a bonus. The

prospect of fresh deer liver and fried onions keeps me in a cold deer stand for many hours. One of the long time traditions of hunting camp is dining on harvested game. Deer back-strap or grouse breast create a special ambiance around living in the woods.

Large tracts of public land provide places to gather natural produce like berries, asparagus, and mushrooms. We have fond memories of picking wild blueberries and thimbleberries with our young children in Upper Peninsula forests. Farm markets and home gardens are a convenient source of fresh produce for the less adventuresome.

Participating in the food chain on a personal level provides a more intimate relationship with the earth. Securing food for our families on our own creates a sense of independence not easily realized in our pre-packaged culture. Dinner may be swimming around the lily pads right now.

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Looking back, continued

50 years ago Lowell Ledger August 26, 1965

Headline: To open book stores on Monday, August 30. The Lowell Area Schools will open two book stores for the purchase of 1965-66 school books on Monday, August 30. The Junior high school and the senior high school will be open from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. (including noon hours) through Friday, September 3. Those who have credit slips from last year are to bring the slips when purchasing text books. Children in grades one thru sixth of the Lowell Area School system will rent books, as in the past years.

A very successful summer of Driver Education at the Lowell High School comes to a conclusion this week. The 180 students participating in the program this summer is the largest group to go through the local program in any one summer. Through successful completion of the course, many of the teen agers achieve that highly sought goal—an automobile operator's license.

Headline: Newell strike ended August 18. A strike which started on January 11, 1965, was ended on August 18 when the CIO local dropped their demands for a union shop and check-off of dues. The seven month strike kept some 30 workers off the job, but the plant continued to operate. Terms of the settlement require the recalling of 15 of the striking workers in two weeks and the remaining 15 workers in ten weeks.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 29, 1990

Melvin Rogers is a "traveling man" 23 hours a week. However, his travels don't take him far from home. His travels cover an 11-mile circumference of Lowell in either direction. You're more likely to have seen the Senior Neighbor's van he drives than you are Rogers. I guess you could say he is that quiet man behind the wheel. For many members of the Lowell Senior Neighbors Center, Rogers is their wheel ticket to Turkeyville for a turkey dinner and a show, to Shipshewana, to see their doctor, shopping at Woodland Mall, grocery shopping, or lunch at the Senior Neighbors Center.

Headline: Lowell and Pitsch landfill reach agreement. An agreement between the City of Lowell and Pitsch Sanitary Landfill was approved by the Lowell City Council at its August City Council Meeting. Pitsch Sanitary Landfill, near Belding, sent a letter to Lowell City Manager, Dave Pasquale asking for a discharge permit to dispose its leachate (storm water which filters through the landfill) at the Wastewater Treatment Plant on a continuing basis. Pitsch needs the availability to discharge 10,000 gallons per week (two truck loads), since the Belding wastewater facility had disrupted service. Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Mark Mundt reviewed the request and then recommended to the council that the permit be issued based on the following: - A one year permit ending Aug. 31, 1991.

- A flat fee of \$200 per load (divided equally between Wastewater Operation Services and the City).
- Limiting Pitsch to 10,000 gallons per week.
- Spelling out in the permit (as previously provided), the need for testing and the immediate discontinuance if any adverse impact is discovered.

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Pink Arrow Kid Zone draws in hundreds

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Pink Arrow Community Day drew in hundreds of children anxious to participate in the Kid Zone portion of Pink Arrow Community Day's flurry of activities on the lawn at Gilda's Club last Tuesday.

Focusing on fun and the promotion of healthy lifestyles the Kid Zone, which ran from 10-3, featured a variety of recreational and informational activities.

Vergennes Methodist Church provided pony rides,

Luc James Music Studio provided live music and the opportunity for an open mic session, balloon animals were provided by David Storm and Tom Plunkard provided a bunny and magic show.

Along with free trips down the bouncy slide provided by Inflate-A-Fun and ice cream from The Ice Cream Cabus the atmosphere at the annual event felt like a carnival.

About 150 of the children in attendance also took part in an interactive tent set up by Riverside Fellowship Church Seventh Day Adventist featuring eight learning stations. The stations covered the importance of nutrition, exercise, water, sunshine, how to live with balance, fresh air, rest and happiness and trust.

Kid Zone organizer Rosemary Hollinshead said that the youth specific portion of the event is important in encouraging children to make healthy choices that help prevent cancer and provide long healthy lives. "I believe that if children learn about taking care of their health it will impact the quality of all of their life. It is key for them to be able to enjoy their 'golden years,'" said Hollinshead.

Hollinshead is involved with Pink Arrow through her work at Lowell Community Wellness and said she is



Kid Zone participant Paul Adams talks about health inside the stationed tent set up by Riverside Fellowship Church.



Children listen, play and learn at the Kid Zone portion of Pink Arrow Community Day.



At Your Local Library

Kent District Library programs at Englehardt Branch, 200 N. Monroe St. For additional information call 616-784-2007.

Successful Write Michigan Short Story Contest back for fourth year

Kent District Library and Schuler Books & Music announce the fourth annual Write Michigan Short Story Contest, the competition that drew over 700 Michigan writers in its third year.

Stories can be submitted at www.writemichigan.org from September 1 through November 30. Writers of all ages can enter, with separate

categories for youth (11 and under), teens (12-17) and adults (18 and up). Details include a 3,000-word maximum length; \$10 entry fee for ages 18 and above, free for 17 and under; Michigan residents only; all entries must be submitted online. Winners are chosen by public vote for the Readers' Choice award

and by a panel of judges for the Judges' Choice award. Voters and judges choose winners from the top ten semi-finalists. The top honor in each category receives a \$250 cash prize. Winning entries will also be published by Chapbook Press.

"Write Michigan is a wonderful opportunity for authors of all ages to get published," said Heidi Nagel, communications manager at Kent District Library. "The young winners are especially excited to see their stories in print."

Winners will be honored during an awards ceremony taking place at 2:00 pm on Saturday, March 19 at KDL's Cascade Township Branch. Adam Schuitema, author of the novel *Haymaker* and the

short-story collection *Freshwater Boys*, will present the keynote. The ceremony is sponsored by Meijer.

Kent District Library is offering writing events for teens and adults. Details can be found at www.writemichigan.org/events.html.

For more information, please visit www.writemichigan.org.

For Write Michigan logo, poster and additional graphics, please visit www.writemichigan.org/media.html

glad to be of service to her community. "I am honored to be associated with both organizations and a part of

the good that they do for Lowell. It is a community that takes care of their own," Hollinshead concluded.

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Local band rounds out Sizzlin' Sumer Concert

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Deeply rooted local band Time Hungry, formerly known as the Great Lakes Band, rounded out this season's Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert Series with an upbeat and nostalgic country rock performance last Thursday along the Riverwalk.

Presented by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and LowellArts! and supported by major sponsors: The Lowell Area Community Fund and Huntington Bank, along with a host of 26 generous additional sponsors, the eleven week series featured an eclectic mixture of up-and-coming bands like The Ragbirds as well as long established acts like Time Hungry.

The popular Lowell based band features lead singer Mitch McMahon, keyboardist Dave Jones, percussionist Rick Seese and newcomer guitarist Ryder Jones, well-known for his work with the The Kari Lynch Band who opened this year's series.

Originally formed in the mid seventies, the once blues based band has been

performing together on and off for most of their lives according to drummer Seese. "I've been playing music off and on with Mitch and Dave for almost 50 years. I've always enjoyed watching and hearing the two of them piece together some great lyrics and melodies. Dave writes great melodies and Mitch puts the stories together. They collaborate with great harmonies and I try to find the right percussion parts to bring it together," said Seese.

In their first public performance since 2007, the band debuted tracks from their future CD release "The Croc is Ticking" which features a variety of genres combined for a guitar driven sound the band calls Country Midwestern Rock. The band's self-written lyrics touch upon their own Lowell roots. According to front man McMahon, "We write about what we know and love and we know and love Lowell. I guess it's kind of our niche."

McMahon added that it



Well-known local guitarist Ryder Jones joined the ranks of Time Hungry which was originally formed in the mid seventies.



Cloudy skies and chilly temperatures did not dampen enthusiasm at the final show of the summer concert series.

was a pleasure to get back on stage in front of his home audience. "It certainly was fun for us to be back on a stage after so many years. I had forgotten how much fun it was to play for a live audience," said McMahon.

Keyboardist Jones concurred his band mates sentiment, "The performance wasn't perfect, we had never played these songs live before Thursday,

but people seemed to enjoy it. It was exciting to finally share some of our original material. It was a lot of fun playing on stage together again. Maybe we can come back and do it again sometime."

That scenario seems likely as the series planners are already gearing up for another season of music in 2016. "We will continue to promote the series as

a diverse range of music styles including blues, country, jazz, rock, world music and big band that will appeal to all ages," said LowellArts! executive director Lorain Smalligan. "We also plan on continuing to have artists come to provide art activities for the kids, like balloon creations, caricatures and magic acts."

Outdoor movie celebrated the close of 2015 concerts

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

LowellArts! (LA) and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce (LACC) celebrated the close of the 2015 season of the Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert Series with a free outdoor movie and a special performance by Arts in Motion (AIM) along

the Riverwalk last Friday evening.

Festivities kicked off with an interactive performance from AIM, a Grand Rapids based nonprofit that aims to enrich the community and the lives of those with disabilities through the expressive arts. LA became a satellite location for the program

just over a year ago offering local classes in music, dance and drama to area children who face mental, emotional and physical challenges.

LA hosted classes Monday mornings throughout the summer, introducing a sampling of the arts at each session which culminated with their enthusiastic live

performance prior to the film. Led by instructors Ted and Kate Jauw, students of the program along with audience volunteers led a round of song and movement calling on the audience for participation in the fun show warm up.

AIM classes will pick up again this fall and be held on Saturday mornings.



Early birds picked their spot prior to the film shown on this huge blown up screen in front of the historic Showboat.



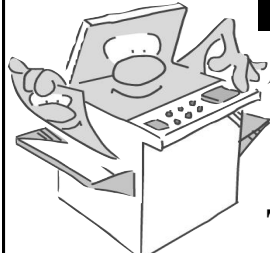
The second annual outdoor movie was well attended.

Those interested in participation should contact LA for further details.

Following the "opening act" attendees settled onto their blankets or into their lawn chairs for the outdoor movie. The public voted on the featured film selecting from family favorites such as Hook, ET and Home Alone, but it was the Disney/Pixar film UP that won the vote.

Munching on standard movie concessions: popcorn, soda and candy, provided by

the Lowell Area Historical Museum, the large crowd of movie enthusiasts enjoyed the whimsical animated film on an enormous blown up screen just in front of the historic Showboat. According to event planners from LA and LACC the increasingly well-attended movie event is a way for them to say thank you to the community for their tremendous support of the annual summer concert series.



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Community day, continued

“This is all the buses we have in the state,” said Amy Smith, blood program consultant with Michigan Blood. “Everybody came after the rain ended, so we’re hoppin’ right now, which is awesome. We’re very grateful that Gilda’s Club of Lowell is having us

here today. We are the sole blood provider for all of the Kent County hospitals and 60 hospitals statewide. They rely on us alone for the blood that they need every day. Summer is a very high-need time for the blood supply, so this is very important, timing-wise. We

need, on average, about 400 units each day.”

There were 149 attempts to donate blood, so Michigan Blood donated \$1,490 to Pink Arrow Pride. They also collected 117 fresh pints of blood, an amount that will help 351 people.

All Weather Seal had a dart game where people popped balloons with darts. It was so popular they decided to bring this same game to the big Pink Arrow football game on Sept. 11 to raise even more money for Pink Arrow Pride.



Right - Student volunteers man the bouncy slide provided by Palo business Inflate-A-Fun LLC in the Kid Zone.



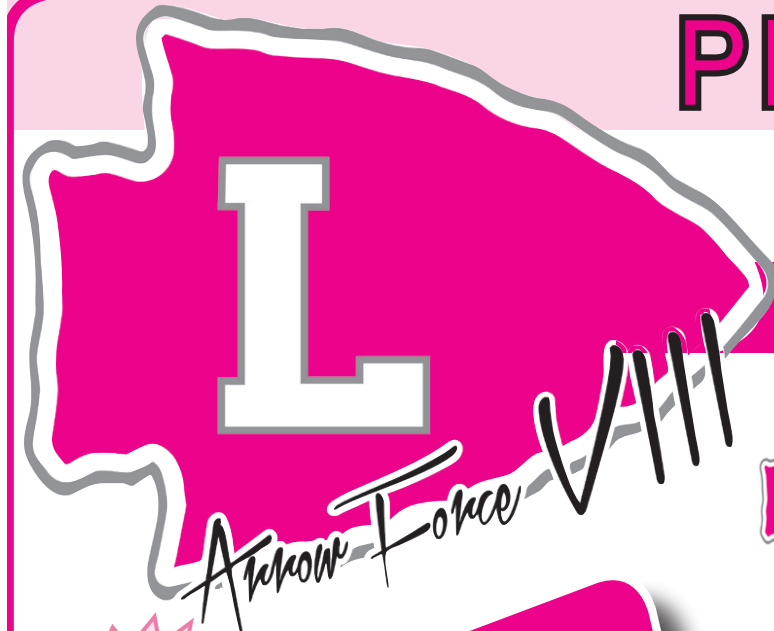
Students from the Luc James Music Studio provided live music for the event from their mobile stage.



Left - Cancer survivor Stacey Spencer and student volunteer Darby Dean show off this year’s Pink Arrow t-shirt design.

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Infancy

Our eyes begin learning to see from the time we are born. The eyes and brain are learning visual skills long before the infant learns to grab, sit up or crawl. It is important that parents provide infants with visually enriching activities, even as simple as being face to face with your baby while smiling and talking to them aids in visual development. While infants under six months lack the skills to completely control their eye movements and focus, parents should be aware of anything concerning with regards to their infant's vision and

seek evaluation with an eye care professional. Red eyes, discharge from the eyes, light sensitivity, an eye that turns or the appearance of a white pupil in photos are all warning signs that your child should promptly have a comprehensive examination with an optometrist or ophthalmologist.

Some children experience no obvious symptoms of ocular health or visual disorders. The American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) recommends that infants should have their first well eye exam at six months of age as this is the time where infants gain better control over their eye movements and focusing. The first exam will ensure your baby's eyes are healthy, check for the presence of strabismus (eye turn) and uncover any risk

factors for amblyopia (lazy eye), such as high refractive error (nearsightedness, farsightedness or astigmatism) in one or both eyes.

InfantSEE® is a program offered by members of the American Optometric Association, which offers free examinations to infants ages six to 12 months of age.

Preschool

Preschoolers are hard at work, developmentally, in all areas including visual development. They are busy coloring, cutting, kicking and catching a ball, or stacking blocks. This is the time children work on school readiness skills. Parents should be aware of symptoms of visual problems, such as sitting close to the television, squinting, eye rubbing, tilting or turning their heads, avoidance of near task like coloring, puzzles or looking at books. New eye turns may develop due to increasing visual demands.

The AAO recommends a comprehensive well eye exam at three years of age. Many children will undergo vision screenings in preschool or upon entrance into kindergarten. Vision screenings vary widely in what they entail. Some may

only check a level of vision at far, some may also screen for obvious eye turns, but no screening will thoroughly evaluate a child's need for glasses, eye teaming, focusing or eye health. There is no substitute for a comprehensive eye exam.

Preschoolers are an active bunch. They're running, falling, playing with toys and are more at risk for injuries. Children in this age group are spending more time outside. With this increased activity and outdoor time, there are safety concerns to keep in mind. One concern is our child's exposure to ultraviolet (UV) light. UV light can cause changes in the cornea and conjunctiva and accelerate cataract formation as we age. The World Health Organization (WHO) states that "children are in a dynamic state of growth and are therefore more susceptible to environmental threats than adults." Ultraviolet light is listed as one of those environmental threats. The WHO also reports that up to 80 percent of our lifetime UV exposure occurs before the age of 18. Ultraviolet light is something we need to take care in reducing our children's exposure. We slather our children in sunscreen for the day at the beach, but do we remember to put UV blocking sunglasses on our children? Why not begin this habit of sunwear as early as infancy. One piece frames with soft straps are designed for babies' facial structure and sensitive skin. Preschoolers and toddlers can wear sunglasses in fun colors with favorite characters.

School age children

Good vision is a necessity for learning. It is estimated that 80 percent of learning occurs through

vision. According the American Public Health Association, "25 percent of students in grades K-6 have visual problems that are serious enough to impede learning." The Vision Council of America states that "it is estimated that 80 percent of children with a learning disability have an undiagnosed vision problem."

The transition from preschool, to early elementary to upper elementary brings increasing demands on a child's visual system. Children are asked to spend increasing amounts of time reading, working on a computer or copying notes from a board across the room. New visual symptoms may begin to develop as a child progresses through their elementary years. Symptoms of visual problems may include blurred vision, headaches, losing their place when reading, short attention spans or problems with school performance such as reading comprehension. Undetected vision problems can sometimes cause symptoms that may be misinterpreted as attention problems. A comprehensive eye exam yearly can detect these problems sooner and reduce their impact on learning.

Common vision problems in school age children include nearsightedness (blurred vision far away), farsightedness (blurred vision or eyestrain up close) and astigmatism (symptoms at far, at near or eyestrain). These conditions can be remedied by wearing glasses, however, additional conditions may affect a child's vision that are not remedied with glasses, nor cause classic symptoms of blurred vision. Eye tracking allows us to move

accurately across words on a page. Eye focusing allows a smooth change in vision from far to near and back. Eye teaming directs both eyes accurately onto a target far and near. Eye-hand coordination contributes to penmanship, drawing or playing catch. Finally, visual perception allows our brain to understand, manipulate or remember information that is acquired through vision. Difficulties in school can often be linked to difficulties in one or several of these visual skills and a comprehensive examination can uncover these problems.

Once a comprehensive examination is performed, with glasses prescribed if needed and ocular health is checked, a more thorough evaluation of a child's visual system may be recommended if there are concerns in the area of eye tracking, eye teaming, eye-hand coordination or visual perception. Like physical therapy is used to rehabilitate muscle groups to allow them to work more comfortably and efficiently, vision therapy is a specialty of optometry that works to rehabilitate a visual system with disorders of eye teaming, eye focusing, eye-hand coordination and visual perception. Vision therapy not only trains our eye muscles to improve their efficiency, but it also serves to train the vision centers of our brains.

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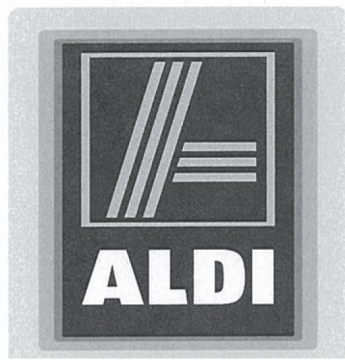
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Red Arrow SPORTS

Red Arrows win season opener 5-1

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell's Red Arrow boys varsity soccer team produced a dominate 5-1 win over non-conference competitor Forest Hills Eastern (FHE) last Friday in their season opener.

FHE came out on the attack at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium but Lowell defense was able to keep them at bay of the box and scoreless in the first half of play. The Arrows racked up a huge lead in that same time period punishing their opponent with four goals.

The first of those, and the first of the season, was achieved by sophomore and two-year starter Jonny Draigh. Draigh also claimed the assist on the next goal crossing to mid-fielder Jay Stadt who earned the header goal. Stadt followed that up with a second header propelled off a mishandled FHE ball to earn a brace for the team. Exchange student and offensive standout Jaime Ortueta earned the fourth goal of the half from within feet of the box.

FHE got a single goal by goalkeeper Trevor Sherman in the early minutes of the second half, but were unable to continue that momentum. Lowell added another goal from talented mid-fielder Collin Bowers to make the score 5-1 in Lowell's favor at the final buzzer.

In all, the Red Arrows held possession of the ball for 53 percent of the game and scored five of seven goal attempts while displaying equally powerful defensive skill.

According to head coach Rich O'Keefe it was



Jay Stadt earned two header goals for the Arrows in their 5-1 home opening win.

a great first showing for the team but also revealed some areas of weakness they can work on as they prepare for

the upcoming season. "It was a typical first game in which we had moments of brilliance, but also showed



Defender Anthony Pollock makes a move to intercept the ball from opponent Forest Hills Eastern.

signs of early season mistakes," said O'Keefe.

Looking forward, O'Keefe says there are a couple of games that will give him a better idea of where they will stand at the close of the season. "There are always a couple early games on your schedule

that will help define your progress as we prepare for our conference. For us it will be Forest Hills Northern and Northview, both are strong Division II programs and are well coached," said O'Keefe.

Before tackling those opponents the Arrows

will face this week's busy lineup which features Cedar Springs on the road, West Catholic at home Wednesday evening at 6:45 pm and a tournament over the weekend in Alpena.

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obituaries

ANDERSON

Donald W. Anderson, age 93 of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, August 19, 2015. He was preceded in death by sister Estella McKillip. He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Virginia; children Daniel John Anderson, Brenda (Joel) Roudabush and Ronald (Beverly) Anderson; grandchildren John (Catherine) Roudabush, Susan (Chad) Bell, Stacy (Terry) Koslek, Travis (Rachel Swift) Anderson, David (Kellie) Anderson and great-grandchildren Cassandre, Jack, Ethan, Morgan and James. Donald was a farmer who loved to watch things grow. He especially loved watching his great-grandchildren as they grew up. Donald was a lifetime member of the Vergennes United Methodist Church. He graduated from Lowell High School in 1939. A funeral service was held. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Vergennes United Methodist Church, 10411 Bailey Dr. NE, Lowell MI 49331, in lieu of flowers.



REVISED ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Bowne Township – Alto Fire Station Addition
Bowne Township and Progressive AE as Construction Manager will be accepting sealed bids, with a 5% Bid Security and Familial Disclosure Form, for the construction of the Bowne Township Alto Fire Station Addition. Bids will be accepted for four work categories including: Earthwork Excavation and concrete foundation and flat work, General Trades including brick veneer, Electrical, and HVAC.

Construction Documents will be available at Progressive AE on Wednesday, August 26, 2015 (contact Vicki Cerchia at cerchiav@progressiveae.com or 616-361-2664 for bid documents). Hard copy bid sets are available for a \$50.00 refundable deposit. There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting on Wednesday, September 2 2015, at 9:00 a.m. at the Alto Fire Station located at 6260 Bancroft Avenue, SE, Alto, MI 49302. Bids will be accepted at Progressive AE, 1811 4 Mile Road, NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525-2442, until Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. local time, bid opening to follow immediately. Any bids received after this time will not be considered and will be returned unopened. Faxed bids will not be accepted. Post-bid interviews will be Thursday, September 10, 2015 at the fire station and the awarded contractors will be notified on Wednesday, September 16, 2015. For additional information, contact David Raehl at 616-361-2664.

The Bowne Township Board reserves the right to postpone, accept, or reject any and all bid proposals, in whole or in part, on such basis as the Bowne Township Board deems to be in its best interest to do so.

No bid proposals may be withdrawn for at least sixty (60) days after the scheduled closing time of the proposals.

BOSS

Emily Rose Boss left our present world on August 24, 2015. She died with her family surrounding her. Deeply loved she leaves behind her parents Jeanne and James Boss, her sisters and their husbands: Hillary and Michael Reese and Morgan and Paige Paulsen; her uncle, James Schafer; nieces Elleah Jeanne Reese and Evan Paige Paulsen and nephew Liam Michael Reese; aunts, uncles and cousins. Her treasured cat, Audrey



Anne will miss her. She was preceded in death by her "Gram" Roseanne P. Schafer with whom she had a loving and close relationship and grandparents, Ardean and Toby Boss. A private family celebration of her life will be held in her honor and her ashes will be interred next to her Grandmother Roseanne's grave.

SCHOEN

James (Jim) Richard Schoen was born in Key West, Florida, on June 26, 1953; raised in Lowell and for the last four years resided in the Tampa Bay area in Florida. Jim battled an aggressive form of kidney cancer for five months. He passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 29, 2015. Jim is preceded in death by his father, James Arthur Schoen. He is survived by his best friend, soul mate and beloved wife of over 20 years, Ana Emilia (Emily) Schoen; mother, Deloris Arlene Schoen; children, Brad Schoen (Beth), Seamus Dillon (Killeen), Nate Schoen (Jenni), Lisa Schoen, Abby Baker (Nate) and Sara Gruber (Eric); eight grandchildren, Eliana, Nora Jo, Lilah, Brielle, Ambrose, Hudson, Calista, and Anastasia; eight siblings, Peggy Seaman (Randy), Tim Schoen (Sally), Mary Boos Schoen, Brenda Schoen, Melinda "Linny" Heydenburg (Steve), Dorie Vincent (Dennis), Joe Schoen (Mindy), and Alice Schoen Koster; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and longtime family friends. The family would like to give special thanks to the loving care provided by LifePath Hospice (Connie Behrens, Dana Edwards and Al Perrin). Jim, Dad, Papa, was an exceptionally genuine individual who would do anything for anyone. His greatest joy was his family to which he dedicated his life and loved with all of his heart. Jim was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, and friend. He worked his entire life with glass and was fortunate enough to be particularly passionate about his career. He was an enthusiastic hard worker who enjoyed staying busy whether it was at work or at home. It was infrequent to see him relaxing. He was an inspiration to many and will continue to positively influence those who knew him. Jim, Dad, Papa will be honored, loved and remembered eternally. Family and friends are invited to celebrate Jim's life at a memorial service being held on Saturday, August 29, 2015 at 11:00 am at Vergennes United Methodist Church, 10411 Bailey Drive, NE, Lowell.



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Kelly Miller Circus entertains

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

The Kelly Miller Circus came to Lowell last Wednesday for two shows at the Fairgrounds. Locals enjoyed a whole range of performers, including clowns, jugglers, trapeze artists, dancers, contortionists and a ventriloquist. Animals including tigers, camels, dogs, llamas and elephants were also on hand to entertain and interact with the crowd.

Ringmaster Rebecca Ostroff said the circus performers all immediately fell in love with Lowell.

"Oh my god, this town is so sweet! We love Lowell," Ostroff said. "This is our first time here, and we want to come back. I told everybody, 'You have to walk to town! There's a boat and a river and a mill, it's beautiful and historic.'

We went to Ella's Coffee Shop and we went to the Flat River Grill, they were really good."

On the midway Lowell children were able to ride and pet exotic animals, get their faces painted and play games. The life of a circus performer sounds exhausting, though. Ostroff rattled off their extensive itinerary in one deep, long breath.

"We start in Texas then travel through Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Michigan, all throughout the Chicagoland area, back through Missouri and we close in Oklahoma on the 23rd of October," Ostroff said. "505 shows, 38 weeks, 10,000 miles, 74 people, 30 animals, two shows every day."



The big top went up at the Fairgrounds in Lowell last Wednesday.



Face-painting was one of the fun activities kids enjoyed at the circus.



A young man riding an elephant before the circus started.



Ringmaster Rebecca Ostroff doubled as an acrobat during the show.



A tiger trainer locked himself in a cage with eight of the ferocious beasts.

Clowns are the pegs on which the circus is hung.

- P. T. Barnum



AUGUST 19 - AUGUST 25

- Stock market opened with a wild ride, with a 1,000 point fall. The market throughout the day recovered but signs of danger upcoming.
- Officials in Dickson County, Tennessee, have decided to ban students from displaying all flags including the U.S. flag.
- The U.S. military is ground testing the F-35 fighter jets Gatling gun which fires 3,300 rounds a minute. The one trillion dollar fighter is in its final stages of production.
- North, South Korea reach a deal to end military standoff.
- French president awarded France's highest honor Monday to three Americans and a Britain who tackled a gunman on a train from Amsterdam to Paris.

FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

BOYS VARSITY TENNIS

* Denotes a game at the high school tennis courts
 8/26 at 8:30 a.m. Jenison Cats Dogs Invite at Jenison
 9/1 at 4:15 p.m. Lakewood*
 9/2 at 4:15 p.m. West Catholic*
 9/3 at 4 p.m. Wayland*
 9/9 at 4:15 p.m. Jenison*
 9/12 at 8:30 a.m. Holland Quad at Holland
 9/14 at 4:15 p.m. Caledonia*
 9/15 at 4:15 p.m. Forest Hills Central
 9/19 at 8:30 a.m. Sailor Invite at South Christian
 9/23 at 4:15 p.m. East Grand Rapids0*

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

* Denotes a game at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium
 8/26 at 6:45 p.m. West Catholic*
 8/29 at 11 a.m. Alpena Tournament at Alpena HS
 9/2 at 6:45 Greenville*
 9/3 at 6:45 p.m. at Forest Hills Northern
 9/8 at 6:45 p.m. Northview*
 9/11 at 3:45 p.m. Jenison*
 9/15 at 6:45 p.m. Caledonia*
 9/17 at 6:45 p.m. Forest Hills Central*
 9/22 at 6:45 p.m. East Grand Rapids*

BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

* Denotes a home meet at the High School Campus
 Girls begin at 4:45 p.m. & Boys begin at 5:30 p.m. unless noted.
 8/26 at 4 p.m. Hesperia Invitational
 8/29 at 9 a.m. Bredeweg Invite - West Ottawa
 9/9 Jamboree #1 *
 9/19 at 8 a.m. Sparta Invitational
 9/23 Jamboree #2 at Gainey Athletic Complex
 9/26 at 9 a.m. Bob Perry Invitational*
 10/3 at 8 a.m. Allendale Invite
 10/7 Jamboree #3 at Caledonia

BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL

* Denotes a game at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium
 8/27 at 7 p.m. Walled Lake Western*
 9/3 at 7 p.m. Chicago Hubbard*
 9/11 at 7 p.m. Jenison*
 9/18 at 7 p.m. Reeths Puffer*
 9/25 at 7 p.m. at Grand Haven
 10/2 at 7:30 p.m. Caledonia*
 10/9 at 7 p.m. Forest Hills Central

GIRLS VARSITY GOLF

* Denotes a home meet at Arrowhead Golf Course
 8/26 at 10 a.m. Ionia*
 9/1 at 3:30 p.m. Jamboree #1 at FHC
 9/2 at 3:30 p.m. Coopersville*
 9/9 at 3:30 p.m. Jamboree #2 at Jenison
 9/14 at 3:30 p.m. Jamboree #3 at EGR
 9/16 at 3:30 p.m. Jamboree #4 *
 9/21 at 3:30 p.m. Jamboree #5 at Cascade Country Club

GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

* Denotes a home game at LHS main gym
 8/29 at 9 a.m. WMVOA Invitational at E. Kentwood
 9/1 at 5 p.m. Quad at Coopersville
 9/11 at 3 p.m. Jenison*
 9/17 at 7 p.m. Caledonia*
 9/19 at 8 p.m. Caledonia Elite Classic
 9/22 at 7 p.m. Forest Hills Central
 9/24 at 7 p.m. East Grand Rapids*
 9/26 at 8:30 a.m. West Ottawa Invitational
 10/1 at 7 p.m. Grand Rapids Christian
 10/6 at 5 p.m. Tri at GR Catholic Central
 10/8 at 7 p.m. Jenison
 10/15 at 7 p.m. Caledonia
 10/20 at 7 p.m. Forest Hills Central*
 10/22 at 7 p.m. at East Grand Rapids

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Be sure to read the Lowell Ledger for coverage of the LAS Varsity Fall Sports.

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Chalk the Walks debuts at future LowellArts!

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

LowellArts! brought the global movement Chalk the Walks (CTW) to downtown Lowell last Tuesday, August 18, in front of their soon-to-be home located at 221 and 223 W. Main.

CTW is a project of The Joy Team, a non-profit organization, formed with the goal of building community by spreading joy, optimism and inspiration. More than 35,000 participants from the U.S., as well as Canada, England, Ireland, Mexico and Japan among others, took part in the annual event which kicked off in 2011 with only 333 participants.

According to The Joy Team founder and creator of the CTW event, Michele McKeag Larsen, the small act of creating colorful positive messages for all to enjoy makes a big difference in our communities. "This is a simple yet powerful way to put some happiness into the world. It makes



Lori Ingraham puts the final touches on her uplifting chalk art design during the inaugural event.

**The most important thing is to enjoy your life
- to be happy - it's all that matters.**
Audrey Hepburn

people smile. And creating an easy way for people to smile and feel happy, even if just briefly, releases stress-busting, immune-boosting hormones in our bodies. It's as good for our health as it is for our heart," said Larsen.

In Lowell more than twenty artists took part in the event, adding their fun and uplifting sentiments and drawings to the sidewalk. According to LowellArts! executive director Lorain Smalligan, who planned

the local event, "They had a Facebook page event that we saw and thought it would be a great event to bring to Lowell in front of our new building."

"It was a great fit with our new location downtown. We had people come out as well as people walking downtown and stopping to make their chalk creations."

This was LowellArts! first official event at their new location. Smalligan said that the event served

two purposes: to spread happiness and to create buzz about their big move tentatively scheduled for late 2016 or early 2017.

A full collection of chalk art submitted from the event, including those created in Lowell, can be found on the Chalk the Walks Facebook page or by searching #chalkthewalks on Twitter.



More than twenty artists took part in the first Chalk The Walks event outside of the new LowellArts! building.



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Chalk art points the way to the entrance of the soon-to-be home of LowellArts!

Right - Enthusiastic artists Eden and Mari Stone added their drawings at the event.

Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated.
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