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by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

Lowell Area Historical Museum had their Summer Fest garden party last Friday, Aug. 28. The event was sponsored by Addorio Technologies, Grand Volute Ballrooms and the Red Barn Market. All the food and drink served was from local businesses and included a beer brewed especially for the event by Ada's Gravel Bottom Brewery.

"We wanted to do a fundraiser that would showcase the museum and bring people in to see our local history," said Lisa Plank, the museum's executive director. "People are really into the local food scene and the local craft beers. We thought we would kind of tie all that together and spotlight our local museum, our

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Lowell Area Historical Museum was the site of a garden party last Friday, Aug. 28.

## Hundreds attend annual Pinknic despite chilly weather

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Hundreds of Pink Arrow supporters poured onto the lawn at Greenridge Realty last Tuesday evening under less than friendly skies for the second annual Pink Arrow Pinknic.

Planned by owner of Greenridge Realty Rick Seese and his staff of realty associates, the lively outdoor picnic donates all proceeds to Pink Arrow Pride. Seese said that the event went well despite the unfavorable weather. "It was a bit chilly, but certainly much better weather than last year. Everything came off as planned, except we couldn't keep up with the coffee and hot chocolate demand," Seese joked.

Both the number of attendees and the amount raised increased from last year's inaugural event demonstrating the growing popularity of the now annual fundraiser. "We were very happy with the turnout. Probably 700-800 people flowed through the tent during the four-hour event.

That's about double from last year," reported Seese. "We raised over \$6,500 in food sales, donations and t-shirt sales. Nearly double from last year as well. But, more importantly, we raised awareness and brought the community together to celebrate Pink Arrow."

Meals for the Pinknic were once again generously donated and prepared on-site by Johnsonville and Dietz

& Watson. Entertainment inside the tent was provided by talented local musicians: Audrey Pearson, Sylvia Taylor, Josh Rose and The Impact Band. "The music was absolutely outstanding," said Seese. "We certainly have amazing talent in the Lowell area. We would like to thank again the musicians

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Balloons/Games/Toss- A variety of fun games and activities were available for the youngest Pink Arrow supporters in attendance.

## FiberX2 on exhibit at LowellArts!

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Artists Geary Jones and David Johnson's collaborative tapestry work is the centerpiece of the latest LowellArts! exhibition FiberX2 which opened August 21 inside the King Gallery.

The exhibit, which will be on display through September 26, features the duo's large scale dimensional tapestries along with each artist's individual works. West Michigan artist Jones contributes his unconventional woven paintings while Colorado native Johnson offers up tapestries from his "Echo Series."

LowellArts! project director Janet Teunis said that the exhibition will give its viewers the opportunity to experience a modern take on a more traditional art form. "The gallery committee was excited about having this exhibition because the tapestries are strikingly

beautiful and it is fun to see a contemporary spin with the medium of tapestry," said Teunis.

The story of the duo's artistic collaboration began when the two worked together at the Oregon School of Arts and Crafts in the 1980s according to Jones who started his art career as a self-described "wannabe painter and sculptor" before finding his passion in textiles. "I took a required three-dimensional design class at the University of Michigan. Sherri Smith, who was one of the biggest names in fibers and textiles at the time was teaching it. She told me that she thought, considering how much I loved detail, that I would love tapestry. I said, 'What's tapestry?' She told me to take a weaving class and find out. So, I did, and was hooked," said Jones.

When he ran into a former classmate, Johnson, in Oregon during

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his ten month residency at the school, the pair began a collaborative work based on a unique set of circumstances. "I developed testicular cancer and David started pressing me to do a collaborative tapestry, because, as he put it, 'it'd be nice to have something to remember me by.'" explained Jones with a sense of humor. "I agreed to do it if we had only one rule, that there would be no rules." Using an average of 300 colors of hand dyed

wool per tapestry, the two worked over the next five years creating seven large tapestries. "Dave would start weaving on one side and I on the other. The next day we switch sides and screw up whatever the other guy had planned," said Jones. "When we were having fun, David equated us to jazz musicians jamming. When we weren't we would put things into the pieces to piss one another off; we called those episodes weaving wars."

The result is bright and contemporary works that uniquely display Johnson's bold geometric work intermingling paradoxically and harmoniously with Jones' more organic shapes. FiberX2 is available for viewing free of charge to the public at LowellArts! located at 149 S. Hudson St. during their regular business hours, Tuesday through Friday 10-6 and Saturday 1-4.



Tapestry works by artists Geary Jones and David Johnson are currently on display inside the LowellArts! King Gallery.

# Lowell man promoted to U.S. Marine Corp Colonel

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Ben Richmond has been bravely and dutifully serving his country as a United States Marine for more than two decades, but after a short ceremony at the Lowell Veterans Park on Saturday he will be doing so as a colonel.

Richmond, a Lowell native and 1989 Lowell High School graduate, accepted his promotion and completed his oath of office in the small memorial park surrounded by friends, family and military supporters.

After receiving his promotion pins, placed on his uniform by his wife and brother, Richmond addressed the crowd kicking off with a joke. "When I first entered the Marine Corp twenty-two years ago the colonels were old and decrepit men, not the young vibrant studs they are today," he said laughing.

The new colonel went on to thank those in attendance for their support of his career paying special attention to his number one supporter. "I want to thank my wife Karen. As anyone knows if you stick around long enough in the service, any success you have is always related to the success of your family. I have been gone a lot overseas and other places and our family wouldn't be as good as it

is without her efforts," said Richmond.

Richmond accepted his first military promotion 18 years ago in Washington DC when he was promoted to captain. Since that time he was promoted twice more on foreign soil. "I was promoted to major in a bombed out shack in Iraq in 2003 and then promoted to lieutenant colonel in a building in Kabul, Afghanistan in 2009."

Richmond said it was only fitting to have his final promotion be not only on American soil but on the soil that raised him. "It is kind of neat to have my last promotion back in my hometown where it all started out a long time ago when I left for the service back in 1989," stated Richmond.



Ben Richmond's wife and brother apply pins to his uniform during the promotion ceremony.



Lowell resident Ben Richmond is sworn in as a United States Marine Corp Colonel at the Lowell Veterans Park.

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# Councilmembers debate value of additional meetings

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

Doing city business in a new way has some citizens and even some Lowell city councilmembers expressing reservations. Adding one or two “work sessions” to the council’s regularly scheduled two meetings each month, however, makes good sense to a number of others.

“We have these work sessions so that we can get information,” maintains councilmember Sharon Ellison, “either on items we’ve asked Mark [city manager Howe] for, or topics that are coming up in meetings, or things that we’re dealing with in the city. We get the information, we discuss it and we don’t make any decisions. It’s kind of open. We can ask questions, we can find out what everyone else wants to know. It’s informal.”

The new work session meetings, which have been scheduled sometimes one Monday a month or more, are held at city hall and typically run from 6 to 9 pm. Because they’ve drawn sparse attendance from the public and are not recorded or archived as regular meetings are, the work sessions have drawn public skepticism. Some citizens have commented that, because the council knows the public is not well represented at the work sessions, real decision-making can be done. Others feel the council is attempting to wear the public down by having more meetings than anyone from the public can possibly attend.

Criticism of the new format is not limited to just public citizens.

Mayor Jim Hodges considers the work sessions to be an opportunity for councilmembers to air out issues so that they can be comfortable with the vote they eventually cast at the

upcoming official council meeting.

“This meeting serves as an information and discussion time for the council to help with decisions that may be made in the future,” says Hodges. “No votes or decisions are made at work sessions. Often, there may be a consensus or even agreement on subjects. However, no votes or actions on policy or business matters as addressed in the city charter take place.”

City manager Mark Howe stated, “The mayor’s comments seemed sufficient to me. I might add that there are several dozen residents of the city involved in moving the community forward through their participation in local boards and commissions. These range from planning commission to parks and recreation, downtown development authority, historic district, airport, arbor board and more. They all meet on a regular basis, usually monthly and make recommendations to the council and staff. All meetings are open to the public and participation is encouraged. There are many ways to have a positive impact on the future of the city through these dedicated boards and commissions.”

“I think the idea of a work session is good, but the frequency is not,” points out councilmember Matt Mayer. “I don’t attend because I am at work until eight pm. I didn’t sign up for a meeting every week, nor do I have the time for it.”



Lowell city council having a discussion during one of their work sessions.

Mayer’s objections go deeper than just time and frequency. He believes there is credence to public feeling that the work sessions are part of structuring how decisions for the city are made.

“In my opinion (the work sessions), are a way for the council to do Mr. Howe’s job because he doesn’t know what to do next, or a way for him to feel out the council on items that he knows he shouldn’t do,” said Mayer.

Mayer uses the recent work session discussion of the annual distribution of LCTV surplus funds to illustrate his point.

“In the latest work session, he wondered what the council wanted to do with the LCTV money this year,” relates Mayer. “I don’t think the city should get the money, personally, especially due to the junk from last year. He was almost having a meeting

and [making] decisions in that work session and he knew it, so the real meeting is simply a formality.”

“I guess decisions haven’t been made, but the decision on how to decide at the [regular] meeting has been made. After the decision at the work

session, Mr. Howe calls it a ‘recommendation,’ and it is passed at the (next) meeting. Most of the time the recommendations that are in the packet are passed anyway, so the real meeting feels like it’s a joke or

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Christopher C. Godbold

### Investors can learn much from the American workforce

We're getting close to Labor Day, a celebration of the men and women who roll up their sleeves and go to work each day. If you're in the workforce yourself, you can appreciate this recognition of your efforts. And as an investor, you can employ these attributes of the American worker:

• **Organization** – The most productive workers are those who organize their time and efforts to maximize their productivity. When you invest, organization is also important. You might have trouble gaining traction toward your goals, such as a comfortable retirement, if you own a bunch of scattered investments that aren't really working together to help you. Instead, try to build a portfolio in which all your investments combine to provide the opportunities for growth and income you need to help reach your objectives.

• **Perseverance** – As workers, all of us go through difficult times, whether with our bosses, co-workers or even the work itself – but we persevere. As an investor,

you, too, will experience bumps in the road, in the form of market downturns. Yet, if you avoid making hasty and ill-advised moves in response to potential short-term volatility, you can maintain your focus on your long-term needs and goals – and, as a result, you can help improve your chances of meeting those needs and attaining those goals.

• **Vision** – Workers put in their time, year after year, because they have a vision of what they hope their efforts will yield – a rewarding career, sufficient financial resources for their family, and so on. As an investor, you also can benefit from articulating a picture of what you hope to achieve. And that means you need to be specific about what you want. Instead of saying to yourself, 'I'd like to retire comfortably someday,' pin yourself down as to what this really means. At what age would you like to retire? Will you want to travel the world or stay close to home to pursue your hobbies? How much money will you need

to make these wishes come true? Where will this money come from? By answering these and other questions, you can define a vision for your financial future, leading you to the next step – creating a strategy to help turn this vision into reality.

• **Diversity** – The American workforce benefits from drawing on the experiences and viewpoints of people from all different backgrounds. When you invest, you should also seek diversity. If you only owned one type of investment vehicle, such as growth stocks, and the market hit a downturn, your portfolio would likely take a big hit. It's a given that the value of investments will fluctuate, which means, under some circumstances, you could lose some or all of your principal. But if you spread your dollars among a range of vehicles – including stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit and real estate – you can reduce the impact of volatility on your holdings. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, does not guarantee a profit or protect against loss.)

Labor Day will come and go quickly. But by emulating some of the characteristics of the American workforce, you can continue making progress toward your goals – without even having to work overtime.

## kidsView



by Sierra Hieshetter

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Summer is almost over and that means football season has started. Lowell is a big football town and that shows in my family. Dillon and Dad are diehard Lions fans and Dillon plays in the rocket football league. As a loving and supporting sister, I just love going to all of his games. Could you hear the sarcasm there? Dillon is almost obsessed with football. My Dad is the head coach on his team and they are constantly outside running drills. I'm not saying I hate football, because I don't. I love that our community uses football to support others. The Pink Arrow game is an amazing

event that this community puts together and I am looking forward to going to that game. But, watching high school football is different than the rocket league. I've been watching Dillon play since he was on a flag football team. And although it has gotten a little more exciting now that he is growing up and playing tackle, the endless drills and the practices get tiring. Especially if you are the girl sitting on the sidelines watching. Now again, I love football and cheering on my home team is exhilarating. But watching my brother and his friends pour water on each other's heads is not.

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# viewpoint

## to the editor

### Proud to be a Rotarian

Letter to the Editor,

From 1990 to 2000 I had the honor of being the postmaster in Lowell. Of all the jobs I had in the postal service over my 34 year career, this was the best job, due to the quality workers at the post office as well as an amazing community. One of the best organizations I had the honor of being president of 95/96 was the Lowell Rotary Club. How fortunate our community is to have such an active "service above self" community organization. Thank you, Lowell! You are a great place to be involved.

Sylvia A Taylor

### Boy Scout Oath

To the Lowell Ledger,

I am a Boy Scout writing to you for my communications merit badge. That aside, I would like to share the words that have shaped my character through the years in scouting. All scouts are taught common things such as tying knots and fire building, but among these are the scout oath: "On my honor I will do my best, to do my duty to God and my country, to obey the scout law, to help other people at all times, to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight." And the scout law: "A scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty,

brave, clean, and reverent." These words have been strongly pressed into my conscience and this is the standard by which I, and my fellow scouts, are called to live by. I can only imagine how much society would be greatly improved if a great majority were to be taught these traits and challenged to live by them.

Sincerely,  
Alex Paiz

### Tired of negativity trying to creep in

Dear Editor,

Almost every week there are letters to the editor making unflattering and sometimes crude remarks about the city councilmembers who choose to represent the citizens of Lowell instead of being manipulated by a special interest group. As the election approaches it's become obvious that there is an organized effort to ensure that the weekly dose of negativity and attempts to discredit city government is a regular feature of our local paper.

The latest letter referenced "three councilmembers who will rubber stamp anything he (the city manager) proposes." Voting records from city council meetings held January 2014 to August 2015 show that out of about 260 items that required votes there were only 45 "no" votes recorded. That means about 83 percent of proposed actions were "rubber stamped" by all present councilmembers – not just three.

The most notable "no" votes were: "no" to the union contract that had already been ratified by city employees and Lowell Light & Power, "no" to the city budget, "no" to a council meeting needed to conduct city business and most recently "no" to Main Street BBQ when they requested a liquor license. Do these "no" votes (made by endorsed VOICE candidates) serve the best interests of our city?

This is a wake-up call for anyone who is tired of the manipulation, negativity and non-productivity that is trying to creep into our community. If you seek to be part of [the] solution – not part of the problem, if you want to "keep our city moving forward" – not backward, vote for Sharon Ellison and Jim Hall for city council.

Coincidentally, I was recently interviewed for an upcoming news story regarding city council work sessions. These sessions have been held for many years, but since Mark Howe has become city manager they are held more frequently – probably because education, information, discussion and planning are vital components needed to represent our city. The council welcomes anyone who would like to attend these and other city meetings.

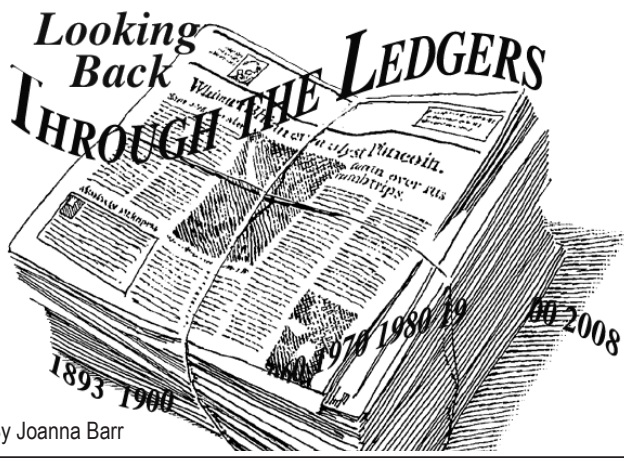
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Sharon Ellison  
Mayor pro tem

### Sorry you missed it

At 6 am, August 19, a caravan of semis and circus wagons arrived at the Lowell fairgrounds and pitched their giant tent. Out came the camels, zebras, ponies, and tigers to munch on the green grass. The diva, elephant, waits 'til later to give rides, just before her dancing gig at 4 pm.

There are approximately 75 workers and performers that travel with the show and everything is top notch, great performances, costumes, well trained and cared for animals, and music. Just needed a bigger audience!

Jan Y. Johnson  
Lowell



By Joanna Barr

### 125 years ago Lowell Journal September 2, 1890

Jas. Handlin was arrested to-day (Wed) by Dep. Sheriff C. O. Hill, on the charge of keeping his saloon open on Sunday and taken before Justice Hydorn of Gd. Rapids. The examination was adjourned to the 10th. There are some very sensational stories afloat concerning the causes that led up to his arrest, the primary causes being his giving a wine party at his bachelor apartment last Sunday evening. The father of one of the girls who attended, "Fon" Epley, objected to his daughter's taking part in any such gathering and backed up by Marshal Edmonds and night watch Morgan, went to the place and demanded his daughter, which broke up the party. There are innumerable sensational stories afloat and if one fourth of what is told is true, things are coming to a bad pass in this place and the organization of a law and order league would not be amiss.

The electric light station is rapidly approaching completion and from appearances they will be ready to commence their contract on the date specified, Sept. 15th. Their engine, shafting and boiler are at the depot and the dynamos are expected daily. By the way, does any one know what they will charge for domestic and mercantile lighting.

Elmer Cilley, of Boston, had the misfortune to lose his house and barn to-day by fire. He and his wife had just got to the village when word reached them that their buildings had burned. The house and contents were insured for \$775. The barn was also lightly insured. The loss was nearly total, only a small portion of the furniture that was down stairs being saved. \$50 in money and notes and valuable papers which were left at home were burned. The net loss we are unable to announce now.

Every young man is cordially invited to bring his "best girl" to the Ionia fair. One of the officers who has evidently had some experience, suggest that the favored "fair" one be engaged early, before the other fellow has filed a pre-emption. The management will endeavor to make it especially interesting for the young ladies and their escorts. They can procure tickets any time during the last three days for twenty-five cents each. Seats can also be secured in the grand stand during the races for the small sum of fifteen cents each.

### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 2, 1915

Headline: Lowell Chautauqua now in successful progress. The Lowell Chautauqua opened Tuesday with six hundred and seventy-nine season tickets sold and the average attendance for the first four numbers has been about seven hundred. R. O. Farrell of Kirksville, Mo., is conducting the enterprise in a manner satisfactory to all. Montanelli's Venetian Quartet and Dr. Geo. H. Spencer, lecturer, gave the enterprise a good initial boost. The concert was enjoyed by all and Dr. Spencer certainly gave his audience something to think about, especially in his splendid address on "Preparedness for Peace." Yesterday's programs were filled by Sibyl Conklin, dramatic contralto; Mrs. Demarchus Brown, lecturer and story teller, and Newton, prince of magic. Mrs. Brown's lectures were highly appreciated and Newton's exhibition of skilled trickery was much enjoyed. Thursday afternoon

the Winifred Townsend Company in full concert. In the evening the Townsends again in prelude music, followed by Congressman M. Clyde Kelly of Pennsylvania. Friday is band day, with the famous Kilties Band, accompanied by Jean Campbell, the Kilties' soloist, and piper McFay of the 42nd Highland regiment. In the afternoon the band plays fifty minutes, followed by the lecture, "Uncle Sam," by Dr. L. B. Brown. At night, the Kilties in full concert. Saturday afternoon the Stratford Opera Company in full concert. In the evening the Stratfords in prelude music, followed by the lecture by Fred Eastman, the Community expert. After Mr. Eastman's lecture the Stratford company will present the opera, "The Mikado," in costume.

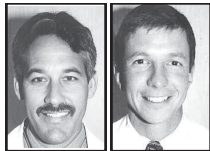
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Charles S. Coleman, who was Friday discharged on a charge of murdering William Potter, at Owosso, has preferred his aid to the officials in discovering the guilty party. Coleman stated on the stand at the inquest recently that he did not believe that William Potter took poison himself. Potter was found dead at his home here several weeks ago.

### 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 5, 1940

Headline: Two new bridges for Main Street seem

# health



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## lactose intolerance

Lactose intolerance is the inability to fully digest sugar in milk. It's harmless but can cause uncomfortable symptoms.

Symptoms range from gas, bloating and abdominal cramping to severe nausea and diarrhea.

It is caused due to the small intestine's inability to produce an enzyme (lactase) that breaks down milk sugar. Lactase then moves into the colon where bacteria interacts to cause the above symptoms.

There are three types of lactose intolerance. Primary lactose intolerance is the most common. These are people whose lactose production goes down sharply as they enter adulthood.

Secondary lactose intolerance occurs due to decreased lactose production after an illness, injury or surgery involving the small intestine.

Congenital lactose intolerance is a rare genetic disorder in which the affected individual does not make any lactase.

Confirming the disease can be done by doing a lactose intolerance test, a hydrogen breath test or a stool acidity test.

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# lend a hand

volunteering opportunities

The Literacy Center of West Michigan has scheduled an information session on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, for prospective volunteer tutors. This session is held at 6 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 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](mailto:info@literacycenterwm.org) to register.



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## SEPTEMBER 8

Wilma Fairchild, Terresa Kenney, Papa Wilson, Brendan Lobbezoo.

# college news

Benjamin Keller, of Alto, was named to the spring 2015 dean's list at LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas. The dean's list recognizes students who have achieved a grade point average between 3.50 and 3.99 for the semester.

Keller is a junior majoring in air traffic management.

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# Summer Fest, continued

local restaurant scene, the West Michigan beer scene, and hopefully raise some money for the museum in the process. All the food vendors picked things that were grown here locally or prepared here locally.”

The highlight of the event was the Belgian raspberry beer brewed by Gravel Bottom Brewery.

“We asked Gravel Bottom to do something with a nod to the history of our area,” Plank said. “We talked about Madame LaFramboise who was a famous fur trader here in Lowell. She was a very remarkable person. In fact, we’re going to be doing an exhibit next year on the fur trade in the local area. Framboise, in French, means ‘raspberry,’ so the idea was to do a light German beer infused with local raspberries.”

The beer, named “Lady LaFramboise,” was a Belgian-style ale brewed with local raspberries.

“This type of beer is a typical sour, wild ale,” said Gravel Bottom brewmaster Brett Langscheid. “I would put this one under ‘experimental Belgian.’ I love how it came out, so I’m hoping we brew it again. It’s exclusive to this event and on tap at our facility here. It’s fantastic and you should have a pint.”

Larkin’s provided other kinds of beer and wine, and food was provided by the Grand Volute Ballrooms, Red Barn Market, Heidi’s Farm Stand, Flat River Grill and the Main St. BBQ, which hasn’t opened yet. Miss P’s catering made delicious little taco bites served in phyllo dough cups instead of the usual tortilla.

“I tried to use everybody local today,” said Miss P’s

owner Julie Dykehouse. “I used Jones Meat Market, Mooville Dairy, fresh produce from Ford Farms, Litehouse for the dressings, and yesterday I went to the Lowell Farmers’ Market and got some extra peppers. And the lettuce is from my garden.”

Dykehouse describes her catering company as “specializing in home cooked goodness.”

“We do all kinds of things,” Dykehouse said. “Weddings, funerals, lunches, picnics, barbecues, company picnics, you name it.”

Grand Volute Ballrooms was serving mangospacho (a version of gazpacho made from mango) with all ingredients sourced from the Lowell Farmers’

Market and sharp cheddar grilled cheese sandwiches with cheese from Lakeview Cheese Company and fresh bread from Heidi’s Market.

“It is gazpacho, it’s just made with mango,” said Grand Volute owner Kent McKay. “You take out some of the other primary ingredients of the gazpacho and substitute the tropical fruit mango. It’s very cool, very refreshing. Great for a summer dish.”

The event drew a large crowd of people from all over the area.

“I am here in support of the Lowell museum,” said Grand Rapids resident Jennifer Simpson. “We’re here to enjoy some beer, some camaraderie, some good food and to support everyone who’s here in the local area.”



Kent McKay and chef Kim Chase from Grand Volute Ballrooms had mangospacho and grilled cheese sandwiches.

# Pinknic, continued

that donated their time and talents to entertain those that attended,” added Seese.

Popular Master Magician P.J. Weber was also on hand and a highlight of the fun children’s portion of the event, which also included games, a visit from Kent District Library mascot Katie L., balloon animals and a fun photo booth experience.

New this year was the addition of two contests which awarded the winning attendees considerable local prizes. John Layer guessed

the correct number of pink golf balls in a jar earning him a free night at the Main Street Inn, a \$50 Gilmore Collection gift card and \$50 in Lowell Bucks. Brian Worsley won the Pink Circle Toss game earning him all of the above plus two excellent reserved seats for the Pink Arrow Game on September 11.

Seese said he and his entire staff are thrilled to be able to give back to the community by contributing to the renowned local cancer fundraiser. “We

are all proud of Lowell in many ways and for many things, but the progression of the Pink Arrow story is the most significant. Pink Arrow exemplifies what Lowell is all about. Lowell is a truly caring community that comes together for many causes and reasons to help their friends and neighbors in their time of need. Pink Arrow has taken our community to a new level of caring for one another. We are just happy to be involved,” said Seese.



Rick Seese and staff present a check from the community “Pinknic” to Pink Arrow organizer Teresa Beachum.



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## SCHEDULE FOR EVENT DAY



SEPTEMBER 11

\* Approximate times

- 2:30 pm ..... GATES OPEN
- 3:00 pm ..... Boosters Concessions and Restaurant Row Open *Pink Ticket System*
- 3:30 pm ..... National Anthem presented *Ryder Jones*
- Note new time for Soccer & Volleyball
- 3:30 pm ..... Soccer introduction and match - Lowell vs. Jenison Wildcats
- 3:30 pm ..... Volleyball introduction and match - Lowell vs. Jenison Wildcats
- 6:00 pm ..... Survivor and Honor Walk *-Song by Brennan Prill*  
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- 6:35 pm ..... Football Player and Honoree introduction *on field*
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# Work sessions, continued

something we have to do because it's the law."

Councilman Jeff Altoft feels that the work sessions might actually be structured to direct a councilmember's vote, though.

"Sometimes it feels like [the work sessions are] a meeting where the city manager tells us how we are supposed to act on upcoming projects," says

Ellison feels the work sessions help councilmembers avoid.

"I don't know all the answers," Ellison says. "It's nice to learn a little bit more about it so, when I do have to make a decision, I have some answers."

Though she values the chance that the work sessions provide to gather more information before deciding

is welcome to attend. Those [the regular city council meetings] are formal meetings where I'm voting on something and people have the right to know what I'm voting on."

Mayer, however, differs in his thinking.

"I don't see why they shouldn't be [recorded]," Mayer says. "The public has a right to know what is going on. It's called transparent government."

Which goes back, for Hodges, to his consideration that the work sessions are valuable, even if it does mean more meetings for councilmembers and interested citizens.

"More meetings are not the goal of having work sessions," insists Hodges. "Councilmembers are regular people serving our community and they do not need another meeting. But they do so to be informed and involved in a community they all care about."

At this time, there are not any work sessions scheduled on the city hall calendar, but that could change. The next regular city council meeting will be at city hall on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 7 pm.

# Ceres applauds Governor Snyder's commitment to comply with EPA's Clean Power Plan

Citing strong business support for Michigan's emerging clean-energy economy, Ceres president Mindy Lubber praised Governor Rick Snyder for his announcement today that the state will be filing a state implementation plan to comply with the US EPA's Clean Power Plan to reduce carbon pollution from existing power plants.

With this announcement, Governor Snyder has made a commitment to Michigan's low-carbon energy future and responded to the requests of businesses and investors who support reducing carbon emissions.

"Governor Snyder's commitment to submit a state implementation plan is in the best interest of Michiganders," said Lubber, whose nonprofit sustainability group has been mobilizing business and investor support across the country for the Clean Power Plan. "The Clean Power Plan provides an opportunity for Michigan to catalyze further investment and job creation in the clean energy sector. That's why

18 companies and investors called on the governor to meet the new EPA standards by focusing on renewable energy and energy efficiency solutions."

Last month, 18 companies and investors sent a letter to Governor Snyder urging timely implementation of Clean Power Plan and a focus on energy efficiency and renewable energy as the most cost effective means to comply.

"Our support is firmly grounded in economic reality," states the letter. "Clean energy solutions are cost effective and innovative ways to drive investment and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Increasingly, businesses rely on renewable energy and energy efficiency solutions to cut costs and improve corporate performance."

The EPA Clean Power Plan is the nation's first comprehensive effort to reduce carbon pollution from existing electric power plants—the single largest source of global warming pollution in the U.S. The plan sets unique emissions reduction targets for each state to achieve by 2032 and allows the states flexible approaches to meeting the reductions in their implementation plans, such as through deployment of renewable energy and energy efficiency.

"At Brewery Vivant, we have a deep commitment to balancing the financial health of our business with our impact on the natural environment and our community," said Kris Spaulding, co-founder of Grand Rapids-based Brewery Vivant,

which signed the July 31st letter to Governor Snyder. "We have worked to have all of our facilities 100% renewably powered through Consumer's Energy Green Generation program, and we are the first LEED Certified commercial microbrewery in the United States. We urge Michigan's leadership to make a commitment to sustainability and renewable energy, starting with full implementation of the EPA's Clean Power Plan."

In recent years, Michigan has made significant progress in reducing greenhouse gas pollution through energy efficiency and renewable energy standards. The state reduced its carbon emissions by 12 percent between 2008 and 2013, and is well positioned to make additional reductions set out in the Clean Power Plan, thanks in large part to a 10% by 2015 Renewable Energy Standard. Clean energy development has brought thousands of jobs to Michigan and billions of dollars in cumulative capital investment, enough to earn the state the ranking of 5th in the country for clean energy job creation in Q1 2015.

"Staples is actively committed to minimizing our environmental footprint and helping our customers do the same. It's simply smart business", said Mark Buckley, Vice President of Environmental Affairs for Staples, which also signed the letter to the Michigan Governor. "Implementation of the Clean Power Plan is key to enabling us to go further by providing more predictability and energy options."



Altoft. "Often we are told of the projects, how important they are and the details that will make us decide in the way we are supposed to. When the matter is brought up at the (regular) council meeting, we have already discussed it and been told how to vote, so it is moved and voted on with little to no discussion."

how to vote, Ellison doesn't feel the meetings need to be archived or recorded as the official council meetings are.

"I don't think we need a camera on every meeting," she maintains. "We don't televise any of the board meetings. I don't think it's necessary to do that. It's open and honest. They're all open meetings. Anyone

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## Social Security, continued

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# Red Arrow - SOCCER SPORTS

## Soccer begins season with two shutouts and a tourney runner-up finish

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Red Arrow soccer kicked their way to a series of victories last week in a busy week of competition that began at Cedar Springs, returned home to Lowell and ended in tournament competition in Alpena over the weekend.

Lowell shut out non-conference competitor Cedar Springs on their own turf Monday claiming a 5-0 win. Tight defense from the Arrows allowed little room for their opponent's offense leaving them trailing at the half 3-0 with less than a handful of shots on goal.

Cedar fought hard from the back in the second, but their youthful varsity squad could not get one to the back of the net. Lowell added two goals in the second for the 5-0 win. Two Red Arrow goals were earned by sophomore Jonny Draigh. Jaime Ortueta, Collin Bowers and Jonah Epema each netted one.

Head coach Rich O'Keefe said that the team worked well together in the win. "The boys were stingy on defense and allowed only two shots in the game early in the first half. The team maintained good balance on the field for most of the game and was able to control the pace."

Lowell earned their second shutout of the week at home when they welcomed West Catholic High School (WC). The Arrows came out strong in the match surprising WC with two goals in the first five minutes of play from Draigh and Bowers.

Exchange student Jaime Ortueta added a third goal soon after, followed by a fourth from Epema to improve their lead to 4-0 at the half.

Ortueta scored twice more in the second to earn himself a hat trick and propel the Arrows to a 6-0 lead. Forward Brendan Paulus netted the team's seventh goal of the game and also had an assist. Overall the Arrows maintained possession of the ball for 63 percent of the game and made their way to 22 shots on goal compared to WC who eked out only three.

Opening the season with a 3-0 record, the squad gained more than victories

according to O' Keefe. "This year's team is still young and often we have no seniors on the field. A positive start is very important for the psyche of the young player. They gain confidence in themselves, their teammates and the importance of learning how to win and win with adversity."

The team also scored two victories and a runner-up finish over the weekend in Alpena at the Sunrise Side tournament. The Arrows topped Lapeer High School 3-0 and host Alpena 2-1 leading to the finals where they faced powerhouse Troy Athens.

Lowell struggled

valiantly with the Troy team, earning just one goal when sophomore Jay Stadt crossed to Draigh but lost the bout 3-1, another lesson worth learning according to O'Keefe. "The loss will actually help us grow as a team. We did not let

down, but we have lots of work ahead of us if we are going to consistently compete against high-level programs. I am confident we are moving in the right direction and the boys are committed to achieving this high level," said O'Keefe.

The Arrows will welcome Greenville High School to Red Arrow Memorial Stadium on Wednesday at 6:45 and will also face Forest Hills Northern on the road Thursday.



Forward Connor Cater moves the ball toward goal during the team's shut out victory over West Catholic.



Senior Collin Bowers scored a single goal in the Red Arrow's double victories over Cedar Springs and West Catholic.



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# obituaries

## HEASTON

Betty (Elizabeth Barbara Burrow) Heaston (age 94), born August 29, 1920, to Anna (Havlik) and Robert Henry Burrow in Beloit, WI, passed away Tuesday, August 25 at her home in Lowell. Betty and her husband Gaylord (now deceased) moved from Beloit to Lowell in 2000 to be closer to family. Betty attended Beloit Memorial High School and graduated in 1938. She then went on to attend Rockford Business College, graduating in 1939. This earned her a job at Beloit Iron Works. Betty married Gaylord Heaston on May 29, 1941. While Gaylord was fighting in WWII, Betty held down the home front with twin boys until he returned. Betty truly enjoyed her family. Much time was spent camping and traveling. She and her husband had visited 50 of the 50 United States. She was a loving wife, an amazing mother, a wonderful grandmother, and a loving great-grandmother. In addition, Betty was very involved in her community. She once said, "I am proud to be called a native Beloit who has always put home and family first, but has still found time to serve her community." She belonged to numerous clubs and served on many committees in her hometown, such as the Junior Women's Club, the Federation of Women's Club, the Ways and Means, Welfare, Constitution, and Beautification committees.



She started the first club paper as the intermediate club secretary, and served as a picture lady for the Wonderful World of Art program. She was an active member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, serving on numerous boards and committees, as well as teaching Sunday school for 14 years. She was also a Cub Scout den mother, Brownie and Girl Scout leader and worked with the YMCA and YWCA. She participated in PTA at her children's schools for 16 years. Betty is survived by her two children, Diana Bittrick of Lowell and Dean and Nancy Heaston of Indian River. She is also survived by five grandchildren, Brien and Amy Heaston of Canton, Brenda (Bittrick) and Doug Wunder of Grand Haven, Monica Heaston and Ryan Ingalls of Menasha, WI, Brett and Amanda Bittrick of Holland, and Brandon Bittrick of Norton Shores. Betty is also survived by great-grandchildren, Dylan and Sophia Wunder; Denon, Jai, Coulter, and Iva Ingalls; and Landon, Pace, and Ava Bittrick. Betty was preceded in death by her parents, her son Dale (1959) and her husband Gaylord (2014). Betty's funeral took place August 29 (her 95th birthday) at the Lowell First United Methodist Church. There will be a memorial service and burial in Beloit, WI, on September 5. Memorial donations may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Lowell, 621 E. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331.



## KOEWERS

John Henry Koewers Jr. passed away the morning of August 29, 2015. John was born August 2, 1945, in Grand Rapids. John was a lifelong resident of Lowell and Ada and has had various types of employment throughout his life. He was preceded in death by his parents, John Henry Koewers Sr. and Margaret June Gasper; wife, Charlene Delores Pullen; and son, John Koewers 3rd. He was survived by his sister, Judith and Dave Kramer of Pewamo; two daughters, Lisa D. and John Clarke of Lowell and Robyn D. Koewers of Ada; and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The family would like to thank John's longtime friend Calvin Powers and the staff at Spectrum Health Continuing Care for their caring and guidance in John's final days.

**SIMMONS**  
 Stephen Michael Simmons, passed away peacefully on Monday, August 31, 2015, after his courageous battle with cancer at the age of 49. Steve is survived by his children, his pride and joy; Jackson Simmons and Samuel Simmons, their mother, Julie Simmons, and her family. He also leaves behind his parents, Dick and Maggie Simmons and Mary Siegel; siblings, Geoff (Katie) Miller, Molly (John Pino) Miller, Joseph Simmons, Scott Simmons, Karyn (Dan) Sampson; six nieces and four nephews. Steve was born on October 24, 1965, in Grand Rapids, MI. He graduated from St. Paul the Apostle, Catholic Central, and Western Michigan University. At the time of his passing, Steve was teaching for Kaplan University. Steve was a devoted father and an accomplished and passionate musician. Steve had a love for sports, especially the Spartans of MSU. Steve will be remembered by many for his sense of humor and quick wit. A celebration of his life will be held on Friday 3:00 p.m. at O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst Chapel, 3980 Cascade Rd. SE, Grand Rapids. Visitation Thursday 6-8:00 p.m. For memorial contribution information please visit our website.



## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Lowell Charter Township is soliciting sealed proposals for the North Grand River Riverfront Park project. Major items of work include installation of approximately 900 tons of asphalt paving, 9,600 square feet of concrete walk, earthwork and site grading, restroom building pavilion, athletic courts, playground area, utility services and landscaping.

Sealed proposals will be received by Lowell Charter Township, 2910 Alden Nash, Lowell, MI 49331 until 11:00 am, local time, Thursday, September 10, 2015, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

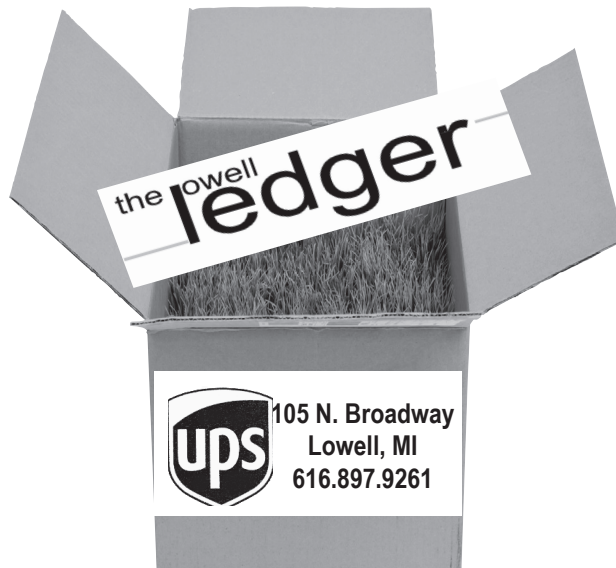
Contract Documents may be obtained beginning 11 am local time, August 27, 2015 at the offices of Lowell Charter Township, 2910 Alden Nash, Lowell, MI 49331. Telephone 616-897-7600. A non-refundable payment of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) will be required for each set of Contract Documents.

Contractors shall direct all questions to the project engineer, Dan Fredricks, P.E., of Land & Resource Engineering Inc., 616-301-7888.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond by a recognized surety in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total of the bid price.

After the time of opening, no bid may be withdrawn for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days.

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## Looking Back, continued

certain – King Milling Company to construct new dam at same time. That two new bridges for Main St., which is the course of state highway M-21 through Lowell, have been definitely decided upon by the Michigan State Highway department is the information received by the Ledger. Although this information is not official, it comes from a reliable source. According to word received here it is expected that bids for construction of the new bridges are to be advertised the latter part of the present month and if satisfactory bids are received, construction of the east bridge, which is the smaller of the two, may be started in October and pushed to completion, which would probably be sometime during the coming January. Under present plans, the west bridge would not be started until next spring. William C. Doyle of the King Milling company informs the Ledger that when the east bridge is built, his company will at the same time construct a new dam of reinforced concrete. "Our present dam would probably last at least 15 years," states Mr. Doyle, "but it seems advisable that we build this new dam at the time the new bridge is built as we can do a much better job by tying in with that construction."

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MOVING SALE - Fri., Sept. 4 (8-4 p.m.) & Sat., Sept. 5 (8-1 p.m.) Riding lawn mower, 8' aluminum brake, chest of drawers, refrigerator, Noritake china, 2 bikes, household, toys & books, misc. 1242 Jane Ellen, Lowell.

GARAGE SALE - Thurs., Sept. 3, 9-3. Toys, household items, clothes & misc. items. 5426 Ellison Rd., Belding. Cancelled if rain.

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## misc.

SHINE LIKE SHELBY - 2nd Annual Golf Outing. Sat., Sept. 26, 2015, Arrowhead Golf Course at 1pm. Call 616-897-7264 to register.

THE LOWELL ROTARY CLUB - is accepting grant applications from local non-profit organizations seeking financial assistance with projects. Grant eligibility requirements and the grant application can be found at our website www.lowellrotary.org if you have any questions email us at info@lowellrotary.org. The deadline for applying is Sept. 23rd.

# 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 on a space available basis & ARE NOT GUARANTEED. 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 accept ANY Garage or Rumage 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.

littleBITS: LEARN & INVENT w/ELECTRONICS - Thurs., Sept. 24, 4 p.m. littleBITS is the ultimate electronic building tool. Circuit models snap together to help build a music synthesizer, a robot or even a Mars Rover! Learn by doing activity for kids ages 6 & older. Alto Public Library, 6071 Linfield Ave, Alto, Ph. 784-2007.

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

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

BOWNE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY - meets the second Monday of the month at 10

a.m. in the Historical Museum at 84th/Alden Nash.

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

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

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

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.

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

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

LOWELL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - meets the 2nd Saturday at Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 E. Fulton, 9 a.m. social gathering; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES TREASURE'S THRIFT SHOP HOURS - Wed. 10-8 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri. 10-6 p.m.; Sat. 10-4 p.m. at 11535 Fulton St. E. Thrift Shop, 897-8260; Resource Center, 897-8260.

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# Looking Back, continued

## 50 years ago Lowell Ledger September 5, 1965

The Clark-Ellis American Legion Post were shocked this week when the Internal Revenue Department filed a claim for past due income taxes. The Legion and its operations have been operating as a non-profit corporation since the community bowling alley and skating rink were organized after World War II. Steps are being taken by the Post to establish its claim to a non-profit status.

David Fluger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fluger is on his way to Viet Nam with the First Calvary Division. The division left from an east coast port and proceeded through the Panama Canal to California, then set out for Saigon.

## 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 5, 1990

Headline: Community raises concerns over sounding of siren during some emergencies. It's 12:30 a.m. on Aug. 19, a disturbing alarm goes off in Lowell. Awakened from sleep, believing it must be something important since the whole town is being alerted, a Lowell resident attempts to look up the Lowell Police Department in the Grand Rapids phone book. Failing to find the number, the nervous and worried resident calls 911. "It is nothing to worry about it is only a medical," the woman at the other end responds. This is not an everyday occurrence, but happens often enough that it raises questions by residents of the community and concern by its Lowell Police Chief, Barry Emmons and Fire Chief, Frank Martin. "For medicals, monitor boxes are adequate," Emmons

says. Martin adds, "The only time a siren is necessary is in case of a tornado or for civil defense." So how does it get set off for accidents and medicals? Martin says it's human error. "Originally the siren was blown for fires and civil defense. It is no longer necessary for fires (only in case of a backup)." Then, who sets off the siren? It is not the City of Lowell. The siren is blown by the Kent County Sheriffs dispatch department.

Headline: New principal will guide St. Mary's into the 90's. A smooth, comfortable transition is always dependent on implementing change cautiously. Dave Haney, who has replaced Sister Adele as the principal of St. Mary's School, says he will look at what is working well and build on it, and look at what hasn't been working, and go after those areas. Sister Adele, who decided not to return to St. Mary's after the 1989-90 school year, is now the Principal at the Holy Name School in Grand Rapids, following her 13 years at St. Mary's. Haney spent the last four years as Principal at St. Francis Xavier Elementary. He said after interviewing for the St. Mary's position he was attracted to the challenge and opportunity for the school to grow and build.

There were 80 kids from the Lowell community who participated in the Family Fare coloring contest, which was a part of the store's "Family Week." Three winners were selected. Participants were ages eight-years-old to 11. Nicole Darling, 11, the daughter of Bill and Sandy Darling, won a raft. Dan Topping, 8, the son of Mike and Laury Topping was the lucky winner of a two person, blow-up boat. Mike Spino, 9, the son of Tony and Brenda Tabor, won a \$150 bike gift certificate from Bernard's True Value Hardware.



### AUGUST 26 - SEPTEMBER 1

- Alaska – In a move to promote climate change, President Obama will appear on "Running Wild with Bear Grylls." The president will trek through the wilderness. This is the first sitting U.S. President to visit the Arctic.
- President Obama to rename the tallest U.S. peak to Denali, formerly called Mt. McKinley.
- The Temple of Bel in Palmyra Syria is still standing despite the attack of ISIS. The temple dates back 2,000 years.
- The Oxford dictionary added a few new words such as: awesomesauce, cat café, kayfabe, rando, mkay, hangry and the new word for being overworked, 'al desko.'
- Wes Craven, the man behind "A Nightmare on Elm Street" and "Scream" died at the age of 76.

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**There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.**

*- Albert Einstein*

## Weekly sports wrap-up

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

### Girls Cross Country

Girls varsity cross country claimed a first-place victory at the Hesperia Baker Woods Invitational last Wednesday with senior Victoria Hewitt leading the way as race runner-up clocking a time of 22:23. Underclassmen Lauren Aud and Dawn Kondor and seniors Breanna VanLaan and Megan Khodl also scored for the Red Arrows in the win.

### Boys Tennis

Boys varsity tennis kicked off their season with a fourth-place finish versus Western High School at the Portland Quad on August 19 with senior Carter Noskey leading the team at third singles. They followed that with a ten-point fourth-place finish at the Dobber Wenger Invite at Caledonia High School where senior Blake Posthumus took second overall at fourth singles.

### Boys Cross Country

Lowell boys cross country team placed fourth on the hilly course of the Hesperia Baker Woods Invitational last week among a field of seven teams. Earning a total of ninety points, the team's top runners were Eric Judd (19:37), Kyle Cater (20:32), Seth Palmer (21:34), Kenny Stump (21:50) and Caleb Sobie (22:12).

### Girls Golf

Red Arrow varsity girls golf placed 12th at the Kent County Classic on August 19 with a total of 431 points. Paige Fosburg led the team carding a 101 followed by fellow junior Taylor Furtaw with a 107. The team also logged a loss on the 25th against Lakewood falling 192-232. Mackenzie Uhen and Fosburg topped Lowell scoring with a 52 and 58 respectively.

### Varsity Cheer

Lowell varsity cheer awarded their very first fan award last Thursday night at the home football game. The squad selected the most fervent student supporter for the honor which garnered them a free t-shirt, fun beads and free admission to the next home game where they will be invited to join the team on the sidelines. This week's winner was senior Brianna Massey.

## FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

### BOYS VARSITY TENNIS

\* Denotes a game at the high school tennis courts  
9/3 at 4 p.m. Wayland\*  
9/9 at 4:15 p.m. Jenison\*

### BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

\* Denotes a game at the Red Arrow Memorial Stadium  
9/3 at 6:45 p.m. at Forest Hills Northern  
9/8 at 6:45 p.m. Northview\*

### BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

\* Denotes a game at the high school campus  
9/9 Jamboree #1\*

### GIRLS VARSITY GOLF

\* Denotes a meet at Arrowhead Golf Course  
9/9 at 3:30 p.m. Jamboree #2 at Jenison

### GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

\* Denotes a game at LHS main gym  
9/11 at 3 p.m. Jenison\*

### BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL

\* Denotes a game at the Red Arrow Memorial Stadium  
9/3 at 7 p.m. Chicago Hubbard\*  
9/11 at 7 p.m. Jenison\*

# Red Arrow **SPORTS**

- VOLLEYBALL

## Volleyball earns two championships to begin the season

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Red Arrow varsity volleyball opened their season on a high note last week earning a pair of championships competing in the NorthPointe Christian Invitational and the West Michigan Volleyball Officials Association (WMVOA) tournament.

Tuesday at NorthPointe the girls burned through pool play defeating their first three competitors 2-0. Lowell topped Grand Rapids Prep (25-10, 25-20), Lansing Christian (25-14, 25-24) and Western Michigan (25-14, 25-12) to earn their way into the next bracket of play as the tournament's top seed.

Lowell continued to dominate in the second level of play adding wins over Big Rapids (25-10, 25-16) and Greenville (25-10, 35-20) propelling them into the final round of competition against host NorthPointe.

In the first match of the championship face-off the Red Arrows earned another handy win topping their opponent 25-14. Lowell floundered slightly in the second falling 19-25 and offering some hope to NorthPointe as they moved into the third. Lowell dashed those hopes promptly though, grabbing the 15-5 win and the tournament title.

Head coach Julie Quist said she and the team were thrilled to start off their season in such a positive manner. "It was a fun day. The team's commitment and hard work this summer paid off," said Quist.

Tournament statistics show that Abi Mangus led the team in kills earning 44, followed by team captain Bailey Reitsma with 39. Mangus also scored 18 aces for the team. Senior Kelsey Emmanuel earned 56 digs on the day, Sydney Powell logged an impressive 92 assists and both Shannon Hoekstra and Kendra

Wroten chalked up eleven blocks in the well-balanced and dominant effort.

Saturday at East Kentwood High School the Red Arrows claimed their second win of the week earning top honors in the silver bracket of the WMVOA tournament. The ladies topped Forest Hills Eastern 2-1 in the quarterfinals (25-22, 18-25, 15-13) and followed suit with Unity Christian in the semifinals (16-25, 25-15, 15-10), garnering them a spot in the finals versus Coopersville High School.

Lowell succeeded to Coopersville in match one 10-25, edged out a slim three point win in the second 25-22 and then claimed the final match and the championship with a score of 15-5.

Quist said that with the momentum of two exciting wins under their belt, the girls will have to continue to focus and prepare for upcoming conference play. "We need to work hard and



Lowell earned their second championship of the week in the silver bracket of the WMVOA tournament held last Saturday in Kentwood.

continue to improve each and every time the team steps on the court," stated Quist.

The Arrows will hit home opening competitor Jenison on September 11 at 3 pm during Pink Arrow Pride. welcoming their OK White

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# Red Arrow - FOOTBALL SPORTS

## Arrows lose season opening 42-40 to Warriors

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In a shocking turn of events for Red Arrow football fans, the varsity squad lost their season opener for the first time since 1993 when they fell to east side heavy hitters the Walled Lake Western (WLW) Warriors last Thursday night 42-40.

What looked to be a defensive game early in the first quickly catapulted into a crowd pleasing back-and-forth offensive battle that logged 1,006 combined passing yards and kept fans, players and coaches on the edge of their seats until the final buzzer.

The two top-ranked teams, Lowell #12 and WLW #17, first met back in 2010 where the outcome was starkly

different. Lowell led that game in its entirety and won 30-7. Five years later, Lowell did manage to maintain

the lead much of the game, but WLW was ready for vengeance answering every strike from the Red Arrows,

including a 21 point fourth quarter rally that garnered them the win.

Seemingly equally talented defensive lines were the story of much of the first quarter which remained scoreless until its waning moments when Lowell quarterback Ryan Stevens connected with favorite target and fellow senior Gabe Steed for a huge 76-yard touchdown run to open game scoring. Sophomore George Gonzalez added the extra point for a 7-0 lead moving into the second.

WLW quarterback Kyle Thomas was the first to score in the second, moving the ball one yard across the goal line to tie the score 7-7 with the extra point. Less than two minutes later a huge catch from Sawyer Olesko and one-yard run from Max Dean helped Lowell answer back earning the lead 14-7 with a second successful kick from Gonzalez. In what was the beginning of the huge offensive onslaught for both teams, WLW answered again tying the game at 14 at the half.

Lowell's Avery Buckius opened second half scoring



Quarterback Ryan Stevens threw a record five touchdown passes in the home opening game.

after catching a pass from Stevens and making a 69-yard run to reclaim the lead 21-14 with help from Gonzalez. The Arrows compounded that lead shortly after when Stevens connected with Steed again for a 14-yard touchdown pass. Missing the extra point, Lowell's lead stood at 27-14. The Warriors scored once more before the third quarter buzzer leaving Lowell with a slim six point lead, 27-21, moving into the final stanza of the game.

Olesko earned the Red Arrows' next touchdown on a 50-yard run before WLW struck twice taking the score to 36-33 with Lowell trailing with just over four minutes remaining on the clock. Performing well

under pressure Stevens, who racked up nearly 500 passing yards in the game, found Steed for his fifth touchdown pass of the night and Steed's third score. Grabbing the lead on the 76-yard touchdown pass, it looked as if Lowell would end up on top, but the Warriors weren't going to go down without swinging and landed one final punch in the end zone that the Arrows did not have time to answer. The game ended with a surprise streak ending in a 42-40 loss for the Arrows.

Next week the team looks to bounce back against the Chicago Hubbard High School Greyhounds who will make the trip north to Red Arrow Stadium for the third consecutive year. Game time is Thursday at 7 pm.



Lowell football's number one fan Sam Long was honored on the field for attending his 200th consecutive Red Arrow game.

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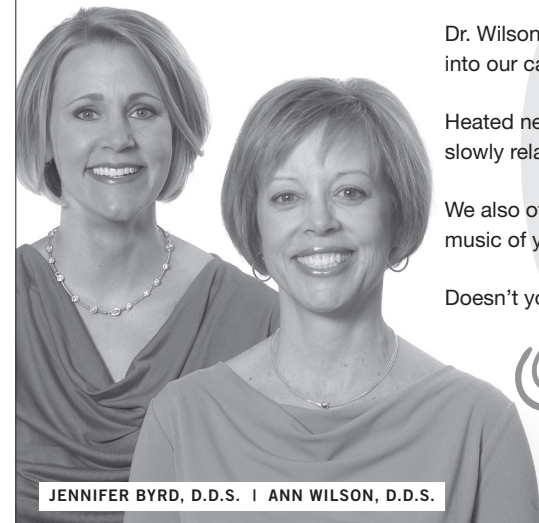
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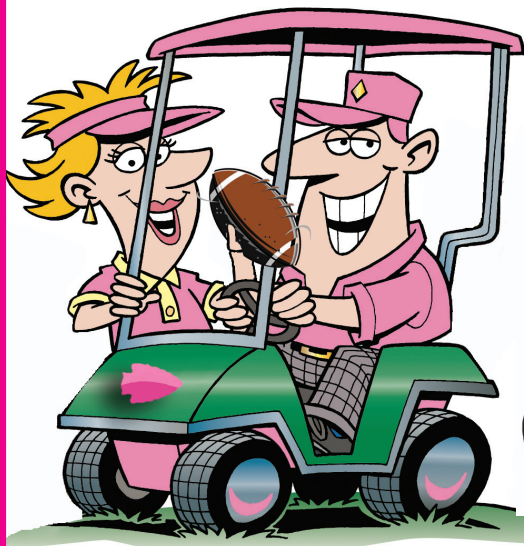
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Senior Sawyer Olesko nearly bobbed this huge 50-yard catch in a nail-biting first half moment but regained control thrilling the crowd.