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## The sun sets on September's Pink Arrow Pride charitable event

Even the sky turned pink for the Pink Arrow Pride football game on Friday, Sept. 11. "Arrow Force VIII" event was an overwhelming success despite cloudy skies and scattered showers. Coverage begins on page 7



## J&H Family Stores kicked in support with Pink Arrow Tailgate party

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

J&H Family Stores took their support to a new level this year by hosting an inaugural Pink Arrow Tailgate Party outside of their newest Mobil location near Fallasburg last Thursday evening from 4-7 pm.

The idea for the new fundraising event was born when the managers of J&H's two area locations decided that they wanted to do more for the community. Julie Fisk Allison, manager at the Fallasburg location and Bryce Ziehl, who manages the Lowell store, quickly got to work planning their concept for an outdoor tailgate party to benefit the Pink Arrow mission.



Food for the tailgate-style cookout was provided by Pork Fat Slims Backyard BBQ, a company owned by Ziehl and his wife Shannon. Their meats are sourced from local butcher Sobie Meats, who also added their generosity to the first-time fundraiser.

The meal provided was a pork sandwich smoked onsite accompanied by chips and a drink. Tim Horton's

Bakery, open in the same location, also provided free samples of their Timbits and hot caramel apple cider. Guests were also treated to coupons and goody bags.

All monies raised through the event will be donated to Pink Arrow.

According to J&H marketing director Abigail Hoppen, "The tailgate raised over \$700 and J&H will be matching that amount, a little over \$1,400 for Pink Arrow Pride!"

Hoppen said she and

the entire J&H family are proud to be able to give back to a community that cares so much.

"We loved that we had the opportunity to not only support Pink Arrow but promote other local businesses as well. It was a win win for everyone. We love having opportunities to hang out with our customers and support charities that are important to them as well as us. We have plans already to make it bigger and better for next year!"

## City council approves five-year street plan

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

Lowell City Council had their regular meeting at city hall on Tuesday, Sept. 8. During the meeting they approved a five-year street

plan and accepted some bids for infrastructure repairs and equipment. Ten citizens attended the meeting, which lasted just over an hour. City councilor Jim Hall was

absent; his absence was not explained.

The topic with the most council discussion was a new five-year street plan. The streets listed on the plan for repairs in 2015 are Washington, Jefferson, Jackson, N. Grove, Bowes, Foreman, Gee, Grindle, N. Center, S. Pleasant, S. West and Sibley. The estimated cost for the 2015 repairs is \$220,000. The plan includes a list of improvements to city streets through 2019 and copies are available at city hall.



Owner of Pork Fat Slims Backyard BBQ, Bryce Ziehl, puts the finishing touches on the tailgate dinner.



Councilmembers wore their Pink Arrow Pride t-shirts on Tuesday, Sept. 8. Pictured are councilor Jeff Altoft, councilor Sharon Ellison and mayor Jim Hodges.

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# Ride for Warriors raises funds for local veterans

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

The fourth annual Ride for Warriors (RFW) went off without a hitch under sunny skies as bike riders

converged in support of local veterans.

The charity, which directly aids veterans living in the area, was begun by

Alto resident Ellen Seese when she was searching for a way to help using her love of bicycling.

“When I participate

in an event, I want to do it knowing that funds will go to a specific mission. Four years ago I wanted to participate in a ride that would benefit our soldiers and veterans and there were no events listed, so I created one,” said Seese.

Since that time the small local event has raised several thousand dollars that were used to enhance the daily lives of veterans by adding improvements to their homes such as ramps and handrails. This year the funds will go to assisting a veteran in need of bathroom modifications in order to accommodate a wheelchair.

Though attendance dwindled this year Seese reported that there was an increase in the generosity of donations, including one special tribute paid to a now fallen soldier.

“This year we had a donation come in for Eric Landon. He served in Iraq and Afghanistan and recently passed away. His parents drove in from Dorr to thank the riders for their support of Ride for Warriors.”

Seese added, “First and foremost I would like to thank the riders, without them there would be no ride; also my husband, Paul Seese, who drives the routes making sure that all of the

rides are safe and accounted for; Michelle Francisco who made delicious cookies; and a fabulous group of women from the Ada Bible Church for sitting at the rest stops as rides came in for water and a snack[s].”

Next year the event is scheduled for September 11, 2016. The charity will celebrate its fifth year and pay homage to the fifteenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the Pentagon and World Trade Center.



Bicyclists began their Ride For Warriors trek by pedaling through the sleepy hosting town of Alto before exploring the vast and scenic countryside.



## along main street

### BLUEGRASS MUSIC FESTIVAL

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King Gallery. The show was juried to ensure that artwork fit the theme and is appropriate for all viewing audiences. Meet-the-Artists reception will be Thurs., Oct. 15 from 6-8 pm. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri., 10 am – 6 pm and Sat. 1-4 pm. LowellArts!, 149 S. Hudson St., 897-8545.

### DINNER THEATER PRODUCTION

The LowellArts! Players presents *Play Bytes* by *Playwrights*, a collection of 10-minute plays written by emerging playwrights. Either drama or comedy, all the plays fit the theme: Things That Go Bump in the Night. Dinner Theater productions are held at Larkin’s Other Place, 301 W. Main St. on Fri. and Sat. evenings at 6:30 pm, Oct. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 and 31 with a Sun. matinee at 1:30 pm on Oct. 25. Show only tickets are available. Advanced tickets are required for Dinner Theater. For information call 897-8545.

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### EXHIBITION

*Things That Go Bump in the Night* is a group show of dark and mysterious themed artwork that was submitted through an open call for artists displayed at LowellArts!

## Fallasburg Fall Festival this weekend

The 47th annual LowellArts! Fallasburg Fall Festival for the Arts 2015 will be held September 19 and 20 from 10am to 5pm on both Saturday and Sunday. The two-day festival includes 100 fine art and fine crafts booths, timeless craft demonstrations, live music, children’s activities, and food booths. Admission is free.

bluegrass and the Fusion Rock Orchestra from Lowell High School will be featured. On Sunday folk rock and bluegrass will be included along with the popular folk rock group, Bennett, to finish off the day.

Artist booths are juried and a broad range of different mediums are represented, including jewelry, sculpture, ceramics, glass, fiber, mixed media, wood, painting, drawing, photography, floral, basketry, print-making, and more.

An enclosed children’s area will give children the opportunity to decorate and take home a pumpkin. Food booths offer an array of fall-inspired and festival foods offered by local community organizations. Visitors are invited to purchase raffle tickets to win one of over 90 artist-made items donated by festival artists or the grand prize quilt created for the event.

Demonstrators of traditional crafts are located in the pavilion. Visitors of all ages are invited to watch the artisans at work. Some of the demonstrations include blacksmithing, calligraphy, fly tying, leather craft, origami, quilting, wood carving, and weaving.

Fallasburg Park is located off Lincoln Lake Road, north of downtown Lowell, at 1124 Fallasburg Park Drive, Lowell, MI. Lowell is located 14 miles east of Grand Rapids and is one-hour from Lake Michigan and Lansing.

Musical entertainment is held on an outdoor stage both days of the event. On Saturday Celtic bands,

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# Biodigester up and producing power, steps taken to control odor

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

Recently there have been reports of foul odors around the Lowell Energy Anaerobic Digester, 625 Chatham. Other citizens have expressed concerns that the biodigester was giving off dangerous amounts of the poisonous gas hydrogen sulfide; that the biodigester hasn't ever produced any power and that it's putting an unnecessary burden on the wastewater plant.

Spart, LLC is the Grand Rapids company behind the biodigester. Greg Northrup, Spart's principal, says "everything is clicking right along." Work on Lowell's biodigester began back in 2011. In February 2014 construction on the building at 625 Chatham was begun, changing it from a vacant factory into an anaerobic biodigester. They are currently dealing with some issues that have delayed the project.

"For power plants, the terminology is 'commissioning,'" Northrup said. "Commissioning is when you actually start running the whole facility. 'Testing' sounds like you're not running yet. Typically it's a start-up process and you start to ramp up. You're testing things along the way as part of the commissioning process, making sure that the system as designed is performing. If it's not performing as designed, you'll do fixes, which is what we've been doing in part along the way. Good designs are always a good starting point but sometimes things don't work exactly the way you think."

There are over 8,000 biodigesters in Europe but only a couple hundred in the United States. A biodigester works by converting into energy what would normally be discarded. Lowell's biodigester uses a mixture of 80 percent FOG (fats, oils, greases), 15 percent manure from Swislane Farms and five percent oily wastewater that is pumped in from the Litehouse salad dressing plant. The FOG is trucked

in by Kerkstra Services, a Hudsonville company. All of this material is pumped into the biodigester and eaten by microbes. Their digestion releases the methane gas that is burned to run a motor that will create electricity. When it's running at full capacity the biodigester will create enough electricity to power 800 homes. To put it another way, Lowell is harnessing the power of farts.

Northrup and his partner Pam Landes expect to get the biodigester running at full capacity in about three weeks.

"We've been struggling with one issue related to the solids-extraction at the end of the process," Landes said. "We feed it the FOG, the manure and the volatile solids out of the salad dressing skim, then it goes into that great big tank where it's all kind of mixed into one thing, into the up-flow tank, over into the down-flow tank and anything that's digested that doesn't have any energy left to it sinks to the bottom of that tank. That's extracted, we press the liquid out of it and send those solid fibers back to the [Swislane] farm [where it is used for fertilizer]. We were having an issue in that the total digestate coming out of that down-flow tank wasn't getting enough of the spent solids pressed out of it, so we were getting a black water with a very fine material left in that water. Really, it's probably mostly the dead microbes. There was a lot of engineering head-scratching that went on. We've now solved for that by a common wastewater practice where they inject a little bit of a polymer into that, that causes the solids to bind together. [It is] nothing that they don't do in most wastewater plants. Then those solids go through the press at the end where it's not quite keeping up, so we're in one more experimental move with that, whether or not to add a screw press before the material gets to that final roller or to enlarge

the roller on the front of that piece of equipment. These things take time because you have to locate the screw press to be able to try it. You have to dial in what size screen it requires, then it has to be mounted and it has to be tested manually. We've got one more test of that to go before we settle on the final solution. It's been working. The polymer has done 95 percent of the job. We're very pleased with the way the feedstocks are being converted to energy. That is working brilliantly. It's really just this extraction and processing the end product that we're having to dial in the technology."

Neighbors of the biodigester have complained of terrible odors wafting out of the facility. Landes and Northrup say they have taken steps to fix the problem.

"During the course of dealing with that solids issue we had too many of those light solids getting into the water cleaning part and that caused a little bit of odor in the neighborhood," Landes said. "We were contacted by two different folks over the course of four months. One person never contacted us again. The second person came over and took a tour of the facility with Tom [Russo, electric distribution manager] from Lowell Light & Power. I met with him. That was about six weeks ago when we were just putting this solution together. I talked to him on Tuesday [Sept. 8] and he said that he hadn't heard anything else from his neighbors and he felt that it was a lot better. He wasn't experiencing a problem. We're working on it. We want to be good citizens."

"We don't want to be good citizens, we will be," Northrup said. "We think

we've been very responsive to the neighbors that have approached us. We brought that one gentleman over for a tour so he could see what was going on so he could better understand the issues."

"The other odor reduction thing we did in the last few weeks was we installed a carbon filter," Landes said. "The tank that holds the FOG is sealed, basically and all the air from that goes out through the carbon filter. That, I think, has made a huge difference."

"It's part of the commissioning process," Northrup said. "We knew we might have some odors, but the extent of how bad they would be or how significant they might be nobody could predict. But we watched it and we were dealing with it in a way that we think is very responsible, to what needs to be done to run a facility at the level that we want, in terms of the quality that we would expect."

Another concern local residents had was the possibility of the biodigester releasing hydrogen sulfide, a poisonous gas.

"There has been some concerns about potentially hazardous odors," Northrup said. "Hydrogen sulfide is one of those odors and ammonia is very common with manure. We had a test done by Advance Environmental Services. They're a firm that does testing of indoor air quality by a certified industrial hygienist. We just got the results yesterday and we're totally in compliance with OSHA standards. We're significantly below what the standard requires. I was very pleased with that."

The Spart representatives also said the biodigester has not

put a burden on Lowell's wastewater treatment plant.

"We haven't been a problem for them since we started," Northrup said. "We're pretreating what Litehouse used to send to them, so they're getting better stuff, if you will, than what they were getting before that they were having to treat. At the same time we're giving them more volume in terms of the amount of water that they have to process, but we pay a price for that."

They also said that the biodigester has been producing power almost all year.

"We are generating power," Northrup said. "We have been generating power since January, but it's been like a ramp-up process. I wanted to make sure that we fixed the solids problems before we started pushing it too hard. We've sold over a million kilowatt hours to Lowell Light & Power since we've started running, so we are actually producing power."

The biodigester will help Lowell meet the requirement that all Michigan municipalities have to get at least ten percent of their energy from renewable sources. The law that requires this, the Michigan Clean, Renewable and Efficient Energy Act, was passed in 2008.

"I think we'll be close [to

ten percent]," Landes said.

"Lowell Light & Power's base load is around eight megawatts and when we're up to full production [the biodigester will produce] eight kilowatts. They will probably continue to get some of their renewables through the Michigan Public Power Agency and wind contracts or landfill contracts or something."

"We are running a plant in an industrial zone," Northrup said. "We do have materials that are waste materials that used to go into landfills and now we're making some good use out of it. I'm still very pleased with what we're doing as a societal kind of thing, in a way. Lowell Light & Power and the city have worked with us on the process and it's been great."

"It's taken longer than I would have imagined, but it's working," Landes said. "We're sending clean water to the city. We're making power, we're just not making as much as we're ready to until we can get those solids out."

"We're doing what we're supposed to do," Northrup said. "We have a plan. We have contractors that are helping us implement the plan that we have. We've got a good team of people that are working on getting us to where we need to be. That's all you can ask for."



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## City council, continued

“Once we get some of these downtown little blocks done, Jefferson is the number one priority,” said city manager Mark Howe. “I don’t think there is any question about that.”

“If you look at the dollars spent, it’s a pretty aggressive plan on streets,” said councilor Sharon Ellison.

After they approved the five-year street plan, they accepted a \$68,059 bid from C.L. Trucking & Excavating, an Ionia company, to resurface Grove and High streets. They also voted to accept a bid of \$236,696 from C.L. Trucking & Excavating for resurfacing and water main improvements to Washington, Jefferson and Jackson streets. The cost for this project will be \$236,696.

“This includes not only the street work but the utility work,” Howe said. “The utility work is about \$80,000 or so of this total and the rest of it is street repair.”

The council voted to spend \$7,065 on a replacement backwash

valve and actuator for the water treatment plant. The new equipment was purchased from Oudbier Instrument Co., a company based in Wayland.

The Public Works department bought a new pickup truck and some snow plow equipment. The \$58,117.40 for this will come from the Public Works department’s equipment fund.

The council voted not to use this year’s LCTV fund money for street repairs. This decision was controversial in 2014 because instead of going through the normal process where the LCTV fund board accepts grant requests and then chooses the most deserving project, the council voted to use all of the LCTV money for street repairs.

The Municipal Employees’ Retirement System is having their annual conference at the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids on Oct. 8 and 9. The council appointed city manager Mark Howe as their officer delegate and Lowell Light & Power general manager Greg Pierce

to be the alternate. City employees chose Donald DeJong as their employee delegate and Megan Keyser as the alternate. Topics on the MERS conference agenda include retirement readiness, addressing unfunded accrued liability and navigating Social Security and Medicare in retirement.

Finally, the council approved a permit for Larkin’s to have their 14th annual Chili Cook-off. That event will take place on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 8 am until 7 pm.

The next regular city council meeting will be at city hall on Monday, Sept. 21 at 7 pm. They will also have a “special board/commission workshop” at city hall at 6 pm on Tuesday, Sept. 29.

“The workshop will focus on open meetings act requirements, parliamentary procedure and other basic meeting topics. We have invited all of the members of the city’s boards and commissions as well as board and commission members from Lowell and Vergennes townships.”

## kidsView



by Sierra Hieshetter

There were so many good topics to choose from this week it was hard to pick just one. The start of school was a major one that I wanted to write about. The ups and downs of the first day and more. I also made the seventh grade volleyball team which is another thing I wanted to write about. I finally settled on one of the most significant events this

week, the Pink Arrow game. This year’s Pink Arrow game was the eighth annual and still as significant as the first. With tons of food available, face painting and a photo booth, fun is everywhere. The activities started at 2:30 and my friends and I were there as soon as school was out. We watched the volleyball game which was

tense, but Jenison did pull it out in the end.

We walked to the Heidi’s Farmstand booth and got an apple slush (which were the first of many because they were so good). We had a potluck dinner and ate pizza, breadsticks, fries and chicken strips...all of them delicious. We walked and got our photo taken in the booth and just had fun.

It was then that the sky darkened and everyone ran for the tents and grabbed their umbrellas. During the rain, my friends and I spent most of the time under the tent playing apps and word association and making quick dashes to the food stands with my umbrella. By the time the rain stopped and we settled down to watch the game, we were all soaked. Despite that, we all still had a good time and the Lowell Pink Arrows dominated their opponents once again with a big win against Jenison.

I was moved by how many people keep coming year after year and how much renewed excitement we get each year. Whether I’m singing the fight song at a pep assembly or just cheering after a touchdown, I’m glad to be part of such an amazing community that comes together year after year to help those who need it.

### WRWW (92.3) & Internet Schedule

<b>SUNDAY 9/20</b> 10:00 Bill Gaithers 'Homecoming Radio' 3:00 Bill Gaithers 'Homecoming Radio' 9:00 pm 'Old-Time Radio'	<b>MONDAY 9/21</b> 2:30 'The Infinite Show' with Raiden Miller 4:00 'Teen Radio' with Taegan & Mariah 5:30 'The Prime Time Radio Show' with Marc Langlois	<b>TUESDAY 9/22</b> 2:30 'Top Hits - Tuesday' with 'Roman the Showman & Mr. 'B' 4:00 'The Archer Pina Show' 5:30 'The Night Shift' with Clayton Brown
<b>WEDNESDAY 9/23</b> 2:30 'It's Everything Show' with DJ's Mickey & Chapin 4:00 'The Devon Siciliano & Harley Kline-Scheltmeyer Show' 5:30 'The Nic Niemann & Aaron Murray Show' 7:00 'The Music Locker' with Connor Smithee	<b>THURSDAY 9/24</b> 2:30 'The After Hours Show' with Dakota Krzysik 4:00 'Pixels & Playlists' with DJ's Dragon & Chrome 5:30 'The Noah Worsley & Emily Brown Show' 7:00 'The Show' with Jeremy Kargl & Ryne Clarke	<b>FRIDAY 9/25</b> 2:30 'Chitchat' with Larry Patrick & Salem Grody 4:00 'The Old World Blues Show' with Riley Nethercott & Chase Miller 6:55 Lowell football vs Grand Haven
<b>SATURDAY 9/26</b>	WRWW will broadcast the Lowell vs Muskegon Reeths Puffer football game on 9/18/15. On Saturday, September 19th, we will be broadcasting from the historical museum school house on Covered Bridge Rd. As part of that, we will be broadcasting 'live' a vintage baseball game at 11:30 a.m., across from the school house	

# viewpoint

## to the editor

## sharing the vision



LAS Superintendent Greg Pratt

### get involved

To The Editor,

As I was sitting in our weekly Lowell Rotary meeting, a smile came across my face and I felt a sense of pride that I was a part of an unbelievable organization and a supporting community.

I have worked for the Lowell YMCA for 11 years now and a part of Rotary the entire time. Throughout that time, the Lowell Rotary club has made a significant impact on my life and those in this community. They have given me two opportunities to provide clean water for two separate weeks in Haiti through a global grant that we received and a connection with other Rotarians and Lowell business people that I am happy to say are my friends. They have encouraged me to go beyond my own scope of work and to think how I can make an impact

in the Lowell schools. I serve as the Alto Early Act representative.

Did you know that there are groups called Early Act at Cherry Creek and Alto; the middle school and the high school have groups called Interact? It's like little Rotarians doing good throughout the Lowell Area. These young Rotarians have done anything from helping at Fallasburg Festival to creating micro loans to educating other students on polio to helping with FROM and neighbor-to-neighbor.

I would encourage anyone to speak with students at these schools and ask if they are involved and find out how you can get involved. Even though I don't live in Lowell, I am so very proud to tell anyone that I work here.

Staci Chambers  
Lowell Rotarian

### citizens need to speak up

To the Editor,

I believe Lowell City Council meetings are designed to have the least communication with the public as possible and is the reason why very few constituents show up at council meetings. First of all, if you decide to go to a council meeting and have a one-on-one with the city council over a subject that pertains to the city but isn't on the council meetings' agenda your chances are about zero.

The city council is the servant and should be answering all questions pertaining to the city with the best of their knowledge at council meetings, but they're not. The city council should also have public hearings on all subjects that would be voted on and the constituents should be notified in advance and in detail in the Lowell Ledger and on the internet. When

there's a public hearing there should be an open dialogue between the council and the constituents on any subject to be voted on. Constituents should be able to speak out as many times as they deem necessary and the dialogue should go on until there's a consensus between all, that all known information has been brought to light and debated and that there's no reason to prolong the vote.

The last time I went to a standing room only council meeting the constituents were denied a dialogue with the council. The constituents were also threatened with removal. I believe the constituents were deliberately left out of the contract negotiations between the city and the union representing the employees of the

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Welcome back to a promising new year at Lowell Area Schools! I hope everyone has had an opportunity to capture the last days of summer and celebrate a relaxing Labor Day. The staff at Lowell Area Schools ushered in a fresh new year and greeted some very excited students on their first day of school. We feel honored to have the awesome opportunity to help kids grow and to be partners with families in this wonderful chapter of their lives. I am pleased to say that the first week of school was smooth and we are off to a great start. With the start of the new school year, educators seize the opportunity to lay a foundation for a productive and cooperative year of learning. In addition, expectations, goals, and new routines are established. These transitions can be challenging for kids as they shift from summer to school year mode.

As your children get back to school and resettled in a new routine, it is important for them to experience a good start because it influences their attitude and confidence about school life. Parents can support and help their child to adjust by ensuring they get to bed on time for a good night's sleep, communicate with teachers and the school, prepare a study area, provide healthy meals, read together, and talk about their day at school. These and more tips for parents can be found at [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov) and search "Get in Gear for the New School Year - Back to School Tips for Parents." Providing structure and support will ensure that your child will adjust with success. Parents can also access resource information that will help support your child's transition by contacting your school counselor.

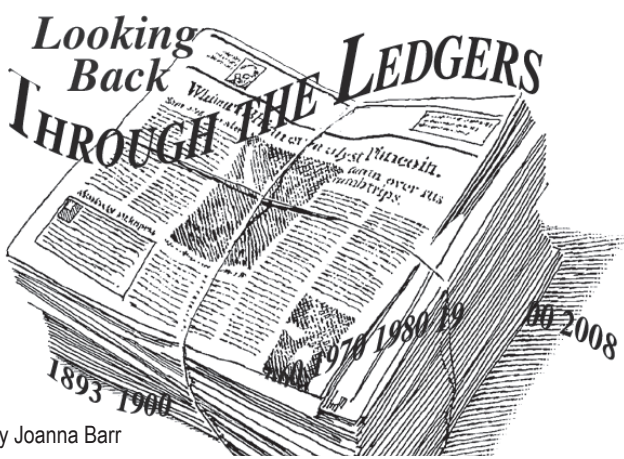
Some of the new changes you will see in Lowell Area Schools this year include new, energetic employees who have joined our school family. As a result of retirements and staffing changes, we have filled a

variety of positions across the district. Our interview committees selected the best professionals to serve students and the community through a rigorous interview process designed to find candidates who are highly skilled in their craft and possess a love for teaching and learning. Be assured that Lowell Area Schools works to hire the best staff members to serve our kids.

Parents will also see changes in infrastructure at the new office area at Bushnell Elementary, and new entries at the middle and high school. As promised, these entry vestibules were reconfigured to create more secure visitor access control and to provide security upgrades, all implemented with sinking fund dollars approved by voters in 2013. Our school district personnel have been directed to implement visitor management procedures. All visitors are required to check in at the office and receive an identification badge. If you are in any of our schools without a visitor badge, you can expect to be approached by a caring adult who will assist you with this safety procedure. Please do not be offended by our visitor management process which is designed to increase safety and security protocols for our students.

Thank you, for allowing us to partake in the rewards of teaching the children of this community. Our dedicated educators are ready to offer high quality, innovative teaching and learning to our students. Our doors are open and we are prepared to create a school environment that is welcoming and supportive to families. Should parents have any questions, need assistance with your child's back-to-school experience, or wish to forge a partnership with your child's school, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our service-oriented support staff who will be happy to help.

We are ready for another exceptional year filled with possibilities! Go Red Arrows!



By Joanna Barr

### 125 years ago Lowell Journal September 17, 1890

Wednesday 24th will be prohibition day. Thursday will be Republican's day and Friday, Democratic day, at the Fair.

### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 16, 1915

Haskin Bros. Basket factory at Ada was destroyed by fire Friday. The villagers gathered quickly and prevented the spread of the fire to the surrounding buildings until the arrival of aid by the Grand Rapids fire department with a chemical engine.

That intoxicating liquors are no longer to be classed as drugs or medicines will be sad news for some and glad tidings for others; and we are again reminded: "Ever the right comes uppermost and ever is justice done."

The Diamond Dick Wild West show that held forth here Monday night had some good fancy riders and an expert lasso thrower; but if murdering music were a capital offense their band would have been hung long ago.

### 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 19, 1940

When it comes time to store away bathing suits be sure they are first washed in soap and water as you would any dress that needed laundering. Dry it well in a warm sun, pack in newspapers and sprinkle with camphor balls or flakes. Wrap it well, label the package and store it away until next summer.

### 50 years ago Lowell Ledger September 16, 1965

Police Chief Avery Block revealed this week that Lowell businessmen are becoming careless about locking the doors in their stores. Sunday night, three doors were found open in the business district.

Headline: Enrollment reaches 2,203 in Lowell Area Schools. Enrollment in the Lowell Area School reached a new high last week when the total of 2,203 students enrolled. This is an increase of 108 students over the 1964 enrollment at the end of the first Friday.

### 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 19, 1990

Headline: 10-year-old girl avoids abduction attempt on Sibley Monday night. A possible abduction of a 10-year old Lowell girl was averted Monday night at the 1700 block of Sibley, according to Lowell Police Sergeant Al Eckman. "After being picked up and taken toward the subject's car, the young girl screamed and kicked," Eckman said. "We believe at this time it was because of that or because of an approaching vehicle in the vicinity that she was let loose."

# engagements

## Timmers/Moore



**Bradley Moore and Haleigh Timmers**

Michael and Rhonda Timmers of Lowell wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Haleigh Timmers to Bradley Moore, son of Warren and Denise Moore of Overland Park, Kansas.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lowell High School and earned her bachelor's degree at Aquinas College.

The future groom is a graduate of Shawnee Mission South High School and the University of Kansas.

The couple met in Angers, France, while attending L'Université Catholique de L'Ouest.

An October 17, 2015 wedding is planned.



## At Your Local Library

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

### Awesome Autumn Adventure -

Celebrate the season with autumn crafts, pumpkin decorating, games and bountiful farmyard fun! Please bring your own pumpkin. For all ages. Thurs., Oct. 29, 10 am.

## business matters

Greenridge Realty announced that Todd Pearson received Realtor of the Month in August.

This award recognizes Pearson for his outstanding success and achievements.



## happy birthday



### SEPTEMBER 16

Jason Fetterhoff.

### SEPTEMBER 17

Nicholas Blough, Yvonne Swift, Dennis Denton, Dewey Francisco, Noelle Rottier.

### SEPTEMBER 18

Jon Ossewaarde.

### SEPTEMBER 19

Abbey Goff, Megan Claypool, Brian Ryder, Renae Heinicke, Griff Brenk, Julie Kline.

### SEPTEMBER 20

Donald Rittersdorf Jr., Patrick Parish, Mitchell Walling, Phillip Wilson, Marilyn Wilson.

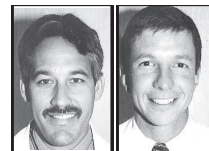
### SEPTEMBER 21

Deanna Anchors, Renee Fox, Rich Briseno, Joseph Scott, Megan Racine, Ethan VanDerWarf.

### SEPTEMBER 22

Rosie Fonger, Jennifer Haan, Tara Thornton, Linda Barnes, Grandma Modlin.

## health



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

### molluscum

Molluscum contagiosum is a common skin disease, similar to warts, that is also caused by a virus. It most commonly affects children, but can also affect adults. It causes small pink or flesh-colored bumps with a dimple in the center. These bumps are smooth and firm and can appear anywhere on the body. They may become sore, red and swollen, but are usually painless. These bumps normally disappear within six to 12 months without treatment.

Molluscum is contagious and can spread to different parts of the body. This spread occurs by touching or scratching a bump and then touching another part of the body. This virus can spread from person to person via direct contact when skin touches skin. It can also spread by sharing certain objects with an infected person, like clothes, towels and toys. Certain contact sports are a higher risk of transmitting the virus, like football, basketball and wrestling.

Sometimes molluscum can also be transmitted sexually.

The best way to avoid spreading the virus to yourself or others is to wash your hands frequently and keep your nails cut short. You should avoid sharing personal items with others. You should avoid scratching or picking at the bumps. You should keep the bumps covered with clothes and or bandages. You should not take part in contact sports unless all bumps can be completely covered with clothes or bandages.

Treatment is typically not necessary as the bumps will usually disappear within six to 12 months spontaneously. Some treatments do exist for those cases where the bumps do not resolve, become painful or spread rapidly. Some of the treatments currently available include cryotherapy and a prescription cream. If you have a new rash and suspect it's molluscum, you should see your healthcare provider to get an accurate diagnosis.

## To The Editor, continued

Department of Public Works. The prolonged negotiations cost the city around a hundred thousand dollars. What's going to happen when the contract is up? Will the city have to go through the cost and agony all over again because the members of the Department of Public Works where denied a fair and just contract like the one the Lowell Police Department has?

It's time to have a city council that acts as the

servant and not the sole decider. It's time that the constituents of Lowell be part of the decision making without having to join one of the city's committees. It's time Lowell rids itself of its dictatorial style of governing. I believe voting three new city councilmembers into office in the November election would be a huge step in the right direction.

Sincerely,  
Jim Howard  
Lowell

## LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
PROBATE COURT  
COUNTY OF KENT

PUBLICATION OF  
NOTICE OF HEARING

FILE NO. 00-170668-DD

In the matter of STEVEN  
LEE ABRAMSON.

TO ALL INTERESTED  
PERSONS including:

MICHELLE ABRAMSON  
AND EDWARD  
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or affected by the  
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Pastor Brad Brillhart

# Once again Arrow Force VIII shines through the cloudy skies

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

The gates at Bob Perry Field opened at 2:30 pm. A soccer game and a volleyball game began simultaneously at 3:30. The survivor and honor walk started at 6:00, during the heaviest rain of the night. The rain didn't seem to dampen participant Marc Robertson's spirit, though.

"I'm walking to honor my grandson Steven Tripp, who's on the team," Robertson, a survivor of colon cancer, said. "He plays linebacker, but he's injured."

"I think the survivor walk is fabulous," said Lisa Moore, a breast cancer survivor. "Just the whole community support, seeing all these pink t-shirts all over the place, even in the rain. It's an opportunity to celebrate and to show that people do survive and continue on with life."

After the survivor walk, on the field they introduced all of this year's honorees along with the football players who would be wearing special jerseys with their honoree's name on the back. After the game, these jerseys would be presented to the honorees.

Star-Spangled Banner" and the game was underway. Between the first and second quarters of the game there was a special ceremony honoring the eight t-shirt sponsors: Custom Components Corporation, J&H Family Stores, Mercy Health Lacks Cancer Center, Carbon Green Bioenergy, Remembering Renee Grant and Sharon Schnipke, All-Weather Seal, Meijer, and Enwork.

"It was the largest number of t-shirt sponsors we've ever had," Beachum said. "Eighth year, eight sponsors! They all came out and were acknowledged by the crowd. It was very cool."

There were more food choices than ever at this year's Pink Arrow game, with ten vendors offering everything from Larkin's walking tacos to apple cider "slushies" from Heidi's Farm Stand. The Backwater Cafe had pulled pork, macaroni and cheese with ham, and other snacks. Backwater owner Jeff Altoft said the bad weather had absolutely no effect on attendance.

"It's a little damp, but it's been really good," Altoft

where they gave out free chapstick and pink glow sticks.

"We've been a partner with Pink Arrow for eight years, since its inception," said Tara Geror, Mercy Health regional marketing director. "Today we're showcasing some of our offerings at our cancer center and our hospital; bringing some awareness to cancer and health and also offering some fun freebies to the kids."

The Lowell High School marching band did a halftime show featuring songs from cartoons like the Pink Panther and Scooby Doo. Between the third and fourth quarter the winners of the Kathy Talus Scholarship and the Dr. Donald Gerard Medical Scholarship were announced.

Josh Corteville, a 2010 graduate of Lowell High School, won the medical scholarship.

"I went to four years at Michigan State, then I applied for medical school," Corteville said. "Lowell's got this great program, so I applied for it. I get four years of a \$1,000-a-year



Hundreds of cancer survivors and their loved ones marched from the high school to the football field. Photo T. McAllister



Lowell's marching band played cartoon themed songs during the halftime show. Photo T. McAllister

Charlene Redloske-Girardi flew in from Elmira, N.Y., to be honored by her grandson, number 20, linebacker Keegan Redloske.

"I had renal cancer, lymphoma and I just had my thyroid removed," Redloske-Girardi said. "I just found out two months ago that I'm in remission."

Redloske-Girardi was moved by Lowell's support for those on a cancer journey.

"The Lowell community is amazing," Redloske-Girardi said. "I love this. This community's support is... I can't even describe it."

After the players and their honorees were introduced, there was a presentation of a special pink jersey to Matt Chatfield, police liaison officer at Jenison Public Schools.

"Officer Chatfield is on a cancer journey," said event organizer Teresa Beachum. "He was acknowledged by [LHS football coach] Noel Dean. Noel presented him with a jersey that had his high school number on it."

After that, 2010 Lowell High School graduate Brennan Prill sang "The

said. "This is a great thing. It's the best in the world."

Backwater Cafe employee Kelly Stanger is a former Pink Arrow honoree and she was wearing the pink jersey she received that night in 2010.

"It was amazing," Stanger said. "My son was 12 years old at the time and this really put a positive spin on what we were going through with the breast cancer. Every year we do the survivor walk together and it's a really big thing for us. We love it. It makes you feel good and it makes everybody feel good. It was a little wet, but that's okay. We don't melt."

All-Weather Seal brought their balloon/dart game, which raised over \$1,200 for Pink Arrow Pride. The game was manned by employees Rhonda Steffens and Brady Nummer.

"You throw a dart and pop a balloon and whatever dollar amount is in there All-Weather Seal donates that amount," Steffens said. "We've done this a few times this year and we've raised over \$10,000."

Mercy Health had a booth

scholarship from Dr. Gerard. Corteville is going to the other side of the state to complete his doctorate and he hasn't decided what to focus on yet.

"I am going to Wayne State," Corteville said. "I'm

interested in radiation and oncology, so something cancer-related. Either that or orthopedics. Both competitive fields, but you've got to try out for something, right?"

Lowell ended up beating

Jenison's football team 55-21, but the Jenison coaches and fans were still impressed by the Pink Arrow game. Tim Huizen's daughter Hannah is a Jenison cheerleader.

"I think it's amazing what the community of Lowell does to support this cause," Huizen said. "It's truly incredible what you guys have been able to do."

"I know what a great event it is," said Steve Uganski, Jenison football coach, before the Pink Arrow game. "It is really amazing the way the community comes together for this night. Although I know the environment will be like nothing I have been a part

of before, I expect that once the game starts our team will compete hard. Our players are excited. They have been wearing pink shoes, gloves, shirts or whatever else they can find to practice over the last few weeks. We will be wearing a small amount of pink in honor of the night. I think [the Jenison players] are looking forward to the experience and doing something a little different."

The night ended with a lot of tears and hugging near the end zone as the players presented their pink game jerseys to the person they were playing in honor of while fireworks blasted overhead.



# Pep rally fires up the spirit of Pink Arrow



Lowell's varsity cheer led enthusiastic "Pink" chants firing up the already enthusiastic crowd at the annual game.

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Pink Arrow festivities officially started at Lowell High School with a school-wide pep rally held at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium just prior to the kick off of the event.

While hardcore fans started lining up for a prime seat outside the stadium, inside students gathered to celebrate the opening of the eighth annual Pink Arrow Pride game. Seniors Brianna and Derek Massey led the increasingly enthusiastic assembly with the help of the varsity sideline cheer team.

Radio personality Brook Taylor from Star 105.7 worked alongside the Masseys welcoming students and celebrating the day with a series of fun activities.

Students were first led in a recitation of the school's fight song lyrics followed by the singing of the song

accompanied by the LHS marching band. Student volunteers then took to the track to participate in a pair of funny class competitions.

The frozen t-shirt contest, unfold and put on a frozen tee, was won by the senior class. The crowd favorite tug o' war competition came

down to the sophomores and the seniors in the final round, where the younger class claimed victory.



# Pep assemblies traveled throughout Lowell Schools

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Alto, Bushnell, Cherry Creek and Murray Lake elementaries as well as Lowell Middle School each celebrated Pink Arrow week with a lineup of individual activities. Each also got a visit from the traveling varsity athlete pep assembly on Friday afternoon featuring the LHS marching band.

Students at all schools were introduced to the "Pink it Forward" theme at an assembly where each principal announced the commencement of a year-round plan to support the Pink Arrow cause.

Explained Cherry Creek

principal Shelli Otten, "As a school we look forward to supporting those on the cancer journey all year long, by both contributing what we can and showing kindness to others, really living the "Pink it Forward" spirit."

New Alto principal Paul Papes said the traveling pep assembly was the perfect way to end an exciting week for himself and his students.

At the middle school principal Dan VanderMeulen said that his students enjoyed the week of Pink celebration and understood its important meaning.

Both middle school and high school students also attended a special assembly presented on behalf of the friends and loved ones of Shelby Offrink who recently lost her battle with cancer. The emotional assembly drew many to tears as presenters Lyndsey Graham and Lindsey Haywood shared the amazing lessons and inspiration that Offrink provided during her life and her cancer journey. The pair shared a list of ten simple but meaningful ways to "Shine Like Shelby" bringing full circle to the students the true life lessons learned through Pink Arrow.



# Lowell volleyball helps the cause in play against Wildcats

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Lowell's varsity volleyball squad faced OK White competitor Jenison last Friday as part of the school's annual Pink Arrow festivities and logged a hard fought 3-2 loss.

Sponsored by local business Enwork and bursting with enthusiasm, the team took to a temporary court alongside the end zone in the stadium for the unique and well-attended outdoor match that is a staple of the Pink Arrow celebration.

Jenison, who also dressed in pink for the occasion, fell to Lowell in a close first set 25-23 but came back to trump the Arrows 25-10 in the second. The back-and-forth continued when Lowell

topped Jenison 26-24 in the third giving them a 2-1 advantage.

Jenison returned fire in the fourth set tying the match at 2-2 with their 25-13 win. In a nail-biting fifth and final set, the two teams battled hard but it was the Wildcats who ended up on top 15-9 earning them the 3-2 win.

Top performers for the temporarily Pink Arrows were Bailey Reitsma who earned three blocks, senior captain Kelsey Emmanuel with 22 digs and Shannon Hoekstra who had a stand-out performance scoring two aces and nailing nine kills. "She brought intensity and energy every time she stepped onto the court," said head coach Julie Quist.

Heading into the always competitive OK White over the next several weeks, the girls will need to bring their training and communication skills to the court, according to Quist. "Our hard work and communication at practice needs to be brought to our conference match ups to be successful," said Quist.

Despite the loss, the match had a positive spirit that can only be credited to the reason the game

was being played. Each player gave their all for their individual honoree. "It is such honor to [be a] part of Pink Arrow. The team spent the day traveling to the middle school and elementary schools to take part in assemblies sharing their stories of what Pink Arrow means to them. It is an opportunity to show love and support to those close to them affected by cancer," said Quist.

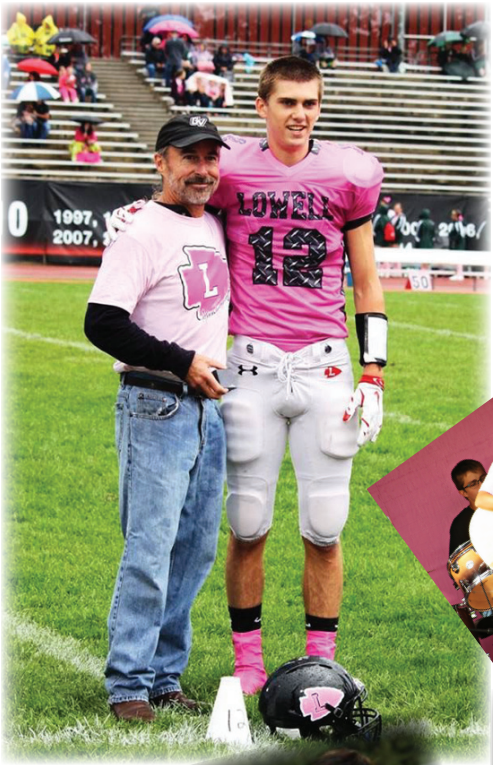
**The team will face their second OK rival of the season in Caledonia at home on Thursday starting at 7 pm inside the LHS gymnasium.**



Team captain Kelsey Emmanuel looks intense as the outdoor Pink Arrow match gets started.



# In the "pink" - scenes of the day



# Red Arrow SPORTS

- FOOTBALL

## Pink Arrow Force VIII defeats Wildcats 55-21

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Lowell varsity football improved their Pink Arrow Pride record to 8-0 when they hosted OK White conference rival Jenison for the annual fundraiser last week.

After the emotional honoree ceremony the Arrows took to the field inspired and ready to earn a victory in the name of the friends, family and community members that the nationally-known fundraiser supports.

With the names of honorees adorning their pink jerseys, Lowell launched quickly into a 35-7 halftime lead on the way to a commanding 55-21 win over the Wildcats.

Senior quarterback Ryan Stevens kept the ball and made a three-yard run for the first Arrow score

of the night. Darby Dean, Lowell's history making female kicker, nailed the extra point for the 7-0 lead. Nate Stephens earned the second score of the first quarter when he returned an 85-yard touchdown on an interception.

Arrow Gabe Steed started his offensive onslaught less than a minute into the second quarter when he caught a 39-yard touchdown pass from Stevens to push their lead to 21-0 with a third successful field goal from Darby Dean.

After a three-yard run into the end zone from Max Dean, Steed earned an interception and a second touchdown on the following play running 44 yards just before the close of the half for a substantial 35-7 lead.

Max Dean was the only person to score in the largely defensive third quarter of the game. The Wildcats scored twice in the fourth, once taking advantage of a fumbled kick, to close the scoring gap to 41-21. With the pressure turned up late in the fourth Max Dean scored again and Sam Russell earned his first touchdown of the year on a quarterback sneak to seal up the 55-21 victory.

In total, Max Dean cleaned up against the Wildcats' defense running a total of 180 yards while earning three touchdowns. Steed racked up 126 yards receiving and two touchdowns. Kicker Darby Dean completed six of seven field goal attempts.



Darby Dean and brother Zeth combined forces to earn six out of seven field goal attempts on the field.

- SOCCER

## Arrows win Wildcat battle 3-1

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Boys varsity soccer took to the field last Friday to take on their first OK White competitor of the season, Jenison and to honor those faced with cancer and came up victorious in both respects.

Lowell topped Jenison 3-1 in the match, opening the game with an onslaught of shots on goal that were deflected by an apt Jenison

goalkeeper. The Wildcats, who donned pink socks for the event, seized opportunity with less than a minute left in the first half of play, getting by the Arrow defense to earn a goal off a corner kick giving them a 1-0 lead at the half.

The tone of the team changed tremendously in the second following a rallying talk from head coach Rich O'Keefe. "We talked about

playing with consistency and focusing on individual responsibilities. We had a few players in key positions trying to do too much which meant that we were often out of position. I was more direct with a few individuals than I usually am in most half-time discussions. You can tell the character of the individuals based on how they respond and I was pleased with their ability to take the feedback and react positively on the field," said O'Keefe.

Lowell returned to the field renewed and refocused, immediately putting pressure on the Jenison defense which earned them two penalty kicks that were successfully converted by Collin Bowers. Leading 2-1 the Arrows continued to block any Jenison offense and added another goal credited to Brendan Paulus, who headered the point off a corner kick from Jaime Ortueta.

The win displayed the team's ability to bounce back and the increasingly powerful defensive and offensive units which seemed poised to possibly



Tristian Stephens uses his fancy footwork to attempt to maneuver around Jenison.

wreak some havoc in the competitive OK White. "We have worked hard to get ready for conference play knowing that this is always the toughest part of our schedule," explained O'Keefe. "Winning the first one is always the best way to start, coming from behind like we did provides extra

confidence if we go down a goal or two early."

Victory tasted even sweeter for the team as they played the game in honor of those faced with cancer. O'Keefe said the team talked about the meaning of the game and spent much of the week preparing and volunteering for the massive

fundraiser. "We started talking about the emotion of the game at the beginning of the week and what we could do as a team to not forget that we are there to honor those impacted first and then play the game in their honor. It's a lot to ask of a young athlete but they responded well."



The team celebrates their 3-1 victory over Jenison.

This week will begin a string of home conference competitions for the team as they dive deeper into the OK White facing Caledonia on Tuesday and Forest Hills Central on Thursday.

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Submit this application now through October 9, 2015 - later applications have less chance of being chosen by volunteer groups. Submit them to **The Lowell Ledger** (105 North Broadway, Lowell) or to **Flat River Outreach Ministries** (11535 Fulton Street East, Lowell). Applications may be submitted electronically to [dianeb@fromlowell.org](mailto:dianeb@fromlowell.org)

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

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# obituaries

## CRAFT

Richard (Dick) Craft, 1934-2015, passed away quietly at home on October 6. He is survived by his wife, Patricia of 40 years; five children, Rollin of Colorado, James of Washington State, Edward of Greenville, Pam of Florida, and Amy of Detroit; one sister, Delores Christensen of Lowell; four step-children, Mark, Terry, Mary Sue and Pam (deceased); several grandchildren; great-grandchildren; special grandson Quaid; and special stepson, Mark; and several nieces and nephews. Cremation has taken place.



## JOHNSON

Diane Lee Johnson, age 61 of Freeport, passed away Wednesday, September 9, 2015. She was preceded in death by her father Don Beutler, father-in-law De Johnson and nephew Tim Fancett. She is survived by her husband of 23 years Al; daughter Courtney (Matt) Duffy; mother Dorothy Guernsey; mother-in-law Loretta Johnson; brothers Ron (Mary) Beutler, Kevin (Amie) Buetler, Ken (Karen) Buetler, Todd Guernsey; sister-in-law Nina (Randy Chipman) Wallace; grandchildren Breianna, Julia, Sarah, Jacob, Elizabeth, Joseph, Mariam, Caleb & Rebekah; nieces Brittney, Rylee, Kelsey, Kendra, Kari, Cora, Camille; nieces and nephews Adam, Keristin, Daniel, Madison, Tayler, Etta, Harper and Hunter; great-nephew Blane; great-nieces Stacy (Lonnie), Valerie (Josh) and Tiffany (David). Diane worked many years at Peerless Steel. She graduated from Ionia High School. Diane loved gardening, dogs, birds, her friends and her grandchildren. A funeral service was held.



## LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS  
Decedent's Trust

Donald A. and Frances  
V. Johnson Joint Trust  
TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Donald A. Johnson, who lived at 3887 Cook Valley Boulevard SE, Apt. 221 in Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan, died August 11, 2015.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the decedent and the trust described below will be forever barred unless presented to Frances V. Johnson and Craig E. Johnson,

co-trustees of the Donald A. and Frances V. Johnson Trust, dated April 24, 1990, restated June 15, 2011 and amended on August 20, 2015, 3887 Cook Valley Boulevard SE, Apt. 221, Grand Rapids, MI 49546, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

September 9, 2015

Bernick, Radner, Ouellette & Little, P.C.  
Michelyn E. Pasteur (P44536)  
2400 Lake Lansing Road Suite F  
Lansing, MI 48912  
517-371-5361

Frances V. Johnson and Craig E. Johnson  
3887 Cook Valley Boulevard SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

# Celebration of life held for Tina Garza

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Nearly 400 people gathered at Fallasburg Park recently to celebrate the life of 24-year-old Lowell resident Kristina "Tina" Garza who died tragically in an automobile accident on August 19.

Those in attendance cried, shared tearful happy memories and celebrated Garza's all too short life with the same exuberant joy that she lived it with. Surrounded by a soundtrack of her favorite music and the voices of her favorite people, guests poured over pictures of the natural beauty with, according to those who knew her best, a carefree and loving personality.

Close friend Joe Thomson met Garza when he was just nine years old and said that she would do anything to help out a friend saying, "She was like my big sister. Anything I ever needed Tina would be there to help. Tina's best quality was that she could make anyone smile or laugh even if she herself was feeling down. She always shined so bright you could never really tell when she was."

At dusk the sky filled with a blanket of balloons emblazoned with last words from Garza's loved ones to their new angel in an effort to gain closure.

In the words of Garza herself, in a recent social media posting, it seems she understood very well that life was never guaranteed and she attempted to enjoy every moment she was given. "You have to take life for what it is worth. Ride north through the mud, cry a little through the hardship, laugh a little through the crap and love a little when you make it to the waters as you bask in the glory of the lighthouse! Life was never promised to be easy, might as well appreciate beauty as it comes."



## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by WESLEY & VELTING, LLC, Mortgagor, to Mercantile Bank of Michigan, Mortgagee, dated June 8, 2007

and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, Kent County, Michigan, on August 1, 2007 as Instrument No. 20070801-0076219 and assigned by said Mortgagee to Bosco Construction, LLC as Mortgagee/Assignee, documented by an Assignment of Mortgage dated July 16, 2015 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, Kent County, Michigan on July 16, 2015 as Instrument No. 20150716-0061664, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Three Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand, Six Hundred and Nineteen & 00/100 (\$336,619.00), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover

the debt secured by said mortgage or any par thereof. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on October 7, 2015 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder at public venue, at the Kent County Courthouse in Grand Rapids, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Kent is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 8.25% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Said premises are situated in the City of Kentwood, Kent County, Michigan and described as follows: Lot 11, Wildflower Creek, part of the Southeast ¼ of Section 26, T6N, R11W, City of Kentwood, Kent County, Michigan, as recorded in Instrument No. 20050823-0099674.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale. Pursuant to MCLA 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or the mortgage holder for damaging the property

during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee/Assignee or Mortgagee/Assignee's attorney. Dated: 9/3/2015 Bosco Construction, LLC by Law Office of Steven A. Cook, Attorney for Bosco Construction, LLC, 1015 Parchment Dr. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. Ph: (616) 940-9991

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# classifieds

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

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

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

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

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## services

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**FIRST & THIRD WEDNESDAYS** - Fun at Calvary for boys & girls preschool - 8th grade. Cadets for boys 1st - 8th; GEMS for girls 3rd - 8th; Kingdom Kids for boys & girls preschool - 2nd grade. 1125 W. Main, Lowell. Ph. 897-7060.

**LOWELL** - Varsity sporting events, concerts, school board meetings, city council meetings, DDA meetings & planning commission meetings can be viewed on the 'local' Comcast public access channel (25) within a day or two of when they were held. Many athletic contests & concerts can be heard 'live' from the www.whsradio.org internet radio website.

**LOWELL ROTARY CLUB** - meets each Wednesday at noon at Lowell City Hall. New members welcome.

**VERGENNES CLUB MEETS** - at 1 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month March thru Nov. Meeting at Schneider Manor Community Room. Program & refreshments. Guests welcome.

**CARVING CLUB** - meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at LowellArts! New members welcomed. Call for information, 616-752-0096.

**WHITES BRIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY** - Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Lowell Chamber of Commerce office at 6:30 p.m. Public is invited to join our group as we plan to raise funds to restore Whites Covered Bridge. For additional information www.WhitesBridge-HistoricalSociety@gmail.com or 616-437-1927.

**MICHIGAN BLOOD BLOOD DRIVE** - every second Monday, noon - 7 p.m. Kent County Fairgrounds, King Memorial Youth Center. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are recommended. 1-866-MIBLOOD, www.miblood.org

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**THEME: TV CHARACTERS**

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- 14. Luau dish
- 15. Use elbow grease
- 16. Are not
- 17. Tiny toiler
- 18. Haul up
- 19. \*Hair trend-setting friend
- 21. \*Lady Mary or Lady Violet
- 23. Immeasurable period
- 24. Herring-like food fishes
- 25. Commonwealth of Independent States
- 28. Gaspar, Balthasar and Melchior
- 30. Opposite of lead
- 35. Burden
- 37. \*Most of the characters in Oz
- 39. Sound of a fast move
- 40. Harbor ill feelings
- 41. Greyish brown
- 43. South American monkey
- 44. Army doc
- 46. Good earth
- 47. State of irritation
- 48. \_\_\_ Trail
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SEPTEMBER 9 - SEPTEMBER 15

- During the Miss American pageant last Sunday, Miss Alabama, Meg McGuffin, had this to say about Donald Trump, "I think Donald Trump is an entertainer. I think he says what's on a lot of people's minds, but I think that the Republican party should be absolutely terrified of all the attention that he is taking from incredible candidates like Jeb Bush and Chris Christie who could absolutely do the job of president of the United States. And if I were a Republican, I would absolutely be terrified of that." Betty Cantrell, Miss Georgia, was crowned Miss America 2016 and McGuffin was fourth runner-up.
- Another shooting - a professor was shot and killed on Monday at Delta State University in Mississippi.
- Moses Malone has died at the age of 60.



Malone was the first player to go pro right out of high school in 1974. He was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2001.

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- 4. Made of pickets
- 5. 6 feet, to a captain
- 6. "Because of Winn-Dixie" protagonist
- 7. \*Mad Man
- 8. Dine and \_\_\_
- 9. Flat-bottomed boat
- 10. Work hard
- 11. English river, of Virginia Woolf fame
- 12. Bohemian
- 15. What Peter Pan lost
- 20. Perform in a play
- 22. Luftwaffe's WWII enemy
- 24. Like a curvy line
- 25. \*Given name of Seinfeld's neighbor
- 26. Lay to rest
- 27. Blue fabric in Elvis song
- 29. Guarded by Hope
- Solo
- 31. Land parcels
- 32. Under fig leaves?
- 33. Plural of ostium
- 34. \*a.k.a. Heisenberg
- 36. \_\_\_ of whiskey
- 38. R&R destinations
- 42. Make corrections
- 45. English playwright Noÿl
- 49. 4 \_\_\_ Blondes, rock band
- 51. \*The youngest Griffin
- 54. Aussie bear
- 56. French brass, pl.
- 57. Bayonet wound
- 58. Home to Columbus
- 59. Prefix with scope or meter
- 60. Cambodian money
- 61. Horse's chances
- 62. Things to pick
- 63. Dehydrated
- 66. \*Eddard Stark, for short
- 68. \*He played Opie Taylor

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**Do you think Donald Trump should be president of the U.S.?**

- NO - he's just trying to shake things up
- YES - he's exactly what we need
- Can't decide

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

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# Red Arrow **SPORTS**

X-COUNTRY

## Boys and girls place sixth in first jamboree of season

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Red Arrow varsity cross country hosted the first of their two home events last week Wednesday when they welcomed the entire OK White to Lowell for the first conference jamboree of the season.

Both the girls and boys squads placed a disappointing sixth place at the meet, but that does not tell the whole story according to girls head coach Paul Judd.

“When looking at the scoring it would appear that there wasn’t any huge success stories, but when we compared the 2015 times to last year at the same course

and time, we saw that many of the girls improved by one to four minutes. That improvement is huge and will be something we build on,” said Judd.

Among those improving their time was senior Tori Hewitt who finished best for the Lowell ladies coming in at 21:24 to earn a thirteenth-place finish overall.

Fellow senior runners Breanna VanLaan (24:02), Megan Khodl (24:06), Mekare Elliot (24:33), and freshman Lauren Aud (24:34) also scored for the Arrows. Competitor Grand Rapids Christian placed

first at the meet beating out runner-up Forest Hills Central by just two points.

The ladies will have to improve their time by over a minute to move closer to a fifth-place finish in their next jamboree according to Judd, who said they will be working on pushing one another during practice.

“We must learn to race and challenge each other in practice so that we are ready to race and challenge others in a race. We will be getting in longer intervals to push the athletes’ endurance for a longer period of time.”

Boys coach Clay VanderWarf said that his team will be focused on improving on their sixth-place finish as well. “We have to close the gap between our [first thru fifth] runners and focus on pack running if we look to move



Runners Kyla Dixon, Tori Hewitt and Haley Nieuwkoop discuss race results with coach Judd after the home OK White meet last week.

up in the standings. I thought the boys ran okay, some were disappointed in their times, but it is a challenge to come into a race after a long weekend.”

Eric Judd was the first

to finish for the boys team coming in at 21st overall with a time of 18:43. Kyle Cater (19:47), Kenny Stump (21:00), Thomas Hubert (21:22), and Caleb Sobie (21:31) rounded out Lowell

scoring. Distance running powerhouse Grand Rapids Christian also placed first among the gentlemen, surpassing their closest competitor by thirty-one points.

Both teams will participate in the Sparta Invitational and the conference’s second jamboree before welcoming runners back to Lowell for the Bob Perry Invitational on Saturday, September 26 beginning at 9 am.



Varsity cross country member junior Eric Judd placed best for the gentlemen Arrows at their first OK White conference meet of the season last week.

## Sports summaries

### GIRLS GOLF

The varsity lady Arrows continued to struggle with their inexperience on the course last week. At their second OK White jamboree of the season on Wednesday the girls placed fifth in the field of six. Paige Fosburg was the low scorer carding a 53. Friday the team lost by nine strokes, 221-212, in a close match with Northview High School. Fosburg led once again earning a 52. Teammates Kenzie Uhen (53), Taylor Furtaw (56) and Isabelle Dial (60) followed.

### BOYS TENNIS

Red Arrow varsity tennis fought hard but fell 6-2 in their OK White season opener last Wednesday at home. Straight wins were earned at first and second singles while third and fourth went three set matches before coming up short. On Saturday at the Holland Quad the team placed fourth with Blake Posthumus finishing second at fourth singles.

### BOYS SOCCER

Lowell’s varsity kickers topped tough non-conference competitor Northview High School last Tuesday 3-1 at home. Elijah Dixon earned the team’s first score, sending in a header off a corner kick from Collin Bowers early in the first half. Bowers also earned a goal in the second half assisted by Jaime Ortueta. Jay Stadt earned the third goal for the squad in the win.

### CHEER

Lowell’s varsity cheer team had a busy week supporting Pink Arrow VIII throughout the community. Their cheer tour began at radio station Star 105.7 where they represented the Arrows in an on air broadcast. It continued Friday as they toured the district’s schools pep assemblies before cheering at the big game that evening. They also selected their third fan of the week, Addie Grohman.

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# Historic tombstones getting cleaned and preserved

by Tim McAllister  
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Some historic tombstones are getting cleaned and preserved at Alton Cemetery, 2655 Lincoln Lake NE.

"They hired us to do 150 stones," said Connie Doty, who owns the Orleans, Mich. company Gravestone Services, Inc. with her husband Tom. "We do the veterans for free on our own."



Headstones at the Alton Cemetery are broken, stained and damaged.

To clean stones they use water, a swimming pool chemical called High-Test Hypochlorite, a film developing chemical called Photo-Flo and lots of elbow grease.

"Due to the heat we are unable to work a full day's work schedule," Connie Doty said. "This is literally a dirty job."

After the stones are scrubbed with the chemicals, exposure to the sun causes a reaction that makes the stones get cleaner and cleaner over time.

"It normally takes a couple of weeks before you'll really notice a difference, but we noticed a difference after about three days," Tom Doty said.

Not only do they clean headstones, they also repair broken ones.

"We have a cement base that we'll sit right in the ground and mortar the headstone in and then they'll be standing again," Tom Doty said.

Gravestone Services has been cleaning headstones all over Michigan for the last five years.

"We have worked from Battle Creek to Six Lakes and Edmore," Connie Doty said. "We started in 2010 after we cleaned a large

number of family stones. One of our goals is to clean government-issued veteran stones and to date we have cleaned and repaired over 1,600 at our cost."

Alton is a small, historic village about six miles north of Lowell.

"The village of Alton was settled in 1839 and flourished until 1900 when the train went through and did not put a depot there," said Shantell Ford of the Alton Historic Church Museum. "At one time the village boasted a post office, store, grist mill, sawmill, wagon repair shop, rake factory, three blacksmiths, three cheese shops, and of course the community church building, which housed up to three different congregations at once."

"This is an old cemetery that really needed care and that's what we're working on," Tom Doty said.



Tom Doty assessing the damage to the grave of Mary C. Rhoades, the wife of John Rhoades, who died on July 3, 1863.

# Amash hosts town hall meeting at Lowell City Hall

by Kathryn Atwood  
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Michigan third district congressman Justin Amash held a well-attended, hour-

long town hall meeting at the Lowell City Hall on Monday evening.

Republican Amash, a Grand Rapids native, has been serving in his

position since 2010. At the impromptu meeting the congressman gave his

update on current actions in Washington and participated in a question and answer session with the nearly 70 citizens in attendance.

Topics touched upon included dealings with Iran, gay marriage, government spending, the need for change regarding filibuster rules in the Senate, the need to replace House speaker John Boehner and the pending possible shutdown of the federal government later in September.

Touching just briefly on gay marriage the congressman expressed his desire to remove the government from any involvement in the decision of its legality, "It (marriage) is a private institution. Marriage existed between people long before the United States existed, long

before our states existed and long before our government existed so it is not up to government to protect this institution. My church can handle protecting our view of marriage just fine without any government involvement."

Regarding a looming government shutdown at the close of the fiscal year September 30, Amash reported that the conflict lies in a party disagreement over appropriation of next years funds, "Republicans in congress have proposed that we fund all parts of government except for Planned Parenthood. The president insists that he won't sign funding for any parts of government unless Planned Parenthood is funded."

Amash concluded his appearance by speaking again of the need to reduce the involvement of the federal government in what should be local decisions according to the structure set forth by the U.S. Constitution. "State governments should handle more things and local government should handle even more things related to things that are day-to-day concerns," stated Amash.



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