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Arts, music, food and fun all under sunny skies at annual Fallasburg Festival



Enjoying the outdoors at the Fallasburg Festival for the Arts.

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

The Fallasburg Festival for the Arts was held in Fallasburg Park last Saturday and Sunday. There was live music, fresh food, artisan demonstrations and booths with artists from all over Michigan, the United States and Europe. A little rain throughout the festival didn't seem to have much effect on attendance.

In the pavilion there were crafters demonstrating various crafts. Among those on hand were bee keepers, wood carvers, an origami expert and other artisans. Cindy Allen, the festival's volunteer coordinator, was in the pavilion making rings out of antique buttons.

"What I'm doing here is I'm making rings," Allen said. "I make the ring band using high-quality copper wire. I use vintage and antique buttons to do that. The buttons rage in age

from the 1950s all the way back to the 1850s. The ring is held together by wire tension, so I'm not using any glue and not damaging the button in the process. Some of these buttons are quite valuable in themselves.

"The pavilion with all the demonstrators makes us very unique from a lot of art festivals," said Lorain Smalligan, executive director of LowellArts. "There are a lot of art festivals out there and I think that sets us apart a little bit. To have the traditional arts and crafts available for people to do some hands-on with them, to see them creating their work."

Live music was a highlight of this year's festival. Groups such as Peat the Creel, Steam Powered Bluegrass and the

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Falls Girls Night Out slated for Thursday, Oct. 15

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Aarr! It's nearly time to walk the plank, aka the streets of downtown Lowell, for a pirate themed fall Girls Night Out. The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce has scheduled Thursday, October 15 from 5-9 for the event titled "It's Pirates Not Pilates!"

Shoppers will find a wide array of discounted goods, generous prizes and tasty treats from more than 40 participating Lowell businesses.

Both historic downtown and uptown businesses will once again be participating in the event designed to draw foot traffic to the shopping district. The fun evening's highlights will include 20 percent discounts at Dovetail Antiques and Flat River Antique Emporium, free admission to the Lowell Area Historical Museum, free food samples

from B.C. Pizza, a wine tasting courtesy of Pauly's, and a giant bouncy pirate ship at Advanced Eye Care Professionals.

Shuttle service for the event is being provided by the Lowell YMCA, who will shuttle uptown to downtown; The Laurels of Kent, who will shuttle from RollAway Family Fun Center to Flat River Outreach Ministries; and the Main Street Inn, who will shuttle from their location to uptown.

Shoppers are encouraged to embrace the pirate spirit with their dress and can even stop by RollAway to say ahoy and receive a free skull and cross bones eye patch prior to hunting for their treasure. For a complete list of participants and discounts visit the chamber website at www.lowellchamber.org

Regular city council meeting report

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Lowell city council had their regular meeting at city hall on Monday, September 21. Eight people attended the meeting, which lasted just over half an hour. Councilors Jim Hall and Matt Mayer were absent from the meeting. Their absences were not explained.

City manager Mark Howe said there has been a delay with the downtown cell tower removal.

"As I reported to you at your last meeting, we expect[ed] the tower to be removed today," Howe said. "It hasn't been removed today. I'm told the reason for that is the crane company that SyncWave had to come [to] today to remove the tower decided it was going out of business last week. SyncWave is now looking at getting another crane company in and we have a tentative date in October now for the tower to be removed."

The council passed an ordinance lifting the moratorium on the building of new cell towers and approved modifications to the cell tower portion of

city zoning ordinances. The changes included language requiring the planning commission to make a decision on new towers within 90 days. If they fail to do so, the new tower "is deemed approved," according to the new ordinance. They also added a half mile isolation radius between towers, except for those on city property. Members of the public have ten days to protest the ordinance changes before they go into effect. A full list of the changes is available from city hall.

The council approved a utility easement agreement between the city of Lowell and First Baptist Church of Lowell, 2275 W. Main St. The council voted to adopt the agreement without any discussion. The agreement states, "[Lowell Light & Power] desires to construct, operate, repair, maintain, relocate, reconstruct, alter and replace over and/or under the surface lines for the transmission and distribution of electric energy and communication signals which requires an easement over a portion of [church property]."

At the end of the meeting during council comment, councilor Sharon Ellison suggested making "Coffee with the Council" events more accessible to senior citizens.

"I attended an event at Senior Neighbors and Schneider Manor, a meet the candidates for city council [event]," Ellison said. "I was not allowed to speak, but I did listen and I did hear the senior citizens were a little concerned about feeling left out of the loop. [...] I would like to recommend that we take an occasional 'Coffee [with] the Council' and have it out there."

Mayor Jim Hodges said that the Saturday, November 7 Coffee with the Council will take place at Schneider Manor instead of at the chamber of commerce where they usually happen.

The city council's next regular meeting will be on Monday, October 5 at 7 pm. They will also have a "special board/commission workshop" at city hall at 6 pm on Tuesday, Sept. 29, and mayor Jim Hall in discussion at Monday's city council meeting.

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Alto Harvest Festival and Car Show celebrates 35th year

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

The community of Alto gathered downtown last Saturday in celebration of fall at the 35th annual Alto Harvest Festival & Car Show.

The half-day event started inside the Alto/Bowne Township fire barn for the annual fundraising pancake breakfast. This year they served a record amount

of breakfasts, nearly 500, in support of the firefighters.

According to Alto fire chief Phil Dougherty, "One of the biggest reasons the breakfast is so successful is that our community is very generous to us. There are many families that give \$100 or more for their pancake breakfast. We know the breakfast is good, but it's not that good.

The work that we do is just really appreciated in the community."

Opening ceremonies were at 10 am followed by a small parade populated by local military, school, community and business representatives.

The procession moved along Depot Street to the car show that event coordinators Eva and James Carey called a

"huge success" with over 150 entries.

Linfield and Kirby streets were the destination for both arts and crafts and delicious local food. Local artisans and retail vendors also offered up a variety of shopping opportunities.

The Alto Library hosted a book sale, as well as the annual baking

contest sponsored by the Ice Cream Caboose. A fun community game of baking bingo followed. Other special events included the crowd drawing pie eating contest, the LumberJacks for Lemonade Contest benefiting Alex's Lemonade Stand, horse and carriage rides courtesy of Crystal Falls Horse and Carriage

and a children's scavenger hunt presented by the Graham Family Farm.

Kids were the center of entertainment on the lawn behind Alto Baptist Church. Activities included face painting, a visit from the Whispering Pines Mobile Zoo, inflatables and the festival favorite, pedal tractor pulls.

Annual Bark For Life will be held this Saturday

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Relay For Life of Lowell will be presenting their second annual Halloween Bark For Life canine-friendly fundraising event this Saturday at the Kent County Youth Fairgrounds from 1-4 pm.

Designed as a party for you and your pup, the event is an extension of the Lowell Relay For Life which benefits the

American Cancer Society. It is intended to celebrate the unending devotion of dogs throughout their owner's lives, especially on a cancer journey, while raising awareness and funds for the fight against cancer.

The three-hour event will feature music provided by Midnight's Music Machine and some of the favorite activities from

last year's event including several puppy contests. Those contests, including best costume, best trick, biggest and smallest dog, and pet and owner look-a-like will award winners a doggy prize pack.

The event will also be introducing several new activities this year premiering a musical sits competition aka musical



Bark For Life participants open up last year's festivities with a lap around the fairgrounds.



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Flu shots for Kent County residents age 60 to 64 are being offered by AngelCare and Lowell Senior Neighbors to be given at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd on Fri., Sept. 25, 10 am – noon. Must bring identification showing your birth date and address in Kent County. For questions, call AngelCare at 616-245-8899.

ART EXHIBIT

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! 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, play begins at 7:30 pm on Fri. and Sat. and 2:30 pm on Sun. Advanced tickets are required for Dinner Theater. For ticket information call 897-8545.

Feel free to send your event information to the Ledger for Along Main St. All submission requests for Along Main St. are subject to space limitations. The Ledger makes no assurances that they will appear in print. To ensure that an event notification will appear in the Ledger, it is best to place a paid advertisement. All efforts will be made to place suitable items in the Along Main St. column but they are printed at the discretion of the publisher. For profit events, church services, yard sales and the like, will not appear in this column.

chairs, a high action wiener dog race and the first official puppy bowl, which will pit Michigan dogs versus Michigan State dogs on a painted football field.

The fun will not be limited to four-legged friends, according to event coordinator Holly Milks, who said they also added some new child-friendly activities to the schedule. "We will also be having activities for kids, such as face painting and balloon

animal making," added Milks.

Milks said she got involved with the planning of this event as a very personal cause. "Helping to fund a cure for cancer is something that I'm very passionate about. I've had several friends and family members fight the horrible cancer battle. I've been a caregiver to many, not only because of my job, but also to people I love," said Milks.

Registration for the event is available online at RelayForLife.org/LowellMI and will be available the day of the event starting at 12:30. The fee is a \$10 donation per dog and \$5 for each additional dog. Each registered dog will receive a special Bark For Life bandana and the first fifty will also get a special bonus gift.

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VOICE holds a meet the candidate forum

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

There was a meet-and-greet with the four new city council candidates at Schneider Manor on Wednesday, Sept. 16. Mayor Jim Hodges and city councilor Sharon Ellison, an incumbent candidate in the election, were also at the event, which was organized and paid for by the group Voters Organized In Civic Excellence.

The election is Tuesday, Nov. 3. Six candidates are running for the three city council seats currently occupied by Sharon Ellison, Jim Hall and Matt Mayer. Ellison and Hall are running for reelection, but Mayer has decided not to seek reelection. Alan Teelander, Michael DeVore, Jim Salzwedel and Jeff Phillips are the new names on November's ballot. The top two vote-getters will each win four-year terms on the council. The third-place winner earns a two-year term.

Before the meeting started, organizers Barb Barber and Peggy Covert of VOICE handed out fliers and chatted with the crowd of about 20 seniors at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd. Councilor Ellison handed out fliers on behalf of herself and councilor Jim Hall. Barber introduced the



Jim Salzwedel

four new candidates, who then responded to questions for just over an hour. Each of the candidates said they want to make changes in the way Lowell city government does business.

"I am sick and tired of things," Teelander said. "I think we have a wonderful community here and I think we can do better. We can do better by following the city charter. We can do better by not embarrassing ourselves on Channel 8 and in our

state's newspapers. We can do better by hiring a city manager who is qualified. He [Lowell city manager Mark Howe] is applying everywhere else and they're rejecting him because he's not qualified to be a city manager."

"I don't think there's any accountability for spending right now," DeVore said. "I think you should be accountable for the money you have before you go asking people for

more money. Cutting costs is always a solution, as opposed to raising taxes. It's a pretty high tax rate already."

"You need to be diverse," Phillips said. "Diversity is good because you have different points of view in different situations. [...] I think we can hash it out like adults and come to one general agreement."

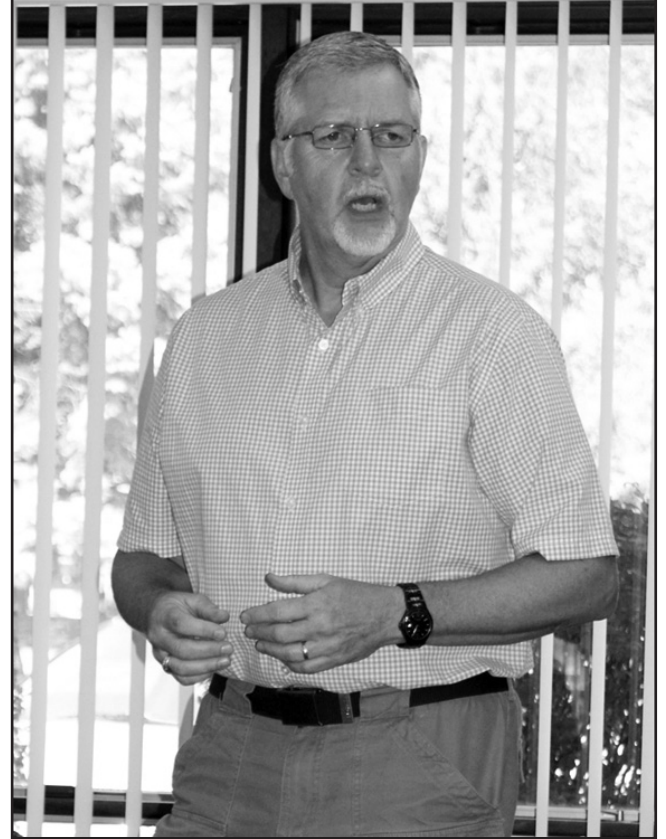
"I'm looking forward to the challenge ahead of us," Salzwedel said. "To be honest with you, I'm not really sick and tired of a lot of things that are happening. There are some small changes that need to be addressed. Some of that was transparency. We need a little bit more of that."

Incumbent city councilor Ellison responded to questions from the seniors and from the four candidates.

"The hard part about being on council is accepting comments and not getting into a big back-and-forth," Ellison said. "It's really a tough thing to just sit here and listen to this and there [are] a lot of things I would like to respond to, but that's not what this is for."

Councilor Ellison said later in an e-mail to the Ledger that she felt unwelcome at the meeting.

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The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 15-06 amending subsection BB, "Commercial wireless towers," of Section 17.04, "Site design standards," of Chapter 17, "Special Land Uses," of Appendix A, "Zoning," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell on September 21, 2015. Ordinance 15-06 provides for the approval, location and use of commercial wireless towers and related appurtenances as a special land use in certain zoning districts. A copy of Ordinance 15-06 is available for inspection at City Hall, 301 East Main Street in the City during regular business hours of the City.

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outdoors

good old days Dave Stegehuis

As time passes we tend to clearly remember the more pleasant experiences in our lives and forget the less enjoyable times. Hence, we often refer to earlier times as the good old days.

Those of us who have lived an outdoor lifestyle in Michigan for many years can recall experiences that are no longer available to later generations. Not to be discouraged, if one takes time to think it through and do some research, there are more opportunities for more people to engage with nature and the outdoors today than in times past.

Today there is a higher level of concern for protecting our natural resources and the environment because of increased public awareness as well as conservation efforts by private groups and government agencies. Land and game management

based on science as well as social considerations has resulted in opportunities to experience a wide range of outdoor activities.

Conservation easements are agreements between private landowners and the state to protect land from development while allowing public access. Added to current public land, the easements plus more recent state purchased parcels provide visitors and residents of Michigan millions of acres of places to recreate.

As habitat conditions change the populations of game and non-game species fluctuates. Ring neck pheasants introduced from China were a major game species in the 1940's and 50's. Habitat loss, due to commercial and residential development and clean farming techniques, contributed to

the disappearance of the colorful birds from the fallow fields and overgrown fence rows of Michigan. Efforts to release pheasants on public land proved to be impractical and expensive. There is a renewed effort with the help of private conservation organizations on the east side of the state to improve habitat and increase pheasant numbers. Turkeys were reintroduced and are now a major game bird here and in most states across the country. Non-game species such as the piping plover and Kirtland warbler are also making a comeback due to substantial conservation efforts by a number of private and public entities.

These are only a few examples of progress that has been made to protect our natural heritage. Because of the value placed on our natural resources by those who use and appreciate these resources, the good old days may be here now.

financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

Act soon to close your "insurance gap"

If you work for a fairly sizable company, you may be entering your open enrollment season, when you can add or adjust your employer-sponsored benefits. While you probably should review all your benefits, you may want to pay special attention to your life insurance to determine if you and your family are adequately protected.

How much life insurance do you need? You may hear that you require anywhere from seven to 10 times your annual income in life insurance coverage, but this rule of thumb might not be appropriate for everyone; the amount of insurance you need will depend on your individual situation.

To help determine if a "gap" exists between the amount of insurance you have from your employer and the amount you need, your first step is to identify all those expenses that your family would face alone if you were gone. Here are some to consider:

- **Ongoing income replacement needs and living expenses** – If you were to pass away, and your paychecks were to stop, it would likely create a gigantic hole in your family's finances. Adequate life insurance is necessary to replace the loss of your future salary and cover ongoing living expenses.
- **Mortgage** – If you

weren't around, and your income were to disappear, would your family still be able to remain in their home? Factor in your mortgage in any calculation of life insurance needs.

• **Debts** – Apart from your mortgage, what other debts do you have? Car loan? Credit cards? Perhaps even some old student loans? Even if you pass away, these debts won't all disappear, especially if some of them are in the names of you and your spouse. Determine how much you pay each month on all these debts and include this figure in your life insurance estimate.

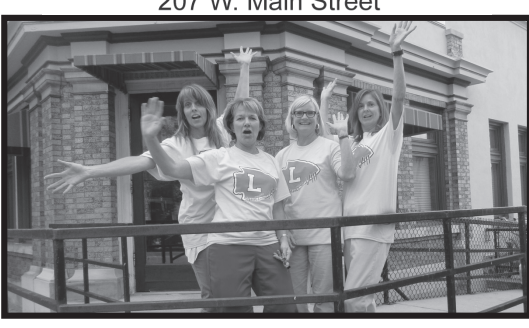
• **Education** – As you know, higher education

comes with some high expenses: Four years at an in-state public school can easily cost upwards of \$80,000, while the price tag can be twice as much for private schools. And these costs may continue rising. So, if you've always planned to send your children to college, you'd better pencil in some big figures for your life insurance calculations.

• **Emergency funds** – It's a good idea for most people to maintain an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid account. This fund can help with unexpected doctor's bills, costly auto repairs and so on. If you weren't there, could your family afford to contribute to such a fund? Again, it's something to think about when you estimate your insurance needs.

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to the editor

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Dear Editor,
I recently attended the "Meet the Council Candidate" event publicized in the Senior Neighbors newsletter and at Schneider Manor. Since I am a candidate for city council I thought it would be great to attend and "answer any questions you might have" as described in the newsletter. When I arrived, I was told I could not speak. This meeting was for "new" candidates only; they had paid for the event.

"pay for the event" to speak, just not me. Isn't it ironic that the people who accuse the city government of holding sessions behind closed doors and not being transparent were doing just that?

If anyone would like to ask me questions or talk about city issues, as always, you can call me, stop by to see me, email me or attend the informal "Coffee with Council" if you are unable to attend a meeting. Our meetings are always open to the public. I would love the opportunity to openly speak with anyone who is interested.

The main organizers were Peggy Covert and Barb Barber (not city residents) who represent three of the four new candidates. They allowed another candidate who attended but did not

Respectfully,
Sharon Ellison
Mayor Pro Tem

popes's visit

From this coming Tuesday, September 22, through September 27, Pope Francis will be visiting the United States for the very first time. This visit has the potential to be transformational, not just for Catholics, but for all Americans. People will be listening closely to this Pope. He consistently puts human dignity and the common good first. His message is sure to bring energy as he puts out his call to community.

Personally, I take his comments as a challenge to confront a culture of exclusion and indifference. This Pope wants a "globalization of hope" versus a "globalization of indifference." We all should be listening and take some sort of action.

When was the last time that you yourself took action simply for the

purpose of making your community better or simply for the purpose of making someone else's life better? Positive, proactive events are expected to be taking place in hundreds of cities through this country during the Pope's visit. How can you help to be a connector of people in your community? There is far too much divisive behavior happening these days. Perhaps, even if the Pope's visit causes us to act for only a day or two, we can be the catalyst for positive change for one person or for many.

As I read through quotes made by Pope Francis, it is tough to pick just one. Here is one that seems very timely.

"A just economy must create the conditions for everyone to be able to enjoy a childhood without want, to develop their talents when young, to work with

full rights during their active years and to enjoy a dignified retirement as they grow older. It is an economy where human beings, in harmony with nature, structure the entire system of production and distribution in such a way

that the abilities and needs of each individual find suitable expression in social life. You, and other peoples as well, sum up this desire in a simple and beautiful expression: 'to live well.'"

Lynn Mason
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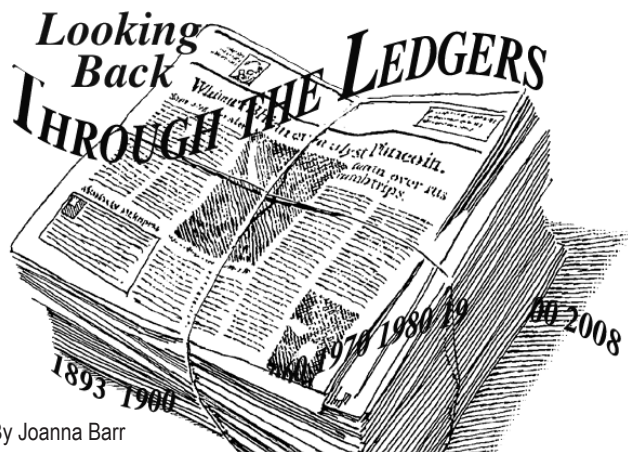
Dear Editor,

Last week I ventured out of my comfort zone and did two things that were different for me. First, I went to the "Meet the New Candidates" meeting at Schneider Manor. It was really organized well, all four new candidates were there, many good questions were asked by the attendees and I felt the candidates answered with honest and sincere answers. Mike DeVore and Jeff Phillips are two young men that live and work in or close by our community. I was impressed with their interest in solving problems and getting answers to us as quickly as possible. I like the idea of having a couple of younger people on the council. Alan Teelander is retired, however, I think to Alan that means he has the time to turn his attention to the city of Lowell. I was impressed with his zeal. I

liked the three of them. Jim Salzwedel lives in Lowell and has family here. He is a very nice man and is already serving on the planning committee (thank you very much for your service on that board), he has experience but we would have to find someone else to replace him on the planning board.

The second thing I did was to help with the airport fly-in breakfast (okay, the breakfast part isn't all that new to me). Anyway, I met some very impassioned, kind, helpful, and dedicated people. I just want to thank all the volunteers and airport people for making me feel so welcome. Often I had no idea what they were talking about but everyone at the event made it enjoyable and fun. I think I should get out more.

Bif Altoft
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By Joanna Barr

75 years ago Lowell Ledger September 23, 1965

Start new bridge early in October – Total cost of project to be about \$55,000. Construction of a new bridge across Flat River on M-21 in Lowell will start early in October, announced Murray D. VanWagoner, state highway commissioner. The total cost will be about \$55,000, said VanWagoner.

President Roosevelt put America's first peacetime draft into effect this week when he set forth detailed rules and regulations for the conscription of men between the ages of 21 to 35 inclusive.

Home team wins first grid game. Lowell high school eleven showed unexpected strength last Friday night at Recreation Park when they defeated Wyoming Park, 20-8, in the opening game of the football season.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger September 23, 1965

Warning! Police Chief Avery Block issued a warning this week to all tavern and restaurant owners in the city who have pool tables and pinball machines. No person under the age of 17 is allowed to play pool or pin ball machines, the chief ordered. Any business that allows this practice will be prosecuted, Block stated. There have been several cases reported by parents, where young people are using lunch money to play: in some cases they are even stealing so they can spend the money in these places.

Bill Janowiak's shop trends to plastics, molds. Bill Janowiak is the owner and operator of Precision Manufacturing, Inc. He opened his shop on M-21, in March 1962. This is a Tool and Die and Mold shop, concentrating mainly on molding operations in the past few years. Precision makes molds for all kinds of parts, from braces for aluminum storm windows, refrigerators, gold clubs, ashtray housing for automobiles and all kinds of interesting parts.

125 years ago Lowell Journal September 24, 1890

The Electric Light Co., on account of the delay in the arrival of their boiler and dynamos, was compelled to ask an extension of the date of beginning their lights, to Saturday night. At that time they had rented power, temporarily, of W. J. Ecker A Son, and the dynamo is sat in the planing mill at present.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 23, 1915

Canning factory busy – Mince meat industry gaining by leaps and bounds. The Lowell canning factory is busy on tomatoes, apples and mince meat. A large quantity of pears and plums have been canned and some peaches will be put up. Tomatoes are coming in freely and the season's output will be large. The factory's mince meat output has gained steadily from year to year and this season's sale will be 50 per cent higher than last's. Edwin Fallas, the enterprising proprietor, says at the present rate of increase, the factory will soon be making half a million pounds of mince meat per year. The company is in the market for apples and can use more women helpers.

The masses who can't afford automobiles, while not opposing the Wolverine Paved Way, would probably prefer an electric railroad.

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We love to hear from you!

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Help your parents plan their "Someday"

Since your parents return the favor by helping have done a lot for you them find their "Someday" over your lifetime, this is at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

My *Social Security* features several tools available to guide your parents through the retirement process, whether they're just starting to think about it or they're already retired. Before retiring, your parents can view their *Social Security Statement* to verify the accuracy of their earnings records and find out what benefits they can expect to receive at age 62, full retirement age, and at age 70. They can also get personalized benefit estimates using the *Retirement Estimator* at www.socialsecurity.gov/

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Once your parents have retired and are receiving benefits, they can: check benefit information; get an instant letter with proof of their benefits; change their address and phone number; get a replacement SSA-1099; get a replacement Medicare card; and start or change their direct deposit or electronic payment method.

Looking Back, continued

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 26, 1990

Lowell Area Jaycees mix and bake 70 pounds of cookies for U.S. servicemen. The Lowell Area Jaycees external vice president's internal vision of Navy life helped spark an "Operation Cookie" project for the servicemen aboard the U.S.S. Moosburger stationed near Bahran, Saudi Arabia. "I was in the Navy on the U.S.S. Thorn," explained David Oliver. "I know how much it means to the servicemen to get a care package." The 24-member Lowell Area Jaycees Organization mailed out 70 pounds, or 1,300 cookies, to the Navy crew of 250-260 servicemen last Thursday. Oliver said most ships accommodate roughly that many servicemen.

School district voters pass new high school bond issue - Voters decisive in their rejection of new pool. The voter turnout for the school bond issue was less than Lowell school officials had anticipated, but the final results were fulfilling. At about 8:45 p.m. Lowell school officials learned that Proposal I (new high school and renovations to existing schools) had passed. The final tallies showed that 1,327 Lowell School District voters pulled the "Yes" lever. There were 1,218 registered voters who pulled the "No" lever.

happy birthday



SEPTEMBER 23
Steve VanLaan, Mike Racine.

Nikodemski, Torin Hacker, Alexis Shaffer.

SEPTEMBER 24
Kenneth Gregersen II, David Powell, Clara King, Stephanie Vickers, Jake Baker, Samantha Clouser.

SEPTEMBER 27
Brooke Tetzlaff.

SEPTEMBER 25
Carolyn Thaler, Sara Swift, Carol Wingeier, Patricia Mull.

SEPTEMBER 28
Bruce Weeks, Erin Doyle, Chad Newhouse, Tony Johnson, Matthew Foster.

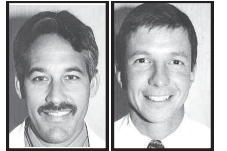
SEPTEMBER 26
Micah Soyka, Jim

SEPTEMBER 29
Orison Abel, Judy Baird, Kayla Brenk, Kelleigh Walling, Edward Stormzand II, Keaton Dilly, Cameron Dilly.

Please feel free to help us celebrate **Raymonde Richardson's 90TH BIRTHDAY!** on September 26 from 2-4 pm at the Clarksville Hall. Stop by and say hello and enjoy some refreshments!



health



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

radon and lung cancer

Lung cancer is one of the most common types of cancer. Most people are aware that smoking is the biggest risk-factor for developing this cancer. Smoking causes 90 percent of all lung cancers. Few people realize, however, that radon gas exposure is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers.

Radon levels can sometimes rise above this safe level and build up inside of houses. Homes with basements and sump-pumps are at higher risk for radon accumulation. Homes that are found to have a higher concentration of radon can have a mitigation system installed to vent this outside.

Radon is a naturally-occurring, colorless, odorless gas that is formed from decaying uranium found in soil, rock and water. It occurs naturally in all 50 states, including Michigan. Radon gas levels can be detected almost everywhere. Levels below 4 pCi/L are generally considered safe.

The U.S. Surgeon General and the Environmental Protection Agency both recommend that all homes be tested for radon. A simple test kit can be purchased online or at any hardware store. To learn more about this topic, visit the National Safety Council's website at www.nsc.org and search radon.

Financial Focus, continued

Surviving spouse's retirement -

If you're married, your income may contribute to your spouse's ability to put money away in a retirement account, such as an IRA or 401(k). If you're gone, your surviving spouse might well have to redirect those funds to the day-to-day costs of running a household. Therefore, include "surviving spouse's

retirement funds" as one more item on your insurance estimate worksheet.

As you can see, your absence can jeopardize your family's ability to maintain both their current lifestyle and their aspirations for the future. So, take the time to figure out just how much of an "insurance gap" you face, and then consider options for filling it. It will be time well spent.

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

Look Memorial Fund Board is now accepting grant applications for Fall 2015. Applications are available at Lowell City Hall.

Grant applications should be submitted to Sue Ullery, City Clerk, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331. The deadline for submitting Fall 2015 applications is 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30, 2015.



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Politicians recognize golden anniversary of local business



Rep. Lisa Posthumus Lyons and Senator Dave Hildenbrand, far right, presented the Laux family with a special tribute recognizing the 50th anniversary of Gary's Country Meats.

Youth hunt success



Joe Kovacs, 10, is pictured with the 10-point, 200-pound dressed out deer he shot on opening morning of the youth hunt. He was hunting on private property in Vergennes Township with his new Savage 220 bolt action 20-gauge. He is in fifth grade at Murray Lake Elementary. His parents are Steve and Jennifer Kovacs of Lowell.

THE WISH LIST

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A brief description of the work needed:

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

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Contact Person for Project _____ Phone () _____

Application Submitted by: _____ Phone () _____

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

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2015 FALL RED ARROW VARSITY TEAMS

CROSS COUNTRY



Girls - first row, left to right: Natalie Paiz, Amber Clouse, MeKare Elliott, Megan Khodl, Victoria Hewitt, Elle Coble, Dawn Kondor, and Lauren Aud; second row, left to right: coach Clay VanderWarf, Marlie Fowler, Katrina Droski, Kathryn Miller, Kyla Dixon, Breanna VanLaan, Haley Engels, Haley Nieuwkoop, and Pave Judd.

Six seniors, six first-year runners and a dash of sophomores and juniors will create this seasons "perfectly balanced" girls cross country team, according to Lowell head coach Paul Judd.

With sixteen of his runners currently ahead of where they were last year, Judd expects the season to be exciting. "The best thing about this year's team is

that I can see ten girls that could be in the top five on any given week so there are multiple girls that are expected to score for us. Victoria Hewitt has been working hard all summer and will be presented with an opportunity to run with the leaders in our conference. I also expect senior Breanna VanLaan and junior Katrina Droski to be in the top five," said Judd.

Aiming high and training hard, Judd said the team is looking to place among the top four in the super competitive OK White. "The key to any season is the summer workouts. The girls have done that part and I am confident that they are ready to get 'er done! The girls are ready and it is time," concluded Judd.



Boys - first row, left to right: Evan Johnson, Kenny Stump, Kyle Cater, Thomas Hubert, Eric Judd, Reece Karns, and Seth Palmer; second row, left to right: coach Clay VanderWarf, Mason Winters, Alex Brandt, Christian Davis, Caleb Sobie, Conner Meyers, and coach Paul Judd.

Coach Clay VanderWarf will lead a small but mighty boys cross country team this season as they run full force into the OK White. Consisting of roughly half lower and half upperclassmen, the team currently consists of 13 members.

Returning juniors Eric Judd and Kyle Cater are expected to lead the squad

along with sophomores Kenny Stump and Seth Palmer, who are gaining momentum in practice along with their teammates. "We have been teaching the kids to run within themselves and be willing to push themselves through the uncomfortable zone of running," explained VanderWarf. "So far I have been impressed with their work ethic at practices. If

they continue to improve, I think we'll see good things coming from the runners."

He said the overall goal this season is to improve their finish in the OK White currently dominated by Grand Rapids Christian, East Grand Rapids and Caledonia. "I would like to see the team bump up one or two places in the conference standings," said VanderWarf.

SOCCER



First row, left to right: Landon Smith, Ben Noffke, Jay Stadt, Trevor Sherman, Christian Worsley, Tristian Stephens, and Jakob Thompson; second row, left to right: Robbie Dubisky, Austin Comer, Logan Landman, Collin Bowers, Elijah Dixon, Jonny Draigh, Sam Hofman, and Anthony Pollock; third row, left to right: Logan Smith, Jaime Ortueta, Jacob Holmes, Connor Cater, Riley Coxon, Jonah Epema, Brendan Paulus, Kellen Guinn, and coach Rich O'Keefe. Not pictured: Ryan O'Keefe, Ken Bieri, and Jake Sweet.

A young team rich with returning players will take to the soccer field to represent LHS this season. Eight of eleven starters from last season will return to the team all in only their sophomore or junior year.

Along with four seniors and some impressive new talent, including exchange student from Spain Jaime Ortueta, the team is poised

to take on the challenging OK White. According to head coach Rich O'Keefe, "I am as anxious as anyone else to see how this season unfolds. Even with so many returning starters it's a young team. We will be competitive each week and we have an opportunity to surprise many teams. We may not win every game but it will be entertaining."

O'Keefe expects many players to make an impact, including Jonah Epema and Elijah Dixon on defense and offensive standout Collin Bowers. "It will be interesting which players will take the lead on the team. This year's team is well balanced, we can go deep into the bench without losing anything on the field," said O'Keefe.

VOLLEYBALL



First row, left to right: Jenna Harper, Hannah Halfmann, Maysen Yaw, Joslynn Battle, and Emily Stump; second row, left to right: manager Blanca Lopez, Madeline Taylor, Carly Hoekstra, Makyla Branagan, Kylee Stephens, Kelly Reitsma, and coach Cherie Bowerman.

Lowell High School's varsity volleyball team is geared up for a "winning season" according to head coach Julie Quist.

Senior captains Kelsey Emmanuel, Rachel Fox and Bailey Reitsma will lead a squad of six juniors and two sophomores toward that goal after being part of a monumental OK White district finals run last season.

Quist said the team is looking forward to their home opener against

conference competitor Jenison during Pink Arrow and feel a strong showing there and throughout the season is likely. "We have a

strong team of girls who are competitive, love to win and are working together well," said Quist.





2015 Fall Red Arrow Teams

EQUESTRIANS



Left to right: Henneh McMillian, Aili Fisher, Ally Pawloski, Olivia Hock and Andi Reynolds.

As reigning District C champions, the Lowell Red Arrow equestrian team has worked diligently throughout their off-season with the goal of adding another chapter to the team's winning history.

Senior captain Henneh McMillian and junior captain

Andi Reynolds will officially lead the team in competition, but Bouman said the entire five-person team is poised to perform well this season calling them one of the most versatile groups she has coached in several years.

GOLF



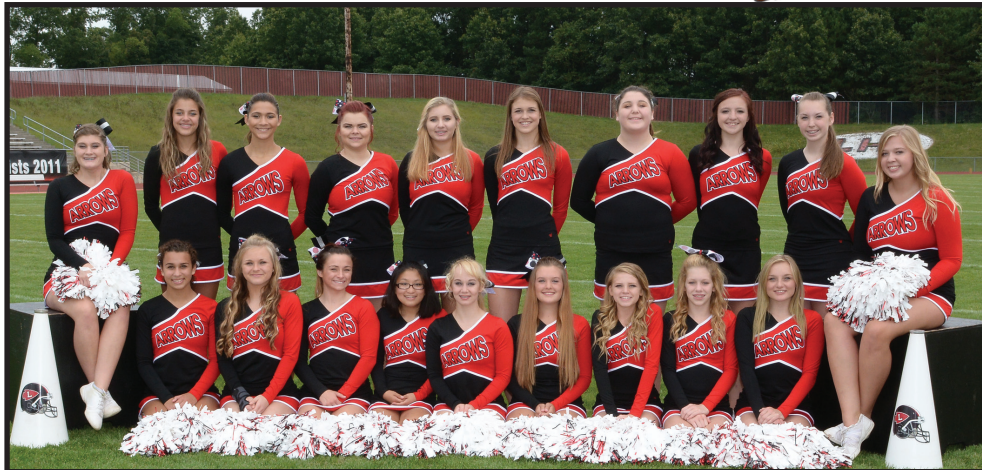
First row, left to right: Elena Bishop, Isabelle Dial, Taylor Furtaw, and Ella Nauta; second row, left to right: coach Gary Fredline, Katie Peal, Lucy Wade, Hannah Dovernay, Paige Fosburg, Kenzi Uhen, Morgan Allison, Tristan Fogarty-Thomas, McKenna Creighton, and coach Kim Stevens.

Coach Kim Stevens will lead a youthful Red Arrow varsity girls golf team this season after losing five senior members following a record-breaking 2014 season.

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management have been our top priorities. I am very happy with the work ethic of all the girls." "Commented Stevens, "We will have our growing pains for sure. Our goal is to improve as the year goes by."

CHEER



First row, left to right: Sadie Mellema, Mikayla Brooks, Kenzie McCarty, Elisabeth Vogt, Kara Jeffries, Keana Fahrni, Brooklyn Fryers, Riley Frazer, and Hannah VanWynen; second row, left to right: Rae Mongar, Marissa Grover, Amber Brown, Madeline Knapp, Lydia Hull, Kaitlyn German, Kimmie Cloutre, Avery Cunningham, Quinne Duhr, and Mallory Koster.

TENNIS



First row, left to right: Kyle Bell, Philip Thompson, Billy Dickson, Tim Buechler, Zachary Fabis, and Jarrett Duimstra; second row, left to right: coach Chris Phillips, Blake Posum, Carl Noskey, Zach Laux, Jeremy Bergin, Andrew deVost, and Caleb Kaufman.

Lowell boys varsity tennis team, led by head coach Chris Phillips, will face a lineup of

16 total competitions in a busy season in and out of the OK White conference.

challenging conference foes Jenison, Caledonia and East Grand Rapids High School.

The team will open their season with a series of tournaments before hosting their six total home matches starting September 1. These home bouts will include

All home matches, which feature both singles and doubles action, kick off at 4:15 on the Lowell High School courts.

FOOTBALL



First row, left to right: Maxwell Dean, Zeth Dean, Sam Russell, Nathan Stephens, Matt Cooper, Alex Anschutz, Sawyer Olesko, Ben Smith, and Ryan Stevens; second row, left to right: Trevor Shurlow, Gabe Steed, Hayden Barry, Ethan Bates, Sterling Anderson, Matthew Anderson, Keegan Redloske, Derek Massey, Avery Buckius, and Sage Solomonson; third row, left to right: Logan Blough, Tyler Ritchie, Clayton VandenHout, Marcus Schussler, Danny Kruse, Colton Churches, George Gonzales Jr., Nicholas Kloosterman, Mitchell Davis, Mike Doyle, and Karson Murley; fourth row, left to right: John Rogalke, Reece VanderWarf, Joey Schaefer, Collin McGee, Logan VanderMeulen, Evan Mierendorf, Danton Jernberg, Robert Medacco, Aron Mierendorf, Max Bishop, Ryan Hessler, and Zach Petroelje.

After tying for the OK White conference championship and winning outright the district title in 2014, the Lowell Red Arrow varsity football team is ready for another season of success.

Armed with returning starting quarterback Ryan Stevens and a slew of key players, the team is poised to better last season's exemplary run.

Coach Noel Dean, in his 21st year at the helm of the historically winning team, will lead the squad through their purposefully difficult non-conference lineup in preparation for their final ride through the current OK White, including their last regular season match up with storied rival East Grand Rapids at home on October 16.



Red Arrow SPORTS

- FOOTBALL

Red Arrows shut out Reeths Puffer Rockets 56-0

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell football welcomed Red Arrow fans back to Bob Perry Memorial Stadium to meet up with the Muskegon Reeths Puffer Rockets. They shut out the Rockets 56-0.

The Rockets opened the first half with a good return followed by a strong yet unsuccessful drive, but it was all Arrows from there as Lowell scored on all but one drive during the one-sided game. The team racked up a

massive 368 offensive yards in the first half alone on their way to a total of 597.

Lowell quarterback Ryan Stevens hit fellow senior Gabe Steed with a 41-yard touchdown pass, Steed's fourth of the season,

to open scoring for the Arrows. Stevens converted for two points for their 8-0 start.

Senior Alex Anschutz followed with a pair of back-to-back touchdowns within thirty seconds of play later in the first quarter. The first of the two was a 33-yard touchdown pass from Stevens with Hayden Barry earning the two-point conversion. The second came after Ethan Bates grabbed an interception, one of three turnovers earned by the Arrows, setting Stevens and Anschutz up for a second score. Stevens earned the two-point conversion to make the score 24-0 moving into the second.

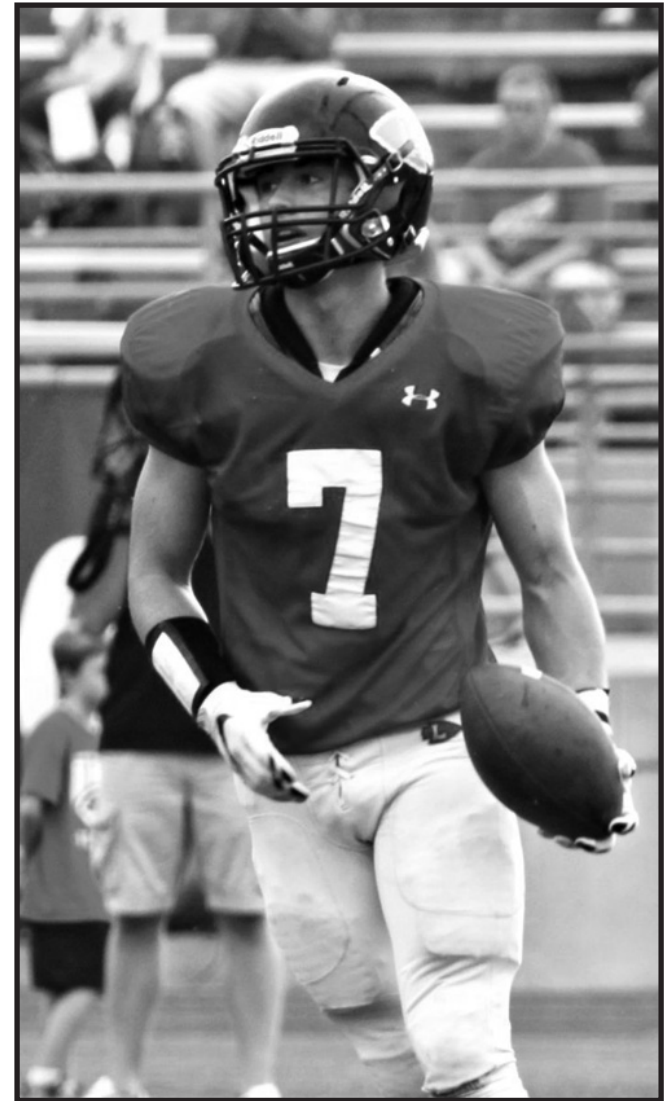
Zeth Dean earned his first touchdown of the season on a 35-yard run to continue the Arrow's momentum in the second. Ahead 30-0 after missing the conversion, the Arrows continued to unleash an offensive Goliath to the Rockets' David adding two more scores before the half while Muskegon stayed silent.

Senior Derek Massey grabbed a hand-off and ran unscathed 45 yards into the end zone for the first accompanied by an up and over two-point conversion from Steed. Fellow senior

Max Dean rushed two yards for the second ending an eleven play 33-yard drive for the Arrows and the first half of play ahead 44-0. Dean had eight carries for

the night earning 89-yards rushing and his sixth score of the season.

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Senior Alex Anschutz earned a pair of back-to-back touchdowns in the first quarter.

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Sports Summaries

TENNIS

Senior Carter Noskey earned Lowell's varsity tennis only point against Caledonia last Monday, winning in straight sets at third singles, during the team's tough 7-1 OK white loss. Junior standout Andrew deVost also played an outstanding match at first singles coming just short of victory. Tuesday, against Forest Hills Central the Arrows went scoreless falling 8-0. Over the weekend at the Sailor Invite the team placed eighth with five points.

CHEER

Red Arrow's varsity sideline cheer team celebrated their six senior members and hosted Lowell's youth cheerleaders as part of senior night festivities last Friday evening at Red Arrow Stadium. They capped off the night by awarding Arrow Fan of the Week honors to Hayden Sutton.

VOLLEYBALL

Varsity volleyball tangled with OK foe Caledonia last week on the road in their second conference match of the season. The Arrows came out strong winning the first set 25-22 but fell short overall losing 3-1. Saturday the team placed third in their bracket at the Caledonia Elite Classic. Top players for the week included Abi Mangus (38 kills, 10 aces, 44 digs), Sydney Powell (113 assists), Shannon Hoekstra (7 blocks), Rachel Fox (10 aces), and Kelsey Emmanuel (16 digs).

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Lowell's lady long distance runners earned an impressive second-place finish at the Sparta Invitational over the weekend, getting edged out of the championship title by just four points. Senior Tori Hewitt placed second overall with a 20:34 to lead the Arrows at the meet. Also performing well were senior Breanna VanLaan (21:58), freshman Lauren Aud (21:58), senior McKare Elliot (22:39), and senior Megan Khodl (22:45).

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Eric Judd placed sixth with a 17:51 to lead the Lowell boys varsity cross country team at the Sparta Invitational, last Saturday, where the Arrows earned a fifth-place finish. Kyle Cater (18:48), Kenny Stump (20:10), Caleb Sobie (20:13), and Thomas Hubert (20:41) rounded out Lowell's top five runners.

Red Arrow SPORTS

- SOCCER

Arrows tie Fighting Scots; shut out by Forest Hills Central

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell varsity boys soccer came up short of a win twice last week as they competed in the always difficult OK White conference, first breaking even 1-1 against Caledonia and then falling 4-0 at the “feet” of Forest Hills Central.

Tuesday at home the Red Arrows played an aggressive quick action

game against the Caledonia Fighting Scots that began with an early goal from Logan Landman. Landman hopped onto a cross from Jaime Ortueta to earn the opening goal of the game.

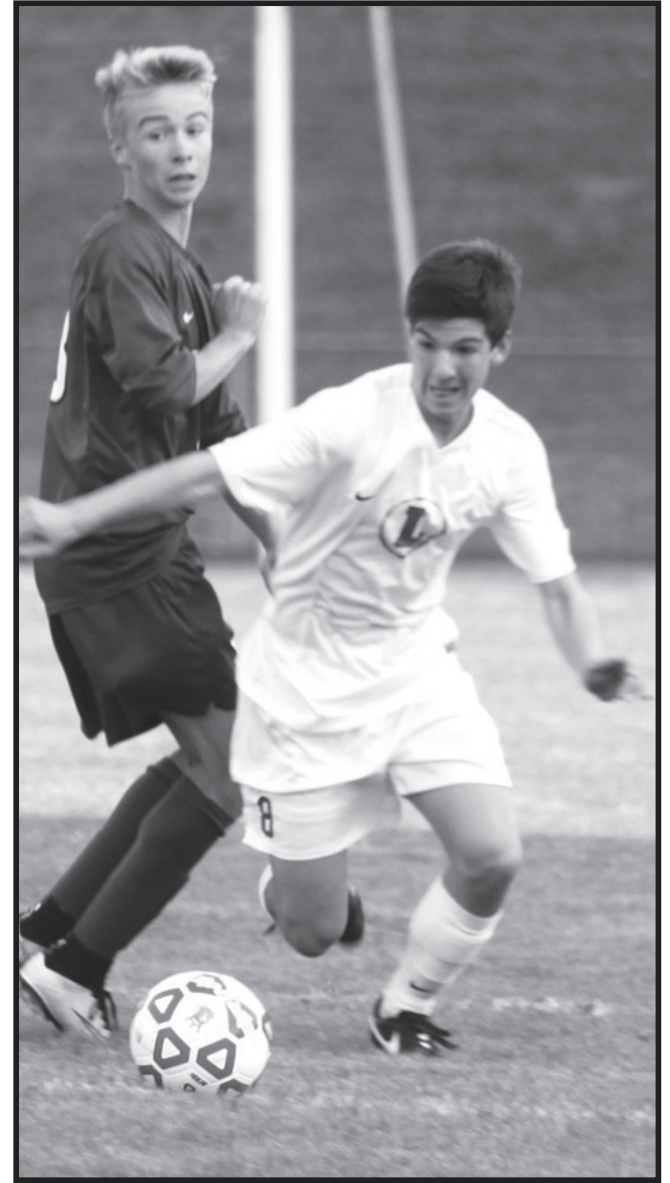
That lead held for the remainder of the half and for much of the second due to a strong performance from the Arrows’ defense, who blocked a few viable

attempts on goal from the Scots but mostly held them at bay. With just 2:36 left in regulation Caledonia squeezed by a trio of Lowell defenders and launched a shot to the back of the net just wide of goalkeeper Trevor Sherman’s reach. Overtime proved fruitless for both teams as the game ended in a 1-1 tie.

Despite the last minute goal that ultimately cost them the game, head coach Rich O’Keefe says he is happy with the progress of the defensive portion of his team. “I like how my young backs are developing. I ask a lot of them. My two center backs, Jonah Epema and Elijah Dixon, are the leaders on the defensive unit. They are learning to play together but I can see them getting more confident each game.”

O’Keefe also mentioned outside backs: Sam Hoffman, Ben Noffke and Tristian Stephens; and midfielders: Anthony Pollock and Jacob Thompson; as key parts of the defense.

At home again on Thursday the squad faced powerhouse Forest Hills Central (FHC), currently ranked second in the state. The match started out strong for Lowell as they kept pace with their opponent for most of the first half. With just under a minute of play left before the buzzer, FHC turned up the heat landing a pair of goals that left the Arrows trailing 2-0 at the half. The Arrows were never able to return fire while FHC added two for the decisive 4-0 victory.



Defensive player Ben Noffke moves around a Forest Hills Central competitor during a strong first half performance.



Jaime Ortueta assisted in the lone score for the Arrows in last week’s duo of tough OK White conference matches.

This week the team will venture twice more into the OK White tangling with East Grand Rapids at home on Tuesday starting at 6:45 and then Grand Rapids Christian Thursday on the road.

Football, continued

Reeths Puffer, who has failed to score in their last three games, averaged -1 yards per carry in the first half as they struggled

against the Arrows’ crushing defense. Their young quarterback suffered six sacks at the hands of the Arrows as the Lowell

team combined 182 rushing yards and four touchdown passes worth 185 yards from Stevens.

A largely second

string lineup represented the Arrows on the field in the second half as they continued to control the pace of the game. Sage Solomonson added a three-yard rushing touchdown

near the end of the third and a second in the fourth, near the nine minute mark, securing the 56-0 win.

Lowell, now 3-1, has outscored their last three opponents by a combined

margin of 155-21 and hopes to continue that show of strength in their first away game of the season at Grand Haven High School this Friday. Kickoff is at 7 pm.



The Red Arrows’ offensive line was nearly unstoppable scoring on all but one drive in the non-conference game.

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obituaries

CRAFT

Richard (Dick) Craft, 1934-2015, passed away quietly at home on September 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.



ZIGMONT

Albert 'Al' A. Zigmont Jr., age 74 of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, September 15, 2015. He was preceded in death by his parents Albert and Helen S. (Mitchell) Zigmont. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Helen; children Lisa Zigmont (Dan Bailey), Brian, Balor (Sherri), Edward (Aubrie), Bronson and Blake Zigmont; brother Bill (Mary) Zigmont; sisters Shirley (Larry) Patrick and Sherry (John) Free; brothers and sisters-in-law Erdith Farley, Byron (Laura) Farley, Norman Farley, Lydia Farley, Norma Wilder, Ira (Esther) Farley; nieces and nephews; 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Al was a fabulous Number One Dad. The loves of his life were his family and farming. God's greatest gift to Al was how much he loved his life. He is remembered as always having a positive outlook and being a wonderful teacher to many. A Mass of Christian Burial was held. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to St. Anthony's Parish, 3927 Jackson Rd., Saranac MI 48881.



DORSEY

Thomas William Dorsey, age 66 of Lowell, passed away Monday, September 21, 2015. He was preceded in death by his wife Joy. He is survived by his son Patrick Dorsey and daughter Mariah May; also brothers and sisters-in-law and nieces and nephews. A graveside service, with military honors, will take place Tuesday, September 29th, 2:30 p.m. at Fort Custer National Cemetery, 15501 Dickman Rd., Augusta, MI 49012. Memorial contributions may be made to Gilda's Club, 314 S Hudson St., Lowell MI 49331.



LEGAL NOTICE

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 1/4 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

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING STATE OF MICHIGAN The Probate Court for the County of Kent

In the matter of MICHAEL DULEY, Guardianship File No. 15-198,059-GA TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including KATHY GWIEN (or GWIEN) (sister) whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following: TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on September 21, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at Kent Co. Probate Court, 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose:

Appointment of a Temporary Guardian. A hearing will be held on October 21, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at Kent Co. Probate Court, 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: Appointment of a Full Guardian.

Dated: September 11, 2015

Adult Protective Services, DHHS, Petitioner 121 Franklin St. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49507 616-391-1675

VAN ESSEN AND ASSOCIATES PLLC Atty.s for Petitioner by Amanda S. Van Essen (P75001) 3425 Kelly St. Hudsonville, MI 49426 Phone 616-633-0196

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GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Synopsis of Minutes September 14, 2015

Motions Approved:

1. To pay for a survey of property.
2. To continue using iCompass.
3. Approved the PA 116 for Wittenbach.
4. To change the salary policy for new employees.

Our next Township Meeting will be October 5, 2015 At 7:00 p.m.

The approved minutes may be reviewed on our website at www.grattantownship.org

THEME: FAMOUS CANINES

ACROSS

- 1. Ostentatious or vain displays
- 6. Party barrel
- 9. *Garfield's canine friend Odie hates taking one
- 13. Use a Bedazzler, e.g.
- 14. Literary "even"
- 15. Native-born Israeli
- 16. Salk's conquest
- 17. Head of a country club
- 18. "Well-____ machine"
- 19. Vacation location
- 21. *Yellow lab of best-selling autobiography
- 23. Dashboard unit
- 24. Nothing to fear but this?
- 25. Fleur-de-____
- 28. Jellystone Park denizen
- 30. Unlike Pinocchio
- 35. At another time, to Romeo or Juliet
- 37. Margarets
- 39. Be undecided
- 40. UN civil aviation agency, acr.
- 41. *Husky, the hero of Nome
- 43. Australian palm
- 44. Fraternity K
- 46. "____ what you sow"
- 47. Slender or thin
- 48. Acquiesce
- 50. A in B.A.
- 52. Tree juice
- 53. Gamecock's spur
- 55. "____ show time!"
- 57. *Most famous fictional canine character?
- 60. *Mystery-solving Great Dane

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SEPTEMBER 16 - SEPTEMBER 22

- Pope Francis will make his first visit to Washington this week after he leaves Cuba, where he spoke to thousands on the first leg of his North American tour.
- Former NHL enforcer Todd Ewen died on Saturday due to what police are classifying as a suicide. Ewen who apparently battled depression for years died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. He was 49.
- Apple Inc is cleaning up its App Store to remove malicious iPhone and iPad programs in the first large-scale attack on the software outlet. They say they have removed the offending apps from the store but did not say what steps iPhone and iPad users could take to tell whether their devices were infected.
- First Rick Perry and now Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker is dropping out of the race for the Republican presidential nomination,



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- 63. Lifeboat support
- 64. Rub the wrong way
- 66. Abomination
- 68. Plural of #2 Down
- 69. A guy's ____
- 70. *Buck changed his luck in film, "The Call of the Wild"
- 71. Breaking updates
- 72. Born that way?

- 73. City in western Germany

DOWN

- 1. OB-GYN test
- 2. Detected by olfactory system
- 3. Lawn enemy
- 4. Rainbow-producing device
- 5. *Schulz' beagle
- 6. "Best ____ secret"
- 7. "Ever" to a poet
- 8. Fairytale garden dweller
- 9. Get-out-of-jail money
- 10. Goes with "willing"
- 11. 3-point shot
- 12. Owned
- 15. Feeling at a funeral
- 20. Type of parallelogram
- 22. Express pleasure
- 24. Adam's or Eve's cover plant
- 25. *Soviet space dog
- 26. Pizarro's conquest
- 27. Daytime entertainment
- 29. Necessary equipment or articles
- 31. Grandmothers, in Britain
- 32. Pandora's box contents
- 33. Old photo color
- 34. *Lady's boyfriend
- 36. No way
- 38. *Rin Tin Tin has one on the Walk of Fame
- 42. Relating to sight
- 45. Teenagers' emotions
- 49. Thailand native
- 51. Larry or Curly or Moe
- 54. Make believe
- 56. Coke and Pepsi, e.g.
- 57. Use a ladle
- 58. Swear, not curse
- 59. Elton John and Bono, e.g.
- 60. *Greyfriars Bobby, type of terrier
- 61. Overalls
- 62. ____ log
- 63. Knotts or McLean
- 65. Street in Paris
- 67. They are from Mars?

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LAST WEEK'S ONLINE POLL RESULTS

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

- **NO** - he's just trying to shake things up..... **56%**
- **YES** - he's exactly what we need..... **44%**
- **Can't decide**..... **0%**

TO VOTE IN THIS WEEK'S ONLINE POLL

WWW.thelowellledger.com

Meet the candidates, continued

“Peggy Covert caught me at the door and told me that this was not a meeting for me,” the e-mail from Ellison said. “I think she wanted me to leave, but I said I would like to meet the candidates, too. I have never seen them at a meeting, except Teelander.”

Before the meeting Covert explained the reasoning behind it in an e-mail to the Ledger.

“This was meant to be just an informal meet and greet for the seniors

with three new candidates: Alan Teelander, Mike DeVore and Jeff Phillips, for city council,” Covert’s e-mail said. “These three had expressed interest and desire to meet and visit with the seniors. [...] ..open to everyone but sponsored and paid for by the four new candidates. It will be a chance to hear about the new candidates, what they stand for and ask questions. (The two incumbents may also be available.) This was not originally intended to be

publicized but things have changed from what we had intended.”

Ellison felt the three new candidates said things that were incorrect.

“It was VERY hard not to speak up,” Ellison’s e-mail said. “There were so many inaccuracies in what they were saying! I remember when Jeannie Shores was mayor and I attended a contentious ‘Coffee with Council.’ She was very patient and listened - even when it got

tough. I was honoring her by emulating that same demeanor. I think it shows tolerance and class.”

The senior citizens at the event asked a lot of questions and afterward they seemed satisfied with the answers they heard from the candidates.

“Information-wise, they gave some pretty good insight, but I’m not saying it’s the same old thing,” said meeting attendee Dick Johnson. “I just came to see what they had to say, basically. They’ve got some good ideas. Where we are today wasn’t done overnight, so it’s not going to get fixed overnight. There are a lot of things that need to be worked on and it’s just going to take some time. It won’t change my vote.”

“I thought it was really great, I really did,” Mary Ann Geldersma said. “It was very nice, very informative. I’ve kind of had my mind made up, because I’ve been listening to a lot that’s been going on. I’m satisfied with what I heard today and I know how I will vote.”

The final day you can register to vote is October 5.



Mike DeVore



About 20 seniors attended the event at Schneider Manor.

LHS September Student of the Month

Lowell High School has announced that Sydney VandenHout, 11th grade, is the Lowell High School September Student of the Month. In order to be eligible for this honor a student must be nominated by a department. All the nomination forms for the month are then reviewed and voted on at the monthly department chair meeting. Students are selected based on academic achievement, character and work ethic. There are 1,200 students eligible

for nomination, so this is quite an accomplishment for VandenHout, who will receive a \$20 movie gift card and a certificate.

Tammi Dent nominated VandenHout and she writes, “At the beginning of the school year we always like to award one of our AP Spanish students with the Student of the Month award due to their hard work over the summer break and their strong start in the classroom. This year Sydney VandenHout is our standout student. Sydney

completed all the summer course work that was assigned and followed the suggested time frame for completion. By completing the summer work, Sydney also had the confidence to walk into AP Spanish using Spanish without hesitation when asking me questions. As I looked over her writing entries, I could also see that she was incorporating many transitions words that we spent a great deal of time with last year. Sydney has a firm goal to pass the AP Spanish test in May and she is taking all the right steps to make that happen!”

This program is made possible by the support of the LHS Academic

Boosters, who support the high school in many ways. If you are interested in helping support the LHS Academic Boosters you may contact the office at 987-2900.



Sydney VandenHout

August LPD statistics

Lowell's police and fire departments had a pretty busy August.

According to statistics released last week, Lowell police made 26 arrests during August. These arrests include six for drug law violations, three for drunk driving, eight for outstanding warrants and five that are described in the police department's information as 'other arrests.' That adds up to 188 people who have been arrested in Lowell during 2015.

The police department responded to a lot of misdemeanors during August as well. There were 18 larceny calls, five dog complaints, two malicious destruction complaints and

two breaking and entering complaints. Lowell police wrote 37 citations and notified nine residents of ordinance violations. They were also involved in 67 assistance calls and were dispatched to 13 accidents. They also let 87 drivers at traffic stops go with a warning.

The Lowell Area Fire and Emergency Services Authority went on 22 runs in August. Among their calls were one vehicle fire, five structure fires, three grass and brush fires, seven "miscellaneous" fires, 35 medical calls and they were called to six accidents. There were no false alarms in August.

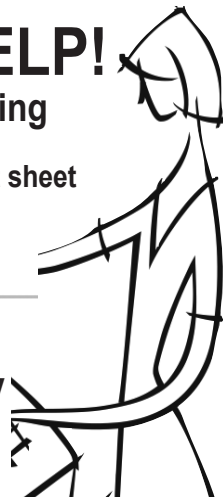
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to consider the following request from Red Creek Waste Services:

A request for a Special Land Use Permit to establish a solid waste transfer facility including composting as an incidental use. The use would include two buildings plus an area for outside storage of trash containers and a parking area for trash collection trucks.

LOCATION & ADDRESS: The property is located at 5826 Alden Nash SE which is just north and east of the Price storage facility. PP#'s 41-20-34-300-019 and part of 41-20-34-300-020.

The hearing will be held as follows:
WHEN: MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2015
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
**WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
LOWELL, MI 49331**

Information on the proposed request is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township Offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, MI 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Tim Clements, Secretary
Lowell Charter Township
Planning Commission

Fallasburg Festival, continued

Bruce Matthews Band held the stage all weekend.

"All of the music this weekend, somebody in the group has a tie to Lowell," Smalligan said. "They either are somebody that grew up in Lowell, went to Lowell high school or currently live in Lowell. The Bennett Band are three young men who are becoming quite well known in West Michigan."

"We're an Irish band," said Eric Bredin of the group Paddy's Cure who performed on Saturday. "We play pub classics and some modern Irish folk tunes like the Pogues, the Clancy Brothers, Floggy Molly. This is our first time. We're excited."

The kids zone had pumpkin decorating, a playground and on Sunday a dance class demonstration from Arts In Motion Studio. Food booths were run by volunteers from groups like Lowell Area Women's Club, Lowell Historical Museum, Fallasburg Historical Society, Lowell Rotary Club, Alto Lions Club and Lowell Music Boosters.

"All of the food vendors are either from Lowell or from Alto," Smalligan said. "I always see it as a kind of a fundraiser for the entire community. It's fundraisers for all of the food booths."

"We have chicken dinners," said Lowell fire chief Frank Martin. "You get half a chicken, baked beans, potato salad, a roll and a drink for \$9. It's a good deal. Excellent chicken. The fire department has been doing this for 25 years. We have barbecue sauce available



Cindy Allen making a ring out of antique buttons.



Paul Geer making yard and home decorations out of flowers and other plants.



Belgian photographer Kenyatta uses his photos to "spruce up" reality.



The Fallasburg Flats baseball team played with rules and equipment from the 1800s.



Paddy's Cure were onstage Saturday.

if you want to put it on yourself, but we don't put it on. A lot of people don't like barbecue sauce. A lot of people just want to have a nice barbecued chicken."

There were hundreds of artists from all over the world selling their wares. Kenyatta, from Heverlee, Belgium, was selling photographs he took in places like Cuba, Belgium, Italy, South Africa and Ohio.

"I still use film," Kenyatta said. "I have to

scan it into the computer now because my paper and chemicals are unavailable. Once I put it into the computer, what I do is eliminate all of the original color until only the black is left. I take the black and I burn it onto a silk screen, then I use oil-based ink on 100 percent rag paper and then I go back in and hand-color with water colors. I change what the original color is. I spruce it up."

Kenyatta said he was impressed by the way the Fallasburg Festival promoted cultural diversity.

"I photograph mostly people," Kenyatta said. "What it is, is culture. What I'm doing is just promoting culture. I'm just educating people. I feel that this is not a dress rehearsal for life. I'm going to try to go as many places as I can go. Life is too short, and I want to enjoy it. The only thing separating us is culture."

Although it rained off and on throughout the weekend, the people involved in the fair didn't care about anything but sunshine.

"It's a great day," Bredin said. "It was supposed to rain all day, but it's sunny out. This is amazing."

"Just a little rain this morning. The ground is a

little muddy," Kenyatta said.

"The weather didn't look very good earlier in the week, but it's good today," Martin said.

"It's not a big deal. We're looking forward to having a good capacity crowd," Smalligan said.

"This is the most fantastic festival ever," Allen said. "The success of the Fallasburg festival is all about the weather, and with the forecast and the way it is now it should be really great. Last year it rained really hard off and on."

Nearby Fallasburg Village had a Fallasburg Village Bazaar all weekend. Artists with wool sculptures, paintings, rock candle holders, jewelry, clothes and more lined the road. Unlike the Fallasburg Festival, which brings in artists from all over the country, the

Fallasburg Village Bazaar only included local artists. Fallasburg Village was settled in the 1830s. This was the first time a bazaar has been held there.

"These are artists that are actually from around here," event organizer Tina Cadwallader said. "We wanted people that were from our area, Kent or Ionia County, who are talented and have them bring their talent to our bazaar."

Also in Fallasburg Village were vintage baseball games, played with rules, uniforms and equipment from the 1800s.

"We have a vintage baseball team that's been with us for years, the Fallasburg Flats, and they're playing a doubleheader on Saturday," Cadwallader said.

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