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Lowell police receive government motorcycle

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Lowell's police department received a free Harley Davidson motorcycle from the United States government.

"It's a 2006 Harley Davidson," said LPD chief Steve Bukala. "It has 13,000 miles on it. It came from the Pentagon motor unit that was disbanded. We cleaned it up, washed it and took the Pentagon logos off and put Lowell Police Department logos on."

Buying a new motorcycle would not have been in the department's budget.

"That bike, brand new, would be about \$30,000," Bukala said. "Being ten years old, it's valued at about \$9,000 in today's dollars."

Bukala said that LPD plans to use the Harley for

routine patrols and in the occasional parade.

"I've already been riding it," Bukala said. "Detective [Gordy] Lauren is also endorsed, but he hasn't been through the motor officer training school. It's not required, but it's highly recommended before he goes on permanent patrol with it."

The motorcycle was given to LPD as part of the '1033 Program,' a method the federal government has used since 1997 to get rid of excess equipment. Local police departments can obtain things like ammunition, sand bags, medical supplies, sleeping bags, and more for free, all they have to do is go pick it up.

"We got it from the federal government's '1033' surplus program,"

said Bukala. "Every law enforcement organization in the United States is eligible. You'd be surprised how many vehicles the federal government has. I was amazed when I was there."

The 1033 Program got a lot of negative press after the summer 2014 unrest in Ferguson, Mo., brought attention to the militarization of U.S. police departments. Bukala said the LPD didn't get any tanks or grenade launchers, but they have gotten some useful equipment over the years.

"We've received quite a bit of equipment from them over the past two years," Bukala said. "We've recarpeted the entire building on our side, the

common area and dispatch, with excess carpet from the Pentagon."

The department plans to get more items from the 1033 Program in the future.



LPD chief Steve Bukala on the department's 2006 Harley Davidson motorcycle.

Local artists display their work at ArtPrize

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Several Lowell artists have works entered in ArtPrize this year.

Local residents Gerard Wood, Sharon Brandner and David Jones each created something unique and entered their creations into the ArtPrize contest. This year is the seventh annual ArtPrize contest. The event lasts from September 23 through October 11. There are over \$500,000 in prizes up for grabs.

David Jones is probably the most well-known of Lowell's entrants. He has played in local bands like Stillwater, Alive and Well, and is currently a member of Time Hungry. Jones entered an original song into the contest.

"Now" is a recording of an instrumental song I wrote several years ago," Jones said. "It's kind of a swing or big band style instrumental. I performed it on my keyboard and

then added drums and bass line and some brass. My son Rider Jones played some guitar on it to rock it up a bit. I entered it in the 'pop electric' category."

To hear Jones' song "Now," you can either listen to the recording at St. Cecilia Music Center, 24 Ransom Ave NE, Grand Rapids or check it out on the ArtPrize website.

"This is my first time in ArtPrize," Jones said. "I really enjoy it."

Gerard Wood lives in Ada, but he is on the LowellArts! gallery committee and belongs to Studio

208, a group of artists that meets above Chimera Design. Gerard's painting "Unwinding" is hanging in J. Gardella's Tavern, 11 Ionia Ave SW, Grand Rapids, for the duration of ArtPrize.

"My primary medium is watercolors and my subject matter is pretty broad," Wood said. "What I did for ArtPrize is nautical in theme. I've done sailboats, that's what the piece is. It was a wild year, a wild summer

and I was sitting at the beach one day just looking at the horizon. I saw some sailboats and I thought, 'I just want to unwind from all of that,' hence the name

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Council pays tribute to Jim Hall

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Lowell city council paid tribute to Jim Hall during their meeting at city hall on Monday, October 5.

The meeting started with a tribute to city councilor Jim Hall, who died on Wednesday, September 23. Hall's daughter Krystin Ryder, a resident of Chandler, Ariz., attended the meeting, as did 21 members of the public. As a photo of Hall and his late wife Beverly was projected onto a large screen, each member of the city council made a brief statement about Hall. City manager Mark Howe, city clerk Sue Ullery, city treasurer Suzanne Olin, public works director Ron Woods and police chief Steve Bukala also shared memories of Hall.

"Jim was a dear friend," said mayor Jim Hodges. "Two wonderful people that

certainly contributed to our community a great deal."

"He was an absolute[ly] wonderful man," said city clerk Sue Ullery. "I'm so privileged to have known him."

"He had great, great passion for the community," said city manager Mark Howe. "Simply put, he just wanted things to look nice."

"I guess what I liked most about Mr. Hall was his brutal honesty," said police chief Steve Bukala. "You always knew where you stood with him."

The council decided on how they're going to replace Hall. According to the city charter, the council has 30 days after the vacancy to appoint a replacement. The council will make the appointment at their meeting on Monday, October 19. If any Lowell resident wants to be considered for the

seat, they must apply at city hall by noon on Thursday, October 15. The appointee's term on the city council will expire on Monday, November 9, 2015.

"That sounds like what we've done in the past," said councilor Sharon Ellison. "It's fine with me."

Hall also left vacancies on the city planning commission and the Lowell Area Recreational Authority.

The council accepted a bid from Peerless-Midwest, an Ionia company, for what was described in a document prepared by plant superintendent Brian VanVeelen as "well #1 cleaning and redevelopment" at the water treatment plant. The total cost of the project is

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"Unwinding" by Gerard Wood

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\$24,720; \$16,395 for motor and pump repair and \$8,325 for well rehab.

The council continued a discussion they began

at their last meeting about a political event that was held at Schneider Manor on Wednesday, Sept. 16.

“Some people believe the meeting at Schneider Manor for the ‘meet the new candidates’ was a closed meeting,” said councilor Matt Mayer. “It wasn’t closed by any means. [...] I think it’s a pretty low blow for someone to be upset about a group of elderly people wanting to meet the new candidates, who can’t get here for whatever reason. For somebody to be upset about that... I think it’s a really big blow to their character, in my opinion.”

“I called Senior Neighbors and they said, ‘Yes, it’s for ‘meet the candidates’ so, being a candidate, I went,” Ellison said. “I was met at the door and [told] ‘No. This is not for you. This is for only new candidates.’ [...] It’s over, you know? I mean, it happened and that’s unfortunate the way it happened.”

The next regular city council meeting will be at city hall on Monday,



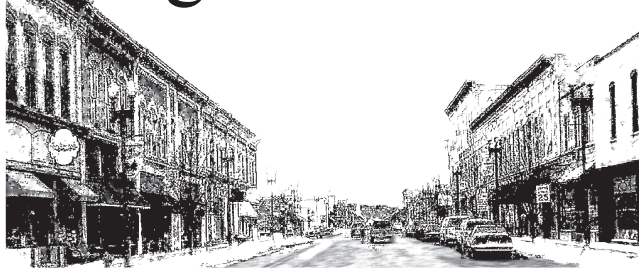
The council paid tribute to councilor Jim Hall, who passed away last week.

October 19 at 7 pm. They will appoint Hall’s replacement at that meeting. The council also has a work

session scheduled at city hall for Monday, October 26 at 6 pm and a ‘Coffee with the Council’ from 8 to 10

am on Saturday, November 7 at Senior Neighbors, 314 S. Hudson.

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Volunteer orientation at Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) will be Thurs., Oct. 15 at 1 pm. Please call 897-8260 for additional information.

SCRAP METAL DRIVE

Boy Scout Troop 102 is holding a scrap metal drive at the Lowell fairgrounds on Sat., Oct. 24 from 8 am to 12 pm.

MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Lowell Area Historical Museum is looking to add to their terrific group of volunteers. All volunteers will be fully trained and enriched with the knowledge needed (looking for people who are willing to volunteer three hours every four to six weeks, with flexibility to fit any schedule). Please contact Pat Allchin at the museum, 897-7688.

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Head-on collision near high school

According to the Kent County Sheriff’s office, on Friday, Oct. 2 at 9:40 pm, they responded to a report

of a head-on accident with injuries in Lowell Township near the entrance to Lowell High School.

Sheriff deputies and Lowell fire personnel located a two-vehicle accident on Vergennes just east of Alden Nash with a driver still pinned in the vehicle. Responders had to extricate the driver.

The investigation revealed 16-year-old Jason Mohr of Lowell was traveling eastbound on Vergennes with two 15-year-old male passengers and crossed the centerline. His 2002 Ford Focus struck a 1991 Mercury

Grand Marquis traveling westbound and driven by 33-year-old Sadie Bowers of Belding.

Bowers was pinned in the vehicle and required extrication. She was transported by Aeromed to Spectrum Downtown with serious injuries. The occupants of the Ford Focus were not injured.

According to the report, alcohol was not a factor. The accident is still under investigation.

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TUESDAY: Chicken taco on soft tortilla shell, refried beans; fruit & veggie bar, spinach & romaine side salad, celery sticks, mixed fruit, fresh strawberries.

WEDNESDAY: French toast sticks served w/sausage (served w/eggs at Bushnell); warm cinnamon apples; fruit & veggie bar, spinach & romaine side salad, baby carrots, applesauce, orange slices.

THURSDAY: Pasta wheat-balls & sauce, seasoned green beans (served at Nitz, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake); WG breaded chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes & gravy (served at Bushnell); fruit & veggie bar, spinach & romaine side salad, kale chips, peaches, grapes.

FRIDAY: Homemade cheese pizza on WG crust (served at Bushnell); Tony’s pepperoni pizza on WG crust (served at Nitz, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake); side salad; fruit & veggie bar, spinach & romaine side salad, celery sticks, applesauce, juice.

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Growing Lowell Bucks program keeps spending local

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

“Lowell Bucks” was conceived as a way to keep shopping money in the community. Local residents can buy Lowell Bucks, which work like gift certificates, for local businesses and either use them or give them as gifts. The program was rolled out this June and it seems to be taking off.

“We are extremely pleased with the amount of members that are

participating in the Lowell Bucks program,” said Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce director Liz Baker. “It’s not just restaurants; shoppers will find a wide variety of diverse spending. The chamber has been selling a lot of Lowell Bucks and continues to work with the membership for added participants.”

“To date \$1,385 has been purchased and \$375 has been redeemed,” Baker said. “That leaves

\$1,010 in circulation in the community. On our old program we sold just a little over \$500 per year. Our goal for this program is to sell \$25,000. That is pretty ambitious.”

The list of businesses that accept Lowell Bucks is very, very long. Currently over 50 local businesses accept Lowell Bucks.

“An updated list of participating merchants can be found on Lowell Bucks landing page,” Baker said.



“The list is also displayed on the Lowell Bucks website.”

“This program makes it simple for people to

purchase Lowell Bucks, for merchants to redeem [them] and for the chamber to administer [it],” Baker said.

“For shoppers it’s so easy. Go to www.discoverlowell.org, click on ‘Lowell Bucks’ and order.”

Great Lakes water levels have risen, for the season

by Mark Breederland
MSU Extension, Michigan Sea Grant

Anyone who has visited any of the Great Lakes this summer may have undoubtedly noticed the lake levels, changed beach areas and perhaps even easier access when putting a boat in at the launch.

Great Lakes water level heights typically peak in July or August, known as the “seasonal high” water level. This flows logically from the snowmelt, runoff and precipitation cycles. The lakes have probably reached their peak for 2015, with Lake Erie likely having the most interesting levels in 2015 of all the Great Lakes.

Each year, all of the Great Lakes experience a “seasonal” rise and a “seasonal” decline. For instance, lakes Michigan and Huron experience an average seasonal rise of about 12 inches up from the winter lows. This is an average over a long period of record but in some dry and below-average years, such as 2012, Michigan and Huron only had a seasonal rise of four inches. This contributed to the all-time record-low levels recorded in January 2013, the lowest low since the period of record started in 1918.

But levels have changed in the intervening two and a half years. Here are some numbers from the July 24 information from the US Army Corps of Engineers and its “Weekly Great Lakes Water Level Update”

Lake Superior (the headwaters)

- Forecasted water level of 602.69 feet.

- Eight inches above the long-term monthly average for July.

- Only five inches below the record highest monthly average (1950) but 29 inches above the lowest monthly average (1926).

- Up one inch above July 2014 levels.

Lakes Michigan and Huron

(These are hydrologically the same lake with the water level the same from Georgian Bay, Ontario, to Chicago and joined together at the Straits of Mackinac.)

- Forecasted level of 579.86 feet.

- Seven inches above the long-term monthly average for July.

- A full 26 inches below the all-time record monthly high water level (1986) and yet 38 inches above the all-time record monthly low (1964).

- Up 11 inches above July 2014 levels.

Lake St. Clair

- Forecasted level of 575.98 feet.

- Fifteen inches above the long-term monthly average for July.

- Also 15 inches below the record monthly high (1986) and 42 inches above the record monthly low (1934).

- Up 11 inches from July 2014 levels.

Lake Erie

- Forecasted level of 573.33 feet.

- Seventeen inches above the long-term monthly average for July.

- Eleven inches below the record monthly high (1986) and 51 inches above the record monthly low (1934).

- Up 14 inches from July 2014 levels.

Lake Ontario

- Forecasted level of 246.72 feet.

- Eight inches above the long-term monthly average for July.

- Eighteen inches below the record monthly high (1947) and 42 inches

above the record monthly low (1934).

- Up six inches from July 2014.

Net basin supply

The net basin supply is a technical term to include all inputs from upstream lakes, precipitation, evaporation and outflows to lower lakes. In June, all Great Lakes received above-average net basin supplies, with Lake Erie receiving more than triple its average net basin supply. Lake Erie has been in the news lately in the Buffalo, N.Y., area regarding rising Lake Erie levels damaging property and swallowing beaches.

As an educator with Michigan Sea Grant and MSU Extension based on the shores of Lake Michigan, most people I talk with seem to like having the water level within a foot of the long-term average — the so-called sweet spot — where there seem to be few problems (contrast with severe issues at very low water levels and very high water levels). While some folks may talk about

less beach than last year or recent past years, with Michigan-Huron being seven inches above the long-term average, today’s level is really in the heart of the sweet spot.

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Power of the press is reporting the news consumers need

by Gene Policinski

The power of the press rests in the ability of journalists to hold government accountable, to mobilize public opinion on matters that are important to individuals, communities or the nation and to provide necessary information of value.

Notice in those words not a mention of celebrity content, mobile devices nor "aspirational" reportage that feels good without doing any good.

But also notice in those words the key to the future for newsrooms across the nation: A visible role in the daily life of the nation rooted in real benefit and sustained credibility.

Newsprint may not be the medium-of-choice today for many readers and perhaps certainly not the one for the desired next generation of readers. But the news organizations behind what certainly will be a blend of printed and electronic pages must be again the mediums-of-choice for that group, whether they be thought-leaders in society, officeholders in government or voters.

The nation - our audience - needs facts, presented clearly, accurately and completely. For those who are held rapt by the comings and goings of the Kardashians and turn away from discussion of policy in the Keystone Pipeline System debate: Well, perhaps it's time to say "goodbye" and leave them to vacuous talking heads, unreal "reality" shows and the assortment of cable TV geek-fests that offer a chance to feel superior just by sitting on a sofa.

"Targeted circulation" indeed. Let's leave behind the prideful ignorant who

proclaim little faith and demonstrate even less actual consumption of news and target those readers and users who want news and data and informed decisions - and who will pay a reasonable fee to get it.

Okay, not as easy to gather in and report out as feature items and single-interview chats. It means bucking the system to place journalists in seats where daily decisions are made and social issues discussed - from City Hall to church pews. It means bringing the news of the day in new ways, but with the same old standards that separated opinion from fact, news pages from editorials and commentary from reporting.

The Newsweek Institute's latest State of the First Amendment national survey, published on July 4, showed that 70 percent of respondents disagreed with the statement that "overall, the news media tries to report the news without bias."

To be sure, the change of bias has been leveled at journalists since the nation began - and was, in fact, welcomed by many in the first "journals of opinion" and later by media moguls making no pretence at publishing anything but "news" filtered through their own views.

But over time and by dint of the hard work and credible reporting by tens of thousands of journalists - in newspapers and later in radio, television and now online - readers, listeners, views and users gave their loyalty to news operations that brought them what they needed.

As emotional as one can be when waxing about ink-on-newsprint, it was the

information that was printed with that ink, on those pages, that made newspapers strong and powerful - and that information was the stuff - not the fluff - of life.

Of course there is room for entertaining, uplifting stories and reports on that part of the day that makes us chuckle, smile or simply shake a head. But editorial decisions ought not to start and end there. "Click-bait" ought not to squeeze out real debate. "Metrics" ought not to rule over meaning. And the challenge in thorough reporting on the county's budget next year ought to mean finding a new way - perhaps through the new studies of gaming technology as applied to news reporting - of telling a complex story. Decades ago, USA TODAY showed us how color weather maps and national sports rankings could be fun while still bringing needed information to commuters, gardeners and golfers - and while also reporting on AIDS, national security issues and unsafe military vehicles.

Consider that most news today still originates with mainstream media - and that the value for those aggregators was simply in finding a new way to package and deliver the content. A simple text-and-photo site called "craigslist" wreaked havoc on the financial underpinnings of a massive industry just by finding an easier way to post and peruse the same information. Cannot we collectively continue to find such innovation within newsrooms as well?

Journalists have learned many hard lessons over the last two decades: Nobody

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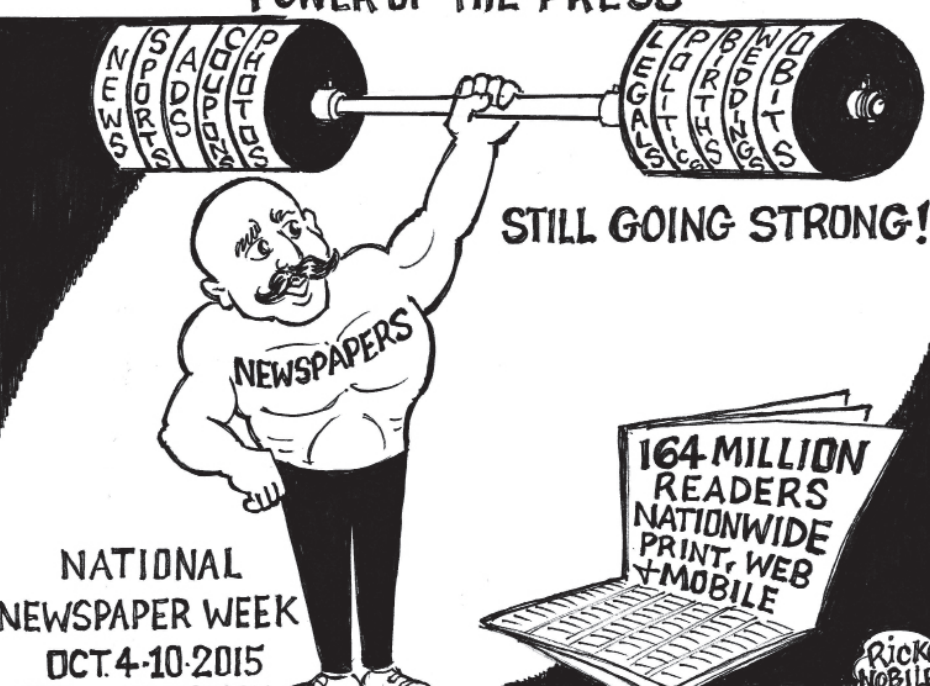
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to the editor

regarding the future

On September 11, 2001, I was in New York City. I stood on MacDougal St. in the Village and I watched the North Tower burn. I know, as do all New Yorkers, what powerlessness feels like. I don't have to feel powerless here in Lowell and neither do you. I don't understand why we are living with streets beyond repair. I know that with chronic disrepair we will reach (have reached) a tipping point where repair becomes a different animal and very costly, because it's gone on too long. Fixing them won't be easy, but with honest hardworking people we can create what today might seem to be miracles. The street problem is at the same time both real and metaphorical, because the streets are the most visible manifestation

of dysfunctional behavior on the part of the present group of people in office, but they're hardly the only problems. I believe we could create an oasis from everything we read about in the news each day. This is just an example of what could be done; it may not be what everyone wants, but say we tear down the old school buildings behind Riverwalk and create a park. It would be a long-term project, taking years and done in manageable pieces. But speaking of long-term projects and short-term projects would imply that we have a master plan and that it's a well thought plan developed by not only the city council, but by input from the community as well. It would be a plan based on consensus, so

that we would be united around it and it would create priorities (streets #1) with an efficient use of funds. The decision making would be transparent, not behind closed doors. No private agendas. When I speak of repairing the streets, it's implicit that I'm referring to an honest approach; repairing whole lengths of streets, one at a time, in an orderly and well thought out fashion, not a cynical attempt to dress up the downtown by repairing only one block of several streets, thereby creating chaos for the residents with really no return on the city's investment, which is the debacle we're suffering through now on the east side. Several years ago I rode my bike over to what was to become Riverwalk but was still a concrete stage and there was a young French woman cooking dinner on a camp stove at sunset. Quite

a lovely sight, all told. We had a conversation; my horrible high school French and her halting English. She was traveling with a friend from school in Quebec, across the U.S. They were roughing it that night but had reservations in a good hotel in Chicago the next night. Their destination was Vancouver. They were taking back roads, two-lane black tops and they discovered Lowell. These two young women grew up in a village in the French Alps and they saw Lowell for what it is: beautiful. They pulled over and cooked their dinner in the beauty of our town, with the full knowledge of what beauty is. We have a unique piece of real estate here that can be transformed beyond our wildest imagination. We can give a gift to future generations who we will never meet, but who will look

back on us with admiration and love for the gift we gave them, because we reached into the future and touched their hearts. And we will not be forgotten.

I'm voting for Alan Teelander, Jeff Phillips and Mike DeVore for city council.
Yours very truly,
Stephen Thurtell

one more time -voice members involved but not sponsors

To The Editor,
The September 23, 2015 Ledger headlined an article about the new candidates running for city council. It read, "VOICE holds a meet the candidate forum." That is not accurate and I would like to clarify exactly what the meet and greet meeting was about. First, VOICE did not set up the meeting on September 16 with the new candidates running for council.

Peggy Covert was asked by candidates Teelander, Phillips and DeVore to make contact with people she knew at Senior Neighbors and Schneider Manor on their behalf. I was asked to moderate the meeting. The candidates paid for all of the advertising flyers from their own campaign contributions. Candidate Salzwedel was invited to attend because he

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appreciation

Dave Stegehuis

When things are going well it is easy to take good fortune for granted. Those who pursue outdoor activities in Michigan can easily fall into this mindset. Other states have fantastic opportunities. Animals, fish, topography, weather, and even regulations can be unique to an area, so it may be necessary to travel long distances to be where the action is. These adventures are time consuming, expensive, and fun.

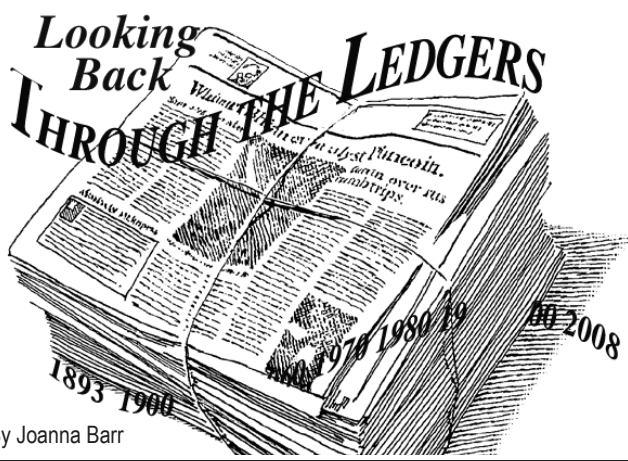
Michiganders sometimes embark on these far away excursions, but on a day to day, week in and week out, after work basis, most of us live near places where we can fish, hunt, ride, boat, or pursue whatever our passion may be. There are few regions in our country where the average person can engage with nature as inexpensively and conveniently as we who share our two peninsulas.

Huge tracts of public land as well as miles of streams and hundreds of lakes with boat ramps, parks, and beaches welcome residents and visitors year around. Private land and water provide rich habitat for wildlife and fish which adds to abundant recreational opportunities found in the public domain.

With the exception of a few popular locations when major summer holidays are celebrated, there is plenty of room for everybody to participate. Four distinct seasons allow for a wide range of activities. As soon as we settle into a routine in one season, it is time to prepare for the next. It is difficult to imagine sitting over a hole drilled on a frozen lake when not that long ago we were basking on a beach. The changing seasons keep life interesting.

Another bonus is the relative lack of severe weather and natural disasters common in other regions. Have you been following the news lately? The absence of dangerous wildlife and insects make the outdoor experience more relaxing. I have hunted in places where I was well aware that I was not at the top of the food chain. Some threats are smaller, but I have been severely spooked by slight movements or noises in underfoot cover.

I realize that I am not giving up any secrets, but at a time when good news is sometimes hard to come by, take a moment to appreciate your opportunities and count your blessings as we approach the fall season and all that it brings.



By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal October 8, 1890

Mrs. Sidney Hoag removed a cancer from Alfred Barber's lip and it is now healed entirely, leaving scarcely any scar perceptible. Mrs. Hoag uses an ointment from which she makes a plaster. She says she has never known it to fail of a cure.

Mrs. J. Hauserman was the victim of a very lucky runaway last Sunday; lucky because no one was hurt. The horse started from near Blain's store and ran up Main St. at terrific speed, turning up Peck's hill, which stopped him.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 7, 1915

Whether the grounds of the Kent County Agricultural society are to become the property of Kent county for a work house and experimental farm, is now a question for the board of supervisors to decide. At a regular called meeting of the stockholders of the society in the old art building on the grounds yesterday afternoon, it was decided by a decisive vote to sell the property to the county. Out of a total of 51 stockholders entitled to vote, 37 were present and the vote was 29 in favor of the proposition and only eight against it.

Dr. S. S. Lee had the misfortune to lose a cow from eating frosted clover and several more were very sick. As W. G. Dollaway and family were driving to Lowell Saturday their horse became frightened at an automobile driven by Frank Collins of Lowell. They were thrown out dislocating Mr. Dollaway's hip and bruising Mrs. Dollaway quite badly.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 10, 1940

C. J. Place of Lowell, had a very narrow escape at Belding recently while working on a coffer dam there. Mr. Place was working within an enclosure when the coffer dam gave away but fellow workmen noticed that something was amiss and heeding their warning, Mr. Place climbed the ladder to safety just before tons of water came pouring into the space he had just occupied.

Clayton Mallery, who operates a gas station at the corner of East Main and Monroe Ave., applied to the Common Council Monday night for a building permit for a gas station on M-21 near the east village limits. Mr. Mallery was informed that the permit could not be granted because of an ordinance against the opening of any more gas stations on M-21 within the village limits and thereby the joke was on Mr. Mallery as he was among those who sought the passing of the ordinance by the village some time ago. "Well, no harm in asking," said Mr. Mallery, smiling as he walked from the council chamber.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger October 7, 1965

Local artist to have show in East Lansing. Janet Johnson, more formally known as Mrs. Phillip Johnson, has been working as a free lance artist and illustrator for the past ten years. The largest volume of her work has been for the Fidler Publishing Company in Grand

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ArtPrize, continued

of the picture, which is called 'Unwinding.' That was the thought process. My artist statement says that it's a view of sailboats catching the windward currents blowing them into a blissful state of letting everything go. There's a lot of movement in it, but it's a restful piece. I wanted to capture that feeling of freedom when you're out there flying across the water, the sound of the rushing air, the breaking water, so that was the intent."

Wood is an old hand at ArtPrize and says the process for artists is getting smoother.

"This is the sixth year I've been showing," Wood said. "I think it's good. There are always changes happening. The venues are getting a little more organized. I've noticed that this year. It's all good."

Lowell resident Sharon Brandner is an art teacher at Innocademy in Zeeland. She had her students help her create the collage "Remember the Rainforest," which can be seen at Saladworks, 44 Ionia Ave SW, Grand Rapids.

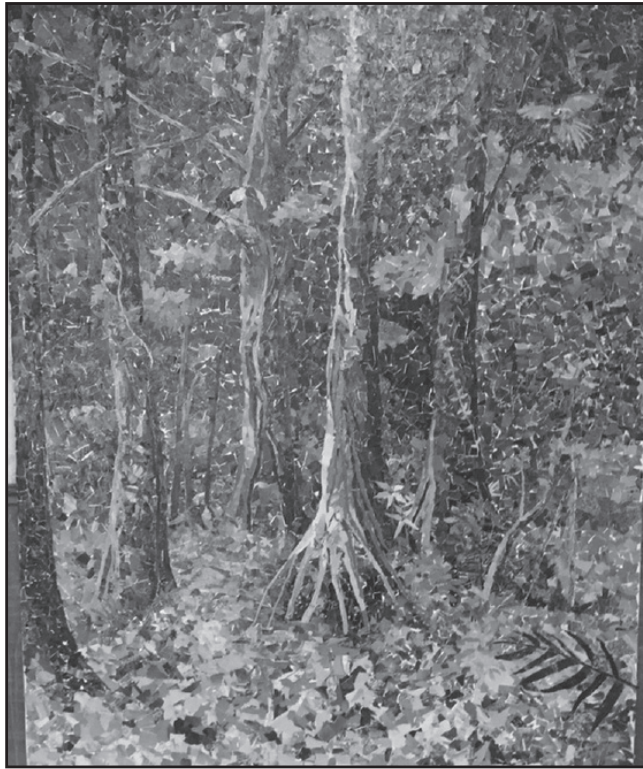
"It's a collage made out of recycled magazines," Brandner said. "It was created by students and myself. The students are from Innocademy in Zeeland. They tore all the pieces and put them all on. We had younger kids helping older kids, so it was a collaborative piece. The kids went to the rainforest on a service project trip and so they were interested in portraying the rainforest. The older kids found words to put in there, so there are little, tiny words hidden in there. There are little

animals hidden in there and different things in there that are meaningful. It's about 52 by 48 inches," said Brandner.

"This is my fifth year and I've always done projects with kids," Brandner said. "I like to work with kids. I like the kids to feel like they're a part of ArtPrize and that their art is as valid as anything else that's in

there. They did a really nice job. It's about three quarters theirs and one quarter mine, in terms of who worked on what."

It's not too late to check out Lowell's local talent, either by heading to Grand Rapids or just looking at the ArtPrize website. Remember, half of the winners at ArtPrize are determined by public vote.



Sharon Brandner's collage, "Remember the Rainforest"

happy birthday

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OCTOBER 8
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OCTOBER 10
Traci Newhouse, Michele DeHaan.

OCTOBER 11
Susan Merriman, Ashley Hendrick, Dale Ruse.

OCTOBER 12
Neille Stephens, Becky Batt.

OCTOBER 13
Adam Thaler, Joe VanLaan, Patrick Doyle, Kurtis Clouser, Jr.

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Synopsis of Minutes October 5, 2015
Motions Approved

1. Sewer Department work is temporarily being done by the Treasury Department, and will be compensated financially.
2. Grattan Township will be purchasing 5 iPads to be used in meetings.
3. Sewer relocation at 3625 Alden Nash.
4. Public Hearing for the McClymont Settlement.

Our next Township Meeting will be October 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The approved minutes may be reviewed on our website at www.grattantownship.org

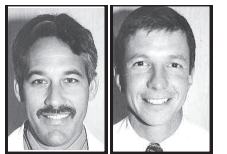
college news

Grand Valley State University announces the names of the most recent local graduates completing their degrees at the conclusion of the spring/summer 2015 semester in August.

Ada: Stephanie R. Banta, Bachelor of Arts; Gale L. Czerwinski, Bachelor of Science Nursing; Charles J. Farmer, Bachelor of Business Administration; Patrick A. Haughey, Master of Science in Accounting; Erin K. Hilbert, Bachelor of Science; Salina J. Kue, Bachelor of Social Work; Zachary N. Rinvelt, Bachelor

of Science; and Jessica Uccello, Bachelor of Arts; Alto: Taylor A. DeHaan, Bachelor of Science; Claire A. Johnson, Bachelor of Science; Traci L. Peters, Bachelor of Science; and Payshence N. Uyl, Master of Education; Lowell: Kristine J. Brandt, Master of Education; Bradley W. Canfield, Bachelor of Business Administration; Brooke A. Curtis, Bachelor of Science; Chad M. Fopma, Master of Science; Brandi S. Rix, Bachelor of Science; and Kaitlin Marie Shive, Bachelor of Science Nursing.

health



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

nursemaid's elbow

Nursemaid's elbow is a term used to describe a radial head subluxation (or forearm dislocation). It's the most common elbow injury in children. It most often occurs in children between the ages of one and four. While the condition is quick and easy for your physician to fix, it is also easily prevented.

A nursemaid's elbow occurs when the young child is quickly jerked, picked up, or swung around the room, by their wrists. The traction along the arm, along with a slight twist is all it takes for the radius to dislocate at the elbow. (The radius is the smaller of the two bones in the forearm.) While this most always occurs by accident, the person causing the condition is usually a parent or caregiver who then feels terrible.

When this condition occurs, the child is usually scared and in pain. The child

will typically have their hand resting across their abdomen with their elbow flexed to 90 degrees. There is no obvious deformity to the arm, but the child will refuse to move it.

It is important that this condition be recognized and promptly evaluated by your physician. They will typically be able to fix the problem right then, providing the child instant relief. If treated promptly, this condition rarely causes any long term problems. Treatment of nursemaid's elbow requires proper training and should only be performed by a physician.

The key to preventing this condition is educating parents and caregivers to avoid the simple actions that cause it. They should avoid pulling or jerking a child up off the floor by their wrists or swinging them around the room by their wrists.

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Lowell hosts second annual Bark for Life

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell Relay For Life celebrated their second annual canine fundraising event “Bark For Life” at the Kent County Fairgrounds last Saturday afternoon.

Bark For Life is an extension of the ACS’s largest fundraising arm, RFL, that focuses on the role of the canine caregiver during a patient’s cancer journey.

Event host Nick LaFave from WZZM began by welcoming guests and guest speaker Robin Benner. Benner, a cancer survivor, shared briefly her own personal story of a dog’s loyal and unending support alongside her tiny caregiver, Olaf, who went on to win the best costume contest.

Attendees then honored survivors in a short lap ceremony before jumping into the contest portion of the event, which was quickly rained out. According to event coordinator Holly Milks, the rain did not stop the momentum of the growing event after a quick change of location. “I’m so thankful for the use of the dairy barn to move out of the rain,” said Milks.

After the awards, the event launched into a trio of brand new activities starting with the “Wiener Dog Races.” The event drew several racing dachshunds. After a bracket style finale, Steve the dog earned the title of the first Bark For Life race winner.

Michigan State defeated the University of Michigan in the second new event, the “Bark Bowl.” Dogs of all breeds and sizes were invited to pick a side and participate in the event. Volunteer referees led the action packed “football



This dachshund named Steve was the winner of the wiener dog race.

game” that had audiences cracking up and cheering for their favorite team. Two pups, Echo and Duke, were named MVP at the conclusion of the game.

Other highlights included a musical sits competition aided by Midnight Music Machine, refreshments and doggy focused sales items.

Milks feels that the event was an overall success and says she hopes

for continued growth and support in the future. “I think it went really well. Everyone really enjoyed the Bark Bowl, dachshund races and musical sits, as well as the contests. I would really like to see this event continue to thrive in our community,” Milks stated.

Any dog lovers interested in joining the planning committee for 2016 should contact Milks at x-ray-lady@att.net



Robin Benner with pup Olaf.

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On Display

Things That Go Bump in the Night

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

LowellArts! presents the October exhibit *Things That Go Bump in the Night* at the King Gallery.

Focusing on dark subject matters, including fear, mystery and terror, the show features a variety of both two- and three-dimensional works. Photographs, paintings, sculptures and drawings convey concepts of darkness that vary from the fears of everyday life to the terror of make believe monsters.

“It is fun to see how artists working in very different styles and mediums approach a common theme,” said LowellArts! project director Janet Teunis. “The committee thought it would be interesting to challenge artists to present art that explores fear and darkness, either in the environment or in the mind or soul.”

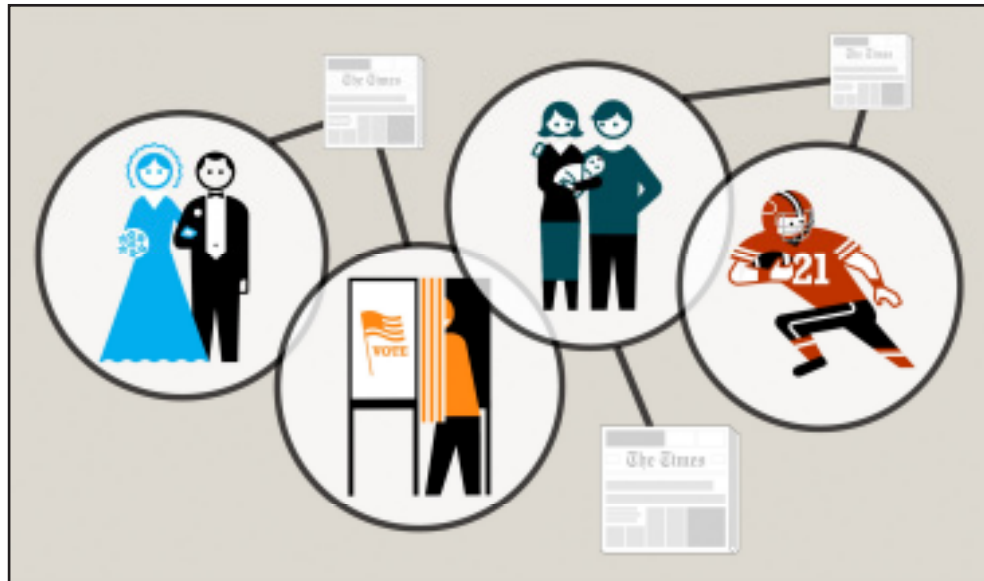
Calling the exhibit “really fun” Teunis mentioned some of the highlights. “We have a scary 3D head made very

realistically out of silicone, a large scale black and white portrait of Mick Jagger, a wedding dress with a girl crouched in fear painted on it and numerous versions of stormy night skies and cemeteries.

The show features a total of 45 pieces submitted by 38 local artists. Several of the featured artists reside in Lowell, including Steve Babcock, Cheryl Blodgett, Tracy Knapp, Carole Lende Svec, Sharon Miller, and Faith Rietema.



“Ghost of a Friend” by Curt LaCross of Alma is one of the 45 pieces on display at LowellArts!



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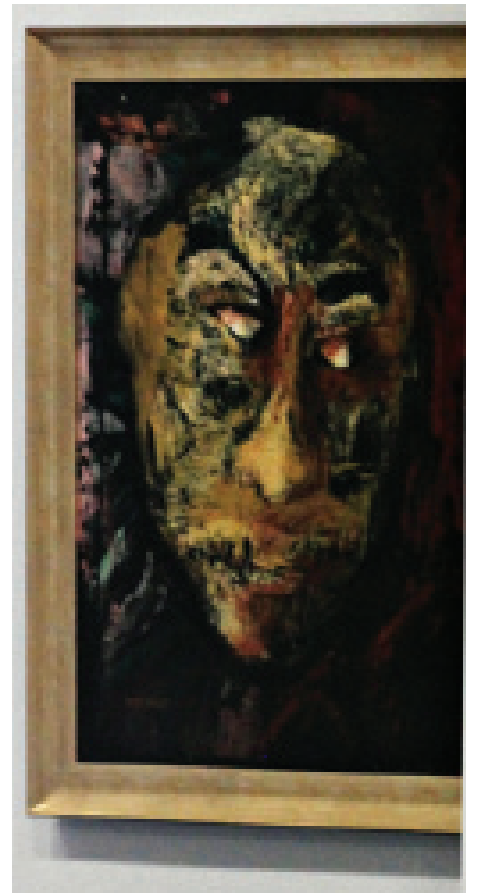
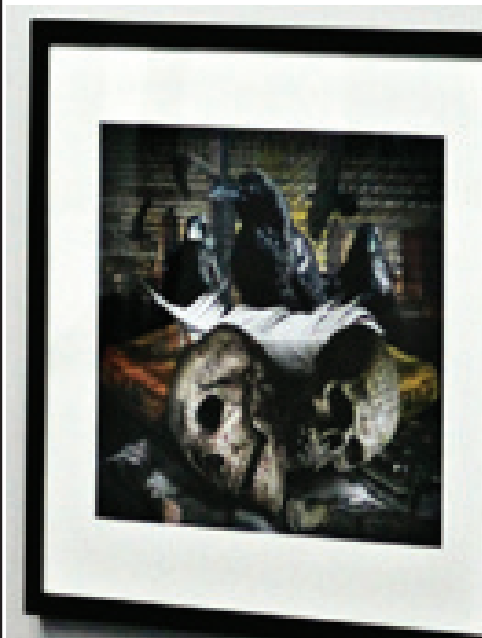
A “meet the artists” reception is being hosted inside the gallery on Thursday, Oct. 15 from 6-8 pm during the Girls Night Out festivities.

The themed show was

juried by the LowellArts! committee who gave careful consideration to ensure accepted entries were appropriate for all audiences.

The exhibit is open

during the gallery’s regular hours Tuesday through Friday 10-6 and Saturday 1-4. LowellArts! is located at 149 S. Hudson Street in Lowell.



The October-only exhibit inside the King Gallery features 38 local artists’ perspectives on the concepts of darkness, fear and mystery.

2015 LHS Homecoming parade marches down Main St.

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell High School brought Arrow pride to Main Street last Friday as part of their annual Homecoming festivities.

The event came at the tail end of a festive week of activities at the high school, which included dress-up days, an eventful pep assembly and the totaling of spirit points that awarded the junior class the homecoming victory.

Chilly air did not deter fans from lining the streets for the parade which kicked off at 6 pm. Flanked by the Lowell Police Department and the Red Arrow robotics team the procession included representatives from nearly all of the school's athletic programs, the nominees of the homecoming court and the school's musical groups.

This year's nominees and class representatives; freshman class: Jaklyn Hayes and Lucas Sherman; sophomores, Sydney Powell and Austin Engle; juniors, Katie Clemenshaw and Ricky Pitcher; and seniors: Lauren Browning, Kalie Kopecek, Marilla Marks, Shelby Mutschler, Tess Richardson, Zeth Dean, Ryan Hessler, Dan Kruse, Ashton Pallottini, and Gabe Steed.

Both the middle and high school bands played the Lowell fight song for the procession as spectators cheered and sang along. The varsity cheer squad, Lowell orchestra and fiddle club also kicked in their efforts to provide the official Red Arrow event soundtrack.

Highlights of the event included an appearance from "Teacher of the Year" Tara DeRuijter, scoops of candy from the girls lacrosse team and fundraising from the cross country teams to collect money for the family of fallen police officer Trevor Slot and his wife Kim, who recently lost her battle with cancer, that totaled \$260.

The teams on site, which did not include the preparing varsity football players, loaded onto waiting school buses at the end of the parade route, bound for Red Arrow Memorial Stadium for the homecoming game against Caledonia High School.

Ashton Pallottini, who was crowned homecoming king earlier in the day, was joined by newly appointed queen Marilla Marks during halftime of the football game to round out the evening's festivities.



The Lowell High School marching band performed the Red Arrow fight song during the annual parade down Main Street.



Homecoming 2015 king and queen, Ashton Pallottini and Marilla Marks.



Freshman homecoming court representatives, Jaklyn Hayes and Lucas Sherman.

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Looking Back, continued

Rapids. This company publishes a supplementary text book for junior and senior high school students and Jan has painted the illustrations for the covers of these books as well as illustrating the text. She has also accepted many other interesting commissions during this time. Jan has been the instructor for the "Y" art classes ever since their inception.

This year's homecoming, October 15 with Rockford, is following the theme "Dreamland." Anticipation is mounting as preparations are made for the class floats and the announcement of the Homecoming King and Queen draws near.

Wyoming youth jailed after two accidents on Main St. Saturday. Jerry L. Knoll, 20 of Wyoming was arrested on Tuesday morning and paid fine and cost of \$105 plus 30 days in jail for leaving the scene of two accidents, reckless driving and improper license plates. The accidents occurred on Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. Knoll driving east on Main Street on Saturday hit a car driven by Mrs. Richard Dykstra in the 200 block of East Main and then drove away and struck the car of Karey Hill parked in front of the bank. After hitting the Hill car Knoll drove off and abandoned his car at the dead-end of Hillside Court. Police found the car but the driver had run off into the woods; plates on the car were listed as stolen. Work on the part of the local police discovered his identity on Monday afternoon and he was brought into Justice Rittenger's court on Tuesday morning. He told police he got excited after the accidents and drove away; he said the license plates were some he found in a junk yard.

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I suppose leadership at one time meant muscles; but today it means getting along with people.

~ Mahatma Gandhi

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 10, 1990

Saturday morning house blaze still under investigation. Foul play is suspected in a Saturday morning blaze that destroyed a Lowell home at 191 S. Pleasant, according to the Lowell Fire Department Chief. "The cause of the fire is still being investigated by the State Fire Marshall. We believe it started in the back porch," Lowell Fire Chief Frank Martin said. "Foul play is suspected. Lowell's Fire Chief estimated the damage to be at \$40,000. "The house was completely destroyed," he concluded.

Lowell's Township Board denied Alto its request to contribute toward the rental of the Alto Library building. However, the Lowell Township Board did agree to make a \$350 contribution toward utilities. "I just don't believe we should pay out rent to Bowne Township. We no sooner do that, and the City and Cascade Township will also be at our doorstep," said Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpson. The current formula used by the Kent County Library System, does not include the cost to run the building. Furthermore, the formula does not give governing bodies any credit for providing building space (City of Lowell, Alto) when determining the amount of money each participating local governmental unit should pay to support the Kent County Library system. Thus it will cost Alto an extra \$1,500 to operate from the library building.

To The Editor, continued

is a new candidate as well. This information was clearly stated at the beginning of each meeting. So the accusation that incumbents were left out of the question and answer forum is untrue. In fact Mayor Hodges and councilmember Ellison both offered input during the meetings.

The opportunity to set up a similar question and answer meeting was always available to current councilmembers. So for them to cry foul after the fact is just typical of the way they deal with any issue that is outside of their control.

VOICE has not held a meeting for almost two years. The members receive updates on what is going on with city government via email on a regular basis. That's it.

The group had very low funds so rather than try to maintain an account that had less than \$200 in it we chose to donate what remained of VOICE moneys to the Ivan Blough Scholarship Fund.

The group's mission has always been to help support the council in researching ways to enhance our community. Several years ago we arranged a field trip to

Greenville, which included some councilmembers and then city manager Dave Pasquale. We saw how they recycle their yard waste in a manner that is self-funded and provides residents with free mulch. The council decided they were not interested in starting a similar program so we now pay to have our yard waste removed.

VOICE tried contacting the government teacher at Lowell High School in the hopes that students could come to city council meetings to get hands-on experience. My personal experience in a similar program in high school gave me a feeling of patriotism and an understanding of what is good about government when citizens get involved. After leaving several messages at the school, which were not returned, we put that project on hold until we could get some backing by a council that would help us to promote it.

Finally, in a letter to the editor Ellison claimed that Peggy Covert and I are not city residents. That comment is so deceiving that I must protest. Peggy Covert lives on the edge of the city and uses Lowell Light and Power in her home. So of course she cares how the city and its utilities are run. I have recently moved outside of the city but still own property there. Now, like so many business owners in Lowell, I can't vote in the coming election but we still need to have a voice in what is happening. City manager Mark Howe is not a resident of the city but he has been driving the boat ever since he was hired. His political agenda, lack of management skills and the council's blind obedience to his dictates are the sources of all of the unrest in our city.

If seating a fresh, new city council is what it takes to get our city government back on positive footing, then I pray everyone will vote for three of the new candidates.

Barb Barber

FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

* Denotes a game at the Red Arrow Memorial Stadium
 10/8 at 6:45 p.m. at Forest Hills Central
 10/14 at 6:45 p.m. Grand Rapids Christian*
 10/15 at 7:15 p.m. at East Grand Rapids

BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

* Denotes a game at the high school campus
 10/10 at 10:15 a.m. Allegan XC Jamboree
 at Allegan Co. Fairgrounds
 10/17 at 9 a.m. Kent Ottawa Classic

GIRLS VARSITY GOLF

* Denotes a meet at Arrowhead Golf Course
 10/18 time TBA State Finals

GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL


* Denotes a game at LHS main gym
 10/8 at 7 p.m. at Jenison
 10/15 at 7 p.m. at Galedonia
 10/20 at 7 p.m. at Forest Hills Central*

BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL

* Denotes a game at the Red Arrow Memorial Stadium
 10/9 at 7 p.m. at Forest Hills Central
 10/16 at 7 p.m. East Grand Rapids*
 10/23 at 7 p.m. at Grand Rapids Christian
 10/30 at 7 p.m. Pre-District

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Red Arrow - FOOTBALL SPORTS

Lowell celebrates Homecoming win over Caledonia 42-7

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Faced with windy conditions, the Lowell Red Arrow varsity football team launched a fierce game last Friday that earned the team a dominant 42-7 OK White win over Caledonia and pushed their league record to 2-0.

Senior Max Dean opened up scoring at Lowell's Homecoming celebration on the opening drive taking the ball five

times to total 71 yards and the touchdown. And that was just the beginning. Dean went on to rack up a massive 206 yards as he was ushered into huge holes created by the Arrow's tough offensive line.

The Fighting Scots of Caledonia struck next taking in a 30-yard touchdown to tie the game at 7 before Lowell took over for good. Quarterback Ryan Stevens kept the ball

for the next score, running it 25 yards to give the Arrows back the lead which they then maintained for the remainder of the game.

Second quarter scoring was attributed to seniors Derek Massey, Gabe Steed and Dean, who added his second score of the night. In total Lowell amassed 264 rushing yards and a 34-7 lead by the half.

The Arrows scored only once in the second half on a 9-yard pass from Stevens to Alex Anschutz cementing the 42-7 score. Anschutz and fellow senior Zeth Dean also each picked up interceptions for the Arrows as the Scots struggled beneath the weight of the Lowell defense, picking up only 152 total yardage.

	Caledonia	Lowell
Score	7	42
First downs	8	17
Rushing attempts	33	45
Yards rushing	116	376
Yards passing	36	49
Net yards	152	425
Passes attempted	14	8
Passes completed	4	5
Interceptions	2	0
Offensive plays	47	53
Average gain	3.2	8.0
Fumbles: number/lost	1/0	1/0
Penalties: number/yards	3/37	5/56
Number of punts/yards	4/137	3/100
Average per punt	34.2	33.3
Punt returns: number/yards	0/0	1/13
Number of kickoffs/yards	2/113	7/344
Average per kickoff	56.5	49.1
Kickoff returns: number/yards	6/118	2/43
Int. returns: number/yards	0/0	2/0
Fumble returns: yards/TD	0/0	0/0
Possession time	24:33	23:27
Third-down conversions	0/10	2/8
Fourth-down conversions	2/4	1/1

This was Caledonia's fourth straight loss and Lowell's fifth win. The Arrow's current record is 2-0 in the OK White and 5-1 overall, setting them up for the possibility of clinching their twentieth straight playoff bid this week Friday when they face fellow league competitor Forest Hills Central on the road.

Seniors claim victory in annual Powder Puff game

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Students and fans gathered at Lowell High School Red Arrow Memorial Stadium last Thursday evening to enjoy a time honored "Homecoming" tradition, the junior versus senior Powder Puff game, that ended this year in a 20-16 victory for the class of 2016.

Stocked with eager female players, the flag football game was well-attended and offered up a fun back-and-forth scoring game for those in attendance. The seniors won the coin toss but after a first down were unable to convert their effort to the scoreboard. The juniors got a nice return on the ensuing punt followed by some good yardage gain from Christy Lyon. Quarterback Bridget Garter connected with Lyon just moments later for the first score of the game.

At 8-0, extra points were valued at two for the special game, the seniors attempted to strike back before the first quarter buzzer and looked to do so thanks to a big run from Justine Anes, but fell just short.

After a failed possession for the juniors

to open the second, senior Brooke Steffen tied the game up with a 35-yard touchdown run. The seniors added another score on a quick run from the one-yard

line but missed the extra point to make the score 14-8 at the half.

In the second half of play the juniors made some movement as Garter ran the

ball back into the red zone before connecting again with Lyon for their second score of the game putting them back on top 16-14. With less than four minutes left

of play, the seniors looked to rally and succeeded when Jordan Mixon scored what would be the game winning touchdown. The juniors were unable to convert their

next possession and saw the clock run out before answering Mixon's score, leaving the seniors on top 20-16.



Senior Justine Anes scores for her team during the annual Powder Puff game.

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obituaries

DELASHMUTT

Anita Mae (Monroe) DeLashmutt, of Grand Rapids, born March 28, 1929, in Williams County, Ohio, to Fred and Helen (Long) Landel went to be with her Lord on Saturday, September 26, 2015, at age 86. Anita was a graduate of the Henry Ford Hospital School of Nursing. She retired from Olin Memorial Health Center at MSU after 25 years of service. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Lansing and the Golden K Kiwanis Club. Anita was a graduate of the Clown School at L.C.C. and was known as "Emerald" the Clown. Survivors include three children, Jon F. (Holly) Monroe, Caroll Lynn Monroe, and Susan Marie (Monroe) Rose; two grandchildren, Justin LeBlanc and Danielle (Shane) Brewer; and great-grandson, Nash Christopher Brewer; along with many nieces, nephews and other extended family members. She was preceded in death by her husband, Keith DeLashmutt; brother, Dennis Landel; and three sisters, Thelma Harrold, Kathryn Bruot and Betty Nichols. The family would like to extend a heartfelt "thank you" to the staff of Clark Retirement Community in Grand Rapids for providing such excellent care. In lieu of flowers, the family desires that contributions be made to the Clark Retirement Community Employee Christmas Fund. Memorial service: Clark Retirement Community - chapel, 1551 Franklin SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506, Saturday, October 10, 2015, 1:00 p.m. Her final resting place will be Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton, Ohio. Arrangements are by the Estes-Leadley Greater Lansing Chapel. Condolences may be left for her family at www.EstesLeadley.com.

OVERHOLT

Michelle Maurine Overholt, of Ionia, passed away peacefully on Sept. 29 with her family at her side. Michelle was born on November 27, 1946, in Grand Rapids. A horse lover and avid rider, Michelle and her husband of 35 years, Arlan; bred, raised, competed and loved trail riding. She passed her love of horses on to some of her children and grandchildren and was very active in helping them achieve their goals – and most importantly, learn along the way. Michelle was a loving wife, mother and grandmother who never hesitated to lend a helping hand and cared deeply for her family, friends and animals. She is survived by her husband, Arlan; children, Paul Owen, Mike (Julie) Owen, Jason Seeley, Eric Oesch, Lanny (Ashley) Overholt, Julie (Ed) Sanders, Jackie Foster, Jeanine (Bob) Hynes, Jeanette Overholt; 15 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren, with one on the way; and sister-in-law, Mary Martin. She was preceded in death by her mother, Sally Martin; father, William Martin; brother, Steb Martin; daughter-in-law, Brenda Owen; parents-in-law, George and Marian Overholt; and great-grandson, Baby Jacob. In keeping with Michelle's wishes, there will be no funeral service. As Michelle was a breast cancer survivor and avid horsewoman, the family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation or the American Quarter Horse Association Foundation in her memory. A memorial luncheon will be held on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the home of her son Jason Seeley at 13339 Grand River Ave., Lowell. A memorial horse show will be held at A2 Performance Horses/Triple O Equine on Saturday, Oct. 25 at noon. All proceeds will benefit the University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center.



VANDERMEULEN

Marion H. VanderMeulen, Age 89 of Lowell, passed away Wednesday, September 30, 2015. She was preceded in death by her husband Walter and daughter-in-law Sue VanderMeulen. Marion is survived by her children Carole (Jim) Ponchaud, Marla (Tom) Mesler and Chuck VanderMeulen; brother Donald DeKoster; sister-in-law JoAnn DeKoster; 7 grandchildren Christine (Matt) Bentley, George (Sara) Ponchaud, John (Jena Reynolds) Mesler, Charles (Sandra) Mesler, Kevin (Bethany) Mesler, Joshua (Carly Bylsma) VanderMeulen and MaKenzie (Jonathan DeGlopper) VanderMeulen; 9 great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and her loyal cat Lucy. Marion was active at her church and enjoyed watching birds and all animals. A funeral service was held. Interment Bailey Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of West Michigan, 2944 Fuller Ave NE #101, Grand Rapids, MI 49505.



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Oct. 4-10, 2015 is National Newspaper Week. Gene Policinski is chief operating officer of the Newseum Institute and of the Institute's First Amendment Center. A veteran multimedia journalist, he also writes, lectures and is interviewed regularly on First Amendment issues.

Snowboarding scholarship available

Lucas Beachnaw was a 2004 graduate of Lowell High School. While growing up in Lowell he loved to spend most of his time outdoors fishing, hunting and in the winter he spent his days on the slopes snowboarding.

In 2006 he left his hometown to become a part of the United States Army. While in the Army he had the opportunity to snowboard in the Swiss Alps, live in the Italian countryside and travel throughout Southern Europe. Tragically, he lost his life in Afghanistan on January 13, 2010.

In his memory,

his family has set up a snowboarding scholarship for students in the Lowell School District. The scholarship is income based and provides a snowboarding pass, lessons and equipment rental, if needed.

If you or someone you know is a student in the Lowell school district and would like to apply for the scholarship, applications can be obtained at your school office. Donations toward the Lucas Beachnaw Snowboarding Scholarship can be made at Huntington National Bank.

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financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

What's the biggest obstacle to your ability to invest successfully? Is it the ups and downs of the financial markets? Political events? The fact that you weren't born rich? Actually, the chief hurdle you face is something over which you have control: your own emotions.

Your emotions can lead to a variety of ill-advised investment behaviors, such as these:

- *Cutting losses* – Declines in the financial markets can lead some investors to try to "cut their losses" by selling investments whose price has declined. Yet, when prices have dropped, it may actually be a good time to buy investments, not sell them, especially when the investments are still fundamentally sound.

– and, in all likelihood, that picture would look better than a statement or two you received during a down market. In any case, don't overreact to short-term downturns by making hasty "buy" or "sell" decisions. Instead, stick with a long-term strategy that's appropriate for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

- *Heading to the investment "sidelines"* – Some people get so frustrated over market volatility that they throw up their hands and head to the investment "sidelines" until "things calm down." And it's certainly true that, when owning stocks, there are no guarantees; you do risk losing some, or all, of your investment. But if you jump in and out of the market to "escape" volatility, you may take on an even bigger risk – the risk of losing some of the growth you'll need to reach your goals. Consider this: If you had invested \$10,000 in a package of stocks mimicking the S&P 500 in December 1979, your investment would have grown to more than \$426,000 by December 2013. But if you had missed just the 10 best days of the market during that time, your \$10,000 would only have grown to less than \$206,000 – a difference of about \$220,000, according to Ned Davis Research, a leading investment research organization. The bottom line? Staying invested over the long term can pay off. (Keep in mind, though, that the S&P 500 is an unmanaged index and isn't meant to depict an actual investment. Also, as you've no doubt heard, past performance is not a guarantee of future results.)

- *Chasing performance* – In the investment world, the flip side of "fear" is "greed." Just as some investors are propelled by fear of loss, others are motivated by quick, big gains. They may pursue "hot" investments, only to be disappointed when the sizzle quickly fizzles. Instead of trying to "score" that one big winner, you may be better off spreading your investment dollars among a range of vehicles – stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit (CDs) and so on. While diversification can't guarantee a profit or protect against loss, it may help reduce the impact of market volatility on your portfolio.

- *Focusing on the short term* – When the market is down, you might get somewhat upset when you view your monthly investment statements. But any individual statement is just a snapshot in time; if you were to chart your investment results over a period of 10, 15 or 20 years, you'd see the true picture of how your portfolio is doing

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 6. Not kosher
 7. Lennon's widow
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 9. "Just _____"
 10. Back arrow key action

11. Jury colleague
12. Makes mistakes
15. House music
20. Flora's partner
22. South American edible tuber
24. Adhere to certain views
25. *Rocky's Russian rival
26. "The Tortoise and the Hare" author
27. Easternmost state
29. *McFly's bully
31. "Poor me!"
32. As far as one can go
33. Convex molding
34. *Greedy corporate financier
36. "Buddenbrooks" author
38. Saint's "headdress"
42. Popular disinfectant
45. Type of nanny
49. Short for "politician"
51. *Baby Jane
54. Aussie bear
56. "No _____ or reason"
57. Followed by "excuse me"
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59. Greek cheese
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67. *Disney villain, "Peg-_____ Pete"

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Red Arrow **SPORTS**

Season ends in fifth position; freshman earns all-conference

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Freshman Kenzie Uhen earned all-conference honors last week as the Red Arrow girls varsity golf team wrapped up their season with two events on the road.

Tuesday at Ionia the team earned a much sought

after victory as they topped their non-conference opponent 199-211. Uhen led the team on the course, as she did the entire season, shooting a 45. Senior Paige Fosburg came in just one stroke behind Uhen with a 46. Taylor Furtaw and Morgan Allison came in

at 49 and 59 respectively to round out the top of the Arrow scorers.

After finishing in fifth at every conference jamboree of the season, the team traveled to Wednesday's OK White conference tournament on Wednesday hoping to finally improve

on that finish. Despite a valiant effort, the mostly novice squad placed in fifth position once again.

Forest Hills Central ended up with the conference title carding a combined 375 for the win. They edged out runner-up Caledonia by just seven strokes and third-

place finisher East Grand Rapids by 18. Grand Rapids Christian (397), Lowell (412) and Jenison (527) placed fourth through sixth respectively.

Uhen carded an 89 to lead the team earning her a second-place overall finish

at the event, a sixth-place season finish, all-conference honors and qualifying her for a position on the OK White all-conference team. Her top-notch performance was followed by those of Fosburg (89), Furtaw (106) and Allison (120).

SOCCER

Arrows earn non-conference shutout

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell's varsity kickers earned a 6-0 shutout win over Godwin Heights High School on Wednesday and then lost a respectable 0-3 match up against OK white foe Jenison last week.

Tuesday's non-conference match up pitted the Arrows against Godwin Heights on their home field. Despite a tremendous early showing from the Godwin goalkeeper, Lowell

managed two goals by the half from forward Jonny Draigh and mid-fielder Robbie Dubisky.

Lowell went on to launch an offensive onslaught in the second half of play landing four more shots in the back of the net on the backs of Draigh, Brendan Paulus, Jaime Ortueta, and Elijah Dixon.

The increased scoring power was due to some halftime changes.

According to Lowell head coach Rich O'Keefe, "The most impactful change was moving Jaime Ortueta to striker and moving Logan Landman to the wing. This created more attacking opportunities on the defensive flank. The entire team executed better and it all started with playing more aggressive defense and putting pressure on the ball."

Earning the shutout for the Arrows was keeper Trevor Sherman who O'Keefe regards as a tremendous asset to the team. "I have been very pleased with his overall play. He's a junior, but plays with a senior's confidence and leadership on the field," said O'Keefe.

Thursday on the road the squad faced the Jenison Wildcats for the second time

this season. In their first match up the Arrows came out on top dealing Jenison their first loss of the season. This time, despite a strong effort, it was the Wildcats who clawed their way to the top.

As the two teams battled it out for the third-place conference spot, the intensity on the field was evident. Lowell created some great scoring

opportunities early, forcing five corner kicks, but Jenison kept the ball out of the net thanks mostly to goalkeeper Xavier Austin. "I really felt we played well early and forced the play, but to Jenison's credit, they made the plays to prevent us from scoring," said O'Keefe.

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Sports Summaries

BOYS TENNIS

Lowell boys varsity tennis dropped a conference match to Grand Rapids Christian 3-5 on the road Monday and then enjoyed the spoils of victory over non-conference competitor Greenville High School on Wednesday. The 5-3 win included a singles sweep from the Arrows who won in straight sets. They also saw their first doubles team earn victory after a third set tiebreaker.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Lowell's lady Arrows earned several personal best times on the course at the Allendale Falcons Invitational last weekend on route to a thirteenth place, 310 point finish. Twelve of fourteen runners also earned a season best time. Leading on the regional course were Tori Hewitt (20:14), Breanna VanLaan (21:40), Mekare Elliot (22:09), and Dawn Kondor (22:16).

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Red Arrow boys cross country placed thirteenth with a total of 350 points at the Allendale Falcons Invite over the weekend. The team's top five runners each finished with either a personal or season best record, demonstrating the team's steady betterment on the course. The team was led by Eric Judd (17:16), Kyle Cater (18:01), Kenny Stump (19:21), Reece Karns (19:46), and Caleb Sobie (19:54).

VOLLEYBALL

Lowell varsity volleyball hit the road last week Thursday to take on OK White competitor G.R.Christian and came up short of victory losing 0-3. Final scores were 5-25, 10-25 and 9-25. Leading the team on the court were Rachel Fox who earned one ace, Abbi Mangus who contributed four kills and one block, Kelsey Emmanuel who offered up 13 digs and Sydney Powell who added 12 assists.

CHEER

Red Arrow nation was in full effect last week as the cheerleaders led students and fans at Friday's homecoming festivities. The ladies performed in a stunt-filled pep assembly and walked in the homecoming parade before rallying a packed stadium Friday evening. Blake Posthumus was honored as the "Fan of the Week."

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
GRATTAN TOWNSHIP
KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

On the evening of October 19, 2015, beginning at 7:00 p.m., the Township Board for Grattan Township will be holding a public hearing on a proposed Consent Judgment in the Kent County Circuit Court case of *McClymont, et al. v. Kent County Road Commission and Grattan Township (Case No. 14-09746-CH)* at the Grattan Township offices located at 12050 Old Belding Road, NE, Belding, Michigan 48809. The proposed Consent Judgment pertains to the Plat of Hillside Park, Murray Lake adjacent to Murray Lake and the status and future uses of Center Drive (including at the lake). A copy of the proposed Consent Judgment can be inspected, reviewed or purchased at the Township offices during normal business hours (Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) or by contacting the Township Clerk at (616) 691-8450. Public comments and questions about the proposed Consent Judgment will be welcome at the public hearing. Furthermore, written comments will be accepted up until the time of the public hearing.

Respectfully submitted by,
Kessie Brummel
Grattan Township Clerk

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Jenison cemented their win with a third goal in the second half of play earning them the win and third-place conference position. "They did a good job countering with quick transitions and we made two communication errors that cost us late in the second half," commented O'Keefe. "Jenison is playing with confidence and that is the reason they have won four straight games. Ultimately we need to do a better job of finishing on our offensive opportunities," O'Keefe concluded.



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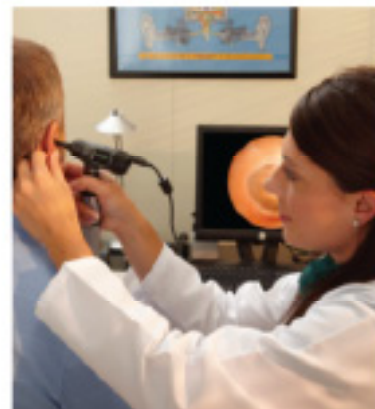


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