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## Candidates vying for three council seats respond to questions concerning election

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

There will be six candidates on the ballot Tuesday, Nov. 3 for the three city council seats currently occupied by Sharon Ellison, Matt Mayer and the late Jim Hall. Ellison is running for reelection, but Mayer is not. Alan Teelander, Michael DeVore, Jim Salzwedel and Jeff Phillips are the new

candidates on the ballot. The top two vote-getters will each serve four-year terms on the council. The third-place winner will serve a two-year term. Hall's death came too late for his name to be removed from the ballot. If he wins one of the seats it will immediately be considered vacant and the council will be forced

to appoint somebody to the position.

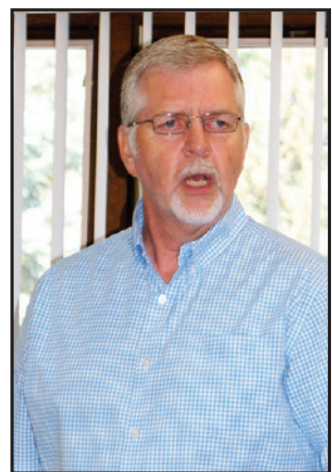
The Ledger attempted to get the candidates to have a live debate in front of voters. Although some immediately got on board for a variety of reasons, the remaining candidates would not or could not attend. Instead, we got them to agree to a

ten-question Q&A about Lowell's future and how the candidates perceive their role as city councilors if they were to be elected.

As Jim Hall said in the Lowell Ledger on Oct. 9, 1975, "To reach an agreement you must have two parties

that honestly want to reach an agreement. Two parties that will try to understand each other's position and two parties that are willing to compromise and reach a decision that is to the benefit of all the people."

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Running for the three city council seats are, from left to right: Michael DeVore, Sharon Ellison, Jeff Phillips, Jim Salzwedel and Alan Teelander.

## Over 40 businesses participate in Lowell's pirate-themed Girls' Night Out

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Shopping pirates hit the streets in search of treasures inside more than 40 local businesses participating in the city's fall edition of Girls' Night Out last Thursday from 5-9 pm.

Presented by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and the Lowell Downtown Development Authority, the twice yearly event was designed to draw foot traffic to the historic downtown shopping district in support of local merchants. Its reach has since extended throughout the city, reaching west to Flat River Outreach Ministries who offered 25 percent off storewide and east to new participant RollAway Family Fun Center who handed out skull and crossbones eye patches.

Three separate shuttle busses, manned by Laurels of Kent, the Lowell YMCA and the Main Street Inn, helped the one-eyed and hook handed participants around the shopping event. Three generations of shoppers: Jan Herb, Jill Nugent and young



Above, pirates Shelli Wilcox, Kim Mick and Kay Schendel enjoy mugs full of cheer and they prepare to shop inside the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

At left, Shoppers filled the streets of downtown Lowell.

son Maverick were among those who took advantage of the convenience. "We walked the plank and we won," said an excited Herb outside of the uptown strip mall located at W. 1335 Main. The well-dressed pirates had just emerged from winning a contest featuring items donated by the merchants located at that site.

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# Construction underway for new park in township

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

Construction crews broke ground on a new park behind the Walgreens in Lowell Township about three weeks ago. The new park, which will be called Grand River Riverfront Park North, is located at 11998 Fulton St. It will include walking trails, a disc golf course and a bridge to the island, among other amenities.

“Lowell Township owns the property that goes from Walgreens south to the Grand River,” said Lowell Township supervisor Jerry Hale. “We’ve got 34 acres and we’re putting a park in there. It’s going to be called Grand River Riverfront Park North. It lines up with our Grand River Riverfront Park on the south side of the river.”

The project will take an estimated three to four years and will be built in three phases.

“Phase one is this fall,” Hale said. “Olin Excavating is putting in a parking lot and underground utilities now. This first phase is \$236,000. Asphalt is expensive! The Lowell Community Fund has helped us to do the first phase with a \$75,000 grant.”

The second phase will be one of the rare events that is exciting for both disc golf enthusiasts and history buffs.

“For phase two, next summer we’re putting in an 18 hole disc golf course,” Hale said. “The West Michigan Disc Golf Association has offered to help us design the course and they were all excited about it. We’re buying the



The current draft of the plans for the new Grand River Riverfront Park North.

Noon Equipment Company property to have enough land to do that. It’s 23 acres. The museum also is working with us to put a building

there where they can hold classes. The building is going to be a replica of an early fur trader’s cabin. They’re going to hold

classes year-round there, talking about the history of Lowell and the fur trade and all of the things that they do. And then we’ll have a volleyball court, a gazebo, a tot lot and a basketball court and we’re going to get restrooms built. We hope to have that all done by the end of next year. Basketball backboards, volleyball nets, park benches, all that equipment, we’re going to go to private donors. We’ll have a price on each one of those items and there will be a plaque on it with who donated it.”

Phase three will involve a bridge to an island in the river.

“The third phase will be a pedestrian bridge across the Grand River connecting the two parks,” Hale said. “We also own the island in the middle of the river, so there will be a bridge to the island and then a bridge to the park. Probably in the third year we’ll start some construction there. Part of this first phase, which probably won’t all get done this year, is a walking trail that will go out through the flood plain there. It will be about a third to half a mile long. There will be plenty of

walking paths through that property.”

Grand River Riverfront Park North, with its connection to the current park, may have a positive impact on youth sports in the area and could even boost tourism.

“The denser part of Lowell Township’s population and Lowell city residents are on the north side of the river,” Hale said. “The Lowell Area Select Soccer Organization has all of their games and practices there and the lacrosse group does some things there in the park. They have to go drive five miles all the way around to get to the park, where Whispering Hills and Key Heights and all those subdivisions right there in Lowell; it’s only like 300 yards from Walgreens right to the river. Kids could walk or ride their bikes down there for practice. The bridge will allow people from Ada and Cascade that ride the bike path along the Grand River to access Lowell without going into the heavy traffic area on Alden Nash. The Lowell Area Recreation

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## along main street

### MEET THE CANDIDATES

The Lowell Rotary is sponsoring a meet the candidate forum at the Lowell Area Schools administration building on Thursday, Oct. 22. All of the candidates have been invited to attend. Introductions start at 7 pm and closing statements will finish by 8:30 pm.

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.

### 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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# Girls' Night Out, continued



Booty winners Jan Herb and Jill and Maverick Nugent celebrate.

"I thought we were going to be able to pick one of the prizes but they said we won the whole booty," she added as she prepared to reboard the shuttle.

Other highlights of the fun evening included giveaways from Flat River Cottage, free waxes and chair massages at Jultara

Salon, cider sangrias and food discounts at the newly opened Main Street BBQ and samples and 25 percent off from Avon by Sherry located inside the chamber building.

The next Girls Night Out is scheduled for spring 2016.



Representing Portland Federal Credit Union were: Patti Wilder, Kristin Chadderdon and Ashley Weitzel.



Dylan Vanassen, Krystal Steffensen, Rhonda Baker and Dylan Ven, a family of local pirates, outside of Springrove Variety.



## Do you favor unlimited vacation time, should it be paid or unpaid and what would you do if you had it?

who just wants to work constantly, so I don't intend to go on too many vacations. I'd rather be working than anything else because I tend to like what I do. I own a marketing company. If I had access to unlimited vacation time, I probably wouldn't use it very often, to be entirely honest with you. I'd like to work more. Owning my own business, I have a biased opinion on it because I kind of get to do whatever I want to, but when I do I like to travel out of the country and see other cultures and things like that. I would never offer it to my employees. With the way my company works, it just wouldn't be possible. The majority of the people I employ are lower income, so I think vacation time can be a bad thing for people in those types of situations because they stop working and get behind and end up getting themselves into trouble. But if you're talking about a regular six-figure salary job, then I think it's a great thing. Unlimited vacation time should be unpaid.



**KELLY VOLGSTADT**  
Rockford

I don't know. I guess it would be a good thing, but I'm personally somebody



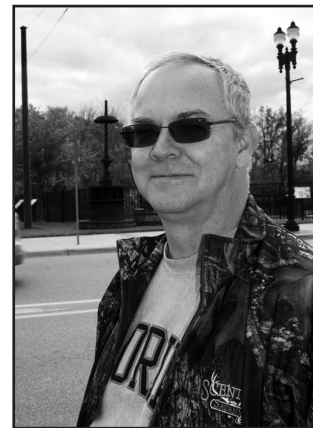
**EDWINA BOROVICH**  
Traverse City, Mich.  
and Sanibel, Fla.

I say absolutely yes to unlimited vacation time. Why not? It makes sense to me. They should get paid for it. They're getting paid for the work, whereas people who get paid for 40 hours worth of work that they actually have to be there for, they get paid for playing around and working, so yeah, they should get paid for it. If I had unlimited vacation time I would just do more of what I do. Putz, putz, putz, putz, putz, that's all I do.



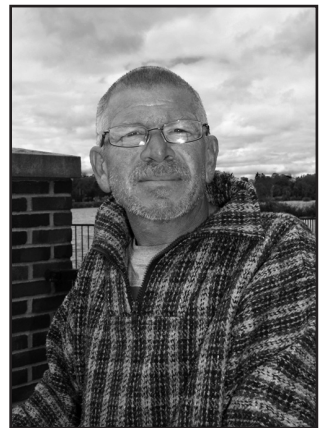
**KAREN THOMURE**  
Lowell

My job wasn't like that. I'm a retired teacher. I guess I have to go with what I'm comfortable with and I'm saying that we already have so many personal days that we can take off and we knew that, so I'm with the set holidays. I think it should be paid, because we were paid for our sick days. I was always one that spent more time at school, so I probably wouldn't take advantage of unlimited vacation time.



**FRANK McCLINTOCK**  
Ionia

It sounds interesting, but I'm not sure it would fly in a lot of cases. If I had unlimited vacation time I'd be going to Florida right now; it's too cold here. I'm not sure if the unlimited vacation should be paid or unpaid.



**JIM THOMPSON**  
Lowell

I think unlimited vacation time would be all right and I think they should get paid for it. If I had unlimited vacation time I'd probably end up working somewhere else.

## New park, continued

Authority is working on a connection from the trail on Foreman, which would then allow them to access all this from the trail too."

A large part of the inspiration behind the new park is from the late John Timpson, a former Lowell Township supervisor,

Rotarian and fruit grower who died in 2011.

"John Timpson, who was supervisor years back, is the one that was behind getting that park originally," Hale said. "It was always his dream to get a bridge across the river. That's part of my driving force, to follow

through with his dream and make that happen."

The township is currently looking into more grants to fund construction of the park.

"It's a real long-range plan," Hale said. "This will all take about four or five

years. It's going to be a very costly project. It could happen quicker than [four years], it just depends on when we can get the money for it. We're just getting started, but that's the long-range plan."

## CITY OF LOWELL

### PUBLIC NOTICE

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**Susan Ulery**  
City Clerk



# business directory

# Council fails to fill vacant seat

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

Lowell city council was unable to appoint a replacement for the late Jim Hall at their meeting on Monday, Oct. 19 at city hall, so that seat will remain vacant until the Nov. 3 election. The council also listened to a 22-minute presentation about the Grand River, met Lowell's new police officer and approved repairs to the downtown clock.

The council waited until the very end of the hour-long meeting to attempt making the appointment. Three men applied for the position. The applicants were former city councilor Donald Green, former city manager David Pasquale and current candidate for city council Alan Teelander.

"The city charter indicates that following a vacancy the city council has 30 days to fill that vacancy for a city councilmember," said mayor Jim Hodges. "We need to have that vacancy filled with his passing by Oct. 23. That being said, last meeting we discussed a process for that, for people to indicate their interest and make applications. Three people have and it's now our job at this point to appoint one of those three to fill the

vacancy for Mr. Hall, which will be for one council meeting on Nov. 2. So we'll have a one-meeting council person."

Councilor Jeff Altoft nominated Alan Teelander to take the position. This nomination was seconded by councilor Matt Mayer.

"He is the only guy that's actually running for the job that really wants it," Mayer said. "The other guys have expressed their intention to just be there for a couple meetings, just fill the hole, really, and that's all the extent that they want to do."

"I don't think it's fair to put one candidate on this, but I think since we're replacing Mr. Hall that it would be best to put someone in his seat that has similar viewpoints to Mr. Hall," Ellison said. "I can't think of anyone who is more opposite to Mr. Hall than Mr. Teelander."

"My feelings would be that Mr. Teelander is on the ballot," Hodges said. "People will have the opportunity at the ballot box to secure [Teelander] a position on the council, if that be the wishes of the voters. The other two people... Don Green served on the council for many

years. Dave Pasquale is a previous city manager who retired after 24 years, so these are not Johnny-come-latelies who are interested in serving the community for that one meeting, to honor Mr. Hall as well as to satisfy the city charter. Neither of them are glory seekers, but nonetheless they would also be informed people who know what's going on within our community, and for that one meeting, would probably serve us well."

Altoft and Mayer voted to approve Teelander, while Hodges and Ellison voted against his appointment. The tie vote meant that Teelander could not be appointed to the vacancy. Ellison then nominated Pasquale to take the vacant seat and was seconded by Hodges. This time Altoft and Mayer voted against the appointment, while Hodges and Ellison voted in favor of it. This second tie vote ruled out Pasquale. Ellison then nominated Green, which was seconded by Hodges. Altoft and Mayer voted against Green. At that point, the council asked the city attorney what they should do next.

"All right, I'll turn to our city attorney and say, Mr. Wendt, where are we at," Hodges said. "Any suggestions?"

"You cannot comply with the requirements of the charter," said city attorney Dick Wendt. "You just leave the position vacant until the election."

Citizen comments earlier in the meeting were also illustrative of the divide in Lowell politics. First, Roger LaWarre spoke on behalf of Lowell's Local Officers' Compensation Commission, a five-member

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# viewpoint

## to the editor

### the need for good leadership

To The Editor,

We, the members of the Compensation Commission of Lowell, wish to honor Jim Hall's memory recognizing his great love for our community and his passionate leadership for good. Jim will truly be missed in our community.

When we recognize good leadership as exemplified in Jim's vision for Lowell, one does not have to think long to realize the importance of this coming election. Through the candidates elected the course for Lowell's future will be set for years to come. The character and tone of the council will be crystallized as (1) either a council of personal agendas with little sense of unity and minimal positive outcomes; or (2) a council that rises to the level

of true leaders, united in the courage to act strategically and bring positive solutions to complex challenges.

We who are members of the compensation commission seek to bring positive recognition to the services provided by our council and city manager. We know that each member of our council gives generously of their time. As we added up the hours of service given, it is easy to see that each councilmember gives over 500 hours per year in public service. They attend monthly meetings of the council, special meetings in development of the Riverwalk master plan and special work sessions for strategic planning. They serve as liaison to parks and recreation, downtown

development, Arbor board, just to mention a few. Our councilmembers serve our community with dedication and passion.

As each of us think about who we wish to elect to serve on the council, it is important to recognize that the council is responsible to address issues critical to our community's health and well-being. It behooves the councilmembers (new and existing) to grow in respect for each other; to build a common vision and promote leadership processes and timing that promotes the values and visions leading

to goodwill and new vitality in Lowell.

We need your commitment to strategic leadership. As citizens, it is our responsibility to elect those most qualified to further this strategic effort in leadership; candidates that seek not to serve personal agenda but do seek clear goals and positive working relationships.

The Compensation Commission of Lowell  
Teresa Beachum  
Pat Horn  
Roger LaWarre  
Barbara Vezino  
Barb Zandstra

to answer questions and start a discussion with the seniors about their concerns. I'd like to encourage a vote for a new city council with

Jeff Phillips, Alan Teelander and Mike DeVore.

Thank you,  
Marion Wheat

### polio day

Dear Editor,

Did you know October 19-23 is World Polio Week and that Saturday, October 24 is World Polio Day? Most of you reading this might wonder, "What do you mean? Polio hasn't been around for years." Well, unfortunately, this is not true. Many older adults remember polio and may even know someone who suffered from this disease. In 1985 Rotary International took a bold step and told the world, "We are going

to eradicate polio from the earth!"

Thirty years later over 125 countries have seen this terrible disease eradicated from their borders thanks to Rotary. The most recent country to become polio free was Nigeria. This means the entire continent of Africa no longer has endemic polio. A pretty amazing feat!

Today, there are only two countries that still have cases being reported

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### vote for a change

Dear Editor,

I'd like to encourage the voters in Lowell to vote for change on the Lowell City Council. After listening to the new candidates I noticed a big difference in

how they handle themselves and how they respond to the public. These new candidates did not seem to be there to push their own political agendas but simply

## outdoors

### let's share

Dave Stegehuis

Economic conditions must be improving. Brush piles, exposed topsoil, and mounds of fresh dirt mark the location of new commercial and residential construction in rural areas. The only problem is that more wildlife habitat is now lost forever. Even routine clean-up on private property can remove material that could be potential nesting material cover for wild things.

Future development is inevitable but protecting and improving remaining wildlife species. By saving even the smallest patches of habitat can add up and have a significant impact on wildlife survival.

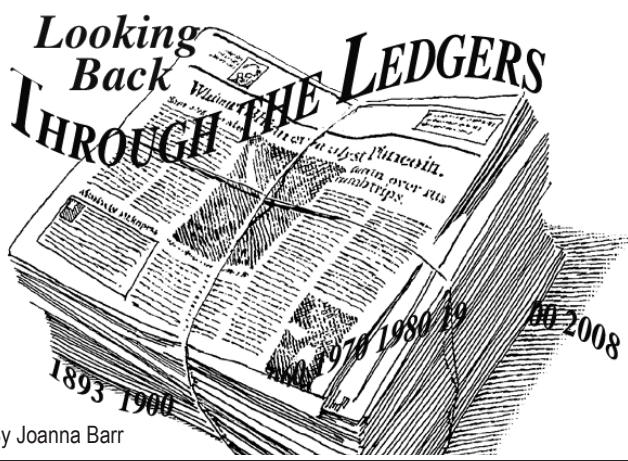
Maybe there is viable habitat in your own backyard or could be in the future with a little thought and effort. If neighborhood standards allow, leave that brush pile instead of trashing it out or chipping it up. All sorts of creatures can find a place to hide and keep warm in there. Overgrown hedges and bushes may also provide food at some time during the year. Bird feeders and nest boxes welcome birdlife, but know that once food is offered it must be consistently available because the birds can become dependent on the source. Water is needed for drinking and bathing.

A heated birdbath will help keep water available in cold weather when other natural sources are scarce.

On larger parcels and acreage, more ambitious projects can accommodate larger species. Carefully planned food plots can fill in for natural browse when strategically planted to supply food during lean times. Hinge cutting, selective cutting, as well as clear cutting are used to manage timbered areas. Leaving over grown vegetation, thick pine stands, and brush provides thermal cover to protect deer and smaller game from harsh winter weather.

State and federal agencies will provide advice and sometimes financial incentives for managing natural areas for the benefit of wildlife. Private contractors can also assist landowners in making decisions. Contact the National Wildlife Federation to find out how you can qualify your backyard or acreage as certified wildlife habitat and get a cool sign to post on the site.

We all are responsible in some way for displacing wildlife. We need space too, but it is possible to reduce habitat loss by working to improve or restore existing natural resources. Think of it as sharing the planet.



By Joanna Barr

### 125 years ago Lowell Journal October 22, 1890

The prohibition meeting last Thursday evening was well attended. Albert Dodge, the principal speaker, is an old Lowellite and a good crowd turned out to hear him.

The extension of the L. & H. Ry. is being pushed rapidly, and a large number of teams are piling up the earth on the north side of Gr. River fast. Three cars of timber for the bridge are on the ground.

### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 21, 1915

Council proceedings. At the regular meeting of the village council Oct. 18, on recommendation of the street committee, W. H. Murphy and E. D. McQueen were ordered to build sidewalk in front of their property on the east side of Broadway.

### 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 24, 1940

The first concrete for the corner abutment for the new Main street bridge was poured Tuesday morning.

Construction of the coffer dam was begun last week.

C. H. Runciman states that for the first time in many years it is necessary to use a bean dryer at the elevator. A Hess dryer is used which dries about 1800 bushels a day. The process was started this week Monday.

### 50 years ago Lowell Ledger October 21, 1965

According to international codes, distress signals were flying at the Lowell Post Office Tuesday morning, October 19. The flag was flying up-side down, which is always read at sea and we are all at sea, as a signal of distress. Fortunately about 10:00 the crisis passed and the ever-alert employees came out and quickly restored the flag to its normal position.

Police reported this week that they arrested Vern Cramer, former city employee and turned him over to the Ionia County Sheriff's Department. He has been charged with bigamy by women from Belding and New Jersey.

Eight fire extinguishers were stolen from the school busses over the week end. Local police authorities are investigating the theft.

### 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 24, 1990

Lowell's City Council voted 4-1 to pursue bids on the value of the Lowell Cable System. Why the council is pursuing bids is not completely clear.

Shinabarger gets an elk-cellent deal on an elk permit He was just one of 90 applicants randomly drawn out of 30,000 names, to be given an elk permit.

Lowell postmaster will be installed Friday. Kansas City, MO Station and Branch Operations Manager Sylvia Taylor, has been appointed postmaster at Lowell. Taylor succeeds former Postmaster Charles Doyle, who retired June 1, 1990. In the interim, Grand Rapids Supervisor, Delivery and Collection William Myers has been officer-in-charge.



# Another ArtPrize award for MacNaughton

Lowell native, Roger MacNaughton, has again taken home the ArtPrize Award for Jazz Music. MacNaughton won the popular vote in the 2015 Jazz category for his song "Michigan Morn" from the CD of the same title. The track features musicians Carlos Melendez on guitar, Charlie Hoats on bass, Susan Mora on violin, Eddie Eicher on drums and MacNaughton on keyboard. In addition to 2015, the composer has won the Jazz category in 2012 with the original composition "Grand Traverse Bay" and in 2014 with the composition "5 Mile Mountain."

Music at Bostwick Lake Congregational Church, MacNaughton operates the project recording studio and performs regularly Acoustic Arts Music L.L.C., for private, corporate, and teaches at Aquinas College, public events.

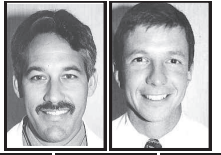


Roger MacNaughton at the keyboard.

Over the past decade, MacNaughton has created a library of instrumental CDs consisting of original works and his arrangements of popular tunes. Currently, the artist is finishing a CD for solo piano called "Christmas Dreams, Christmas Wishes" which will be available when he plays at the Meijer Gardens Holiday Gift Show on Nov. 6 and 7. The CD will also be available on-line and at LowellArts! "Holiday Market" from Nov. 13 through Dec. 23.

In addition to serving as Director of

# health



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

## measles vaccination

Measles is a viral illness that causes fever, rash, cough, runny nose, and reddened eyes. The vast majority of people who become ill with measles recover. But the virus can sometimes spread to the brain or lungs and cause severe illness or death. Babies, elderly people and pregnant women have a higher risk of becoming severely ill from measles.

Measles is no longer naturally present in the United States, but can be brought here when people who are not vaccinated travel here from other countries.

The MMR vaccine, given as a shot, protects against three different infections: measles, mumps and rubella. It is safe and

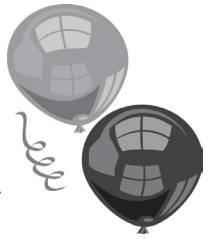
effective. One MMR dose works 93 percent of the time and two doses work 97 percent of the time.

Currently it is recommended that all children receive two doses of the MMR vaccine. The first dose is recommended between ages 12 and 15 months, and the second dose is given between ages four and six years, before starting school.

Most Americans are considered protected against measles, either because they were vaccinated or because they had measles before.

If you are unsure if you are immune to measles, you can ask your doctor for a blood test to check your immunity status. If you are not immune, you should receive the vaccination.

# happy birthday



**OCTOBER 21**  
Andrew Mercer, Madison Hacker, Jessica Alberts.

**OCTOBER 25**  
Diane Pretzel, Bill Ellison, Amanda Stoutjesdyk.

**OCTOBER 22**  
Troy Abel, Aamir Ismail, Donna Potter, Devin Falk.

**OCTOBER 26**  
Ray Jones, Mike Ray, Thomas Cook, Kait Cummings, Joe Wilczewski.

**OCTOBER 23**  
Bill Stouffer, Melody Kastanek, Lyle Morrison, Rachael McIntyre.

**OCTOBER 27**  
George Cook, Tim VanLaan, Tracey Johnson, Judy Purdy.

**OCTOBER 24**  
Brian Ray, Tanja Greenfield, Don Miller, John DeVries, Lynn Perrien.



# Annual Cookie Drive for Vets

The 8th annual Cookie Drive for the Veterans of the Grand Rapids Veterans' Home will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7, between 10 am until noon. The drop-off place will once again be the Veterans' Center, located at 3116 South Alden Nash Road about halfway between the Lowell fairgrounds and I-96.

Only homemade cookies are being sought which will be packed three to a zip-locked baggie as requested by the Veterans' Home. You may either pack them at home or a team of packers will be available at the Veterans' Center that morning.

Please remember, any peanut butter or other nut or nut products used in cookies must be kept separate. There will be a special packing area just for them. This is to prevent any problems with someone who may have a nut allergy from coming into contact with any nut products. It is fine to use nuts, they just have to be kept separate.

Last year, Lowell volunteers baked over 6,000 cookies. Organizers hope to see just as many or more on Nov. 7.

# area churches

**SNOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
3189 Snow Ave. SE, Lowell  
Pastor Tony Brumback  
9:45 A.M. Sunday School  
10:30 A.M. Fellowship  
11:00 A.M. Worship  
897-9863  
Nursery & Children  
Worship Programs Provided  
*A friend... a family... a mission!*

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod)  
Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-21  
www.goodshepherdlowell.org  
Worship Service Sunday - 10:30 A.M.  
(Nursery available)  
Sunday School 9:15 A.M.  
Joseph Fremer, Pastor 897-8307  
All facilities are wheelchair accessible

**CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL**  
897-7060  
Pastor Rod Galindo  
1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI  
Morning Worship 10:00 A.M.  
Sunday School 11:20 A.M.  
Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.  
Nursery available at both services  
Barrier-Free

**ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
402 Amity St. • 897-9820  
www.stmarylowell.com  
Weekend Masses: SAT. 5 PM; SUN. 10:30 AM  
Saturday confessions: 3-4:30 PM  
Prayer & adoration each Wed. 8:00 AM - 8 PM  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, CHILDREN TO ADULTS - CALL FOR MORE INFO 897-7915  
SEE LOWELL CABLE CH. 383, ENTRY FOR 24 HR. CATHOLIC BROADCASTING

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC**  
885 Lincoln Lake SE  
616.897.5906  
Sunday Worship 10:00 A.M.  
Pastor J. Richard Sherlock  
*Responding to the Living God, with a progressive voice and working hands, we are called to feed Christ's Community in mind, body, and spirit.*

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL**  
2275 West Main Street • 897-7188  
Barrier Free  
Internet: <http://www.fbc Lowell.org>  
Rev. Jan Pickens & Pastor Phil Severn  
Sun. Worship Service 8:30 A.M.  
Sunday School, nursery - adult 11:00 A.M.  
AWANA - K-5, during school year Wed. 6:15 - 8 P.M.  
Youth Ministry - grades 6-12 Mon. 6:30 - 8:30 P.M.  
(Youth Ministry moves to West, during summer)

**LOWELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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897-5936  
www.lowellumc.com  
Summer Worship (through Sept. 6) 9:30 a.m. only  
Barrier-free entrance  
SUNDAY WORSHIP 9 & 11 a.m.  
SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:15 a.m.  
Pastor Brad Brillhart

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LOWELL  
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# City council, continued

body that meets every other year to determine the salary for each city councilor.

“There’s a lot of us in this community, a lot of us, who are really appreciative of the work that you all do and the work that takes place here, but also in the work sessions,” LaWarre said. “We’re very much aware of our deep loss with Jim Hall and the work that he did, but it just helped to raise for us just how important each of you are to this council and to this community. We encourage you to move forward.”

City councilor Ellison’s husband Tony Ellison spoke about the controversial “meet the candidates” campaign event that took place at Schneider Manor on September 16.

“A letter in the paper states that Sharon was allowed to speak at the meeting,” Tony Ellison said. “After two hours of sitting in the audience she was asked, ‘Did you ever have a meeting like this?’ That was the extent of her being allowed to speak. This is what the VOICE group calls a fair and open meeting. I call that deception, half truths and the squelching of dissenting voices.”

Since the Schneider Manor event only lasted one hour and six minutes, it is impossible that councilor Ellison sat in the audience for two hours. According to the Ledger’s complete audio recording of the meeting, Ellison spoke for a total of two minutes and ten seconds at the end of the meeting. Exactly one hour into the meeting, former VOICE member Peggy Covert asked councilor Ellison if she had ever met with senior citizens.

“You’ve come to our meeting and this is really good, but in all the years that you’ve served have you ever set up a meeting like this with the seniors or

done something like this to really let the seniors know where you are and get their questions,” Covert asked councilor Ellison at the September 16 Schneider Manor event.

“I’ve actually talked to some seniors,” councilor Ellison replied. “I’ve been here a couple times talking to Vergennes Club about being on the city council. I wanted to set up a meeting. I saw this one was coming up, so I thought, ‘Okay, this is for councilmembers, people running for office.’ I didn’t realize it wasn’t for incumbents, that we were not part of this. [...] There’s a lot of things I would like to respond to, but that’s not what this is for.”

Tony Ellison also had some complaints about councilor Mayer during his comments at Monday’s city council meeting.

“Over the course of your service you have been wrong many times,” Tony Ellison said. “You’ve missed many council meetings and to my knowledge you’ve only attended one ‘Coffee with Council’ and no work sessions.”

Later in the meeting, the council listened to a lengthy presentation by Wendy Ogilvie, director of environmental programs for the Grand Valley Metro Council, described on their website as, “a council of governments dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of the people of our metropolitan area through collaboration among regional partners.” Ogilvie’s presentation was about an effort that could return actual rapids to the Grand River as it flows through the city of Grand Rapids.

“They’ve really been looking at the river corridor,” Ogilvie said. “Lowell is a big part of that, having the Riverwalk, having so many trails come through and the Flat River. [...] Really, the

goal is to return the rapids for everyone, improve the habitat and connectivity of the river and its function and create economic opportunities.”

Lowell police chief Steve Bukala introduced Sharon Braun, a newly hired part-time officer, to the council. Bukala said that Braun, a native of Connecticut, served over 20 years in the Marines as a military police officer and criminal investigator.

“It’s a pleasure for me to be here and also to be able to have the opportunity to serve the people in the city of Lowell,” Braun said.

The council approved \$4,580 worth of repairs and upgrades to the clock tower on Main St.

“We have a quote from the Verdin Company to repair and upgrade the clock mechanisms and the covers of the downtown clock,” said city manager Mark Howe. “The inside of the clock needs to be replaced and while we’re doing that it seems only prudent to replace the covers. The covers are pretty faded and also the hands of the clock will be part of the new components.”

Howe said he plans to ask the Downtown Development Authority at their November meeting to fund the repairs, but if they refuse, the money will come from the general fund. The Verdin Company is the only company that does repairs of that nature. The company is based in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The city council’s next meeting will be on Monday, Nov. 2. The council had a workshop scheduled for Oct. 26, but it has been canceled. They will also have a “Coffee with Council” at the Senior Neighbor Center, 314 S. Hudson, on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 8 am until noon.

# To The Editor, continued

each week – Afghanistan and Pakistan (not easy countries to gain access for humanitarian work). Rotary has led the way during these last 30 years partnering with the World Health Organization and most recently with the Bill Gates Foundation. Several billion dollars have been raised to provide oral serum to millions of children in these countries. And many thousands of volunteer workers have spent years vaccinating children in an all-out effort to see polio eradicated.

While our Lowell Rotary Club has been raising \$2,000-3,000 each year to go towards these efforts, we have also begun a program in four of our schools to

raise awareness about polio with our children. This week there will be announcements about polio, posters showing up in the buildings, some small fundraising in two of the schools and a special day called Purple Pinky Day (most of the four schools will be doing this on either Thursday or Friday this week).

Purple Pinky Day is a special time where students will have their little fingers painted purple during their lunch periods. When polio serum is administered to a child their finger is painted purple, indicating they have been inoculated. As our students are able to state a fact about polio that they have learned (or if they

make a very small donation of a dime or a quarter) their finger will be painted purple.

Rotary will continue to focus on eradicating polio until we finish up these last two countries. And the over 300 students in Cherry Creek, Alto, the middle school and the high school who are part of our student Rotary clubs will join our 55 Lowell Rotarians in focusing efforts during this special week as we look to rid the earth of a terrible crippling disease. Only once before has a disease been wiped from our planet – the plague. Polio will soon be the second. Rotary leads the way.

Jim White  
Lowell Rotarian

## THE WISH LIST

- Two large kitchen windows that need sealing
- Clean gutters
- We are in our 70s and crippled with arthritis. We would like our shed painted. It also needs to be reshingled if we can afford it.
- Trailer needs power washing and painting
- Windows, insulation, flooring, bathtub surround and deck need replacing.
- Our roof needs to be fixed. Multiple leaks and damage inside due to leaks. There are two holes in our ceiling due to the leaks. We have buckets when it rains.
- Single, disabled woman in need of front walkway replacement.
- Kitchen faucet needs replacing and new parts installed in toilet.
- Needs a wheelchair ramp.
- Needs furnace cleaned.

**If you'd like to help call FROM at 897-8260**

### NEIGHBOR to NEIGHBOR Wish Application for Home Repairs

Anyone may submit an application to have work done on their residence or a home of someone in need. There are no guarantees that the work listed below will be done. If your application is selected by a group of volunteers, you will be notified through Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM). All contact information will be kept in confidence until you give permission to release it to a group wishing to work on your home.

#### A brief description of the work needed:

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\_\_\_\_\_

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

(For Private use by FROM - not to be published)

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 (11525 Fulton Street East, Lowell). Applications may be submitted electronically to [dianab@fromlowell.org](mailto:dianab@fromlowell.org)

### Permission to Conduct Work Neighbor to Neighbor

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

#### Permissions:

1. I know and forever release and/or discharge Flat River Outreach Ministries and The Lowell Ledger, its agents, officers, employees, volunteers, or any other entity from any and all causes of action that otherwise might come about as a result of work performed in conjunction with the Neighbor to Neighbor Program;
2. I give permission to The Lowell Ledger and/or Flat River Outreach Ministries, its agents, employees or officers to obtain and use photographs of myself, home and family in relation to the Neighbor to Neighbor program for promotional purposes only, including News articles, Facebook postings, Newsletters, Annual Reports, FROM brochures, and any other print or electronic medium to promote the continued ministry of FROM and the Neighbor to Neighbor Program.

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# Lowell City Council Candidate Q & A

## How long have you lived in Lowell and what is your educational, professional and civic background?

### MIKE DEVORE

I moved to Lowell in 2001. I joined the fire department in 2004 and I work full-time for AMR Ambulance.

### SHARON ELLISON

I was born and raised in Lowell (Vergennes Township), graduated from Lowell High School and moved to the city of Lowell in 1984. I have a Bachelor's of Science in education degree from Central Michigan University. I am in my 16th year as the administrative assistant to the principal at Lowell Middle School.

I have had the honor of serving on the city council for almost eight years. I have represented the city on the Arbor Board, was a founding member of the LCTV Board, served as city representative for the DDA and the Historic District Commission as well as other committees.

### JEFF PHILLIPS

I have lived in Lowell my entire life. I went to St. Mary's Catholic school from kindergarten through 8th grade. I went to Lowell High School and Western Michigan University and I have worked at the airport for 18 years. I have been involved in youth football and have been a booster rep for girls' soccer.

### JIM SALZWEDEL

I moved to Lowell in 2006. I graduated from Forest Hills in 1972. I've been in the security business since 1974, the last 26 years at Midstate Security. I am currently director of sales. I have three years on the Lowell Planning Commission, plus Habitat for Humanity, Relay for Life, I coached high school varsity bowling for 11 years, I was a Little League coach and a certified umpire. I organized various charities for company functions.

### ALAN TEELANDER

I have lived in Lowell for almost 29 years. At 62 years of age, I am old enough to be considered a "senior" and as I have over 20 websites that I created, built and own. I am young enough to identify with all. I have lots of college toward business management and a ton of education but no degree. I worked at Amway for 21 years as a setup mechanic for 10 years and supervisor for 11 years and worked at three other warehouses as a manager. I study history and genealogy and am passionate about preserving the History of Lowell, its parks and its reputation. I was a member of the Lowell Parks & Rec Commission for 3 years, and chaired that commission for one year.

## Why do you want a seat on Lowell's city council?

### MIKE DEVORE

I just want to be able to be a part of all the things that make Lowell great. I love public service.

### SHARON ELLISON

Lowell is my hometown! I want to protect the progress that has been made in the past eight years and move forward in a way that will attract new businesses, promote the interests of city residents and project a positive image of our community.

### JEFF PHILLIPS

I would like the experience of how the city operates and city council works.

### JIM SALZWEDEL

It is time for new leadership to help shape Lowell for the day-to-day functions and prepare for the future.

### ALAN TEELANDER

The current Council members have had a run of 6 years to prove or disprove their ability to lead and follow City Charter. Their poor record speaks for them in a way no debate could. I want to be involved in revisiting the criteria for selecting the best people for the City Boards. I understand electricity, plumbing, computers, machines, solar, automotive, building construction and had a solar panel on my home in 1979, and I ask questions. The City Council's did not know and did not ask or read my application for a position on the LL&P board. They only knew that they did not want a person like me on the board. LL&P told the Council and the community

that they were leasing the biodigester and that no City funds would be used to make that project happen. Later, when they could not find a trucking company willing to haul in what they were trying to sell us, they went to the council to ask the City Council for permission to get a loan to purchase an old-beat-up truck to do what no reasonable business would touch. I think I would have had a lot of questions about that but the only option I had (since I wasn't on the board) was to write about it on the LowellCityHall.com website. Ellison and the Mayor allowed the City Manager to waste close to \$200,000 in City capital on attorney fees to fight his losing his war on the City Workers, play his shell games of hiding City Capital, lie under oath, be censured by a State Judge for his abuse of the City Workers, embarrass the City by his actions, pull money from the road maintenance fund, force the City workers to use shovels instead of backhoes to dig graves, sit in on three years of the Fire Department meetings listening to the chief state for more than a year that we will need a pumper truck soon, only to say that he was unaware and blindsided by this "sudden need for a pumper truck" when it was his job to have reported that fact to the council a year before. I plan on staying here in Lowell and want the parks, Boy Scout Cabin property and the Showboat to remain a part of our community. I think there are lots of opportunities in exploring the potential of the Showboat as a restored stage/symbol/icon of who we were and who we can become and for the Boy Scout property as a protected park instead of condos. Lowell is missing a great opportunity to make an income through the community websites and as this is my life with 20+ websites of my own, I have many suggestions to help our community to make an income using these websites properly. It is time for some fresh thoughts and leadership.

## If elected, what specific changes will you initiate in Lowell's government?

### MIKE DEVORE

The big one is transparency. And honesty. I want people to attend the council meetings, feel welcomed, be involved and leave informed. Those values seem to have gotten away from this council. Far away.

### SHARON ELLISON

I would like to change the city council meeting rules so that citizens have more opportunities to speak. By adding "comments for items on the agenda" before the council discusses and takes action and moving "comments for items not on the agenda" to the end of the meetings, it would allow more citizen input and be more efficient.

### JEFF PHILLIPS

If elected I'd like to observe for a while and see how things are going before I make any judgments. I like to gather all the information on things before I make a decision. I would like to see the master plan and see where we are at.

### JIM SALZWEDEL

Open discussion, transparency, and I'd like to see more communications from city leaders to the general public. This can be done in person, print, meetings, etc.

### ALAN TEELANDER

We will get back to running according to our City Charter and bring in a conservative approach to how the City capital is handled. Many questions will be asked & answered. We will look at any waste, duplication of jobs, people doing the wrong jobs and rebuild broken alliances with our surrounding townships. People think that wholesale firings will happen if I am elected to the council. Nothing could be further from the truth than that. We need to protect our great police department and employee staff. As a business person myself, I believe we can use our current assets to help local businesses stay viable and realistically work to improve their bottom line.

## What is your vision for Lowell's future and, if elected, what will you do to make that vision a reality?

### MIKE DEVORE

My vision is for Lowell to be a place where the roads are smooth, the doors are open and a place people want to be. That can only be achieved through elected officials following through on their pledges and putting their own self-interest aside.

### SHARON ELLISON

I want to continue to make downtown Lowell the showpiece of our community by finishing the Riverwalk, completing the Showboat and stage plan and implementing the Downtown Development Plan. Attracting new business so that we can generate tax revenue to maintain and repair our dated infrastructure is important. Moving forward on the downtown rental rehab program would help existing businesses. Enforcing existing ordinances to protect the community, following the strategic plan, seeking funding whenever available and continuing to be open to future opportunities are how we can make this happen.

### JEFF PHILLIPS

For the future I'd like to think outside of the box. I think we need different opinions on matters and I'd like to see focus on our downtown, because we have such a gorgeous setting with the rivers and the parks. I think we can really attract people into the community to use the assets that we have to offer. The restaurants, the Riverwalk, I think these attractions can bring people into our community.

### JIM SALZWEDEL

I believe Lowell is somewhere between a Norman Rockwell (old town feeling) of which a large portion of the Lowell community wants to keep but have no vision on how to keep it and moving into the 21st century. Technology, which brings new business growth, along with professional personnel to support those jobs. I believe we can have both, but once again this will take leadership from all aspects of our local communities.

### ALAN TEELANDER

I see a community that works with businesses and the citizens so they are not blind-sided by special assessments or loopholes found by the City Manager to undercut long time businesses in favor of new "Special Permits" for competitors. I see a community that works together to bring more income into the City other than by raising taxes as we work together to support each other. I believe that our City businesses will love our City when we start listening, protecting, promoting and helping them to stay in business.

## Lowell has one of the highest property tax rates in Kent County. If elected, will you do anything to lower taxes?

### MIKE DEVORE

Are taxes high? Yes. Do they need to come down? Yes. Can you promise people, in good conscience, that their taxes are coming down with such reckless spending and unreadable budgets? Nope.

### SHARON ELLISON

Lowering taxes would mean budget cuts. City hall and the Lowell Police Department have already made cuts so the next reduction would be services. Which services should be cut? One councilmember wants to cut the police department, I do not. Streets are a priority so that would not be my choice. The city spends about \$300,000 from the general fund on parks, the library, Oakwood Cemetery and the historic museum – amenities the entire community enjoys, but are funded by city tax dollars. Do we cut any of these? If so, which ones?

The council did reduce the millage slightly but received no public response. If citizens wish to make this a priority they need to contact their city leaders so it can be addressed.

### JEFF PHILLIPS

I would have to ask the council myself why are taxes so high and is there anything we can do to alleviate that.

### JIM SALZWEDEL

One thing Lowell needs to do is drop the millage rate we currently have, around 15.75 mills per year, which is why our taxes are on the high end. The one way to drop the millage to lower city costs and manage the budget. This is something that cannot happen overnight and will take years to accomplish.

### ALAN TEELANDER

We will continually look at lowering taxes but we may already be at the mercy of those who have been making bad decisions for us for the past 6 years. We cannot know where we are now or where we will be until we are able to open the books to see the damages done by the three council members who allowed the City Manager to push-and-pull



# Lowell City Council Candidate Q & A

City Capital around in his shell-game strategy of hiding how much capital the City really has. Two of our newer council members made a motion to get the City Manager to submit clear, concise and departmentalized reports but the Mayor and two other Council members always shut it down with no further discussion. Evidently they like being confused and taking the word of the City Manager that “Everything is OK (wink).” The new City Council must make the City Manager accountable by making him report the “Real” beginning and ending balances for each department every month in an open report to the citizens and the council. Clear concise reporting is the only way to allow the Council to understand in clear layman terms where we stand as is seems the current reports are intentionally confusing to hide the true financial conditions of our City.

## What is the biggest problem Lowell has and, if elected, what steps will you take to fix that problem?

### MIKE DEVORE

The biggest problem Lowell has is the lack of trust it has in its elected officials to stand up and to do what is best for the city as a whole and the citizens who voted for them in the first place. That is the biggest change that is needed. Other hurdles will best be jumped once everyone has input and involvement. And of course, the roads.

### SHARON ELLISON

Poor road conditions are Lowell’s biggest problem not unique to our community. There are approximately 21 miles of roads, over 80 percent in poor condition and there is no funding available for local streets! It seems like an overwhelming problem, but we have a five-year plan to repair/replace about one mile per year (an approximate cost of \$300,000 per year), but this will be a long process. I am committed to continue making progress without increasing taxes.

### JEFF PHILLIPS

I think the biggest problem that we have right now is the fracture between the city workers, city hall and Lowell Light and Power. It doesn’t seem as if we have one team working together to make this the best community that we can, and I think that all starts with leadership at the top and trickles on down.

### JIM SALZWEDEL

Transparency on behalf of the current leadership. While I only have had conversations with a small portion of the population of Lowell, the main subject continues to be the streets, infrastructure and current leadership; how to improve or, if necessary, remove current leadership. One way to set the tone and fix the problem is through this upcoming election.

### ALAN TEELANDER

We need to look at dismissing the contract of the City Attorney who is paid by the Citizens of Lowell and as evidenced by his actions, he represents the Mayor and the City Manager and not the people who sign his checks. Out of control spending on the part of the two core managers – the City Manager and the LL&P Manager all happening while we were in a very poor economy. We need to review with City Council how the City Manager received raises while destroying the core intrinsic value of Lowell capital as he pushed and pulled money to and from departments. There was also a removal of funds from the road maintenance fund since the City Manager came to Lowell. The City Manager has raised the Sewer portion of City Residents water bill from \$18 to \$54 since he came to Lowell. The City Council gave him a raise for this. We need to find the logic in how the LL&P Manager was able to put over \$200,000 into the 2 generators located in the LL&P Power building. He then thought that the generators would not meet EPA standards and dismantled the upgrades to sell them to Portland who now runs their generators with these same parts (in compliance with EPA rules). He then proceeded to buy two 20+ year old generators for a sum he never has disclosed and now has one assembled in the Amity building that cannot run due to lack of a good gas supply or the ability to start it and the other one sitting in pieces on the floor for three years. The “PCA” portion of Lowell Residents electric bills have risen 500% since the manager came to Lowell after being fired for theft in Traverse City. The LL&P Board gave this manager a raise for his efforts. We need an investigation and citizen involvement as to reasons for any raises of a manager working in Lowell.

## Before moving to the Q&A format the Ledger tried to get the candidates to debate each other. Unfortunately, it was impossible to get all the candidates to agree on the debate terms or even to participate in a debate at all. What were your reasons for/against having a debate?

### MIKE DEVORE

I was for it. I’m for anyone who has questions for me being able to ask them. Honesty and transparency.

### SHARON ELLISON

I was interested in participating in a debate, but was told the other candidates could not agree on terms: exactly why this election is so important. Since the two “VOICE endorsed” candidates have been in office local government has become polarized. Lowell citizens deserve a government that works together in the best interests of everyone. My hope is that will be reflected in the upcoming election.

### JEFF PHILLIPS

I really didn’t see a reason to debate. I think the city council that we have in place right now is doing a fantastic job. The new candidates will have an opportunity to prove, if elected, what they can do. and I think change is good. Fresh ideas and thoughts could generate a whole new avenue of opportunities.

### JIM SALZWEDEL

I personally wanted to hear what the other candidates had to say since I will be voting for them as well, and I felt the public needed to hear what I had to comment on.

### ALAN TEELANDER

I was against it and only you think it was unfortunate because it looks like you wanted to sell more papers. It is an important “local” election and this format is good enough. The debate was not needed as the only incumbent on the ballot has a track record of 6 years to prove her value and how she listens to the people, so she is a known entity. I have the website and have always told people to feel free to call me at 616-634-3296 any time. The LowellCityHall.com website makes me a known entity and my thoughts are very clear on it - my phone number and home address are all over the pages of that website.

## Are there rules in the city charter that should be changed? If so, which ones?

### MIKE DEVORE

Could the charter use an update? Probably. Should it be addressed AFTER we rein in the spending, open our doors, regain the trust of the citizens and fix their roads? Absolutely.

### SHARON ELLISON

Lowell has an excellent city charter. Changes can only be made by a vote of the people and at this time, I do not believe any changes should be made.

### JEFF PHILLIPS

I think it’s always good to take a look at your charter, review it on an annual basis and see if there needs to be change. I’m a big believer in communication.

### JIM SALZWEDEL

Not at this time. I will need time for citizen comments and concerns and move forward from there.

### ALAN TEELANDER

The City Charter is solid and just like our US Constitution, it should

remain next to impossible to change or find loopholes like the City Manager likes to do with it. Our ancestors as leaders were very, very smart people who wrote and amended our charter to where it is today and unless there is something catastrophic happening here, we need to following it – not change it. If the City Manager spent more time working on following the charter and solving Lowell’s needs than he does searching for loopholes in City Charter and State law, we would be a much better community.

## What is your opinion of the city council’s occasional ‘workshop’ meetings?

### MIKE DEVORE

Occasional? OK. They are unadvertised and come with the simple agenda of just a date and time. When I was younger I would only close my door if I was hiding something. That analogy applies here.

### SHARON ELLISON

Workshops are open meetings where issues, ideas, plans and more are addressed, but no decisions are made. They are often used to educate council on important topics. Recently we spend three hours discussing roads and the police department budget. Work sessions have been held for years, but city manager Mark Howe has held monthly to work on the strategic plan, street plan, budget planning and education for officials – important for being an informed and proactive city representative.

### JEFF PHILLIPS

I believe we could do without the workshop meetings if we had a little more Q&A at the city council meetings. I feel we should interact with the members of the community when they come to us for answers, questions or direction. There’s so much knowledge out there that we need to take advantage of. People want to help out and feel as if their opinions matter. Listen to what people are saying!

### JIM SALZWEDEL

I am in favor of workshops, as there is not enough time in the two one-hour meetings each month to efficiently fact-find or Q&A, on topics the city council needs to work on. Even though these meetings are open to the general public there is a feeling of mistrust and that back door deals are going on. I believe it would be in the best interest if these meetings were either video recorder or at least transcribed for general public information.

### ALAN TEELANDER

My experience on meetings it that most of the time they are called by people who like to hear themselves talk.... I believe that this “Meeting after meeting” strategy is like Mohamed Ali’s “Rope-a-Dope” strategy of wearing people down. We know the City Manager likes to strategize.... The need to have such meetings should be carefully considered. Elected officials are placed in office to help and protect the citizens, protect the City via the Charter and “openly share the citizens’ vision” of the City we love.

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# Red Arrow - FOOTBALL SPORTS

## Sixth straight rivalry win for Red Arrows

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Lowell varsity football picked up their sixth straight victory over East Grand Rapids last Friday by a margin of 35-13 in arguably the most anticipated game of the season.

Also dubbed the MLive "Game of the Week" and a Great American Rivalry Series (GAR) game, the Friday night contest spelled the end of more than twenty years of regular season competition between the two teams in the OK White. EGR will make the move to the OK Gold next season while Lowell will remain in the same conference due to a conference realignment.

While it is still possible that the Arrows will meet

the Pioneers in a play off situation, as they did last season, this final scheduled dual brought Arrow fans out

in large numbers looking for their team to get the final say in the long running rivalry. Fans got their wish with the

win which bumped Lowell into a 12-11 total series lead.

Arrow quarterback Ryan Stevens kept the ball

for the first score of the night rushing for 16 yards. George Gonzales added the extra point stepping in aptly for regular kicker Darby Dean with a 5/5 record. Stevens went on to score twice more in the second half rushing for a total of 159 yards and passing for 161. His stellar performance earned him the GAR "Most Valuable Player" award at the close of the game. The honor was presented by members of the United States Marie Corp who led the evening's special GAR activities.

Stevens modestly and also rightfully, gave much of the credit to his teammates. "All the credit goes to the offensive line. I couldn't do anything without them. They made holes all night for me and I just tried to execute the best that we could."

Top Arrow receiver Gabe Steed caught four passes from Stevens and one from the Pioneer quarterback, leading to 108 yards and a second quarter touchdown. Avery Buckius also picked up a score in the second on a ten-yard reception. Leading rushers Max Dean and Derek Massey logged 76 and 87 yards respectively.

This is the Arrow's second consecutive GAR win over the Pioneers and their seventh straight victory of the season. Having already clinched a share of the OK White title, the team will next face Grand Rapids Christian on the road this Friday in the final regular season game, looking to earn the title outright. Either way the successful Arrows are headed into their 17th straight state play off bid.



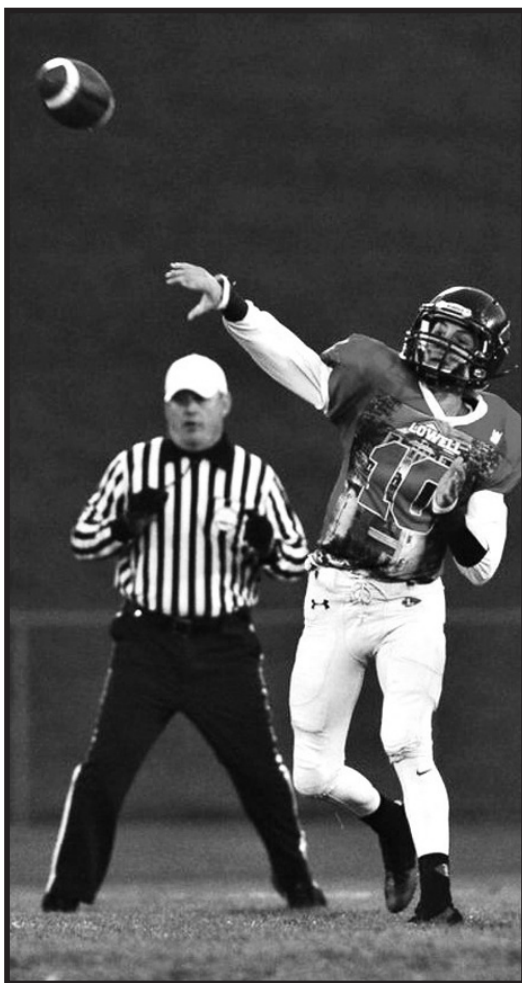
Lowell and EGR facing off in the last regular season match up of the long running rivalry.



Legendary Arrow quarterback Mark Catlin, pictured with his family, was inducted into the GAR "Hall of Fame" between quarters.



Senior Zeth Dean, with his parents, was selected as the GAR "scholar athlete" of the game.



Senior quarterback Ryan Stevens accounted for five touchdowns earning him the night's "Most Valuable Player" honor.

	EGR	Lowell
Score	13	35
First Downs	16	20
Rushing Attempts	17	56
Yards Rushing	19	308
Yards Passing	287	161
Net Yards	306	461
Passes Attempted	35	18
Passes Completed	22	9
Interceptions	2	0
Offensive Plays	52	74
Average Gain	5.9	6.3
Fumbles: Number/Lost	1/1	0/0
Penalties: Number/Yards	5/39	4/47
Number of Punts/Yards	4/120	2/74
Average Per Punt	30.0	37.0
Punt Returns: Number/Yards	1/17	2/14
Number of Kickoffs/Yards	3/135	6/312
Average Per Kickoff	45.0	52.0
Kickoff Returns: Number/Yards	6/117	3/48
Int. Returns: Number/Yards	0/0	2/4
Fumble Returns: Yards/TD	0/0	0/0
Possession Time	18:08	29:52
Third-Down Conversions	2/9	3/11
Fourth-Down Conversions	0/1	3/6

## Sports Summaries

### GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

The Lady Arrows placed eighth out of a field of 17 at the Kent/Ottawa Invitational Saturday in a performance head coach Paul Judd called, "by far the best team effort of the season." The team's meet leaders each set a personal record at the event including top runner Tori Hewitt who finished with a 20:04. Breanna VanLaan (20:53), Lauren Aud (21:16), Mekare Elliott (21:29), Kyla Dixon (21:49), Katrina Droski (22:03) and Megan Khodl (22:16) rounded out Lowell's top scorers.

### BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Lowell's varsity boys cross country team claimed the eighteenth position at last weekend's Kent/Ottawa Invitational held at the Gainey Athletic Complex on the Calvin College campus. Eric Judd placed the highest among Arrow runners with a 17:04. Rounding out scoring for the team were Kyle Cater (17:41), Kenny Stump (18:48), Reece Karns (19:36) and Seth Palmer (19:41).

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# Red Arrow -VOLLEYBALL SPORTS

## Lady Arrows top Catholic Central 3-1; fall short to Caledonia 3-0

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Lowell varsity volleyball chalked up a victory against Grand Rapids Catholic Central (GRCC) on the road and a hard fought loss to Caledonia at home in competition play last week.

Tuesday at GRCC the team topped their opponent 3-1 winning the first two match ups 25-14, 25-21, but dropping the third 22-25 before the commanding 25-15 win that garnered

them the victory. Head coach Julie Quist said she credited some of the win to the top blocker of the game, Shannon Hoekstra. "Shannon had 9 solo blocks which really fired the team up," Quist explained.

Other top performers in the win were Abi Mangus who tallied two aces and 11 kills, Kelsey Emmanuel who added 30 digs and two aces, Sydney Powell who offered up 41 assists and

Alyssa Roest who kicked in a pair of aces.

Thursday in home action, the team looked top-notch but fell short of the victory after a nail-biting final match against OK White rival Caledonia. Lowell fought tooth and nail but ultimately fell short 3-0 while making Caledonia work hard for every point. Final scores were 25-23, 25-21 and 25-28. Bailey Reitsma and Rachel Fox led

the team in aces with three each, Mangus added 13 kills and 18 digs, Emmanuel 18 digs and Hoekstra provided two blocks to the team's effort.

Quist said that despite the starkly different results of the week's competition one thing remained the same at both events. "Although the final score was different for each night, the team's effort and desire to win were there both nights. On Thursday night versus Caledonia was some of the best volleyball the team has played. We just need to keep working hard, believing and learn to finish," concluded Quist.

Currently 18-11-3 the team will face a trio of competitions this week as they welcome Forest Hills Central on Tuesday and venture to East Grand Rapids on Thursday in a pair of OK White conference contests that kick off at 7 pm, before heading to Sparta for non-conference play on Saturday morning.



Carly Hoekstra sends the ball back at Caledonia.



Guardians of the Red Arrow net, Rachel Fox, Shannon Hoekstra and Bailey Reitsma against the Fighting Scots.

### -SOCCER

## Lowell tops GRC 4-1, falls to EGR 4-1; heads to playoffs

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Red Arrow soccer went 1-1 last week as they faced OK white rivals Grand

Rapids Christian (GRC) and East Grand Rapids (EGR) in the final two matches of the conference's regular season.

Seniors were celebrated on Wednesday as the team took to the field for the last home game. Before taking on GRC the parents of the team's four senior students, Brendan Paulus, Anthony Pollock, Kellen Guinn and Christian Worsley, took to the field for the special ceremony honoring their contributions to the team. According to head coach Rich O'Keefe, "This year we have only four seniors but they have been integral in our success. Seniors provide an important role in helping the younger players cope with the ups and downs of the season, both on and off the field."

Those seniors went on to celebrate a solid victory later that evening as the Arrow squad logged a 4-1 victory over GRC. Worsley and Paulus combined for the team's first goal within the first minute of play setting the pace for the team's dominant performance. GRC struggled to push past Lowell's pressure all night, earning just one goal late in the second half as any hard fought opportunity was thwarted by Arrow

keeper Trevor Sherman. Lowell went on to score three additional goals in the second half of play, two from Jonny Draigh and one from Logan Landman, to seal the 4-1 win.

A day later on the road at EGR the team had a polar opposite result when they fell 4-1 to the Pioneers. Despite holding a 1-0 lead toward the tail end of the game, the Arrows fell hard when EGR scored three late goals to earn the conference victory. Jaime Ortueta scored the team's lone goal.

"We could not hold the lead for various reasons but the biggest was our inability to cope with the elements: 30-40 mile an hour winds," explained O'Keefe. "Also pressure being put on by EGR, who was pushing players forward and an

eventual deflection that tied the game. The game winner for EGR came a few minutes later and you can see the air come out of the team."

Currently 11-7-1 the team has a winning record to rest on as they head into the district playoffs this week. "The team has shown resilience to fight back and prepare for the next game. I expect us to be competing

in the district finals for an opportunity to move on," stated O'Keefe.


The team will begin their district play on Wednesday at Forest Hills Eastern where they will face either Cedar Springs or Greenville beginning at 5 pm. If the team moves on they will play again Saturday at 1 pm in the same location.



Senior Arrow defender Anthony Pollock, with his mother, was among the four senior players honored during Senior Night.




Mid-fielder Kellen Guinn was joined by his parents on the field during the team's last OK White regular season game.



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# obituaries

## CHESEBRO

Donald A. Chesebro, age 57 of Ada, passed away unexpectedly Thursday, October 15, 2015. Survived by his parents, Lawrence and Edith Chesebro; sisters, Sharon Grau, Darlene Horsley, Marlene Rash; brothers, Michael Chesebro, Larry (Kris) Chesebro Jr.; nieces and nephews whom he was a generous uncle and great uncle to, Terry (Staci) Chesebro, Kelly (Mark) Thelen, Bradlee (Trevor) Schader, Marc Chesebro, Dylan Chesebro, Andrew, Sophia and Emma Thelen, Cynthia and Rebecca Nicholson; and his best buddy "Beaner". Don worked at Amway for 32 years where he developed many close friendships. Our beloved son, brother, uncle, great uncle and friend will truly be missed. Services have already been held. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of West Michigan, 3077 Wilson Dr NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534.



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## QUADA

Beverly (Bigelow) Quada Babs, age 61 of Lowell, passed away Monday, October 19, 2015. She was born on June 24, 1954 to the late Wesley Bigelow and Madonna Bird Bigelow, sharing that birthday with a twin sister, Cindy. Babs was one of seven daughters. She was married to her late husband, Ray Quada, on July 19, 1986. Her husband preceded her in death on August 27, 2000. Also preceding her were sister, Susan Gessler and brother-in-law, Jack Harrall. She is survived by and was known as 'Mom' to her son, Andrew Quada and his wife JaMesha, as well as to her son, Matthew Quada; and known as 'Na Na' to her three grandchildren Kaitlyn, Nolan, and Lauren Quada. She leaves behind her twin sister, Cindy (Bruce) Boyce; sisters, Mary Harrall, brother-in-law, Jerry (Lori) Gessler, Nancy (Dan) Fansher, Rose (Randy) Maxim, Penny (Marc) Bullerman and their families. She will be greatly missed by her loving sisters that so tirelessly cared for her and especially her brother-in-law, Bruce who was at her side for so many months as her health deteriorated while anticipating a liver transplant. This amazing family has provided such unconditional love and support to Babs. She gained her strength from them as they gained strength from her. The family wishes to thank all those that provided such compassionate care for her at Faith Hospice Trillium Woods and asks that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to them in honor of her memory. Funeral service will be held Friday 11:00 a.m. at the Lowell United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main St., Lowell, MI. Pastors Brad Brillhart and Gordon Barry officiating. Visitation Thursday 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell MI and one hour prior to the service at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Hospice at Trillium Woods, 8214 Pfeiffer Farms Dr. SW, Byron Center, MI 49315. LOGO # 391



## SMITH

James N. Smith, age 72 of Irons, MI passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, October 14, 2015. He was preceded in death by his loving mother, Oleta Smith; father, John Smith; and special brothers, Jay Smith and Tom Smith. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Rose M. Byrne Smith; sons, Jack W. Smith, James N. Smith, Jr.; and beloved grandchildren, Karah R. Smith, and Kyle J. Smith; sisters, Betty Story, Nancy Thornton, Judy (Doug) Eddy, Sharon Nead; brother, Jack G. Smith; brothers and sisters-in-law, Frank (Avis Rose) Noor, Lily Vroma, Zeta Smith, Norman (Rosemary) Byrne, Ron (Bess) Walthorn, Gene (Margie) Smith, Mike (Leona) Scott; also many beloved nieces and nephews. Jim graduated from Lowell High School, had a long career at Amway Corp. and retired as Manager of Warehousing at the age of 55, and a lifetime member of the Fraternal Order of the Moose #809 Lowell. Early retirement and moving to their Big Bass Lake cottage was a dream he and Rose shared and enjoyed for many years. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. Nothing was more important in his life than family and friends, which he has in abundance. Jim was an avid hunter and fisherman "Second to None", and loved fishing the streams of Michigan. He and Rose were winter Texans and traveled to South Padre Island, TX for many years, where he loved fishing the bay and gulf. Jim was blessed with the gift of making even strangers his friend. He always had a joke to tell, and loved giving his sons and grandchildren special "quotes" to live by. He lived life to the fullest and will be forever missed. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Patrick Educational Foundation, 4351 Parnell Ave. NE, Ada MI 49301.



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- 49. \*Freddy's street
- 51. \*Halloween movie genre
- 54. Part of a flower
- 56. Peace-meaning branch
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- 59. \*Stitched make-up
- 60. Poacher's trophy
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# Q & A, continued

## How should the city handle infrastructure repairs, especially streets and sidewalks?

### MIKE DEVORE

It should be priority one. We have spent years and years pretending it would fix itself and failed to plan for the upkeep and replacement. It's not a quick fix, but it needs to be done. And after they're fixed, let's maintain them and plan for future fixes and upkeep instead of waiting until the infrastructure is so deteriorated that minor repairs are long past an option.

### SHARON ELLISON

There are currently processes and plans in place for handling these repairs. There is a five-year plan to repair and maintain city streets and an ordinance that addresses city sidewalks. When outside funding was available the city repaired over one mile of dangerous sidewalks even though maintenance is the homeowner's responsibility.

### JEFF PHILLIPS

We really need to take a look at the master plan. Typically a paved road should last 26 years. This is where our maintenance team comes into place. If we give them the tools, training and the time we should have a solid road structure. We can network with other communities to find out what works for them and what doesn't work. We can come up with alternative methods for repair and analyze and see what works best for us and our community.

### JIM SALZWEDEL

We do have a city ordinance on the books for sidewalk repair. The city must do a better of enforcing and to notify property owners when these repairs are needed. The rest of the infrastructure needs a major face lift. I know recently a five-year street plan was introduced, but it will only cover about 15 percent of our streets at a cost of \$1.6 million, and the city is still not sure where 100 percent of those funds will come from over the next five years. The city water and sewer

department has a long road ahead of them just to understand the current conditions of the systems. This is not a problem that just came up, but one that has been going on for the past 20 years. I'm sorry to say past leadership did not take the necessary steps to ensure things were taken care of.

### ALAN TEELANDER

We need to look at what is under the roads before we put a new cover of pavement over them. Smooth streets with bad water and sewer pipes underneath will create a patchwork of those square-cut road repairs we often see if we don't fix the underlying problems first. Stealing from other charities to fund roads and sidewalks is just plain wrong. As far as sidewalks? I think we need a City Council and City Manager who will allow Council Person Altoft to talk about the sidewalk issues. With the changes coming to the council we will finally begin to hear his thoughts instead of suppressing them like the Mayor has continually done.

# Drum line showcases musical talent

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

For some members of the Red Arrow marching band, being a part of the

halftime show under the Friday night lights is not enough. So a restless 12-person drum line devised

a plan to further showcase their Arrow pride and their musical talent.

"We decided that if

there was a way to interact more with the fans and get the band more involved we would do it," said band member Drew Struckmeyer. He and the other members, Jarett Maughan, Jared Lezan, Joel Fritsma, Katie Cussimano, Rebecca Hall, Thomas Hubert, Alita Cadwallader, Patrick Kargl, Jordan VanOosten, Michael Ortowski, and Zane Goldsmith, put their plan into action quickly.

The result of their imagination is a halftime show unlike any seen previously at Red Arrow

Stadium that includes jumping stunts, inverted drummers and of course rocking beats. "The crowd is loving it! One of our videos from last year has over 3,000 views and the student section seems to love having the band as a bigger part of the festivities," said Struckmeyer, adding, "I get asked multiple times a game day by students and in the community if we have anything planned for the game."

Band director Tim Haan has played an "instrumental"

role in the performance by allowing the students to use their brimming creativity. "Mr. Haan has allowed us to simply go for it. To allow for this creative space to be established. Part of what makes it so fun is the creative and over-the-top aspect of it," explained Struckmeyer. "We really enjoy turning things upside down."

Full performances can be viewed on YouTube by searching the Lowell Red Arrows marching band or track side on Friday nights.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**BOWNE TOWNSHIP**

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

The Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider an application for approval of a special land use for an addition to the Bowne Township Fire Station:

- The Bowne Township Fire Department is proposing an approximately 986 square feet addition to the existing fire station located at 6250 Bancroft Ave., Alto, MI 49302. The addition will consist of offices, training area, and common areas.
- In the R-3 Urban Residential District, Public and Institutional uses are allowed with special land use approval.
- The Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Act 33 of 2008 as amended, requires that any public building covered by the municipal master plan be reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission must then submit its' decision to the Township Board.
- The location of the fire station is planned for public uses such as governmental buildings in the 2012 Master Plan; thus the proposed addition is in keeping with the Master Plan.
- A site plan accompanies the application; the site plan has been reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission.
- The special land use application may be approved by the Planning Commission following the public hearing.

The hearing will be held as follows:

**WHEN: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2015**

**TIME: 7:00 P.M.**

**WHERE: BOWNE TOWNSHIP HALL  
8240 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE  
ALTO, MI 49302**

The proposed special land use application and site plan are available for review at the Bowne Township offices, 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Alto, Michigan, 49302 during normal office hours on Wednesday & Thursday from 9 AM to Noon and 1 PM to 5 PM and on Friday from 9 AM to Noon or by calling 868-6846.

Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk  
Bowne Township

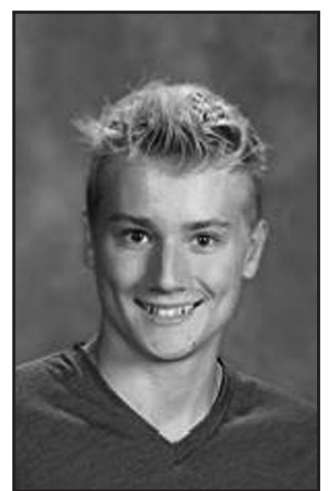
## Lowell High School's October Students of the Month

Lowell High School is proud to announce that Alex Anschutz, 12th grade; and Eric Gable, 12th grade; are the Lowell High School October Students 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 Anschutz and Gable. The students receive a \$20 movie gift card and a certificate.

Sara Ellis nominated Anschutz and she writes, "Alex is a model Spanish student, he speaks in Spanish the entire class, actively participates in class, volunteers routinely, helps others around him who don't get a concept



Alex Anschutz



Eric Gable

right away, is always polite and respectful."

Gable was nominated by Steve Kampfschulte and he writes, "Eric was our student liaison/coordinator for carrying out our federal mandated observation of Constitution Day (Sept. 18). He assisted in both coordinating and discussing of the content and sequence of our Constitution Day proclamation. He made sensible and proper

suggestions and comments on the draft proclamation. He faithfully rehearsed it and ultimately gave an outstanding delivery to the entire student body. This activity is something Eric enjoyed and has some skill at, as he intends to pursue a degree in broadcast journalism. He is hoping to tie together some of the content from AP government towards issues/demands of broadcast journalism."



# BC Pizza is Franchise of the Year

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

Lowell's BC Pizza franchise, 1335 W. Main, was declared "Franchise of the Year" last week by the parent company and won a free automobile for the restaurant.

The car is a Ford Fusion that has been wrapped with the BC Pizza logo and graphics.

"BC Pizza Corporation decided to start a new competition," said owner James Fegel in a statement to the Ledger. "If a store wins, the store is put into a drawing to win this

new car. At the end of the competition a location is drawn and the winning store gets the car. As such, Lowell BC did not just win the new car, but was the first store ever to win this prize. [...] Lowell stood out among the rest and brought home the swag. The vehicle will be used and shared."

Fourteen stores were in the drawing for the car, including locations in Belmont, Hudsonville and Greenville that Fegel owns with his partner Tony Griffin. Fegel said the Lowell restaurant won

because of the impeccable standards they maintain.

"To become Franchise of the Year, the store needs to score high on its quarterly inspections. BC corporate sends an inspector down, either as a mystery shopper or as an observer and they take a look at how the store runs," Fegel's statement said.

"Meticulously inspected and scored are the atmosphere, the packaging, quality of the pizza, the crew's overall appearance and cleanliness of the store. Also considered,

is involvement in the community."

Fegel said that a good way to check out the new car would be to order a massive amount of delicious pizza.

"If you're lucky, you may just see this new addition to the BC fleet cruising through town to deliver catering orders, pizza and stix to Lowell's football games or even to your doorstep," Fegel's statement said. "It's great when you love what you do. It's even sweeter when you win at it."



Brandon Smith and Chad Roosien with new car.

## Honoring Our Area Veterans

**The Ledger along with local businesses will**

**once again be saluting area Veterans.**

**The names and pictures we receive will appear in our  
November 11 edition on Veterans Day 2015.**

**If you would like to spotlight a Veteran living in our area, please mail or bring their picture along with their name, branch of service and years served to:**

**The Lowell Ledger/Veterans Page**

**105 N. Broadway PO Box 128 - Lowell, MI 49331**

**OR email: [displayads@lowellbuyersguide.com](mailto:displayads@lowellbuyersguide.com)**

**Put "Veterans" on the subject line, type the name, branch of service and years served into the body of the email and attach the picture.**



**Deadline for  
submission is noon,  
Friday, Nov. 6, 2015**

**For more  
information call  
the Ledger at  
616.897.9261**

**You or the Veteran  
you are honoring must be  
from the Lowell area.**



## NOTICE

**You  
MUST send  
a new picture  
this year.**

**Even if, in the past,  
your service person  
was submitted.**



**Wednesday, November 11, 2015**