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Steps being taken to reduce odor produced from biodigester

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Lowell's "LEAD" biodigester might be good for the environment, but its neighbors say the facility stinks.

"There were approximately 30 or so residents or business owners at our July 2016 board meeting," said Lowell Light & Power general manager Steve Donkersloot. "A number of them have reached out to LL&P or LEAD via phone call or e-mail in the prior months/year. Overall they were there to express their frustrations and concerns about the odor that they have experienced from the facility. They stressed that the current state of the odor was unacceptable and that it is critical to have the situation completely resolved as quickly as possible.

The people in charge of the biodigester said they are doing everything in their power to keep odors from befouling the neighborhood and are in the process of fixing the problem.



The biodigester's big front doors and a back door were wide open on Wednesday, July 20.

"There are three primary sources of odor: manure, FOG (fats, oils and greases) and the waste water treatment system which

processes waste water received from Litehouse," said SPART/LEAD principal Greg Northrup "We have closed all doors and vents,

with the exception being we open the door to allow for the unloading of feedstocks into the dedicated storage tanks and containers inside

the plant. We have installed a Calgon Carbon's Type Centaur HSV Activated

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Kent County Youth Fair receives grant for new fairgrounds

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Last week the Kent County Youth Fair announced they received a \$2.5 million grant from the State of Michigan to construct brand new fairgrounds. The KCYF said in a press release that the Michigan Department of Talent and Economic Development funding was "secured with the assistance of Senator Dave Hildenbrand and Representative Lisa Posthumus Lyons" and that it "will allow the organization to build modern fairgrounds that accommodate the growing needs of exhibitors, patrons and vendors."

"The Kent County Youth Fair is a vibrant, growing fair that strives to provide family-friendly, affordable fun to the residents of West

Michigan," said KCYF president Jon Bieneman. "Our new grounds will enable us to provide more entertainment for West

things as "a campground with water and electricity available on each site, barn ventilation, maneuverable footpaths for wheelchairs

"Our hope is to stay in the Lowell area," Bieneman said in a telephone interview. "We're trying to look at a couple pieces of property

in. We don't know for sure the timeline."

This year's fair will be from August 8 through 13. They expect over 40,000 people to show up for all of the fair's attractions, including live bluegrass music, carnival rides, animal showing and judging, storytelling, bingo, and an ice cream social. A complete schedule of events can be found at www.kcyf.org.

"We began as the Lowell Community Fair in 1934, have enjoyed a very successful partnership with the city of Lowell and will continue to foster that partnership," Bieneman said. "Being situated on a flood plain with no room for future growth is our only reason for making this move."



Michigan during the fair and the rest of the year, with adequate facilities and utilities providing an easily accessible venue."

According to their press release, the plans for the new fairgrounds include such

and strollers, and a bio-secure layout."

The total cost for the project is estimated to be \$5 million and will break ground in 2018. At this point the organization plans to stay in the Lowell area.

and finalize a location at this point. It will move from its current location. At this point right now we're focusing on the Lowell area. We believe Lowell is the community we want to be

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Concerts truly “Sizzle” with temperatures in the ‘90s

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Traverse City native Rachel B lit up the Riverwalk with a two-hour show last Thursday evening along Lowell's scenic Riverwalk for the sixth Sizzlin' show this season.

Extremely hot, humid weather kept the audience sparse for the event as temperatures soared into the 90's. Those who did brave the conditions were

treated to the classically trained vocals of Rachel B. A student at Interlochen Arts Academy and Berklee College of Music Rachel B has pipes to spare and seemed to create her own notes on stage with her mesmerizing multifaceted voice.

Since leaving her Michigan roots she has spent time in Los Angeles writing music for both

TV and film productions and performing onstage throughout California and is now based in Pittsburgh. She often performs with friends as Rachel B and The Boys. Sighting Ella Fitzgerald and Minnie Riperton as her vocal inspirations, her sound combines classic soul with a contemporary upbeat pop feel. Her debut album I'm The Boss is available on Amazon.

Presented by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and LowellArts!, the free concerts are supported by more than two dozen local businesses and organizations. The series continues next week when The Accidentals take the stage. The alternative Indie-style rock band will share their high-energy eclectic sound from 7-9 pm.



The melodic voice of blues and Motown influenced Rachel B was featured at last weeks Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Showboat Concert.



along main street

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LowellArts! announces a call for artists for the LowellArts! member booth at the Fallsburg Festival and the annual LowellArts! Holiday Artists Market. Artists must be LowellArts! members to be eligible to apply. The deadline for applications is August 1 at 5 pm. For more information go to www.lowellartsmi.org

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Photovoice Workshop – Tues., Aug. 2, 4-5 pm. Join Jenny Langill, Occupational Therapy Intern from Grand Valley State University, to focus on finding joy and peace

in your everyday life. Jenny will guide us around the Clubhouse and grounds while taking pictures of meaningful objects and giving an opportunity for a time to share.

Adult Workshop-Mindful Aging – Tues., Aug. 2, 6-7:30 pm. Join us as Dr. David L. Sharp, MD shares his learning about mindful aging. Dr. Sharp will address the realities of “getting old” and highlights how the choices we make affect both the quality of our present lives and how long we live.

Breast Cancer Support Group – Tues., Aug. 2, 6-7:30 pm. A monthly support group for those diagnosed with breast cancer to learn and share together. The group

will meet on the first Tuesday of every month.

Family Workshop – Yoga for the Family – Tues., Aug. 2, 6-7:30 pm. We invite members of youth and their families to join as we learn healthy ways to work together, communicate and play. This month we are led in Family Yoga by Judy Williams and Leah Rettig.

Garden with Gilda's – Tues., Aug. 16, 1-3 pm. Come on over and join us in the gardens! There are a variety of ways to help maintain and enjoy the beautiful gardens here at Gilda's Club Lowell. We welcome your help!

Chitchat Readers Book Club – Tues., Aug. 16, 4:15-5:15 pm. Join other members of Gilda's Club in discussing a great book. Feel free to stop by the Clubhouse and borrow a book.

Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson St. For more information call 897-8600 or visit www.gildasclubgr.org/pinkarrow

FROM VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Volunteer orientation at Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) will be Wed., Aug. 3 at 6 pm. Please call 897-8260 for additional information.

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Church orchestrated "Love Week" helps community

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Love Week, the annual parishioner project orchestrated by Impact Church in Lowell, dispatched teams of volunteers last week throughout the Lowell and Alto communities.

Pastor Jason Holdridge said the event has been happening each summer for several years and has continued to grow logistically as well as in the hearts of his church's participants.

"We went from 15 projects last year to over 30 this year. It's picking up momentum and the effect it's having on the lives around us is tangible."

Volunteers completed various tasks this year including repainting playground equipment at Bushnell Elementary, upkeep projects at Lowell Middle School and the Lowell Airport, repainting the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce building and helping spruce up the Kent County Fairgrounds for the upcoming youth fair.

Youth fair vice president and Impact church member Bruce Doll said that the help given through the community service project is invaluable.

"We are a small volunteer organization that works all year long to bring the fair to the families of Kent County

and beyond. In preparation for the 55,000 plus people attending the fair, there are hundreds of projects that have to be done. When 30 people volunteer 10 hours each, that is 300 hours. Or, to put it in perspective, that is equivalent to one person working 7.5 weeks. A lot of projects can be done in that time in a short amount of time. We are so blessed to have our Love Week volunteers help us out," explained Doll.

Holdridge attributes the success of the event to the eager nature of the body of the church and this year's event planner, "It was led by the sacrificial heart of Bob Rogers who coordinated and administrated this initiative



Teams of volunteers served at schools throughout the district including Bushnell Elementary where the playground got a spruce up.

with precision and passion." He added that the event generates much appreciation from the community and also a sense of accomplishment and pride for those involved in the work. "The viral nature of

this effort in our community is contagious. There isn't any other event throughout the year that generates so much conversation with the people in our town, whether they are business owners, city officials, or casual

passerbys, it's beyond awesome. They literally are blown away by the "Love" and I hear about it all week via email in and in conversations around town. This is what we want to be known for above all."

Four injured in two car crash

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Four Greenville residents were injured in Lowell Township when the car they were driving crashed into a semi truck.

The accident occurred on Alden Nash between Segwun and Grand River Drive just after 5:30 pm on Tuesday, July 19. According to a police

report, 47-year-old Darby O'Connor from Kenosh, Wis. was traveling south on Alden Nash in a fully-loaded semi truck when a 2001 Lincoln Mark 7 driven by 40-year-old Augustine Theodore of Greenville crossed the center line and struck his semi. O'Connor was not hurt, but all four occupants of the Lincoln

were injured. Three of them were transported to local hospitals. Everybody was wearing their seatbelts and alcohol was not believed to be a factor in the crash. Alden Nash was shut down for several hours while the debris from the heavily damaged semi truck was cleared. The accident remains under investigation.

Biodigester, continued

Carbon tank and blower to capture odor coming from the FOG storage inside the plant. We are installing a second, similar unit to capture any odors emanating from the solids separator holding tank for the materials being processed to leave the site. This is scheduled for installation by July 26 if the product is shipped on time. We have installed BioWorld's Odor Neutralizer, a plant-based product that eliminates offensive odors at the source. While many products only mask odors with strong scents, BioWorld's Odor Neutralizer supposedly neutralizes unpleasant odors, making them undetectable to our sense of smell. One system is

installed inside the plant and one is installed at the wastewater treatment tank outside. Staff can adjust the flow rates on the system for days when the air is heavier and hotter like this [last] week."

"SPART (or LEAD) has continued to communicate to LL&P that they take the situation very seriously and that they will continue to look for and implement potential solutions to resolve the odor problem," Donkersloot said.

"At this point, since we [are] taking action to address treatment of the sources, we believe the

actions being taken will satisfactorily resolve the issues," Northrup said. "If there is further concern we will identify the remaining sources and seek additional applications. We are committed to getting this under control. We want this to be a project that the community can brag about."

Despite the stench, the facility is producing power. Over the last 18 months, from January 2015 through June 2016, the biodigester has produced 3,639,065 kilowatt hours of electricity, an average of 202,181 kWh each month.

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Land development for commercial and residential construction plus transportation infrastructure projects consumes large amounts of land, which for practical purposes is gone forever. This places more importance on remaining natural places.

Much of the undeveloped land can be managed to provide habitat for plants and wildlife. People can benefit by using renewable resources while sharing the land with wildlife for recreational activities. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources supports a number of programs where citizens can get involved with the management of public and private land. Check the DNR website for information and assistance for your property, and explore volunteer

opportunities to help improve public resources.

Leaning against a big old oak tree on our northern Michigan hunting property while working a turkey call last spring, I dug my heels into the leaves to clear the spot and get more comfortable. The fresh damp earth produced the odor of decaying vegetation which provides a fertile base for all kinds of flora and fauna and in turn provides habitat for a great number of wild things from bugs to bears. Suddenly I felt the burden of responsibility for this piece of earth and all that dwell there.

Anyone who has control of land, no matter how big or small can make decisions on the management of that resource. If we all work together we have a chance to preserve our outdoor heritage for future generations. Tomorrow

morning I will be fishing a northern Michigan trout stream for the first time in sixty years. The popular and now heavily fished river is in better condition and holds a larger variety of fish than when I first waded it. Ordinary citizens, sportsmen organizations, and government have focused attention on what needed to be done to protect this stream from all kinds of hazards which could have destroyed the fishery. My grandchildren have the opportunity to have the same experience I had when I was their age.

Whether large or small tracts, public or private, we all have opportunities to be good stewards of the land. We are just temporary stewards because we can't take it with us when we die and ultimately become part of it. If we use the land wisely we can pass it along to the next generation in better condition than we found it.

Enwork acquires Ergo Contract Furniture

Enwork announced it has acquired Ergo Contract Furniture, a California-based office furniture manufacturer. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

"This is a very important acquisition for the continued growth of Enwork" said David Powell, CEO of Enwork. "The synergistic value between Ergo's products and Enwork's market-leading success in the Tables business creates exciting opportunities for our dealers and end-users."

Ergo Contract's products, personnel and

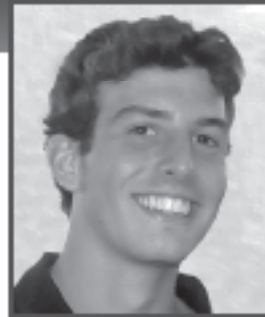


established dealer network will be fully integrated into Enwork's business. Mark Denham and Lea Goldenring, former owners of Ergo Contract, will remain a key part of the business, focusing on new product development and sourcing for Enwork. Operations in

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viewpoint

to the editor

Supporting Thomas Albert

Dear Editor,
I am writing today to urge primary voters to support Thomas Albert in the upcoming August 2nd election. Albert is running for the Republican nomination in Michigan's 86th House District. This district includes Ionia, Belding, Lowell, Caledonia, Cascade, Ada, and surrounding townships. Thomas is a lifelong resident of the Lowell area.

Thomas Albert served this nation in the United States Marine Corps. He was deployed to Iraq and served as a military advisor to the local forces in that country. After his service, Albert returned home to Michigan and, like many returning vets, found few good opportunities for employment. Thomas decided to return to school to earn his MBA. With degrees from both the University of Michigan (political science and history) and Michigan State

(MBA in Finance), Thomas took a job in Civil Service as a portfolio manager for the Michigan employee's pension fund. With the support of his wife, Erica, and two children (and a third due in September), Thomas decided more could be done to help his fellow citizens. He knew that he could make a real difference as our Representative in Lansing. Visit www.votealbert.com to learn more about Albert's platform and policy positions.

Thomas Albert knows that hard work and sacrifice are needed to succeed in today's political environment. He understands that real leadership requires tough decisions. His strong conservative values have earned him my vote and I hope that others will consider Thomas Albert for the 86th Congressional District.

Jeff Dickerman
Lowell

About 60 of Mr and Mrs M. C. Barber's friends made them a picnic reception at Island Park, Monday. Everybody had an elegant time and M. C. and Mrs Barber have a warmer spot for Lowell friends than ever.

The first shipment of peaches this season, was made last week Thursday. A week earlier than last year.

Rickert makes his own Ice Cream, both white and yellow, and it's the best.

This region experienced quite a frost Sunday and Monday nights. It is thought that corn in the low places will be hurt some.

Gage and Henry Peckham, Jas. Power and Geo. Headworth went to Greenville yesterday, to see the Lowell Tennis Club "knock the spots off'm Greenville."

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger July 27, 1916

Bond for paving – concrete drive south from Main Street to village limits. The completion of the projected concrete pavement on Hudson street from Main street south to the village limits and connecting with the new concrete driveway now under construction, means a paved street from the Lowell hotel, at the east end of the brick pavement, to Grand river bridge, half a mile south of the west end of the Main street pavement. Doing a permanent job occasionally would give us good streets sometime, whereas under the old method we spend money everlastingly and never get anywhere.

Huckleberries are ripe with promise of a fair crop. Mr. Johnson has placed signs in his marsh to guard against anyone being lost as happened last year when some Grand Rapids parties wandered out near the West Lowell church.

J. E. Tower spent Monday in the Rapids attending the Farm Bureau meeting at the Commerce building as a representative of Vergennes township. Plans were made for work the coming year. Mrs. Tower accompanied her husband and enjoyed the day at her sister, Mrs. A. G. Steketee's.

Joe Salek of Chicago came Monday to join his wife in a two weeks' stay with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Slamma. The fish are suffering now.

Frank Graham and family were initiating their recently purchased car Monday and called on Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Yeiter and Mr. and Mrs. H. Merriman.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger July 31, 1941

Tremendous welcome given grandest Showboat of all – tenth Robert E. Lee covers itself with glory here every night for remainder of the week. The tenth annual Lowell Showboat opened on Tuesday night in a blaze of glory. It was a warm, moonlit summer evening which added a great deal to the occasion. Thirty-five hundred people, the greatest opening night crowd in the Lowell Showboat history was on hand to watch the Robert E. Lee X come 'round the bend. The boat gaily decorated in red, white and blue, brilliantly lighted by its own power plant, smoke belching from its stacks and the paddle wheel churning, seemed to hesitate just a moment at the sharp bend. The audience sat in suspense and wonderment, waiting to see whether or not she was going to make the sharp turn. When the boat cleared the dock by less than a foot and squared away in front, a mighty cheer arose from the crowd. It was agreed by all that this was the greatest boat of all and the committee had fulfilled its promise to make the tenth annual production the biggest and best of all. It was fully agreed, however, that up to the landing, the audience was just beginning to see things.

The whistle on this year's Showboat tooted louder than ever before – all because of the fact that Bob Starkey constructed a new air compressor for the Lowell Granite Company and moved it aboard for use on the old Robert E. Lee.

Billy Woodman, 14 – a game fisherman. Here's another fish story for you. Fourteen-year-old Billy Woodman, who resides east of Lowell on M-21, tells this one. On one of those "warmish" days last week, Billy decided he would take a swim in Grand River. On his way up the riverbank to the "old swimmin' hole," he noticed something moving around in the shallow water quite near shore. He carefully waded out towards the object and discovered it to be a large catfish. Billy tried to catch the fish with his bare hands but it eluded him and swam on a little farther. Now this made Bill fightin' mad so he dashed after the fish, caught it by the tail and threw it on the river bank. It tipped the scales at 18 lbs.

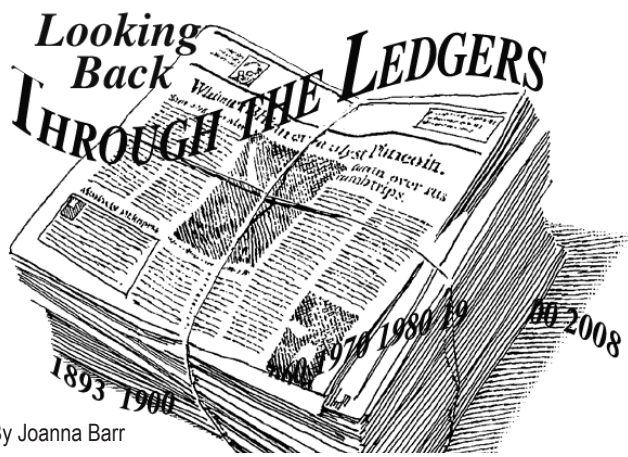
50 years ago Lowell Ledger July 28, 1966

Weather ideal, yield high, price good for area wheat harvest. Roughly 300,000 bushels of newly harvested wheat has poured into King Milling Co. since the harvest started a little over a week ago. This has been an exceptionally good harvest, with hot dry weather creating almost ideal conditions for the farmers to harvest the crop. The yield has been better this year, than last year and the price of new wheat is higher this year than last.

Sunday night, the Lowell Police were called upon to settle a family quarrel. A Lowell couple came to the police station seeking a settlement of an argument over failure of the wife to bake com bread. The police report says the argument was settled, but the answer to the problem was not given. Do they have frozen corn bread?

Water bills going out this week only increased 21 percent but the sewer bills are up 400 percent, City Manager Olson revealed on Wednesday. Total water billing this year is \$9,500 for the quarter ending in

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By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal July 29, 1891

Last Thursday night W. B. Rickert's store was broken into and three boxes of cigars, a pair of opera glasses and some other trifles were taken. The same night W. McMurray, at Ada, discovered a burglar attempting to get into his place and captured him. The burglar proved to be an escaped insane criminal from Ionia, for whom there was a reward of \$25 offered. He had in his possession the cigars and opera glass stolen from Rickert's earlier in the night and also a horse which showed hard usage and for which no owner has yet been found. William has got his opera glass back, but the sheriff's office reported that the cigars were so badly broken that they were not worth sending back, so the force is rapidly reducing them to ashes.

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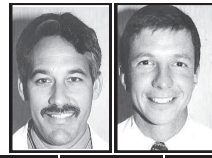
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testicular cancer screening

Testicular cancer affects males of all ages, but is most prevalent in young men. It is one of the most common malignant tumors found in males age 15 to 34. Some risk factors for testicular cancer include:

- being Caucasian,
- having a brother or father with testicular cancer,
- having an undescended testicle (one that did not come down into the scrotum) even if it was surgically corrected
- having small or irregularly shaped testicles
- having Klinefelter's syndrome (a genetic condition)

Some signs of testicular cancer include:

- a hard, painless lump in the testicle (most common)
- a dull ache in the scrotum (less common)
- a scrotum that feels heavy or swollen.

Testicular cancer has good cure rates if found early and treated. All men should perform monthly testicular self-exams. If a lump, swelling, tenderness or any other change in the testicle is discovered, see your healthcare provider right away.

The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate.

- Oprah Winfrey

area births

Wojciakowski



Collin Michael Wojciakowski

Big sisters, Cecelia and Julia Wojciakowski are excited to announce the birth of their baby brother, Collin Michael. Proud parents are Mike and Amorena Wojciakowski of Grand Rapids. Little Collin was born November 20, 2015. He weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and measured 20.5 inches. Also welcoming Collin with much love and joy are his grandparents, Ed and Sally Wojciakowski of Lowell, Jim Newman of Carson City, and Greg and Shelley Stevens of Mt. Pleasant; and his aunts, uncles and cousins.

college news

Pepperdine University student Quinn Hascall, of Ada, has been named to the Seaver College dean's list for the spring 2016 semester. In order to earn dean's list honors, students must be in

the upper 10 percent of their class and maintain a 3.5 or higher grade point average. This year Hascall is one of only 295 students to receive the honor.

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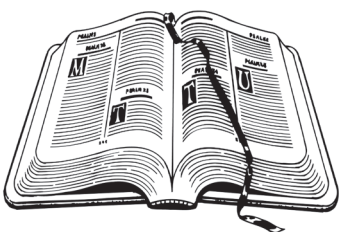
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~ Main Street BBQ

Main Street BBQ, 110 E. Main, has only been in business for 18 months, but the restaurant is already a fixture in Lowell's downtown eating scene and even won a Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce "kick award" earlier this year. Restaurant owner Erin Vuolppa said they have supported Pink Arrow Pride since day one.

"When we opened, right away I wanted to do something that really involved this community and Pink Arrow

because guys to compete, and then, after expenses, whatever is left will be going to donors to Pink Arrow Pride."

The philosophy behind Main Street BBQ is simple: anybody with an appetite is welcome.

"I want it to feel like anybody can come in here and feel comfortable, whether they just jumped off a tractor or you're a family that wants to take the kids out to dinner, everybody can come in here and be welcomed," Vuolppa

"We decided when we opened, every time somebody orders the nachos we donate a dollar to Pink Arrow Pride. We send them a check every month for it."

- Erin Vuolppa

Pride is such a big deal here," Vuolppa said. "It's amazing, the growth that it's had and the national recognition. We decided when we opened, every time somebody orders the nachos we donate a dollar to Pink Arrow Pride. We send them a check every month for it."

These Main Street BBQ nachos are definitely the tastiest way to support Pink Arrow Pride.

"People like our nachos," Vuolppa said. "We fry the tortilla chips in house, then we top them with our spicy cheese sauce, onions, jalapenos and tomatoes, then you get to choose between baked and pulled pork, or a combination of both. We make all of our meat in-house and it's delicious."

Like just about all of us, Vuolppa has personal experience with the tragedy of a cancer diagnosis.

"It's hard to find anybody that it hasn't touched," Vuolppa said. "I lost my sister and my grandfather to lung cancer."

Some nachos won't be the only way Main Street BBQ will support Pink Arrow Pride.

"To celebrate our one year anniversary we're going to do a barbecue competition out in the new parking lot on Sept. 19," Vuolppa said. "It will be a Pink Arrow Pride fundraiser. We're going to get local

barbecue guys to compete, and then, after expenses, whatever is left will be going to donors to Pink Arrow Pride."

The restaurant has taken off. The dining room is always full of hungry carnivores, and now their catering business is picking up.

"We've been extremely busy," Vuolppa said. "We've surpassed our expectations. Now catering is getting crazy, catering is really taking off. We deliver for orders over \$100. We do a lot of corporate lunches now, and a lot of weekend parties. We're at 'State of Grand Rapids' next weekend."

People are crazy for barbecue, and will travel great distances for good smoked meat. As meat-stuffed diets wobble back to their core, they might also check out some local businesses.

"People will drive for barbecue," Vuolppa said. "It's bringing people into Lowell who otherwise wouldn't have come. They're looking around, checking out all the unique shops and businesses. It's good for everybody."



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~ Sarah Cowdin

I stand in a long line of family members who have experienced cancer. So many of us have received the cancer diagnosis that we sometimes call it our family curse. My mom had six cancers and all of them died of cancer, as well as their mother. When I was diagnosed with breast cancer I realized that I was the same age my mom was when she developed breast cancer. Other members of my extended family also live with a cancer diagnosis. I can only wish that a cure could be found.

Illness has brought innumerable changes to my life. It all began in 2003 when I was told that I had breast cancer. Trying to adjust to that diagnosis, I ignored the additional symptoms that I was experiencing. Because I had no health insurance, I

was reluctant to seek further medical treatment, so I tried to ignore the changes I found in my breast. By the time the breast cancer was found I needed a mastectomy and chose to have a double one. The surgery was followed by chemo therapy and radiation and, supposedly, the cancer was gone.

As I reflect back on my life, I see the many ways in which I have been blessed and how fortunate I have been to do the kind of work I love.

My grandfather, Cliff Cowdin, started our family business in 1927 when he opened a full-service Texaco Station in Grand Rapids. As a child I started hanging around the garage because that was the only opportunity I had to spend time with my Dad who worked long, long hours. I started washing windows before I was old enough to reach and would ask the customer to open the door so I could stand on the sill and wash the window. I started pumping gas at age 11 and finally became involved full time in helping run our family business.

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I was to continue on a maintenance drug, however, I didn't like the side effects and chose not to take it. This turned out to be a big mistake, as the cancer traveled to my colon, which required the removal of my colon and part of my intestines. Then I developed pneumonia and it was during that health crisis that a blockage was discovered. This meant more surgery. I nearly died from the pneumonia. All of that was two years ago, and now the breast cancer has re-statedized to have cancer.

My doctors found lung cancer about a month ago and I am now starting radiation treatment for this latest cancer, which is unrelated to the other forms of cancer I have. At this point I realize that I probably don't have a long time to live; I hope to see another 12 to 18

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I was running the family business when I lost my hair. One of our customers brought me a box of hats when I lost my hair due to the chemo therapy. When I was 11 to be at the garage all of the time, business began to fall off and this happened about the same time the bottom fell out of the economy. My mother passed away at that time, as well. It was a sad day when I lost the business our family had operated for 78 years. It was especially sad when I lost the house that my dad and I had built together.

From my father I learned auto repair, building skills, electrical work and plumbing. These skills led to a job in a shop where I did machine repair for eight years. I also enjoyed teaching others these kinds of skills. As a member of the Four-Dies Motor Cycle Club, I helped organize the Blessing of the Bikes event that is held in Baldwin each year. Money from that event help provide meals on Wheels and other services to the elderly. I have been blessed to do the work I love, as I never could have tolerated a desk job.

Even in the face of illness, I still see blessings all around me. My dad bought a mobile home for me and that is what brought me to Lowell. This is a wonderful community of caring people. I am grateful for the days when I can get out and do what I enjoy, such

as ride my motorcycle or work in the yard. I still know the pleasure of eating, though I have to receive nutrition through an IV as my body can no longer absorb the needed nutrients from the food I eat.

I am so grateful for all the prayers offered by others, and my faith is strong. I am blessed to have Keele's care. Because we didn't know how much time I might have, we chose to be married as soon as it became legal. I am so thankful to have her at the center of my life.

When you have cancer it is important to be your own advocate, or to have someone who can help advocate for you. Pay close attention to the diagnosis and the treatment. You have to have a positive attitude. I told my doctor to keep me going because I wanted to live long enough

to see my daughter graduate. Then I wanted to see the day when my grandchild was born. Now I would like to see Harper start to play T ball if I am granted that much time. Sometimes I feel sorry for myself and all down and cry, but having goals and a positive attitude help keep me going. Lowell has been a very supportive community; the gift I received from Pink Arrow was a God send as it came at a time when Keele needed to stay home and provide my care round the clock. Currently I am doing well enough that she is able to work part time.

I have had days but I still have good days. I am thankful that I can get up out of my chair and do something. I have had a full and blessed life.

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~ Heidi Neffron

As I think back on the past year, I am truly amazed at everything that I have gone through and made it through.

I was diagnosed with endometrial cancer on June 15, 2015. I had been having some bleeding starting about two months prior, but attributed it to other reasons. When on Thursday, June 18, it became so bad that I ended up deciding that I needed to go to the ER. I had many tests and biopsies performed while in the hospital, but no real answers. By Saturday, I was feeling better and they had gotten the bleeding under control, so I requested to wait for the test results at home. What I didn't tell the doctors was that we had bought tickets to one of our favorite bands for our 21st anniversary and the concert was that night. I had decided that if the test results were good, we should go to the concert and if the test results were bad, we should definitely go to the concert. So, either way, I felt like it was a good idea to go. I'm so glad we did. We had a fantastic time! I know that they were testing to see if I had cancer and I just knew in my gut that that was

action plan. I knew this was just something that I had to deal with, so now I needed to know what the steps would be to beat this.

For me, a good portion of the summer seemed like a waking game. Luckily, I felt good and could keep going about my activities as usual. It seemed to take quite a long time to get all the tests done and come up with my game plan. During this time, I leaned heavily on the advice and support of a few close friends and family members that had also navigated a cancer diagnosis. Having these people to ask questions and run information by was invaluable to me! What I learned from them was that no cancer journey is the same. I had no idea that I could have chemotherapy and not lose my hair!

Finally, in early August, I started chemotherapy and radiation. They chose to do these first because of the size and placement of my tumor. They felt if they could get better results by shrinking the tumor first, the results of surgery would be much better. I did chemotherapy



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- Heidi Neffron

what it was. I don't know if this was a true gut feeling or just my fears because I had heard some of the scariest things while I was at the hospital.

On Monday evening, I received the call from the doctor that I had been in the hospital and she confirmed that it was cancer that we were dealing with. We took the evening to tell our boys, immediate family and close friends the news. What I told my kids was that we knew more people that had had cancer and beaten it than had not. After finding out what I was dealing with, I was never really afraid of the outcome. I had at least one break down where I allowed myself to cry about it a little (ok, maybe a lot), but then I moved past that point and worked on my

treatments, once a week for 3 weeks. I also had 15 daily radiation treatments during those 3 weeks. I felt pretty good for most of it, but I was pretty worn out by the end of the week and I had to manage feeling like I was on sick most of the time. I didn't have any severe nausea, thanks to the anti-nausea meds that they give you and I also didn't lose my hair. Every week by Sunday, I would want to feel closer to normal and tried to use this day to get things done. Then I would head back on Monday to start the treatments all over again. I felt very lucky with the minimal side effects that I dealt with. I saw many others at the cancer center that were not having such an easy time.

After the first 3 weeks of treatment, the tumor had not

shrunk enough for them to do surgery yet, so I had another shot, three day hospital stay so that they could do an internal radiation treatment. During this time, I wasn't able to have my visitors due to the high doses of radiation that were implanted on the tumor to shrink it. Luckily this was successful and I was finally able to have surgery to remove the tumor as well as a full hysterectomy. On Tuesday, November 24, the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, I met with my oncologist and found out that the surgery was a success and I was cancer free! What a great way to go into Thanksgiving!

I am a firm believer that everything happens in your life to help you from something along the way. What I learned from cancer was that everyone loves on you in their own special way. I really learned to appreciate so many different kinds of love and support. There was never

a day that I didn't receive a card, text or phone call letting me know that someone was thinking of me and praying for me. I know that prayer and love got me through my journey and helped me beat cancer with ease. I never felt alone from my husband being at every appointment and treatment to help me keep track of information and ask the important questions, to my mom, sister and friends keeping my family fed and taken care of and just talking to me about regular life, so I could forget about doctors, treatments, and everything I was doing in the future. Oh and I can't forget all my friends that helped keep my garden from completely taking over!

This month I have my 6 month post cancer check and have no reason to believe I will receive anything but great news at this appointment. I am so grateful that most days I don't even have to think about

cancer. When people ask how I'm feeling, I almost forget why they are asking and then I remember, "Oh yeah, I had cancer." The whole experience is just easy to me! I am thankful for such an awesome family who loves me and takes such great care of me. I never had to wonder if I would be ok. They have loved and supported me my whole life, they didn't disappoint when I had cancer, and I know they will continue through whatever life throws at me in the future. I can't wait to see what it is and love that I have such a wonderful support system to cheer and love me through it all.

I am looking forward to being able to attend the entire Pink Arrow celebration this year as a survivor. Last year, I had just completed my last radiation treatment earlier that day and wasn't able to make it through all of the festivities. I am definitely in a better place this year.

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~ Scott Whaley

My name is Scott Whaley and I have been asked to share my story with respect to my cancer journey as it relates to my family and the Lowell community. It is not a story of huge sacrifices, heroic loss or any earth-shattering life changes as previous stories in this series. It is written as an average middle-aged lucky Lowell guy with some observations:

In January 2014 I found out that I had what turned out to be cancer in my kidney (renal cell carcinoma). I had a bit of knowledge of this subject as my father (Ray), mother (Bonnie) and brother (Paul) have all had the same cancer and had previously received treatment for it. The cancer has returned for Paul (further successful surgery) and mom (treatment pending).

I am embarrassed to admit that I paid a bit more attention to the treatment plan when the cancer is localized.

I had surgery in March 2014 to remove the cancer and to date there is no indication that it had spread to any other parts. I have recovered from the surgery and I am back to work.

Getting a "cancer" notification from your doctor

is easy. In my case the time period from notice, treatment plan, treatment and follow-up testing was under six months. The surgery and recovery period was not fun, but it is hopefully over now. My cancer ended up being what I consider a "bump in the road" in my case.

Lowell folks are not "hand out" type people. It is in fact difficult for most of us to accept help. My advice is to accept the help provided by the community/family and focus on getting better. It is not a sign of weakness to accept help. The support from the Lowell community and others has been great. During the main treatment/recovery time, my family had meals from local 4H, Lowell Colorado hockey, Lowell football, Lowell baseball, high school friends and concerned Lowell neighbors. A financial gift from Pick Arrow and my old men hockey team (DVO) went towards the purchase of a power chair that I got to use when I returned from the hospital. The spirit visits and meals were great. It allowed my wife Kristie (a nurse by training) to take care of me as others tended to my family.

I grew up in Lowell



and had my work take me to Illinois and the Detroit area prior to returning back to Lowell to raise my children. We selected Lowell when we moved back to the area because of the school system and sense of community. The

quality education provided by Lowell schools has equipped my two daughters (Madeline and Taylor) well to complete their college educations this coming year. My son (Austin) will be able to continue to grow and learn from academics and

the value of athletics of high school sports.

I am thankful for the community support during my hopefully brief cancer "bump in the road" and stand ready to help others in the future.

~ Betty Wilson

My cancer journey began in May 2012 when I went to have my annual mammogram. The next morning I got a call to come back and have an ultra sound done because they saw something. Then sometime later on my doctor called me and said we have a problem and it scared me knowing pretty much what he meant. As time went by I waited for the full results and then I found out I had cancer in my right breast only. In August 2012, I decided to have a double mastectomy because I didn't want to think about getting cancer in the left breast someday. Everything went well. I didn't have to have chemo or radiation.

After my release from the hospital I stayed at my daughters for a couple of days which was very comforting to

me. When I went home I had nurses coming in my home and giving me care. At the time of my recovery, my son and daughter-in-law came over and re-did my full bathroom from top to bottom which was awesome.

I was very happy when I learned about Gilde's and thankful for so many friends I have at my church who brought food. Now that I am a full member at Gilde's I feel very happy to go there each Tuesday to get support and give support. Everyone there is very nice and sometimes funny too, and makes you laugh. Laughing is good and lifts your spirit. The staff who work there are very nice also. Last but not least, I am happy to give when I can, to help somebody that a full care, to care cancer forever.



Looking back, continued

June; last year it was \$7,602. Sewer billing just out is \$7,767 and last year for the same period the billing was only \$1,838. Higher sewer service costs are due to the sewer treatment plant the city was forced to build by the state.

Main Street is looking forward to having Bill Jones back, on a full time basis. Jones, who has been working at the J. P. Burroughs office in Saginaw, will be returning to the C. H. Runciman Plant in Lowell. Dan Lessens is leaving the Runciman office to work in Middleville, but his many friends in the community hope he will continue to live here.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger July 31, 1991

Local illustrator Gary Eldridge continues to receive recognition at the national level for his art work. Eldridge's art work for Alaska Airline's "In-Flight" Magazine cover was accepted into the Society of Illustrators Show in Los Angeles on Sept. 14. "I entered the art work I had done for the west coast client. They liked the piece and have asked to have it in their show," Eldridge said. The magazine cover illustration was to coincide with an article about the difficulties (mainly the U.S.) the west has with trading with Eastern Bloc countries. Because the countries don't have money to pay for the goods, stops along the way are often made for bartering purposes. Eldridge said there would be work from around the country at the Los Angeles show. He wasn't sure, but possibly even international illustration work. For having a piece of work accepted into the show, Eldridge will receive a certificate of merit. His work will also be considered for a gold and silver medal and for the "Best of Show" and the "President's" awards. "I will be happy with the certificate of merit," Eldridge says. The show will be produced in a hard cover book. Eldridge received a certificate of merit last November in a dimensional illustration show in New York. "Every time you're in a show, you gain more prestige and recognition," Eldridge said. The people at Alaskan Airlines discovered Eldridge through Pacific Northwest, the magazine he did his Exxon Valdez illustration for. "It was a networking effort that got me the job," Eldridge said. Eldridge had just a week to complete the Alaskan In-Flight magazine cover illustration. The thought process of how to relate the visual to the story was the hardest part for Eldridge. "That took longer than the actual artwork," Eldridge said. Eldridge plans on entering more dimensional illustrations into the show in New York again this year.

Chadalee Farms looks to expand its production facilities on Foreman Rd. Chadalee Farms, 1400 Foreman St., intends to increase the volume of processing work coming into its Lowell plant. Chadalee President, Wendell Christoff, says to do so, the local company will have to put in automation equipment and enlarge the production and warehouse areas. The expansion is contingent on attaining some land adjacent to the company's current location. That land, one-half acre is listed under Creekside Park land in the master plan. For that to become available, the Lowell Planning Commission will have to eliminate the property from the Park Master Plan. The move will be discussed at a public hearing on Monday, Aug. 26. Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale said he expects the decision will be made to move it from the Park Master Plan. Chadalee Farm has asked the City to then sell the half acre 1/2 property to the company. The Lowell City Council has already stated it is not interested in selling the property, but instead would trade property. Pasquale said the City asked Chadalee to inquire about acquiring a 15-foot wide space of property from Root Lowell (east of Chadalee) and then trading it for the half acre of the City's. Wendell said the only problem with the idea is that the legal costs of such an effort may outweigh the value of the half acre. City Councilman Bill Thompson said he thought if the City is going to start adjusting park land that decision

might better be left up to the people. Jim Hodges, councilman, said the 1/2-acre would be difficult for any business other than Chadalee to develop. Christoff said he was not sure what the cost for the 10-15,000 expansion would be. Advantages the City would gain from either selling or trading the property would be the money from the sale and/or an increase in the tax base on the property would be larger. Christoff said Chadalee could wait 60-90 days for a decision on what direction it would take. If the decision is not to sell or trade the property to the company, expanding at one of the

other two plants would be viable options. Chadalee's other plants are located in Des Moines, Iowa and Belleview, Fla. If Chadalee is allowed to swap for the purchase of the land north of the creek, Pasquale said the City would monitor how closely the firm could build to the creek.

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10/4/1937 – 7/24/2016

Theresa "Terry" Grace Baerwalde (Kujawa), age 78, passed away peacefully to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday, July 24. She was preceded in death by her husband, David. She is survived by her children, David (Michelle) Baerwalde, Susan (Scott) Homolka, Paul (Amy) Baerwalde, Matthew (Angela) Baerwalde, and Nancy (Mitch) Winden. She will be lovingly remembered by her 18 grandchildren, who affectionately knew her as Grammi: Jon, Cory, Christen, Tony, Katelyn, Lauren, Noah, Hayley, Angie, Alec, Andrew, Tim, Emma, Daniel, Amanda, Katie, Celia, and Patrick. She is also survived by her siblings, Ray (Elaine) Kujawa, Del Welke, and John (Nancy) Kujawa; as well as many nieces and nephews. The oldest daughter of Edward and Theresa Kujawa, Terry graduated from St. Ladislaus High School in Hamtramck and then went on to nursing school. She loved caring for others, which was her passion. This was evidenced by her career in nursing. Most important to her was her family, whom she lovingly cared for. Funeral services pending.



JANSEN

Renee Miller Jansen, age 63, of Adrian, formerly of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly, July 18, 2016. She was born January 12, 1953, in Adrian, the daughter of Norris and Leatrice (Davis) Miller. Renee attended Sand Creek School. In 1969, she married Ronald Jansen. She is survived by her children, Marc (Kimberly) Jansen and Dawn (Michael) Dillon; her grandchildren, Austin, Bailey, Carter and Ashley; her sisters, Karlene McAnally, Robin North and Kim Miller; and her former husband, Ron Jansen. She was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 23, 2016, at J. Gilbert Purse Funeral Home, 2959 N. Adrian Hwy (M-52) Adrian, MI.



LANE

Evelyn M. Lane, age 106, of Danville, PA, formerly of Lowell and Alto, passed away on July 20, 2016, in Danville. Evelyn began her teaching career in a one room school at Gove Lake. She also taught at one room schools at Campau Lake and Whitneyville before moving on to Burton Elementary and Kettle Lake Elementary. Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband, George H. Lane. Surviving are her daughter, Barbara (Gary) Cavanaugh of Alto; her son, Jerry (Charlotte) Lane of Danville; four grandsons, Chris and Brian Cavanaugh of Alto, Doug (Dorothy) Lane of Kingston, PA, and Craig Lane of Danville, PA; seven great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandsons. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 30, 2016 at Cascade Christian Church Chapel, at 11 am, with visitation one hour prior. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Maria Joseph Manor, 875 Montour Blvd., Danville, PA 17821 or to Cascade Christian Church, 2829 Thornapple River Dr., Grand Rapids, MI 49506.



MALFROID

Betty Jane Sada (Richard) Malfroid, 77, mother, friend, and grandmother from Lowell, passed away July 24, 2016 at Faith Hospice at Trillium Woods in Byron Center due to complications with adenocarcinoma. Betty was born in Remus on November 16, 1938 to Samuel and Donna Richard. Betty ran an adult foster care home in Lowell for 20 years. She provided wonderful care for her residents at her Forest River home. Upon retirement, Betty moved to Schneider Manor in Lowell. Betty enjoyed spending time with her friends and family, and especially with her grandson Owen. Betty is survived by her sister, Beverly (Samm Edelman) Richard, of N. Little Rock, AR; daughters, Kimberly (Tom) Lockery, of Tucson, AZ, Toni (Richard) Stodden, of Monument, CO, Beverly (Tracy) Nies, of Grand Rapids; her four grandchildren, Karen (Lester) Herrera, Kris, Kali, Owen; and five great-grandchildren. Visitation will be held at Metcalf & Jonkhoff Funeral Home on July 28, 2016 from 11 am until 2 pm. Graveside services to follow at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions can be made to Faith Hospice Trillium Woods, 8214 Pfeiffer Farms Dr. SW, Byron Center, MI 49315.



WELCH

Merlin "Skeet" Andrew Welch, age 83 of Alto, passed away Saturday, July 23, 2016. He is survived by his caregiver Dorothy M. Risner; children Marty (Trinia) Welch of Clarkston, MI, Robin Baker of Waterford, MI; close friends, David (Debra) DeYoung and family of Grand Rapids, Steven (Cora) Risner and family of Alto, Terry Risner and family of Lowell, Thomas (Kim) Yonker and family of Alto; five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Skeet worked for Fisher Body in Pontiac for 40 years and proudly served with the Army in Korea. Visitation will be Tuesday, July 26, 2-5:00 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Funeral service will be Wednesday, July 27, at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to Pink Arrow Pride c/o Lowell Community Wellness, P.O. Box 246, Lowell, MI 49331.



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JULY 20 - JULY 26

- At least 19 people were killed and 26 injured in a stabbing spree in Tokyo, Japan.
- Debbie Wasserman Shultz stepped down as DNC chair on the eve of the party's convention.
- Verizon has agreed to pay 4.8 billion for Yahoo
- Pokemon GO startup is worth estimated 3.65 billion according to analysts at Citibank.
- Ex-NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden, designs a phone case that hides owner's location.
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9. The largest of the small cats
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11. Like ear infection
12. Pineapple producer
15. "Get rid of" button
20. Water nymph
22. Had a meal
24. Verbally attack
25. *Type of yoga
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27. Major U.S. airline
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31. Hard precipitation
32. Supplied equipment
33. Picts and Gauls
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Golf benefit held for local woman fighting cancer

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

The community is rallying around a Lowell family this Sunday for a fundraiser at Arrowhead Golf Course in support of a wife, mother and friend who recently received a devastating cancer diagnosis.

Shannon Goggins learned of her Stage 4 cancer this spring but it was not the first time she had heard those life altering words. In 2010 she was diagnosed with cervical cancer and underwent surgery. In 2013 after several years of remission doctors discovered a tumor on her ovary. In July 2015 doctors removed a pain causing ovarian torsion and doctors then believed she was finally free of the disease. But the pain continued and a second opinion proved that the cancer had spread throughout her abdomen. On May 17 Goggins had her spleen, omentum and gall bladder removed along with several cancerous growths. She is currently undergoing radiation and chemotherapy treatments to address a mass on one of her lymph nodes that could not be surgically removed.

According to longtime friend, Stephanie Peel, throughout this fight for her life Goggins has remained positive focusing on her two young children and husband Chris and the joy that she takes from life, "Her overall attitude and approach toward everything is extremely positive. She is adamant that her kids' lives will remain as normal as possible, so she has chosen to remain upbeat, and she is absolutely determined to beat this cancer. Throughout all of this, she has remained who she is - strong, compassionate, genuine, fun, and loving. This experience has made all of those qualities more apparent to those who love her. She is battling cancer with admirable grace and strength."

Peel started a GoFundMe page online to gain support for the family financially and said she and the family have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the community who has raised nearly \$18,000, "Our group of friends and family were doing what we could day to day, but we knew that the medical bills Shannon and

Chris would be receiving would be staggering. We decided to ask the community for help on their behalf and we are so grateful for the support they have received."

This Sunday at Arrowhead Golf Course friends and family will continue to support the Goggins with a golf benefit featuring a 50/50 raffle, silent auction and a cookout-style meal. While all golfing slots and hole sponsorship's have already been filled, Peel encourages everyone to come out and share a meal in honor of the family, "We have received so many generous donations, including hole sponsorship's, auction items, and food! Food will begin being served after the golfers finish up, likely sometime after 3:00 pm, so please come buy some raffle tickets, check out the auction items, and eat with us! Dinner will be \$15/adult and \$5/children under 12. Because all of our food has been sponsored, 100 percent of the proceeds from the cookout will go directly to Shannon and Chris."

Peel describes Goggins as a exemplary person on every level. Someone who

embraces all parts of life and puts others ahead of self, "As a mother, Shannon is loving and understanding. She sees her children as the unique individuals they are, and she looks for opportunities to encourage their interests and help them succeed. She is dedicated to Chris and their marriage,

and that has been obvious even in the midst of all of her health concerns. Chris is a wonderful guy and she will always be the first person to tell you so. She loves and respects him and she is grateful for everything he does for her and their children. Shannon is the kind of person you go to

during good times, because she will share in your joy. When life is challenging, she wants to listen and offer support. She genuinely cares about others and she makes sure you know it. She loves to laugh, loves to have fun and she is generous with her time and her friendship. She enjoys life."



Goggins- Shannon Goggins with husband Chris and children Ryan and Halle.

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Red Arrows and Bulldogs team up to raise funds for pediatric cancer research

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

The Lowell Red Arrows and the Grandville Bulldogs teamed up this week to raise funds for pediatric cancer research in support of Grant Pratt. The Lowell student, who will be a freshman at Lowell High School in the fall, was diagnosed with leukemia last winter.

An all-day, all ages, wrestling camp called Nothing for GRANTED, took place Tuesday at Grandville High School and was organized primarily by former Red Arrow and Pratt family friend Gabe Dean. Dean along with Lowell's assistant wrestling coach John Kargbo and

Grandville's coach Bubba Gritter, hosted the camp. The camp featured technique training, guest speakers, drills and live wrestling matches.

Proceeds from the event will be donated specifically to research benefiting pediatric cancer. An avid athlete, Pratt, the son of Lowell superintendent Greg and wife Liz Pratt, participates in wrestling, football and baseball while maintaining top-notch grades in the classroom. His diagnosis came last November when he complained of chronic backaches and fatigue. Doctors quickly broke the news of acute lymphocytic

leukemia. But that has not slowed him down. Pratt is aggressively fighting the disease with chemotherapy and continues to live just as aggressively with his participation in athletics and has a seemingly unending supply of determination. According to Dean, it is that fine example of perseverance and fortitude that inspired the event.

"He stays so even-keeled. He's been happy. I've never heard him complain one time. I've never heard him get sad one time. He's never felt sorry for himself through this whole process. And he keeps a very great outlook on life still," said Dean.



Red Arrows Grant Pratt and Gabe Dean.

June Lowell Police stats

According to recently released statistics, Lowell police department made 28 arrests during June. These arrests included three for drug violations, three for drunk driving, two for driving with a suspended license, ten for outstanding warrants and eight that are described in the police

department's information as "other arrests."

The police department responded to plenty of misdemeanors during June as well. There were ten larceny calls, two breaking and entering complaints, three calls for malicious destruction, eight disorderly conduct calls, three dog

complaints and five assaults. Lowell police issued 13 citations and notified 11 residents about ordinance violations. They were called to "assist" 70 times and were dispatched to 11 accidents. Out of 65 traffic stops they let 55 drivers go with just a warning.

Pratt has received an outpouring of support from his fellow students and

the community who have adopted and perpetuated a phrase to show their support

and spread awareness about the fight that describes Pratt himself - Grant Strong.

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