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## Last concert signals summer's sunset

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

The sun set on another season of the Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer

Concert series last Thursday evening. An enormous crowd enjoyed the 50s and 60s folk, doo-wop and

classic rock music of the popular local quartet – The Adams Family.

The final concert of the

2016 season was greeted by perfect summer weather.

The Adams Family are no strangers to Lowell music fans as the city natives have been performing as a family, as individuals and as key members in other popular local bands in the West Michigan area for decades. Lead vocalist and founding member Jerry Adams made his Showboat debut in 1964 as a member of The Shilohs and went on to perform folk and country music for years before joining Alive & Well with sister Cindy Adams Kropf. Kropf, a music major at Central Michigan University, has served as the lead female vocalist for Alive & Well for 17 years and moonlights alongside her brother for limited engagements with The Adams Family.

Adams' son Brian

followed in his father's footsteps performing in various bands since middle school and providing vocals, guitar, bass, saxophone, piano and percussion for both bands and performs regularly as a popular solo act. Dale Kropf, husband of Cindy, rounds out the group of talented music makers. He also started his musical career in middle school with the band The Minutemen and continued to play as a member of Scragg Zoster before joining Alive & Well in 1973, three years before marrying Cindy.

With a playlist that traveled from Motown soul to downtown rock and roll the band commanded the Showboat audience who provided an accompanying choir as they chimed in during the many well-known selections.



Popular local band The Adams Family took the stage last week for the farewell performance of the annual summer concert series.

## With the weather cooperating LAHM's Summer Fest fundraiser is well attended

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

Lowell Area Historical Museum's second annual Summer Fest Fundraiser on Friday, Aug. 26, raised proceeds to benefit the museum and its programs.

"We got a beautiful night and high attendance," said the museum's executive director Lisa Plank. "We're happy to have everybody here enjoying the museum. Everybody is loving the food. The candied bacon from the Grand Volute was pretty darn good, but all the vendors did a great job. It's going wonderful."

A ticket to the event included a free tasting glass. There was beer from breweries, such as Brewery Vivant, Bells, New Holland and Saugatuck Brewing, plus Ada's Gravel Bottom Brewery made an ale called "Lady LaFramboise" especially for the Summer Fest. The beer, a raspberry wheat ale, was named after fur trader Madame LaFramboise, one of Lowell's early settlers.

"Everybody is loving this event," said Veronica Honeysette from Larkin's.

"I have a few different beers, Founder's, Third Coast, Oval Beach and New Holland, but the most

popular thing is the Grand Traverse pinot grigio."

"Full Circle and Farm Hand have been the most

popular beers," said Kelly Damstra from Larkin's. "The event is packed, it's impressive. Good turnout."

Attendees tasted food samples from venues like

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There was a large crowd at the event, which was a benefit for the museum's activities and exhibits.





# along main street

### FROM VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

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### OPEN TABLE

Lowell's Open Table is now serving free weekly meals to residents of the greater Lowell community. Join them on Thursday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00 pm for a hearty, homemade meal. Located in the First Congregational Church of Lowell, UCC, 865 Lincoln Lake SE.

### EXHIBIT

Moving to Main Art Auction slated for Sept. 13 through Oct. 1. Over 40 pieces of fine art, in a variety of media, will be on display in the gallery. The artwork was donated by select artists to raise funds for the Moving to Main campaign for the new LowellArts! building on Main Street. Artwork is available for sale through an online silent auction. For more details on the auction and the Moving to Main campaign, visit [www.lowellartsmi.org](http://www.lowellartsmi.org)

### THEATER

LowellArts! Players present The Mousetrap by Agatha Christie on Oct. 28, 29 and 30 and Nov. 4, 5, and 6 at Larkin's Other Place, 301 West Main Street. The play is offered as a dinner theater on all dates. Advanced tickets are required for dinner theater. Show tickets are \$14/\$16/\$18 with \$13 additional for dinner. For more information, visit [www.lowellartsmi.org](http://www.lowellartsmi.org). or call 897-8545.

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## Young woman killed in accident on Vergennes Road

On Saturday, Aug. 27, 2016, at approximately 8:30 am, Kent County deputies, Rockford Ambulance and Lowell Township Fire and Rescue responded to a single motor vehicle accident on Vergennes Road east of Alden Nash Ave. in Lowell Township, located in eastern Kent County.

The investigation showed that Emily Hessler, 21 years old, was driving eastbound on Vergennes Rd. The vehicle crossed the center line, left the roadway on the westbound side and hit a tree. Rockford Ambulance and Lowell Rescue arrived simultaneously and pronounced Hessler as deceased. There were no passengers in the vehicle and no other vehicles involved in the accident. The crash remains under investigation.

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# It's almost time for the Fallasburg arts and crafts festival

The annual Fallasburg arts festival presented by LowellArts! is September 17 and 18 from 10 am to 5 pm on both Saturday and Sunday. Now in its 48th year, the two-day festival includes 100 fine art and fine crafts booths, timeless craft demonstrations, live music, children's activities, and food booths.

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

Demonstrators of traditional crafts are located in the pavilion. Visitors of all ages are invited to watch the artisans at work blacksmithing, revealing calligraphy, fly tying, leather crafting, performing origami, quilting, wood carving, weaving, and more.

Musical entertainment is held on an outdoor stage both days of the event. Saturday performances include Americana, an Irish band, bluegrass, and the Fusion Rock Orchestra from Lowell High School; Sunday features folk rock, classic rock, and bluegrass.

**Saturday**  
10:15 - 11:30  
The Weatherheads  
11:45 - 1:00 Paddy's Cure  
1:15 - 2:30  
JukeJoint HandMeDowns  
2:45 - 3:30 Kathy Lamar and Bob Van Stee  
3:45 - 5:00 Lowell Fusion Rock Orchestra

**Sunday**  
10:15 - 11:30  
Easy Idle String Band  
11:45 - 1:00 Steam Powered Bluegrass  
1:15 - 2:30  
The Adams Family  
2:45 - 4:00 Fauxgrass

An enclosed children's area provides children the opportunity to decorate and take home a pumpkin. Food booths offer an array of fall-inspired and festival foods, offered by local community organizations. Visitors are invited to purchase raffle tickets to win one of over 90 artist-made items donated by festival artists or the grand prize quilt created for the event. Annual attendance estimates are 25,000.

Admission is free. For more information, contact LowellArts! at (616) 897-8545 or visit [www.lowellartsmi.org](http://www.lowellartsmi.org)



## Lowell's Metternick one of four FedEx drivers to capture national title



Ron Metternick

Four drivers representing FedEx Corp. (NYSE: FDX) operating companies were crowned national champions in their respective driving classes at the 2016 National Truck Driving Championships (NTDC) in Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 9-13. An additional 15 drivers with Team FedEx were among the top five finalists in their categories.

Ron Metternick, a FedEx Freight driver based in Grand Rapids and a

resident of Lowell, won the national championship in the four-axle class. He is a third-generation truck driver and has logged more than 2.8 million accident-free miles during his 36-year driving career.

"FedEx drivers are among the safest drivers in the industry," said Frederick W. Smith, chairman, FedEx Corp. "The dedication of these champions and all the drivers who represented FedEx at the NTDC, exemplifies the FedEx

commitment to safety and professionalism."

A record 174 professional drivers representing FedEx Express, FedEx Freight and FedEx Ground from all 50 states qualified to compete at this year's NTDC by winning their respective state's competition and driving accident-free for at least one year. Collectively, Team FedEx represents more than 230 million safe-driving miles and more than 3,800 years of experience.

The American Trucking Associations sponsors the annual championships, known as the "Super Bowl of Safety," to recognize industry leadership in safety and to promote professionalism among truck drivers. Each driver was required to demonstrate his or her driving skills and knowledge of the industry through a series of tests, including a written exam, vehicle pre-trip inspection and driving-skills challenge.

## Families are tapping more scholarships and grants to pay for college

Families spent less out-of-pocket for college in academic year 2015-16 compared to last year, as they took advantage of more scholarships and grants to foot the bill, according to "How America Pays for College 2016," the national study from Sallie Mae, the country's largest private student lender, and Ipsos, a global independent market research company.

Scholarships and grants covered 34 percent of college costs, according to the report, the largest percentage of any resource over the last five years. Approximately, half of families used a scholarship or grant to help pay for college.

"Families wrote smaller checks for college this year as they looked less to their wallets and more toward free money to make college happen," says Raymond Quinlan, chairman and chief executive officer, Sallie Mae, a company focused on helping families save, plan and pay for college. "Scholarships and grants have become an increasingly important part of the pay-for-college mix,

and it's encouraging to see organizations, schools, and the government stepping up to provide them."

- Bachelor's: the new norm: Families are firmly in agreement on the value of college: 98 percent believe it's an investment in their student's future and 90 percent expect their student to earn a bachelor's degree. What's more, 54 percent of families expect their student to earn a graduate degree.

Families are putting their money where their mouth is -- the vast majority are willing to stretch financially to make college happen.

- Making college more affordable: Nearly all families took at least one cost-saving measure, while most took five or more. These measures include cutting personal spending, working while in school, living at home, and taking accelerated coursework to graduate faster.

Additionally, four in five students attended college in their home state, and one in three started at community college. Eighty-five percent of families completed the

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

- Borrowing not a forgone conclusion: Fewer than half of families borrowed last year. In fact, the proportions of funding from family savings and income and scholarships and grants were twice as high as the proportion of funds borrowed. Student borrowing paid 13 percent of all college costs, down from 16 percent last year.

- Cost important, but not top factor: Sixty-seven percent of families narrow college choices based on cost, but when it comes to making the final decision, this takes a back seat. Primary reasons in choosing a college are split evenly between academic program and personal choice, which includes campus culture, extracurricular activities

and student population. Cost ranked third at 27 percent.

- Planning still pays off: Only 40 percent of families have a plan to pay for college — but in families with plans, students are more likely to pursue bachelor's degrees, there is more willingness and ability to spend on college, and students borrow 40 percent less than those from families without plans.

For the complete report, visit [SallieMae.com/HowAmericaPaysForCollege](http://SallieMae.com/HowAmericaPaysForCollege).

Join the conversation using #HowAmericaPays. To learn more about planning for college, visit [SallieMae.com/PlanforCollege](http://SallieMae.com/PlanforCollege).

"The results of this important annual study shed light on critical financial decisions families are

making for and with their college-bound students," said Julia Clark, senior vice president at Ipsos Public Affairs. "The changing roles that college cost, borrowing, and savings play in this process are essential to understand as key factors in the broader higher education landscape."

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delay putting aside money. However, it's very important to save for the future — if you want to enjoy it.

An employer-sponsored retirement plan or 401(k) can be a useful way to set aside funds for retirement, especially if your employer offers matching funds on what you invest. If you don't work for an employer that offers this type of plan, there are many other plans designed to help you save for retirement.

From solo 401(k)s to traditional and Roth IRAs, there are programs designed to fit a multitude of budgets. The earlier you start to save, the more funds you'll have ready for retirement.

In addition to traditional programs, the U.S.

Department of the Treasury now offers a retirement savings option called *myRA*. There's no minimum to open the account, you can contribute what you can afford, and you can withdraw funds with ease. To learn more about *myRA*, visit [www.myra.gov](http://www.myra.gov).

And, as always, there is Social Security, which is funded by taxes you pay while you work. To get estimates of future benefits and check your earnings record for accuracy, you can create a *my Social Security* account at [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount).

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 ~ Stephen King



by Sierra Hieshetter

### kidsView

The start of the new school year is almost upon us. This means that summer and all its joys, is drawing to a close. Summer is great, but now that the school year is almost here, I can't wait. The fall season is one of my favorites. The start of the school year also means the start of football season. Football in Lowell is always a great way to bring the community together between Friday night games and the Pink Arrow night. Another great part of autumn is the fall colors. The trees in Michigan turn the most beautiful and vibrant reds, oranges and yellows. I wouldn't want

to be anywhere else in the world during the fall than in Michigan. My family loves camping and though summer may seem the obvious choice for taking a road trip, the fall can be just as fun. Though the beaches may be chillier, sitting around a campfire in Michigan's wilderness is much cozier in the fall. When the nights get colder, the best way to keep warm is sitting by a campfire surrounded by family and friends. The summer may be over, but that doesn't mean that the fun has to be. The fall is a wonderful season and we should appreciate it just as much as summer.

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# viewpoint

## to the editor

### rethinking biodigester

To The Editor,

A September 16th, 2015 headline in the Lowell Ledger said: "Biodigester up and producing power, steps taken to control odor." Fast forward to July 27 of 2016, headline in the Lowell Ledger stated: "Steps being taken to reduce odor produced from biodigester." Headline in Aug. 24 Lowell Ledger said: "LEAD continues to work on correcting biodigester problems over weekend."

A technician from Germany flew in and repairs completed, so they say. The question is, is the odor an unfortunate happening or just a standard part of

the process? If I remember right, there were concerns that there might be odor problems well before the biodigester was built, but they went ahead and built the biodigester in the Chatham St. area anyway. It was noted in an Aug. 24 Lowell Ledger that the city of Lowell and the Lowell Light & Power sent official letters to LEAD with the ultimatum to either fix the odor problem or shut the biodigester down. The question is, will the city council have the fortitude to do the right thing and terminate the LEAD lease if the odor problem isn't

fixed within the 30 days of the notice? The odor from the biodigester isn't the only thing that the community is being saddled with when it comes to the biodigester... A biodigester produces renewable electricity and Michigan municipalities have to get at least 10 percent of their energy from renewable sources. But that doesn't mean the community needs a biodigester.

There are other forms of renewable energy and it's been said that renewable electricity can be bought cheaper than what it costs a biodigester to produce it. Could it be that there are some in the community that got gung-ho about a biodigester they knew little about? Could it be they were sold a bill of goods? Could it be that the constituents

of Lowell are being sold a bill of goods when it comes to the biodigester? The LL&P is a non-profit city-owned company and the constituents of Lowell have the right to know if they are getting their money's worth from the LL&P ventures...

Even if the problem with the odor is solved and that's a big if, there shouldn't be any thought of buying the biodigester until the city council brings about an independent investigation to see if renewable electricity can be bought as cheap or cheaper than what the biodigester produces it for. Before a decision is made to buy the biodigester, it should be put to a vote of the constituents of Lowell.

Sincerely,  
Jim Howard  
Lowell

### farmer's market location

I hope next year the Farmers' Market returns to the Tractor Supply Company parking lot. Vendors tell me they are losing money in the current place and may not

return next year. TSC's lot is on the main drag, has easy access, is very visible, with better parking. Please!

Marge Macgregor  
Lowell Township

### smell affects business

Dear Editor,

My name is Diane Smith and I live on Lafayette St., about two blocks north of the Showboat, on the east side of the Flat River.

I am writing this to voice my concern about the stench coming from the biodigester.

I take my boat on the Flat River nearly every day, particularly in the late afternoon or early evening and when riding from my house into downtown Lowell and then north; it smells like I'm navigating through a sewer. This is disgusting for a boat ride, but really detracts from the appeal of using businesses. I used to smell the aroma of the wood-cooked food from the Flat River Grill

and was enticed to go in for dinner. Now I'm repelled and choose to go home to escape the reek. This must be a deterrent for people desiring to view the river from the decks on the Main Street Inn.

My neighbor just moved in next door and was entertaining his parents for the first time and asked me if the odor was from the river. I said it was from the biodigester and that the river is usually rich with fragrant, natural smells from the foliage.

I expect this problem to be solved as soon as possible and not have it hidden away as we go inside for winter.

Sincerely,  
Diane Smith  
Lowell

and will spend a few days at the Detroit Exposition. Wm. Helereigels' barn, in Bowne, was burned last night with all its contents and the machine that had come there to thresh. All that was saved was 90 bushels of wheat. Loss about \$3000. No insurance.

### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger Aug. 31, 1916

School time. It's the old question of school books again. We have them as usual. We want to take your second hand books in exchange if they are books we can use. We are prepared to supply anything in the school book line at the right price. In the way of school stationery we have all the things a scholar needs. You, no doubt, have heard of the big raise in the price of paper, but we were fortunate enough to have bought our stock of tablets before that raise, and we are offering just as large and as good tablets as ever for 5c as long as they last. A little money goes a long way at our store in buying school stuff. A penny has wonderful purchasing power. Send the children here. W. S. Winegar.

Board and rooms wanted. In order to properly handle the prospective pupils of the High school and several teachers, it is desired that those who have rooms to rent or will serve meals, notify David G. Mange at the Lowell State bank as soon as possible. Applications considered in order received. Board of Education.

Ada Pioneer picnic – annual home homing event comes Labor Day, Sept. 4. The Ada Pioneer picnic and home-coming, ever popular yearly event of our neighbor town to the west, will be held Monday, September 4, Labor day, in Schneck's grove in Ada village. The usual good time is promised and the usual rousing attendance is expected. Dr. C. M. Freeman, secretary of the association, announces that the Wealthy Heights band will furnish music throughout the day. The male quartet will sing and there will be a good program of speaking and other music. The sports will include a ball game, foot races, sack race and the ladies will compete in a nail driving contest. The usual

### clarifying a position

To The Editor,

At the risk of this becoming another interminable string of "call and response" letters, I want to respond briefly to Ms. Stroosnyder who wrote a rebuttal, of sorts, to my letter regarding The Alpha Family Center PR piece from a few weeks back.

Lest readers think I was confused about the article I was responding to, I must say I did "comprehend" who the article was about.

Ms. Stroosnyder did not seem to understand I was citing how the Alpha Centers project their values and biblical beliefs on a community through their presence and services to the community.

There is nothing wrong with that. I am not confused about the teachings they believe in, nor am I confused about their stance on a woman's right to choose.

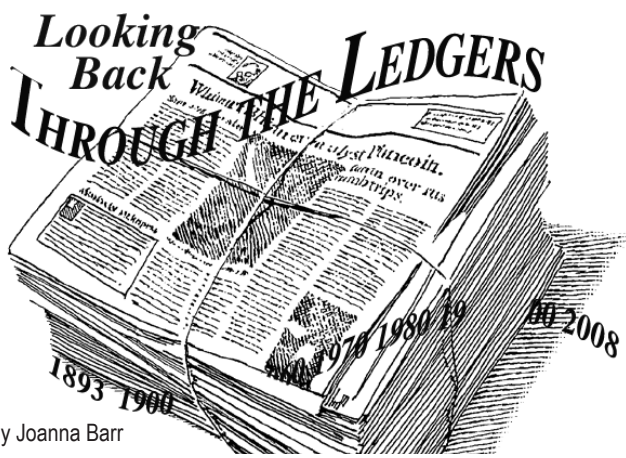
She suggests, by omission, that Planned

Parenthood is not about "the sanctity of life or those in need." Her suggestion is wrong. Planned Parenthood is all about life and those in need. They provide health care and preventative medicine to assure good health to those in need. They do not discriminate against those who may not hold true the Christian biblical beliefs that the Alpha Centers may adhere to.

Planned Parenthood is under the gun by religious based agencies that do all they can to defund and close down the clinics which serve all, regardless of sexual orientation, race, religious beliefs or marital status.

Planned Parenthood does not promote terminating "...unborn children" and do all they can to prevent unwanted pregnancies so the "horrible decision" as

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By Joanna Barr

### 125 years ago Lowell Journal Sept. 2, 1891

Thos. Gardner found a lump of pure copper on his farm last week. It is about the size of a two quart basin and weighs 40 pounds and is on exhibition at McCarty's store.

It is asserted on good authority that dishonest feather renovators are traveling through the country securing good feathers to renovate, and instead of honestly doing the work, returning to the customer feathers of a poorer quality.

Ernest R. A. Hunt left yesterday for Lake City, where he has accepted a situation in a drug store.

Henry Winegar, a graduate of the State Agricultural College, class of '91, is visiting his brother, W. S. Winegar.

J. C. Train had an offer of \$3000 for his two year old Ambassador colt, Oklahoma. It is needless to say he refused it.

S. W. Graves, who was formerly in the employ of G. W. Parker, has returned to Lowell and will work for Mr Parker.

Mrs. Hiler is spending a few days in Detroit selecting fine Millinery from New York Houses, which are located there during the Exposition.

Miss Mamie Walsh left Monday to attend the college at Windsor. Her father, John Walsh, accompanied her



# college news

John Mark, a 2013 graduate of Lowell High School, is one of 15 students from across the nation to receive a scholarship from the Universal Forest Products Education Foundation.

The foundation awarded Mark with the scholarship in recognition of his notable academic and extracurricular achievements while attending high school and college. He will receive \$1,000 towards his college education, renewable for up to three years.

While attending Lowell High School, Mark participated in track and field, cross country and was a member of the National Honor Society. He also was a member of the Lowell FFA and Milky Way 4-H clubs. Mark currently is attending Michigan State University to study agribusiness management and has been recognized on the dean's list.



John Mark

Since its inception in 1994, the UFP Education Foundation has awarded scholarships to more than

260 children of employees of Universal Forest Products. Mark's father,

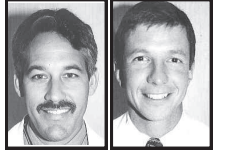
Joe Mark, is employed by Universal Forest Products in Grand Rapids.

...  
**“The old believe everything; the middle aged suspect everything: the young know everything.”**

~ Oscar Wilde



# health



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

## gerd

The most common symptoms of gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) is a burning feeling in the chest (heartburn) and regurgitation of food or liquid into the throat. Other symptoms include dry, chronic cough, wheezing, sore throat, and hoarseness. Your doctor will most likely diagnose GERD based on your symptoms and whether your symptoms improve with medication. Sometimes endoscopy, in which the doctor uses a scope to look at the esophagus, is used in diagnosis.

If you are diagnosed

with GERD, there are a number of over-the-counter medicines that you can try. ranitidine or famotidine work well. Omeprazole works to reduce or eliminate symptoms. Stronger prescription medication can also be tried.

Changes in your diet may be helpful. Avoid caffeine, peppermint, greasy or spicy foods, tomato products and alcohol. Quitting smoking and weight loss may also help.

Surgery should be considered if all else fails to control symptoms. These surgeries can now be done with a laparoscope.

# happy birthday

## AUGUST 31

Amy Vezino, Scott Wolfe, Morgan Nelson.

## SEPTEMBER 4

Ashlie Hathaway, Mark Smith, Ron Merriman, Theresa Engle, Ethan Riddle.

## SEPTEMBER 1

Jerry Bellah, Todd Mahalic, Chuck Myers.

## SEPTEMBER 5

Barb Vezino, Kohlton Scott Clouser, Nicole Bellah.

## SEPTEMBER 2

Eric Elzinga, Whitey Tubergen, Virginia Conner, John Stevens, Bryant Sloan-Johnson.

## SEPTEMBER 6

Brian Haan, Mitch Mercer.

## SEPTEMBER 3

Bailey Allen, Fay Johnson.



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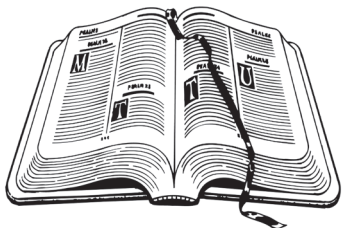
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# To The Editor, continued

Ms. Stroosnyder rightly describes it, is a last resort and not the first choice.

Clients and patients of Planned Parenthood would, no doubt, rather choose life for a healthy, wanted and loved baby, but should have the right to make the final decision.

No matter how difficult some would make it, federal law still permits women the

right to choose and agencies such as Planned Parenthood should be supported, encouraged and funded.

So, when I say I want to offer the “whole story” I am simply saying, for some there is a place for Christian belief-based agencies in communities. People should have that as a choice if bible doctrine supports or dictates

their values and way of life.

There should also be a place where others can get the counseling, support and needed medical care they seek, based on their set of beliefs and values.

There is room for both and there is room for both sides of the story.

Tim VanderVeen  
Gwinn

## meter concern

To the people of Lowell, Now that LL&P is ready to install the Smart Meters (SM) on our homes, I can only hope that you have had time to do research on them when they first started talking about them in Lowell. I received my notice today, Monday, Aug. 29, as I am sure most of you have. We have five business days to let LL&P know (fill out their form) if we want to opt out or not. Although I have been watching reports of SM across the US and Canada for the last year...

LL&P, thanks for giving us ONLY one week to reply. Why is LL&P only giving one week notice for 3,000 consumers to opt out? Why not at least one month

notice? They said that they believe that only 10 percent of Lowell will opt out (on record, stated in a council meeting). With only one week notice it's no wonder it's only 10 percent. I think they are being unfair time wise to the 3,000 consumers of Lowell.

LL&P have only given us ‘their’ positives of SM in their notice – and want us to jump on board and believe that SM are the next best thing to sliced bread. Well, there's always a downside to new technology, but that requires research.

I can only suggest that you opt out – for now – and you only have until Tuesday, Sept. 6, to do so. Give yourself time to do some basic research to decide if you want an SM on your home or not. Just opt out – for now – you can always opt in later.

Here are some topics to research through YouTube and Google, there are dozens and dozens of links and videos:

- SM hacking;
- SM radiation;
- SM cluster/banking (that's on multi-family units like apts.) Landlords should concern themselves with that for their tenants.

- SM fires;
- SM health complaints and dangers;

SM lawsuits (which have been health and fire suits).

It's bad enough that 71 years ago America was fooled into believing that Hydrofluorosilicic Acid was ‘good’ for us and the lie continues to this day. (Look that up and be horrified.) There was no internet then. We have internet now and the ability to research what companies or corporations want us to believe and make our decisions based on our own research.

We have been told that if we like our current meter then we can keep our current meters with no charges, aka – OPT OUT.

Hmmm, we've heard something like that a few years ago by someone in DC and we can see how that's turned out.

There's a reason why – ‘question everything’ – is a very, very popular saying now-a-days.

Thanks for listening, the research and knowledge is in your hands to decide.

Wilma Grove  
Lowell

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# TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

### ROUND LAKE WEED CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Township of Grattan, Kent County, Michigan, having received petitions to make certain public improvements to Round Lake consisting of the application of herbicide treatments for the eradication or control of aquatic weeds and plants, from record owners of land constituting more than 50% of the total land area in the proposed special assessment district described below, has resolved its intention to proceed on the petitions and, pursuant to Act 188 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1954, as amended, to make said improvements shall be specially assessed against each of the following described lots and parcels of land which are benefited by the improvements and which together comprise the following special assessment district:

### ROUND LAKE WEED CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2

The lots included within the proposed special assessment district are permanent parcel numbers:

41-12-21-400-003, 41-12-21-400-007, 41-12-21-400-008, 41-12-21-400-011, 41-12-21-400-012, 41-12-21-400-013, 41-12-21-400-014, 41-12-21-400-016, 41-12-21-326-002, 41-12-21-326-006, 41-12-21-326-012, 41-12-21-326-013, 41-12-21-326-014, 41-12-21-326-015, 41-12-21-326-018, 41-12-21-326-019, 41-12-21-326-020, 41-12-21-326-021, 41-12-21-200-005, 41-12-21-200-008, 41-12-21-200-011

TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of Grattan Township will hold a public hearing on September 12, 2016, at 7:00PM, at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, to hear and consider any objections to the petitions filed, the proposed improvements, the proposed special assessment district, and all other matters relating to said improvements.

TAKE NOTICE that preliminary plans and estimates of cost for the improvements are on file with the Township Clerk for public examination.

PROPERTY SHALL NOT BE ADDED TO THE PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATE OF COST SHALL NOT BE MORE THAN 10% ABOVE PROPOSED WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Periodic redetermination of the cost of the improvements may be necessary, without a change in the Special Assessment District, and in that event, such redeterminations may be made by the Township Board without further notice to record owners or parties in interest in the lands in the Special Assessment District, in accordance with the provisions of said Act 188.

This Notice was authorized by the Grattan Township Board.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Kessie Brummel at 616-691-8450. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) during these hearings should notify Kessie Brummel at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd., Belding, MI 48809, at least seven days prior to the hearings to be attended.

Dated: August 18, 2016

Kessie Brummel, Clerk  
Township of Grattan

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# FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

## BOYS VARSITY TENNIS

\* Denotes a game at the high school tennis courts

9/1 at 4:15 pm Jenison\*  
 9/7 at 4:15 pm Ottawa Hills\*  
 9/13 at 4:15 pm Calvin Christian\*  
 9/14 at 4:15 pm at Northview  
 9/17 at 8:30 pm Sailor Invite at South Christian  
 9/19 at 4:15 pm Forest Hills Northern  
 9/21 at 4:15 pm Forest Hills Central\*  
 9/22 at 4:15 pm Kenowa Hills\*  
 9/26 at 4:15 pm at Greenville  
 9/28 at 4 pm at Wyoming (Lamar Park)  
 10/1 fine TBA Conference at Forest Hills Northern  
 10/3 at 4 pm at Unity Christian

## BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

\* Denotes a game at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium

9/6 at 6:45 pm at Cedar Springs  
 9/13 at 6:45 pm at Forest Hills Central  
 9/16 at 3:30 pm Ottawa Hills\* (Pink Arrow Game)  
 9/20 at 6:45 pm Forest Hills Northern\*  
 9/22 at 6:45 pm at Greenville  
 9/27 at 6:45 pm Northview\*  
 9/29 at 6:45 pm Cedar Springs\*  
 10/4 at 6:45 pm Caledonia\*  
 10/6 at 6:45 pm Forest Hills Central\*  
 10/11 at 5:45 pm at Ottawa Hills  
 10/13 at 6:45 pm at Forest Hills Northern

## BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

\* Denotes a home meet at the High School Campus

Boys begin at 8:00 pm & Girls begin at 8:00 pm unless noted.

9/7 Jamboree #1\*  
 9/10 at 9 am Bredeweg Invite - West Ottawa  
 9/17 at 8 am Sparta Invite  
 9/21 Jamboree #2 at Greenville  
 9/24 at 9 am Bob Perry Memorial Invitational\*  
 10/1 at 9 am Allendale Invite  
 10/5 Jamboree #3 at Cedar Springs  
 10/8 at 10 am Allegan XC Jamboree  
 10/15 Kent-Ottawa Invite at GR Christian  
 10/19 Jamboree #4 at Northview

## BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL

\* Denotes a game at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium

8/26 at 7 pm De La Salle Collegiate\*  
 9/2 at 7 pm Rockford\*  
 9/9 at 7 pm at East Grand Rapids  
 9/16 at 7 pm Ottawa Hills\* (Pink Arrow Game)  
 9/23 at 7 pm at Greenville  
 9/30 at 7 pm Cedar Springs\*  
 10/7 at 7:30 pm Forest Hills Central (Homecoming)\*  
 10/14 at 7 pm at Forest Hills Northern  
 10/21 at 7 pm at Northview

## GIRLS VARSITY GOLF

\* Denotes a home meet at Arrowhead Golf Course

9/7 at 3:30 pm Ottawa Hills at Indian Trails Golf Course  
 9/13 at 3:30 pm Northview at Thousand Oaks  
 9/14 at 3:30 Jamboree #5\*  
 9/19 at 3:30 pm Greenville at Bowen Lake, Greenville  
 9/21 at 3:30 pm Forest Hills Northern at Egypt Valley  
 9/28 at 9 am Conference at Candlestone Golf Course  
 9/29 at 3:30 pm Kenowa Hills\*

## GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

\* Denotes a home game at UHS male gym

9/13 at 6:30 pm Cedar Springs\*  
 9/16 at 3:30 pm Ottawa Hills\*  
 9/22 at 6:30 pm at Northview  
 9/24 at 8:30 am West Ottawa Invite at West Ottawa  
 9/27 at 6:30 pm at Forest Hills Northern  
 9/29 at 6:30 pm Forest Hills Central\*  
 10/4 at 6:30 pm at Greenville  
 10/6 at 6:30 pm at Cedar Springs  
 10/11 at 6:30 pm at Ottawa Hills  
 10/13 at 5 pm Unity Christian Quad at Unity Christian  
 10/15 at 8:30 am Jenison Invite at Jenison  
 10/18 at 6:30 pm Northview\*  
 10/20 at 6:30 pm Forest Hills Northern\*  
 10/25 at 6:30 pm at Forest Hills Central  
 10/27 at 6:30 pm Greenville\*

## GIRLS VARSITY SWIM & DIVE

9/8 at 6 pm at Grand Rapids Union  
 9/15 at 6 pm at Calvin Christian  
 9/22 at Mona Shores  
 9/29 at 6 pm at Thomapple Kellogg  
 10/6 at 6 pm at West Catholic  
 10/13 at 6 pm at Wayland  
 10/20 at 6 pm at Ottawa Hills  
 11/4 at 12:30 pm Conference Dive Prelims at Hastings  
 11/4 at 4 pm Conference swim prelims at Hastings  
 11/5 at 1 pm Finals at Hastings

For More Information please visit  
[www.lowellschools.com](http://www.lowellschools.com).  
 Be sure to read the Lowell Ledger for  
 coverage of the LAS Varsity Fall Sports.



# Food, games, magic, live music, and funds raised at annual Pink Arrow Pride Pinknic

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

The Pinknic, an annual event to raise money for Pink Arrow Pride, was held on Tuesday, Aug. 23. The free event at Greenridge Realty had food, games, magic, live music from Audrey Pearson, Josh Rose and the Kari Lynch Band with Ryder Jones on guitar; and lots more fun activities.

“Pinknic was originally started to provide evening t-shirt sales,” said event organizer and Greenridge manager Rick Seese. “Over the last three years it has evolved into an event for all ages to enjoy great music, games and share a meal with friends and family.”

The new “Arrow Force IX” shirts were on sale, along with other Pink Arrow

Pride merchandise and apparel. There was a lot of action at the t-shirt booth as people gave an additional \$5 donation to have a loved one’s name printed on the back of their new shirt.

“So far, so good,” said Pink Arrow Pride t-shirt sales volunteer Kelly Wilson, who was inundated with customers buying “Arrow Force IX” shirts. “We’re getting the after work rush. Last year we sold over 150 shirts. That’s our goal. We have lanyards, cinch bags, pennants, sunglasses, license plates, sweatshirts, long sleeve t-shirts and hoodies.”

In addition to the musicians, magician, balloon animals, photo



Greenridge manager Rick Seese presenting Pink Arrow Pride cofounder Teresa Beachum with the money raised at Pinknic. Photo submitted by Rick Seese



The tent was packed with Pink Arrow Pride supporters.



Betty Morlock said the number of pink golf balls was “the best kept secret in Lowell.”



Volunteers Mark and Theresa Mundt collected cash donations, eventually pulling in \$1,503.



Volunteers Amy Reedy, Selena DeGrote, Tammy Morehouse, Todd Pearson and Corey Lee from Greenridge Realty helped create the event.

booth and carnival games, there were plenty of good things to eat at the Pinknic. Acosta donated Johnsonville brats and Dietz & Watson supplied sandwiches. Pinknic also offered fresh food from local farms.

“Heidi’s Farm Stand, Heffron Farms and H&W Farms donated locally grown produce, fruit and chicken,” Seese said. “Chef Kim Chase from the Grand Volute took these ingredients and created a fruit salad with a yogurt berry dressing, a pasta veggie salad and a roasted veggie salad. Veggie and chicken wraps were also served.”

“I’m just helping out by grilling,” said Mark Blauwkamp from Acosta, the company that provided the Johnsonville sausages he was grilling. “I think Pink Arrow is a great organization. The football, I think, really drives it because that’s where I see it.”

“It’s great,” said employee Corey Lee. “Good turnout, nice weather, everybody is really happy. There are a lot of games going on, good food; I’m glad to be here.”

“I came out with my daughter Brandy and my grandson to support the Pink Arrow Pinknic and have some fun,” said Sherry Bryant from Belding. “She’s on vacation and I’m retired so we can finally do some stuff together.”

“The evening included a matching challenge where Greenridge Realty would match any donation collected up to \$1,000,” Seese said. “In the end \$1,503 was raised and the same amount was contributed by Greenridge. In total, food sales, matching dollars, t-shirt sales and sponsorships exceeded \$10,000 for Pink Arrow, about a \$4,000 increase from the 2015 Pinknic.”



Donna Miller and Kelly Wilson sold Arrow Force IX t-shirts.



Red Arrow

- FOOTBALL

# SPORTS

## Arrows defeat Warren De La Salle in home opener 36-19

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

You could call it first night jitters, you could call it a fluke. The Red Arrows varsity football team had three turnovers on fumbles, more than all of last season and lost hold of an erroneous snap in the first half of their home opener against east side Warren De La Salle last Friday night.

After earning a one-point lead at halftime, 20-19, the Arrows reemerged from the locker room and held their opponent from scoring the entire second half and pounded out 16 unanswered points to earn the 36-19 win.

After losing several seniors last year, where

the team averaged an impressive 43 points per game, went 12-2 and made an appearance at the Ford Field for the Division II state finals, the new varsity players have some serious shoes to fill. Those shoes include the likes of quarterback Ryan Stevens, running back Max Dean and receiver Gabe Steed.

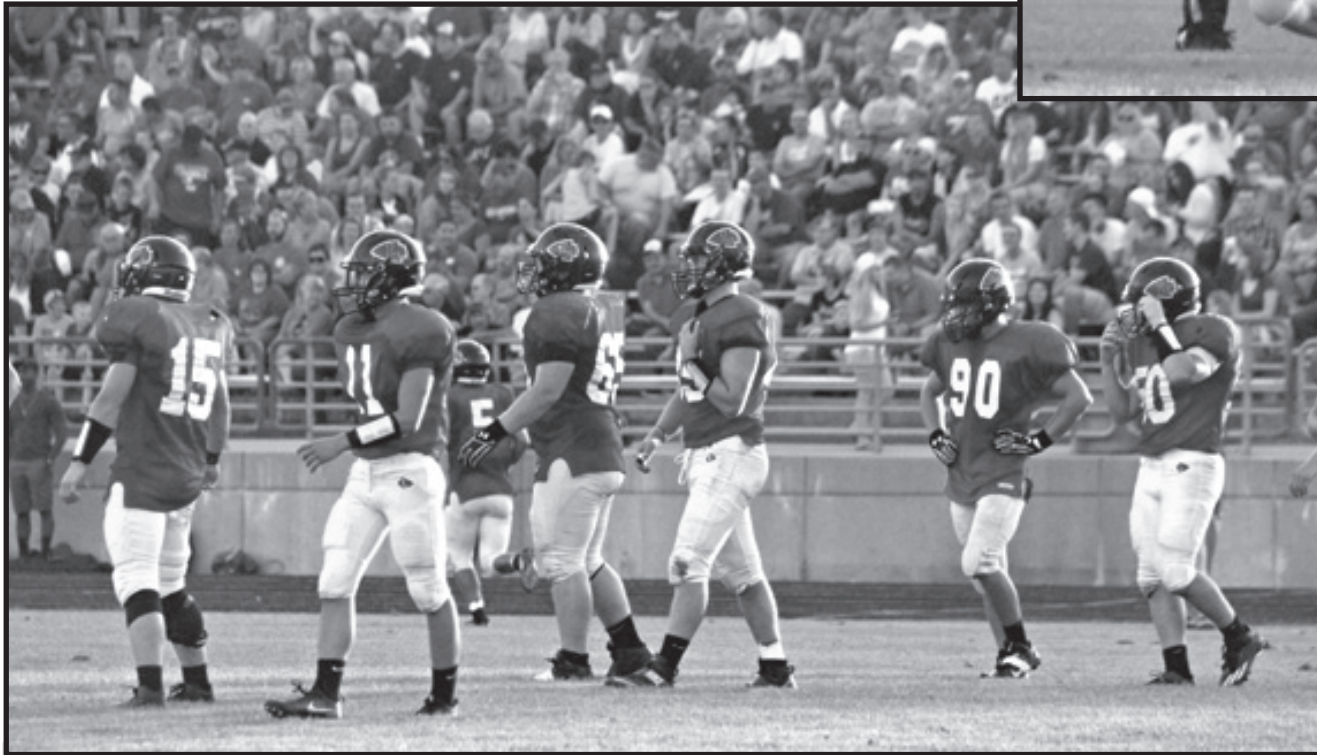
Red Arrow nation was not disappointed. Junior quarterback David Kruse threw for 128 yards and one touchdown completing 8 out of 15 pass attempts, ran the ball for 110 yards and found the end zone himself once scoring the first Arrow touchdown of the season

on a 34-yard run. Senior running back Nate Stephens scored two touchdowns rushing 105 yards on 13 carries. Receiver Hayden Barry-Coulier nabbed the ball from lefty Kruse four times for a total of 80 yards and a touchdown.

Allen Stritzinger opened scoring for Warren in the first, sandwiching a second touchdown around Lowell's opening score from Kruse early in the second. The remainder of the second was an offensive battle that saw Red Arrow Stephens earn his first score of the night and teammate Connor Douma score on a



Warren in pursuit of David Kruse during his impressive varsity quarterback debut last Friday.



The Red Arrows took to the field and dominated the second half earning a 36-19 win.

huge 94-yard kickoff return while Warren's quarterback scored on a quick one-yard run to keep the score close at the half 20-19 in Lowell's favor.

A tough Lowell defense shut down Warren's offensive game in the second half holding them

at 19 points and making way for a second score from Stephens on a 24-yard run, three points from a successful field goal attempt by George Gonzales and the final touchdown of the game from Barry-Coulier earning the Arrows the 36-19 victory.

**This week the Arrows will host their second home game of the season when they welcome the Rockford Rams to Red Arrow Stadium for non-conference play Friday night. Kick off is scheduled for 7 pm.**



Fans packed the stands for the Red Arrow's home season opener at Red Arrow Stadium.

Warren DLS v Lowell		
<b>SCORE</b>	19	36
First Downs	6	15
Rushing Attempts	33	44
Yards Rushing	53	236
Yards Passing	17	128
Net Yards	70	364
Passes Attempted	12	15
Passes Completed	3	8
Interceptions	1	0
Offensive Plays	45	59
Average Gain	1.6	6.2
Fumbles: Number/Lost	2/2	3/3
Penalties: Number/Yards	6/57	7/29
Number of Punts/Yards	6/234	3/27
Average Per Punt	39	9
Punt Returns: Number/Yards	2/4	0/0
Number of Kickoffs/Yard	5/209	7/329
Average Per Kickoff	41.8	47
Kickoff Returns: Number/Yards	5/128	2/106
Int. Returns: Number/Yards	1/0	1/0
Fumble Returns: Yards/TD	1/0	2/0
Possession Time	20:49	27:11
Third-Down Conversions	1/10	4/12
Fourth-Down Conversions	1/1	1/3



Red Arrow

- SOCCER

# SPORTS

## Excellent start of the season for soccer

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

An excellent week begins the season for Lowell Red Arrow varsity boys soccer who shutout a talented Allendale Tuesday 6-0, tied an equally tough Rockford squad 1-1 on Wednesday and topped all contenders at the Alpena Sunrise Tournament for a first-place finish.

The Arrows hosted Allendale for their home opener and dominated play, after making some defensive adjustments, that allowed for a six goal offensive run in the second and ending 6-0 shutout. After a deadlocked 0-0 finish in the first half the Arrows launched their way to the back of the net with goals from Collin Bowers with an assist from Logan Landman and Jay Stadt to make the lead 2-0.

Jonah Epema landed the Arrows third and fourth goals with an assist by Elijah Dixon before Bowers struck again to bring Lowell to 5-0. Landman once again provided an assist for the sixth and final goal of the game credited to sophomore Brenan Conlan. Goalkeeper Gabe Bendall logged the shutout in goal.

Bowers scored the single hard fought goal earned by Lowell when they hosted Rockford on Wednesday to tie 1-1. The hotly contested defensive game did not see a lot of shots on goal and Bowers goal came with just three minutes remaining on the clock when he took advantage of a shot deflected by the Rams' goalie that



Lowell topped all competitors at the Alpena Sunrise Tournament to earn the championship capping off a busy week of action on the field.

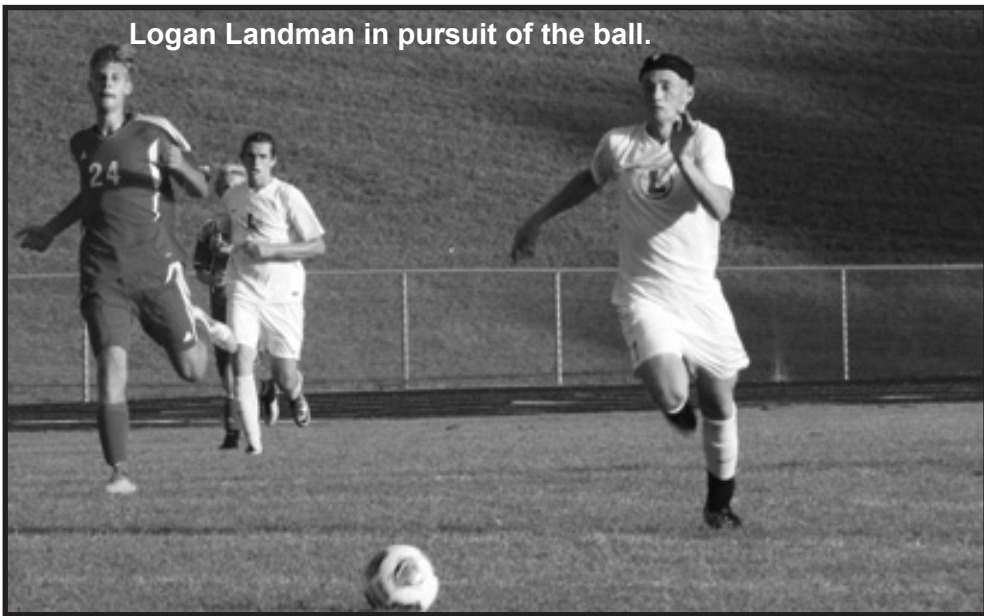
landed back in the field of play.

Over the weekend the Arrows took top honors at the Alpena Sunrise Tournament topping Glen Lake, Alpena and Troy Athens in a trio of shutouts en route to the championship. The dominating performance began with an 8-0 win over Glen Lake and continued against host Alpena where the 1-0 victory came after

a battle of wills between the Arrow offense and the opposing team's tenacious goalie. Stadt assisted Landman for the single winning goal in the second half of play.

Lowell went on to top Troy Athens in the final round of tournament play ending with a score of 2-0. The same competitors

battled it out last season at the tournament with Troy Athens coming out on top. Bowers scored back-to-back goals within five minutes to net the win for the Arrows. The trio of Bowers, Landman and Dixon were named to the event's All Tournament Team for their successful performances on the field.



Logan Landman in pursuit of the ball.

## Sports Summaries

### GOLF

Lowell girls varsity golf was a force to be reckoned with last week winning three tournaments in as many days on the road in non-conference play. The success started on Monday at Lakewood High School where Kenzie Uhen led the Arrows to a 205-250 victory with an impressive score of 46. Morgan Allison (49), Mary Jo Buechler (52) and Taylor Furtaw (58) rounded out the field. Tuesday at Wyoming High School, Uhen once again carded the day's best score coming in at 41. Buechler (45), Isabelle Dial (49) and Allison and Taylor Furtaw (54) were also top scorers in the 189-227 win. On Wednesday Uhen came in just over par at 39, followed by Paige Fosburg (43), Buechler (47) and Dial (48) in a commanding 177-231 triumph over Ionia High School.

### BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Falling short of a first-place finish by a mere three points last Wednesday, the Lowell boys varsity cross country team picked up an impressive second place at the challenging Hesperia Baker Woods Invitational. The Arrows 51-point total landed them a whopping 49 points in front of their next closest competitor. Talented Red Arrow runner Eric Judd led the team with a third-place overall finish and a time of 19:18. Also scoring for Lowell in the stellar first competition of the season were Caleb Swart who clocked a 20:04, Parker Grant who finished with a 21:22, Seth Palmer who earned a 21:22 and Kyle Cater who came in at 21:44.

### VOLLEYBALL

Lowell varsity volleyball was one of twenty teams who participated in the West Michigan Volleyball Officials Association Invite last Saturday hosted by East Kentwood High School. Lowell competed against four schools in tournament play, including Hudsonville (25-23, 20-25), Forest Hills Northern (26-27, 23-25), South Christian (24-26, 20-25) and Coopersville (12-25, 25-14, 7-15). Top performances were given by Red Arrow Sydney Powell who was credited with 63 assists on the court, Jill Fidler who logged 40 digs, Abi Mangus who earned 26 kills, Shannon Hoekstra who put up eight blocks and Carly Hoekstra who nailed five aces.

Next week the Red Arrows will kick their way into the newly aligned OK White conference when they visit Northview High School on Monday and welcome Greenville High School on Wednesday at 6:45 pm at Red Arrow Stadium.

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# obituaries

## HESSLER

Emily Marie Hessler, 21, of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly Saturday morning, August 27, 2016, in Lowell in an auto accident. Emily was born on July 4, 1995, in Grand Rapids, the daughter of Craig and Lisa (Meyer) Hessler. She graduated from Lowell High School with the class of 2013. Emily was a vibrant, loving young woman, who had a fierce love for her family and friends. She thoroughly adored her job at Mynt Fusion with what she thought of as her second family and the feeling was mutual. Emily also enjoyed volunteering at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. She had attended Impact Church in Lowell. Emily will be greatly missed and forever lovingly remembered by her family and friends. Emily is loved and survived by her parents, Craig and Lisa; two brothers, Ryan and Jake, all of Lowell; grandmother, Doris Hessler of Grattan; aunts and uncles, Debbie Hessler of Grattan, Dawn (Kim Talbott) Hessler of Battle Creek, Scott Hessler, Denise Hessler, both of Grattan, Sue (Tom) Buck of North Carolina, Hans (Deb) Meyer of Orleans, Kurt (Stef Racz) Meyer of Vermont; cousins, Victoria (Chris) Cain of Kentwood, Paul Hessler of Grand Rapids, Travis (Tori) Meyer of Indian River, Krista (Eric) King of Texas, John Talbott of Chicago; and extended cousins, Madison, Mackenzie, Makenna, Wyatt and Hadley. Emily was preceded in death by her grandfather, Art Hessler and maternal grandparents, George (Jim) and Elza Meyer. Graveside funeral services will be 11:00 am, Friday, September 2, 2016, at Rest Haven Memory Gardens, Belding, with Pastor Dan Boon of Impact Church officiating. Visitation will be Thursday 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-8:00 pm at Johnson-Feuerstein Funeral Home, Belding. Memorial contributions may be given to The Pink Arrow Pride or Impact Church Youth Program. Messages of condolence may also be given at [www.jffh.com](http://www.jffh.com)

# Looking Back, continued

basket picnic will be held at noon and everybody is invited to join in the festivities of the day and meet old time friends. Hon. T. H. McNaughton is president of the association and will do his best to insure a pleasant and profitable occasion for all.

Races were good – but threatened rain kept many away Saturday. Threatening weather interfered with the attendance at Recreation park last Saturday afternoon, but those present witnessed some hotly contested races, as the track was in good condition and the horses fast and well matched. The free-for-all had three entries and the money was divided as follows: Sterling Hall 1. Darby Allerton 2, Darwood 3. Time 2:15¼. In the 2:30 trot or pace were four entries, with horses well matched, Dr. Draper's Jennie Yates won first money. The green race not being filled was called off. The next race meet on the Lowell track will be in October after the fairs are over.

## 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger Sept. 4, 1941

New bowling alley to be opened here. It is expected that a new duck pin bowling alley will be opened here within the next week or ten days. It will be located in the Hoyt Building at 206 E. Main St. and will be known as the Lowell Bowling Alley. LeRoy Turner, owner, states that there will be three alleys open for both men and women. The alleys will be managed by Earl Strodbeck who has had considerable experience along this line. Both Mr. Turner and Mr. Strodbeck come from Charleston, Ill. They intend to operate a clean, respectable establishment where bowling fans may spend an enjoyable afternoon or evening. A special feature on opening night will be free bowling for the ladies.

The common council voted Monday night to construct about two miles of line at Murray Lake to bring electric service to eleven cottage owners on the island. The new customers, represented by Tom Walsh and several others, met with the council and presented their request. The council subjected their building the line to certain commitments which the new customers will have to meet.

Contributions for the U. S. O. from Strand Theatre patrons totaled \$32.00, the American Legion announced this week. A movie short shown four days last week, accompanied by a collection by Legion members, brought in this money to help a worthy cause.

## 50 years ago Lowell Ledger Sept. 1, 1966

Main Street has been busy watching the white duck that has been setting on a nest for over a month, on the piling by the bridge. Monday the proud mother had six ducklings. They all resemble their father, evidently a Mallard.

Avery shows successfully at state 4-H horse show. On Thursday, August 25, Cla Avery participated in the horse show events of the Michigan 4-H State Show on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing. Cla was representing the Lowell Saddlelites Club, of which he is a member, and Kent County, as a result of his recent winnings at the county level in Lowell. Avery showed the registered quarter horse "Dandee's Rusty" to a second place win in reining, a fifth in fitting and showing and a fifth place in stock saddle seat equitation. He lives on the Spear K ranch south of Lowell. He is a sophomore at Lowell high school, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith W. Avery.

Amway's family picnic. Sky divers will land in Fallasburg Park for 500 Amway employees & their families. More than 1,000 people are expected to enjoy Amway Corporation's Annual Family picnic event. Activities planned for Saturday, September 10, are a gourmet buffet, ball game, horse shoe pitching contest amid the company's red, white and blue decorations. Hugh VanderVeen of Lowell and Amway's Market Research Department is chairman of the event. He reports: "bells will ring throughout the day to announce door prizes of Amway products. Kids will have free popcorn, cotton candy, pop and ice cream!"

Police recovered the knobs stolen from Lowell Area school buses last Friday. They were turned in by Don Slocum. The knobs had been thrown against his garage.

An alert officer spotted a car in the Azzarello Used car lot on West Main Street a few nights after the robbery there, and discovered another local car dealer checking up on the security lighting.

The supermarket parking lots were the gathering places of community youth, late at night, until last week when a complaint was made of broken glass and litter. Now the police are chasing the young people off the private property and suggesting that they go home.

## 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger Sept. 4, 1991

Fractured facial bone, the result of motorcycle/car accident on M-21. Lowell Police Chief rests comfortably at Butterworth. Lowell Police Chief Barry Emmons has enforced the motorcycle law since the State of Michigan made it mandatory. Because Emmons abided by the law he enforces, he is resting comfortably at Butterworth Hospital today, following Saturday's motorcycle car accident at 2361 W. Main St. in front of Showboat Video. Emmons, riding his Honda Gold Wing, was eastbound on M-21 when he failed to notice that the vehicle in front of him had activated its left turn signal, Emmons' bike then struck the vehicle in the left rear quarter panel. Emmons, 47, Lowell, then lost control of the motorcycle, as he and the bike proceeded to bounce and then slide 47 feet on the pavement into and across the westbound lane. Al Eckman, the Lowell officer on duty, said Emmons and the bike made impact with the pavement eight feet from the point in which he struck the vehicle. "Police Chief Emmons and the motorcycle came to a resting position 55 feet from the point of impact," Eckman said. The accident occurred at roughly 4:36 p.m. Saturday. Emmons struck a vehicle driven by Michael Alan Wolbers, 17, of Lowell. There is nothing to indicate that Wolbers was in any way responsible for causing the accident being caused," Eckman said. "At this time no citation has been issued. The accident is still under investigation." Emmons incurred many abrasions, to the knuckles, elbows, knees and face. He required several stitches above the right eye to close a laceration. Emmons also suffered a facial bone fracture below the right eye. Lowell's Police Chief was transported to Butterworth Hospital by AeroMed. "When I arrived on the scene, Police Chief Emmons was unconscious and he had facial injuries and was bleeding," Eckman said. Eckman added he was assisted by the Lowell Area Fire Department and its fire and ambulance units along with the Lowell Police Department. "I recognized it was Barry and his bike immediately," Eckman reflects. "Any personal injury accident is bad enough, but to have it be someone you know makes it that much worse." Wolbers incurred no injuries.

Class of '31 holds reunion at Deer Run. Lowell High School classmates of 1931-32 met for dinner and an enjoyable time at Deer Run Golf Club Sunday, Aug. 18. Those attending from the class of 1931 included: Evelyn Bowen Hitchcock, Ruby Boyenga Leeman and Arie, Audrey Chase Dykstra, Mable Hall Stauffer, Ernest Hoover and Beatrice Ethel Hughson Pierson, Elsie Kerr Maloney, Esther Kerr Staal, Marjory Lind Sullivan, Adelbert Odell and Connie, Dorothy Schwab and Harold, and Evelyn White Parsons and Jason Onan. From the Class of 1932 those attending were: Gladys Bieri Thorne, Richard Court and Holly, Maisie McCaul Holtz, and Everett Wittenbach and June.

Pioneer Days at Fallasburg Park. Food, crafts, demonstrations! Watch a horseshoe tournament or pitch a few yourself, learn to dowse for water or buried foundations, take a buggy ride, have your grandkid's picture put on a button, eat some home baking or a slice of prizewinning cake, shop at a flea market (including unclaimed clothing from a drycleaning chain), look for that perfect home crafted gift, see how to make a basket! and much, much more. On Saturday from 10-5 and Sunday from 12-5. Take Covered Bridge Road across the Covered Bridge into Fallasburg Village, the second oldest village in Kent County, and see also the charming 1842 home of John Wesley and Phebe Fallas being restored to its original condition.

# PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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## MDHHS launches anti-drug campaign to raise teen awareness

LANSING, Mich. – In an effort to raise awareness among teens, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) recently launched a statewide media campaign to emphasize the health and personal consequences of drug use.

To best reach teenagers with this message, the media campaign has been running on television, online, and was highlighted in movie theatres throughout the summer. The spot is available for viewing on the MDHHS YouTube channel.

“We know that using drugs in adolescence has very real impacts on a young adult’s physical, financial, and emotional wellbeing,” said Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive with the MDHHS. “The purpose of this campaign is to illustrate the harmful effects of drug use so teens better understand the seriousness of what may seem like a momentary decision. This campaign carries an important message: don’t let drugs be your future.”

Last year, 15.8 percent of Michigan youth reported taking prescription drugs without a doctor’s prescription at least once, a number down slightly from 2013, yet nearly double the 2011 rate. Additionally, almost one in five youth reported using marijuana in the previous 30 days. Research has shown that regular marijuana use by teens can lead to an IQ drop of up to eight points.

In support of the effort to address drug use and abuse in Michigan, Lt. Gov. Brian Calley chaired the Michigan Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Task Force. Gov. Rick Snyder created the task force to focus on reducing opioid and prescription drug abuse in the state. View the 2015 Michigan Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Task Force report for more on the task force’s findings and recommendations.

If you or someone you know need help finding treatment for substance use, problem gambling, or mental health, visit the Get Help Now page at [www.michigan.gov/mentalhealth-addiction-help](http://www.michigan.gov/mentalhealth-addiction-help). Additionally, parents, teachers, professionals and more can help protect and educate teens about not using drugs. To learn how you can help be part of the solution, visit [www.michigan.gov/doyourpart](http://www.michigan.gov/doyourpart).

For more information about the MDHHS media campaign, or to view the message, visit [www.michigan.gov/drugfree](http://www.michigan.gov/drugfree). The spot can also be viewed on the MDHHS YouTube channel.



## DNR set to plunge into water trails across Michigan

All across this Great Lakes State, there are trails for hikers and bikers, off-road vehicle riders, snowmobilers and equestrians.

For each of these pursuits, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources plays a big role in providing appropriate places for participants in these outdoor recreation activities to enjoy their passions.

Michigan has trails for boaters and paddlers too, but so far, the DNR has not been very involved in these water trails. That’s about to change in a significant way.

The DNR is in the process of developing a policy to include water trails – some overseen by other entities and some yet to be developed – into the state’s trail program.

Water trails range from segments of inland streams to Michigan’s entire Great Lakes shoreline. The policy is designed to help provide some consistency to user expectations of those trails.

“If they (paddlers or boaters) are reading about a water trail, they should know what to expect in terms of access and facilities along the trail and what skill-level is needed for each trail segment, be it along a river, inland lake or one of the Great Lakes,” said Emily Meyerson, the DNR Parks and Recreation Division’s northern Lower Peninsula trails coordinator who is working on the policy.

Helping lead the charge is the Land Information Access Association, a 25-year-old nonprofit community development organization. The association began a program called Partnerships for Change to work on multi-jurisdictional projects.

Harry Burkholder, the association’s executive director, said the group immediately identified trails as “low-hanging fruit,” and water trails are an obvious corollary to land trails.

“There was no access to information on these water trails,” Burkholder said, “so we got a grant (from the Department of Environmental Quality’s Office of the Great Lakes) to create a database and website.”

Beginning with a handful of water trails that had been designated by a variety of entities, ranging



from county governments and regional planning agencies to watershed groups and paddling clubs, the association now maintains a list and maps of 41 water trails situated throughout Michigan.

As part of its effort to promote water trails, the DNR sponsored an online contest to name Michigan’s favorite water trail.

Burkholder said there are other states that have moved more quickly than Michigan in developing and promoting their water trails.

“Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana had already designated water trails on Lake Michigan before we did,” Burkholder said. “Now you can paddle on a designated Great Lakes water trail all around the state. But how well is that known? The awareness of these things is just not there.”

And that’s part of the impetus for the DNR’s policy: to foster awareness.

“What the heck’s the difference between a paddling route that anyone could take since the Great Lakes were formed to now that there are designated trails?” Burkholder asked. “It’s about broad-based partnerships taking ownership – providing maintenance, access sites, signage and awareness.”

Burkholder said Michigan and water trails are a perfect fit. “And it does benefit communities – the more we can create trails, it serves as an impetus for development. The state and most communities recognize the place-making and economic-development potential of trails. It’s just about how we can make it better.”

LIAA is currently working on a water trails manual for Michigan. Many of the details are still in discussion. Should there be, for instance, separate motorized and non-motorized trails?

“The Inland Waterway, which goes from Cheboygan along the Indian River to Petoskey, is really one of those trails that has both the paddling perspective and the motorized perspective,” Burkholder said. “They can co-exist, obviously.”

The National Park Service has a program for designating national water trails. Two trails in Michigan, the Blueways of St. Clair (which finished second in the online voting) and the Huron River (fifth), are among the 18 on the federal water trails list.

The National Park Service trails were designated at the first national water trails conference, which was held in Ann Arbor two years ago. That Michigan city was chosen as the conference site because of the grass-roots movement for water trails surrounding the Huron River, Burkholder said.

Barbara Nelson-Jameson, an outdoor recreation planner with the National Park Service, said water trails – just like trails on land – must meet four criteria to be designated.

She said they must be open year-round for at least 10 years, must have the support of the landowners providing access, must meet all environmental and land-use policies and laws along the corridor, and must be maintained.

In addition, the trails are required to adhere to seven

best-management practices that address recreation, public information, public support, maintenance, education, conservation and planning.

The Huron River water trail meets the criteria in spades, she said.

“The Huron River Watershed Council had a very comprehensive planning process where they brought all the communities and management agencies together to develop,” Nelson-Jameson said. “They developed public information that is uniform across all the municipalities; the signage is the same in Rockwood as it is in Ann Arbor. And they continue to monitor it. They’ve actually helped communities improve and enhance their launch sites.”

The Huron River Watershed Council also conducts watershed-wide conservation programs, such as water quality monitoring, working with partners, including school or community groups.

“They have a very robust program,” Nelson-Jameson said.

“Our waterways have been used historically for both transportation and recreation,” Meyerson said. “They’re looked at by the public as places to recreate, for paddling, fishing or just being outdoors. There is a lot of interest in water trails all over the state.”

“After the plan is completed, we will explore strategies to not only partner with multiple jurisdictions but seek a stable funding source for the development of water trails across Michigan.”



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**AUGUST 24 - AUGUST 30**

- Monday, the comedic actor Gene Wilder, who portrayed the candy man in Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, died at the age of 83 from complications of Alzheimer's disease. 
- An estimated 2,500 people were left homeless, 281 people confirmed dead and 388 injured Wednesday, when a 6.2 magnitude earthquake plus more than 1,050 aftershocks hit the country of Italy. According to Italy's geological institute, the town of Accumoli, nearest the epicenter, sank by 7.87 inches.
- Iranian state media aired footage on Sunday that they have deployed an S-300 missile defense system, supplied by Russia, to defend it's nuclear facility in central Iran.
- The 135 mph typhoon named Lionrock, out in the Pacific Ocean, is predicted to land ashore northeast of Tokyo, Japan, on Tuesday before heading towards Russia and China.
- Rockford High School varsity football team was forced to forfeit their season opener due to an illness that sickened 25 players, two coaches and two parents last week. Health officials believe the illness was caused by the waterborne disease called Cryptosporidiosis, caused by the microscopic parasite known as Crypto.
- Apple sends out an urgent message to iPhone users to immediately update their iPhones after security researchers discover a new malware program that allows hackers to see nearly everything on an iPhone. Suspected Israeli-based group NSO claims no responsibility for the security breaching program.



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67. Intense  
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3. Mountain cap?  
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9. Bad impression  
10. Vegas cube  
11. \*Biology lab supply  
12. Casual affirmative  
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34. \*Miss \_\_\_\_, Matilda's teacher  
36. Woman's underskirt  
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45. Powerfully persuasive  
49. Viet \_\_\_\_  
51. Sales lure  
54. Miss America's headdress  
56. British race track  
57. Regard  
58. Eye up and down  
59. The Colosseum today  
60. "Read'em and \_\_\_\_"  
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# Summer Fest, continued

Grand Volute Ballrooms, Main St. BBQ, Flat River Grill, Heidi's Farm Stand, Red Barn and Miss P's Catering.

"We have a crisp wonton with Asian pulled pork, scallions and a sweet orange soy sauce," said Danielle Whaley from the

Flat River Grill. "People love it. I've heard a few people say it's their favorite thing so far."

"We have an assortment of melons from Heidi's Farm Stand, raspberry cream cheese pillows, blueberry cream cheese pillows and apple turnovers," said Luanne Kaeb, the museum's director of education and programming.

Julie Dykehouse from Miss P's Catering had a variety of sandwiches for people to sample.

"Tonight we have a chicken salad BLT with tomatoes from my garden, a cucumber dilly sandwich with English cucumber and fresh dill and a fancy egg salad sandwich with chive and olive," Dykehouse said. "One lady who said she had never eaten egg salad in her life, she tried it and really liked it."

Dykehouse said her catering business has been doing well.

"We do all kinds of events, anything," Dykehouse said. "Open houses, weddings, funerals, company picnics. We are very busy. I don't really have one specialty, I like to



Danielle Whaley from the Flat River Grill served Asian pulled pork appetizers.



Veronica Honeysette from Larkin's pours a glass of Grand Traverse pinot grigio.

mix it up, but people really like my braised beef tips."

She said the museum is one of Lowell's most important resources.

"The museum is great," Dykehouse said. "I love learning about the history

of Lowell. This is a lovely event. I'm glad a lot of people came out to support the museum."

To learn more about the Lowell Area Historical Museum's exhibits,

programs and activities, check out their website at [lowellmuseum.org](http://lowellmuseum.org), their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/Lowell-Area-Historical-Museum](http://www.facebook.com/Lowell-Area-Historical-Museum) or call 897-7688.



There was live bluegrass from the Easy Idle String Band.

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