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Weather cooperates this year for Pink Arrow Pride games and celebrations

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Mother Nature finally gave the Pink Arrow Pride game a break. The massive crowd at the 2016 “Arrow Force IX” event only had to put up with a little rain at the very end of the event.

“Weather is key to this event and this year we were very lucky,” said Teresa Beachum, one of the event organizers. “I did a little rain dance earlier! We have been unlucky with weather, but the stands were still full. Even in the unlucky years, those crowds came. It’s a blessing.”

The event had been suffering some bad weather luck the past couple years, but wind, rain, thunder and lightning has never had any effect on attendance.

“The weather is great,” said Pink Arrow fan Nicole Gaskin. “It seems like it was another great, big turnout this year. It gets better every year.”

The gates at Bob Perry Field opened at 2:30 pm. Food concessions opened at 3 pm, then a soccer game and a volleyball game began simultaneously at 3:30



pm. There was a kids area behind restaurant row with a bouncy house and other games for kids to work off their excess energy. Jared Brzezniak, a 2015 graduate of Lowell High School,

was in charge of a gigantic, elaborate ninja course.

“It’s based on the TV show American Ninja Warrior,” Brzezniak said. “It’s actual size. We are trying to make ninjas out

of all the youngsters. It promotes healthy living and having fun. What’s better than being outside and being active?”

Brzezniak, currently studying mechanical

engineering at Grand Rapids Community College, described the obstacle course through which

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Alto Harvest Festival ushers in the fall season

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Community sponsors, donors and organizers joined forces last week Saturday to put on the 36th annual Alto Harvest Festival & Car Show which ushers in the fall season along the streets of the small town located just south of Lowell.

The one day festival commenced early at the Alto/Bowne Township Fire Department who hosted a fundraising breakfast in support of their own operations. The always well-attended event filled up the fire barn with hungry donators who braved the morning rain to enjoy pancakes, sausage,

scrambled eggs and donuts from Heidi’s Farm Stand. The community meal was the jumping point for the days’ festivities which shifted to nearby downtown shortly before the clouds parted way for the sun.

Downtown the Alto Library, a branch of the Kent District Library, hosted a book sale and a baking contest organized by local confection expert Tammi Wingeier, owner of the Ice Cream Caboose and later baking bingo where adults vied for the sweets. Outdoors along Linfield Avenue a variety of product and craft vendors set up shop for

Alto Festival, continued, page 10

Council listens to political groups, discusses biodigester

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Lowell city council listened to members of local political groups, discussed the biodigester and debated trash removal options at their regular meeting at city hall on Monday, Sept. 19.

The meeting was attended by 22 people. Members of the political groups Forward Lowell and Lowell Leads the Way dominated citizen discussion. First, Perry Beachum stated that Forward Lowell was not formed by the Lowell Light & Power board, as had,

apparently, been rumored. Beachum is both a Lowell Light & Power board member and a founding member of Forward Lowell.

“Forward Lowell was not founded by the [Lowell Light & Power] board,” Beachum said. “I personally support Forward Lowell as a private citizen. If you go back through any minutes of [the board of] Lowell Light & Power, you will not hear Forward Lowell mentioned. I view this in the same light as the mayor [Jeff Altoft] voicing his opinion on the portable billboards at his property.”

Dianne LaWarre, wife of Forward Lowell member Roger LaWarre, said the city council meeting on Sept. 6 was loud and disorderly and she did not like it.

“Many people did not come to the podium, did not state their names [and] and folks were called on by pointing your finger at them,” Dianne LaWarre said. “I believe Mr. Northrup was treated with disrespect. There were shouts from persons in the audience even when they were not called upon.”

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Council meeting, continued

Forward Lowell member Roger LaWarre said he took exception to messages on signs in Mayor Altoft's yard.

"I have read your signs that you seem to want to put out," Roger LaWarre said. "Signs which, unfortunately, go to the level, I believe, of divisiveness in attempting to not only name call, but signs also which attempt to focus on yourself above the whole of the council that has also been working very diligently. [...] I would like you, Jeff, not to play politics with this."

Finally Jeff Dickerman, yet another member of Forward Lowell, declared that Altoft, a former Lowell Light & Power employee, had been fired by the utility and was now using his position on the council to settle an old score.

"Does your problem with Lowell Light & Power today have anything to do with the fact that you were fired from them for theft," Dickerman asked Altoft.

"No, I wasn't fired for theft," Altoft said.

"Yes you were," Dickerman said.

Next on the agenda was a "biodigester update" from LEAD principal Greg Northrup. After explaining

the latest fixes to the facility. Tonight at 8:30 or thereabouts a crane will be on our site to unload what's called a carbon absorption filter," Northrup said. "The purpose of the filter is to



Lindsay Withrow from Republic Services.

capture odors coming off what's called the waste water treatment plant and the roof vents. [...] It requires that we connect it to ductwork, and we've hired a local firm that has expertise in ductwork to start that process, which they did late

last week in terms of design issues, and they're on site as we speak. We also hired a contractor to start to frame in the cover that will go over the pre-treatment waste water system."

Northrup said. "My commitment is to make it right and fix it."

"You have no idea the grief, pain, arguments, unpleasant smells, coughing, gagging and dry heaving that us neighbors put up with due to that man right there [Northrup]," said Lowell resident Rod Mitchell. "To sit here and to get this political rhetoric... is embarrassing and disgusting. It's one thing to get it from our executive branch, but it's another thing to get it from citizens and glorified neighbors. This thing is politically filthy from the ground all the way up and loophole after loophole and buying time has given more time for this man [Northrup] to experiment at the expense of us."

The council had a discussion about trash removal options for the city of Lowell. The city's contract with Red Creek Waste Services expires Nov. 30.

"Currently, the service is funded as residents purchase bags to utilize the service in various locations in the city," said city manager Mike Burns. "In addition, recycling was provided free of charge to those who participated. However, due to increased costs on the end of Red

Creek for recycling, they will need to charge for this."

Although Eric Schelhaas from Red Creek and Lindsay Withrow from Republic Services were on hand to make the case for their company, the council did not make any decisions about the trash removal contract, but they said they

will revisit the issue in the near future.

Lowell city council's next regular meeting will be at city hall at 7 pm on Monday, Oct. 3. The council will have a special joint meeting with the Lowell Light & Power board to further discuss the biodigester at city hall at 6 pm on Thursday, Sept. 22.



Eric Schelhaas from Red Creek Waste Services and Lindsay Withrow from Republic Services discussed trash removal options with the council.



Biodigester neighbor Rod Mitchell said he was fed up with all the political rhetoric.

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP
 Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Synopsis of Minutes September 12, 2016

Motions Approved:

1. To place handicap doors on both bathrooms and township hall.
2. Round Lake Public Hearing
3. Round Lake Resolutions for Special Assessment for weed control # 2 and #3
4. New Fire Trainees Joseph Dillingham and Justin Ford
5. POW Resolution
6. Goose Round Up for Murray Lake Resolution
7. Change the October Meeting to October 17

Our next Township Meeting will be October 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The approved minutes may be reviewed on our website at www.grattantownship.org

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 21-112, "PERMIT REQUIRED," OF ARTICLE V, "SPECIAL EVENTS THAT IMPAIR USE OF STREETS, PUBLIC WAYS," OF CHAPTER 21, "TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL.

The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-05 amending Section 21-112, "Permit Required," of Article V, "Special Events that Impair Use of Streets, Public Ways," of Chapter 21, "Traffic and Motor Vehicles," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell on September 19, 2016. Ordinance No. 18-05 adds the requirement that events held on a City-owned or operated parking lot require a special events permit. A copy of Ordinance No. 18-05 is available for inspection at City Hall, 301 East Main Street in the City during regular business hours of the City.

Ordinance No. 18-05 is effective 10 days after this publication.

 Susan Ullery
 City Clerk

NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP ACCURACY TEST OF VOTING EQUIPMENT

A public accuracy test of the voting equipment to be used in the November 8, 2016 General Election will be held on Monday, September 26, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at the Vergennes Township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, MI 49331.

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Fishermen who are not distracted by hunting opportunities will find open seasons for one fish species or another all year long. This will involve transitioning from open water to ice to open water again in the spring.

Some species of game may also be pursued year around. Otherwise there are published season dates for a variety of game. There

are special hunts for youth, disabled veterans, and others with qualified disabilities.

Because of the large number of game species in Michigan, the regulations concerning permits, licenses, season dates, management areas, and methods of taking game have become extensive and complicated. This is necessary to protect all wildlife and to insure hunting and fishing opportunities for the future. Therefore, it is necessary to become familiar with regulations related to the species one is seeking. License dealers provide hard copies of a number of digests particular to a species or group. This information is also available on line at the Michigan Department of Natural Resources website.

This information should also be of interest to folks who are involved in non-consumptive activities such as to wildlife viewing and photography. It is good to know what is being done to sustain our natural resources and to be aware of what may be going on while one is out in the field.

This all seems overwhelming, but I have fished and hunted in other states and countries and, in comparison, found that those in charge of managing Michigan's natural resources do a commendable job under often difficult economic, environmental, social, and political circumstances. Hopefully, we can continue to protect and enhance our natural resources so that there will be something for everyone now and for future generations.

health



With Drs. Paul Gauthier,
Jim Lang,
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John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie

irritable bowel syndrome

Irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) is a disorder of the GI tract that affects up to 20 percent of the population in the developed world at one time or another in their lives. IBS is more common in women than men.

Symptoms of IBS are recurrent diarrhea or constipation, loose stools, bloating, abdominal discomfort, gas and cramping. IBS is diagnosed when other serious GI diseases have been ruled out. Inflammatory bowel diseases such as Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis may have similar symptoms. Celiac disease, colon cancer,

malabsorption, lactose intolerance and infections must also be excluded before a diagnosis of IBS is made.

Your doctor will diagnose IBS after reviewing your medical history as it relates to bowel habits, diet, exercise and stress. Lab tests are usually ordered to exclude other medical conditions like gluten sensitivity. Stool tests may be performed to look for blood, infections or malabsorption. Depending on your symptoms and age, you may be referred to a gastroenterologist for a colonoscopy or upper GI

endoscopy. Biopsies can be taken during the procedure to rule out inflammatory bowel disease or celiac disease. A CT scan may also be needed to rule out other causes of abdominal pain.

You can improve symptoms of IBS by eating smaller, more frequent meals; IBS is often made worse by large, high fat meals, alcohol, chocolate, and caffeine. Stress reduction and regular exercise will also help. Increasing fiber in your diet or taking probiotics may improve your symptoms. Anxiety and depression are also associated with IBS; treatment of these conditions may alleviate symptoms. There are several medications that can be prescribed to treat pain, cramping, diarrhea or constipation.

If you feel you are suffering from IBS, don't be afraid to discuss your symptoms with your physician.

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viewpoint

to the editor

in order to clarify

To the Editor,

We'd like to have the opportunity to respond to some erroneous information included in Mr. Shawn Bowne's recent letter to the editor.

We're not sure why he has brought ForwardLowell into a discussion about the problems plaguing the biodigester, but we most certainly were not formed by Lowell Light & Power in response to concerns about the facility. In fact, the biodigester wasn't even an issue when ForwardLowell was formed.

The idea of a forming a PAC was first discussed by Jeff and Tina Dickerman with Roger LaWarre. None have ever sat on the Lowell Light & Power board or have been in any way affiliated with it. Maryalene LaPonsie was brought into the conversation after that since she had spoken during the citizen comments at several City Council meetings and shared concerns about the direction city leadership was taking. Although Maryalene

did sit on the Lowell Light & Power board for a short period, she resigned from the board three years ago and her involvement on it was never a factor in the creation of ForwardLowell.

Since those first conversations, we have had both present and past members of the LLP board join ForwardLowell. Since these people have already demonstrated a commitment to the city by their willingness to sit on a city board, it makes perfect sense they would also want to be involved in an organization like ForwardLowell that is focused on making our city the best place possible to live, work and play.

Mr. Bowne also implies we initiated a recall effort against Mayor Altoft because of the biodigester. However, the recall effort predates the biodigester concerns and was a result of Mayor Altoft spending \$10,000 of taxpayer money without prior council approval.

We think the readers of the Ledger should know that Mr. Bowne stated in the public comments of a city council meeting that he wanted to shut down Lowell Light & Power. What's more, when Councilmember Teelander informed Mr. Bowne the utility could not be sold without a vote of the city, he seemed to suggest sabotage by saying a sale could be accomplished if there were "a major catastrophe." (forwardlowell.org/images/42030/Bowne-Teelander_FOIA_response.pdf)

Since Mr. Bowne appears to be a recent transplant to Lowell, he may not realize Lowell Light & Power is one of the city's prized possessions. Not many municipalities are fortunate to have an

electric utility, and we are lucky to have one that has consistently kept our rates lower than those found in surrounding communities and that has a reputation for correcting power outages in minutes, rather than hours or days. We are confused by Mr. Bowne's animosity toward our community-owned energy company.

ForwardLowell does believe it is in the city's best interest to have its own electric company, but please make no mistake: the formation of our PAC had nothing to do with the biodigester or Lowell Light & Power.

Sincerely,
Roger LaWarre
Jeff and Tina
Dickerman
Maryalene LaPonsie

city councilmember and Mayor Jeff Altoft voted yes to hire Katherine (aka Kathryn) Henry as special legal counsel on Jan. 19, 2016." The question is why is a political action committee singling out Mr. Altoft when three other councilmembers also voted to hire Katherine (aka Kathryn) Henry.

It takes a majority to come to a decision on the city council, so why is a political action committee recalling Mayor Altoft when his vote is just one vote out of five? Lowell has term limits, so why a recall when Mayor Altoft will only have a year left on his term?

It's been noted in an April 27 Lowell Ledger that others have said that the recall is a way for Forward Lowell members to redo the November election after they disagreed with the results or that the Altoft recall is revenge for the council's firing of former city manager Mark Howe. I happen to believe that the reasons are all of the above and then some.

One thing we know for sure is that the political action committee Forward Lowell was formed to recall Mr. Altoft. It was formed right after the firing of the city manager and the November 2015 election. It

was formed not quite two months after Mr. Altoft became mayor. Mayor Altoft doesn't deserve to be hung with the stigma of a recall just so Forward Lowell can put one of their own on the council.

Many constituents didn't care for the way Jim Hodges handled the four years of the contract negotiations that denied the employees of the Department of Public Works a just contract and cost the city better than \$120,000 in lawyer fees while Jim Hodges was mayor, but no one stooped so low as to recall Mr. Hodges.

The recall of Mayor Altoft is a cheap maneuver and will be devastating to the voting system. The people that voted Mayor Altoft into office deserve to have their vote honored. Why would anyone want to vote in a regular election knowing that their vote could be discarded later by the use of a recall? Get out in November and vote for Mayor Altoft so your vote will mean something. Get out in November and vote for Mayor Jeff Altoft so he can finish his term.

Sincerely,
Jim Howard
Lowell

questions the motivation for recall

Dear Editor,

The political action committee Forward Lowell is recalling Mayor Jeff Altoft. Mayor Altoft will be on the ballot this November along with Greg Canfield, one of the founders of Forward Lowell. I'm

writing to explain why I believe the recall is a low blow to Mayor Altoft and to the city.

According to the official recall language, they are recalling Jeff Altoft from the council because "Lowell

can do and ought to do for its community, that it is not only willing but anxious to perform. We are not above criticism, and although we have been a student of journalism for 36 years, we are still willing and anxious to learn. However, clubs and bayonets will not be necessary and attempts at their use will be resented. Where needed a hint and a kind word will prove all sufficient and the giver will have our thanks and most hearty co-operation. After all, friends and townsmen, isn't this the better way?

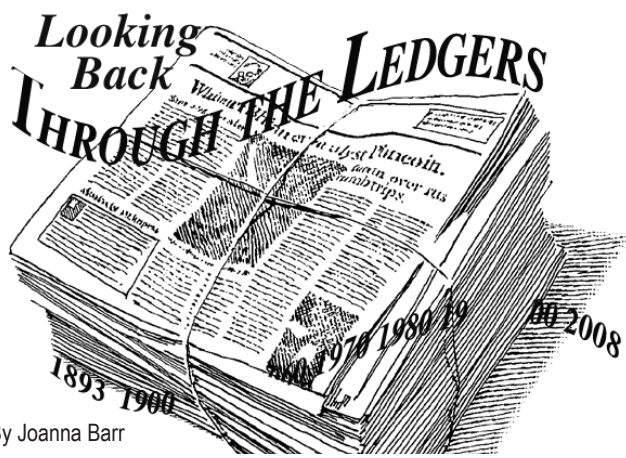
Annual reception – Lowell teachers and high school pupils in social meet. The annual inception for the new teachers and high school students was held in the gymnasium of the new building Wednesday evening, Sept. 18.

Dr. W. B. Huntley, who took the required examination in Chicago recently, has been notified by the War Department that he is qualified for appointment in the U. S. Medical Reserve Corps and has been recommended to the Adjutant General of the Army for appointment to service with commission of lieutenant. This does not mean immediate severance of his Lowell relations, but that he is line for call to service when needed.

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At the Family theatre, Lowell, Saturday, the Metro film production featuring Mme. Olga Petrova in "My Madonna," in five parts.

Some of the farmers in this vicinity are delivering hogs and calves to our market by auto with a trailer hauled behind. We are up to date.



By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal Sept. 23, 1891

Two carloads of pipes are being distributed for the extension of the water mains.

Redmond's Opera House attempted to give a performance last Sunday night, but was stopped by the police.

Last Friday night the barn on Eli Cummings farm east of this village was burned, together with all its contents, including a new buggy. Loss about \$800.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger Sept. 21, 1916

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Barbershop quartet concert at LUMC happy birthday

Barbershop singing originated in the late 1800s and early 1900s of America, a hybrid of both black and white expressive cultural forms at the time. Even though it has faded in pastimes, it has come back stronger than ever. A community concert featuring the barbershop quartet "Old Rules" will be held at the Lowell United Methodist Church.

Old Rules started as a quartet in 2013. In the summer of 2014, tenor Dennis Brown joined baritone R.T. Williams, bass Al Smith and lead Doug Weaver and they have been going strong ever since. The

quartet is the 2016 Pioneer District Senior Quartet Champion. The group not only sings with the Great Lakes Chorus, but performs for many other functions. Old Rules quartet will be joined by the women's quartet "Percolate" from the Sweet Adelines.

This free concert will be held at Lowell United Methodist Church located at 621 E. Main on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 4 pm. A freewill offering will be taken at intermission. Refreshments will be served after the concert. For more information call the church office at 616-897-5936.



Pictured are the members of the barbershop quartet Old Rules, back row: bass Al Smith and baritone RT Williams; front row: lead Doug Weaver and tenor Dennis Brown.

SEPTEMBER 21
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SEPTEMBER 24
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SEPTEMBER 22
Rosie Fonger, Jennifer Haan, Tara Thornton, Linda Barnes, Grandma Modlin.

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

SEPTEMBER 23
Steve VanLaan, Mike Racine.

SEPTEMBER 26
Micah Soyka, Jim Nikodemski, Torin Hacker, Alexis Shaffer.



SEPTEMBER 27
Brooke Tetzlaff.

LHS class of 1956 celebrates 60th reunion

Lowell High School class of 1956 recently celebrated their 60th reunion. A picnic lunch was enjoyed by all at Fallasburg Park on Saturday, Aug. 20 and dinner was catered for the group by The Flat River Grill in the Lowell chamber office.

A special memory board of those who have passed was on display and the evening was spent reminiscing about good old times at LHS. Former teacher Betty Yeiter also attended.



Picture, back row: Bill Muller, John Bergin, Ernie Weigele, Bobby Whitaker, Lil (Byrne) Vroma, Jerry VanStee, Steve Hartley, Iola (Comodore) Doty and Joan (Householder) Link and Loren Barton; front row: Connie (Overholt) Falconer, Doris (Johnson) Feasel, Gail (McMahon) Doran, Nancy (Ward) Muller, Mrs. Betty Yeiter, Ken Canfield, Phyllis (Cole) Shaler, Sandra Fonger, Kay Wood, Pat (Balcerzak) Haddad and Pat (Rittenger) Thomet.

(name added and picture reprinted from 9/7/17)

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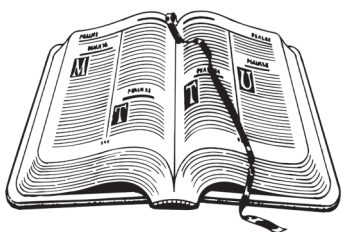
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NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 21-87, "PARKING PROHIBITED ON CITY STREETS BETWEEN 2:00 A.M. AND 6:00 A.M.; EXCEPTION," OF DIVISION 1, "GENERALLY," OF ARTICLE IV, "STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING," OF CHAPTER 21, "TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL.

The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 16-04 amending Section 21-87, Parking prohibited on the city streets between 2:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.; exception," of Division 1, "Generally," of Article IV, "Stopping, Standing and Parking," of Chapter 21, "Traffic and Motor Vehicles," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell on September 19, 2016. Ordinance No. 16-04 prohibits parking on City streets between 2:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. annually from November 1 through March 31. A copy of Ordinance No. 16-04 is available for inspection at City Hall, 301 East Main Street in the City during regular business hours of the City.

Ordinance No. 16-04 is effective 10 days after this publication.

 Susan Ullery
City Clerk

Pink Pride Day, continued

Lowell's young ninjas ran, jumped, climbed and swung.

"We've got wooden jumping pads, a balance beam, an advanced balance beam, a rope swing, another advanced rope swing and two warp walls," Brzezniak said. "To scale the warp wall, you run as fast as you can, then when you get to the highest point you jump, grab the top and try to pull yourself up."

There were more food choices than ever at this year's Pink Arrow game, with vendors offering culinary delights such as ice cream from the CaBus, walking tacos from Larkin's and apple cider slushes and fresh doughnuts from Heidi's Farm Stand.

"We've gone through gallons and gallons of apple cider and hundreds of doughnuts," said Luanne Kaeb from Heidi's. "It's been awesome."

The survivor and honor walk started at 6 pm. Cancer survivors marched from the high school to the football field. After the survivors assembled at the field, they introduced all of this year's honorees along with the players who would be wearing special pink jerseys with the honoree's name on the back. The players presented these jerseys to the honorees after the game.

"I am representing my mom, Val Crumback, who is a two-time cancer survivor," said Dana Crumback, one of Lowell's cheerleading

coaches. "She had breast cancer and then melanoma. This meant a lot to me. This game means a lot to all the cheerleaders, all the football players and everybody in the stands. We've been changing a lot of the cheers where they say 'red' to say 'pink.'"

Annette Nelson, a cancer survivor from Cedar Springs, had family friend George Gonzales Jr. playing for her. She said the Pink Arrow game was "awesome."

"It was wonderful," Nelson said about her moment in the spotlight. "It's a little intimidating but it's good. This is a great cause."

Then Sylvia Taylor sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the football game was underway. Between the first and second quarters of the game there was a special ceremony honoring the nine t-shirt sponsors: Custom Components Corporation, Victory Apparel, J&H Family Stores, Mercy Health Lacks Cancer Center, Carbon Green Bioenergy, Remembering Renee Grant and Sharon Schnipke, All-Weather Seal, Meijer and Enwork. At halftime there was a presentation of a giant check for \$1,200 to the Lowell Gilda's Club from Michigan Blood. The money was raised at the blood drive during the Pink Arrow Community Day on the Riverwalk in July.

"This event is so

amazing on so many different levels," said Wendy Wigger, president of Gilda's Club of Grand Rapids. "It's more than just a football game, it's an opportunity to teach people how to connect with each other and what kind of support can come from the community when we're going through life's toughest stuff. You just see people embrace each other and it's so reflective of the Gilda's Club philosophy of building community support. That's what makes the Pink Arrow Pride so unique and so successful. This

community understands and embraces what it means to support each other through life's tough journeys. Our program would not be possible in the Lowell community if it weren't for the overwhelming support of the community. There are numerous volunteers that make it happen."

The Lowell High School marching band's halftime show was a tribute to Ludwig van Beethoven. Between the third and fourth quarter the winners of the Kathy Talus Scholarship and the Dr. Donald Gerard

Medical Scholarship were announced. Josh Corteville, a 2010 graduate of Lowell High School, won the medical scholarship. He is currently a student at Wayne State University School of Medicine where he is studying to fight cancer.

"This is the third time I've won this scholarship," Corteville said. "It's great! Hopefully I'll get it for one more year. I'm thinking of going into radiation oncology, which is radiating cancer. I would have never thought of doing that two years ago, but I fell in love with it."

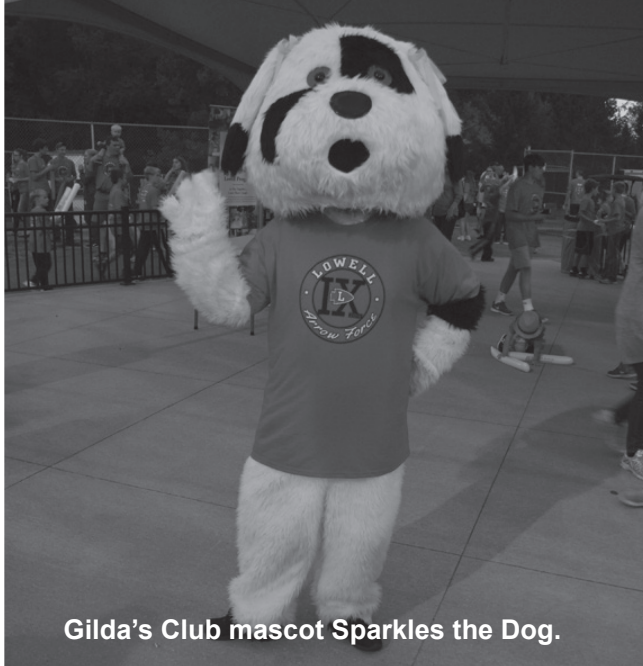
Lowell ended up beating the Ottawa Hills football team 41-6, but the Ottawa Hills fans were quite impressed by the Pink Arrow game. Ramica Trotter, whose son Lunden Trotter scored the Ottawa Hills team's only touchdown, said the Pink

Arrow event reminded her of a football game being held at a carnival.

"It's a celebration," Trotter said. "It's a good cause and a good game. All the kids are playing good. There's a lot of camaraderie."

The night ended with tears and hugs in the end zone as the players gave their pink game jerseys to the person they honored while a fireworks show blasted away in the sky. Next year will be the tenth anniversary of Pink Arrow Pride and organizers have already started planning what promises to be the biggest Pink Arrow event ever.

"We're already thinking about year ten," Beachum said. "We've been brainstorming all month about what we're going to do next year."



Gilda's Club mascot Sparkles the Dog.

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The ninja course in the kids area was a huge success.

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September 16, 2016

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Red Arrow

- FOOTBALL

SPORTS

Arrows earn ninth consecutive Pink Arrow Pride victory

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Pink seems to be an extremely good color for the Lowell varsity football team. Last Friday night the Red Arrows put on their pink jerseys joining together with an entire community fighting cancer and earned their ninth consecutive Pink Arrow Pride victory with a dominant 41-6 win over Ottawa Hills High School.

Flanked by ceremonies and fireworks and dotted with special presentations, including a midfield sky lantern release, the temporarily pink Arrows claimed their victory with authority, setting the pace with the first play of the game. Ottawa Hills kicked off to Lowell for the opening drive of the game, but it didn't last long. Twelve seconds later Brady Douma had made his way downfield and into the end zone running the ball 83 yards for

a touchdown. He completed the same feat last week against East Grand Rapids with a 90-yard return.

Up 7-0 with an extra point from George Gonzales, Ottawa took possession of the ball, but had to punt after netting negative yardage and a sack in the drive. Lowell capitalized on a shallow kick adding another score to the board after Nate Stephens and quarterback David Kruse combined for 35 yards rushing with Kruse making it over the line on a ten-yard jaunt. Gonzales was good for one putting the Arrows up 14-0. After another failed drive that only accumulated five yards, Ottawa's Lunden Trotter grabbed a pick six off of Kruse bringing it back 55 yards for what would be the team's only score of the night.

Ahead 14-6 moving into the second quarter, the Arrows added another



Nate Stephens with honoree and mother Kim Stephens who is currently battling cancer.

touchdown after a 12 play 57-yard drive that propelled Stephens across the goal line. Stephens, who played in honor of his mother Kim Stephens who is currently fighting colon cancer, was the night's second leading rusher carrying the ball 10 times for a total of 66 yards. Kruse led all rushers carrying 11 times for 75 yards and also threw for 110 yards. Sage Solomonson and Hayden Barry were also successful moving the ball downfield, logging eight carries for 52 yards and six for 37 respectively. Barry was also Kruse's most

frequent target grabbing six catches good for 50 yards.

After leading 21-6 at the half, Lowell saw two Arrows enter the end zone in the third. Addison Buckius picked up a 51-yard touchdown pass from lefty Kruse four minutes in and Connor Douma rushed for 30 yards after Lowell recovered a fumbled Ottawa ball for six more. Ahead 35-6 with their opponent still crushed under the weight of their strong defense the Arrows added another score in the fourth when Kruse scored on a 47-yard quarterback keeper cementing the 41-6 win.

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Undefeated, the Red Arrows are now 4-0 overall and have their first OK White victory in the books. This Friday they will delve back into conference play when they head to Greenville High School for their second away game of the season. Greenville is currently 3-1 and coming off a one-point victory over conference foe Forest Hills Central last week. Game time is 7 pm.



Junior quarterback David Kruse takes a snap against Ottawa Hills.

OTTAWA HILLS V LOWELL

Score	6	41
First Downs	8	17
Rushing Attempts	23	39
Yards Rushing	73	263
Yards Passing	66	110
Net Yards	139	373
Passes Attempted	19	15
Passes Completed	8	9
Interceptions	2	1
Offensive Plays	42	54
Average Gain	3.3	6.9
Fumbles: Number/Lost	2/2	2/2
Penalties: Number/Yards	8/69	6/70
Number of Punts/Yards	8/228	1/16
Average Per Punt	28.5	16.0
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Kickoff Returns: Number/Yards	6/117	2/115
Int. Returns: Number/Yards	1/55	2/-20
Possession Time	26:37	21:23
Third-Down Conversions	1/11	2/8
Fourth-Down Conversions	1/1	2/3



Brady Douma scores on the first play of the game bringing home an 83-yard kickoff return.



Cheerleaders stand in front of a sea of pink.



Offensive lines collide during Lowell's 41-6 victory over Ottawa Hills.

Red Arrow

- VOLLEYBALL

SPORTS

Lady Arrows dominate the court with two conference wins

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell varsity volleyball dominated on the court last week earning two 3-0 OK White victories over new conference members Cedar Springs and Ottawa Hills in a pair of home events.

Tuesday in the high school gymnasium the squad topped opponent Cedar Springs 25-19, 25-15 and 25-16 for a solid shutout victory. Red Arrow Abi Mangus had an aggressive day for the team logging 12

digs and ten kills. Sydney Powell also had a stellar day on the court earning a dozen digs of her own along with 27 assists. Other top performances came from Jill Fidler who served up three aces and Kendra Wroten who put up five blocks.

Friday the team hosted Ottawa Hills for an outdoor game inside Red Arrow Stadium during the school's annual Pink Arrow Pride event. Proceeds from the community-wide effort, started by Lowell varsity

football coach Noel Dean, serve as the main funding source of Gilda's Club, a cancer and grief support organization in Lowell. The varsity players took to the court just prior to the afternoon game for a special ceremony honoring friends and family members touched by cancer.

Impassioned by the cause, the team took to the court against Ottawa Hills with determination and repeated their performance from earlier in the week

topping the visiting team 25-13, 25-12 and 25-13. Mangus was on fire once again, nailing five aces and earning 10 kills. Powell added 22 assists and two blocks, Fidler contributed 13 digs and Shannon Hoekstra and Makyla Branagan put in two blocks apiece.

Head coach Julie Quist reports that the team is currently 7-7-1 on the season, 2-1 in conference and showing much promise as they move into the back half of the 2016 schedule. "The team has been able to compete with and beat state ranked teams due to their hard work and team chemistry. Our coaching staff is excited to see what these girls are capable of. Our three captains, Abi Mangus, Shannon Hoekstra and Sydney Powell, bring a unique perspective and leadership strengths to the team. The newly aligned OK conference is packed with talent and hardworking teams and we have set our goal to be in the running for conference title."

This week the team will face Northview High School on the road Thursday in OK White action at 6:30 pm and visit West Ottawa High School for non-conference tournament play on Saturday morning starting at 8:30.



Abi Mangus sends one over the net during the winning dual with Ottawa Hills.



Sophomore Emily Stump embraces her grandmother, honoree Catherine Heckman, during the pregame ceremony.

-SOCCER

Arrows soccer played in the pink

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell soccer picked up two conference wins last week taking on Forest Hills Central on the road and welcoming Ottawa Hills on Friday night for the annual Pink Arrow Pride celebration.

Tuesday at FHC they trumped their opponent by

a margin of 2-1 after a hard fought defensive battle on the field. Goalkeeper and third-year starter Trevor Sherman returned to the field for the first time after a knee injury and allowed no goals in the first half of the game. FHC also worked a tight defense leading to few

shots on goal for the Arrows and a deadlocked 0-0 score at the half.

After a halftime reorganization Lowell came back to the field stronger and were able to find the back of the net about seven minutes in to take a 1-0 lead. The goal was assisted by

Logan Landman and scored by senior captain Jonah Epema. FHC was able to get one goal by the Arrow defense later in the second to bring the match back to a tie before Epema sealed the

Soccer, continued,
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Lowell varsity soccer players alongside their honorees during the ninth annual Pink Arrow event.



Ben Noffke chases down the ball during the Arrows' 3-0 victory over Ottawa Hills.

Alto Festival, continued

the day along with several food booths, including Alto United Methodist Church, Alto Faith Bible Church and the American Legion who served up BBQ chicken. Around the corner on Depot Street car collectors and enthusiasts were able to view dozens of classics for the crowd drawing car show. Prizes were awarded in several categories including a top show award selected through the votes of attendees.

In the green space behind the First Baptist Church children were treated to a variety of free activities, including inflatables, the Farm Animals on the Go mobile petting zoo, face painting provided by Cheek to Cheek and fire hose lessons with local rescue heroes. The Graham Family Farm also sponsored a fun interactive scavenger hunt and Magna Mirrors brought a visit from B&D Pedal Pullers. B&D is a staple at the event testing kids strength in a miniature version of the tractor pulls. This year's young winners were Chelsea Wolfe, Gavin Dagget, Garrett Grummet, Hannah Vandermeelen, Griffin Grummet, Logan

Steffen, Wyatt Fuss and Eleanor Grummet.

On the main stage children and adults were invited to a pie eating contest sponsored by Wieland Farms and had the opportunity to test their lumberjack skills in the LumberJacks for Lemonade contest. The unique strength competition benefits the charity Alex's Lemonade Stand which raises funds for spinal cord tumor research. Contestants took part in a series of challenges including chopping and tossing logs

with one man being dubbed the strongest man in Alto. Two-year champion Austin Fischer was on site to defend his title but lost out to friend Nick Rempalski who he challenged to join. Rempalski, an Alto resident, was a novice to the competition when he claimed the strong man title. The day was also highlighted by a small parade led by this year's grand marshals Tom and Connie Vaughn and bingo inside the American Legion.



The strongest man in Alto Nick Rempalski in the LumberJacks for Lemonade contest.

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Soccer, continued

win with a second goal sent over by Jonny Draigh.

On Friday the team took part in a unique afternoon game against Ottawa Hills. The early game was part of the school's annual Pink Arrow Pride event.

"Pink Arrow games are always special, full of emotion and long days for the students," said head coach Rick O'Keefe. Each team member played in honor of a loved one who has faced cancer welcoming their honoree, or a representative, for a pregame ceremony on the field.

Lowell went on to dominate play against new OK conference rival Ottawa Hills shutting them out with a 3-0 victory. Lowell added two goals to the scoreboard in the first half of play with the first coming off the head of Draigh after a cross from Jay Stadt. Red Arrow Jacob Thompson slid another goal in at the far post to give the team a 2-0 lead at the buzzer. Stadt and Draigh teamed up again in the second half for a third Lowell goal and

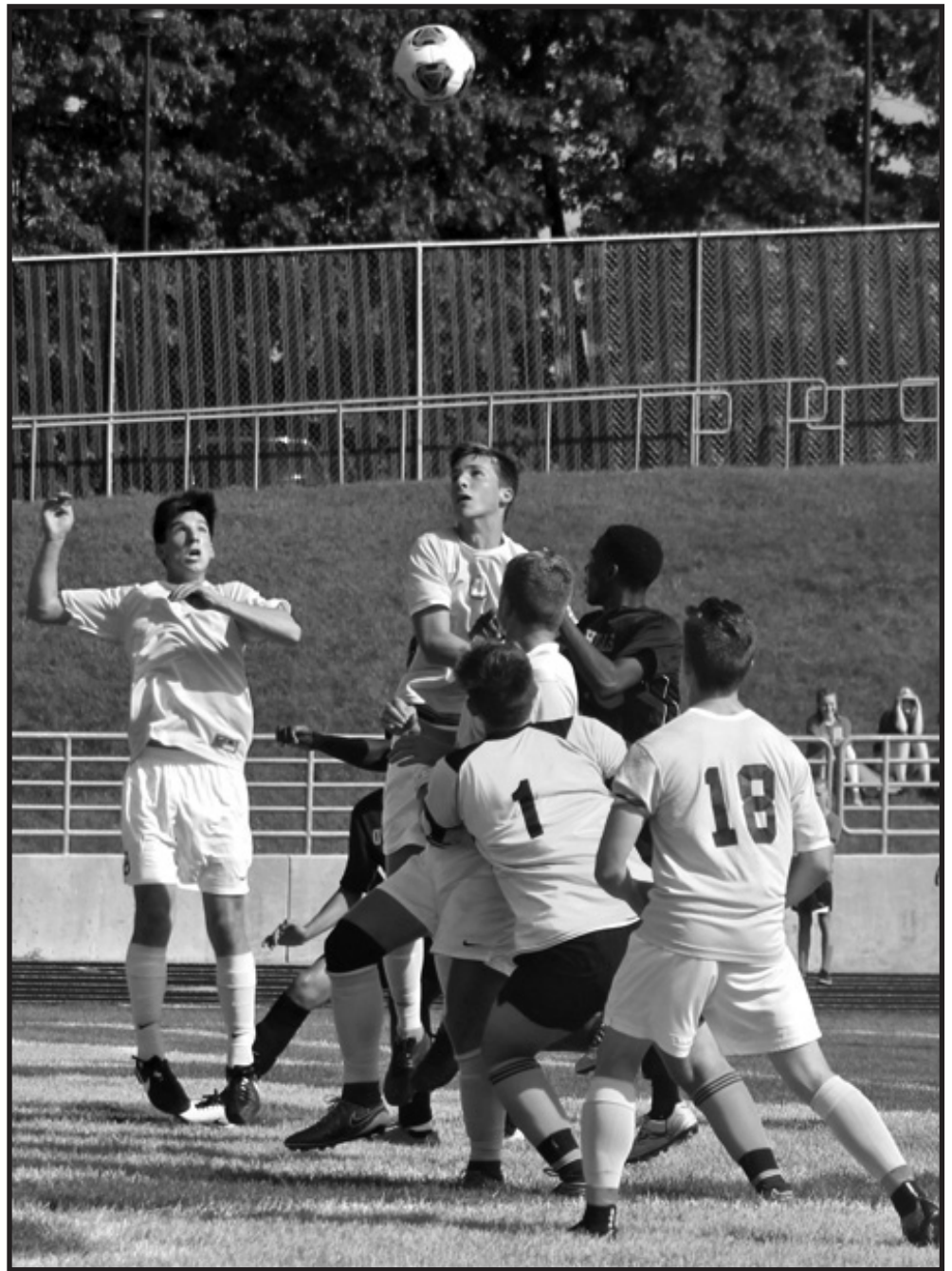
Draigh's second successful header of the game.

This is the eighth shutout of the season for the Arrows. O'Keefe pointed to a solid defense and junior goalie Gabe Bendell as the reason for that impressive total. "Gabe has been a quality JV and back-up keeper that has been our starter this season. He has done a great job for us. He is very athletic and makes acrobatic saves that make you shake your head," he said of the up-and-coming varsity player. The Lowell defense has only allowed eight goals against them thus far this season.

With a current overall record of 10-2-1 and 4-1 in conference, the Arrows

are poised for a top finish this year inside the newly aligned OK White conference. Though they have set their sights on a conference championship and advancement at the district tournament this year, O'Keefe said the team is being careful not to underestimate any of their new competitors despite the fact that the scales seemed to be tipped in their favor. "All conference games are tough and never should be overlooked. The reality is that the new conference makeup is not as deep as the previous. This is mostly due to the size of the school and the soccer players in those districts; it seems like they never had a rebuilding year."

This week the team will host new member Forest Hills Northern for the first place in the conference. FHN is 4-0-1 in conference and currently in first but Lowell hopes to take over the spot with a victory. Kickoff is scheduled for 6:45 on Tuesday at Red Arrow Stadium. Lowell will also face Greenville (0-6) Thursday on the road.



The Arrows send up one of several headers Friday night with two from Jonny Draigh finding the back of the net.

Sports Summaries

GIRLS GOLF

Lowell varsity girls golf hit the course twice in OK White competition last week participating in two conference jamborees earning back to back third-place finishes. Tuesday at Northview High School's home course Thousand Oaks, the team carded a combined 206 to place just behind Forest Hills Northern (191) and winner Forest Hills Central (178). Earning top scores for the Arrows were Taylor Furtaw (47), Kenzie Uhen (49), Mary Jo Beuchler (54) and Lucy Wade (56). Lowell hosted Wednesdays competition at Arrowhead Golf Course and landed in the same position with a card total of 199, behind recurring front runners FHN (186) and FHC (183). Course leaders were Uhen (44), Furtaw (48), Isabelle Dial (52) and Wade (55).

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Missing the top spot by a mere one point, the Red Arrow girls varsity cross country team added another top finish to the season when they placed second last Saturday at the Sparta Invitational. Finishing with a total of 56 points behind Byron Center, Lowell was also joined by Rockford, Greenville and Union high schools who placed third through fifth respectively. Leading runners in the medal finish were Lauren Aud (21:43) who finished third overall and Jill Fiddler (21:46) who claimed fifth place. Katrina Drosi (22:45), Dawn Kondor (22:51) and Amber Clouse (23:00) rounded out the day's top finishers.

BOYS TENNIS

Red Arrow boys varsity tennis hit the court twice last week earning a decisive victory in non-conference action and a hard fought tie in OK White competition. Tuesday the team welcomed Calvin Christian High School and pulled out a dominating 5-2 win. Wednesday the team traveled to Northview High School for conference play which resulted in a 4-4 tie. Winning for the Arrows were Andrew deVoest at first singles, Collier Kaufman at fourth singles, Nate Bush and Roman Rozell at second doubles and Jeremy Bergin who staged an amazing ten game winning streak to earn the Arrows' fourth point of the contest. The team currently holds a season record of 2-3-2 with both ties coming in conference play.

SIDELINE CHEER

Varsity sideline cheerleaders went pink last week Friday taking part in the ninth annual Pink Arrow Pride event which raises funds in support of those facing cancer. The ladies took to the field prior to the game, alongside their football counterparts, each honoring a friend or family member in the ceremony. Later the squad awarded Red Arrow Shannon Hoekstra the fourth Fan of the Week award this season. Previous 2016 winners were Christina Lyon, Garret Taylor and Amber Curtis.

EQUESTRIAN

Lowell's successful varsity equestrian team participated in the Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association district finals last weekend and rose to the top of the competition to earn the Division C championship. The Red Arrows topped opponents Allendale, Belding, Forest Hills Northern and Cedar Springs in each of three meets finishing with a combined total of 479 points, more than 150 points ahead of their closest competition. The team is composed of Andi Reynolds, Aili Fisher, Isabelle Misner, Olivia Hock and Ally Pawolski, the same five who represented Lowell in the state finals last season. The team will next compete at the regional competition scheduled for the first weekend of October at the Midland County fairgrounds.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Senior Eric Judd earned the top time for Lowell runners last Saturday when the Lowell boys varsity cross country team placed third at the Sparta Invitational. Judd placed fifth overall with a medal worthy time of 18:01, leading the team to a third-place 97 point finish. Teammate Caleb Swart also earned a medal coming in just one second behind Judd at 18:02. Other top performances were logged by Kyle Cater (19:03), Parker Grant (19:12) and Seth Palmer (19:38).



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HAYWOOD

Lawrence Breyound Haywood, age 62 of Ada, went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Tuesday, September 13, 2016. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Rosie; children, Breyound (Jennifer) Haywood, Isaac (Leah) Haywood, Miranda (Joseph) Curry, Amber (Drew) Shoemaker; parents, Blaine and Marie Haywood; brothers, Paul Haywood and Sid (Mary Jo) Haywood; sisters, Laura (Curtis) Purnell and Crystal (Jerry) Myers; brother-in-law, Tommy Brooks; several nieces and nephews; his 8 loving grandchildren; and one expected grandchild. A memorial service was held Saturday, September 17, at Ada Christian Reformed Church, 7152 Bradfield SE, Ada. Rev. Scott VanVoorst and Rev. Edward Kurdziel officiated.



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ANDREWS

Marilyn M. Andrews, age 83 of Lowell, passed away on Saturday, September 17, 2016, from complications of Alzheimer's disease. She was preceded in death by her parents, Glenn and Isabel Swift; brothers, Ronald and Darrell Swift; and sister, Patricia (Timpson). She is survived by her brother, Gary (Delta) Swift of Florida; son, Tom (Barbara) Andrews of Lowell; daughter, Marta (Kevin) Suttrop of Grand Rapids; three grandsons, Matthew (fiancée, Connie Hoppa), Trevor, and Chase Suttrop; and one great-grandson, Zackary. She retired from Amway in 1998 after 35 years. She enjoyed spending her spare time cooking, baking, and working out in her yard. She was also an animal lover and after her little "Max" passed away, she spent many years dog-sitting. She enjoyed watching nearly all sports and even took up golf after retiring. The family would like to thank Covenant Village of The Great Lakes for the care and comfort she was provided. Per Marilyn's wishes, cremation has taken place; and she requested no service. Anyone wishing to make a memorial contribution may donate to Humane Society of West Michigan, 3077 Wilson Dr NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534.



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WALKER-WIELAND

Agnes Walker-Wieland, age 94 of Alto, formerly of Sandersville, Georgia, passed away Saturday, September 17, 2016. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Daniel Walker Sr. and George Wieland; son, Daniel Walker Jr.; daughter, Iris Walker-Mixer; granddaughter, Lee Mixer; daughter-in-law Carol Wieland; and daughter, Mary Walker. She is survived by her son, Clifford Walker of Lowell; daughter, Sharon (Jack) MacKenzie of California; daughter-in-law, Phyllis Walker; daughters, Marie Fredrick, Norma (Jim) Peterson; son, Bill (Diane) Wieland; sister, Mary (David) Chambers of Georgia; 21 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren. Visitation will be held Monday, September 26, from 2-4:00 p.m. and 6-8:00 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Funeral will be held Tuesday, September 27, at 11:00 a.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Robert B. Wright officiating. Interment Cascade Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be directed to Alto United Methodist Church, 11365 64th St. SE, Alto, Michigan 49302.



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50 years ago Lowell Ledger Sept. 22, 1966

Mail box vandals are sought here. There have been over 50 mail boxes damaged and destroyed on Lowell rural routes over the last 30 days. Postmaster Chas. Doyle revealed this week. One case, Doyle mentions, is located on Vergennes Street, who has had 5 mail boxes destroyed or damaged. Others on Lincoln Lake, Bailey Drive and Grand River Drive have had two boxes wrecked. The postmaster urges residents to be on the alert and try and spot the vandals. One resident of Vergennes caught three youths who were fined \$25 each for vandalism in Lowell's Justice Court. If there had been mail in the box when it was damaged the vandals could have received a year in federal prison. Keep your eyes open and report any suspicious cars to the postmaster or police. The vandals usually operate on weekends.

Someone in the community must be checking doors ahead of the police department. The Zephyr station on West Main Street reported that a case of oil and a case of anti-freeze were stolen from the station Thursday. The thief made his entry through the back door, which was left unlocked.

Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Court attended a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shaffer of Campau Lake. The reception was given in honor of Donald Dawson, who has just returned from Saigon, Viet Nam.

Ken Pletcher caught three teenagers coming out of the Congregational Church early Sunday morning, about eight hours too early to be coming to church. The boys turned out to be the youths who had been involved in a hit and run accident, 5 miles west of Lowell on M-21, and were sought by County Police.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger Sept. 25, 1991

Voters speak: district voters said "Yes" to Proposition I. School denied .55 additional mills and Headlee. In the largest voter turnout since 1983, Lowell Schools' train was not derailed, however it did lose a few freight cars. "I'm pleased with the results, and I am glad our train is still on the track," Lowell Superintendent Fritz Esch said. With roughly over a third of the voter population (3927) voting, district voters passed the 26.1 renewal millage by more than a 2-to-1 margin, 2,912-1,015. Voters also approved the renewal on the 1.4 mills for energy and maintenance for two years. There were 2,050 "yes" votes and 1,849 "no" votes. The school lost in its effort to gain an additional .55 mills (Proposition II) for operation. The increase was to help recoup the monies lost because of the renewal defeat in June. The vote was 2,095 "no" votes and 1,796 "yes" votes. Proposition III, the Headlee Override, was also voted down, 2,131 to 1,755. The defeat of Proposition II and Proposition III means the school district will incur cuts in its budget, totaling approximately \$200,000 in 14 different areas. The record high voter turnout count of 3,927 beats the old mark set back in 1983 (also a renewal vote) of 2,813. "I think people are fed up with property tax. This comes at a time when the economy is bad," Esch said. "It's a rewarding feeling to know that there were 600 citizens involved with this "Keep the Doors" open campaign. The effort the citizens made was phenomenal. The chairperson of the steering committee for the "Neighbors Who Care" was Jim Hodges. "I'm disappointed. My heart wanted all four propositions to pass. I'm very pleased with the turnout We wanted the community to speak out and it did," he explains. The district opened its doors this fall using only 9.9 county allocated mills, down from 37.6 mills. The school has been meeting payments on its \$14 million budget by borrowing against an entire year's worth of state aid money - \$1.7 million. Esch said the results were in tune of the campaign theme. "The vote tonight keeps the doors open," he said. Board member, Ray Quada said the committee met the challenge and got people out to vote. "I was surprised by the margin of defeat of the Headlee," Lowell Assistant Superintendent, Gary Kemp said. "I think the economy had a little bit to do with it, but not overwhelmingly. I also think the people passed the ones they thought we needed the most." Committee public relations chairperson Bruce Boyce said he believed the message was out and that the defeat of Proposition II represents the people wanting the school to take some blame for the loss of funds in the June renewal vote.

Looking Back, continued

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger Sept. 25, 1941

A skunk wandered into town on Monday evening, creating quite a sensation at various points along Main Street. It was one of the four-legged specie, there being none of the two-legged variety hereabouts.

Additional students enrolled last week at the Lowell high school makes the total registration 727. This is 26 more than a year ago and nine more than the peak year of 1939, when the enrollment was 718.

The Ledger is informed by a reliable source that the Lamb Construction Company is to be given the go-ahead signal for the construction of the Main Street bridge over the west channel of Flat River, the work to begin next April. Steel for the bridge will be released because of the fact that M-21 is one of the national defense routes.

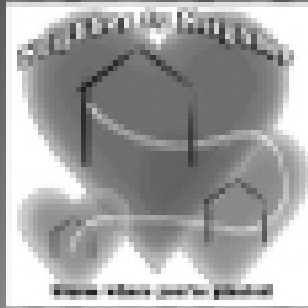
Coach Chris Burch and the boys of the L. H. S. football team have issued an attractive 4-page folder containing schedule of the games at home and away and illustrated with a 5x6½ half-tone cut of the team together with their names and numbers. The folder will also show the line-up for each game. The boys need to raise a little money, hence the folder, which sells for a nickel. No harm of course if you feel like paying a dime.

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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MAKE A WISH!



Fill out this form for you or for someone else in need.



• Elderly couple in need of someone to power wash and repaint.



• Single mother needs gutter cleaned. She is physically unable to climb a ladder.



• Young couple with four kids. Heat is not working. Dad is in wheelchair.



• Senior citizen's roof leaking over the bedroom and bathroom. Some damage inside home too.

NEIGHBOR to NEIGHBOR Wish Application for Home Repairs

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

A brief description of the work needed:

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

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

Contact Person for Project _____ Phone () _____

Application Submitted by: _____ Phone () _____

Submit this application now through October 9, 2015 - later applications have less chance of being chosen by volunteer groups. Submit them to The Lowell Ledger (305 North Broadway, Lowell) or to Flat River Outreach Ministries (11525 Fulton Street East, Lowell). Applications may be submitted electronically to diane@fromlowell.org

Permission to Conduct Work Neighbor to Neighbor

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

Permissions:

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

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STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

THEME: DAYTIME TV

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- 1. a.k.a. Myanmar
- 6. *"____ Rescue" airing on Saturday Mornings
- 9. Eye affliction
- 13. Brown, Dartmouth and Yale, e.g.
- 14. Down Under bird
- 15. *"Rangers" who first appeared on daytime TV
- 16. Lays in peace
- 17. 1960s altered state inducer
- 18. Spy name?
- 19. *Cooking TV personality
- 21. *"The Price ____"

- 23. Elton John's title
- 24. Leave in a bucket
- 25. Mason glass
- 28. Prospectors search for the mother one
- 30. Exotic furniture wood
- 35. Europe/Asia mountain divide
- 37. Not bright
- 39. Smooth
- 40. Lover of Aeneas
- 41. Fluorescent red dye
- 43. Beth Israel synagogue, e.g.
- 44. Capital increases
- 46. French novelist ... mile, 1840-1902
- 47. Be a snitch
- 48. Conundrum
- 50. Brooklyn basketballers
- 52. *Soap time
- 53. Ice, dark, and middle
- 55. Make a pigeon sound

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SEPTEMBER 14 - SEPTEMBER 20

- After several weekend explosions in New York City and in New Jersey, Ahmad Khan Rahami was taken into custody after a shootout with police. He had been named a person of interest in the case and officials had linked him to the devices used in the explosions.
- In town for this week's United Nations General Assembly, Obama spoke to supporters and said about Donald Trump, "This guy's unqualified to be president and he shows no interest in even gaining the rudimentary knowledge required to make really hard decisions on a day-to-day basis." He continued saying, "There's no curiosity. There's no desire to get up to speed. It's an infomercial. It's a reality show."

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- 57. *"____ Hospital"
- 61. *Female view
- 65. Smoke detector, e.g.
- 66. Anger management issue
- 68. Russian river
- 69. Be a slowpoke

- 70. Foot digit
- 71. T. S., poet
- 72. All is well that does this well
- 73. Even, to a poet
- 74. Cook with dry heat

DOWN

- 1. Ethiopian currency
- 2. Iris holder
- 3. Reduced Instruction Set Computer
- 4. Illegal lab product, pl.
- 5. Attack
- 6. Exchange for money
- 7. Ambulance squad, acr.
- 8. A in AV
- 9. Prima donna's numbers
- 10. Nest material
- 11. Uh-huh
- 12. "Formerly," formerly
- 15. Inuits' wearable invention, pl.
- 20. Eat away
- 22. Pine juice
- 24. Frankie Valli's four
- 25. *Judy's daytime occupation
- 26. Like Hitler's ideal man
- 27. 2 halves of a diameter
- 29. *Controversial Mehmet
- 31. ____ Bowl of the 1930s
- 32. What one did after one oohed

- 33. Throat dangler
- 34. *She's live
- 36. Like Yangtze River
- 38. Digestive aid
- 42. Naturally, in slang
- 45. Unctuous
- 49. Turkish military leader
- 51. What ____, or of any kind
- 54. March Madness' eight
- 56. Convex molding
- 57. Flight destination
- 58. Distinctive elegance
- 59. Persian backgammon
- 60. Blunders
- 61. *Target viewer of an ABC Afterschool Special
- 62. Pelvic parts
- 63. Between ids and super-egos
- 64. J. J. ____, a Houston Texan
- 67. Beluga yield

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