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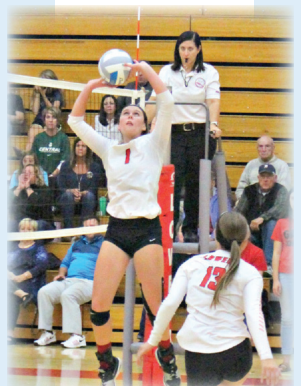
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Special events throughout Lowell during Harvest Festival this weekend

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Saturday, Oct. 8 will be the annual Harvest Festival, with special events all over town that day. There will be a chili cook-off, an open house at Lowell Light & Power, a 5K race and an autumn market.

This year the Larkin's Restaurant chili cook-off is a benefit for LowellArts!, who are currently raising money for their move to Main St. The new LowellArts! building is directly across the street from Larkin's. Hundreds of gallons of chili will be consumed by connoisseurs who will also enjoy beer and live music.

"It's always for a good cause local to Lowell," said Larkin's owner Mike Larkin. "We like to help out. [The chili cook-off] brings people to town. It gets good

exposure for everybody's business. Chili is just chili."

"We raise money every year for a different charity," said Larkin's manager Deb Apol. "We pick nonprofits that don't have the fundamentals to raise money for themselves. We've given to the volunteer fire department, the Flat River Outreach Ministry, Neighbor to Neighbor, Lowell Senior Center, Alpha Women's Center and St. Mary's Pregnancy Center. We keep it local. It doesn't go out of the area at all, it stays right here in Lowell."

If you want to enter, the rules and entry form are available on the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce website.

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Community Clean Up Day designed to provide residents with free waste and recycling service

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Residents within the Lowell Area School district were invited to head down to the Kent County Fairgrounds Saturday morning for the city's annual Community Clean Up Day featuring free waste and recycling services.

The three-hour effort ran from 9-12 and is supported by the school district, Lowell Charter Township, Vergennes Township, the city of Lowell and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce through the Greater Lowell Community Vision initiative. Greeted by community officials, like Mayor Jeff Altoft who greeted and verified residency, participants were able to unload a variety of goods. Cars, trucks and loaded trailers formed two lines around the circumference of the partnering fairgrounds for much of the duration of the highly attended event.

Clean up opportunities included recycling up to four tires and turning in ammunition which was

collected by the Lowell Police Department. Local Boy Scout troops were on hand to collect scrap metal and trash dumpsters were available to accept items

such as furniture, carpet, wood and glass. The Kent County hazardous waste team was also onsite providing recycling services for products like used motor

oil, fertilizers and pesticides and old light bulbs and batteries.

Volunteers from the Scout troops as well as the Lowell High School interact club and others were

available to help unload and sort incoming materials. Partners for the free event include Timpson Transport, Dirt Cheap Excavating, Padnos and the Lowell Rotary Club.



Mayor Jeff Altoft greets Community Clean Up Day participants in rainy conditions.

Local student nurtures 2020 Olympic dreams

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

A Lowell Middle School student is on the path to becoming an Olympic archery champion someday. Brianna Laux will travel to the Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, Calif., at the end of the month where she will attend the national "Dream Team" selection camp.

"She is an Olympic hopeful," said Chad Laux, Brianna's dad. "Things have just recently started to come together for her. She is training and working toward that goal of the 2020 Olympics. She just recently made the regional Dream

Team and then got selected to go to the Dream Team selection camp. She could make the national Dream Team, which is the top 30 amateur archers in the country."

A trip to California during the school year might sound like fun, but it will actually entail a lot of hard work and scrutiny for Brianna.

"There's a lot to it," Laux said. "They'll do a five day, eight hours a day training, watching her

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A few steps up Broadway from the chili cook-off, you'll find Lowell Light & Power's open house. There you can enjoy a free lunch and a tour of the building, plus bucket rides in one of their big trucks. Ask them about the biodigester, they love that.

One of the most popular aspects of the Harvest Festival is the Harvest Hustle 5K race.

"The purpose of the Harvest Hustle 5K is to give members of the community an opportunity to get outside and get moving," said event organizer Kenda Haines. "All funds raised go to fund community events that promote healthy living that are sponsored through Lowell Community Wellness. The cost of the event is very reasonable for

area 5Ks and helps cover the cost of all the expenses incurred for the event plus awards and t-shirts provided to participants. We provide a discounted rate for students to allow this event to be more affordable for families."

The results will be very accurate because this year the event will be professionally timed.

"The event will be timed [with professional equipment from Classic Race Management in Ada] and results will be posted within a short time for all participants to see," Haines said. "This allows us to have awards in different age groups and give a cash prize to the top male and top female runner."

Kent County Youth Fair's Autumn Marketplace will be at the fairgrounds from 11 am until 4 pm. There will be live music and

vendors selling handmade crafts, food, antiques and for \$5 you can create your own scarecrow.



along main street

LARKIN'S CHILI COOKOFF

Enter your winning chili Oct. 8. Call 897-5977 or visit Lowell chamber website for info.

GILDA'S CLUBHOUSE ACTIVITIES

Garden with Gilda's – Tues., Oct. 11, 1-3 pm. Come on over and join us in the gardens. There are a variety of ways to help maintain and enjoy the beautiful gardens here at Gilda's Club Lowell. We welcome your help.

Chitchat Readers Book Club – Tues., Oct. 18, 4:15-5:15 pm. Join other members of Gilda's Club in discussing a great book. Feel free to stop by the clubhouse to borrow a book.

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

LAHM ARCHAEOLOGY PRESENTATION

On Tues., Oct. 18 at 7 pm the Lowell Area Historical Museum presents "What Can Archaeology Teach Us about the Fur Trade?" by Professor Michael Nassaney who will summarize the vast literature on the archaeology of the North American fur trade and discuss the most recent archaeological discoveries at the French trading post of Fort St. Joseph in Niles, Michigan. Dr. Nassaney is a professor of Anthropology at Western Michigan University.

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.

Feel free to send your event information to the Ledger for Along Main St. All submission requests for Along Main St. are subject to space limitations. The Ledger makes no assurances that they will appear in print. To ensure that an event notification will appear in the Ledger, it is best to place a paid advertisement. All efforts will be made to place suitable items in the Along Main St. column but they are printed at the discretion of the publisher. For profit events, church services, yard sales and the like, will not appear in this column.

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Look Memorial Fund Board is now accepting grant applications for 2016. Applications are available at Lowell City Hall.

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Pancake breakfast and open house to be held at WWC

The Wittenbach/Wege Center for Agriscience and Environmental Education, 11715 Vergennes, will have a pancake breakfast and open house from 8 until 11 am on Saturday, Oct. 8. The breakfast costs \$5 for adults, \$3 for K-12 students and free for little kids.

"This breakfast is to help fund the FFA and plant and animal science classroom projects at the WWC," said Courtney Cheers, WWC director. "One trip gets you sausage, eggs and three pancakes. Additional trips are \$3."

At the open house, which starts at 9 am, you will be able to learn about all of the things local students are learning about at the center.

"Students and WWC naturalists will be on hand to tour and explain the different facets of our facilities and how they are

used in learning projects," Cheers said. "The animal science class has meat chickens in the barn and the plant science class has recently planted the first round of lettuces in the hydroponic house and sprouting seeds in the greenhouse. We will tour the gardens and look at on-going projects and also be available for guided trail hikes."

You can stuff your face at the pancake breakfast on Saturday, but at the open house they will teach you skills that you can use to stuff your face for the rest of your life.

"We will be demonstrating and tasting a few different ways to quickly save some of the garden bounty when time is short," Cheers said. "People will leave with recipes and methods to try at home."

Whoever is careless with the truth in small matters cannot be trusted with important matters.

~ Albert Einstein

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City council receives updates as LEAD promises solutions to biodigester issues

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell city council had their most recent regular meeting at city hall on Monday, Oct. 3. The council heard another update about the biodigester, voted to buy some replacement parts for the wastewater treatment plant, talked about trash removal options and more. The meeting was attended by about 25 citizens.

Jay Rosloniec, attorney for biodigester company LEAD, addressed the council about what has been going on at the facility lately. LEAD principal Greg Northrup attended the meeting but did not speak. Rosloniec said that LEAD has a plan to eliminate the odor problem, which they are in the process of implementing. LEAD's plan is available for the public to read on the city of Lowell website, ci.lowell.mi.us

"LEAD is absolutely committed to eliminating the odor problem from the citizens of Lowell," Rosloniec said. "What I think we've put in place is a plan that will, one, eliminate the odors; but, two, give us the best track to actually get the biodigester working and get it functioning to be a valuable part of this

community the same way that it was envisioned when the project was initially brought to the city of Lowell but we do fully understand from the city of Lowell that if the odor continues the biodigester cannot continue."



LEAD attorney Jay Rosloniec.

Councilor Mike DeVore asked Rosloniec to define the property line. Purforms, a company that shares a wall with the LEAD facility, has lost employees because of the odors that travel into their building.

"Is that venting inside that's supposed to protect your workers, is that going to also prevent the odors from businesses you share a wall with," DeVore asked.

"Yes, it should," Rosloniec said. "As we defined the property boundaries in the plan we actually drew the boundaries so that it's the wall between the associated businesses and us, so if there is detectable odor going into that business then we have a problem."

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. Eric Schelhaas from Red Creek was on hand to answer the council's questions. City manager Mike Burns presented the council with four options. One, that they "continue the status quo." Two, they "bid for a single provider for trash and recycling." Three, the "city opts out of

participating in the waste and recycling program but designate a day on which trash pickup will occur." Finally, "city has a [request for proposals] for a single provider that provides bag, container and recycling options for entire city. City awards contract based on lowest qualified bidder. Residents can develop

service plan based on needs and address all complaints to the provider."

The council did not make any decisions about the trash removal contract, but they said they will revisit the issue at their next meeting.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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Olympic dreams, continued

shoot and interviewing her. Then she has to go before the Olympic coach and be interviewed orally. If she makes it she'll be selected for the junior Dream Team and then she'll move on to do some international competitions."

With school plus her practice schedule, Brianna is no stranger to hard work and long hours.

"We're busy," Laux said. "She shoots four or five days a week; she cross-trains four or five days a week; she watches her diet; and she meets with a level four archery coach at Michigan State University every other week."

Brianna has been shooting since before she even started Kindergarten.

"She's been working at archery for about eight years, since she was four," Laux said "I shoot and

my sons shoot. We were shooting in the yard and she took an interest in it. I bought her a little compound bow at Gander Mountain. She fell in love with it and she's been shooting ever since she was little."

Everybody in Lowell

hopes that Brianna makes the Olympics team in 2020, but none more than Brianna herself.

"She absolutely eats, breathes and lives archery," Laux said. "The Olympics is definitely her dream and that is what she wants to do."

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outdoors

why we fish and hunt

Dave Stegehuis

There was a time when everyone fished, hunted, and gathered food. The reason is clear survival. Today commercial fishing and agriculture provide our food supply, so with a few exceptions it is not necessary to fish, hunt, or forage about for food. Nevertheless, many of us continue to venture into the field and on the water in pursuit of fish and game. The reasons vary from person to person.

Subsistence hunting and fishing is still practiced in a few cultures around the world; usually in more remote places. Most of us fall somewhere between subsistence and purely recreational.

Catch and release is becoming popular with fishermen. On the way to Africa, I met a hunter who was going to hunt Rhino

with a tranquilizer dart. A veterinarian must be included in the hunting party to insure the safety of the animal and collect scientific data. The hunter gets a picture with the Rhino and the government gets biological data plus a fair amount of cash from the hunter which will be used to improve habitat and protect the animals from poachers. At risk species in poorer countries depend on hunter money for their survival. If an animal has no value it will be lost.

Trophy hunters and fishermen seek outstanding specimens of the chosen species. A trophy is measured by length and weight for fish, horn or antler size for some animals and head size and cape length for others. Often a taxidermist creates a mount

to be admired and serve as a reminder of the hunt.

Probably the most common reason people fish and hunt is for the experience of getting out in a natural setting and becoming involved with nature and wildlife on a personal basis. The majority of hunters and fishermen I meet use the fish and game to supplement their diet. Food does not start out in a plastic wrapper.

Because there are so many levels of participation, you may want explore opportunities to get involved or review your own reasons if you are presently active. Both people and wildlife benefit when more of us have a stake in what is happening in our natural surroundings. Hunting or fishing is not for everyone. But for some of us, it is important enough that it is not just something we do, it is who we are.

Two Lowell musicians participate in ArtPrize

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Two musicians from Lowell have entered their original compositions in ArtPrize. Roger MacNaughton and David Jones have both been making music in Lowell for decades.

Jones, who has played with Lowell bands such as the Plague, Scragg Zoster, Alive & Well and Time Hungry, said his song "Quiet Love" was inspired by the Great Lakes.

"I wrote 'Quiet Love' in May of this year," Jones said. "I wanted a newly written song for ArtPrize this year and at the time I was ready for summer to begin. I had an image of the beach on Lake Michigan and the song developed from there."

MacNaughton, a veteran of groups such as the Headhunters and Alive & Well, has won several awards in the Jazz category

at ArtPrize. The inspiration for his entry "Danse Solemn" came from a piano improvisation.

"I was playing around with some minor chords on piano and a dark mood settled in," MacNaughton said. "The piece just evolved from there. I was envisioning a medieval ceremonial dance, some sort of pagan ritual."

Jones recorded his song at his home. He played almost all of the instruments, with a little help on guitar.

"I recorded it in my music room at our house where I have two synths and a Yamaha AW 4416 recording workstation," Jones said. "I did the drums, bass, strings, choir and piano and my son Ryder Jones did the acoustic and tasty lead guitar. I had it mastered by Joel Ferguson of Rockford."

MacNaughton has won first place in the Jazz category, but said he wanted

to try something different this year.

"Danse Solemn" was created and recorded entirely at my project studio, Acoustic Arts Custom Music," MacNaughton said. "The piece took the better part of the month of March to complete. I was lost in the project, having so much fun that it entirely consumed my time. This was about the time that I was receiving emails that the ArtPrize deadline was drawing near. I usually enter in the Jazz category, but this year I chose to enter in Classical, just to try something new."

There is still time to vote, you have until Oct. 6 to make your opinion count. If you want to listen to these songs, simply check out the ArtPrize website artprize.org - "Quiet Love" can be heard at artprize.org/63674, while "Danse Solemn" is available at artprize.org/63921



viewpoint

to the editor

commends councils

Dear Editor,

I am writing to show my appreciation for the Lowell city council and to the board of Lowell Light and Power for their dedication to the citizens of the community of Lowell. I attended the Thursday evening joint meeting with the council and board on September 22, 2016, which was dedicated to the discussion about the biodigester, its effect on the community and the next step to be taken for a solution to the problem.

Every participant was professional and appeared

deeply concerned about the health and wellbeing of all of us in Lowell. I could see and hear their thoughtfulness and pain regarding the “odor issue” that has plagued us this summer. They have proposed a plan to find solutions that will go in effect as soon as possible.

I strongly urge you all to observe our leaders in action at the next joint meeting on Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 6 pm at city hall.

Sincerely,
Diane Smith
Lowell

need good stories

To the Editor,

While I’ve lived in Lowell for over 10 years it has only been recently that I’ve become personally involved. And this is the

first Letter to the Editor I’ve written. If I want to be proud of the community in which I live I need to be a contributing member. I’ve

chosen to participate in a positive way by volunteering time in my kids’ activities, in researching and writing about business, people and things happening in the area and by getting to know others in the community. Through my writing about Lowell I’ve met and learned about a lot of good things and people who go unnoticed.

The loudest voice is the easiest heard. Much of the time that voice sounds of negativity. It’s not often businesses, groups and individuals are given attention for doing something positive. Council meetings are filled with complaints and “Letters to the Editor” tear down rather than build up. If only those with complaints would also come forward with praise as well. People in our community will always have differing points of view, yet it should be safe to say everyone who lives here wants it to be a place of prosperity now and in

years to come. It’s good to question, but wait to listen for the answer even if it’s one you don’t want to hear. If the person answering is able to explain his or her point of view you could learn something yourself, even if you still disagree in the end. Complaining without being part of the solution often results in frustration, especially when you can’t explain your position.

There seems to be a storm cloud over Lowell and the country these days. Perhaps spreading positive energy will help the sun shine again. Take time to recognize the good around you. And rather than keeping your findings to yourself share them with friends, family or even the person or group you feel deserves recognition. Being kind produces better results than being negative. Being respectful will earn you respect in return.

Greg Canfield is one of Lowell’s community

members who gives without asking for anything in return. He’s always willing to explain his thinking when it comes to a board he serves on, a community issue or any other topic while being respectful of others’ point of view. It’s likely most of his giving to those around him goes unnoticed. Within the past year I’ve personally seen or have been the recipient of his kindness.

1. When our sump pump stopped working we were able to purchase a new one from Canfield Plumbing & Heating to install ourselves. Additionally, Greg helped us out with a few supplies so we wouldn’t have to purchase them on our own.

2. Greg offered the community blue LED lights to help show support for the police department. When I contacted him with interest in one he delivered it within minutes.

3. After finding a huge boulder in our yard

when digging a post hole, it was Greg who offered to come help remove it if we wished to move it.

4. Upon asking on behalf of the Bushnell/Cherry Creek PTO if he had a resource for a generator to be used at a big fundraising event, Greg stepped up and offered to bring and set one up.

In addition to my personal experience with Greg, I’ve seen him throughout the community donating time and money. He sets an example without seeking recognition or thanks. If you’ve seen one of the many things Greg has done to help the present or future of Lowell and its residents, thank him. I plan on thanking him with my vote for city council on November 1. His positive role in the community may not be the loudest but it has reached many.

Amanda Schrauben
Lowell

community cohesiveness

To The Editor,

A couple weeks ago, while my wife and granddaughter were sitting in our truck at the Lowell Speedway gas station, a truck hit our vehicle and took off. This person did not stop or check on them. Fortunately, they were not hurt. But we would like to say how nice it was for Speedway and the Lowell

Police Department to help. Their diligence and tenacity in locating this individual made it possible for him to be held liable for the \$2,400 damage to our truck.

I have always appreciated living in Lowell and this is just another example of the community cohesiveness.

Walt Thebo
Lowell

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Fred Yeiter furnished some one a nice pair of foot guards for their buggy last Saturday. He has got another pair now and threatens to kill the person that collars these.

That the Cong’l people are to have a sidewalk to their church from the main street as soon as the mud is deep.

The Oyster supper Saturday evening was well patronized and the oysters disappeared with astonishing rapidity. A neat sum was netted towards buying a carpet for the remodeled I. O. O. F. hall.

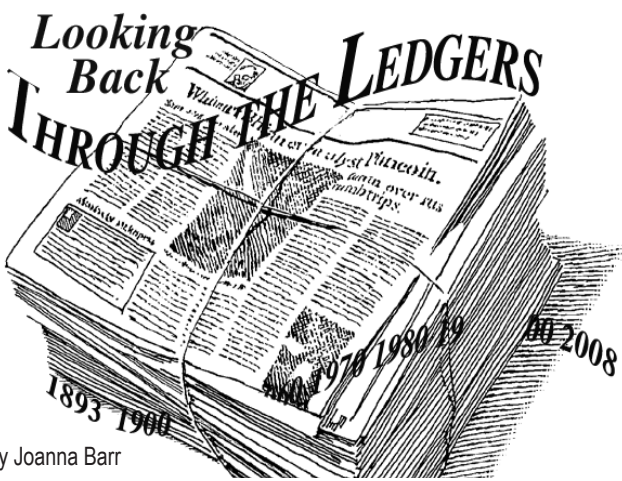
Wiley Washburn and wife now occupy the vacant house on H Rogers, farm. The young couple went to housekeeping last week; success to them.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger Oct. 5, 1916

Keeps on growing – Lowell Specialty company building addition to its plant. The Lowell Specialty company has begun work on a two story addition 40 x 50 to its already extensive manufacturing plant, at the east end of its large warehouse and along its Pere Marquette side track. The new building is to be of tile construction on a re-enforced concrete foundation and floor and will be used for factory purposes on the ground floor and for storage above. This evidence of prosperity on the part of an institution that has grown from a small beginning here in Lowell to the first place in the world among factories of this kind, is as pleasing to our citizens as it is satisfactory to its stockholders and promoters.

Dr. Lee’s bungalow – handsome addition to Lowell’s many pretty homes. Dr. and Mrs. S. S. Lee have moved into their handsome new residence on River Street and after an inspection The Ledger pencil

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By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal Oct. 7, 1891

The Journal office, in all its departments, will be closed Thurs. The editor can be found at the ticket office at the Fair grounds.

One day last week as Grant Warner went to Slayton’s lake for a tank of water for Z. H. Covert’s machine, the horses feet got fast in the mud in the bottom of the lake from standing long enough to drink, so that when they were started up it pitched them forward and they would have drowned had it not been for the prompt action of the driver, who piled into the water and unhooked the harness and separated them and by the time help got there he had one of them out and the other out of danger, but it was a very narrow escape for the horses and driver. Your Cor. would say that we think that a very treacherous lake and would advise all who are not acquainted with it to keep out of it. I saw a splendid span of four-year-old colts drown in that lake: they belonged to Geo. Wood, formerly of Grattan, but now of Dakota.

LHS class of '76 holds reunion

The LHS class of 1976 held their 40th class reunion at the Grand Volute Ballroom last Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016. They have had eight reunions every five years and already have plans to have their 45th at Fallasburg Park in the summer of 2021.



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dementia

Dementia is a medical condition where the brain loses its abilities over time. People with dementia have trouble with memory and can have changes in their personality and in the way they act. People with dementia may not want to do things they used to like as much as they used to and they might be tense or nervous. They might be sad, cry easily or have trouble sleeping and eating. These problems can be helped with support from family members and by being in a safe environment.

Many people with dementia will have problems called psychotic symptoms. They might believe, see or hear things that are not real. They might argue with you if you try to reason with them. Many people with these problems get upset and say they want to go home, even if they are already home. They might say they are going to visit someone who

has died. As the dementia worsens, these problems happen more often. They are caused by the same things that cause the memory loss. Other illnesses may make the problems worse. The problems may get worse no matter what is done to treat them. It is important to find out if these behavioral changes are because of an illness or a reaction to medicine. If someone in your family starts acting differently, take him or her to the doctor for evaluation.

Watch for things that trigger the problems and do your best to avoid them. Teach your family to compromise and not argue with a person who has dementia. It is important that family members make things as easy as possible for the person who has dementia. Medicines can be used if behaviors are dangerous. They might help make the problems a little better, but they usually don't cure dementia.

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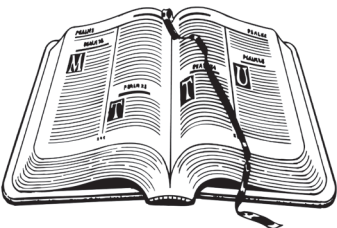
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City council meeting, continued

The council voted to spend \$19,023 on parts to replace a broken rotor in the west oxidization ditch at the wastewater treatment

plant. The rotor failed over the Labor Day weekend. The \$19,023 will only pay for the parts and will not cover their installation.

Wastewater treatment plant supervisor Mark Mundt said the plant cannot run at full capacity until the repairs are made.

“There is two oxidization ditches at the plant,” Mundt said. “That is the heart of the [wastewater treatment] process. Each ditch has two rotors. We’re only using one ditch right now, so losing one rotor, we’ve lost half of the heart of that process.”

Lowell city council will have a special joint meeting with the Lowell Light & Power board to further discuss LEAD’s odor plan at city hall at 6 pm on Thursday, Oct. 6. The city council’s next regular meeting will be at city hall at 7 pm on Monday, Oct. 17.



Eric Schelhaas from Red Creek Waste Services discussed trash removal options with the city council.



Wastewater treatment plant supervisor Mark Mundt said the plant needs some replacement parts.

Neighbor to Neighbor wishes

1. Retired vet needs new kitchen faucets; one line of electric in kitchen which supplies refrigerator and small appliances is not working; two toilets need new insides; and bath tub faucets need attention.
2. Single mother needs front main entrance steps and bigger platform with railings to make it safer to enter her trailer.
3. Senior citizen on limited income needs lattice replaced around deck and loose boards and railing checked. Would like to have house and deck power washed.
4. Homeowner is trying to get her home ready for winter. She is in need of storm windows and insulation in the underbelly of the mobile home.
5. Retired senior citizen homeowner is faced with plumbing problems that she is unable to resolve herself.
6. Gentleman’s mobile home needs attention. Slider doors need sealing, garage door comes off the track and the deck boards are dried and cracked.
7. Elderly couple on fixed income supporting daughter and three small grandchildren is in desperate need of plumbing repair, mold removal and maintenance of bathroom.
8. Senior citizen needs help hanging a shelf. She has attempted to do this job herself, but was unable to do it.
9. A mother requests help with repairs to the electrical service in her home. She is concerned about the safety and efficiency of the current system.
10. Single lady’s bathroom floor, beneath toilet, needs replacing and bathtub and sink are leaking.



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Bark for Life celebrates canines and raises \$800 for ACS

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell Relay For Life hosted their third annual Bark For Life event at the Kent County Fairgrounds last Saturday celebrating the relationship between canine and cancer patient with a lineup of entertaining and fund-raising activities for pet and owner.

Guest speaker and cancer survivor Carol McGregor opened ceremonies addressing the crowd briefly with the story of her own faithful pup. "My little dog never left my side. He was always in a chair behind me. He was my shadow."

Attendees then walked a lap in honor of survivors and their canine caregivers before launching into their three-hour schedule. Michigan State University halftime regular Zeke the Wonderdog kicked festivities off with a cheer worthy Frisbee catching performance along with a



Michigan state trooper Lane Booms and partner Pido gave an onsite demonstration.

few pups in training and handlers Jim and Terri Foley. Event chair Holly Milks said that it was great to have Zeke at the event. "I think Zeke the Wonderdog and his companions were the highlight this year."

The contests that followed included a smallest and largest dog won by Salem and Presley respectively, a look-alike competition won by Bonnie Nethercott and her dog Lemmie and a tricks competition won by shelter rescue dog Ferris.

Michigan state trooper Lane Booms was on hand to introduce his own unique relationship with K9 partner Pido. Booms described the training involved with rearing the German shepherd "officers," the special bond formed between the human/dog team and talked about the numerous ways they assist in the field, including an onsite demonstration.

Other highlights included a Dachshund race

featuring winning wiener Braxton and the second annual Bark Bowl which pitted MSU against the University of Michigan in a football style dog competition refereed by volunteer Joe Ellis.

Musical sits and a bone drop competition were also held with Nick LaFave, news anchor at WZZM, emceeding the event and music provided by DJ service Lasting Impressions. Several local pet related vendors got in on the act as the event continues to grow in attendance each fall.

The event raised around \$800 which will be funneled to the American Cancer Society who funds research and prevention efforts and provides assistance through numerous programs to those in a cancer fight. Milks felt the day was an overall success. "I think all of the dogs and owners had a good time. I just want to thank all who came out and participated."



Dachshund pups race toward the finish line.



Bonnie Nethercott and pup Lemmie celebrate their look-alike contest win.

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Red Arrow
- FOOTBALL
SPORTS

Red Arrows triumph rain or shine

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell varsity football clinched their 18th straight MHSAA playoff bid and improved their season to 6-0 with a wet and muddy 27-8 win over OK White competitor Cedar Springs last Friday night at Red Arrow Stadium.

Spectators, cheerleaders and marching band musicians were soaked to the bone Friday night as rain poured over the conference

home game for most of the duration. Braving the conditions under ponchos and umbrellas, Red Arrow fans found the wet wait was worth it. Lowell silenced Cedar Springs after a touchdown paired with a successful two-point conversion garnered them eight points in the second quarter and then added 20 unanswered points in the second half of the game for the 27-8 victory.



Diehard Red Arrow fans brave the rain last Friday night at Red Arrow Stadium.



Lowell defense prepares to stop OK White competitor Cedar Springs during the 27-8 victory.

Cedar Springs, shareholders of last year's OK Bronze title, received the first kickoff from Lowell's Elijah Dixon and ran six minutes off the clock in the ensuing drive, resulting in a failed 47-yard field goal attempt. That was the tone of the night for the Red Hawks who were unable to convert play to

points on the field outside of their lone score. The Arrows scored in four of their seven possessions with two being punted away and one ending with a fumble. Lowell's four touchdowns came from quarterback David Kruse and running back Nate Stephens who each scored twice.

Kruse struck in Lowell's first possession after a 80-yard march to the end zone that included 75 yards rushing from running back Nate Stephens. His second came in the third after rushing 20 yards on his

Rainy game,
continued, page 16

- VOLLEYBALL

Arrows complete conference streak setting them 4-1 in OK White

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell varsity volleyball completed a 4-0 OK White conference streak on Tuesday at Forest Hills Northern with a 3-2 win before succumbing to their first loss in a home match versus Forest Hills Central 3-0 on Thursday in action on the court last week.

The Red Arrows fought from two sets down against FHN in the Huskies' gymnasium for the 3-2 victory on Tuesday. After falling short 25-16 and 25-22 in the first two sets Lowell went on to top their opponent in the last three 25-20, 25-19 and 15-12 to earn their fourth consecutive conference competition. Leading the stat books in the win were Abigail Mangus with 23 digs, Sydney Powell with 37 assists and the sister team of Shannon

and Carly Hoekstra. Elder sister Shannon served four aces and provided six blocks while younger sister Carly logged 17 kills.

According to Lowell head coach Julie Quist the dynamic duo has been a force this season making a big impact for the team in this match and others. "We have an unique dynamic this season with two sisters on the team. Shannon, our senior, brings experience and leadership. While Carly, a sophomore, brings fearlessness and enthusiasm. Both are hard workers and valuable assets to our team."

Thursday the Arrows welcomed the Rangers from FHC for the third home match in a busy season of away games. Lowell struggled in the match dropping all three sets despite a threatening

late comeback effort. In the first two sets FHC easily defeated Lowell 25-16 and 25-13. Set three saw the Arrows play much stronger keeping the score close but eventually losing by just two points, 25-23. Mangus had two aces in the match while Powell provided nine assists and one block, S. Hoekstra five kills, Jill Fiddler 15 digs and Makyla Branagan one block.

"We must give credit [to] FHC for executing their game plan. We did not play the game we are capable of. Too many errors," said Quist following the loss, adding

that the team would not dwell in the setback. "Back to the gym to reset. We will rely on past successes and learn from our loss."

The Lady Arrows now have an overall record of 13-10-1 and are 4-1 in the OK White beside both FHC and FHN who share the first position with matching records. "We have earned a top place in the conference and will continue the momentum by playing with confidence and heart," said Quist. "Our team chemistry has allowed us to reach a new level of success that has been rewarding to coach."

The Arrows' next challengers are OK White competitors Greenville and Cedar Springs whom they will face on the road this week Tuesday and Thursday respectively with the first serve scheduled for 6:30 pm. The team's next home match will be held October 18.



Sophomore Carly Hoekstra sends the ball back over the net against FHC.

Red Arrow

- SOCCER

SPORTS

Lowell boys pick up two conference wins

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Propelling their conference record to 7-1-1 the Lowell boys varsity soccer team picked up two OK conference wins last week when they beat Northview 3-1 and earned their tenth shutout of the season with an 8-0 win over Cedar Springs in a pair of home matches.

Tuesday, the Arrows welcomed the Wildcats from Northview who they topped

3-1 with a trio of goals in the second half of play. After a scoreless first half, due to strong defense on both sides of the line, Jonny Draigh scored two goals assisted by Jonah Epeman and Jay Stadt. The third came off the head of Ryan Pawlowski over to Stadt who put the ball in at the far post. The defensive combination of Elijah Dixon, Ben Nofke and goalkeeper Trevor

Sherman held Cedar to just one goal for the 3-1 win. The victory avenged an early season 4-2 loss to Northview, the Arrows only conference loss to date.

Thursday against Cedar Springs, Lowell dominated play with another widespread offensive effort and top-notch defense. The 8-0 win was the Arrows' tenth shutout and saw five

players find the back of the net. Jay Stadt was on fire for the Arrows earning a hat trick and an assist. Jonah Epema also had a standout night adding his own assist and two goals to the scoreboard. Jacob Thompson, Jacob Holmes and Brenan Conlan added a goal apiece and lending assists were Draigh, Pawlowski, Connor Cater and Robbie Dubisky.

Now sitting atop the OK White the Red Arrows, holding a winning 13-2-1 overall season record, will next face non-conference competitor Caledonia on Tuesday in exhibition play and then take on Forest Hills Central (4-3) on Thursday in conference play. Both games are home events scheduled for 6:45 pm.

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Red Arrow

- SWIMMING - **SPORTS**

Speed and depth a good combo for CLS girls so far

submitted by Brett Bremer

The Caledonia-Lowell-South Christian varsity girls' swimming and diving team is fitting right in the OK Rainbow conference in its first season ever.

The CLS girls edged perennial conference power Delton Kellogg-Thornapple Kellogg-Hastings 97-89 Thursday in their conference match up at the Community Education and Recreation Center in Hastings.

Finishing first and third in the final two freestyle relays helped power the Fighting Scots. Lexi Schering and Sid Singstock won two individual events each for the CLS girls and also were a part of victories in the 200-yard and 400-yard freestyle relays.

Emma Norman and Alyssa DeShane teamed with those two to win the 400-yard freestyle relay in

3 minutes 56.06 seconds at the end of the night. The CLS girls led by just three points heading into the final race, then upped their lead with that team winning and the team of Riley Keegstra, Hannah Fritz, Madeline Schmebling and Anna Lurrstema placing third.

Singstock, Schering, Zea Bud and Emma Norman won the 200-yard freestyle relay in 1:45.62, with the team of Lilia Bykerk, Keegstra, Schmebling and Emma Pohland third.

"Their relays were just too strong for us, but we had a lot of personal best times," DK-TK-Hastings head coach Carl Schoessel said.

Stephanie Huyser, CLS's first year head coach, was a little surprised by the kind of swimmers that showed up for the program this season.

"About half the girls are from Caledonia and the other half are from South Christian and Lowell," Huyser said. "Overall they have great team camaraderie, which was our goal for this year. We didn't expect the speed we were going to get. We have a lot of depth on our team, which is something every coach wants. Depth and speed is a really good combination that we have. We have some top swimmers, but all around we have some good swimmers."

Her divers have also surprised her a bit too. Caledonia and South Christian girls swam on the Byron Center co-op team in recent seasons, but had to split off this year and added Lowell girls to varsity competition for the first time. Divers Erin Smithee and Annelise Kolp are both students at Lowell.

"They are both getting better every day," Huyser said. "This was the first meet where both of them were able to score points. We're doing what we can

with what we have. If we didn't have them scoring it would have been a different story."

Smithee was fourth with a score of 126.30 and Kolp fifth with 109.45 points, earning three points for their CLS team.

The diving competition was one of five events the DK-TK-Hastings girls won. Belle Youngs had a fine evening, totaling 213.70 points.

DK-TK-Hastings got off to a good start to the meet. The team of Katherine Haywood, Lauren Kroells, Abby Gray and Samantha Richardson won the 200-yard medley relay in 2:02.85 and the DK-TK-Hastings team of Taylor Myers, Daisy Nowinsky, Jordan Clement and Claire Anderson took third in that one.

Hayley Bashore followed that up by winning the 200-yard freestyle for DK-TK-Hastings in 2:08.18.

Singstock and Schering combined to win the next four races in the pool for CLS. Singstock took the

200-yard individual medley in 2:24.41 and the 100-yard butterfly in 1:06.18. Schering won the 50-yard freestyle in 25.98 seconds and the 100-yard freestyle in 56.79.

DK-TK-Hastings closed out the night with Hayley Bashore winning the 500-yard freestyle in 5:42.67 with Richardson winning the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:20.34. Those were two pretty good events for the Trojans. Holly Bashore charged hard to the finish to beat out Fritz for third place in the 500-yard freestyle, where Schmebling was second. DK-TK-Hastings had Nowinsky edge Bykerk for the runner-up spot in the 100-yard breaststroke. Both those finishes were decided by less than half a second.

Bud added a win in the 100-yard backstroke for CLS, touching the wall for the final time in 1:08.48.

Fritz was fourth in the 100-yard backstroke, setting a personal record in that race as well as in the 500 freestyle.

The DK-TK-Hastings

team was missing one of its top swimmers, Grace Beauchamp, Thursday.

"But our kids really did great," Schoessel said. "They made up as much as they could. I don't want to take anything away from (CLS). They did very well too."

The two teams are in a competitive battle for the top spot in the OK Rainbow this fall, with Calvin Christian and Mona Shores among the other top contenders for a conference crown. The CLS team is currently 3-1, with wins over Mona Shores, DK-TK-Hastings and Grand Rapids Union. They were beaten by Calvin Christian, the team DK-TK-Hastings girls defeated last week.

The DK-TK-Hastings girls are also 3-1 in the conference, with wins over West Catholic and Ottawa Hills to go with the victory over the Squires from Calvin Christian.



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Sports Summaries

GIRLS GOLF

The Lady Arrows of the Lowell varsity golf team traveled to Candlestone Golf & Resort in Belding last week Wednesday for the OK White conference meet. Lowell placed fourth overall tying Greenville for the position with a tally of 216 points. Top three finishers, Forest Hill Northern, Forest Hills Central and Northview scored 183, 188 and 203 respectively. Top scorers for the Arrows were Kenzie Uhen who carded a 56 followed by Taylor Furtaw who came in at 58; Mary Jo Buechler earned a 49 and Isabelle Dial shot a 55. Uhen was named all-conference following the meet, with Furtaw and Buechler receiving honorable mention nods. Regional competition is scheduled for this Thursday at the Muskegon Country Club beginning at 9 am.

SCHOLAR ATHLETES

Lowell High School will send yet another outstanding athlete off to Ivy League competition next fall. Senior dual athlete Nate Stephens recently made the commitment to continue his education and athletic careers at Harvard University. Stephens, who maintains a grade point average of 4.230, plans to pursue a career in biomedical engineering at the esteemed learning institution. He will serve the crimson on the baseball diamond at the catcher position. Stephens is currently the star running back of the 6-0 Red Arrow varsity football team.

GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

Thursday at Thornapple Kellogg the Lowell/Caledonia/South Christian co-op girls swim and dive team took on the combined team of TK, Delton Kellogg and Hastings and came out on top 97-89 to win their third dual meet of the season. Earning first-place finishes for the team were Lexi Singstock in the 200 individual medley and the 100 butterfly, Sid Schering in the 50 and 100 freestyle and Zea Bud in the 100 backstroke. The ladies also topped two relay competitions. Schering, Singstock, Bud and Emma Norman placed first in the 200 freestyle and Schering, Singstock, Norman and Alyssa DeShane in the 400 freestyle.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Lowell girls varsity cross country team participated in the Allendale Invitational last Saturday where they placed eleventh with a 275-point finish. The race was won by Rockford who finished five points ahead of runner-up Grand Haven with a 63. Red Arrow Lauren Aud led for Lowell clocking a 20:43 for thirtieth place. Katrina Droski crossed the finish line next for Lowell at 21:53 followed by Dawn Kondor who came in at 22:51, Kyla Dixon who finished with a 23:04 and Marlie Fowler who rounded out Arrow scorers with a 23:39.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Red Arrow boys varsity runners placed tenth last weekend at the Allendale Invitational led by senior Eric Judd who placed 23rd, in a field of 75 athletes, with a time of 17:35. Overall the team logged a total of 236 points placing only before OK White competitor Ottawa Hills. Grand Haven won the invite handily with a score of 33, forty points in front of second-place finisher Forest Hills Northern. Other Lowell athletes scoring at the event were Kyle Cater who finished with an 18:39, Parker Grant who turned in a time of 19:15, Kenny Stump who came in with a 19:37 and Conner Meyers who ran a 19:52.

BOYS TENNIS

Inclement weather significantly reduced the schedule for Lowell boys varsity tennis last week with two events being cancelled due to rain. But the team made good of their remaining opportunities sweeping OK White conference competitors Greenville and Ottawa Hills 8-0. The team currently holds a season record of 5-5-2 and has only conference and regional meets remaining on their season schedule.



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TO ALL CREDITORS:

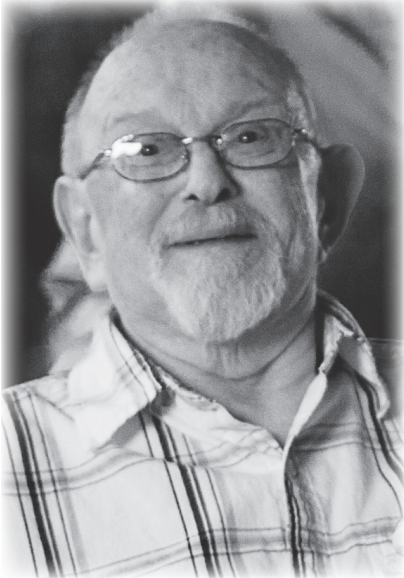
The Settlor, Greta Baas, who lived at 5940 Leisure S. Dr., SE, Kentwood, MI 49548, died on 9/8/2016. There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Garvis Baas and Greta Baas Trust uad 9/22/13, as amended and restated on 7/12/13, will be forever barred unless presented to successor cotrustees, Jack Baas, of 230

obituaries

BARBER

William "Bill" Neihardt Barber passed away September 27, 2016, at home surrounded by his family. He was 72. He fought a 13 year battle with MS. He is survived by, in his words, "the love of his life" and wife of 52 years, Ardis; his sons, Jason (Michele) and Jeremy (Tammy); and grandsons, Maxwell and Nathan. He was very close to his siblings, Carolyn Jane Blough (the late Ivan Blough) and Jim (Barbara) Barber; brothers-in-law, Mitch, David and the late Steve Hendrick; and many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Elizabeth Barber; and his in-laws, Darwin and Frieda Hendrick. Bill was a master model builder and a model railroad enthusiast. He was also an avid woodworker. He retired from Root-Lowell Corp after 38 years of service. Cremation and a celebration of his life have taken place and will continue. Memorials may be made to the Lowell Area Historical Museum, Fallasburg Historical Society or the West Michigan MS Society.



MILLER

Ellen Beatrice Miller, age 86, entered the Gates of Heaven Thursday, September 29, 2016. She was born December 8, 1929 to John and Mary (Collins) Waldren in Barry County, Michigan. Ellen was united in marriage to Glenn Miller, Jr. August 21, 1948. Seven children were born of this union, which lasted 47 years until Glenn's death in 1995. She was a Lowell resident for 68 years. Ellen was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn; and her daughter, Mary Ellen Martin. She is survived by her children, Virginia Conner, Patricia (Allan) Mull, Mel (Linda) Miller, Shirley (Timothy) Stevens, Michael Miller, Lorena Smith; brother, Douglas (Linda) Waldren; 21 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and 7 great-great-grandchildren. Funeral service was held at Roth-Gerst Chapel. Pastor Ken Ford officiated. Interment Oakwood Cemetery.



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Don't be skeptical, Social Security is here to stay

It's healthy to be skeptical in a world of uncertainties. Major news networks sometimes broadcast conflicting facts that require a bit of research to verify. There's even a day in October dedicated to skeptics. So, this is the perfect time to tell all the skeptics that there's no reason to think Social Security won't be here for you well into the future.

Recently, the Social Security Board of Trustees released its 76th annual report to Congress presenting the financial status of the Social Security trust funds for the short term and over the next 75 years. We're pleased that legislation signed into law by President Obama last November averted a near-term shortfall in the Disability Insurance (DI)

trust fund that was detailed in a previous report.

With that small, temporary reallocation of the Social Security contribution rate, the DI fund will now be able to pay full benefits until 2023, and the retirement fund will be adequate into 2035. It is important that members of Congress act well before 2023 in order to strengthen the finances of the program. As a whole, Social Security is fully funded until 2034, and after that it is about three-quarters financed.

Social Security will be there for them. Here's a fact that will relieve any skepticism you might have: the increased cost of providing Social Security benefits for Baby Boomers is less than the nation's increase in spending was for public education when the baby boomers were children.

Put your skepticism aside and rest assured that Social Security is with you today and will be with you tomorrow. You can read the entire report at www.socialsecurity.gov/OACT/TR/2016.

Many people wonder if

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
NOTICE FOR TESTING OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT FOR THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test of the electronic equipment for the November 8, 2016 General Election will be conducted Monday, October 10, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash SE., Lowell, MI 49331.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 16-199766-DE

Estate of DUANE RAMON VOORMAN.
Date of birth: 05/12/1933.

the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jay Fluegel, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

October 3, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Duane Ramon Voorman, who lived at 1397 Brookmark St., SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508, died 07/19/2016.

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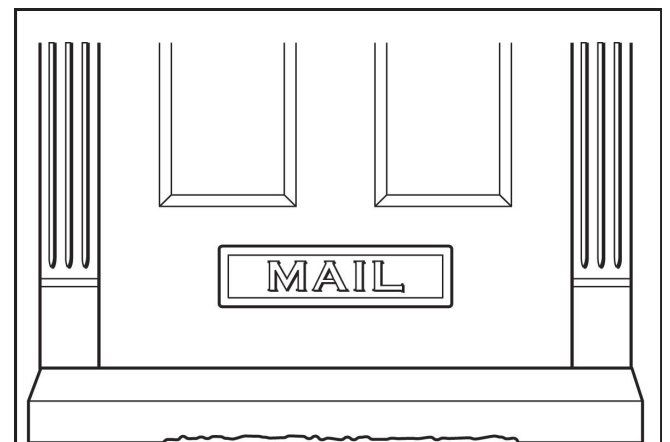
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Dear EarthTalk: First Solyndra went under, then SunEdison... If solar energy is growing so much in the U.S., why have some of the bigger players gone under and will the survivors be able to stay the course? - Scott Marcinik, Altoona, PA

No doubt, solar power is surging. The trade group Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA) reports that our domestic solar power capacity has seen a compound annual growth of nearly 60 percent over the last 10 years. Meanwhile, solar accounted for 28 percent of all new power added to the U.S. electric grid in 2015 and the prices of photovoltaic panels have fallen so steeply that solar is now cost-competitive with coal or natural gas in some parts of the country. And there's no sign of solar slowing down anytime soon.

But just because Americans are warming up to solar doesn't mean that every company looking to lead this power revolution has been able to manage the growth and navigate the tricky world of shifting subsidies and incentives. The most infamous case of a solar company flare-out is Solyndra, a California-based start-up that was pioneering the design and manufacture of thin film photovoltaic cylinders and secured \$545 million in federal loan guarantees from the Obama administration's economic stimulus package.

"But a solar manufacturing boom in China crushed the price of conventional crystalline photovoltaic (PV) solar panels," reports David Ferris and Saqib Rahim in EENews' EnergyWire. "The economic rationale for Solyndra's pricey tubes was undermined, and the company declared bankruptcy in August 2011."

Solyndra's demise was certainly an embarrassment to the Obama administration, which had been touting the company as an example of the direction we should be heading in our energy sector, and augured poorly for the future of the still nascent green economy. But despite the setback, solar has grown at a record clip since 2011, surpassing wind as the largest renewable energy source in California.

This very maturation of the solar power industry in the U.S. made the April 2016 news of the bankruptcy of SunEdison, one of four remaining big players in the American solar industry, that much more surprising, given that the company was much larger in employees and revenues than Solyndra and had received more federal subsidies and loan guarantees overall.

"SunEdison's bankruptcy, for creditors, customers, shareholders and partners, is a very big deal with all manner of negative repercussions," comments Clint Wilder of the clean-tech advisory firm Clean Edge, "and it's a cautionary tale like those we've seen across the energy landscape and in other industries, where over-leveraged, aggressive growth strategies can come crashing down."

Meanwhile, America's remaining solar powerhouses—SunPower, SolarCity and First Solar—continue to expand judiciously. And hundreds of smaller players are working to shake up the industry even further and keep the bigger players on their toes. While the growing pains for America's solar industry are far from over, the future still looks bright for solar power specifically and renewables of all kinds.

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Looking Back, continued

shower is prepared to admit that it comprises more conveniences and unique ideas combined with beauty and durability than any he has ever seen. The house is of the bungalow type, located on an elevation with a fine view of Flat river and its wooded banks and islets. It is built of rug clinker brick, giving it a rustic appearance. The large living room 13 x 23, entered by a small vestibule from the front porch has a brick fire place and book shelves at one end. A dining room, kitchen, bed room, toilet room and numerous closets are other rooms on the ground floor, which is finished in birch. A capacious garage is also under the house roof, with cement floor, city water, drainage and heating. The upper floor has two bedrooms and bath, finished in oak. The basement has furnace, laundry and smoking rooms, and throughout the whole house are many surprises showing much study and care on the part of its fortunate owners, who we hope will live long to enjoy their beautiful home.

No warning light – King Rickert loses horse in open culvert. King Rickert of Keene lost a horse by driving into an unguarded open culvert at the east end of the village Saturday evening. Work on the culvert was in progress and one of the workmen who agreed to leave a warning red lantern there for the night failed to do so. One of Rickert's horses fell into the excavation and died shortly after being pulled out. Village Marshal Taylor loaned Rickert his horse to get home with and the latter being busy in bean harvest has not yet appeared for settlement of damages. It is said that this is the first case of the kind to happen during Mr. Taylor's long term of office.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger Oct. 9, 1941

Newspaper week has been widely observed during the period from October 1 to 8. Our people buy newspapers so freely that they perhaps do not realize the condition of the countries where real newspapers do not exist. In dictator ruled lands, their Journals cannot be considered real newspapers while they are not permitted to report actual news and be real vehicles for expression of honest thoughts. If they can simply say what the government tells them to, they should hardly come under the class of newspapers, and should be regarded as propaganda sheets. Democratic government would go to pieces, if the newspapers were not free to tell the truth and report real news and provide means by which the mistakes of government can be corrected.

That portion of the old brick pavement which is being replaced in the vicinity of the Main St. bridge brings to mind that Main St. was first paved in 1912, the contractor being James A. McKay of Detroit. People marvel how well the old pavement has stood up in spite of 30 years of wear. Mr. McKay is still engaged in the paving business in Detroit. His gas and oil wells in Clare County are among the state's best producers. In 1912 Mr. McKay also had a large paving contract in St. Johns, coming there through efforts of the writer who was then mayor of St. Johns. We never thought then that 30 years later we would be living in Lowell. It's funny how things work out.

The fire department was called to the Toby Gahan gas station Monday night about 9:30, the cause of the fire being of unusual origin. A car driven by Roy Webster, 18 drove into the station, closely followed by a car driven by Wayne Ward, 18. The Ward car bumped into the rear of the Webster car and the Webster car bumped into a gasoline pump tipping the pump over and causing a shortage in the wiring which started the fire. Chemicals were used and the fire was soon under control without much damage being done.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger Oct. 6, 1966

The 1966 homecoming, "Neath American Skies," will be held on October 7, at Recreation Park. The homecoming dance will be in the school cafeteria following the game with Forest Hills. As the result of the elections, the candidates for queen are Joyce Odell, Brenda Anderson, Joanne Myers and Bonnie Wingeier and the king candidates are Pete Manigold, Chuck Grudzinskas, Craig Thurtell, and Dean Richard.

The queen will be announced at the snake dance Wednesday night and crowned during the halftime ceremonies of the game on Friday night. The king will be crowned at the dance. The underclassmen representatives for the queen's float are Linda Hess and her escort Jim Meeuwesen for the Junior Class; Stevie Roth with Bill Bennett as escort for the sophomores; and Linda Block, with Jim Herblet as escort for the freshmen. This is an open dance with tickets on sale during the lunch hour at school, and at the door for \$1 drag and 65 stag. Music will be by the Headhunters.

Seek entries for the Make it Yourself with Wool contest. Enter the "Make it Yourself With Wool" Contest—sew now, and you may fly later to Europe. The Grand Prize in the "Make It Yourself With Wool" Contest is a two week European Holiday. You will be flown to and from England, France and Germany via TWA Star Stream Jet. Other prizes include college scholarships, U. S. Savings Bonds, sewing machines and many more! Mrs. Carroll Wells, 1917 Shaytown Road, Vermontville, will serve as director of District Three for the "Make It Yourself With Wool" Contest in Michigan. Mrs. Lawrence G. Boettner, State Director, of Bridgewater, has announced. Mrs. Well's district includes Allegan, Barry, Eaton, Ionia, Kent, Muskegon, and Ottawa Counties. The "Make It Yourself With Wool" Contest is a sewing contest for girls between the ages of ten and twenty-one years of age. The girls must make their own garments from 100 percent wool loomed, knitted or felted in America. The contestants in District Three will model their wool garments at a style show on Saturday, December 3, 1966, at the Auditorium at Lowell High School, Lowell. The winners of the District Contests in Michigan will model their garments at the State Style Show on Saturday, December 11, 1966, at the Union Building, Michigan State University, East Lansing. The state winner will travel to the National Finals in Las Vegas, Nevada.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger Oct. 9, 1991

School reviews building site with prospective new neighbors. Jim Schafer could not have anticipated that the rural setting he chose as home for his family would someday become a neighbor to a 1,200 student high school. For that matter, neither could any of the approximate 40 Vergennes Township residents in attendance at last Tuesday night's Neighborhood Forum Meeting. All of whom shared thoughts, suggestions and fears about the buy/sell agreement the school has reached with Mary Wittenbach Dewey and Stephen James Wittenbach to acquire 180 acres of land for its new high school project. The purpose of the meeting was not to discuss if the proposed property was the right location for the school, but for prospective neighbors of the new high school to give the school and its architects ideas of how the complex would best fit onto the site, causing the least amount of disturbance to those neighboring the school.

City Hall window repair bid let out. The City Councilmen accepted the bid of Rapids Construction for the City Hall second floor window repair and scaling. The bid was for re-bracing the six south windows for the City Hall second floor. The work will involve resetting one sash and repointing, caulking and sealing. The low bid of \$1,808 was approved by the Council. Lowell City Manager, Dave Pasquale said the north windows may also need to be re-braced. According to Dan Durkee the expansion and contraction of water (ice) around the window has caused the frame to move. Upon further inspection, Pasquale said there may be added caulking and masonry work needed on the building.

FMB recognizes Lowell's PD. FMB State Savings Bank presented Lowell Police Chief Barry, Emmons, with a plaque of appreciation for the dedicated service Lowell's Police Department has provided the bank over the years. FMB president, Keith Caldwell, thanked the department for the following services: building surveillance, help with money transfers, and alarm responses. Pictured, left to right, are Chuck Myers, FMB vice president, Jim Valentine, Lowell police officer, Caldwell, Lu Green, FMB human resource manager, Jim Bosserd, FMB senior vice president, and Tom Kinney, FMB security officer.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

THEME: The 1950s

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- 16. *Prime Minister of India in the 1950s
- 17. Under the weather
- 18. Line in London
- 19. *49th state
- 21. *Space Race starter
- 23. *"_____ Hunt" with Lloyd Bridges
- 24. First one on a ship
- 25. PC brain
- 28. Diva's solo
- 30. Frustration, in print
- 34. RIP pots
- 36. Ben Affleck's 2012 Oscar winner
- 38. Flax fabric
- 40. This and the other
- 41. Polynesian kingdom
- 43. Man Ray's art movement
- 44. The inner self
- 46. Indian Lilac
- 47. Units of work
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SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 4

- Hurricane Matthew made landfall in Haiti lashing the western shores of the country with 145 mph winds. Thousands of Haitians are seeking emergency shelter. The storm could bring devastation to Florida and the governor declared a state of emergency in anticipation of the event. Miami Mayor Carlos Gimenez said that there are no plans to evacuate the city yet but residents should brace themselves for the possibility of danger.
- The only vice-presidential debate of this election year was held Monday night in Virginia with Democrat Tim Kaine and Republican Mike Pence.
- Looks like Donald Trump may be hiding his tax returns because he hasn't paid taxes. His 1995 tax returns were published showing he lost just shy of \$1 billion in one year and may not have paid taxes for decades.
- The presidential election - November 8 - is now just slightly more than a month away.

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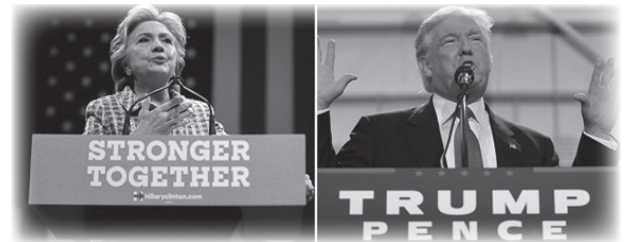
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- 55. African tam-____
- 57. *Jackie Robinson's and Duke Snider's team

- 61. * ____ Khrushchev
- 64. Goodbye in Spanish
- 65. Commotion
- 67. Not active

- 69. Haunted house sounds
- 70. American cuckoo
- 71. Rocks at mountain base
- 72. Gaelic
- 73. *Thunderbird
- 74. Macho guy

- 27. " ____ death do us part"
- 29. *Like imaginary curtain
- 31. "Park and ____"
- 32. Twist and distort
- 33. Neighbor separator?
- 35. Idiot, in Yiddish
- 37. Type of molding
- 39. *Aeronautics and aerospace research org.
- 42. Stradivari competitor
- 45. Mother _____, "The Sound of Music"
- 49. Go wrong
- 51. Debonair
- 54. *"Lucky Starr" series author Asimov
- 56. Kind of pie
- 57. Female equivalent of "sir"
- 58. O in B.O.
- 59. Buenos _____
- 60. 2014 movie " _____ Girl"
- 61. Dark, as in movie
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- 63. Carpet layer's calculation
- 66. *Crick/Watson/Franklin discovery
- 68. X



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- 2. Between ports
- 3. Willy Wonka creator
- 4. Ladies' fingers
- 5. Post-roller coaster ride condition
- 6. Mother Earth, to Ancient Greeks
- 7. *" _____ About Eve" starring Bette Davis
- 8. Pico de gallo, e.g.
- 9. Obscenity
- 10. Property right
- 11. Tiny purse or case
- 12. 168 hours
- 15. High-pitched cry
- 20. One of 24 in pure gold
- 22. "Every child. One voice." org.
- 24. Ian McKellen in "X-Men" films
- 25. *Fulgencio Batista's home
- 26. Fork tooth

Puzzle solutions on page 12

LAST WEEK'S ONLINE POLL RESULTS

In your opinion, which candidate made a better showing during the first presidential debate last Monday night?

- Donald Trump 29%
- Hillary Clinton 71%

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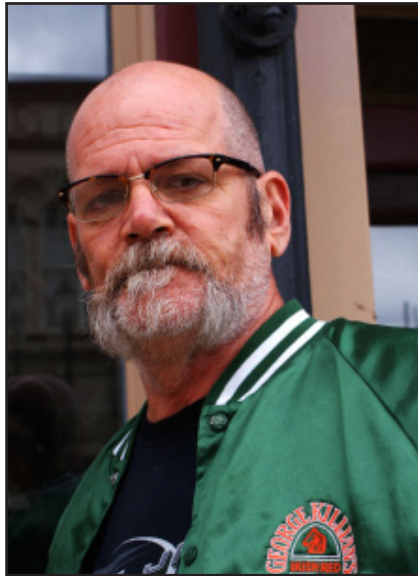
Who is your all-time greatest president and why?



Dave Hogan
Lowell Township
"Ronald Reagan. He did a great job. He got the economy booming and I miss him."



Linda Vos Lowell
"Bill Clinton. The economy was great when he was in there."



Duane Thompson Lowell
"John F. Kennedy because he was for civil rights and the rights of the common man."



Mary Demski Lowell
"John F. Kennedy. He just touched my heart. It was a time in my life when I was in a Catholic school. I was in second grade and it touched my heart."

From time to time our Ledger reporters will pose a question while out on the streets of Lowell. THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO SPEAK OUT. If you have a question you think would be an excellent conversation starter, feel free to suggest one. Send your Street Smart questions to: ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com subject line - "Street Smarts"

Rainy game, continued

own. In total Kruse ran the ball 19 times for 51 yards and threw the ball for 141 yards.

Stephens scores both came in the fourth with just three minutes separating them. The first was earned on a five-yard run preceded by a seven minute, seventy yard drive. His second and the Arrows' last came after

a huge 57-yard pass from Kruse to Addison Buckius set him up for a 13-yard rush through the red zone. Stephens was the night's leading rusher carrying the ball twenty times for 155 yards in the prominently ground game. Receivers Buckius and Hayden Barry did make great catches when called to action with

Buckius picking up 89 yards in three catches and Barry 52 yards in four.

The win also gives the Arrows a 3-0 record in the OK White putting them at the top of the newly aligned conference and on track for a title. Standing in their way this Friday is the White's number two, Forest Hills Central. The Rangers are currently 5-1 with their only loss coming from Greenville in a slim margin 35-34 comeback. A Lowell win will keep them in the first-place position and give them a two game lead. A loss will tie the two with just two games remaining on the season schedule. Lowell has yet to see new conference foes Forest Hills Northern or Northview,



Quarterback David Kruse makes the hand off to running back Nate Stephens.



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Game time against FHC is this Friday at 7 pm at Red Arrow Stadium. Lowell will celebrate their Homecoming festivities prior to the game with a parade and during halftime with the crowning of the student selected queen and king.

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Cedar Springs v Lowell

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