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Crowds of people enjoy the events and sunny weather at Lowell Harvest Festival

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell was bright and sunny but super windy during the Harvest Festival events that took place around town on Saturday, Oct. 8. There was a chili cook-off at Larkin's Restaurant, an open house at the Lowell Light & Power headquarters and an Autumn Marketplace at the Kent County Fairgrounds.

Nineteen teams competed in Larkin's chili cook-off, which took over an entire block of Broadway. Chris Roberts and Jason Carley, the Brothers BBQ team, were making smoked chili, something they invented in their garage.

"We prepare our chili and then afterwards we put it all in the electric smoker and smoke it," Carley said. "Like most genius ideas, it came from the garage."

"It goes from the pot to an aluminum pan and then into the smoker," Roberts said. "After it comes out we simmer it for a little bit and it has a nice, smoky flavor."

"It's pretty good, pretty tasty," Carley said.



It was the public's first opportunity to get a peek inside the new LowellArts! building, currently under construction. Volunteers were there to help at the LowellArts! information booth.

Tim Kurzhals was a member of the Big C Chili team. They had one of the meatiest chilis in the contest.

"We call it 'carnivore chili,'" Kurzhals said. "It's

got hamburger, chorizo, onions, garlic, diced tomatoes, tomato paste and seasonings in it."

Kurzhals said his team wasn't really in it to win,

they just wanted to have a good time.

"We always hope for the best, but it's more about having fun," Kurzhals said.

"We're hoping to repeat, but it's hard," said Tony Dommer, whose

Harvest Festival, continued, page 9

Get ready and be informed for upcoming election

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

There are still four weeks left until the Nov. 8 election. Area yards are beginning to fill with political signs as citizens root for their candidates.

Both presidential campaigns have been embarrassed by various gaffes, scandals, mistakes, nonsense and uncomfortable reminders of past unsavory incidents. A lot of voters are either uninspired or antagonized by their choices for president this year. According to the New York Times on Tuesday, Oct. 11, every major poll except one puts Hillary Clinton on top by several percentage points. You can keep track of these polls on the Times' website, nytimes.com/interactive/2016/us/elections/polls.html

With polarizing figure Donald Trump on top of their ticket, Republicans are

facing a difficult election. When Trump's most recent awful statements came to light last weekend, a lot of high-profile Republicans like John McCain and Paul Ryan publicly rescinded their endorsements of him or have said they're voting for Clinton instead.

Even local politicians are salvaging whatever publicity they can from Trump's campaign. On Saturday, Oct. 8, State Rep. Lisa Posthumus Lyons (R-Alto) issued a statement about Trump's infamously vulgar remarks from 2005 describing how he felt entitled to sexually assault women.

"Demeaning women and disrespecting others is unacceptable behavior," Posthumus Lyons' statement said. "I am raising four kids to stand up for others, to love their neighbor, to exemplify respect and integrity. I do not tolerate

anything less from my kids and I will not tolerate anything less from someone who wants to be President of the United States. The voters chose our nominee, so I have been quiet because I respect the voters. But it is clear that Donald Trump has not earned my respect or my vote."

There is a lot at stake in the November election. There are 24 Republicans and 10 Democrats up for reelection in the Senate and all 435 seats in the House are up for grabs. This election could have long-lasting effects on our society. It's definitely going to be an interesting few weeks and in the following weeks, The Lowell Ledger will provide full local election coverage, including the race for Lowell city council, the four-person contest for a seat in the State House in the 86th District and complete local ballot information.



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Girls Night Out throws a pajama party on Oct. 20

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Local merchants, the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Development Authority invite fun seekers and bargain lovers to the shopping districts of Lowell

on October 20 from 5-9 pm for the fall edition of Girls Night Out.

GNO is a staple in the community drawing crowds to Main Street for a fun night of themed bargain hunting. This

year the theme is “Pajama Party” and organizers are encouraging participants to don their comfy night clothes and fuzzy slippers and show up to shop.

The four-hour event spans the entire length of

Lowell, stretching from All-Weather Seal on the east side of town to Walgreen’s on the west. Downtown, restaurants Main Street BBQ, Flat River Grill and Larkin’s will be serving up drink and appetizer specials

for those looking for hometown dining. Emerging fashion boutiques Tap House Bo, Lennon & Willow and Euphoria will be offering 20-25 percent discounts on their trendy clothing and accessories. Other businesses participating include Station Salon, the Lowell Area Historical Museum, Dovetail Antiques and Chimera Design Fine Jewelry.

Several vendors will exhibit their wares at the LACC located at 113 Riverwalk Plaza across from the Lowell Showboat. Portland Federal Credit Union, Avon by Sherry, Younique and All Natural Promises will be among those offering up their products and services.

Uptown attendees can stop by BC Pizza for free food samples, swing by Village West Floral and take 20 percent off their gift shop purchase, enjoy

a popcorn bar and photo booth at Advanced Eyecare Professionals and get a free waxing and mini massage at Jultara Salon with a food donation for Flat River Outreach Ministry (FROM). FROM, 11535 Fulton, will also hold their own special offering 25 percent off your total purchase inside their thrift store Treasures.

Shuttle service for the event will be provided uptown by the Lowell YMCA with parking available in their lot. Main Street Inn will also offer complimentary rides from downtown. Shoppers are encouraged to pick up a postcard at any of the participating locations. Those getting at least 15 stamps from different locations on the card are eligible to enter to win one of three grand prizes: gift bags filled to the brim with local merchant goods.



along main street

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. He is the principal investigator at the Fort St. Joseph Archaeological Project.

FROM VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Volunteer orientation at Flat River Outreach Ministries will be Thurs., Oct. 20 at 1 pm. Please call 897-8260 for additional information.

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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City officials hold special joint meeting to discuss LEAD's plans for eliminating biodigester odor

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell city council and the Lowell Light & Power board had a special joint meeting at city hall on Thursday, Oct. 6, to discuss LEAD's plan to end odors at the biodigester. The two hour and fifteen minute long meeting was also attended by LEAD principal

Greg Northrup, LEAD attorney Jay Rosloniec, Lowell city attorney Dick Wendt and about five other citizens. After making some amendments to it, the council and the Light & Power board voted to accept LEAD's plan.

Toward the end of the meeting, city attorney

Wendt summarized the proposed changes. The first change was to Section IV, Part B of the plan, which states that LEAD must notify the city if "detectable odors are being emitted from the facility beyond the property boundary."

"Not only would LEAD

notify the city manager and Lowell Light & Power within 48 hours, but [LEAD] would notify everyone within 300 feet, and I've added here, and anyone else who has requested to receive such notice," Wendt said. "We have to work out a process for reviewing that."

The second change was to change the phrase "normal operating conditions" in Section V to "operating conditions other than those pursuant or upon the occurrence of B or C," Wendt said. The next change in the plan was to Section VI, Part B, which covers how often LEAD will test the air for odors.

"[LEAD will perform] monthly testing for eight consecutive months and then, thereafter, semiannually on specific dates as shall be approved annually by Light & Power," Wendt said. "The results of the tests are going to be made available to the public."

The next change in the plan was to Section VII, which covers the lifespan of the enclosure LEAD is

constructing to cover an Integrated Fix-Film Activate Sludge tank. The plan called for a wooden enclosure to be replaced "between five and eight years."

"Take out the 'five to eight years' and just simply say, 'as determined by an independent engineer mutually acceptable to LEAD and the board of Light & Power,'" Wendt said.

The original plan, without amendments, is available for the public to read on the city's website, ci.lowell.mi.us

Lowell city council's next meeting will be at city hall at 7 pm on Monday, Oct. 17. Lowell Light & Power's board will meet at their 127 N. Broadway headquarters at 6 pm on Thursday, Oct. 13.



Lowell city council and the Lowell Light & Power board met at city hall last Thursday.



Attorney Jay Rosloniec

Bushnell Bear and Cherry Creek Champ Walk-a-thon raises \$22,641.93

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Students at Bushnell and Cherry Creek elementary schools in Lowell joined forces last week for the combined PTO's fifth annual Bushnell Bear and Cherry Creek Champ Walk-a-thon fundraiser.

The non-traditional school fundraisers skip the standard catalog sales and encourages fundraising through a series of healthy activities and eating experiences that culminated in a run Friday afternoon in the green space behind Lowell Middle School which students had collected pledges for participating in.

Event organizer Jo Salgat said the event does more than raise money, "The walk-a-thon helps create a sense of unity and community within our buildings. The students love our fitness days and healthy snacks. All week the building is abuzz with excitement."

Salgat said the event nets much more profit for the schools to utilize than the standard options and

supports many programs within the schools. "We are all working together to help support the extras in schools, such as assemblies, field trips, technology in the classrooms, the PBIS program, field days and March is Reading month. Working together to make education fun, each building gets to keep 100 percent of the funds their students raise. With catalog sales they only get to keep a percentage. The last time we did catalog sales we only earned \$6,500 for both buildings," said Salgat.

Both schools topped that amount separately this year with Bushnell raising \$8,844.88 and Cherry Creek bringing in \$13,797.05 for a fundraising total of \$22,641.93. Bushnell, which houses preschool through first-grade students, was led by the kindergarten class of Kelly Wilson, who raised a classroom total of \$1,355. Top fundraisers in the building were Kyle Rapson, Bentley Smith, Sophia Wiley, Landon Dryan, Niathaniel Wiedyk

and Lindsey Cramer, who were all granted permission to silly string their principal, Erin Walters, in an assembly for their efforts.

At Cherry Creek the top fundraisers were Allison Videan, Wyatt Yantz, Vada Schenk, Madeline Miller, Chloe VanGorp, Connor Rapson, Marissa Miller, Parker Salgat,

Hayden Videan, Denton Starkweather, Sophia Dommer, and Jackson Sheadig. This group was also allowed to spray their principal Shelli Otten. Their winning classroom was the third-grade group of Brook Beaufait who raised \$1,346.50.

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Bryce Hickman joins in the basketball fun at Bushnell with Jim Basketball Jones.

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On Tuesday, November 8, 2016, voters in the Lowell Area School District will be asked to vote to renew the operating millage. This tax is levied only on “non-homestead property” which includes all taxable property other than principal residence, qualified agriculture property and certain other property classifications. Most non-homestead property taxes are levied on industrial, commercial, business and rental properties and second homes. This millage does not affect the rate on homeowners primary residences. Voters last approved a renewal in 2012.

This renewal will raise more than 2.7 million dollars each year for Lowell Area Schools. This millage is an 18 mill tax levy on business, industrial, and rental properties within a given school district. It is not a tax on homeowners. A mill is \$1 for every \$1,000 of taxable valuation (TV). For example, the TV on a \$150,000 home would be approximately \$75,000 and 1 mill would be worth \$75.00. You might ask,

“Will my home property tax rates increase?” The answer is no, your primary residence tax rate will remain the same. In fact, for both homeowners and businesses alike, nothing will change. Homeowners do not pay this millage and businesses will simply continue to pay the millage rate they have already been paying.

One might then wonder if home property taxes will go down if this is defeated. The answer is no, your home property tax rate will remain the same; the rate will drop only for industrial, commercial, business and rental properties. However, the direct loss of this funding would adversely affect educational programs. For homeowners and businesses alike, nothing will change if this millage renewal passes: homeowners don't pay this millage anyway and businesses will simply continue to pay a tax they've been paying all along. For the Lowell Area Schools, a YES vote will mean not only a continuation of more than 2.7 million dollars' worth of direct local funding,

but also the opportunity to continue current educational programs. A no vote will mean a vote to lose more than 2.7 million dollars in direct revenue.

I feel compelled to express my deep appreciation for the small business owners and industries in Lowell who keep our community vibrant. I want to remind our community that when you buy from a small business, you are not helping a CEO buy a third vacation home. You are helping a little girl get dance lessons, a little boy get his team jersey, a mom or dad put food on the table, a family pay a mortgage, or a student pay for college. Remember, you are the shareholders of our local small businesses and industry through your support and patronage. When possible, please keep your business and service needs local. Together, our residents and business owners make Lowell the amazing community it is!

Please vote Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Voting will take place at your city or township precincts, absentee ballots are available at your city or township clerk's office. Please visit our website at www.lowellschools.com to view our information brochure that includes answers to many questions you may have.

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viewpoint

to the editor

let altoft finish term

Dear Editor,
In less than a month we are going to our polls to vote. One of the things on our ballot is the issue of recalling Jeff Altoft from the Lowell City Council. The reason they want to recall him is he voted to hire Katherine Henry to help the whole city council unhire the city manager, who they found was not doing the job and was working against the council. Four of the five councilmembers voted to hire Katherine. It was done legally and honestly. The city paid her \$10,000 for this service. It was just a fraction of the \$100,000 that the city had to pay for the former city manager's malicious treatment of our hardworking city workers. For the first three or more months of this council's term it has been hassled and intimidated by members of the "Forward Lowell" group. At least the first hour of the council meetings for months were "Forward Lowell" complaining about things like Jeff not knowing Robert's Rules of Procedure to how Jeff and this council wasn't nice to the former city manager. This council has had to listen to nonstop negative criticism and then

asked by the same group, "what good are you doing?" Not one person from that group has stated a specific goal to improve the city. Jeff and this council have hired a new, ethical, young and energetic city manager. He researches their questions and gets the answers in a timely manner. These are some of the other things that Jeff Altoft has done this year, he has worked with our surrounding townships to further the walking path to the new park; he is on the fire board and they hired the new fire chief; he is on the airport board, they are working on becoming general utility status. Jeff has been a diligent advocate for all the citizens of Lowell, fighting against the stench from the biodigester. The city council along with Lowell Light & Power and the biodigester people have come up with a solution to the awful smell. In spite of all the negativity and meanness from the "Forward Lowell" group, he spends many hours researching solutions and many issues that involve Lowell. He quietly volunteers for things in the community; he's not the big show, he just shows up.

I know Greg Canfield is a popular man; he has several businesses in Lowell; he is on many boards and controls many things. All of that is great, but please don't make this a popularity contest. Jeff is a good man, nobody cares more for the people of Lowell than him. He is not perfect! He learns from mistakes and gets better. I believe if you give him and

this council one more year you will see more positive things.

Next year is another election, Greg Canfield can run for city council then. Let Jeff finish his term; he has worked for you for three years; let him finish his term.

Bif Altoft
Lowell

to stop harassing the new city council. I saw him on the street and asked him if he had written the letter and his uncomfortable stammering response was "I wrote part of it." This upset me that he would sign a letter written by someone else with political motivations and I angrily told him he should find someone else to work at his house for free. I do regret this because it's

not John's fault that he was manipulated by others.

I'm sure this most recent letter also was prompted or written by someone else, the same group that wants to divide and bring Lowell down instead of building us up. And unfortunately the Ledger plays a big role in that as we see in their biased reporting.

Greg Canfield
Lowell

support for canfield

Dear Editor,

I would like to say that Greg Canfield has done many things for Lowell. You can sure tell where his heart is. I have had the pleasure of being on a couple of the many boards Greg has been on. Greg has stepped up more than once to get things going for Lowell to make this a better place for all. I now thank Greg for stepping up again to offer his time

and talent to serve on city council to help Lowell to a positive direction with unity. It was with good reason that his opponent was recalled and enough signatures were collected for the recall under 48 hours. On November 8 please consider your vote for Greg Canfield to city council.

Mike Sprenger
Ada

feels writer had help

Dear Editor,

Initially I was not going to respond but I feel that my side of the story needs to be told. John Erickson, who signed last week's letter to the editor, is a Korean War Vet and former POW. I have always admired and supported veterans as I feel their sacrifices are underappreciated by the

majority of the people. Freedom isn't free.

In the past, I paid for John's gas when he was refueling his truck and I did work at his house at no charge, multiple times and found him an excellent fair roofer when he needed one. About six months ago he signed his name to another letter to the editor asking me

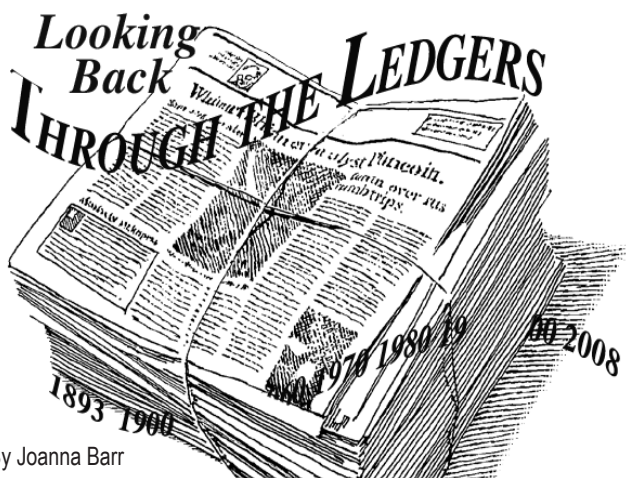
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By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal Oct. 14, 1891

Two good hunters this time, while camping on Crooked Lake last week, heard a strange noise early in the morning, thinking they had some fine game, went in search and found it to be a calf mired to the neck. They went for help to the nearest house, the home of a widow and the owner of the calf. It was found just in time to save its life.

There was a ripple of excitement in town Monday, when Dr. Hunter's horse ran away. Not much damage done, but the "doctor" will be careful about dropping the line hereafter.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger Oct. 12, 1916

South Ward School. Thursday night, October 12, an entertainment is to be given at the South Ward to raise money for the play ground. The main feature of the evening will be an old fashioned spell down between the men and the women. The winning person will be given a prize. Following is the program: Play, Children; Song, Miss Call; Song, Children; Recitation, My Shadow; Song, First grade; Recitation, My Runabout; Song, Children; Spell down. The price is five cents. The time 7:30 sharp. Everyone is invited. Tickets can be bought at Mr. Winegar's store.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger Oct. 16, 1941

William C. Hartman, well-known druggist, is confined to his home by illness. Mr. Chapman of Grand Rapids is looking after the pharmaceutical department during Mr. Hartman's enforced absence.

Clayton Mallery, proprietor of the Chicago Bargain Store, has purchased the store building which was for many years occupied by Look's drug store. It is understood that the purchase does not involve any change in business locations.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger Oct. 13, 1966

Watch out! You're on radar! Lowell police received their new \$1,300 equipment on Tuesday, and plan to put it into operation sometime this week. As City Manager Bernard Olson said, "with six officers, two cars and a radar system, speeders are in trouble."

Watch game from car. A limited number of spaces for football fans, who wish to sit in their cars during

business matters



Greenridge Realty announced that Joshua McCracken received Sales Associate of the Month in September.

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Joshua McCracken



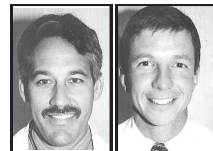
October Student of the Month at Kent Transition Center

Lowell High School has announced that a Lowell High School student has been named Student of the Month at Kent Transition Center. Brandon Hare, 11th grade, is enrolled in the facilities maintenance program.

Brandon Hare



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failure to thrive

Failure to thrive is used to describe children who weigh a lot less or who are growing much more slowly than most others their age. It is also called weight faltering. Sometimes, children with failure to thrive do not gain enough weight for normal healthy development. A doctor can tell if your child has failure to thrive by looking at weight and height measured over time.

Failure to thrive happens when a child doesn't get enough calories to grow normally. This can be caused by a medical problem or the child not eating well. Failure to thrive can happen any time during childhood. It is more likely during time of change, like when switching from breast milk or formula to table food, or when there is a

change in routine or child care plans.

Your child's doctor will ask general questions about your child's health and eating habits, examine your child and look at growth charts. Growth charts map out how your child has grown over time. From this information, a treatment plan to help your child get more nutritious calories can be made. Most children will improve using the treatment plan. If your child doesn't gain weight, the doctor may do lab tests to see what is keeping your child from growing. A hospital stay is not usually needed.

Once failure to thrive is treated, your child can have normal check-ups. The doctor will keep track of your child's growth and developmental milestones at each visit.

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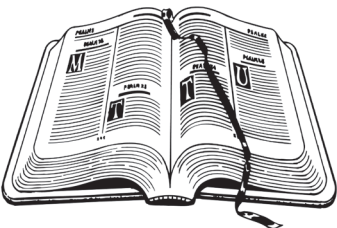
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Walk-a-thon, continued

Participation prizes were awarded via raffle at both schools, including local gift certificates and experiences like a ride along and lunch with a Kent County sheriff and an afternoon acting as the schools' principal. "Our sponsors contribute financial support for our assembly and prizes for our student incentive raffle," explained Salgat.

Both schools' walk-a-thon participation ended with an assembly featuring returning favorite speaker Jim Basketball Jones who shared his message of using kindness and other positive attributes as a skill. "Jim Basketball Jones has been my favorite assembly over the last four years. Love his energy and enthusiasm so, we decided to welcome him back again this year. He captures the attention of all

students, parents and staff. He has a great message that over time, with practice, you can master all things.

Salgat also mentioned key volunteers as components of the event's success, including parents Michele Stauffer, Michelle Scheadig, Wendy Vriesman and Amanda Rogers. In total, more than 80 volunteers assisted during the week of events completing tasks, such as money counting, leading fitness days and setting up and tearing down the course. "We are always looking for parent volunteers," said Salgat, looking toward next year's fundraiser, "they could check with their employer to see if they would be interested in being a walk-a-thon sponsor or simply come to the course and cheer on the students."



Robyn Anderson's second-grade Cherry Creek class at the walk-a-thon.



Runners from Bushnell Elementary take to the course behind Lowell Middle School.



Bushnell principal Erin Walters gets silly strung by her school's top fundraisers

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Red Arrow - FOOTBALL SPORTS

2016 Homecoming

Arrows defeat Rangers, now 7-0 overall and atop the OK White

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

It was a game destined for the history books last Friday night at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium where the Lowell varsity football team staged a blistering fourth quarter comeback over OK White competitor Forest Hills Central topping them 41-37 in a battle for sole possession of the conference lead.

Game day festivities started early for Lowell High School students as they celebrated their homecoming with a pep rally, the crowning of senior homecoming king Jonah Epema and a well-attended pregame parade along Main Street. The procession featured royal court representatives from

each of the classes as well as a variety of the school's musical and athletic clubs.

Back at the field things didn't start off well. The Arrows had a bad punt and three turnovers in the first half of play that the Rangers made good to the tune of 24 points. Down an unlikely 24-7 after the first quarter, the Arrows added their points after an opening play 99-yard rushing drive from Brady Douma on the kickoff return; the Arrows were able to add a touchdown from quarterback David Kruse to their tally though they missed two on an attempted conversion. By the half Lowell was down 30-13.

Homecoming game,
continued, page 10



The 2016 royal court, front row, left to right: Lucy Wade, Lisa Price, Amber Curtis, Sydney VandenHout and Isabel Lillie; back row, left to right: Collin Bowers, Matt Beachler, Jonah Epema, Adam Korzen and Trevor VanDyke.



All of Lowell cheer was on hand for the parade from varsity to elementary.



Senior homecoming representative Matt Beachler with parents Phil and Christine Beachler.



The Lowell Middle School band was part of the homecoming parade procession.



Homecoming king Jonah Epema and queen Lucy Wade during the halftime coronation.

Harvest Festival, continued

Boiler-Up! Chili team has won first place four times, including last year. “I think we’re a little hot [spicy] this year, but it’s not bad. It’s a comfortable heat.”

It was a very windy, cool day. Dommer said the windy weather was no problem for chili fans.

“The wind is a factor, but we’re battling through it,” Dommer said. “It’s a good day. Everybody is cooking and drinking beer and having a good time.”

“It’s going good, really good,” said Larkin’s Restaurant owner Mike Larkin. “It’s a nice day. Looks like a good turnout. We had some volunteers from Lowell High School wrestling come in this morning and help us set up.”

Nancy’s Chili, the team headed by Fry Daddy’s owner Nancy Stroosnyder, won first place. The event raised a total of \$2,950 for LowellArts!

Proceeds from the chili cook-off were donated to LowellArts! to help defray the cost of their move to Main St. The new LowellArts! building is across the street from Larkin’s.

“We try to keep it local,” Larkin said. “We’ve never given to LowellArts! They’re moving and they’re going to be a neighbor.”

Although the renovations are not complete, it was possible to tour the new LowellArts! building on Main St., which was open to the public for the first time. Lowell mayor Jeff Altoft was spotted at the chili cook-off; he said LowellArts! is making good progress remodeling its new building.

“It’s looks pretty good,” Altoft said. “They’ve done a lot of work in there.”

“We move in on Nov. 8,” said LowellArts! vice chair Ron Wood. “The building is 102 years old. It’s going to be really cool.”

A few steps north on Broadway was an open house at the Lowell Light & Power building. They had free hot dogs, chips and soda, free pumpkins from Heidi’s Farm Stand and free rides in the bucket truck.

“Great weather, great turnout; we probably had record crowds today,” said Lowell Light & Power board chairman Greg Canfield. “It’s a good day.”

“We gave away hundreds of hot dogs and a lot of pumpkins,” said Lowell Light & Power general manager Steve Donkersloot. “It’s been a great time. It went fantastic.”

The Autumn Marketplace at the fairgrounds had crafts, antiques, live music, food, a petting zoo and a chance to make your own scarecrow.

“The scarecrows are probably the most popular part,” said Liz Baker, executive director of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. “They go fast.”

“It’s a great time. I love it,” said local resident Linda Roush, who made a scarecrow with her granddaughter Wrenly.

Ilene Simrau, a crafter from Gladwin, Mich., had stoned benches, stoned bird feeders and even stoned shoes. Don’t get too excited, these are items covered with shiny decorative stones.

Heidi’s Farm Stand donated free pumpkins, “as many as you can carry,” according to Lowell Light & Power board chairman **Greg Canfield**.



There was a huge crowd on Broadway during the chili cook-off.

“The shoes are comical,” Simrau said. “I get a kick out of people when they go by and laugh when they’re looking at them. I tell people I’m just stoned all the time.”

Donna Oesch, James Link and Allison VanSledright from Swisslane Farms had cheese, syrup and honey for sale.

“It’s my father-in-law’s year 82nd making syrup this year,” Oesch said. “Five generations in the woods making syrup; 150 years, same wood, same family.”



Tim Kurzhals (left) and the Big C Chili team were among the 19 teams.



Linda Roush and her granddaughter Wrenly enjoyed making a scarecrow at the Autumn Marketplace.



There was live music from several bands and solo acts at the Autumn Marketplace.

Red Arrow

- SOCCER

SPORTS

Arrows top scots 2-1, lose to Rangers 1-0

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Red Arrow varsity soccer hosted former OK White foe Caledonia and current conference topper Forest Hills Central picking up a 2-1 victory over the Scots and falling in a hard fought 1-0 match to the Rangers.

Tuesday at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium Lowell faced Caledonia who recently made the shift to the OK Red where they currently hold the fourth-place position. The Scots

were the first to strike picking up an unassisted goal from Trenton Saylor. The Arrows' Elijah Dixon scored the equalizer with help from Logan Landman, followed by the game winning goal from Collin Bowers who took advantage of an assist from Jay Stadt.

The victory increased Lowell's record to 14-2-2 overall and 7-1-1 in conference and highlighted the growth of some of the team's key players. "We

have a couple younger players who have developed their game to a higher level. A few of our key non-seniors are juniors center back Elijah Dixon, midfielder Jay Stadt and striker Jonny Draigh. All three have been key to our success as well as sophomore Connor Cater," said head coach Rich O'Keefe.

O'Keefe went on to elaborate on key senior team members who were also

honored in a ceremony last week, "The senior leaders continue to provide stability and results. Jonah Epema, center back and striker, leads the team in scoring with 11 goals and midfielder Collin Bowers has 10, even though he missed three weeks due to illness."

Thursday the Rangers joined the Arrows in Lowell for a top spot OK White face off that ended in a 1-0 loss for the home team. FHC

scored the game's lone goal in the middle of the first half and despite the fact that Lowell controlled much of possession in the second, they were unable to find the back of the net in the fiercely fought game.

Now 7-2-1 in conference, Lowell has just Ottawa Hills and Forest Hills Northern left on their regular season schedule. The team is mathematically and mentally still in the

fight for the conference title having recently been named Division II state-ranked in sixth place. FHC, FHN and Northview are also in that fight.

This week the team will take on both of those last challenges in away games Tuesday and Thursday night. Ottawa Hills is scheduled for 4 pm and FHN for 6:45 pm. District competition will take place Monday at Northview starting at 7 pm.

- EQUESTRIANS

Equestrians heading to state competition

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell High School's historically successful equestrian team claimed both the District and Regional championships granting them a bid into the state competition this week, Thursday through Sunday, at the Midland Fairgrounds.

The small team consists of only five members with the majority returning from last year's state qualifying team. According to head coach Jessica Bouman, "Four out of our five members are returning riders with Isabelle Misner being our only freshman. Last year as a team I remember saying they are one of the most versatile I have ever coached. I think that this year that same idea resonates more than ever. This is an extremely balanced team in the ring. This team really sets their own bar both individually and as a team. If they aren't winning they figure out why and make the necessary changes."

At the District 5 Division C championship the fierce five dominated competition topping runner-

up Allendale, Belding, Forest Hills Northern and Cedar Springs. The win came after three days of competition and was especially sweet after landing in the second position last season said Bouman, "After finishing as reserve champions last year they were ready to put the miles in to run with it."

Even off a big win the team hit the ring hard to prepare for their regional challenge to clean up weak areas with practice until dark. The effort paid off when the team took on a new crop of competitors and sailed into first place on the last day of competition for the win. "The last three or four years we have always had a team we knew we were going to have to fight in the ring in order to earn our spot at state. This year we had no idea who we were up against. Teams we usually know to watch for had moved up or down a division due to size," explained Bouman. "Friday started out rough for us with horses scared of some things and some horses dealing with mild injury, however

the girls didn't let it bother them and on Saturday went from last place in the field to first. Seniors Andi Reynolds and Olivia Hock led with multiple individual wins in our 100-point lead over reserve champions Alma. Sophomores Aili Fisher,

Ally Pawloski and freshman Isabelle Misner, however, also did their job very well with big individual wins for each of them making them just as big of a part of that huge lead."

The team is preparing

equally as hard for the state competition this week. The team finished third last year and are looking to bring the state title back home to Lowell this season. "The girls are shooting for the top for sure. If they can

give the rides they did at regionals and clean up the few mistakes we had they certainly have one of the best chances Lowell has had in probably five years to take home a title," said Bouman.



The 2016 Lowell equestrian team, left to right: Andi Reynolds, Isabelle Mister, Ally Pawloski, Olivia Hock, and Aili Fisher. Photo by Skye Fisher

Homecoming game, continued

After a halftime show featuring the Lowell High School band and the announcement of the student selected homecoming queen, Lucy Wade, the Arrows returned to the field for the third period of play. Lowell tightened the score by seven in the quarter grabbing the lone score on a 20-yard Kruse pass to receiver Austin Branagan in the end zone, combined with a successful extra point kick from Gonzales.

FHC struck back several minutes later after the start of the fourth picking up their final points of the night on a quick one-yard rush. Then the magic happened. Down by a seemingly impossible to achieve 17 points, the Arrows stormed back adding 21 unanswered points to steal the 41-37 victory. Kruse opened up scoring early in the quarter on an 11-yard run,

followed by a slick 29-yard touchdown pass to Addison Buckius and a four-yard run from running back Nate Stephens.

But it wasn't quite over. FHC had possession, they controlled most of it at 42:00 total and enough time left to make a move. Coupling four incomplete passes with a 28-yard catch and two yards rushing, the Rangers made it to the 11-

yard line but Lowell made the stop just in time, sealing the enormous comeback win with a knee and twenty seconds remaining on the clock.

Despite their difficulties and only just over 17 minutes of offensive game time, Arrows' quarterback Kruse completed 12 of 18 passes good for 228 yards and rushed 18 times for 50 yards and two touchdowns. Nate

Stephens was the night's leading rusher picking up 122 yards in 16 carries and earning one touchdown. On the receiving end, Hayden Barry made six catches good for 119 yards followed by Buckius who carried three times for 59 yards and Branagan who picked up 46 yards in two carries. Gonzales went a perfect 4/4 in extra points.

This week the Arrows, now an undefeated 7-0 overall and 4-0 in conference, placing them atop the OK White, will face their second to last OK White challenge of the regular season when they travel to Forest Hills Northern Friday night. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 pm.

Red Arrow

SPORTS

Senior girls win annual powder puff football game

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

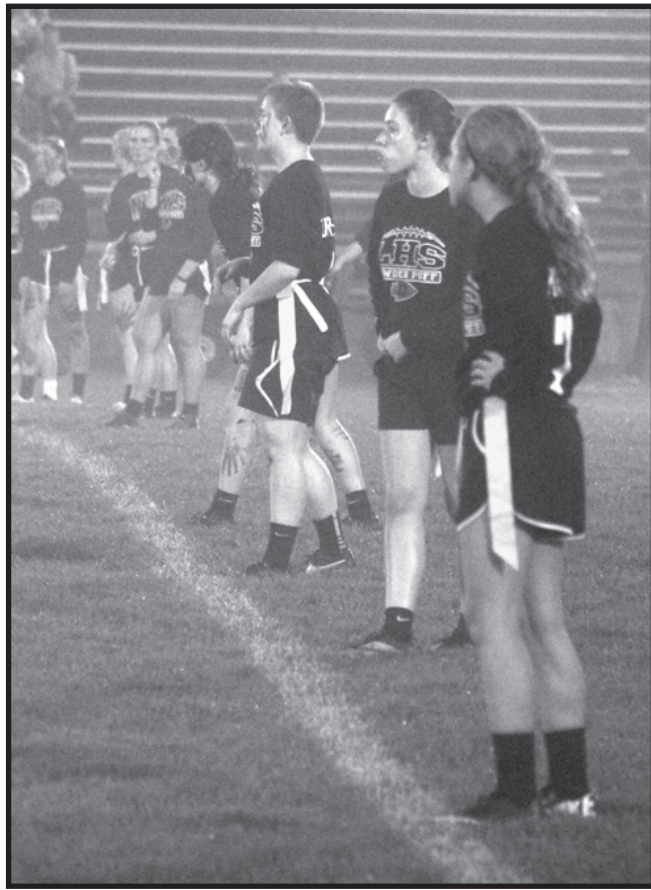
Lowell senior powder puff players celebrated a 25-22 victory over the juniors last week Wednesday when the Lowell High School student council hosted the girls' football game as part of the homecoming week celebration.

Junior Maura Fitzpatrick led her team in the narrow loss scoring three times for her teammates and amassing nearly 200 yards rushing in the flag-style football game. Seasoned kicker Darby Dean stepped up for the juniors as well scoring 2/3 field goal attempts.

Senior quarterback Bridget Garter led the victory for her teammates keeping the ball for around 125 rushing yards and two touchdowns. The seniors third touchdown was scored by team kicker Christy Lyon who went 2/2 in field goal attempts. The teams' were coached and refereed by male volunteer students. Proceeds from the annual event, planned this year by Lisa Nauta, benefit the activities of the student council.



Junior Maura Fitzpatrick scored three touchdowns at the annual event.



The class of 2017 was victorious at this year's Powder Puff game, 25-22.

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Sports Summaries

TENNIS

Red Arrow varsity boys tennis wrapped up their season last week Thursday at Forest Hills Central who used their home court advantage to nab their eighth Division II regional title in nine years. Lowell finished in the sixth position, tied with fellow OK White conference member Northview, with a score of 4. Leader FHC battled Forest Hills Northern in all of the regional finals winning six of eight matches for their 30-point win.

VOLLEYBALL

Two OK White feuds ended in victories for the Lowell varsity volleyball team last week when they took on both Greenville and Cedar Springs on the road. Tuesday at Greenville the Red Arrows topped the Hornets 3-0 in a dominating win scoring 25-10, 25-19 and 25-12. Sydney Powell scored two aces and provided 29 assists in the match while Carly Hoekstra contributed 11 kills, Jill Fidler, 17 digs; Shannon Hoekstra, seven blocks and two aces; and Abi Mangus, two aces. The Lady Arrows repeated that performance Thursday at Cedar Springs with another 3-0 win making their current record 15-10-1 overall and an impressive 6-1 in conference. Leading the stat books in the 25-15, 25-18 and 26-24 victories were S. Hoekstra with 11 kills and two blocks, Fidler added 19 digs, Powell, 31 assists; Mangus, 11 kills; and Emily Stump, two aces.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Lowell girls varsity cross country team placed fifth at the third OK White jamboree last week Wednesday with a 134-point finish, led by sophomore runner Lauren Aud (21:40) who placed twentieth. Also scoring at the meet were freshman Audrey Conrad (21:48) and junior Katrina Droski (22:27), Amber Clouse (23:04), Alexis Haines (23:22), Dawn Kondor (23:48) and Marlie Fowler (24:00). The harriers also participated in the Allegan Tiger Invitational where Aud once again placed best for Lowell at fourteenth with a time of 21:10, followed by Conrad (21:39) and Droski (21:41).

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Cedar Springs hosted Lowell for the third OK White jamboree of the season last Wednesday where they placed sixth with 138 points. Caleb Swart led the Arrows with a sixteenth-place finish crossing the line at 18:22. Senior Eric Judd placed twenty-first with a time of 18:35, followed by Kyle Cater (18:55), Parker Grant (19:33) and Kenny Stump (19:34). In exhibition play over the weekend the team placed fifth at the Allegan Tiger Invitational. Swart placed atop all other Arrows at this event as well clocking a 17:41. Judd (18:03) and Cater (18:29) also scored well at the event.

GIRLS GOLF

Senior Paige Fosburg earned her spot in the state competition last week at the regional girls golf tournament in a down to the wire one-hole playoff at the Muskegon Country Club. Fosburg battled East Grand Rapids' Grace Ruppert for the last spot, earning the win with a card total of 97. The team placed fifth overall in a field of twelve with a combined total of 405 points.

SWIM AND DIVE

Lowell/Caledonia/South Christian girls swim and dive team continued their impressive debut season last week Thursday when they topped conference opponent West Catholic 104-63. The win makes the squad 4-1 in the OK with their only loss coming from Calvin Christian in the second meet of the season. The team also celebrated their senior night honoring members Zea Bud, Lilia Bykerk, Madeline Schmeling and Alyssa DeShane.

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CHRISTIANSEN

Marjorie Jacqueline "Jackie" Christiansen, age 96 of Lowell, passed away Friday, October 7, 2016. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert C. Christiansen; and daughter, Sandra Seeley. She is survived by her son, Robert D. Christiansen; grandson, Geoff Andersen; and great-granddaughter, Bailey Andersen. Jackie was a wonderful woman and animal lover who loved life, living it to the fullest. Funeral will be held Thursday, October 13, at 11 a.m. at Lowell United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main Street, Lowell. Rev. Inge Whittemore officiating.



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Looking Back, continued

the final two games here, will be available, Don Kelley, Athletic Director announced. Entrance will be at the gate south of the tennis courts.

Vigorous planning went into effect this week by the members of the Moose Civic Affairs Committee for their annual Youth Honor Day program and Halloween party to be staged at Recreation Park on October 31. A parade, starting at six o'clock from the junior high school will precede the costume judging and refreshments to be served at the park.

Scout Troop to conduct city-wide paper drive. A city-wide "paper drive" will be conducted this Saturday, October 15, by the Lowell Boy Scouts of Troop No. 102. Starting in the morning, the Troop will canvass each house in the city, to collect old newspapers and magazines for this annual drive to raise funds. If you have any donations, papers or magazines, to make to this organization, have them bundled up and ready when the Scouts come calling at your door.

In a survey of the public's reaction to Memorial Day holiday traffic on the highways, here's how they rated it: 16 percent said it was worse than they expected; 33 percent said it was about what they expected; but a happy 51 percent said the traffic situation was better than they had dreaded. The super highways of the Interstate System, "over which most of the traffic flowed, were doing a good job getting people to their destinations—and back again.

Firemen were called out on Friday evening, but could find no fire on North Washington Street, where the caller said the fire was located. On Saturday afternoon firemen fought a fire that got into the brush area, north of the Riverview Inn on East Main Street. The fire started from burning trash and the high winds spread it rapidly. They were recalled later in the afternoon, when the blaze started again.

- The Lowell man's civic involvement includes:
- A Lowell Lions Club charter member (1954). His involvement has continued through the years, his duties have included acting club president, director, and editor of the Club Bulletin.
 - A Lowell Showboat endman from 1959-61.
 - Lowell United Way Community Fund (secretary/treasurer) 35 years.
 - Lowell City affairs: Planning Commission, 1961-66; Zoning Board of Appeal 1966-73.
 - Member Loyal Order of the Moose, 20 years.
 - Member Clark Ellis Post, American Legion, 1953 to present.
 - Board member Lowell Savings and Loan Association, 1977-78.

"I accept this honor with humility and pride, knowing that the civic achievements that I have been involved with during these past 38 years are a result of not only my participation, but also of the encouragement and assistance of many individuals, committees and organizations all working together," Reagan said. "I deeply appreciate the honor and thank everyone who made it possible." The 20th Air Force B-29 gunner was stationed in the South Pacific and honorably discharged in 1946. He joined the Air Force in 1944. In his free time Reagan is an active hunter, artist handyman, entertainer, athlete, cook, golfer, friendly bettor, vacation nut and skier. "And, there was a time when Dr. Bob practiced portraying 'Jesus' himself," Quada quipped. "He was golfing with friend D.D.S. Clark Vredenburg. Both men had hit their golf balls onto an iced-over pond. Clark walked out onto the pond and hit his golf ball off. Bob then walked out onto the ice, and as he was getting ready to address the ball, fell through the ice and was up to his waste in water." Reagan has been a member of St. Mary's Parish for 31 years. He was a parish council member for 12 years and he was a secretary/treasurer for the Men's Club for 25 years. The Lowellman of 38 years is proud of his involvement with the Lowell School Board. "I would have to point to the Middle School, other additions, and the bus garage as memorable accomplishments." He is also happy to point out that monies from the Lowell United Way Community Fund have been returned to the local community during his 35 years of service. "Our involvement with the euchre club has also been strong. Many friendships have been formed through the club," he says. Reagan said he was humbled by the award. "My wife, Carol, has been as much a part of this as I have and should be up accepting this award with me," Reagan explained. "While I was at meetings, she was feeding kids." The Reagans raised 10 children. They are from oldest to youngest, Jane, Karen, Kathy, Jim, Mary (deceased, 1979), Peggy, Ruth, Patty, Donald, and Ed. Reagan shared a story about his Aunt (from the east side of Chicago) who asked him one day why he started a business in Lowell when he could be practicing in a real city? "I told her there is no place I'd rather be practicing my profession than right here in Lowell."

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Lowell community crowns Robert Reagan Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce "Person of the Year." "His family and community contributions, his professional competence, his quiet and thorough leadership, his friendliness and kindly manners make him a valued American and a positive American College candidate," wrote Robert F. Strelman and Thomas E. Sommerdyke in 1984 as they were nominating Bob Reagan, D.D.S. for Fellowship in the American College of Dentists. Seven years later, those same values earned Reagan the sixth annual Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce "Person of the Year" award. "Ray, you may want to check your notes again and make sure that was me you were talking about," quipped Reagan following Ray Quada's introduction of this year's "Person of the Year."

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Downtown area street improvement set to begin. Improvement of some downtown area streets could be completed as soon as Nov. 15. Then again, it could be longer. Lowell's City Council accepted the bid of Lee's Trenching Service at a price of \$62,360.80. Of the five bids received, Lee's Trenching Service (Jenison) was the lowest. Other bids came from Ionia Construction (\$65,532), Mardic Construction (\$71,235), Diversco Construction (\$74,034.50), and Youngstrom Contracting (\$77,172.00). The bids were for improving Kent Street between Washington and South Monroe; South Monroe between Kent and East Main; and Lafayette and Avery between East Main and North Monroe. Work will involve curbing, drainage work, milling of existing pavement and asphaltting of these streets. In addition, the perimeter of the road around the cemetery will be paved. There was \$68,000 budgeted for the project. The Council approved that the remaining funds be allocated for OMM Engineering for spot inspections and testing.

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Dear EarthTalk: Did anyone ever figure out what has been killing all the bees and is there anything we can do about it? - *Gerry Sanders, Wichita, KS*

By now, we've all heard about bees dying across the U.S. and around the world. This isn't just bad news for

neonics in member countries in 2013, although that ruling is currently under review. Meanwhile, in the U.S., a few cities and states have taken at least symbolic action to reduce neonics, but without a federal ban on the books such piecemeal efforts can't do much to help.

In Spring 2016, Jeff Merkley (D-OR) introduced a bill in the U.S. Senate calling for new policy initiatives and interagency coordination to restore and enhance pollinator habitat across the U.S. Key provisions of Merkley's Pollinator Recovery Act include setting aside three million acres of public land as expanded acreage for "forage and habitat" for pollinators, grant funding for R&D to develop crops to resist pests without neonics, financial incentives and technical assistance for farmers that adopt pollinator-friendly practices, and expanded health monitoring and population tracking for bees and other key pollinators.

Concerned Americans should urge their senators to co-sponsor or support the Pollinator Recovery Act. After all, protecting bees isn't just important to environmentalists but to anyone who enjoys avocados, almonds or any of the countless fruits, vegetables or nuts pollinated by our little black and yellow friends.



beekeepers; these amazing insects pollinate upwards of two-thirds of our food crops—all at no cost to farmers or consumers. All we need do is keep them around, which is proving to be more and more difficult.

A third of all beehives in the U.S. have disappeared in the last decade alone, a situation that has been dubbed Colony Collapse Disorder. Experts say several factors are at play. First, global warming has changed weather patterns so profoundly that bees have been unable to adapt fast enough. Flowers now bloom so early or late that they don't coincide with the active season of pollinators, so when bees emerge from hibernation the flowers they need for food have already bloomed. Another threat is habitat loss: development, urbanization and monoculture farming are decimating natural areas bees need to thrive. And a new generation of parasites is infiltrating hives and impeding chemical communication between bees.

But perhaps the biggest threats to bees are some of the pesticides routinely used in agriculture, particularly neonicotinoids. Commonly referred to as neonics, this increasingly popular class of insecticides is meant to eliminate pests, but has been proven to have an equally devastating impact on bees. Today, seeds are engineered with neonics from the start, so this harmful chemical is present in the plant, pollen and nectar. This chemical, approximately 6,000 times more toxic to bees than DDT, devastates bee central nervous systems and makes it impossible for them to relocate their hives. Those bees that survive a first encounter aren't off the hook. They remain dazed and inefficient. Neonics have an addictive quality similar to that of nicotine for humans, so surviving bees inevitably return to treated flowers until their death.

Policy changes must address this issue by rewarding farmers for sustainable practices and banning neonicotinoids for use as pesticides. Unfortunately, big agri-chemical companies like Dow Chemical and Syngenta make huge profits selling neonics and as such are reluctant to withdraw them. The European Union took steps to ban the use of

CONTACTS: Greenpeace "Save the Bees" Campaign, www.greenpeace.org/usa/sustainable-agriculture/save-the-bees; Merkley Unveils New Proposal to Help Restore Pollinator Populations Across the U.S., <https://www.merkley.senate.gov/news/press-releases/during-national-pollinator-week-merkley-unveils-new-proposal-to-help-restore-pollinator-populations-across-the-us>

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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.
11. Disabled couple would like roof over their deck and anti-slip strips on the ramp.
12. Senior citizen needs eavestroughs cleaned out.

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ACROSS

1. Group of islands in the South Pacific
6. Charlotte's creation
9. Sail support
13. As opposed to poetry
14. Part of H.M.S.
15. "Saturday Night Fever" music
16. Was rebroadcasted
17. Beatle bride
18. Trojan War story
19. *Most titled baseball team
21. *Athletics' hometown
23. Be indisposed
24. Drop-down menu option
25. .001 inch
28. Resist
30. Block of the earth's crust
35. Black tropical cuckoo birds
37. High school musical club
39. Your own teacher
40. Equinox month
41. Makes a raucous noise
43. Asian starling
44. *Lineup or batting _____
46. Gallop or trot
47. "____ Jim"
48. Thomas Paine's "The Age of ____"
50. Heroin, slang
52. *Typically used on

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OCTOBER 5 - OCTOBER 11

- Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg called San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick's anthem protest "dumb and disrespectful."



- U of M football won against Rutgers 78-0. Michigan had 600 yards of offense and Rutgers 39. Rutgers had two first downs. Brigham Young University won against Michigan State 31-14.



- When Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump debated in St. Louis, Missouri, on Sunday there were many heated moments. Trump had a difficult job to do given that a tape of him being lewd and crude talking about women was released just days earlier. Many Republicans are withdrawing their support for the GOP candidate.

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55. H+, e.g.
57. Uto-Aztec language
61. *Dirt in a diamond

65. Pastoral poem
66. ____ de Triomphe
68. Plural of folium
69. Outlines
70. Pigeon sound
71. What tide did
72. Volcano in Sicily
73. * ____ Griffey Jr. never won one
74. Woodwind mouthpieces

DOWN

1. Light on one's feet
2. Geographical region
3. Between dawn and noon
4. Port city in Japan
5. Aeneas' story
6. " ____ Afraid of Virginia Wolf?"
7. Poetic "even"
8. Stew over something
9. Manufacturing facility
10. "Heat of the Moment" band
11. CAT or PET
12. * ____ Stottlemire, two-time World Series champ
15. Stalin's order, e.g.
20. Lament for the dead
22. Cupid's ____
24. Iris cleanser
25. *Like baseball's league

26. Accustom
27. Singer Ronstadt
29. *Design element on World Series trophy, sing.
31. Bottom lines
32. More than one stylus
33. Not Doric nor Corinthian
34. *a.k.a. inning
36. " ____ Candies" chocolatier
38. Larger-than-life
42. Mark on reputation
45. *2015 champions
49. After taxes
51. Pleating iron
54. Archaic exclamation of regret
56. She turned to stone, Greek mythology
57. Cairo's waterway
58. Mine entrance
59. "Amazing Grace", e.g.
60. Arm part
61. Clickable picture
62. Hamburg river
63. Behaved like Pinocchio
64. Jay Pritchett and Mr. Brady, e.g.
67. Poor man's caviar

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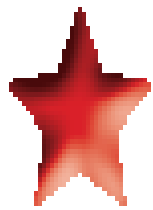
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