

## With election day a week away, local clerks discuss voting procedures and voter fraud

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Election Day is finally almost here. After an excruciatingly long, grueling campaign, Americans will make a lot of important decisions on Tuesday, Nov. 8, including the choice between Hillary Rodham Clinton and Donald Trump for President of the United States. The Ledger spoke to the Lowell city clerk, as well as the clerks at most of the local townships, to make sure area voters have a complete picture of where to go and what to do when the day comes. Lowell Charter Township clerk Linda Regan declined the Ledger's request to be interviewed for this story.

The polls everywhere in Michigan are open from 7 am until 8 pm. Residents of Bowne Township vote



City of Lowell Clerk Sue Ullery

at the township hall, 8240 Alden Nash SE. City of Lowell residents vote at city hall, 301 E. Main. Other places have more than one location.

"We will be at the fire barn [12134 Old Belding Rd.] for precinct two and at the hall [12050 Old Belding



Vergennes Township Clerk Mari Stone

Rd.] for precinct one," said Grattan Township clerk Kessie Brummel.

"We have two locations," said Vergennes Township clerk Mari Stone. "Precinct one is at the township hall [10381 Bailey Dr. NE] in a meeting room on the upper level. Precinct

two is across the street at the Vergennes United Methodist Church [10411 Bailey Dr. NE]."

Voters must be registered and they should bring some sort of identification with them.

"We need a photo ID," said city of Lowell clerk Sue Ullery. "That can consist of a Michigan driver's license or Michigan personal ID card, a driver's license or personal ID card issued by another state, federal or state issued photo ID, a US passport, a military ID, a student photo ID from a high school or accredited institution of higher education or a tribal photo ID. Those are what we can accept."

"Gun carry permits are not permitted as a valid form of ID," Brummel said.

Voters should not bring any campaign literature with them or even a button celebrating their favorite candidate.

"Nobody should wear any buttons or anything that mentions any candidates on them," Kowalczyk said. "No advertising on your clothes and please turn your cell phones off."

"They cannot bring, say or wear anything showing who they're supporting or anything political," Brummel said. "If they have little cheat sheets on who they plan to vote for, that works out great because it makes the lines go smoother and quicker. They are able to look at those in the privacy of their voting booths."

"There is no campaigning, no pins, no t-shirts or hats that have any

type of campaign slogans or anything like that on them," Ullery said.

"Any kind of campaigning at the polls is not allowed," Stone said. "We're asking people, because of the small size of our precinct space, to be respectful about their cell phone use. We kindly ask our voters not to use their cell phones in the precinct, just because it's quite small."

Trump has suggested that if he loses the election that means it must be rigged and he has asked his supporters to watch the polls on election day. Each of the clerks interviewed said that it would be impossible to rig the election, at least here in Michigan.

"I don't see how it could be rigged, I really don't," Kowalczyk said. "I don't see how that's a possibility at all, not with the system that we use here in Michigan. Once the polls close and the last vote has happened, they push a button and it prints the totals out."

"Each polling place is run in the same manner," Brummel said.

"The reason that we feel confident in the state of Michigan is that our election law requires that there is a paper ballot and paper ballots can be recounted," Stone said. "When you're voting on an electronic voting machine and all you have is your receipt, there is nothing for the voting officials to recount afterwards because

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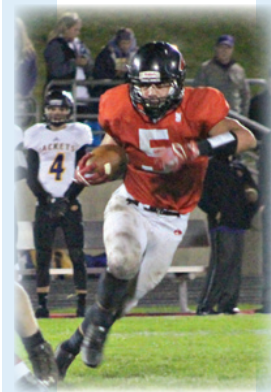
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## Arboreal enrichment in Lowell

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

One of the major reasons people flock to the Lowell area is to enjoy the natural beauty. The Lowell Department of Public Works and the Lowell Arbor Board have been working hard to improve the canopy. You might have noticed the results on Main St. when a public works crew was out there on Thursday despite the wet, chilly weather.

"With the approval of the Arbor Board, the Department of Public Works is removing two trees on the south side of the 200 block of W. Main," said Rich LaBombard, Lowell director of Public Works. "Four trees will be replanted on the south side of the same

block. The new plantings will beautify the south side of Main St. by the Antique Mall. As with any streetscape project, the intent is to make the area more visually appealing and inviting to residents and visitors."

It might seem strange to plant trees in the cold, late October weather, but that is how it's done.

"Fall is the best time to plant trees since they are going into their dormant stage and have a better transplant success rate when they are dormant," LaBombard said.

Half of the trees in the current project were free because of the road work last summer.

"Two of the four proposed plantings are being paid for by MDOT



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# Great Clips will help you thank a Veteran on Nov. 11

Great Clips salons across the nation—including all of West Michigan Great Clips—are showing appreciation for Veterans by giving all Great Clips' customers a way to thank those who've served or are serving in the U.S. military.

On Nov. 11, all non-veteran customers who get a service at the Lowell Great Clips salon get a free haircut card they can give to a Veteran as a thank you. Limit one card per customer, while supplies last.

Veterans and active service members get either a free haircut or a free haircut card to use later. The cards can be redeemed for a free haircut from Nov. 12 to Dec. 31, 2016, at any U.S. Great

Clips salon with proof of military service.

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"Many of us know at least one veteran, even if we don't know much about their service," says Linda Holmes, Great Clips' franchisee owner, who's

93-year-old father, George Davis is a World War II Air Force Veteran. "This Veterans Day, consider asking a Veteran about their service—how long they served, what job they had and what their service meant to them. Thank that Veteran with a free haircut card to express your recognition and appreciation for their service."

"We encourage everyone to spread the word about our Nov. 11 'You Can Thank a Veteran' promotion and stop into a salon to participate," says Terri Miller, Great Clips' senior vice president of marketing and communications. "Great Clips' salon owners and their stylists are proud to extend this year's Veterans Day offer to as many veterans and service members as possible and hope to exceed the 230,000 free haircuts they provided in 2015."



## along main street

### LOWELLARTS! PLAYERS PRESENT THE MOUSETRAP

The LowellArts! Players will present a murder mystery – The Mousetrap by Agatha Christie on Nov. 4, 5 and 6, 7:30-9 pm, at Larkin's Other Place, 301 West Main St. The play is offered as a dinner theater on all dates. Show only tickets are also available.

### HEROES BOTTLE/CAN DRIVE

The proceeds will go toward the purchase and training of rescue dogs scheduled for euthanasia and subsequently to help our veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Refundable cans and bottles can be dropped off at either Greenridge Realty, 1160 W. Main St., Lowell or 9145 Lincoln Lake Ave., Greenville (just south of 11 Mile Rd, west side). Cut off date and time for drop offs will be Nov. 5 at 6 pm. Local pick-ups can be arranged. For more information contact Kim Schwacha at 616-485-0099 or Beth Schwacha at 616-481-5462.

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### ANNUAL VETERAN'S COOKIE DRIVE

The annual Cookie Drive for the Grand Rapids Veterans' Home will be held this year on Saturday Nov. 12. Cookies will be collected between 10 am and noon at the Lowell Veterans Center at 3116 South Alden Nash between the Lowell fairgrounds and I-96. The cookies will be delivered on the same Saturday they are collected later in the day. If you have any questions, please call Jan Thompson at 897-2533.

### HOLIDAY MARKET

The annual LowellArts! Holiday Artists Market, featuring artwork by over 50 area artists, will be Nov. 18 – Dec. 24. Artwork and other handmade items by Michigan artists will be available for purchase during the gift-giving season. This will be the first showing held in the new LowellArts! gallery at 223 West Main St. Gallery hours are Tues.-Sat., 10 am – 6 pm.

### MAKE AND TAKE WORKSHOPS

Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday of November and two weeks into December at the Franciscan Life Process Center we're bringing in artists and crafters to teach you a skill and help you bring home a Christmas gift. These are mini workshops teaching wreath decorating, fabric skills, felting, children's rocker painting, making rings and earrings, crocheting, and many more things in a half day or whole day setting. Go to [www.lifeprocesscenter.org](http://www.lifeprocesscenter.org) and click on the Services tab, then the Art Program tab and then the Art Workshops tab; or call 897-7842, ext. 352. Leave a message if you do not get a response.

### GILDA'S CLUB LOWELL CLUBHOUSE

Chitchat Readers Book Club – Tues., Nov. 15, 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](http://www.gildasclubgr.org/pinkarrow)

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people take their receipts with them. I have always had a lot of faith in our system in Michigan just because of the fact that it can be recounted. It can be examined for accuracy. The entire state is on that kind of voting system and we are consistent in Kent County with the same kind of equipment. We do all the testing ahead of time to make sure that our programs are programmed properly, that they are counting votes accurately. All that is done ahead of time to ensure that people, when they get to the polls, when they put their ballot in the machine it will vote the way that they are intending to vote.”

“In Michigan we have numerous checks and balances throughout our election system with

protections built in,” said Michigan Secretary of State Ruth Johnson in an Oct. 26 press release. “Michigan’s use of paper ballots allows us to verify election results, confirming the high accuracy of our voting system. Throughout the process, representatives from different political parties provide checks and balances, including confirming the eligibility of each voter; verifying that the number of voters matches the number of ballots tabulated; and overseeing the process for removing and securing ballots after the polls close, securing them in sealed ballot containers and delivering the election materials to a local receiving board. We’ve also developed training videos and other resources

to make sure clerks and election workers fully understand and consistently perform all Election Day tasks. My team and I have implemented processes to clean up and maintain the statewide Qualified Voter File. Over the past five years, we have removed almost 887,000 registered voters who are no longer qualified to vote in Michigan, such as those who have died or moved out of state or who are non-citizens. Our QVF is also backed up daily and permanently tracks any changes to individual records. Each local city and township clerk conducts public testing on every piece of voting equipment before every election. After this public test, the tabulation program is secured and reverified before it is used

on Election Day. Michigan’s 1,603 local and county clerks conduct elections using voting machines that are not connected to the Internet or any other electronic device while the polls are open. [...] Michigan is unique in that we have an election system made up of clerks, other election officials and poll workers from 83 counties, 280 cities and 1,240 townships. While a large and complex structure, our training programs and consistent procedures ensure that every aspect of our system is secure and ready for this year’s critical election cycle.”

If people actually show up to watch the polls, all of the clerks interviewed said it was fine with them.

“We’re expecting some poll watchers,” Ullery said. “They are able to sit in the precinct and watch what is happening. They’re not allowed to touch anything or ask questions, but they are allowed to watch.”

“If somebody is coming to watch the polls, we actually have a location that is strictly for them,” Brummel said. “They can stand and watch. They’ll be able to see the entire process from start to finish.

“They’re allowed inside the building,” Kowalczyk said. “We’ll make them very comfortable. Whatever they need, we try to help them out as long as they don’t interfere with what we’re

doing and the lines of people that are coming in.”

“Our space is small and all we ask is that if people are going to hang around at the polls they have to stay out of the voting area,” Stone said. “The space that is out of the voting area is where there will be people in line. It’s certainly peoples’ right to watch the polls and observe, but we’re constrained by space and voter privacy is also an issue. That’s why they’re not allowed in the voting area. We try to do the best we can to accommodate what people feel is their right and balance that with the right of the voters to their privacy.”

## LowellArts! Players’ classic “who dun it” opens at Larkin’s The Other Place



Dan Jones, Nancy Wood, Ron Wood, Matt Tawney, Diana Roush, John Foley and Brent Alles star in Agatha Christie’s “The Mousetrap” this weekend at Larkin’s The Other Place.

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

The LowellArts! Players are currently doing an entertaining dinner theater production of Agatha Christie’s “The Mousetrap” at Larkin’s The Other Place. The play opened on Friday, Oct. 28. The final performances will be next weekend.

The LowellArts! production of “The Mousetrap” was directed by Ron Wood. The opening night cast included Wood, Matt Tawney, Diana Roush,

Nancy Wood, Laurie Kuna, John Foley, Dan Jones and Brent Alles. Theater tradition dictates that audiences not ruin the twist ending by revealing the identity of the killer to anyone who hasn’t seen the play. Before the action started, director and Wood made the audience swear not to divulge what they were about see. The elaborate mansion set, which includes a working radio and telephone, thunder and lightning effects and lots of doors for actors to enter

and exit, was designed and built buy Wood and stage manager Dan Kantorowski.

“I designed it, built it and did all the painting myself, along with the stage manager,” Wood said.

In a last minute substitution, Wood also took on the role of Major Metcalf in addition to his directorial duties.

“It went wonderful,” Wood said. “From the

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**The City and Township Clerks will be available at the following locations on Saturday, November 5, 2016 for any registered voter who would like to apply for or return an absentee voters ballot for the November 8, 2016 General Election.**

<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><b>Sandra Kowalczyk</b> Bowne Township 9 am to 12 pm 8240 Alden Nash, Alto (616) 868-6846</p>	<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><b>Sue Ullery</b> City of Lowell 9 am to 2 pm 301 East Main, Lowell (616) 897-8457</p>
<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><b>Mari Stone</b> Vergennes Township 10 am to 2 pm 10381 Bailey Dr, Lowell (616) 897-5671</p>	<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><b>Linda S. Regan</b> Lowell Charter Township 10 am to 2 pm 2910 Alden Nash SE, Lowell (616) 897-7600</p>

## Trees, continued

because their contractor had to remove two trees for the new right turn lane at the intersection of Hudson and Main (M-21) this summer,” LaBombard said.

Trees are a relatively inexpensive way to enhance Lowell’s beauty, so public works and the Arbor Board plan to plant plenty. For a minimum cost of \$5,100

they will plant at least 17 trees.

“The Arbor Board has also approved planting three to five trees at the new S. Monroe parking lot, three to four trees at the electrical substation on Bowes Rd., five trees at Creekside Park along the north property line, five trees in the parkway by Pebble Beach Apartments,

a commemorative tree in honor of former councilman Jim Hall at the Riverwalk Park and replacement of dead trees on the city owned property at the southwest intersection of Jackson and Front Streets,” LaBombard said. “The proposed trees each cost between \$300 and \$500 installed.”

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## outdoors

deer hunting today

Dave Stegehuis

Deer hunting in Michigan has evolved to the point where early 20th century hunters might not recognize their current counterparts. Well to do hunters typically wore a jacket, tie, and fedora, and a lever action carbine at their side. Deer populations have also cycled. Game laws were applied in the late 1800s in response to dwindling numbers of whitetails across the country.

Since that time deer management, hunting methods, regulations, and gear have changed considerably. Hunter demographics has changed. Women, especially young women, now make up a good portion of the hunting community.

The preverbal stump has been replaced by portable blinds, tree stands, as well as comfortable heated hunting shacks. Modern breathable waterproof outer clothing comes in all sorts of camo patterns as well as the required blaze orange. Bows, cross bows, and firearms are in a constant state of development. Driven by market demand, all types of equipment are upgraded on a continuous basis.

The deer herd is now micromanaged for habitat balance and disease prevention. Baiting deer is highly regulated and is banned in certain areas due to the risk of transmitting disease between animals. Trail cameras have taken over scouting chores in the

deer woods. Setting out digital cameras has become a sport in itself. Food plot establishment has made farmers out of hunters with access to private land. Habitat development and maintenance are practiced on private and public land alike.

With all of these options, a hunter must decide on how to go about hunting deer. Some folks stick with tradition while others take advantage of every opportunity to hunt more efficiently and comfortably. The hunter must examine the reasons why he or she hunts and choose the best way to realize these expectations. Fortunately, deer are still just deer and provide the same opportunity to get out and interact with nature on a personal basis as always.

## Staff Member of the Month at MLE

Murray Lake paraeducator, Kim Miles, has been named Staff Member of the Month at Murray Lake Elementary for September. Miles is a positive force in the classrooms and helps students reach their full potential by helping them learn and grow. She always recognizes when there is a need and jumps right in to help. She has had a very positive impact on the behavior of the students and the rest of the staff says they are extremely grateful for her efforts.

"My family moved to Lowell nine years ago.

We were fortunate to have our two daughters attend MLE. I was a volunteer at school and when I was given the opportunity to join the MLE family, I was

so excited! I love that I am able to work with this great group of educators that are committed to our children," commented Miles.



An MLE student with teacher Kim Miles .

### NEWS REGARDING TRASH-RECYCLING-YARD

Residents can now contract directly with a licensed provider in the City of Lowell for a trash service option that is most suitable to them beginning December 1, 2016. Those companies that are currently licensed in the City are the following:

- Red Creek - 616-682-2806
- Republic Services - 616-636-4096
- Green Valley Services - 616-647-1400
- Waste Management, Inc. - 616-724-2162

What does this mean to residents who have utilized the service by Red Creek after November 30, 2016?

Residents have the option to seek service from any licensed provider. Red Creek plans to sell the blue bags as they have previously. Please contact Red Creek for information pertaining to this and yard waste pickup.

#### Recycling

Residents who have utilized the recycling via the City of Lowell through Red Creek have the option of returning their recycling containers back to the City of Lowell. The City will then return the resident's deposit, if done so before May 1, 2017. Residents can also keep the container, with no deposit returned to them. Please note if the resident chooses not to return the container, Red Creek will still not accept recycling from that container.

Waste pickup will continue to remain on Thursdays except for holiday weeks where service will be delayed one day. Call City Hall with questions at 616-897-8457



# viewpoint

## to the editor

### a clear choice

To The Editor:

Lynn Mason is clearly the best choice for your vote for State Representative in the election on November 8.

While I am sure the other candidates seeking this office are fine people, none of them possess the experiences of elective office and community service that Lynn offers.

She has served four terms on the Ionia County Commission, has been chairperson of the West Michigan Rail Trail Authority and has served on the Michigan Association of Counties Transportation Committee. In these positions, she has been a proven consensus builder

and a tireless worker, willing to listen to and work with all sides.

She is a small business owner (Mason Apple Farms near Belding) and a retired teacher.

Lynn has been a friend of mine for over thirty years. She is also a Democrat. I know that historically voters in this area send Republicans to represent them in Lansing. However, I would ask that in this election, you give Lynn Mason a chance to show you what she can do by giving her your vote on November 8. You will not be disappointed.

Tom Stahr  
Ada

### a clarification

To The Editor,

In Sharon Ellison's letter to the editor this week, she stated that I voted to pay Katherine Henry in an effort to "move on." I respect Sharon very much and admire all her contributions to the schools and the Lowell community. But her statement on my vote and feelings on the matter are unfortunately incorrect. I not only questioned Mrs. Henry's billing practices and the times and dates the city was billed for, but I

also voted no to approve the invoice after she declined requests to appear before the council to answer our questions and justify her time.

I would just like the record to reflect the correct information. The official record of my comments and votes can be seen in the meeting minutes from 4/4/2016.

Respectfully,  
Mike DeVore  
Lowell City Council

### a giving community

Dear Editor,

The Lowell and businesses that give of their time and resources to help others. I am reminded many individuals, families

of what a giving community this is when I see firsthand how many organizations rely on donations and contributions of volunteers and community members to carry out their missions.

One example of a vital contribution is when local businesses extend a discount of services to area nonprofit organizations. Through my volunteer work at Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) I have discovered that for nearly ten years Canfield Plumbing and Heating has offered repairs and services at a 50% discount.

One year, FROM made an emergency call to fix a plumbing leak on the Saturday morning of their Christmas distribution event. Yes, Greg Canfield himself arrived with tools in hand to make that repair.

This type of community support exemplifies the spirit of generosity that makes Lowell an ideal place to work and raise a family. I for one am grateful for business owners like Greg Canfield who continually reach out to help others.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jodie Seese  
Ada

### recall is wrong

Dear Editor,

This recall election is just wrong! I believe there should be a process to recall elected officials if the person being recalled has been proven to have done something illegal or is not doing their job, but that is just not the case with councilman Jeff Altoft. He has done nothing illegal and has worked diligently to keep Lowell running honestly and smoothly and getting it to smell better.

He is not the best public speaker and he won't win the Better Homes and Garden award, but he tells

the truth. He doesn't sugar coat things. Jeff Altoft works for the citizens of Lowell and wants the businesses to grow but he won't give an advantage to a new business at the expense of the existing ones. Everyone's needs have to be considered. Greg Canfield has brought businesses to town but has always personally profited from it. Pay attention folks, your vote matters in your town. Greg can run next November, don't let the bullies run this election.

Kelly Stanger  
Clarksville

### lots of questions

To the Editor:

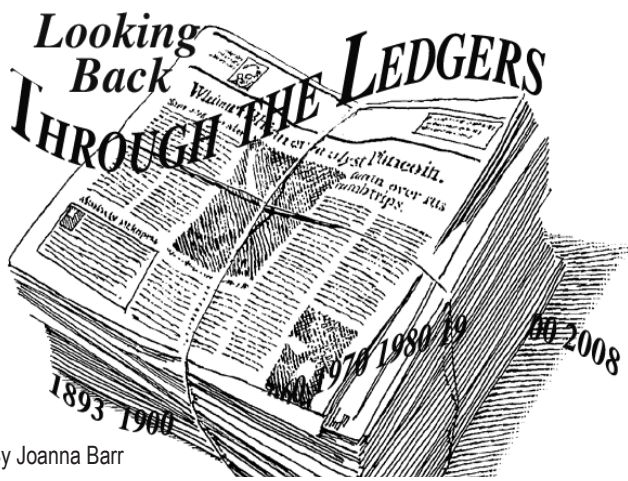
After hearing news reports, reading Ledger articles and letters, and listening to City Council and Lowell Light & Power board meetings I have lots of questions concerning the biodigester and other things.

Who is paying for all the added costs to Lowell citizens and LL&P rate payers—lots of hours for the city attorney and costs to the police department fielding complaint calls and issuing citations?

People say "Don't blame LL&P." Why not? They, with Greg Canfield as chairman of the board, made the decision to bring the biodigester to Lowell and place it in the middle of

the city against the concerns of many citizens.

Did the LL&P board really hire Greg Pierce back on as a "consultant" at \$130 an hour!? He's the one that brought this biodigester idea with him after it was rejected by Traverse City. So now we're paying for a general manager AND a consultant? It was Pierce who told us that in order to be compliant to renewable fuel energy standards, LL&P had to provide a stated amount of renewable energy. Well, this only meant they had to purchase that amount off the grid, not produce their own which is a main reason for the biodigester!



By Joanna Barr

### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger Nov. 2, 1916

Notice to Subscribers. As before announced and repeated elsewhere in this issue, the price of The Ledger will be increased to \$1.50 per year beginning December 1; but prior to that time all subscriptions may be paid up and renewed at the present rate of \$1.00 per year. The question has arisen: "How far in advance can one pay?" Many have paid more than a year and at least one has paid for his paper until 1922. As we can use the money to a good advantage in our business, we have concluded, as have many other publishers, to extend the privilege of advance payment to all at the old rate and leave the term optional with the subscriber. This offer expires November 30, 1916. Publisher Ledger.

The campaign is nearly over and unlike any other preceding it within the memory of the oldest inhabitant, there has been little or no street arguments of the fiery type that used to alienate neighbors and friends; and 'tis better so.

Lowell and vicinity people, always loyal to worthy home candidates; will be glad to be reminded that we have two such on the county tickets this year: Dexter G. Look for county road commissioner, on the Republican ticket and Dr. Chas. Anderson for coroner, on the Democratic ticket. Don't forget these when you mark your ticket next Tuesday. If Mr. Look should not be re-elected the eastern part of the county would have no representative on the road commission; and the county would lose the services of a man who has acquired a valuable experience and who has given the best of his acknowledged business ability and energy to the county road service. In Dr. Anderson also, the people have a candidate for coroner of unquestioned fitness and integrity; and this part of the county has a right to be recognized in the matter. Let Democrats, Republicans, Progressives and Socialists, forget partisan lines in these local matters and give a rousing vote for these good Lowell candidates.

Henry Ford says Prohibition need not throw brewers out of business; but that their plants can make

### 125 years ago Lowell Journal Nov. 4, 1891

Francis H. Minors, a veteran and an inmate of the Soldier's Home was thrown from the electric cars at the corner of Leonard and Taylor Sts. Saturday morning and killed.

John D. Jennings, "The Father of the Masonic Home" and its first inmate, died at the Home Monday. Nov. 2nd. He was 78 years old and has a masonic record of forty one years.

W. H. Raszel dunned John Wood for money due his wife for a washing and because he couldn't get it just as he wanted it, he got Raszel dazzled and threatened to split Wood with a hatchet. As it was the aforesaid John Wood he threatened to split and as John didn't feel that he was properly cured for domestic purposes, he objected to being split and so strenuously that the police came and locked Raszel up.

Monday evening the alarm of fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp in Fred Charles' barber shop. Only prompt efforts nipped in the bud what might have been a serious conflagration. The squawbuck oil in general use in this village is as dangerous as gasoline and cannot be handled as has been our custom in years past with the safe oil given us under the wise law of our state, which was repealed by our late democratic legislature.

# Supporting our wounded warriors

Every Veterans Day, the nation honors the brave men and women who risk their lives to protect our country and the freedoms we cherish. Social Security honors veterans and active duty members of the military every day by giving them the support they deserve. A vital part of that is administering the Social Security disability program.

For those who return home with injuries, Social Security is a resource they can turn to for disability benefits. Social Security's Wounded Warriors website is at [www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors).

The Wounded Warriors website has answers to many commonly asked questions, and shares other useful information about disability benefits, including how veterans can receive expedited processing of disability claims. Benefits available through Social Security are different from those available from the Department of Veterans Affairs and require a separate application.



The expedited process is available to military service members who become disabled while on active military service on or after October 1, 2001, regardless of where the disability occurs.

Even active duty military who continue to receive pay while in a hospital or on medical leave should consider applying for disability benefits if they're unable to work due

to a disabling condition. Active duty status and receipt of military pay doesn't necessarily prevent payment of Social Security disability benefits. Although a person can't receive Social Security disability benefits while engaging in substantial work for pay or profit, receipt of military payments should never stop someone from applying for disability benefits from Social Security.

Learn more by visiting [www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors).

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## health



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### hand, foot, mouth disease

Hand, foot and mouth disease is a contagious viral infection that causes a sore throat, fever, painful ulcers in the mouth, malaise, and a red rash on the palms and soles. The rash may extend to other areas and may also blister.

The onset of symptoms after exposure is between three to six days. A fever is typically the first symptom. The mouth sores typically follow in two days.

The virus is named coxsackievirus A. It spreads by contact with an infected individual's saliva, nasal secretions and respiratory droplets sprayed into the air while coughing or sneezing.

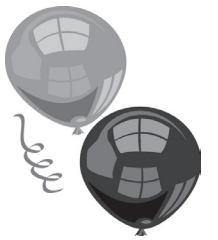
The virus can be spread for several weeks after the illness resolves.

Children under 10 are the most frequently infected.

The most common complication of hand, foot and mouth disease is dehydration because it hurts to eat or drink.

There is no cure for this as it is a viral illness. Symptoms usually resolve over seven to ten days. Treatment consists of oral topical numbing agents and ibuprofen to help with pain. Avoiding acidic and spicy foods, drinking cold beverages and ice pops also help soothe the pain.

## happy birthday



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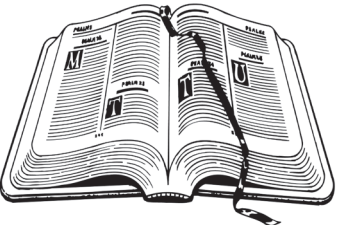
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# To The Editor, continued

If he and the board were really concerned for the residents why didn't they bring in one of the biodigesters that can use yard waste to save the city residents all the money they have to spend on having their grass clippings and leaves hauled away? Is it true that LL&P used our (the ratepayers) money to pay to retrofit the building before the biodigester investors even started building? And we (the ratepayers) had to pay for the truck to haul the stuff because no local trucking company would take this on. Now are we paying for the driver and all the expenses and liability of hauling the manure? All this after we were promised there would be no expense to LL&P until we have to pay five million dollars to buy the thing!

This is the same Greg Pierce that was allowed by the LL&P board, led by chairman Greg Canfield, to spend years using our money to fight a few employees who were simply asking for a fair contract. I understand that this same board then changed his contract so that it would require us, the ratepayers, to pay him a year's salary (over \$110,000) if the council tried to hold him accountable for his actions. Are we really committed to using \$5,000,000 of our money to buy the biodigester in 5 years? I noticed the report said their temporary fixes were meant to last 5-7 years. That's interesting. I'm so grateful that we now have Mayor Jeff Altoft and the city council looking out for the citizens' interests. Will the LL&P board try to change the

contract in five years (like they did with Greg Pierce's contract to protect him from any accountability) so that we end up paying for all the costs of fixing these problems? I understand LL&P has about 1700 customers. Has anyone bothered to figure the cost of 1700 into \$5,000,000? Why wasn't this type of expenditure put to a vote of the people having to foot the bill?

Is it true that as of February 2015 the startup cost was already \$6,000,000? That was over a year ago and before all the flights from Germany and major repairs. Will that be added to the \$5,000,000 we're expected to pay? If not why on earth would investors continue with a project at such a major loss?

Greg Canfield has been chairman of the board of LL&P throughout the entire history of this biodigester fiasco. Now he wants to use his decision-making skills on the city council to help run the entire city? "Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely." Lord Acton

People have asked why I get involved in "city affairs." I am a LL&P ratepayer; I believe the board and their chairman, Greg Canfield, are not doing their fiduciary duty with our money and the city council is the only regulatory power that has any control over LL&P. That's why!!! "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil {out of control spending, politics as usual} is that good men {and women} do nothing." -Edmund Burke.

Thank you,  
Peggy Covert  
Lowell

## lowell deserves better

To the Editor:

I waffled for a quite a while about whether to write this, but in the end, I'd hate to have voters make a decision when they've only heard one half of the story. Given some of the recent letters to the editor, I'm afraid Mayor Jeff Altoft is pulling the wool over people's eyes.

No one wants to be negative, but we really need to address the elephant in the room. The reality is that while Jeff puts on a good show about everything he's doing for the city, he can actually be a difficult person to work with and seems to be mainly focused on matters that affect him personally. I don't say that because I heard it from someone who heard it from someone else. I say that because I've served with Jeff on city council before.

Have you ever had a friend who responds to everything positive with a negative? Someone who, when you say "the weather's great," responds by grumbling about how it could be better? That was my experience working with Jeff on city council. No matter how positive the project, it seemed like he would find the negative in the situation.

And if there was a problem, it was always someone else's fault. He complained about Dave Pasquale; he complained about Mark Howe; and I fear it's only a matter of time before he begins finding fault with Mike Burns.

When it came to actually doing the work, Jeff was often absent. For example, when we were

discussing whether to allow soft-sided garages in the city, I received an email from him saying he was looking forward to working with me on the issue. But he didn't follow-up and actually do any work on the proposal. I learned halfway through the process that he was only interested in it because he already had a soft-sided garage on his property that was in violation of the ordinance.

Jeff also took great interest in an ordinance that would allow outdoor wood furnaces in the city, but again, that seemed to be self-serving since he sells the furnaces. More recently, Jeff spent a lot of time talking about sidewalk repairs at the start of this year. Then, once the sidewalk in front of his house was fixed, he

seemed to suddenly stop talking about it. This was the pattern I saw, only matters that affected him personally were worth his full attention.

The unfortunate truth is that Jeff never seemed too interested in rolling up his sleeves and doing the hard work of governance. My experience with him was that he likes to tell other people what to do and how they are wrong, but that he rarely bothers to get into the trenches with those trying to make the city better. Instead, he's standing above them, pointing out their mistakes and how they aren't working hard enough.

Lowell deserves better.  
Sincerely,  
Maryalene LaPonsie  
Lowell

...  
**Politics, it seems to me, for years, or all too long,  
has been concerned with right or left instead  
of right or wrong.**

## business matters

Greenridge Realty announced that Ryan Hesche received Sales Associate of the Month in October.

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Ryan Hesche

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The meeting will be held as follows:  
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**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.  
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Canfield Plumbing & Heating: Candi McNinch, Liz Bacon and Deb Canfield.



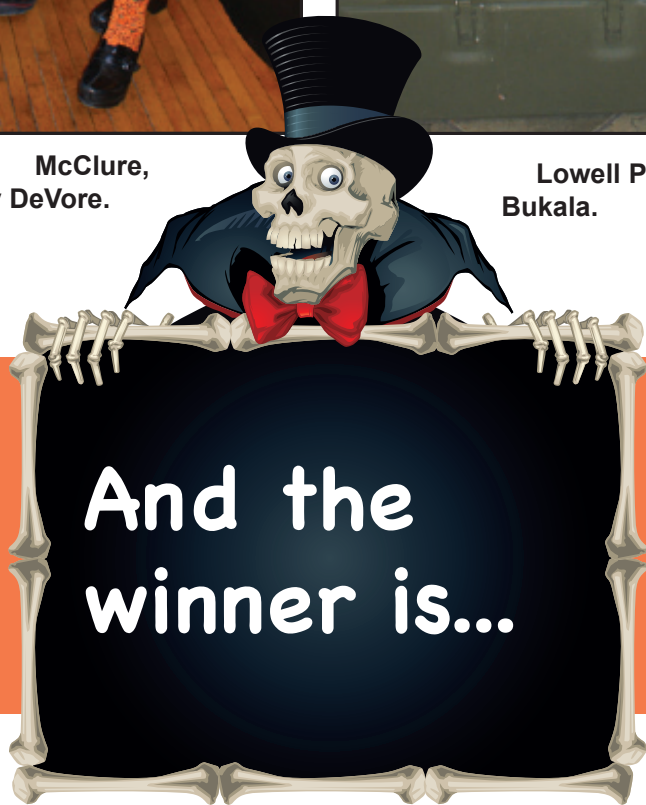
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# Do you think the Nov. 8 election will be rigged? How and by who?



**Beth McDonald**  
"No. I have faith in the system."



**Lynn Hillard**  
"No. I think there is a lot of hype on that and I just don't buy it."



**Brandon Perdok**  
"No. I think there are too many checks and balances going on, but that's just my personal opinion."



**Eric Wakeman**  
"Yes. Based on how the media is handling it, it's already been rigged. It's never been any kind of secret at all that the Democratic party had dead people voting and people voting multiple times. We've known that for years. I don't think anybody really disputes that. The media has proven that they're in the tank for Hilary and Wikileaks is now our best media outlet for actual unbiased news, which is just amazing to me."



**Nick Godwin**  
"Honestly, probably yes. Probably by the government and they're not going to tell us how they do it. Probably something with the ballots. Keep watching this week, a bunch of goofy s\*\*\* is going to go on this week to distract us from the election; Clowns or Pokemon or whatever, it's all distractions. I just go fishing and don't worry about it."



**Tom Luehrs**  
"No way. I think it's too separated in too many areas. I don't see any possibility in anything I can think of where anyone could actually get in and rig it. I suppose there could be some votes altered in one precinct or something like that but I think it's a big joke that they could rig the election."

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**Hell, I never  
vote for  
anybody,  
I always vote  
against.**

~W.C. Fields

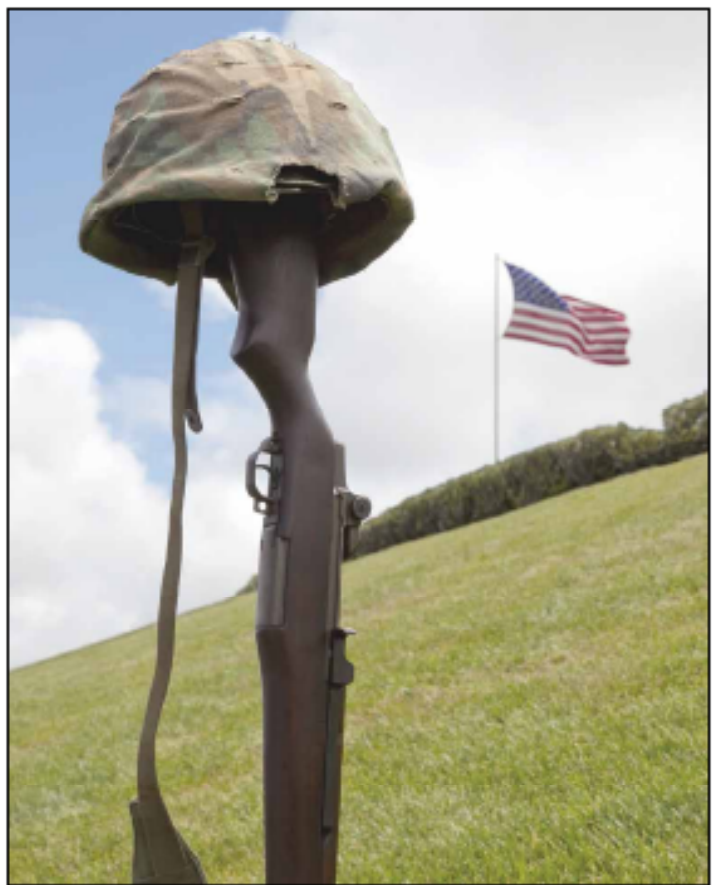


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Think back to the early American patriots who stood up for the right to vote and literally gave their lives for that freedom. These men may seem like they are in the distant past, but their lives still matter because in the world where voting is a part of cultural oppression. You care if it does who want before you to carry out your civic duty. The founding fathers believed that an informed electorate was necessary to maintain an effective society. In the initial stages of voting, eligible voters were expected to not only research issues and candidates, but also speak on them at public meetings. Voting was a privilege that citizens took seriously, and it's something that many members of our military have fought hard to protect.

**TODAY'S VETERAN CONNECTION**  
Many states have leveraged the sacrifice of voting as an opportunity to honor our veterans. Many states, for example, successfully launched programs in honor of the 1945 general election, and successfully honored more than 2,000 veterans. The Vote as Honor of a Veteran Program provides state citizens an opportunity to pay tribute to past, present and future members of the military. Voters can honor a veteran on any election day by requesting a VEM or by sharing a story that may be printed on the Next Candidate State Board of Election website. Other states also use a VEM-based program that provides voters with a free personal identification number and a chance to participate with the name of a veteran you wish to honor. Check to see your local representatives or state office on requesting a personalized VEM. Honoring a veteran you appreciate — now that is a great reason to vote.



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- WRESTLING

## SPORTS

## Wrestlers continue their winning ways

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Lowell girls wrestling continued their winning ways last week improving their dual meet record to an undefeated 9-0 on Wednesday at Cherry Creek Elementary. Then over the weekend they won a tournament championship at the Grayling Invitational.

In their first season, the team is currently ranked number one with two wrestlers remaining undefeated as the season winds towards the state finals. Reese Gonzales is currently 8-0 and Alexxis Gonzales 9-0. Head coach Dave Strejc said he is pleased with the season thus far and the talent that has emerged. "What has amazed me is how every one of the girls has stepped up and exceeded expectations on all accounts." Beyond the tremendous effort of the newest Lady Arrows Strejc also credits community

supporters for the stellar out of the gate season, "RJ Boudro, the varsity wrestling coach, as well as the Lowell Wrestling Club have been a tremendous help in getting the team started. Also Dave Dean and Rob Stehley from MYWAY have been a huge help in getting all the teams in the state started with donating new singlets to the teams and helping with the cost of officials."

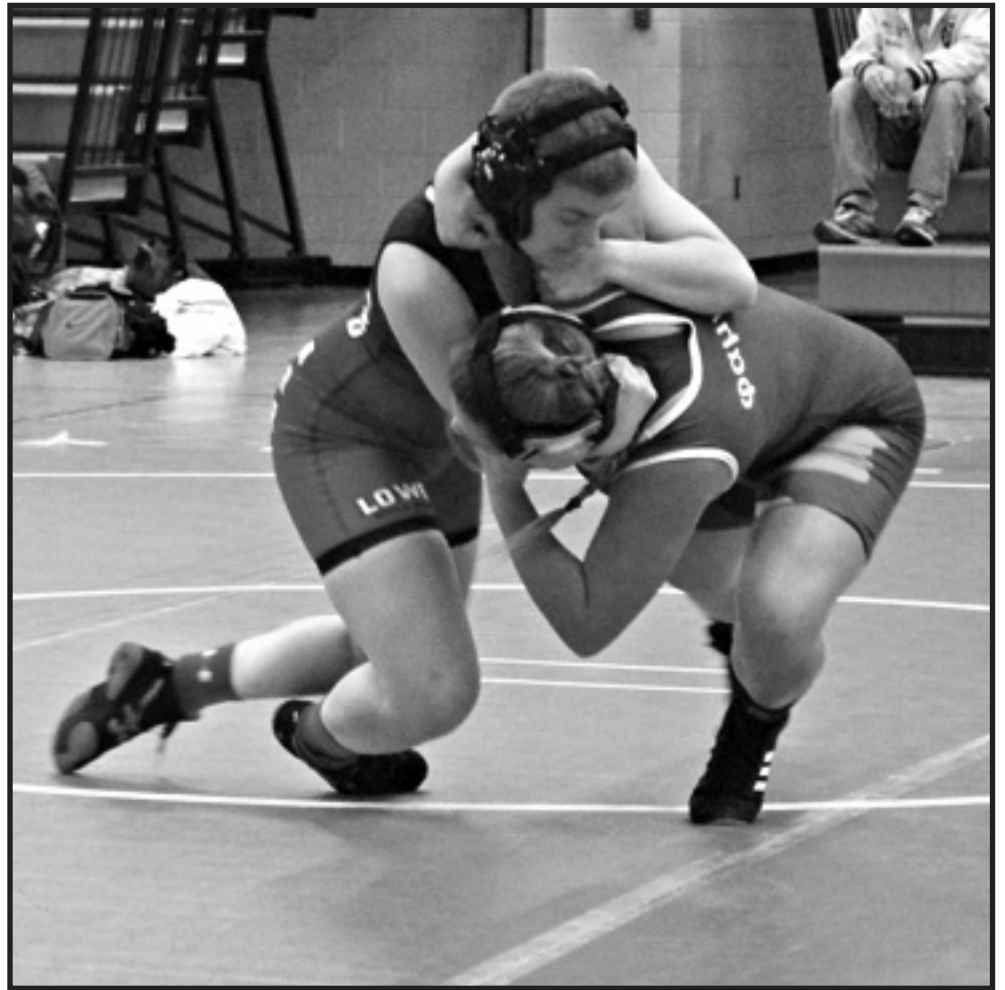
Wednesday at home against Battle Creek Lakeview, the talent shined through in a 27-12 win that included pins from Isis Lett at 102 lbs, R. Gonzales at 126 and Rebecca Hall in the heavyweight class. Makayla McCune, wrestling at 114 lbs, also picked up a win via forfeit and A. Gonzales earned a 3-0 decision win wrestling at 155 lbs.

At Grayling the team placed first overall with both Gonzales girls grappling their way to first-place

finishes. Placing in the third position were 90 lb Brooke Meijer, 102 lb Lett, Callie Ford-Weber at 138 lbs and heavyweight Katie DeYoung. Ruthie Smith and Corah Kaufman placed fourth in the 114 and 126 lb matches respectively.

The Arrows face a challenging upcoming schedule. "The next two weeks will be intense as we look for all the girls to work towards a peak performance at the state meet," said Strejc.

The team's regular season finale will take place this Sunday, November 6, when the team hosts their own Gary Rivers Memorial Invitational at CCE beginning with the team tournament at 10 am and the individual portion scheduled for 12:30 pm. The state meet is scheduled for Saturday, November 12, at the Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.



Callie Ford-Weber takes down her Lakeview opponent.

- VOLLEYBALL

## Arrow volleyball finishes best regular season on record

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Lowell varsity volleyball put the finishing touches on their regular season last week with a 3-2 loss on the road versus top-ranked Forest Hills Central on Tuesday and a 3-0 senior night win at home versus Greenville on Thursday.

Needing a win to share in the OK White conference title, the Arrows headed to FHC looking to pick up their first victory of the season over the Rangers. Extending the fight to five sets of ferocious battle the

Arrows picked up wins in the second and fourth battle (25-13 and 25-18) but fell in the tie-breaking fifth (9-15). Leading the charge for the Arrows were Carly Hoekstra who served up three aces, Abi Mangus who produced 19 kills, Sydney Powell who offered up 40 assists, Jill Fidler who logged 36 digs and Kendra Wroten and Shannon Hoekstra who provided three blocks each.

Thursday the team celebrated senior night honoring the three senior members graduating in the spring. Shannon Hoekstra,

Kendra Wroten and Maria DeCator were honored, alongside their parents, prior to the match for their time and contribution to the team. The Arrows pulled off a big 3-0 win following the ceremony topping Greenville 25-16, 25-17 and 25-19. Emily Stump was Lowell's top server in the dual tallying three aces. Powell led in assists with 22, S. Hoekstra led blocks with two, Fidler in digs with 26 and C. Hoekstra and Mangus totaled eleven kills apiece.

**The win cemented one of the best seasons on record. The Lady Arrows finish the regular season with a winning record of 23-14-1 and a second-place 9-3 conference finish. They'll start the postseason this week facing Cedar Springs in the first round of district play on Monday at home. A win will propel them into competition at FHC on Wednesday for the semifinals at 7 pm. If successful against FHC, the Arrows will compete in finals Thursday at 6 pm.**



Junior Abi Mangus serves for the Red Arrows.

Sports Summaries 

## BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Freshman Caleb Swart led the Arrows last Saturday as they capped off their season at Allendale High School for the MSHAA Division I regional race placing in the tenth position with a score of 261. Swart's time of 17:40 placed him 35th among the field overall. His top performance was followed by that of senior Eric Judd who ran a 17:47 in his last effort on the course for Lowell High School. Fellow seniors Kenny Stump and Kyle Cater finished their time as Red Arrows scoring in the top five with times of 18:24 and 18:47 respectively, followed by freshman Lucas Cossar who rounded out scoring runners with a 19:10. Rockford claimed the competition's top spot with a score of 30 followed by Grand Haven (81) and Traverse City Central (84).

## GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Lowell's Lady Arrow varsity distance runners wrapped up their season last Saturday at the MSHAA Division I regional competition hosted by Allendale High School tallying a total of 287 points for a tenth-place finish. Lowell was joined in the top ten by fellow OK White competitors Forest Hills Central and Northern and Northview, as well as Rockford who claimed the top spot with a score of 70. Three underclassman claimed the top spots for Lowell showing great promise for the future of the program. Lauren Aud came in first at 21:00 followed by Alexis Haines who achieved a personal best with a 21:30 and Audrey Conrad who clocked a 21:42. Other top finishers were junior Katrina Droski (21:42), junior Dawn Kondor (22:08), sophomore Amber Clouse (22:18) and senior Kyla Dixon (23:56) in her final run as a Red Arrow.

Red Arrow

- FOOTBALL

# SPORTS

## Arrows move on to second round of districts

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

The last time the Red Arrows lost in the first round of districts was in 1999 when they fell to the now extinct Creston Polar Bears who went on from the win to the state title game. Last Friday night Lowell claimed their 17th consecutive bid to the second round of the postseason with a massive 42-17 win over Greenville.

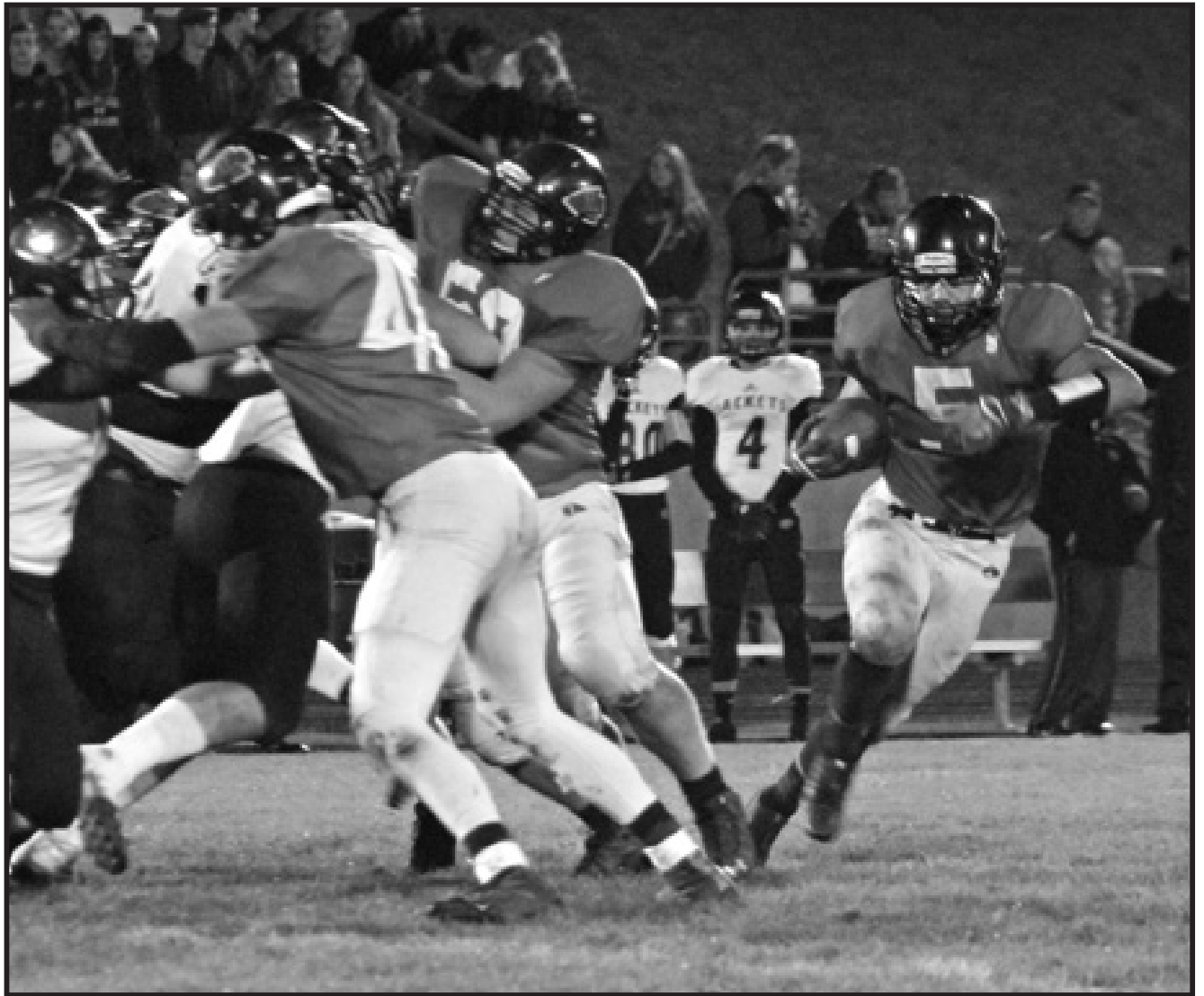
Lowell scored in all four quarters, including a three touchdown second quarter, dominating the Hornets of Greenville on both sides of the ball. Red Arrow quarterback junior David Kruse opened scoring in the first when he and running back Nate Stephens teamed up for a 51-yard rush that ended in a seven-yard end zone sprint for Kruse converting on the team's first possession of the game. Greenville responded on the next drive tying the game at seven just before the second quarter.

Three Red Arrows scored in the second racking up three touchdowns with corresponding extra points from George Gonzales who earned a perfect 4/4. Kruse picked up his second of the night on a 15-yard run early on in the quarter followed by the team's only passing

score between Kruse and Addison Buckius who picked up a 21-yard catch and the first of three for Stephens who brought the ball in 22 yards for the score on the ground. Greenville was only able to conjure up a field goal in the quarter putting the Arrows ahead with a commanding 28-10 lead at half time.

Lowell skunked Greenville in the third holding them to no points while adding seven after Stephens moved the ball an impressive 73 yards into the end zone solo. He scored another just minutes later in the fourth after the Arrows recovered a fumbled Greenville ball to round out scoring for Lowell who eventually claimed the 42-17 victory.

Stephens was the night's leading rusher gaining more yards on the ground than all Greenville rushers combined with a tally of 195 yards achieved in 18 carries producing three touchdowns. Kruse logged a similarly impressive performance earning two touchdowns achieved through 128 yards rushing over 14 carries. Other Arrows moving the ball on the ground were



Nate Stephens cuts away from the pack for one of his three touchdowns against Greenville.

Ethan Kaminski, Grady McDonald, Buckius, Sage Solomonson, Brady Douma and Brendan Milligan.

Passing remains a smaller part of the Red Arrows' season success with most of their scoring coming through traffic instead of above it. In this game Kruse passed for 84 yards, compared to 387 rushing and earned one touchdown

from Buckius who got the night's top receiver spot with two carries and 42 yards. Austin Branagan and Hayden Barry were on the receiving end of Kruse's other four successful passes. He ended the night with a 50 percent completion rate and one interception. Points were also added to the scoreboard by kicker Sairge Saldivar who debuted on the

varsity squad with a perfect 2/2 performance. Lowell, currently ranked number one in Division II, will face the second round of districts this Friday night at home as they take on ninth ranked Traverse City Central. Central earned their bid into districts after an 8-1 season and a successful first

round win over hometown rival Traverse City West last Friday 13-12. The solid outfit took their only loss from powerhouse Birmingham Brother Rice in a showdown that took three overtimes to resolve. With a victory, the Arrows will face another Central, either Portage or Forest Hills, in the regional finals.

**Game time is scheduled for 7 pm at Red Arrow Stadium this Friday. Early arrival is recommended and passes will not be accepted for the official MHSAA tournament game.**



**Greenville v Lowell**

<b>Score</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>42</b>
First Downs	11	18
Rushing Attempts	31	44
Yards Rushing	118	387
Yards Passing	105	84
Net Yards	223	471
Passes Attempted	18	10
Passes Completed	10	5
Interceptions	0	1
Offensive Plays	49	54
Average Gain	4.6	8.7
Fumbles: Number/Lost	2/1	1/1
Penalties: Number/Yards	5/33	7/41
Number of Punts/Yards	5/171	0/0
Average Per Punt	34.2	0
Punt Returns: Number/Yards	0/0	0/0
Number of Kickoffs/Yard	4/138	7/345
Average Per Kickoff	34.5	49.3
Kickoff Returns: Number/Yards	7/124	4/60
Int. Returns: Number/Yards	1/9	0/0
Possession Time	23:44	24:16
Third-Down Conversions	3/13	7/10
Fourth-Down Conversions	2/2	1/3



The Red Arrows on the sidelines during the first round of district competition play.

# obituaries

## DENTON

Dennis D. Denton  
1957 - 2016

Dennis Dale Denton, age 59, of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly at home on Saturday, October 29, 2016. He was born on September 17, 1957, in Lowell, son of Darl Don and Lila Joy (Witherell) Denton. Dennis attended Lowell schools and following graduation served his country in the United States Marines. He worked as a tool and die machinist for several different companies, most recently working for Action Tool and Die. Dennis exchanged wedding vows with Elaine Marie Call on September 1, 1984, at Fallasburg Park, north of Lowell, and she preceded him in death on March 8, 2013. He enjoyed many pastimes including painting, wood burning and tinkering. As is frequently the case with an accomplished machinist, Dennis could fix almost anything. The memory of Dennis will be cherished by his dear family including his children, Denny Denton, Jr. of Lowell, Edward (Jodi) Mohr of Lowell and Tom Mohr of Ionia; grandchildren, Kayla, Athena and Jason; siblings, Darlene Scheer of Byron Center, Terry (Marie) Denton of Belding, Brad Levendosky of East Jordan and Scott Levendosky of Cedar Springs; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. In addition to his parents and wife, Dennis was preceded in death by a brother, Bobby Levendosky and two sisters-in-law, Chris Levendosky and Denise Levendosky. Visitation was held Tuesday evening, November 1, at Verdun Family Funeral Home, 303 S. Bridge Street, Belding. The funeral service will take place at the funeral home on Wednesday, November 2, at 11:00 am with Shannon Witherell officiating. Visitation will also take place on Wednesday for one hour prior to the service. Entombment will take place next to his wife, Elaine, at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Grand Rapids. Those considering an expression of sympathy are welcomed to consider a contribution in Dennis' memory to assist the family with funeral expenses. For additional information please contact the funeral home at (616) 794-1300 or verdunfuneralhome@att.net



## MCCORMICK

Donald John McCormick, age 93 of Lowell, passed away October 25, 2016. He is preceded in death by his wife, Patricia; parents, Thomas and Emma McCormick; twin sister, Dorothy Ann Sullivan-Geisell; siblings, Thomas Joseph McCormick Jr., Francis Edward McCormick, and Louise Mary Hennessey. He is survived by his children, Linda (Mark) Todd, Douglas McCormick, Mark (Michele) McCormick, Gary (Denise) McCormick; grandchildren, Carrie Todd (Jon Vredevoogd), Heather Todd, Kelly Todd (Cory Zemaitis); great-grandchildren, Grayden and Quinn Zemaitis, and Colette Kanngiesser. Donald served in London during World War II. Private services were held.



## TOPP

Elva LaNoria Peet Topp was born into this world on November 28, 1921, to Doris and Leon Peet of Caledonia. Elva attended school and graduated from Caledonia High School. She graduated from Kalamazoo School of Cosmetology and eventually set up Vanity Hair Designs in Lowell. She worked and owned that business for over 40 years until retirement. Elva married James F. Topp on June 8, 1946. He left the love of his life on December 4, 1995. Elva lived at Schneider Manor until her first major stroke in December of 2012. She resided at Green Acres until her death on October 28, 2016. Elva was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, two brothers- and sisters-in-law, John Topp (Mabel) and Charles Topp (Shirley); and nephew Roger Topp. She leaves behind nieces and nephews, John Topp (Darlene), Robert Topp (Verna May), Margaret Topp Meyers (Marlin), Janet Topp Major (Marshall), and Michael Topp (Cathy); and her ever faithful friend Judie Eddy. The family wishes that no flowers be sent and donations be made to Grace Hospice, 3355 Eagle Park Drive NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525. Cremation has already taken place. A memorial service will be held at the Lowell First United Methodist Church on November 12, at 2 pm to celebrate Elva's life.



# Looking Back, continued

denatured alcohol for automobiles. He says this after a year's study on power for motors and that double the men now employed in breweries could thus be employed in better business than making booze. Ford is a great man; like his car, he "rambles right along."

## 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger Nov. 6, 1941

Several Lowell boys who had recently applied for enlistment in the U. S. Navy were given their preliminary examination on Monday morning at the local post office, the examinations being conducted by two recruiting officers from the Grand Rapids recruiting station. Boys examined here were George Roberts, Robert Schneider and Mac Fonger. Several other young men from this locality are expected to apply for enlistment in the Navy in the near future.

John Weldon, a former well-known Lowell boy, is a good example of the advantages to be derived through service in the U. S. Navy. He joined the Navy about a year after graduating from L. H. S. and during his four years of service on the seas mastered a good trade at which he is now earning high wages in Los Angeles, Calif.

New toys scarce! It is said that new types of toys will be rather scarce in the Christmas trade this year, because the manufacturers find it difficult to obtain materials in many cases owing to priorities given to defense production. The toymakers of America are very ingenious people, and will probably they will think up ways to make Junior's eyes pop way out when he sees their original and humorous products. Perhaps it is not necessary to produce anything very new or startling to please a child. Boys like tools with which they can play they are big men, and dream of stunts they are going to accomplish in the world of imagination. Girls have played with dolls from the beginning of time. If it is impossible to produce a creation of costly fancy, simple image appealing to material instinct may satisfy them as well.

## 50 years ago Lowell Ledger Nov. 3, 1966

Takes first solo flight; gets license. Steve Johnson, son of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Johnson, jr., of Route 2, Alto, recently completed all the requirements of obtaining a student's pilot license, and made his first solo flight Sunday afternoon, October 30. A tenth grade student at Lowell high school. Steve has been taking flying lessons, under the watchful eye of his father, who is experienced in this field, with the anticipation of getting

a student's license and eventually a commercial pilot's license by the time he graduates.

Local soldier dines with LBJ; gets promoted. Two weeks ago it was reported that Lyle Dykhuizen, jr., was named "Soldier of the month." His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Dykhuizen. sr., received word on October 31, that he also received a \$25 savings bond along with this honor, and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. This past week, Sgt. Dykhuizen had dinner with President Lyndon B. Johnson in Seoul, Korea, sitting at the President's table.

Melvin Rogers was first in line at the Lowell License Bureau on Tuesday morning when the 1967 plates went on sale. He arrived at 4 a. m. and purchased the first four plates starting with JR 00-01, Martin Karrer of Grand Rapids and Orvin Smelker of Alto were next in line. Lyle Dennick who was first for many years waited until 10:30 a. m. to come in this year.

The Red Arrows of the Michigan School of Baton, a group of local boys and girls, were an added bit of color as they marched with the Youth Honor Day parade, sponsored by the Moose Civic Affairs Committee Monday evening. The featured twirler was Miss Debbie Sue Adams of the Wyoming "Bonnie Blue Bells," who have been State Champs for seven years. Both groups are directed by Mrs. Jeanna Bos and Mrs. Bonnie DeLaat Hood.

## 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger Nov. 6, 1991

Area farm dump found on new high school site. Nothing found on its surface that concerns school officials. It was discovered early last week that extra soil borings will be needed at the new school site. School officials and Materials Testing Consultants found a farm dump at the location where the new high school will set. "Nothing was found on the surface that is a cause for concern," Lowell Superintendent Fritz Esch said. Workers found old tires, a refrigerator, batteries and metal. "It appears to be just your typical farm dump," Esch said. Esch said more soil borings will be completed around the dump area to determine if there is any contamination. If not, the dump will then be cleaned up. "We don't expect any major problems with the dump," Esch said. "We'd like to get it cleaned up before winter sets in." Doug Sabin, Materials Testing Consultants, will do the extra soil borings.

"Two points of view" makes for one great show. Jan Johnson and Gary Eldridge are both successful artists, but that is where their similarity stops. "Two Points of View" is the title of the art show, which features works of art from Eldridge and Johnson, and is currently on display at the Lowell Area Arts Center Gallery.

## PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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# Play, continued

director's point of view, it was great. I was happy. I actually took over this part five days ago. Tonight was the first night that I was off book.

A classic Christie 'who dun it,' "The Mousetrap" is the world's longest continually running play. It has been performed at the same theater in London

for the last 60 years. A lot of famous British actors have starred in it over the years, including Richard Attenborough, Hugh Bonneville, Patrick Stewart, Julie Walters and Miranda Hart. The play has moments of comedy, at least one murder and it is suitable for all audiences. Even though LowellArts! will soon be

able to present live theater at their new Main St. location, they plan to continue the popular dinner theater productions at Larkin's The Other Place.

"We enjoy collaborating with Larkin's to provide the dinner and a bar for our dinner theater productions," said LowellArts project director Janet Teunis. "The

Other Place venue is ideal for seating at tables and can accommodate over 100 seated guests. Our new home on Main St. will allow for more intimate performances within the gallery space, which can be converted into a theater with a removable stage and chairs. Providing a full dinner and a show would

be difficult to offer, so we do plan to continue to work with Larkin's in hosting future dinner theaters."

Tickets for "The Mousetrap" are still on sale. They range between \$14 and \$18, plus \$13 if you want dinner. Senior citizens, LowellArts! members and groups of ten and over get a \$2 discount. Advance tickets

are required for the dinner theater. Performances will take place every Friday and Saturday evening until Nov. 5, with a matinee performance on Sunday, Nov. 6. Visit [lowellartsmi.org/fall-dinner-theater-the-mousetrap](http://lowellartsmi.org/fall-dinner-theater-the-mousetrap) or call 897-8545 to buy tickets or get more information.

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## Questions & Answers About Our Environment

**Dear EarthTalk:** Is it true that polyester fleece clothing is a huge contributor to the problem of plastic in our oceans? -- Mickey Walton, Seattle, WA

We're all familiar with the issue of non-biodegradable plastic debris (shopping bags, soda bottles, fishing nets etc.) clogging up our waterways and making its way out to sea—sometimes accumulating in huge "gyres." But what you might not realize is that even if you are responsible about recycling and not littering, you may still be contributing to the ocean's plastic burden by virtue of the clothes on your back.

"The single biggest plastic pollution problem facing our ocean is microfiber: trillions of pieces of tiny fibers flowing into the ocean—every time we use our washing machines," reports the nonprofit Rozalia Project. "Our synthetic clothing is breaking up, sending this plastic microfiber out with the drain water." According to the group, just one fleece jacket could shed over 81,000 minute strands of polyester per wash. "New York City, alone, could have 6.8 billion microfibers flowing into its harbor every day."

According to activist Sarah Mosko, the tiny size of microplastics actually adds to their dangers. "Because plastics are lipophilic (oil-loving), oily contaminants in seawater are drawn to them," she reports on Algalita's blog. "Japanese researchers found that plastic pellets no more than a half millimeter in diameter could adsorb hazardous chemicals (like polychlorinated biphenyls, nonylphenols and derivatives of DDT) onto their surfaces at up to

one million times the concentrations in the surrounding water." The tiny size of microplastics means that even minute creatures can ingest them, thereby introducing any chemicals they carry into the very bottom of the food chain.

The Rozalia Project adds that "ingested pollutants can un-stick from the plastic and end up in the stomachs and tissue" of everything from plankton to whales, causing issues at the cellular level as well as digestive problems. Rozalia researchers found that two-thirds of all fish species tested from markets in California had microfiber or microplastic in them. Even those who don't eat fish may not be able to avoid ingesting microfibers, given that farm animals are typically fed fish meal as a dietary staple.

So what can be done? Rozalia has developed "the world's first consumer solution" to stop microfiber pollution. The patent-pending microfiber catcher works in any washing machine, catching microfibers so they can't

flow out with the drain water. "Early test results show the microfiber catcher keeping 2,000-9,000 pieces of synthetic microfibers from flowing into our public waterways per wash per household."

Outdoor clothing and gear makers are starting to realize that they can be part of the solution as well. Earlier this year, Patagonia commissioned microbiologists from UC Santa Barbara to study the problem and suggest ways the company could reduce microfiber pollution moving forward. The company is sharing the findings with its competitors in order to collaborate on industry-wide solutions.

We probably can't do much, concludes Sarah Mosko, about the microplastics that are already contaminating our oceans, but we can start making smarter clothing choices, adding that "natural fiber cloths like cotton, silk, wool, bamboo, hemp and even soy may be better choices for those concerned about the environment. All derive from renewable sources, are intrinsically biodegradable, and their fibers would not attract oily chemicals out of seawater."



CONTACTS: Rozalia Project, [www.rozaliaproject.org](http://www.rozaliaproject.org); Algalita, [www.algalita.org](http://www.algalita.org); UC Santa Barbara study, [www.esm.ucsb.edu/research/2016Group\\_Projects/documents/PataPlastBrief.pdf](http://www.esm.ucsb.edu/research/2016Group_Projects/documents/PataPlastBrief.pdf)

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**OCTOBER 26 - NOVEMBER 1**

- The FBI announced Friday it was looking into newly uncovered emails related to its investigation of Hillary Clinton. This was a shocking move with the election 11 days out. The Wall Street Journal reported Sunday that federal agents are getting ready to parse through roughly 650,000 emails.



- Donald Trump avoided paying potentially hundreds of millions of dollars in taxes in a way even his own lawyers considered questionable, The New York Times reported Monday. The real question is how Trump was able to cancel hundreds of millions of dollars of debt as his casino went broke in the early 1990s. Trump's own lawyers advised him the IRS would likely find it improper if he were audited, according to the article and Congress explicitly outlawed the maneuver in 2004. Hillary Clinton, then a New York senator, was among the lawmakers who voted to close the loophole.

- About 300 million children - roughly 1 in 7 worldwide live in areas with toxic levels of air pollution, according from United Nations Children's Fund.

- Chicago Cubs stay alive with a win in game 5. Game 6 is in Cleveland where they must win the remaining two games.



- A self-driving semi truck makes first shipment of 50,000 cans of Budweiser beer on a Colorado highway.

- Google Fiber is pausing its expansion into new markets losing its top executive and planning for a round of layoffs. It's the clearest signal yet that the ambitious effort may be on life support.

- In a survey of more than 40,000 people around the USA to determine the most popular Halloween candies, candy corn claimed the top honors. In Michigan, M&M's candy was the most popular.



- U of M football stays at No. 2 in the nation after beating MSU Saturday 32-23. MSU falls to a record of 2-6.

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5. Bring to consignment store
6. Dried up
7. \*Presidential term limit
8. Yiddish busybody
9. She is
10. Warm-hearted
11. What's the big one?
12. Like moist grass in the morning
15. King Minos, e.g.
20. Heidi's shoes
22. Consume
24. Prejudice
25. Pesto ingredient
26. Russian cuisine staple
27. Small intestine/large intestine connection
29. RC or Pepsi
31. Went by horse
32. 100,000 BTU
33. Mr. Simpson, to Marge
34. \*Important kind of state

36. "\_\_\_\_ to My Lou"
38. Bassoon cousin
42. Asparagus unit
45. \*List of candidates
49. Unidentified John
51. What coquette does
54. Polish currency
56. \*This account of John Podesta was hacked
57. Curriculum based on science, technology, engineering, math
58. Claudius' successor
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# JONES

## Kent County 4th District

# COMMISSIONER

## Republican