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Lowell City Council seeks court order to shut down smelly biodigester

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell city council is getting a court order to shut down the perpetually malodorous LEAD biodigester. About 40 citizens showed up to the city council's meeting at city hall on Monday, Nov. 21. Many who live near the Chatham St. facility voiced their frustrations to the council and to

have smelled it past Nov. 1. What you guys are saying is that we're going to extend it now? I'm not down with that. Just letting you guys know publicly that I'm not down with that and I'm sure some people in the audience will agree as well."

"This was presented to us as no smell, period," said Lowell resident Pamela Krzysik. "I'm really tired of

"I will never say to any community that a system is going to be odor free because it's not possible."

- Bruce Koetter
Webster Environmental Associates

representatives from LEAD, whose own expert on the subject said that it was "not possible" for there ever to be zero odor from the facility.

"It seems like you guys [the council] have been giving these guys [LEAD] more than enough chances," said Lowell resident Chad Rosenzweig. "I, myself, am fed up with it. [...] This has been terrible for us. I live 100 yards away and I

it all and I want to see it go away."

"I have zero confidence that when they start ramping this thing up, that it's not going to smell," said Lowell resident Tracy Kroft. "We've smelled this for two summers now. I have no confidence that this is going to go away."

"I sold a home and the client went to his inspections and backed out,



LEAD principal Greg Northrup, LEAD attorney Jay Rosloniec and biodigester expert Bruce Koetter from Webster Environmental Associates.

not because of any problems with the home but because of biodigester smell," said Lowell resident Marlene Kroft. "It does affect peoples' livelihoods."

"I don't feel that the intent of our agreement has been followed," said Lowell resident Greg Canfield,

referring to an agreement between LEAD and Lowell Light & Power. Although he won the Nov. 8 recall election, Canfield could not take over mayor Jeff Altoft's seat on the city council until Nov. 22 when the Board of Canvassers finally certifies the election. Altoft, still

technically mayor, was absent from the meeting.

LEAD had a Nov. 1 deadline for there to be no detectable odor beyond the property line, according to agreements between LEAD, Lowell Light & Power and

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Winning season comes to an end for Red Arrow football

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

The road to the Ford Field was once again snowy for Red Arrow varsity football but the outcome ruefully different. After rallying back from a 31-14 halftime deficit, Lowell fell short of a second consecutive MHSAA Division II state finals game losing to the Walled Lake Western Warriors 37-34 at Brighton High School last Saturday afternoon.

Lowell (12-0) and WLW (11-1 after forfeiting a loss) met at Brighton under blustery conditions prepared for battle in their second consecutive state semifinal match up. The Warriors made good on their first possession



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Red Arrow fans filled the stands braving the cold, snowy weather to support the Red Arrows.

The Grand Volute declares Chapter 11, remains open for business

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The Grand Volute Ballroom, 655 Lincoln Lake SE, recently declared Chapter 11 bankruptcy. The ballroom has been a great venue for many public events in Lowell, including LaughFest, Christmas Through Lowell and many private events such as weddings. Owner Kent McKay said an onerous tax bill from Vergennes Township is the main reason for the bankruptcy filing.

"There are several problems, but one of them would be recurring expenses, for instance property taxes," McKay said. "There are a lot of overhead expenses to the business that people don't recognize. We pay Vergennes Township and our property tax is a bit more than \$5,000 a month. Every

30 days we pay \$5,000 in property taxes. Vergennes Township seems to believe that our business and real estate are worth far more than the market says they are worth."

"His total taxes for 2016 are \$56,464.68," said Vergennes Township treasurer Jean Hoffman. "That averages out to be about \$4,700 a month. This is based on the assessment of the property and what it's worth, both the land and the building. They are currently paid up to date. There is a winter bill of over \$19,000 due on Feb. 14, 2017."

Hoffman said most of the money collected in property taxes does not go to Vergennes Township.

"That money doesn't go to Vergennes Township, it mostly goes to schools

and Kent County," Hoffman said. "Out of that \$56,000 he pays to us less than \$1,000 a year. He pays it here and then I disburse it to Lowell Area Schools and Kent County. They use it for things like the Kent District Library, Kent County veterans, Kent County seniors and Kent County jail."

The next step in the bankruptcy proceedings is for the Grand Volute to file a plan with the court.

"We must file a plan with the court by Nov. 21, a plan on how to move the business forward," McKay said.

Meanwhile the ballroom remains open for business, with events continuing to take place all the time.

"We are open for business, we are booking

new business and we are taking care of our present clients," McKay said. "We certainly appreciate the

support that many, many clubs, organizations and individuals in the Lowell area have given us over

the years. We are hoping to continue serving the community."



The Grand Volute has begun bankruptcy proceedings but remains open for now.

LPD October stats

According to recently released statistics, Lowell police department made 27 arrests during October. These arrests included two for drunk driving, five for driving with a suspended license, 11 for outstanding warrants and nine that are described in the police department's information as "other arrests." There have been 243 arrests in Lowell so far during 2016.

Lowell police also responded to plenty of misdemeanors during

October. There were seven larceny calls, three breaking and entering complaints, two calls for malicious destruction, five disorderly conduct calls, three dog complaints and six assaults. Lowell police issued 17 citations and notified 17 residents about ordinance violations. They were called to "assist" 85 times and were dispatched to 13 accidents. Out of 94 traffic stops they let 84 drivers go with just a warning.



along main street

LOWELLARTS! 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.

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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FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Food distribution will take place on Dec. 8, from 9-11 am and 1-3 pm at FROM, 11535 E. Fulton. Frozen, refrigerated and dry goods will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Please bring proof of Kent County residence.

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Lowell City Hall, Department of Public Works, Police Office and Light and Power will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25, 2016 in observance of Thanksgiving.

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the Lowell city council. Despite elaborate, expensive odor containment system upgrades to the facility by LEAD, the building continued to reek like rotten rubbish. Residents who detected odors escaping from the facility after Nov. 1 were encouraged to report this to the Lowell police department. LEAD has been issued five nuisance citations since the Nov. 1 deadline. The facility was ticketed on Nov. 1, 7, 9, 10 and 14. At \$300 each LEAD's fines for November total \$1,500.

All of the citations were for violations of city ordinance 12-3, which states: "Any of the following items, conditions or actions are hereby declared to be and constitute a nuisance: [...] All disagreeable or obnoxious odors and stenches, as well as the conditions, substances or other causes which give rise to the emission or generation of such odors and stenches."

"The biodigester has its own distinct odor," said Lowell police chief Steve Bukala. "I can't really describe it, but it's not manure. It's more of a decomposing body. I don't really know how to describe it other than that."

LEAD principal Greg Northrup, LEAD attorney Jay Rosloniec and biodigester expert Bruce Koetter, vice president of Louisville, Kentucky-based Webster Environmental Associates, sat next to each other in the front row. Northrup was completely silent, Rosloniec did most of the talking and Koetter answered technical questions.

"I will never say to any community that a system

is going to be odor free because it's not possible," Koetter said. "Whatever it is, you're going to have an odor coming out of any system in the world."

"The presentation that we were given was that it would be 'no detectable odor' by Nov. 1," said councilor Mike DeVore. "We have not done that yet. It is now the 21st."

"There is no such thing as zero odor," Koetter said. "I think what Greg [Northrup]'s intention was when he stated that was there would be no detectable odor off site. That is correct. Zero odor is incorrect. That's not possible."

After over an hour of discussion with the public, LEAD, city manager Mike Burns and Lowell city attorney Dick Wendt, the council decided to seek a court order compelling the LEAD biodigester to cease operations.

"Is it the council's wish to direct staff, which would be myself and Mike [Burns], to advise LEAD that you are asking them to immediately cease operations as provided in this letter agreement that they signed," Wendt asked the council.

"Yes, I personally would like to see them halt operations," DeVore said.

"That would be my recommendation," Burns said.

Councilors Hodges, Philips and Teelander all agreed and the deed was done.

In other city business the council voted to spend \$177,000 on a Caterpillar 926M wheel loader and \$45,467.38 on a S550 T4 Bobcat skid steer loader. Then the council listened to a presentation by Lowell

Light & Power general manager Steve Donkersloot about the new Voice Over Internet Protocol phone system and fiber loop extension they plan to install. The project will improve communications and will connect city hall, the police department, the library, the Department of Public Works, the wastewater treatment plant and the fire

department. The project will cost \$155,000 for work from six vendors: Amcomm Telecommunications (\$48,790), Lowell Light & Power (\$6,000), IP Consulting (\$66,211), Addorio Technology (\$4,800), Kore Hi Com (\$15,269) with a \$13,930 contingency fund in case they go over budget. The cost will be shared between

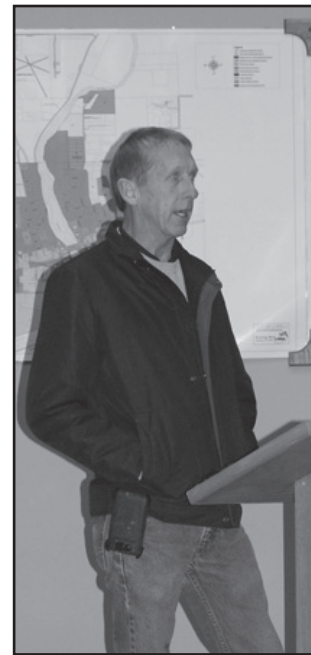
the city of Lowell, the water department, Lowell Light & Power, the wastewater treatment plant and the fire authority. This VOIP system will reduce the city's monthly AT&T phone bill from \$7,267 to \$824, therefore the project will actually pay for itself after 22.4 months. The council also approved spending

\$4,475 to give a .2 percent cost of living increase to Lowell Light & Power retirees.

Lowell city council's next regular meeting will be upstairs at city hall at 7 pm on Monday, Dec. 5. The council canceled their meeting that was scheduled for Dec. 19.



Lowell city council spent over an hour discussing the biodigester on Monday, Nov. 21.



Lowell residents Chad Rosenzweig, Tracy Kroft, Marlene Kroft and Greg Canfield were among those who voiced their opinions about the biodigester.

Flat River Outreach Ministries addresses housing need

In response to an increasing community need for affordable housing, Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) has acquired two housing units at 504 and 512 Main Street in Lowell. This new endeavor fits with FROM's mission of walking alongside people in need, as well as the agency's strategic plan to address housing options in the community.

"The desire to address our community's need for housing is not something new, but has been brought to the forefront more and more," says Roger LaWarre, founding member of FROM. "With our Neighbor to Neighbor program, we have witnessed the need first-hand when we go into individual's homes. It has really opened our eyes to the need for affordable housing

as we see the conditions of the dwellings some people are living in and the extent of the necessary repairs."

Housing fits with FROM's overall vision and strategic plan to help meet the needs in Lowell. FROM continues to change its service delivery platforms from transactional to transformational models. This means connecting people with resources, tools and skills that improve their lives and helping them become self-sustaining instead of only offering one-time assistance.

"We are so excited at this opportunity, which addresses a need identified by many in our community, including our stakeholders," says Dawn Broene, executive director, Flat River Outreach Ministries. "We

will be taking careful steps in this process as we analyze the best uses of the units and we will be intentional with our direction as we work for the betterment of our community."

In order to effectively address the housing need, FROM has been learning from other key players in the affordable housing industry. FROM leadership has been gleaning best practices and analyzing outcomes from larger agencies and will be bringing this information to a local level that is tailored to fit the specific needs of our community.

"FROM feels fortunate to have been in a position to acquire the two properties and credits careful stewardship of resources, generosity of the community and continued

success of Treasures Thrift Shop, which enabled this dream to become a reality," added Broene.

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October Volunteers of the Month

Brandi Bledsoe and Marc Zandstra do a great job running the Murray Lake School store. They volunteer their time two Fridays a month to open the store for our students to buy things. They also take time out of their busy schedules to place orders when supplies are running low. The staff at Murray Lake Elementary appreciate all that they do to make the school store a fun place to visit for MLE students.



Volunteers Marc Zandstra and Brandi Bledsoe with students at Murray Lake Elementary.

“The school store at MLE is open every other Friday during lunch time. The money earned benefits Family Links. We sell bits and baubles to the kids which gives us the opportunity to teach them about counting money and spending wisely. For example, a child may want something he doesn’t have enough money for, so we explain that he doesn’t have to spend his money on something he may not necessarily want. Instead, we encourage them [to] save their money so they can buy that special item later,” stated Bledsoe.

“I like to take the time to be involved with

the schools because I take great pleasure in getting to know the kids and I enjoy them getting to know me. It also allows me to see my kids and meet their friends. Of course meeting all the teachers is wonderful too,” said Bledsoe.

“We run the school store every other Friday, putting out a lot of fun and exciting things for students to come and buy during their lunch hour. The kids

are so excited to see what they can buy, from little stuffed animals or pens, pencils and erasers, to slime or other squishy things. I really enjoy and have fun interacting with the students as they come to spend their money. They are always excited about the fun things they can buy for a dollar or some change,” added Zandstra.

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 - 616-437-8014
- Green Valley Services - 616-647-1400
- Waste Management, Inc. - 1-800-796-9696

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 pick up.

Recycling

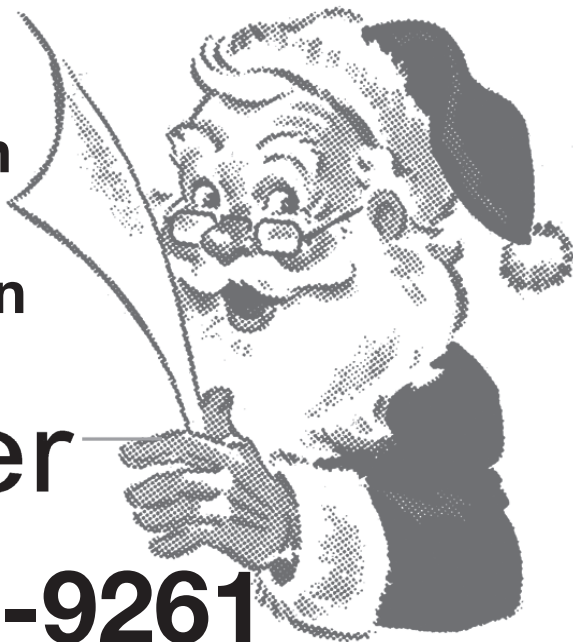
Residents who have utilized the recycling via the City of Lowell through Red Creek have the option of returning their recycling containers back to the City of Lowell. The City will then return the resident's deposit, if done so before May 1, 2017. Residents can also keep the container, with no deposit 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



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We can't afford to NOT recycle

To The Editor,

Recently, the city leaders decided to give the citizens personal responsibility for hiring their own trash/recycle haulers. The city would have had to charge more because the cost was going to go up.

It is now less expensive to hire a collector to pick up our garbage only and to forget recycling. OR IS IT? The citizens have a choice of four collection companies to

hire. They are all companies approved by the city.

As an example, we decided to stay with the collector that we currently have and we can continue to use the blue bags. The bags will be \$2 each and if we don't recycle, we will use at least an additional bag each week. If I do the math, that will be over \$100 a year. Our recycle cost will be \$49.50 for the year because I convinced the collection

company to give us a month free if we paid for the full year.

But forget the math for a minute. That is the least important reason to recycle.

Recycling:

- Diverts millions of tons of material away from landfills
- Saves trees
- Creates U.S. jobs
- Benefits our air and water
- Saves energy

And the list goes on. Don't take my word for it. Do the research. Continue to recycle and if you don't recycle, now is a good time to start.

Diane LaWarre
Lowell

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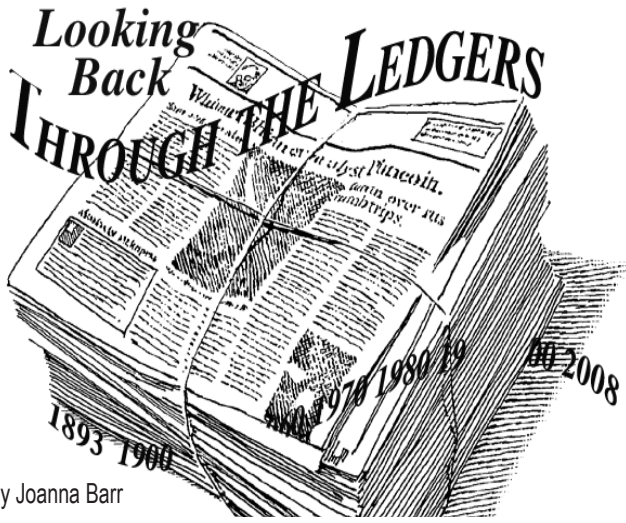
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By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal Nov. 25, 1891

L. J. Thomas, of Cannonsburg, who met with the Business Men's Association some time ago to induce them to take stock in his Bean Puller and Planter, has rented the Lowell Furniture Co's factory and begun the manufacture of his machine there. Mr Thomas shows unbounded confidence in his machine.

A young man from Lyons procured a marriage license from the Ionia county clerk's office the other day, but returned it an hour later with the remark, "I think I wont use it."

The Township Board is considering the question of dividing the town into two election precincts. The first precinct will probably be composed of that portion of the township lying east of Flat River and the two eastern sections of the township south of Grand river and the second precinct the balance of the town.

Seventeen Grand Rapids hunters took possession of the town of Berlin, last Sunday, they galloped all around the woods there, and in the evening they kept up a perfect fusilade of shots all the way from the hotel to the depot. The Berliners held an indignation meeting and the next Sunday hunter who visits that burg will be arrested with so much celerity that his head will swim.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger Nov. 23, 1916

There will be a leap year social at the Vergennes Grange hall Friday night Nov. 21. The men bring boxes with supper for two and the ladies will buy them. All are cordially invited.

Mr. Farmer—Here is your opportunity to have electric lights in your house now. No matter where you live or how far away from the wires of the public lighting company; we offer you a new and compact small electric light plant, complete in every detail, and ready to light up your house the minute you receive it, for a surprisingly low price. Jos. Zollinger, Middleville, Mich.

Lee Jones is "back on the job" in the meat market established by himself. Has had a good vacation and is good and ready for business again. He had bargained for a market in Flint and traded his prospect there to Rufus Gregory. As he hadn't moved to the farm: all he had to do was to get busy at the block.

Andrew W. Fyfe of Grand Rapids, erstwhile promoter of an electric railway from Detroit to Grand Rapids, was in town Tuesday. He says that railway extensions are not being made now as they would cost twice what they would in ordinary times. He thinks the road in question will inevitably be built, if not by his company, then by some other; but not until the great war is over and prices sag back to normal.

Husking corn by machinery is the order of the day hereabouts at present.

Alex Wingeier and sons are building a garage and tool house with the expectation of buying an auto later. Now, auto agents, be on the alert.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger Nov. 27, 1941

Mrs. Charles Doyle, chairman of the local Red Cross drive, announces that the annual roll call for Lowell this year was \$258.

The Pere Marquette painting crew was here last week Thursday and Friday spreading fresh paint on the exterior of the local depot. A nice improvement.

Robert Schneider, Robert Schwacha, and William Collar were selectees from Lowell who left Monday for Fort Custer, where they were to be inducted into the Army with others from Kent County board No. 1.

Lowell housewives may need to have a different dinner hour next Sunday in homes east of Flat river. The Municipal Plant is changing circuits from 2-phase to 3-phase and electric current will be turned off from two to four in the afternoon.

Lowell automobile dealers should be included among those who are giving full support to the national defense program. In this week's Ledger they are sponsoring an advertisement on the advantages that will accrue to every citizen through ownership of defense savings bonds. We recommend the reading

of this advertisement which will be found on another page.

Among visitors to the Ledger office last week was a former boy now living in Portland, Ore. He was Norton B. Fallas, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Fallas. Mr. Fallas said this was his first visit to Lowell in about 25 years and he found things changed quite a bit. His grandfather, John Fallas, used to operate a livery stable here. Mr. Fallas is General Agent, Passenger Department for the Union Pacific Railroad with offices in Portland. Lowell is always glad to welcome her native sons. Come again, Mr. Fallas.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger Nov. 24, 1966

Will someone you love spend Christmas in Viet Nam? Union Bank will pay for his telephone call home! Let's make the miles disappear - it's Christmastime! You and your loved one serving with the Armed Forces in Viet Nam should share the joy of the Christmas season together. We'll pay the cost of a three minute telephone call from him to you. There are only four requirements: Your serviceman or woman must be a member of the immediate family — son or daughter, husband, brother or sister. You must reside within the Greater Grand Rapids area. Calls must be limited to one per serviceman. And that serviceman must be serving in the Viet Nam theater of operations.

County sets speed zone. The Kent County Road Commission Tuesday approved establishment of speed zones in Ada. The speed limits of 45 miles per hour were set for Bailey Drive from Pettis to McCabe, NE, and on Vergennes Street, from Pettis Avenue to Boynton Avenue, NE.

Lowell Chamber of Commerce officials have proposed that all Lowell retail establishments begin opening every evening for Christmas shopping on Friday, December 9, and continue through December 23.

Take bids on new bridge here. The State Highway Department revealed this week that they will take bids on a new bridge over the Grand River on M-91 in Lowell on December 7. The new bridge, which has been in the planning stage for two years, is estimated to cost \$410,000 and the completion date has been set at May 31, 1968.

Food drive held for Flat River Outreach Ministries



The Awana program of the First Baptist Church of Lowell completed its annual Share-a-Blessing food drive. Clubbers and leaders collected over 1,000 food items to be donated to Flat River Outreach Ministries. Pictured with some of the donations are Joshua Severn, Alayna Sullivan, Trey Sullivan and Angie Ingram, Awana commander.

health



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viral gastroenteritis

Viral gastroenteritis is also known as the “stomach flu.” This is vastly different from influenza which is a respiratory virus. Gastroenteritis attacks the intestines. This causes watery diarrhea, nausea/vomiting, abdominal cramps and pain, headache, muscle aches, and a low grade fever.

Symptoms appear one to three days after exposure. Symptoms last from two to 10 days and can be mild to quite severe.

You should see a doctor if you are unable to keep down fluids for 24 hours, are vomiting blood or have blood in stools, or are dehydrated.

Gastroenteritis is caused by a number of viruses, but norovirus and rotavirus are most common. It is spread by eating or drinking contaminated food or liquids.

There is no cure for gastroenteritis. Treatment is focused on preventing dehydration which is the biggest complication.

Prevention is key and hand washing prior to eating is the best way to do this. Avoid sharing eating utensils and use separate towels. If someone in the home has it, disinfect counters, doorknobs and faucets.

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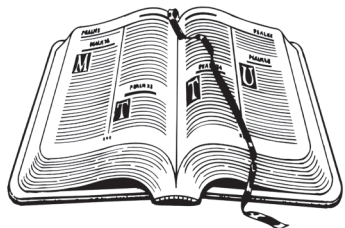
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Science students at LHS work on real world research

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

A biology class of 14 students at Lowell High School, taught by Heather DeJonge, has been performing “real world research” in partnership with the Van Andel Institute in Grand Rapids. LHS students recently presented and defended their results after 12 weeks of research on *caenorhabditis elegans* worms, zebrafish and daphnia. The explicit goal of the research was to “apply concepts of statistics and probability to explain variation and distribution of expressed traits.” Don’t worry, the students understand what that means.

“That’s okay, that’s what science is,” DeJonge said. “Nobody knows everything. That’s what I tell the students when we try to decipher the journal articles. They’re reading real scientific journal articles. It’s very high level. They might not understand it at first but we dig in together and try to figure out what we can.”

The creation of this new class was inspired by DeJonge’s own time spent doing similar research at the institute. For this research project, students kept worms and fish alive for several generations and studied the effects of changes to their diet and environment. This real world research could help find a cure for afflictions such as cancer,

neurodegenerative diseases and Alzheimer’s disease.

“It’s part of a class that was established after I did a two summer internship at the Van Andel Institute; then I brought it here,” DeJonge said. “This class will give them a chance to experience real research. Often they won’t get this type of experience until later in their undergraduate college years. Now they get a taste of it in high school.”

“This is a wonderful partnership with the Van Andel Insitute,” said superintendent Greg Pratt. “The students have an opportunity to do some hands on experiments in the laboratory. This is a great application of science in our schools.”

The institute donated a lot of supplies to the lab including an incubator and worms and they are trying to get them some money to keep the program alive.

“Jeremy [Van Raamsdonk] has written a grant [request] to the National Science Foundation to keep this collaboration going,” DeJonge said. “Hopefully we’ll hear good news by the first of the year that there is extra funding to keep supporting us.”

“This class will encourage more kids to go into science,” Van Raamsdonk said.

The students in the



Advanced biology students, Channing Perry, Corah Kaufman, Kendra Wroten, Hailey Taylor, Andi Reynolds, Robby Dubisky, Mariana Rodriguez, Nick Dalessandro, Nick Truba, Tiana-Marie Peavey, Andrew Poulton, Trevor Sherman, and Nick Collin, along with teacher Heather DeJonge and Jeremy Van Raamsdonk, Ph.D. from the Van Andel Institute.

class said they appreciated the class’s autonomy.

“I’ve always loved science, so I’m in this class for that reason” said student Collin Rinks. “I have a lot of science credits. In this class I love how I can research what I want, study independently on the computer; I can make my

own things, I can do what I want. I would take this class again, then I could research more and go further with my experiments.”

“We had to do such extensive research, there was a lot of time dedicated to it and I think it could be helpful and beneficial to any course of study,” said

student Tiana-Marie Peavey. “We got to make our own experiment. In most other science classes everyone is given a piece of paper with the same instructions and there is definitely a right

and wrong answer. I wish they came up with this class before I was a senior, since you get to pick your own experiment you can continue with it.”

Tis the season to donate turkeys



Staff from King Milling donated about 20 turkeys last week. Some of the turkeys will be cooked at the Lowell Community Thanksgiving Dinner at First Congregational Church and the others were donated to Flat River Outreach Ministries’ food pantry. Every year for Thanksgiving King Milling gives each of their employees a turkey. They order a number of extra turkeys and, after all of their employees who want a turkey obtain a turkey, the company donates the rest.

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Christmas Through Lowell draws crowds of shoppers during three-day start of the season event

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell was packed with shoppers all weekend for the 25th Christmas Through Lowell event. The three-day holiday shopping extravaganza was held last Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There was typical schizophrenic Michigan weather during the event, with sunshine and temperatures in the low 70s on Friday and then snow on Saturday.

Journey's Time Antiques, 209 W. Main, was so crowded with people one could hardly squeeze into the store. Store owner Dave Hogan said the event was highly attended.

"It's going fabulous, there are a lot of people coming in today," Hogan said. "The weather [on Friday] was fantastic. This is our seventh year and every year has been great. We have sale items all over the store."

Springrove Variety employee Linda Hamp was working hard keeping the shelves stocked and waiting on hundreds of customers.

"It's very busy trying to keep things filled in, but I'm enjoying all the people," Hamp said. "I think it's just as busy as previous years, maybe busier [Friday] because of the nice weather."

Hamp said that when she was done working at Christmas Through Lowell she planned to shop Christmas Through Lowell.

"After I get off work I'm going to go shopping," Hamp said. "I've been doing this for a lot of years and I've only missed a couple over the years."

The Lowell Women's Club held a luncheon at the chamber of commerce office on the Riverwalk. The club also had a booth with crafts for sale at the First



Temperatures were in the low 70s on Friday, which brought a lot of shoppers downtown.

Congregational Church of Christ, 865 Lincoln Lake SE.

"All the money that we make goes to our scholarships," said club member Diane Thomas. "We mentor a lot of girls. We get them volunteering in the community; we help them with their studies; we teach them all kinds of different things that they can use in the world as a woman. We will have a woman president someday."

The LowellArts! Holiday Market was in full swing during Christmas Through Lowell. The building is in the middle of a remodeling project, but was open to the public. The Holiday Market runs through Dec. 24.

"It's going fantastic and the weather is helping a lot," artist Colleen O'Rourke said. "Thank you to everybody who stopped by."

About 20 crafters were selling upcycled furniture, vintage goods, handmade knit items, Christmas ornaments, snacks and a lot more at "Home for the Holidays" in Brenda Clark's house at 2465 Gee Dr.

"It's going very well today," said Cathy Razmus, one of the crafters. "The weather has a huge impact on sales."

The Grand Volute Ballroom, 655 Lincoln Lake SE, had dozens of crafters of various types. You could get just about any kind of handmade gift, including

apparel, antiques, food and plenty more.

"We do kind of a mixture of antiques, collectibles, vintage jewelry, shabby chic, painted furniture, stuff like that," said Sandy Dorn, a vendor from Holland. "I really like it here, it's really nice. We've had a steady crowd so far."

Judy Wilder from Grand Rapids had embroidery, painted signs, stemware and "a little bit of everything" at her booth in the Grand Volute.

"This is my second year selling, I usually like to shop," Wilder said. "This is the only craft show that

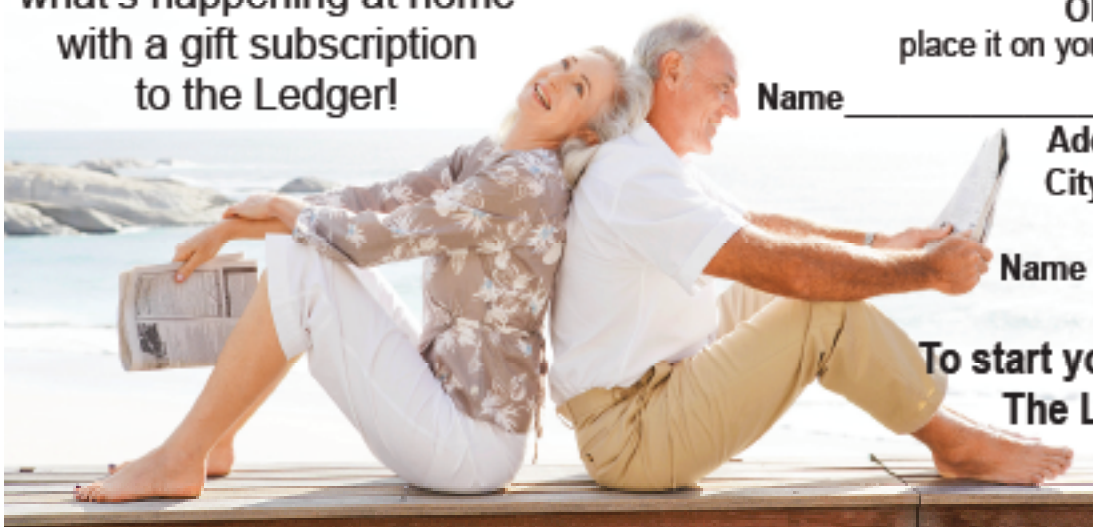
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we like to do. It's fun. We enjoy all the ladies and guys coming out. It starts out our Christmas every year."

"I love it," Grand Haven resident Tammy Wentzloff

said. "I buy whatever catches my eye, especially crafts and repurposed gift items. Lowell is very pretty. I love being with friends and having a good time.

Michelle Forrest came all the way from Kalamazoo to shop at Christmas Through Lowell. It was Forrest's first trip to Lowell.

"My daughter works in Ada; some people she works with told her about this so we thought we'd check it out," Forrest said. "It's very nice, very different. The weather is very nice. I bought a pair of mittens at one of the homes north of town, then we decided to come through downtown, then we have lunch reservations at the Flat River Grill. I've never been to Lowell before. It's a very nice town, I love it. The historic mill and buildings are very neat, I didn't know about that."

Noreen Reitsma traveled to Christmas Through Lowell from Grand Rapids with a group from the Red Hat Society.

"I came here because of the wonderful array of handcrafted items and to have a fun day with the Red Hats," Reitsma said. "The event is well-attended on this beautiful day. We plan to cover as many stops as we can."



Shoppers at "Home for the Holidays," 2465 Gee Dr., looking over merchandise from about 20 crafters.



The LowellArts! Holiday Market runs through Dec. 24.



Lowell Women's Club had a luncheon on the Riverwalk, proceeds will benefit their scholarship fund.



There were dozens of booths at the Grand Volute selling all sorts of handmade merchandise.



Shoppers looking for bargains at one of Lowell's boutiques.

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Four Lowell athletes sign to Division I colleges

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Four Lowell High School athletes' accomplishments were celebrated during a ceremony commemorating their signing to Division I colleges.

Nathan Stephens, Jarrod Melle, Matthew Beachler and Bryce Dempsey were recognized during the brief ceremony in the LHS media center attended by family, friends and coaches.

Varsity baseball coach Justin Miller was on hand to witness the signing of two of his athletes. Catcher Stephens and pitcher Melle have made a big impact on the diamond.

According to Miller, "It is obvious that Jarrod and Nate come from a great support network that helps them stay motivated to achieve on and off the field. Jarrod and Nate both embody the culture that has been established by our Lowell baseball alumni and carried on today."

Miller gave a nod to both their natural talents and their willingness to execute the plan as laid out by the coaching staff with total commitment as other keys to the pair's success.

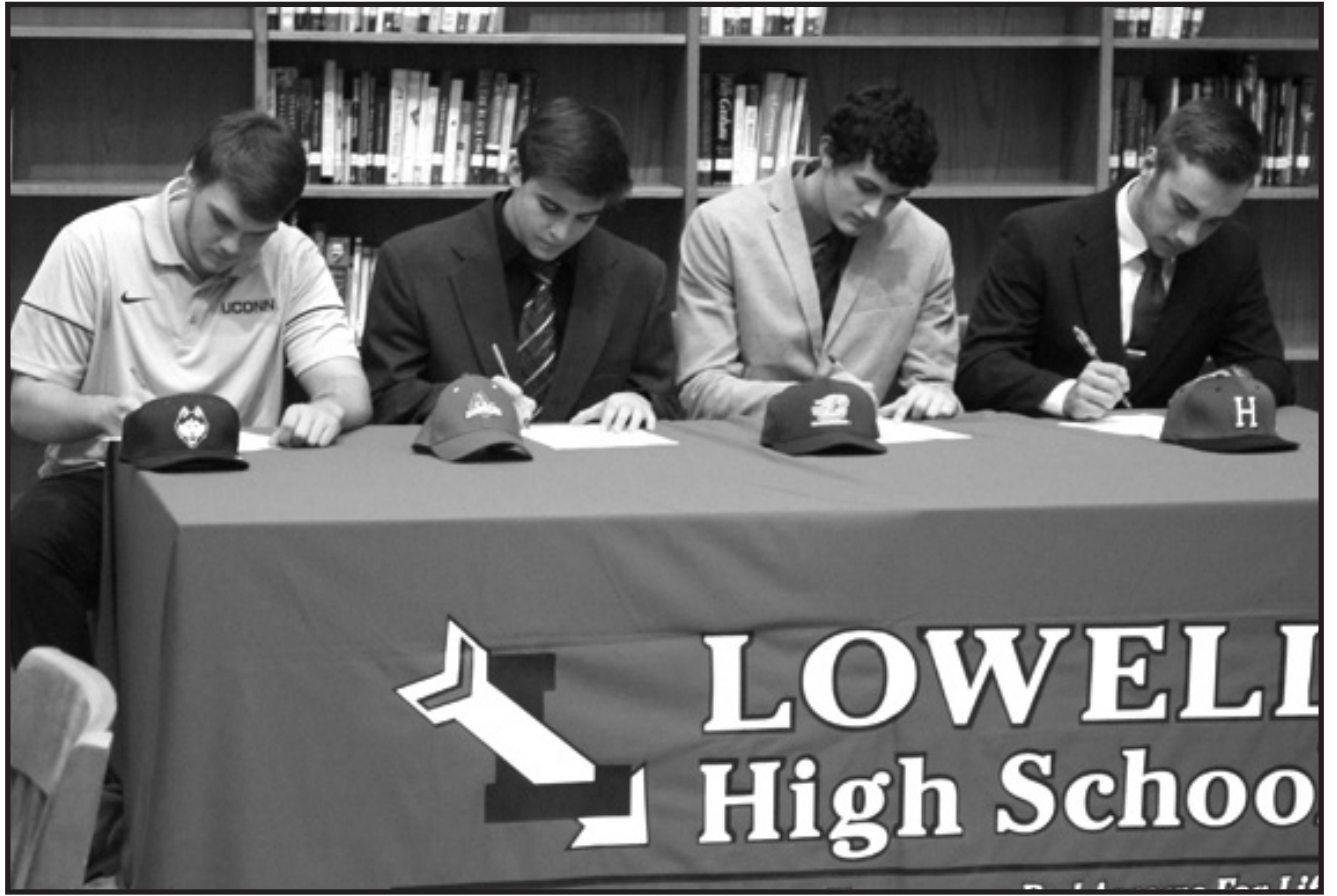
Melle has been a part of the team's pitching rotation since his freshman year.

"In my last season as a Red Arrow, I want to contribute to the team and pursue a conference championship and a playoff run. I plan to take to the field what coach Miller preaches and that's to play the game as hard as I can, no matter the outcome."

Melle plans to pursue a degree in physical therapy at the University of Connecticut next fall.

"Having gone through therapy myself I have grown an interest in helping others get better," he said. Adding that the Husky baseball program was also key in his decision to head to the east coast, "I also decided to commit to Uconn because of the history of the baseball program; they are known to be pretty successful and I want to help contribute to the winning tradition at Uconn."

Stephens has been along for the winning ride for the Red Arrow baseball team serving as a solid catcher and big hitter for the team over his tenure. Batting over .400 Stephens



Lowell athletes Jarrod Melle, Bryce Dempsey, Matthew Beachler and Nate Stephens at the Division I signing ceremony.

has been a playmaker connecting the bat to lead many Arrow efforts while offering up exciting base play and sliding scores for fans.

His actions on the field and an outstanding

GPA earned him a spot for the Crimson next year at Harvard University.

His mother Kim Stephens could not be more proud. "I am happy and so proud that he is going to Harvard. He has worked

so hard. So excited for him to play baseball at the next level. I have always been so proud of Nathan's drive and his dedication to whatever he does."

Stephens said the

decision to attend Harvard was an easy one, "I wanted to give myself the opportunity to succeed academically, while still participating in

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New varsity basketball coaches on board for this season

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell High School's basketball program will start a new chapter this winter when two experienced head coaches take the court to lead the school's varsity teams replacing the pair of coaches that exited at the end of last season.

Coach Heath Kent will replace former lady Arrow head coach Jake Strotheide while Travis Slanger will fill the shoes of former coach Kyle Carhart for the gentlemen. The two bring a separate but equal wealth of knowledge and experience to the mix and are eager to officially take the reins this December when the Red Arrows dive into their first season in the newly aligned OK White conference.

Kent has been coaching for sixteen years, ten as head coach. His career has brought him to Marine City High School in Michigan, Clayton High School in Missouri and DeKalb High School in Illinois before landing here in Lowell with his family. Kent comes to the school already familiar with the Arrows' tradition of athletic and academic dedication and success. "As a lifelong high school sports fan from Michigan, I was very aware of Lowell's reputation as a top-notch organization. Over the

years I've had many friends who relocated to the Grand Rapids area who confirmed this. They were all very instrumental in our decision to move back to Michigan. And being offered the opportunity to work and coach in the Lowell school district was just the icing on the cake," said Kent.

Kent described his own coaching style as defense focused, "I think you have to be sound defensively first and foremost. I'm a big man-to-man believer, so you need to be able to be strong on the ball and engaged off the ball. I think defense has to be a mindset where we are going to relentlessly pursue the basketball every possession. I like to get out in transition and run on offense and good defense is the easiest way to do that."

Since his arrival, Kent has jump-started the Arrow basketball league which will be hosting more than 200 Lowell youngsters from third grade and up this winter and begun working with the high school level players as they prepare for their season kickoff in just a few short weeks. "I think this year's high school program has lots of quality depth and talent throughout all three levels and my staff and I are looking forward to working with them. We are

just going to concentrate on being better today than we were yesterday."

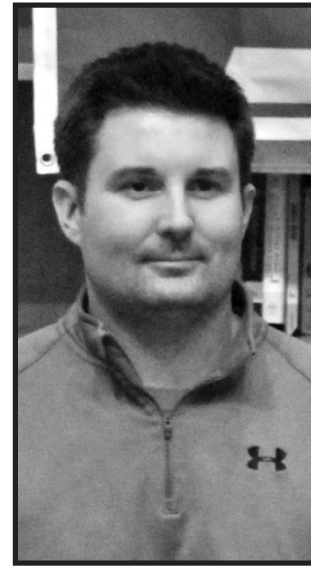
Kent said his welcome in the district has been warm and helpful and that he is looking forward to practicing with the Arrows to help them build themselves up for success. "I love being able to teach the game and there is no better place to do that than in practice. The games are great, but the challenge of trying to mold a team to compete at their best is done through what is done day in and day out in practice."

With a decade and a half of coaching experience under his belt as well, Slanger will take over the boys varsity squad. Slanger comes to Lowell from North Port, Florida, where he took the local high school's basketball program from average to outstanding during his time on the hardwood. "Prior to my arrival the basketball program had very little tradition and limited post-season success. During my tenure our players and coaches worked diligently to become one of the most reputable programs in the area, academically and athletically. That included winning our school's first district basketball championship, multiple

births in the regional tournament and a trip to the 2015 Final Four. We were also ranked among the highest in state GPA over that time, which to me was just as important as our success on the court," said Slanger of his most recent position.

Like Kent, Slanger came to Lowell with existing knowledge of the success of the school's athletic programs. "Prior [to] my arrival I was aware of Lowell's reputation of excellence in competition and in the classroom. Becoming part of the Lowell family has exceeded expectations. As much gratitude as I have for being given the opportunity to work for LAS, I am equally thankful as a husband and father for the opportunity to bring my family into such a great environment."

Slanger said he is looking forward to the season and laying the groundwork for success alongside a team, community and staff that welcomed him and his family with open arms. "It has been outstanding professionally and personally. As an employee of LAS, I am surrounded by extraordinary leadership and like-minded individuals who [want] our schools to be the best in every measure.



Travis Slanger



Heath Kent

The same is true in working with other coaches at LHS. In my experience, very few athletic programs have the comradery and genuine working relationship that Lowell coaches have."

Looking toward the upcoming season Slanger said he hopes to help the young men on the team reach their greatest potential on the court as well as in their lives yet to come. "I want my players to surpass their own expectations as athletes and students. I have been given the opportunity to coach high-character young men. They value being great students, classmates, sons, competitors, and great people. I am confident in the

ability of our staff to teach them the skills they need for success as a team, but they are already members of great families that have taught them how to be exceptional young men."

Kent and the lady Arrows will begin their season on December 2 when they take on Covenant Christian on the road. Their first home game is scheduled for December 6 at 7 pm versus Forest Hills Eastern. Slanger and the gentlemen will begin their regular season on December 13 when they face FHE on the road. Their home opener will be held on December 16 against Godwin Heights at 7 pm.

Red Arrow

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An end to a winning season, continued

and then capitalized on a scooped Kruse pass later in the quarter to go up 14-0. Lowell's offense was unable to convert on their three possessions, gaining 120 yards but only three first downs in the quarter.

The Red Arrows completed their fourth possession in the first minutes of the second with the first of two touchdowns from David Kruse. The first came following a hard fought 70-yard drive and was immediately equalized by the Warriors' quarterback Cody White, an elusive threat on both sides of the ball, who carried the ball 61 yards to the end zone. The second Lowell score came after another grueling drive of 80 yards. Sairge Saldivar kicked two successful extra points

to take the scoreboard to 14 for Lowell. Unfortunately Kruse's second score was flanked by two from WLW leaving the Arrows trailing 31-14 at the half.

Nate Stephens opened second half scoring for the Arrows with a 54-yard touchdown rush followed by a third scoring run from Kruse who jaunted over the line for the score but failed on the extra point attempt. The score put the Arrows within ten of the Warriors who led 37-27 after the third, which ended with a fumble recovery from Sam Russell that set the team up for their lone fourth quarter score from Kruse. In total Kruse, a junior, had four touchdowns, passed for 119 yards and rushed for 156 yards in a



Lowell's Red Arrow varsity sideline cheer joined the team on the sidelines in the state semifinal match.



David Kruse spots a hole for one of his four touchdown runs against Walled Lake Western.

massive 34 carries. Down by just three, 37-34, the Arrows were unable to get their hands back on the ball as WLW and White ran the clock down with first downs.

Stephens carried the ball 23 times in the game good for 127 yards and a touchdown in his final appearance on the football field as a Red

Arrow. He also received the ball three times good for 51 yards. Other receivers included Addison Buckius who led the pack with two carries good for 64 yards and Austin Branagan and Hayden Barry who picked up 26 and 12 yards respectively in single catches. Saldivar went 4/4 in extra point kicks.

The Arrows finish the season with an OK White conference championship, a district championship and an outstanding record of 12-1. The Warriors will move onto the state finals this weekend where they will face Detroit Martin Luther King who edged out Lowell last year in the same game.



Running back Nate Stephens blocks an extra point in the second half of semifinal action.



Walled Lake Western v Lowell

Score	37	34
First Downs	13	22
Rushing Attempts	33	58
Yards Rushing	271	284
Yards Passing	114	153
Net Yards	385	437
Passes Attempted	16	21
Passes Completed	5	7
Interceptions	0	1
Offensive Plays	49	79
Average Gain	7.9	5.5
Fumbles: Number/Lost	1/1	0/0
Penalties: Number/Yards	13/143	6/53
Number of Punts/Yards	4/147	2/39
Average Per Punt	36.8	19.5
Punt Returns: Number/Yards	1/11	0/0
Number of Kickoffs/Yard	7/252	6/253
Average Per Kickoff	36.0	42.2
Kickoff Returns: Number/Yards	5/89	5/87
Int. Returns: Number/Yards	1/-5	0/0
Third-Down Conversions	0/7	4/17
Fourth-Down Conversions	1/1	3/6

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the sport I love. There is no better university to do that at than Harvard.”

As far as his final season at LHS, Stephens said he is simply looking forward to that one last opportunity to play alongside his teammates and his coach.

“Coach Miller has opened my eyes to much more than just baseball and football excellence. He’s also showed me the correct ways to live my life as a strong, intelligent, caring individual. Words cannot describe the thanks and appreciation I owe to such an amazing role model.”

Miller also offered praise for his players, “The highest personal compliment I can give these boys is that I feel truly privileged to have my own son around them as his role model.”

In the LHS gymnasium

Beachler has been leading on the hardwood for three seasons breaking school records with his efforts on the court.

As a sophomore he had a 44-point single game that included nine, three-point shots. A thrilling player to watch, Beachler also offered up the first successful game in years on the road at Grand Rapids Christian that, in hindsight, was a turning point for the program.

That evolution was made more evident his junior year when he broke the school’s career three-point record (160) and led the team to their first district championship in 32 years over big hitter Forest Hills Central while averaging 18.1 points per game over the season. Also a top student with a 4.0 GPA, Beachler was courted by many during his recruitment phase,

including Division I Central Michigan University with whom he signed his letter of intent.

“CMU is an all-around great fit for me. The coaches, players and school have an amazing family atmosphere. Also, the playing style is an outstanding fit,” said Beachler of his decision to play as a Chippewa next fall.

Former LHS varsity coach Kyle Carhart said Beachler earned every bit of his success. “Matt put in a ton of time on his own and with his family, in order [to] achieve this accomplishment. Matt was always a willing helper with the younger players in the program, all the way down to our youth levels. He has set a tremendous example for the younger players in Lowell. I was really excited

to read of his decision and look forward to following his career at the next level.”

Dempsey has been wrestling since the age of five, joking that he “never really had a choice in the matter” having always been a wrestler in his memories. On the verge of his last season as a Red Arrow, he extended his commitment to the mat when he signed to American University in Washington D.C.

He says he already feels like a member of the family. “Choosing American University was an easy decision. When I step on the mat with those guys I feel right at home. I have always wanted to wrestle with the best as a Division I athlete and when I see how hard those kids work I can’t help but want to be a part of it. What they have there is truly something great.”

Dempsey’s long-term goals at the school fulfill another life objective. “I have also always had a burning desire to serve this great country and American University will allow me the opportunity to participate in Army ROTC while being able to wrestle which I think is awesome,” he explained. He added that his eventual career path includes a degree in justice and law and a career in the FBI.

As a Red Arrow, Dempsey has been a part of a team that has won three consecutive team state titles and placed sixth in the state at the MHSAA Division II state finals last year where he went undefeated in all of his matches.

“By far, one of the coolest moments I have had on the mat as a Red Arrow was wrestling in the

Division II team state finals. It was amazing to say the least.”

Dempsey said he credits his family as his top supporters. “I am very grateful for the opportunities I have had in this sport because of my parents and my greatest personal inspiration is my older brother Brett Dempsey. When Brett sets a goal you either help him succeed or get out of his way because there is nothing that will stop him from accomplishing it.”

When asked what lesson learned as a Red Arrow he would take with him into competition at the collegiate level, Dempsey answered with two simple words clearly ingrained into all of the fine athletes recognized at the ceremony, “Never yield.”

Staff Members of the Month at Murray Lake Elementary

The Murray Lake Elementary office staff, Julie Simmons, Alice Bush and Cathy Noffke, have earned Staff Members of the Month honors for October.

“I couldn’t just choose one because they all do so much for me and our school. I appreciate everything they do to help make MLE run so smoothly. I couldn’t do my job without all three. Words can’t express how much I appreciate all of them,” said Molly Burnett, principal.

Simmons and her son Sam, a 10th grader, live on Murray Lake and her older son Jackson, lives

in California now. This is her 13th year working for Lowell Area Schools. She worked at the high school for seven years before coming to Murray Lake. Simmons grew up in Lowell and graduated from Michigan State University. She loves working at Murray Lake Elementary because, “The staff and students really care about each other. Coming to work every day is truly a pleasure and always a positive experience. How many people can say that? I feel very fortunate and very grateful.”

Bush and her husband

Tom, have lived in Lowell for 22 years. Their daughter Mackenzie is a sophomore

at Grand Valley State University and their son Josh is a junior at LHS.

“I’m happy to be a part of the Murray Lake family and have such a great team of

ladies to work with in the office. Interacting with the students and staff every day is the most rewarding part of my job. It’s often quite busy and every day is different, but that’s what makes it so much fun.”

Noffke has four children. Two girls are Lowell graduates. Her two sons, Ben and Ryan, attend LHS. “I have been volunteering/working at MLE for about 13 years, including being the Proctor for MAP testing. “I feel so blessed to be part of such a great team here at MLE.”



Julie Simmons



Alice Bush



Cathy Noffke

States joining Michigan for replacement Social Security cards online

Applying for a replacement Social Security card just got even easier!

Joining Michigan residents that can already request a replacement

Social Security card online using *my Social Security* are residents of Arizona, Maryland, and South Dakota.

Social Security

continues to add more states to this list and provide updates, so check out www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

Applying online is

an easy, convenient, and secure way to request a replacement card.

To request a replacement card online, you must:

- Have or create a *my Social Security* account;

- Have a valid driver’s license in a participating state or the District of Columbia (or a state-issued identification card in some states);

- Be age 18 or older and a United States citizen with a domestic U.S. mailing address (this includes APO, FPO, and DPO addresses); and

- Not be requesting a name change or any other changes to your card.

No matter what state you live in, with a secure *my Social Security* account, you also can:

- Keep track of your earnings and verify them every year;

- Get an estimate of your future benefits, if you are still working;

- Get a letter with proof of your benefits, if you currently receive them; and

Manage your benefits:

- Change your address;
- Start or change your direct deposit;

- Get a replacement Medicare card; and

- Get a replacement SSA-1099 or SSA-1042S for tax season.

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1. Group of pupils
6. Fossil fuel
9. Dust arachnid
13. Abdominal muscle, pl.
14. Grass bristle
15. Like a ballerina
16. Deflect
17. *She played wife and mom in 21 Across
18. Lazybones
19. *It happened on 34th Street
21. *Nicholas Cage 's "The ___ Man"
23. Wednesday's child issue?
24. Mouthful, swallowed
25. ___ Francisco
28. ___ Verde National Park
30. Adorn the halls with holly, e.g.
35. Singer Tori
37. Jailbird's home
39. Tax of one tenth
40. Popular e-reader
41. DNA half
43. Inmate's weapon
44. Loose-fitting top
46. "___ and sound"
47. Performed alone, pl.
48. Madison Square Garden and STAPLES Center, e.g.
50. Snouts or beaks
52. *"___ Takes a Holiday" with Basil Rathbone (1930)
53. Inoffensive manner
55. Long time
57. *Jim Carrey's green grump

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60. *Holiday movie time traveler
 64. Courtroom excuse
 65. Bo Peep's follower
 67. Bus commuter
 68. Object of Tiny Tim's affection
 69. Corn piece
 70. Twig of a willow tree
 71. Aquatic snakes
 72. Pastrami partner
 73. Proceeds
- DOWN**
1. Pack like sardines
 2. Denim innovator
 3. Maple, to a botanist
 4. Scarecrow stuffing
 5. "The Goldbergs," e.g.
 6. Arc de Triomphe, e.g.
 7. Leave speechless
 8. Big mess
 9. Between mini and maxi
 10. Short for "it will"
 11. He plus she
 12. "Ever" to a poet
 15. Marine gastropod
 20. Olden day blood-drawing equipment
 22. Priest's vestment
 24. Like a knight in shining armor?
 25. *Billy Bob Thornton's was bad
 26. Love, to Napoleon and Josephine
 27. Nobody
 29. ___ Candies, chocolatier
 31. Treat without respect
 32. ___ vs. pathos
 33. Popular cook-off dish
 34. *"Home Alone" main character
 36. *Jim Carrey's was green when he stole Christmas
 38. *It's wonderful?
 42. Three-masted vessel
 45. Tabby's favorite herb
 49. Pollen ___
 51. Feeling at a funeral
 54. Holiday feeling
 56. Hustle and bustle sound
 57. Tar to feathers
 58. Tiny river
 59. Wading bird
 60. Dried up
 61. Norse deity
 62. Turned to the right
 63. Makes mistakes
 64. Gobbled up
 66. *"Jingle All the ___"

Puzzle solutions on page 12

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NOVEMBER 16 - NOVEMBER 22

- Pope Francis extends the power to forgive abortion to all Roman Catholic priests. The power was previously reserved for bishops or special confessors.
- Melania Trump won't move into the White House in January; she will wait until her 10-year-old son finishes the school year.
- 58 law enforcement officers have been shot and killed this year, well ahead of last year's 12 month total.
- Stephen Hawking says we've got about 1,000 years to find a new place to live. He states humanity won't survive due to climate change, nukes and robots.
- Trump-Romney meeting another wild 2016 twist – The two men met over the weekend discussing secretary of state position.

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LAST WEEK'S ONLINE POLL RESULTS

What are you most thankful for this November?

- Family 50%
- Health..... 0%
- Gas Prices 0%
- The Weather 0%
- President Obama 42%
- The Election Results 8%

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Warm weather welcomed annual Veterans Day luncheon attendees

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell Senior Neighbors honored local American heroes on Friday, November 11, for Veterans Day with a luncheon provided by the center and its volunteers. More than 45 proud veterans and their spouses attended the annual event which featured an accordion musical performance, along with shared stories and prayers. The veterans represented nearly every branch of service. The luncheon was coordinated this year by Senior Neighbors' director Terra Bieneman to celebrate the service and commitment to country shared by former Lowell area soldiers.

A schedule of daily happenings at the Senior Neighbors center is available online at www.seniorneighbors.org



Pictured are: Dave Thompson, Leo Peters, Robert Garcia, Jim Breen, John Schrouder, Herb Rice, Herman Weststrate, Herman Weststrate Jr., Jerry Vredevelt, Chuck Boerema, Don Souser and Richard Bieri.

Veterans and spouses listen as Terra Bieneman welcomes them to the annual honorary luncheon.



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What is Christmas Distribution?
Christmas Gift Distribution allows parents to shop from new items for their children (infant through High School senior).
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(during regular Pantry hours)
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BREAKING NEWS

GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF WHAT YOU KNOW

Government has the power to force citizens from their homes and decide where to locate hazardous facilities. It has the power to confiscate your property or throw you in jail.

Your government claims it can save money by posting notices about tax increases, property seizure and new spending on its website. That seems well-intentioned. But doing that creates a system where **government is in control of what you know.**

71% of Michigan citizens polled said that they trust a local newspaper/newspaper website.	19% of those polled would allow for Government-site ONLY posting.
72% of Michigan citizens polled said they found their local newspaper/newspaper website to be more effective than posting on a government website.	Only 19% feel that a Government-only website is effective.

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