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# Sizzlin' concert season concludes by raising funds to rebuild the Lowell Showboat

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

After concluding their regular season last Thursday, with one of the Midwest's premier jazz, funk and R&B bands Hip Pocket, the Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert Series reconvened Friday evening for a special fundraising event featuring six jamming local bands in support of the rebuild of the famous Lowell Showboat.

Rockin' for the Showboat was the idea of local rocker Dale Kropf of the popular classic

rock group Alive & Well, seasoned veterans of the Showboat stage. Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, other supporters and volunteers including LowellArts joined forces to bring the idea to fruition working with local talent and vendors.

The mini-music festival went off without a hitch and featured six performances over the four hour concert. The show opened with local high school rockers The Preservers, who recently released their second

album; followed by singer songwriter Josh Rose, 60s influenced Time Hungry, the Upstage Crew Blues Band, the popular Adams Family and headliners Alive & Well.

On site fundraisers included the sale of t-shirts,

key chains and limited edition Rockin' for the Showboat glasses which were available for just \$10 and featured a drink ticket served up by Showboat supporter New Union Brewery. Other vendors offered a portion of their

sales to raise funds during the event, including Larkin's, Big Boiler Brewery and Main Street BBQ, among others. Cash donations were also accepted in the effort to replace the now closed Lowell Showboat.



Showboat supporters sell commemorative t-shirts, key chains and glasses during the fundraiser.



Local favorite Time Hungry was among the six bands that took the Showboat stage for the event.



Large crowds lasted all night for the finale of the annual summer concert series.



## Between Turbulence and Tranquility opens at LowellArts

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

A new exhibit called "Between Turbulence and Tranquility" will open at LowellArts on Wednesday, Sept. 6. Nine local artists, Casey Bemis, Rose Ellis, Kim Enschede, Hana Girdvainis-Sawyer, Dawn Hollister, Alyson Rose, Ogi Yanakiev, Diane Zoellmer and Cara O'Brien will bring work from a variety of styles and media. There will be expressive abstract drawings, oil paintings, watercolor paintings, photography, ceramic sculptures, mixed media collages, figurative work and more. The idea behind the exhibit is to use the large, open floor plan of the new LowellArts building to create nine small art galleries.

"Each artist applied on their own for a solo show, but our space is so big we are setting up their work in nine sections," said LowellArts project director Janet Teunis. "They will each have a section of the gallery and they are going to display a small body of work."

Between Turbulence and Tranquility will be on display until Oct. 28. LowellArts, 223 W Main, is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 am until 6 pm and Saturday from 10 am until 5 pm. For more information on this show and all the other things they get up to, call 616-897-8545, send a message to info@lowellartsmi.org or visit lowellartsmi.org



# EARTH TALK™

## Questions & Answers About Our Environment

**Dear EarthTalk: Could global warming really already be a factor in the evolution of wildlife species? - Vince Dominick, Camden, NJ**

No doubt the quickly changing climate is already triggering various evolutionary shifts in a wide range of species. And while we can't be sure just how different wildlife species will adapt (or not), scientists are already noticing some surprising changes as a result of rising surface and ocean temperatures thanks to human-induced global warming.

To wit, a recent study published in the peer-reviewed scientific journal, *Global Change Biology*, by scientists from the University of British Columbia, found that the body size of larger fish species decreases 20 to 30 percent for every one-degree Celsius increase in water temperature, given their gills' inability to keep up in our warmer and increasingly oxygen-deprived seas. (The top 2,000 feet of

the ocean water column has warmed 0.3 degrees Fahrenheit since 1969, and the speed of the warming is faster than ever.) The researchers add that smaller fish are likely to have an advantage given that their body sizes are less likely to outgrow their respiratory systems. The result could be a profound shift in marine food webs with untold consequences for the health of the ocean, not to mention the state of our dinner plates (nearly a billion people around the world rely on fish as a primary source of protein).

And there's proof that global warming is shrinking wildlife species on land, too. An October 2014 study by scientists at Durham University in Britain found that chamois mountain goats in the Italian Alps weigh 25 percent less than their same age counterparts did 30 years ago. University of Maryland researchers found that six out of seven species of U.S. salamanders studied have shrunk an average of eight percent overall since the 1950s, with each successive generation shrinking in average body size by one percent. Another example comes from a National University of Singapore study that found that ectotherms (toads, turtles, snakes) are also shrinking around the world in response to hotter climatic conditions.

A February 2017 review of scientific literature on global warming's broad footprint on wildlife by 17 researchers collaborating from around the world suggests that we may actually be underestimating how much climate change is affecting wildlife populations. The analysis of 130 studies on the ecological consequences of climate change revealed that 47 percent of land mammals and 23 percent of birds—more than 700 wildlife species overall—have already been affected by global warming. "There has been a massive under-reporting of these impacts," says University of

Queensland researcher and study co-author, James Watson, adding that only seven percent of mammals and four percent of birds showing a negative response to climate change are currently listed as "threatened" by the IUCN, which maintains the world's "Red List" of endangered species.

"We need to greatly improve assessments of the impacts of climate change on species right now, we need to communicate this to wider public and we need to ensure key decisions makers know that something significant needs to happen now to stop species going extinct," warns Watson. "Climate change is not a future threat anymore."

**CONTACTS:** Fish study: [onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/gcb.13831/abstract](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/gcb.13831/abstract); goats: [www.dur.ac.uk/biosciences/about/news/?itemno=22559](http://www.dur.ac.uk/biosciences/about/news/?itemno=22559); salamanders: [onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/gcb.12550/abstract](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/gcb.12550/abstract); broad footprint: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/gcb.13831/abstract>

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Scientists credit human-induced global warming with causing many marine and terrestrial wildlife species — such as the chamois mountain goat of the Italian alps — to become scrawnier with each successive generation.

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## Lowell Police Department statistics for July

According to recently released statistics Lowell police department made 30 arrests during July. These arrests included two drug law violations, one alcohol law violation, two for drunk driving, six for driving with a suspended license, 10 for outstanding warrants and nine that are described in the police department's information as "other arrests." That adds up to a total of 171 arrests in Lowell during the first seven months of the year.

Lowell police also

responded to plenty of misdemeanors during July. There were 11 larceny calls, three calls for malicious destruction, three disorderly conduct calls, three dog/animal complaints and 12 assaults.

Lowell police issued 31 citations and notified 16 residents about ordinance violations. They were called to "assist" 82 times and were dispatched to 13 accidents. Out of 128 traffic stops they let 116 drivers go with just a warning.



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Between Turbulence and Tranquility is an exhibition of the work by nine exceptional artists from Michigan. A wide range of styles and media are represented including: expressive abstract drawings, oil and watercolor painting, photography and ceramic sculpture, mixed media collage, figurative work and more. Sept. 6 – Oct. 28 at LowellArts, 223 W. Main St. Gallery hours are: Tues. – Fri., 10 am to 6 pm, Sat., 10 am to 5 pm. [www.lowellartsmi.org](http://www.lowellartsmi.org)

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# No name on the Showboat but there's a brand new flag topside

## Hildenbrand weighs in on name controversy

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Lowell resident Dave Thompson noticed the American flag on the Lowell Showboat looked kind of worn out, so he purchased and donated a brand new one.

"This is about the third or fourth flag we've donated," Thompson said. "Periodically I'll look up there and see that the flag is looking less than totally American. I'm a veteran and when I see that it kind of gets to me a little bit. I don't like to have it like that, particularly when we have concerts and you have 1,000 people looking up there at a tattered flag. It's just something that we observe and correct."

Thompson is descended from some of the first pioneers in Vergennes Township from 1833, when Lowell was just a trading post. He served in the US Navy for 20 years and has been involved with the American Legion.

"I don't consider it an act of patriotism, it is an act of respect to our flag," Thompson said.

The showboat was recently awarded a \$1 million grant from the State of Michigan to help rebuild it. This grant, arranged by state senator Dave Hildenbrand, was criticized in local media because the boat bore the name "Robert E. Lee" and had been the site of minstrel shows.

"When I learned of the serious structural, environmental and public safety concerns with the current showboat, I worked

with my colleagues in Lansing to secure the funds to help assist in the rebuilding efforts," Hildenbrand said. "This investment was not made at the expense of any other state investment. Funding for public education, roads, health care and public safety continue to be a top priority and have seen responsible increases over the last several years. State resources are set aside each year for unique community and local government projects throughout the state. These projects are generally requested by legislators and are vetted and considered through the budget process. The amount of money allocated is a tiny fraction of what is spent on key state priorities like public education, roads, health care and public safety. I wasn't going to pass at an opportunity to help a local community in my district once I knew state dollars were going to be allocated for these purposes. I would have felt as though I was not doing my part if I just sat back and watched this funding go to projects in other parts of the state."

Last week the city of Lowell removed the name "Robert E. Lee" from the showboat. Hildenbrand



said that he supported the change.

"I have never supported the comments or actions of individuals who seek to drive a wedge between the people in our community, state and nation," Hildenbrand said. "This includes those making bigoted and racist remarks. I know those involved in the rebuilding effort of

the Lowell Showboat are interested in exploring different name options for the new showboat. I fully support this effort and have encouraged them to pursue

it. The Lowell Showboat is the centerpiece and icon of the Lowell community. It has been the backdrop for many events, concerts and

celebrations for generations. It has brought the Lowell community together and should continue to do so into the future."

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# viewpoint

## to the editor

### a faceless voice

Dear Editor,  
In the few years I've existed on this earth I've had the privilege to know many people who I consider brave. By bravery I don't necessarily mean they have been in physical danger, but brave because they have conviction and are willing to stand up for their beliefs. In today's age of social media, electronic communication and the ability to spread an opinion or idea to thousands at the stroke of a few keys, has started a new class of people, the Keyboard Warrior.

This past week I witnessed bravery and cowardice in the same setting, talking about the same topic, with two young men about the same age. A public meeting in which part of the discussion was about a controversial subject; the name of a city structure. A name that is from a dark time in our country's history; some citizens were in favor of it while others were in opposition. The reasons for both sides had validity and there were a few that stood up before the audience and expressed their beliefs to the governing body.

The controversy started about this 'name' with a letter to the presiding official and caretaker of the structure. The letter expressed concern and the writer's opinion about the 'name' and why it should be removed, why they thought it was controversial and why they thought the 'name' represented racism and hate. The writer threatened the official with a phone campaign, a media blitz and a protest if the name wasn't changed or removed by a particular date. The author/agitator even sent it to the media before ever discussing it with the governing body! There was no chance for the presiding official or anyone else to respond to the author/agitator before the media could run with it. The writer had also started a petition on a website, gathering online supporters for their cause. The writer, I found out, considers themselves a member of the community where the structure stands, went to school in the community, probably has friends and family there and knows the community. The writer is a student at a school a

moderate distance away, but not far enough away (within 60 miles) where it would be an inconvenience to return.

The author of this letter, the instigator of the online petition and the threat maker, chose to agitate for change through social media, email and near extortion rather than meeting face-to-face with those within the community, to express opinions or ideas, or create a dialogue.

This person did create change and was found to congratulate himself on the website where the petition was started. This person was one of the citizens who attended the meeting where the structure and its name were discussed. This person had an opportunity to express their opinion on the matter or give comment, they chose to remain silent. This brave creator of change had his mother speak for him while he sat in the audience.

The Keyboard Warrior, firing away from his computer causing disruption and controversy while the adults in his world speak for him. This is the cowardice I spoke of earlier. This young person sitting safely behind his laptop/desktop/iPad expressing himself on a touchy matter of our time, expressing his opinion (that I doubt he had much knowledge of), becoming briefly famous in the media for "speaking out." Yet when

it comes time to face real people, with real opinions, with real voices, he hides behind his mother's apron. What happened to this brave person that threatened the media and phone blitz, to staging a protest, of accusing the community where he grew up and went to school with hate and racism? He was sitting silently aside and just watched. How courageous, how brave, what a leader. Did he realize the preparations that were put into effect to avoid potential trouble? Probably not, a symptom of the "me generation."

Being an agent of change is difficult. It takes determination, dedication, education, and fortitude. You must be willing to put yourself out there, to take criticism and praise; you must be prepared to back up your ideas with a voice (not a keyboard or a bunch of out-of-towners looking to destroy). You need to educate yourself on your opinion and back it with facts not feelings. And one must be BRAVE enough to discuss those ideas with others. Dialogue happens when both sides listen. In this case our author only wanted to express without considering the consequences of his actions or what could have happened.

Our author has an opinion. Others in the community agreed with it and others disagreed, and

those same people were brave and spoke in front of others about why they thought one way or the other. In fact a young man came to the meeting from a considerable distance away to speak in front of a room full of strangers. This young man with his prepared statement, shaky voice, and courage, spoke his piece offering his facts and opinion. It should be noted his father came with him and remained in the audience in

silence. This is the bravery I spoke of earlier. Our author was a coward, sitting silently amongst members of his claimed community, afraid to stand and own up to what he had started, to give his opinion and say what he thought. There was no computer screen to hide behind in the meeting chamber, only his mom... sad.

Chris Hurst  
Sparta

### straw poll for medical marijuana

Dear Editor,

I would like to talk about the possibility of having medical marijuana dispensaries in Lowell. On Aug. 7 the Lowell city council had a special meeting to discuss allowing marijuana businesses to operate in the city of Lowell. But I got the impression that the special meeting was mainly for the benefit of the city council after reading the Lowell Ledger. It was stated in the Aug. 9 Lowell Ledger that in an e-mail to Lowell Ledger, Lowell's city manager Michael Burns said, "the idea that dispensaries can set up in Lowell if voters passed an ordinance is untrue. Under public act 281 the council has the option to opt-in and allow dispensaries or opt-out and not allow them. Public act 281 does not call for an advisory vote from the public on this issue. In addition, the state statute doesn't allow advisory votes. The statute clearly states issues the public can vote on and advice on policy issues does not fall into that parameter."

If that statement is right and I say if because there seems to be a difference of opinion with what an attorney said when presenting information on the new marijuana laws to the council at a March 6 council meeting. If it happens to be the council's decision to make than the

council should know where the community stands on the subject. The council being a servant to the community you would think the council would want to know where the community stands on the subject.

A straw poll would be the best way to show where the majority of the community stand on the subject. A straw poll or straw vote is an ad-hoc or unofficial vote. It is used to show the popular opinion on certain matters. The Lowell Ledger has taken a variety of polls in the past. I suggest the Lowell Ledger take a poll to find out where the community stands on whether or not medical marijuana dispensaries should be allowed to operate in the city of Lowell. It's been noted that cities have the right to opt-out of the medical marijuana altogether simply by taking no action. Is that what the city council plans on doing - nothing? Where does the majority of Lowell stand on the subject of having marijuana dispensaries in Lowell? No matter who makes the decision I believe the constituents of Lowell would like to know where they stand as a community on the subject. Where do you stand on having marijuana dispensaries in Lowell? Speak out.

Jim Howard  
Lowell Township



### 125 years ago Lowell Journal August 31, 1892

A couple of Saranac boys gallantly saw a couple of Lowell girls home, from the picnic, on the 9:24 and returned to Saranac on the 12:45 train. In their hurried departure they left a couple of pairs of rubbers on the stoop and the young ladies would be pleased to have

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Alpena has dropped—or risen—to the support of only six saloons instead of twenty, but her women complain that street rowdyism is increasing alarmingly.

### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 30, 1917

More are drafted - another list of men called to the colors. In addition to the 71 men listed in our last issue as having been drafted in District No. 2 of Kent county, the following have passed the physical examination and have been neither accepted nor discharged: Raymond C. Troost, Hibbard Hale, Joseph Poll, John



# “In the Land of God,” a first book by Lowell author Adam Jones published

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Lowell native Adam Jones recently published his first novel, “In the Land of God.” The book is the epic story of a family in the turbulent early 20th century dealing with personal crises as well as global catastrophes like World War I and the Great Depression. The novel is available on Amazon.com or at Schuler Books. The Amazon Kindle edition is only \$99.

“It took me about three years to write the novel,” Jones said. “I’d write and stop, write and stop, then I had to go back and edit it. During that editing process I had some really good people give me feedback on it.”

With its setting in the town of “New Canaan” (based on Alto) and character names like Abraham, Sarah, Isaac and Ishmael, it doesn’t take a seminarian to detect some religious undertones in the novel. He also named Ernest Hemingway, Raymond Carver, Philip K. Dick and Ray Bradbury as a few authors who influenced his work.

“I definitely drew some inspiration from the Bible, but also from Steinbeck’s ‘East of Eden,’” Jones said. “In a way, it’s a very concise allegory for the Israel and Palestinian conflict. The two brothers wind up fighting over who will inherit the farm. Ultimately the lesson is that if you can’t make any kind of realistic compromise, it’s destructive

for both parties. It’s not too strict an allegory, though. It’s still a family drama.”

Jones graduated from LHS in 2012. He majored in journalism and minored in English at Grand Valley State University. That was the beginning of his writing career.

“I haven’t done fiction before, but nonfiction, yes,” Jones said. “For about three years I worked for the GVSU veterans history project in conjunction with the Library of Congress’ American Folklife Center. I interviewed veterans from World War II until the present, it was my job to do research outlines and summaries for each interview. That helped me get into the habit of writing succinctly and accessibly. I’ve also done stuff that hasn’t been published and I have played around with a blog.”

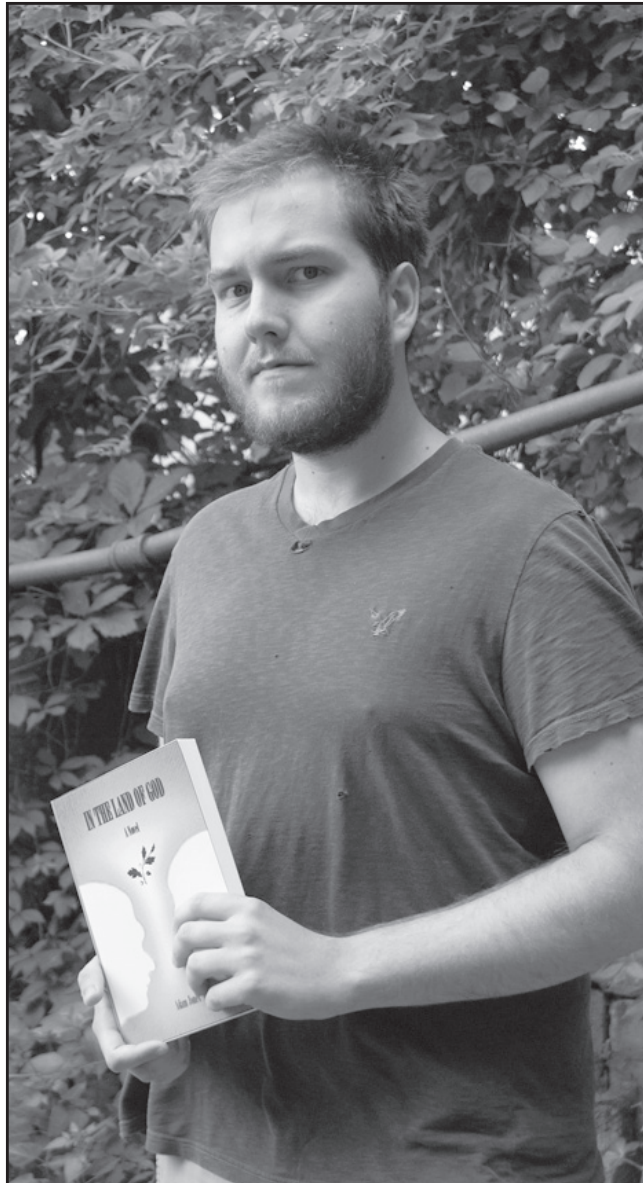
Jones has at least two more books in the works. One is part of a veterans history project through GVSU and the other one is a story he has been toying with since high school, a romantic tragedy set during a fictional third world war.

“It’s a very near-future, recognizable dystopia,” Jones said. “It’s our own world and we follow three different characters in the midst of this massive geopolitical upheaval, examining this conflict through each different lens.”

The direct link to purchase the book

online is [amazon.com/Land-God-Adam-Jones/dp/154057444X](http://amazon.com/Land-God-Adam-Jones/dp/154057444X). You can also buy it at Schuler Books in Grand Rapids. Jones also said that if you contact him after buying a copy of the paperback edition, he will email you a free e-book version. His blog is

at [ahahnjones.wordpress.com](http://ahahnjones.wordpress.com). He also does a podcast with a few friends called “UnApologetics,” which he described as “a dirtier version of the Daily Show.” You can hear that at [unapologeticspodcast.wordpress.com](http://unapologeticspodcast.wordpress.com)



“In the Land of God” by Lowell native Adam Jones is an epic, multi-generational, historical novel.

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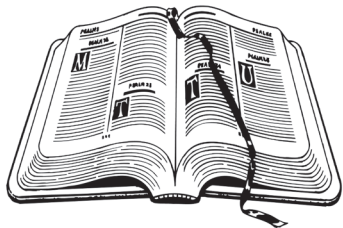
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**cubital tunnel syndrome**

Cubital tunnel syndrome is a condition and is prone to trauma. The nerve can be “trapped” in the tunnel by scarring or repetitive trauma. Many people rest their elbows on a table or desk all day long. Others will sleep with their elbows bent fully flexed. These can irritate the nerve and cause problems.

Cubital tunnel syndrome affects the ulnar nerve of the arm and hand. This nerve supplies sensation and muscle control to the fourth and fifth fingers. Most people with this condition experience numbness in these digits progressing to weakness if untreated. Pain and aching of the inner elbow and forearm are also common.

The ulnar nerve is the nerve that is hit when we “hit our funny bone.” The nerve lies in a tunnel located at the bend of the elbow. At this specific point it is not very well protected

Common treatments include NSAIDs (like Motrin or ibuprofen) and certain elbow splints to prevent extreme flexion at the elbow. Physical therapy can also be helpful. Sometimes surgery may be required. It typically involves releasing and repositioning the nerve away from the entrapment/offending region.





## Be alert for state debt payment scam

The Michigan Department of Treasury is asking residents to be alert for a new scam that implies the federal government will pay their outstanding state tax debts or other state debts.

Within the last month, the state Treasury Department has noticed an increase in cases where individuals are attempting to pay their outstanding state debts with routing

numbers from two U.S. Department of Treasury Bureaus – the Financial Management Service (FMS) and the Bureau of the Public Debt (BPD). Individuals are using these federal routing numbers with their social security number as the checking account number and listing the bank as either the FMS or the BPD.

As a part of this scam, the U.S. Department of Treasury warns that groups

are holding seminars throughout the United States that fraudulently teach attendees to use these federal routing numbers to resolve their outstanding government debts.

“Please do not fall for this scam,” said deputy treasurer Ann Good, head of Treasury’s Financial and Administrative Services Group. “Individuals who try to pay their state debts in this way will have their payment

rejected. Treasury will work with you to resolve your outstanding debts.”

Individuals who think they may have an outstanding state tax debt or other state debt are encouraged to call state Treasury Department’s Office of Collections at 517-636-5265.

For more information about state tax debt or other state debt collections, go to [www.michigan.gov/treasury](http://www.michigan.gov/treasury)

## Expanded program reaches more Michigan children and infants with oral health through WIC

A successful pilot program is expanding so that infants and children in Detroit, outer Wayne County, Kent County and Oakland County can start life as healthy as possible, beginning with healthy teeth. The pilot is a partnership effort of Altarum’s Michigan Caries Prevention Program, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), McMillen Health and is funded by Delta Dental Foundation.

In the first year of the pilot program, which ran from February to December 2016, staff at five WIC clinics in Detroit received oral health education training, equipping them with knowledge and tools to educate families on the

importance of oral health and its link to overall health. Staff are now able to provide WIC families with oral health education, toothbrushes and a referral to a dentist based on zip code—empowering them with the resources to help families navigate early access to oral health care and prevention.

The expansion of this pilot will significantly increase its reach. In the program’s first year, it included five of the busiest WIC clinics in Michigan, which see about 10 percent of Michigan’s WIC participation of children and infants. An additional 46,000 children, or 20 percent of the state’s WIC participation, will have access to the program in year two—spreading education,

knowledge and healthier smiles across the state. New clinics started their pilot efforts in April 2017 and the year two funding continues to support the clinics from the first year.

“The WIC program is a well-known and trusted community resource which provides services to low-income pregnant women and those with infants and children,” said Teri Battaglieri, Delta Dental Foundation director. “As such, WIC staff play an integral role in helping mothers learn about the importance of good oral health, the Healthy Kids Dental program and how to find dental care for themselves and their children.”

“We are tremendously excited to be expanding

this successful pilot that provides free training and resources to WIC clinics, says Amanda DeLandsheer, program coordination lead for the Michigan Caries Prevention Program. “This will enhance WIC program staff ability to provide high quality, coordinated care to Michigan families.”

“This pilot has received overwhelming positive feedback from WIC staff and families, who have been receptive, responsive and grateful for the additional training,” says Stan Bien, director, Michigan WIC Program, MDHHS. “We are excited to have the opportunity to grow this program beyond Detroit, so that thousands of additional children across Michigan will be able to have healthier smiles and healthier lives.”

## MI student aid provides scholarship search experiences

As Michigan high school and college students head back to school this fall, the Michigan Department of Treasury (Treasury) reminds active learners about MI Student Aid’s scholarship search experience.

The service connects students with thousands of possible scholarship opportunities provided by different organizations throughout the state. Students or their families complete and submit a brief online survey and MI Student Aid service representatives will search for Michigan scholarships, emailing a detailed scholarship report within a week.

“MI Student Aid’s scholarship search experience is an invaluable tool for Michigan’s students,” said Anne Wohlfert, director of Treasury’s Student Financial Services Bureau. “Our MI Student Aid representatives will conduct a thorough scholarship search and return the results to the student. We are ready to help anyone trying to find a way to pay for college.”

To begin the MI Student Aid scholarship search experience, go to [www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid](http://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid)

The AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) program

worked in partnership with Treasury’s Student Financial Services Bureau to collect and compile information on available financial aid resources for Michigan’s students and families. The scholarship search experience and a statewide series of financial aid workshops were developed by the collaboration and implemented by MI Student Aid.

The project was funded by a Michigan Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduates Programs (MI GEAR UP) grant. Recently, this collaboration won the 2017 Governor’s Service award for Outstanding National Service Program.

Administered by Treasury, MI Student Aid is Michigan’s go-to resource for finding the financial resources needed to pay for college. For more information, contact MI Student Aid at [mistudentaid@michigan.gov](mailto:mistudentaid@michigan.gov), 1-888-4-GRANTS or @mistudentaid on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat.

## SOS starts ignition on CARS Project

*New effort begins to modernize computer system for customers*

Secretary of State staff are celebrating the recent launch of the new effort to modernize the office’s computer system that will bring more efficient, convenient service to customers across Michigan.

The new effort, called Customer and Automotive

Records System (CARS), will create a modern computer system, replacing the antiquated legacy mainframe-based system that dates to the late 1960s. The legacy system is programmed with a computer language that is no

longer taught and is costly to maintain and update.

“The people of Michigan and Secretary of State staff deserve better than the out-of-date computer system we have,” Secretary of State Ruth

Johnson said. “Now we are moving forward with our partner FAST Enterprises to make a much-improved system a reality. FAST has

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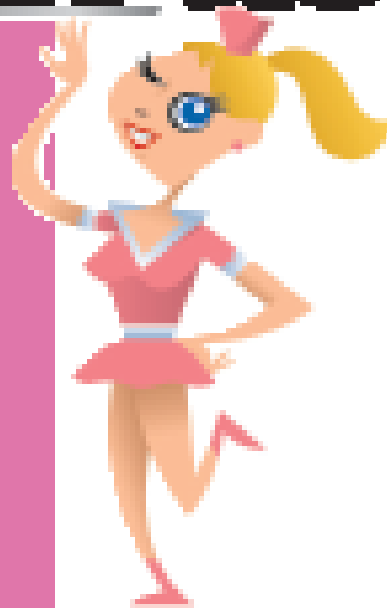
## SHUTTLE PARKING

Is available starting at 4:30 p.m. from Cherry Creek Elementary (Foreman St.) AND Lowell Middle School (Foreman St.) pick-up and drop-off area front entrance, parking in rear off Suffolk St. entrance.

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3:30 pm	....	National Anthem
3:30 pm	....	UHS Choir Concert
3:30 pm	....	Volleyball in and match - Lowell vs. Essex
3:30 pm	....	Soccer in and match - Lowell vs. Essex
5:00 pm	....	Survivor and National Anthem
6:35 pm	....	Football Presentation
7:00 pm	....	Honors and National Anthem
7:05 pm	....	UHS Band
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## LD AT RED ARROW MEMORIAL STADIUM



# Red Arrow

# SPORTS

## Sport Summaries

### GIRLS GOLF

Lowell girls varsity golf had an impressive week on the greens finishing third in their first OK White challenge of the season on Tuesday and topping non-conference foe Lakewood in dual action on Thursday. At the first conference jamboree of the season the team was led by junior Kenzie Uhen who carded a 46. Her performance was followed by fellow top scorers sophomore Mary Jo Buechler (50), senior Isabelle Dial (52) and freshman Lexi Kapcia (55). Their combined total of 203 placed them behind only Forest Hills Northern (169) and Forest Hills Central (200). Uhen led again on Thursday when the team topped Lakewood 190-235. Her 44 was complemented by finishes from Buechler and junior Tristan Fogerty Thomas who tied at 48 and Dial and Kapcia who each came in at 50.

### BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Red Arrow farriers made their season debut last Wednesday at the Hesperia Baker Woods Invitational with the boys varsity cross country finishing in second place with 72 points and six individual medalists. The top finish was led by sixth-place medalist Morrison Ismond (18:46), followed by Caleb Swart (18:56), Lucas Cossar (19:56), Kenny Stump (20:48), Conner Meyers (21:07) and Zach Swart (21:08). The team will compete in conference for the first time this season when they host the OK White's first jamboree on September 6 at Lowell High School. Race begins at 5:15.

### VOLLEYBALL

For the second time this season the Red Arrow varsity volleyball team competed in tournament action, this time taking on some of the area's best in the West Michigan Volleyball Officials Association and coming up third place among 18 teams. The team competed excellently in pool play picking up wins over Grandville (25-14, 25-18), West Ottawa (25-19, 25-10) and Coopersville (25-18, 25-12) and splitting a match with Zeeland East (24-26, 25-19). Advancing to the gold bracket the team then topped Caledonia (25-18, 26-24) to move into the semi final round where they unfortunately fell to Grand Rapids Christian (17-25, 18-25). Abi Mangus was the day's stat leader logging 39 kills and ten aces. She was joined by Jill Fidler who offered up 61 digs, Meghan Meyer who provided nine blocks and Sydney Powell who logged 101 assists.

### GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

The co-op Lowell and Caledonia girls varsity swim and dive team competed last Tuesday at the Northview Invitational finishing in the eighth position. Swimmer Sid Schering took fifth in the 100 individual medley. Top finishers placing fifth in the 200 were Riley Keegstra, Emma Pohlrad and Emma Norman.

### BOYS TENNIS

Red Arrow varsity tennis took a trip to the Dobber Wenger Invite at Caledonia High School last Monday finishing third place in a field of seven teams. Their 15-point finish put them one point above host Caledonia who took fourth place. Positions one and two went to Byron Center (20) and Allegan (15). The team will compete three times this week hosting Unity Christian and Jenison and then traveling to Cedar Springs.

### GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Starting their season off on the right foot last Wednesday the Lady Arrow varsity cross country team topped all other competitors at the Hesperia Baker Woods Invitational with five of their runners finishing within the top ten. Twelve runners earned medals at the event with most improving on their times at the same event last year. The first-place 28-point finish was led by Audrey Conrad who placed third with a 23:33. Joining Conrad in the top ten were Katrina Droski who finished fourth, Lauren Aud who placed fifth, Haley Nieuwkoop who came in sixth and Theresa Judd. Other top finishers included Alexis Haines, Marley Fowler, Amber Clouse, Ashley Boehr, Jada Millhisler, Madeline Taylor and Jennifer Cooper.

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- FOOTBALL

# SPORTS

## Arrows debut at Prep Kickoff Classic at Wayne State beating Warren De La Salle 36-6

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Lowell pummeled the Warren De La Salle Pilots 36-6 in their debut appearance at the Prep Kickoff Classic held at Wayne State University last Friday evening. After converting a fake punt to six points in their first drive, fans watched as the Red Arrows ran away with the game.

Lowell starting quarterback David Kruse, voted Most Outstanding Player of the night by the event's hosts, had an outstanding senior season debut rushing the ball 26 times for 126 yards. The

heavy ground game saw Lowell rack up 180 yards via carry with only seven of the team's 52 plays traveling through the air. Kruse, protected by a fierce offensive line, was the leading carrier converting three touchdowns in their second consecutive season opening victory over the Pilots.

Down by six after a sneak play the Arrows wasted no time responding, scoring on their first drive after a 67-yard punt return from Brady Douma was quickly converted to six from Kruse in the end zone. Ahead 7-6 after a

good extra point kick from Sairge Saldivar, the Arrows only let the Pilots maintain possession for moments before Connor Douma broke the ball loose for teammate Addison Buckius returning the ball to the Arrows. A second score was eminent after Kruse threw one down the line to B. Douma who brought it down to two yards. Moving in for his second score, Kruse picked up six more and then converted for two points to put the Arrows up 15-6 at the close of the first quarter.

After forcing another Pilot punt in the second,

Lowell picked up their third touchdown off a seven-yard jaunt by C. Douma bringing the score to 22-6 with the help of Saldivar's second successful field goal attempt. Warren's attempts at goal were thwarted by a series of three sacks from the Arrows in one drive before

they doubled down in the quarter with Kruse adding his third and final score of the night. Combined with a good kick, the Arrows were leading 29-6 at the half.

Garrett Pratt ran the final score in and Saldivar capped off a perfect day going 4-4 to bring the

score to its final tally of 36-6. Warren struggled to gain their footing the entire game, gaining a total of 110 yards over 32 carries with most of that yardage coming off two runs. The other 30 yards amounted to just 38 yards.

**This Friday the Arrows will hit the field in Rockford versus the Rams with action scheduled to begin at 7 pm. Last season, the Arrows saw Rockford in their week two game topping them 21-10 after trailing slightly at the half.**

- SOCCER

## Boys open with first alumni game; four wins

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

The Lowell boys varsity soccer team started their season hosting their first annual alumni soccer game, opponent Forest

Hills Eastern and traveling to Portage Hills Central in week one and facing both Allendale on Rockford on the road in the second week.

Opening up competition with a friendly alumni game, the varsity team pulled off their first win with a nail-biting overtime kick off after an incredibly close match with 37 participating alumni that tied at six, the seniors pulled out the 7-6 win. Single goals came from Brenan Conlan, Evan Groeneweg, Ezra Stadt and Jonny Draigh who earned a hat trick. Scoring for the returning alumnus were

Matt Foster, AJ Morris, David Kropf, Spencer Lyon and offensive leader Chris Barlow who netted two.

Coaches hope to make this game an annual event as it also served as a fundraiser for the father of current varsity player Sam Hofman who was recently diagnosed with cancer. Money was raised for the family through food and beverage sales and an onsite silent auction.

At home for their second night of competition, the Arrows faced Forest Hills Eastern that ended in a 5-0 shutout. The team was led once again by Draigh who logged his second trio of goals for the week. Starting out quickly Lowell saw their first goal of the game occur just 17 seconds into game action when Draigh offered up an assist to goal scorer Evan Groeneweg. Draigh also assisted second scorer Jay Stadt. The defense was led by Elijah Dixon who helped keep FHE to just one shot on goal during the game. Gabe Bendall kept the sheet clean for Lowell in the box logging his first shutout of the season.

At Portage they faced Mattawan and Gull Lake ending with a 1-1 result. Despite controlling much of the game offensively against Mattawan the Arrows ended up on the wrong side of the victory by a margin of 3-1 thanks to top goalkeeping by their opponent. Lowell's lone goal was earned by Brennan Conlin. Game

two against Gull Lake saw Draigh and Bendall back in top form. Draigh scored a third hat trick for the week and Bendall, joined by Nate VanDeWeert in goal, logged his second shutout in the match which ended with the Arrows on top 5-0. J. Stadt added two goals in the win. Assists were logged by Ryan Nofke, Draigh, J. Stadt, Groeneweg and Dixon.

Week two began with a big 7-2 win over Allendale on the road. Austin Pollock returned to the field for the first time this season with three goals for the team. Draigh, Braiden Hamilton, E. Stadt and J. Stadt also recorded goals. Assists were logged by Dixon, Groeneweg and Nofke. Rounding out their schedule against Rockford last Friday, Draigh produced two goals in the first half that held the duration of the game thanks to solid defense on behalf of Lowell. Assists were earned by E. Stadt and Nick Struckmeyer. VanDeWeert picked up his first solo varsity shutout in the net.

**NOTICE**  
**VERGENNES TOWNSHIP**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Board will be held at a regular scheduled board meeting on **Monday, September 18, 2017 at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI to consider a special exception use permit as follows:**

**Dan and Jenean Hoffman have applied for a special exception use permit to construct an accessory dwelling on their property located at 345 Cumberland Avenue, Lowell, MI This property is located in the SE ¼ of Section 29 in Vergennes Township's RA district. The request is permitted as a special exception use under Section 201.441 Accessory Dwellings of the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance.**

**The complete application is available for public inspection at the township offices on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am to 3 pm and Thursdays from 9 am to 12 pm. Public comment will be received from any interested party until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments will be accepted by the Township Clerk if received by 7 pm on September 18, 2017. Written comments can be sent to PO Box 2008, Lowell, MI 49331 or emailed to: [clerk@vergennesshp.org](mailto:clerk@vergennesshp.org).**

**Heather Hoffman**  
**Vergennes Township Clerk**

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# obituaries

## DOYLE

**Marie Elaine Doyle**  
 "Let's get there early."

Michigan native Marie Watson Metzger Doyle, a retired executive secretary and the widow of King Doyle, president of King Milling Company in Lowell, died in her Florida home on August 20, 2017, of natural causes. She was 92. Marie and her husband retired to Florida in 1986, but continued living part of the year in their Michigan home. Energetic, cheerful and friendly, Marie took great interest in others, putting people at ease with her warm personality. A talented gardener and floral designer, she created artistic table presentations for family celebrations from the bounty of her kitchen gardens. She had a natural instinct for making things look just right. Born in Grand Rapids on December 23, 1924, she grew up in Alto, near her family's 100-acre farm. Along with managing the farming business, her father served as Alto postmaster and mailman, her mother, as town telephone operator. Young Marie was a hard worker on the farm – and at Rosenberg's General Store as a teenager. She graduated from Grand Rapids Junior College and went to work as a reservation agent for Capital Airlines in Detroit, where she met her future husband, Don Metzger. The couple had one daughter, Maeve Patricia Metzger. While her husband continued his career with the airlines, the family lived in Michigan, Wisconsin and North Carolina. Marie worked as an executive secretary at Hayes Industries in Jackson and at Lear Siegler in Grand Rapids. Back in Alto, the couple moved into Marie's parents' farmhouse with their German shepherd dog named Baden. Marie raised Herefords, tended a large flower and vegetable garden and collected and restored Early American antiques and glass with her husband. Don Metzger died in 1979 and two years later Marie married Francis King Doyle, a widower with five children who was a former Lowell High School classmate. They traveled to Europe, China and Costa Rica. The couple enjoyed nearly 30 happy years together before King's death in 2010. Marie took on the role of mother, bringing good humor to the challenges of family life. Among her many interests was traditional rug-hooking – her first creation a staircase rug for the Lowell home. At the same time Marie embraced technology, learning computer skills in her 60s through Elderhostel. As a home baker, she drew inspiration from the flourishing gardens she grew with her first husband – and from her second husband's career, flour milling. Marie's strawberry-rhubarb pie was legendary. She also played golf and once landed a hole-in-one on a Florida course. Always the first to arrive at an event and the first to leave – her trademark saying was, "Let's get there early." Practical and bent on getting things done right away, Marie was also a notoriously fast driver. Once, after being pulled over for rolling through a stop sign, Marie told the patrolman she had in fact stopped, but her wheels hadn't. In addition to her husbands, Marie was predeceased by her sisters, Mabel Ann Wood and Jane Carnahan; and by a son, Kevin Doyle. She is survived by her daughters, Maeve Patricia Metzger, Louise Barasi (Carl), Sharon Hawkins, Karen Adelman (Fred); son, Brian Doyle (Cheryl); 11 grandchildren; and, 5 great-grandchildren; brother, Merle Watson. A funeral mass will be held at 1:00 PM, October 7, 2017, at St Mary's Catholic Church in Lowell, Michigan and a gathering with light lunch will follow the service at St Mary's. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lowell Arts Council, or the Lowell Area Historical Museum.



## GORDON

Marcus Alexander Gordon, age 28, left this earth on Thursday, August 10, 2017, with his sense of humor to bring laughter to the Angels and the Lord. The son of Jammilynn (Boggs) Clouse and Mark Clouse, Marcus was born on July 29, 1989, in Grand Rapids. Marcus will be deeply missed by his parents, Jammi and Mark Clouse; his sister and brother-in-law, Miranda and Cody Anderson; niece, Sophie; grandparents, Jim and Katie Boggs, Janet and Lester McCaul, and Ron and Linda Clouse; aunts and uncles, Jim and Paula Boggs Julie and Carl Brown, Jessica Boggs, Shannon Boggs, Kelly and James Wilcox, Scott and Rhonda Lasby, Brian and Angie Clouse, Heather McCaul, and Andrew McCaul. As well as many more beloved extended family members and friends, as Marcus touched so many lives. "So I command the enjoyment of life, because there is nothing better for a person under the sun than to eat, drink, and be glad" – Ecclesiastes 8:15 sums up what Marcus held in his heart. Marcus' love of life was infectious. Quite the prankster since early childhood, he had an amazing sense of humor and wit about himself. His life was lived with laughter, joy, and song. Marcus attended school in the Lakewood Public School district. He sang in the school chorus, and prior to that, he enjoyed playing his violin. Music had always been one of his passions. Marcus was also passionate about debate and more recently, environmental issues. He went to Lansing, with Citizens' Climate Lobby to lobby for legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate climate change. A memorial service to celebrate Marcus' life will be held at the home of Russ and Vanessa Palmitier on Sunday, September 3, 2017 at 2 pm (2823 Lee Rd., Saranac, MI 48881). Marcus was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, admired great-uncles and a great-aunt.

## ROLLINS

Janet Rollins, our beloved mother, age 77, passed away August 26, 2017 after a short illness. Janet is a long-time resident of Lowell, 47 years, and will be missed by many. Janet was preceded in death by her husband, George G. Rollins Sr.; and her son, George Jr. She is survived by her children Scott (Rose) Rollins, Roger (Dawn) Rollins, Kim (Scott) Osborne and Mary (Jeff) Harig; grandchildren and greatest treasure, George III (Jessica), Lisa D (Marcel), Jessica (Andy), Kevin, Betsy (Clay), Kyle, Dustin (Sarah), Ashley, Gary, Becky (Zach), James, Matthew, Nicholas, Mary Claire, Amber, Brett, and Danielle; her great-grandchildren Lilly, George IV, Jade, Kathy, Susan, Gabe, Anderson, Alayna, Jaelynn, and 5-day-old Charlotte; sister, Joyce; brothers Mark (Julie), Don (Shirley), and Roy (Janice). She was a stay-at-home mom for over 30 years. During this time she took care of her grandchildren and ran a daycare out of her home for many children in Lowell. After that she worked at Superior Furniture, Rowerdinks Auto Parts in Grand Rapids and McDonalds in Lowell for almost 20 years. She was a woman of incredible strength, determination and tremendous resilience. She had a big heart who loved taking care of everyone else. She will be dearly missed by her large family, and all those who knew her. Cremation has taken place and there will be no visitation. Her immediate family will celebrate her life at a private gathering. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity that was close to her heart, Pink Arrow Pride, PO Box 246, Lowell, MI 49331.



## VAN STEE

**Van Stee, Jerry • 11/15/1936 - 8/22/2017 • Cadillac**  
 Jerry Lee Van Stee, 80, of Cadillac, formerly of Lowell, passed away peacefully in his home with family on August 22, 2017. He was born in Grand Rapids on November 15, 1936, the son of Edward and Eileen Van Stee. He was proud veteran of the Air Force. He is survived by his wife, Gail Doran Van Stee; his children: Jerry "Chip" (Colleen) Van Stee, Jill Van Stee, Amy (Zachary) Karnes, and Joshua (Kali) Van Stee. His siblings: Peter (Lynn) Van Stee, James (Peg) Van Stee, Joan (Tom) Burger, and Carol Van Stee. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother William "Bill" Van Stee and nephew Mark Van Stee. A memorial service will be held at Calvary Grace Brethren Church, 13700 84th St SE, Alto, MI on September 9, 2017, at 11:00 am.



## WESTERHOF

Christopher Michael Westerhof, age 39 of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, August 27, 2017. He was preceded in death by his father, Peter Westerhof. He is survived by his wife of 4 years, Layla; children Hailey and Odin; mother Mary Westerhof; sister Jennifer Marie (Sang) Truong; nieces and nephews. He worked at Root Lowell Manufacturing Co. Visitation will be Wednesday, August 30, 6-8:00 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI. Funeral will be Thursday, August 31, 12:00 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel; the family will greet friends and relatives one hour prior to the service. Rev. Ben Boggs officiating. Memorial contributions can be made to Lowell Dog Park, c/o Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell MI 49331.



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# Looking Back, continued

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Parnell boys to serve Uncle Sam. Will McCormack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCormack, has joined the Naval Militia and gone to the Naval Training station at Philadelphia.

## 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 3, 1942

C. H. Runciman made a flying trip to Washington the first of the week. Left here Sunday morning and was back on the job Tuesday morning. Says Washington is a bedlam of war activities.

The L. W. Rutherford canning plant is a veritable of activity these days. Upwards of 160 men and women began putting up luscious red ripe tomatoes ten days ago, which are being brought in every day by

truck in an almost unbroken line. At least 40 per cent of this season's output will go to our armed forces. Government officials were here Wednesday morning and took five carloads.

C. H. Runciman adds another elevator. Negotiations which have been underway for the past two or three weeks have now been completed whereby the C. H. Runciman Company of Lowell becomes the owner of the plant and warehouse of the Minor Walton Bean Company of Grand Rapids.

Isn't it about time that we made another search through the premises for some odds and ends of the much needed scrap for which our country is calling so earnestly?...Why not cull out this material and take it to your nearest junk dealer. There is a place in the thick skulls of our enemies for every small bit of metal we can provide. For the time being, there is little call for paper. But the government does need every ounce of kitchen fats that we can spare. It must be strained into clean tin cans and delivered to the local markets which are paying 4 cents per pound. Fats make glycerine, and this is an essential product in the manufacture of explosives.

## 50 years ago Lowell Ledger August 31, 1967

Showboat gross hits \$50,000. In spite of having the show rained off Saturday night, the gross earnings of the Lowell Showboat for 1967 are expected to reach \$50,000, officials revealed Monday.

Alto man dies in Viet Nam. Sp 4 Roger Root was killed in action on August 21 in Viet Nam in the service of his country. Root thus became the 6th servicemen from this area to lose his life in the Viet Nam war. Ironically, Root was a good friend and former classmate of Randal Aylworth who also became a casualty in the Viet Nam action.

A good samaritan act by 3 Lowell juveniles in turning

into the police a wallet they found under the Showboat stands on Monday morning backfired. They failed to tell police that they had removed \$25 from the wallet prior to turning it in. The theft was uncovered when Eddie Gothberg of Oak Park asked about his money.

## 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 2, 1992

The target date, by which First Congregational Church hopes to rally help from Lowell and have a large quantity of supplies to aid the victims of Hurricane Andrew, is Saturday, Sept. 5. "Our church will be a collection point for clothing, nonperishable food items, personal care items (soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.), towels, sheets, garbage bags, cleaning supplies and monetary donations to the Red Cross." These comments by Pastor La Warre highlight a special appeal to the Lowell Community to help amass a large quantity of supplies needed to help families in Florida and Louisiana.

Being named the officer in charge at the Freeport Post Office gave Eileen Beach a taste of being in charge, a taste of being a master of ones profession. Her time at Freeport served only as a training ground for her 11-plus years as Postmaster at the Alto Post Office. Prior to that, Beach served 14 years as a clerk in the small rural town. The end to that 25 year marriage between Beach and the United States Post Office came to a close Monday. The Lowell women ministered over her postal family one last time as she prepares to master another moment in her life. This endeavor is a little less taxing and a little more relaxing, something called retirement, "Someone once told me, you'll know when it's time to retire. They were right," Beach said. "The stress of the job has begun to wear on me more. It was making sleep more troublesome. So, I decided to quit while I'm still in good health."

Science may have found a cure for most evils;  
but it has found no remedy for the worst of  
them all - the apathy of human beings.

~ Helen Keller (1880 - 1968)

# CARS Project, continued

a proven record of success launching similar projects on time and on budget for many other state motor-vehicle agencies."

The CARS Project will combine Michigan's millions of driver and vehicle records into one integrated customer record system that updates in real time, replacing multiple, separate systems that don't effectively transfer customer-record updates among themselves.

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The improvement in technology will pave the way for more self-service options for customers, such as ordering license plates online and for faster, less resource-intensive programming when there

are legislative changes that affect the department. CARS will also help the department move to electronic records and to eliminate paperwork for customers.

FAST Enterprises, the vendor for the project, has launched 10 motor-vehicle systems in eight states and is the only company nationally that has successfully completed legacy modernization projects for motor-vehicle agencies in more than one state. In each

of those states, the company delivered on time and on budget. The company is taking its existing software package and tailoring it to Michigan's needs.

CARS is expected to be implemented fully within five years. The first half of the project will involve converting vehicle records over to the new system and implementing it. Then, the same will be done for driver records.

**FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE**

**BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**  
\* Denotes a meet at Red Arrow Stadium  
9/8 Girls at 4:30 pm & Boys at 5:15 pm Jamboree #1\*  
9/9 at 9 am Bredeweg Invite at West Ottawa

**GIRLS VARSITY GOLF**  
\* Denotes a game at Arrowhead Golf Course  
9/8 at 3:30 pm Jamboree #3 at OH  
9/7 at 3:30 pm Kent City\*

**BOYS VARSITY TENNIS**  
\* Denotes a game at Lowell High School  
9/8 at 4:15 pm at Ottawa Hills  
9/7 at 4 pm at Wyoming

**GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL**  
\* Denotes a game at Lowell High School  
9/12 at 8 pm Cedar Springs\*

**BOYS VARSITY SOCCER**  
\* Denotes a game at Red Arrow Stadium  
9/5 at 6:45 pm Cedar Springs\*  
9/8 at 3:30 pm EGR\*

**BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL**  
\* Denotes a game at Red Arrow Stadium  
9/1 at 7 pm at Rockford  
9/8 at 7 pm EGR\* (Pink Arrow Game)

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35. Centers of activity
37. "Hey ... over here!"
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41. Romanov rulers
43. Deity, in Sanskrit
44. Singular of loci
46. Iranian coin
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48. Brain teaser
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10. Like ear infection
11. Pit at a concert
12. Lt.'s subordinate
15. India's national tree
20. All thumbs
22. Final, abbr.
24. Goes after
25. \*Pinochet's home
26. Great lake
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56. Like apple prepped for cooking
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61. New Testament sages
62. \*Record label of The Jacksons and ABBA
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- North Korea launched another missile - this time over Japan. Pyongyang continues to defy a U.N. Security Council ban on missile launches with its second test in four days. Japanese officials say it soared over their territory before hitting the ocean.
- Trump has issued a pardon for former Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio. Arpaio had faced sentencing in October for a criminal contempt conviction. The action drew criticism from many, including the Republican speaker of the House and top lawyers at the American Civil Liberties Union.



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## LAST WEEK'S ONLINE POLL RESULTS

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- No - It should start after Labor Day..... 78%
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- School should be in session all year long ..... 6%
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Marie Loughlin

Behind The Scenes



**Position:** Owner, Painted Turtle Hard Cider  
**Residence:** Lowell  
**Experience:** 30 years in the apple industry  
**Family:** Children, Tracy and Rob; grandchildren, Brendan, Ashley and Jack  
**Hobbies:** Golf, kayaking, travel, running, burro racing

# Putting off retirement to work with family making hard cider

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Painted Turtle Hard Cider is a Lowell-based family-owned business. Their cider is sold in cans and on tap in over 100 area locations. Bob and Marie Loughlin, their daughter Tracy Loughlin, son Rob Loughlin and his wife Melissa Loughlin brew their cider using the traditional English manner, fermenting it slowly in small batches. They have created many exotic flavors, such as apple crisp cider, blueberry cider, coffee vanilla cider and cider brewed with hops.

The Loughlin family has been in the apple

business locally for decades. Bob and Marie planned to retire, but their kids had a more interesting idea.

"We are family-owned and -operated," Marie Loughlin said. "We have lived in Lowell most of our life. Our children went to Lowell schools. We are located north of Lowell in our cider barn. We had the facility already from a previous business; my husband has worked in the Michigan apple business for 30 plus years. A couple years ago our kids came to us and said that instead of retiring, mom and dad should start a hard cider business. [Today]

we are a family operation with Bob and myself doing most of the work. We have one full-time employee that does sales and delivers. Our daughter-in-law does tastings and sales and our daughter helps develop flavors."

They chose the painted turtle as their namesake because it's Michigan's state reptile. "We knew we wanted to represent our wonderful state of Michigan and the painted turtle is Michigan's state reptile," said Marie Loughlin. "Also, the painted turtle is known to be determined, never

to give up, and slow and steady wins the race and can survive our cold Michigan winters. And who doesn't love a turtle?"

Because of the climate, soil and elevation, this area has been home to lots of apple orchards. Respectful of this tradition, the Loughlins use only local fruit in their cider.

"We believe in the quality of Michigan apples and we knew we wanted to represent our state," Loughlin said. "We support local farmers and the community in which we live [so] we only use Michigan apples and ingredients. It's all in the apples. We don't go out of the country for apple concentrate. We start with a unique blend of Michigan culinary and cider apples, then slowly ferment it in small batches to make our wonderful ciders. We then experiment with different combinations of cider and ingredients, whether it's Michigan blueberries or cranberries and come up with a flavor for everyone's palette."

The first thing they did when they started the company was to attend a cider school in Seattle.

"My daughter and I went to cider school in Seattle, WA and we learned how to make hard cider," Loughlin said. "We use the English method, our professor was from the UK."

The Grand Rapids area has become inundated with craft brewers, but nearly all of those companies are brewing beer. Painted Turtle's cider products filled a niche in the local microbrewing scene.

"We love all of the great craft beers and breweries that hail from 'Beer City USA' and have definitely

been inspired by the flavors and beer styles so close to home, but we are, first and foremost, farmers," Loughlin said. "We decided to stick with what we know best and that's apples. With the great knowledge foundation of the different apple varieties, we were able to build a unique and high quality hard cider product and brand around that. We love sampling good beer but we love creating great craft cider, even more."

Learning to make a proper batch of cider took a lot of hard work, experimentation and time. Eventually they perfected their own method and some interesting flavors. The company has been steadily increasing distribution for the past couple years.

"We have been distributing our awesome ciders for almost two years but have been working on flavors, technique, et cetera, for about five years," Loughlin said. "Our daughter and in-house cider maker has a culinary background and a degree in pastry arts, so that helped with some of the flavor inspiration and selection for our ciders. Some of our ciders are inspired by dessert flavors and ingredients. Some of our other flavor combinations have been a result of a lot of kitchen experimentation and load[s] of practice and patience. We stick to local/

natural ingredients and like to play around with different herbs and ingredients to see what works. There is really nothing we won't try. We like to keep our customer base pleasantly surprised, so sharing what we have up our sleeve might spoil the fun."

They love to experiment with different flavor combinations, the wilder the better.

"There [are] a lot of wild and crazy things people are doing with cider these days: unique infusions. Citrus can be tough to work with cider and some fruit flavors are too overpowering that take away from the crisp apple flavor we want to maintain. Salted caramel apple is a flavor that can be challenging but we haven't given up on this yet. We want to be different and push the envelope but we also want to stay true to the apple and allow the quality of the apples we use in our cider to take center stage."

Their cider is available all over Michigan at more venues all the time. Loughlin said their website is the best place to keep track of availability.

"Our ciders are available in cans and on tap in over 100 locations in Grand Rapids and Lansing," Loughlin said. "We do not have a tasting room yet, but hopefully will in the near future. Our website paintedturtlehardcider.com lists all of our locations."



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