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## The 2017 Pink Arrow games and events are over but the purpose and pride continue



This year, the Pink Arrow Pride organization celebrated 10 years of helping local residents through their cancer journey. A special pull-out section on pages 7 through 9 illustrates the good time and captures some of the feeling of this unique annual event.

## New councilmember sworn in to fill vacancy

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Lowell city council had their latest regular meeting at city hall on Tuesday, Sept. 5. The council filled a vacant seat and discussed medical marijuana, the police chief's return and more at the meeting, which lasted about 20 minutes and was attended by about 10 people.

The first order of business was to fill the

vacant seat left by the resignation last month of city councilor Alan Teelander. The city received a single application for the empty seat, from Martin Lee Chambers Jr.

"If there's no objections or discussions, [we would] like to appoint Marty Chambers to that spot," said mayor Michael DeVore. "He was the only application we received and I think he'd

be a good addition to the council."

"Thank you for having me up here," Chambers said. "The next 26 months should be fun. I hope I get through my first year better than [city manager] Mike [Burns] did. I look forward to sitting up here and helping the city move forward and doing a lot of great things."

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Marty Chambers being sworn in by city clerk Sue Ullery.

## Growth prompts Ronda Auto's move to new site

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Ronda Auto Centers have outgrown their building and moved to a new location at 1351 Bowes Rd.

"We moved to a new location on Sept. 4," said owner Dan Ronda. "We're right across the street from the Lowell Dog Park."

Construction has been going on for months. Ronda said they needed a lot of extra space because of the company's continuous growth.

"We needed a little more room, so we doubled our size," Ronda said. "We've been building it for the past three months. When you walk in you'll notice it's a little different than our other place. You can't grow anymore if you're out of room."

The expansion required the company to add a sixth employee. Ronda attributed the company's success to his excellent employees.

"We give good service, and I have good, quality guys working for me," Ronda said. "Everybody enjoys everybody that works here, so people bring their stuff to us to work on. Lowell people use Lowell people."

Ronda Auto Centers can fix just about anything that goes wrong with an automobile.

"We do everything but transmissions and body work," Ronda said. "We do automotive repair, tires, oil changes, basic maintenance and service."

The Ronda Auto Centers were founded by Dan Ronda's grandfather, Arthur Ronda Sr. in 1918.

In addition to their Lowell location, they also have one on Breton Rd. in

Grand Rapids. For more information about the company or to schedule

service, call 616-897-6200 or visit [rondaautocenters.com](http://rondaautocenters.com)



The brand new Ronda Auto Center building at 1351 Bowes Rd. opened its doors last week.

# EARTH TALK™

## Questions & Answers About Our Environment

**Dear EarthTalk: What is so-called green patent sharing and how does it work?**

- Bill Gilmore, Albuquerque, NM

The idea behind so-called green patent sharing is that researchers, inventors and companies can share the rights to make, use or incorporate certain patented technologies that benefit the environment, theoretically expediting the development of energy efficiency, pollution prevention, recycling, water conservation and other advances for the common good.

The concept of patent sharing isn't new. Back in the 1850s the four major manufacturers of sewing machines in the U.S. got tired of fighting over patent infringement and joined ranks in a patent sharing pool. Outside manufacturers would have to pay licensing rights to the pool, but otherwise the four partner companies were free to make use of any and all shared patents.

It took another 150 years, though, for green patent sharing to institutionalize. In 2008, the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) created the Eco-Patent Commons, an online exchange of green-friendly patents that can be downloaded and used for free. Eleven companies—Bosch, DowDuPont, Fuji, HP, IBM, Nokia, Pitney Bowes, Ricoh, Sony, Taisei and Xerox—have pledged over 100 different patents to the Commons to try to encourage new innovations in sustainability and conservation.

"Companies are increasingly realizing the value of partnering and sharing expertise on sustainability issues," says Wayne Balta, IBM's Corporate Environmental Affairs VP. "The Eco-Patent Commons provides an opportunity for business to share intellectual property that can further sustainable development."

A few examples of patents available in the commons include; a battery recycling kiosk for consumers to swap out their used batteries for new replacements; a process that eliminates the need for antioxidant metal coatings in the assembly of microchips and circuit boards; a lab-designed organism that lights up to indicate the presence of pollutants in water treatment facilities; and environmentally superior refrigerants to replace the ozone-destroying fluorocarbons phased out by the Montreal Protocol and other international agreements. These shared patents and dozens more are accessible via WIPO GREEN, an online marketplace for sustainable technology.

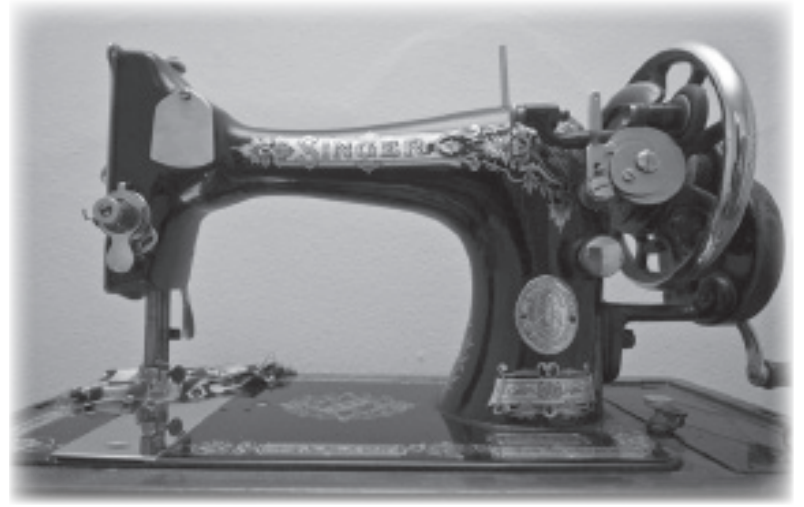
The concept of green patent sharing came up recently with the worldwide launch of Al Gore's new movie, An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power. The film documents a December 2015 phone call that Gore made to try to convince SolarCity CEO Lyndon Rive to be the corporate hero of the Paris climate accord by offering holdout India

free use of his company's photovoltaic patents to ease the costs of, and hasten the country's transition away from, fossil fuels. Indian negotiators had been complaining that they could not get access to enough credit to pay for the expensive transition to solar on their own.

It isn't clear by the end of the movie whether Rive extended the offer (he did) nor whether it had any impact on India's decision to join the rest of the world in eventually signing onto the Paris accord (Indian negotiators say the patent sharing offer wasn't a factor). Regardless, there's been no evidence of any intellectual property transfer to date, although SolarCity "formally invited" Indian officials to visit its headquarters in 2016, so the wheels could be in motion.

CONTACTS: WBCSD, [www.wbcd.org](http://www.wbcd.org); WIPO GREEN, [www3.wipo.int/wipogreen/](http://www3.wipo.int/wipogreen/); SolarCity, [www.solarcity.com](http://www.solarcity.com)

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## along main street

### FOODMOBILE

Foodmobile provides food (mostly produce) to individuals in need and is available Sept. 16 at 10 am and runs until the food is gone. Foodmobile is one Saturday a month (except December) at the fairgrounds (at the Foreman building, 225 S Hudson St SE).

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### BE PART OF CHILI COOK-OFF

Larkin's Chili Madness Chili Cook-off is looking for teams. It's a day to relax and raise money for a "Rebuild the Lowell Showboat." The chili cook-off is Oct. 14, 9 am to 5 pm. For more information contact Mike Larkin at 897-5977 or visit the website [thelarkinsrestaurant.com](http://thelarkinsrestaurant.com)

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# YMCA offers a free Puzzle Art Fair next week

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

The Lowell YMCA, 1335 W. Main, is holding a free Puzzle Art Fair on Wednesday, Sept. 20. YMCA members have completed, glued together and framed dozens of jigsaw puzzles. These works of art will be auctioned off to raise money to benefit some of the YMCA's essential local programs.

"Two years ago around Christmas time one of my staff brought in a puzzle for all of our members to work on at the front table at the Y," said YMCA program director Marta Rosema. "They all worked on it, and when they finished I tore it down. They were not happy with me. I said, 'Well, what did you want me to do with it?' Long story short, they decided to put them together, glue them and frame them. This activity has brought together so many of our members in a way that has transcended age, gender and interest lines. People from all walks of life have not only built

puzzles but friendships. It's been kind of neat watching young kids come walking in and sitting with the older gentlemen and ladies and building neat relationships based on these puzzles. So we had all these puzzles that are beautiful, and one of our members said, 'Why don't we auction them off, and all the money will be donated to our annual campaign?'"

The fair, which is free, will also include food from BC Pizza, drinks from McDonald's, fire trucks and a bounce house from Bernard's Ace Hardware. There will also be constant live music from the Lucky Dog Band, Lexie Rose, Eric Clark and Laurie Thebo. But the main purpose of the event is to auction off all those puzzles. They will accept bids on the puzzles from 10 am until 7 pm, but the fair with all the fun stuff is from 4 pm until 7 pm.

"We decided to call it the Puzzle Art Fair," Rosema said. "Then we decided to make it even



YMCA fitness specialist Amy Christensen and program director Marta Rosema surrounded by some of the puzzles that will be auctioned off.

bigger, so it's going to be a big festival right here in our parking lot and the side yard. We're going to have a silent auction, tours of Lowell's fire trucks, live music, food from BC Pizza, live Zumba outside, even a bounce house."

All of the money raised from the puzzle auction will benefit the YMCA's programs.

"The Y is a nonprofit organization that believes everyone, regardless of age, income or background, should have the opportunity to grow with us at the Y," Rosema said. "Each year we raise funds to ensure that those who need us most have

access to quality programs, activities and facilities. It is through events like these and donations from generous community members that we can make a difference in the lives of the people in our community. All the money stays in Lowell. It helps fund our cancer survivor program called Livestrong so that there is no charge for that 12 week program. We also have a before and after school childcare site. If the parents can't afford to pay the whole amount, it helps that. It helps with memberships if families in our community want to be part of the Y and they can't due to financial reasons. It

also helps fund our sports programs."

They have dozens of puzzles assembled, glued, framed and ready to go, with artwork to suit almost any taste.

"We have almost 50 puzzles," Rosema said. "They're gorgeous, you

need to stop by and see them. Dogs, cats, boats, Michigan State, Mickey Mouse... They're all lining our shelves."

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# City council meeting, continued

Chambers is already on the board of Lowell Light & Power and the Planning Commission. On his application for the council seat, Chambers wrote that he is "very interested in what happens in the city of Lowell and feel I can do a good job in representing this fine city."

One citizen spoke during citizen comment. Conner Baker from Buzz Solutions, the company that wants to set up a medical marijuana provisioning center in Lowell, asked the council to decide if they will allow these types of businesses. The council said they are still gathering data in order to make the most informed decision possible.

"I am wondering if the council plans to establish any work groups, ordinance review committees or something of the sort to help determine how to move forward," Baker said.

"All of us now are signed up to go to the Michigan Municipal League's conference on that so we can get more educated on it," DeVore said.

"I'm looking forward to attending the conference that the Michigan Municipal League is having on the medical marijuana issue," said councilor Jim Hodges. "I think it's something that our community could address and could be a real leader on. But we'll keep

our minds open on that and attend the seminar and learn what we can about that."

"That's something we'd like to hear from people on, what's their opinion," said councilor Greg Canfield. "Give us some guidance. We make the final decision, but the more info we get. Going to these seminars will help us. It's the community's decision and we appreciate some input from the community."

"We want to hear from everybody, because it's not a five person decision," DeVore said.

According to the most recently available statistics from the Michigan Department of Licensing

*"We want to hear from everybody, because it's not a five person decision."*

~ Michael DeVore

and Regulatory Affairs, 8,754 of the 218,556 medical marijuana patient cards issued by the state went to Kent County residents. The closest medical marijuana provisioning center to Kent County is in Lansing, making the drug inaccessible to many qualified patients in West Michigan. The Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act took effect on Dec. 20, 2016. If Lowell were to take full advantage of it, the law could put a few thousand badly needed dollars into city coffers. It includes financial incentives

for cities and counties that allow medical marijuana operations, as well as money for the State General Fund and police groups. If Lowell allowed a medical marijuana business it could assess an annual fee of up to \$5,000 to help defray administrative and enforcement costs. The MMFLA requires that all money collected from the taxes, fees, fines, and charges imposed must be deposited into the Medical Marijuana Excise Fund. Then 25 percent of that money will be allocated to municipalities in which a facility is located, 30 percent to counties in which a facility is located, 30 percent into the State General Fund, five percent to the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards to train local law enforcement officers and five percent to

the Department of State Police. The MMFLA includes a provision stating that a dispensary or growing operation "may not operate in a municipality unless the municipality has adopted an ordinance authorizing that type of facility." Cities also have the choice to opt out of medical marijuana altogether simply by taking no action.

City manager Burns publicly announced the return of police chief Steve Bukala. The chief has been suspended since April because of a court case. Last week Bukala pled guilty to one of the counts and was sentenced.

"This matter internally has been closed," Burns said. "He will return to work on Tuesday, Sept. 12. That will be 90 calendar days since the day he was put on unpaid administrative leave, and that's about 72 working days. That is equivalent to about 25 percent of his annual pay. I believe that he is sorry for what he caused the city and the police department. I know that we probably will not have these issues again."

Finally, the council declared that Friday, Sept. 8 will officially be "Pink Arrow Pride Day - Arrow Force X" in the city of Lowell.


Lowell city council's next regular meeting will be at city hall at 7 pm on Monday, Sept. 18. They will also have a public hearing that day to consider giving a tax abatement to Big Boiler Brewing.

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The City of Lowell, Michigan will be accepting sealed bids for street sweeping. Please provide a cost for street sweeping, transport and disposal for a contract to commence immediately and expire on December 31, 2020. Bids are due Tuesday, October 3, 2017, at 2:00 p.m., and bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Specifications can be found on our website at [www.ci.lowell.mi.us](http://www.ci.lowell.mi.us).

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# viewpoint

## to the editor

### the change is good

To The Editor,

In 2008, I wrote a letter to the City Council requesting the name on the Showboat be changed from 'Robert E Lee.' It fell on deaf ears. The time was not right. On August 14, 2017, I posted a petition on Change.org demanding the immediate removal of 'Robert E Lee.' Three days later supporters numbered over one thousand. I regret it took a domestic terrorist attack to create the opportunity to remove a racist's name from public space, but the time was right. 'Robert E Lee' came off the Lowell Showboat on Friday, August

18th. I wish to address some objections to the removal of 'Robert E Lee.' First, is the sentiment that people always called it the 'Lowell Showboat,' so it doesn't matter. To these folks, I say the Showboat is still the Showboat just without Confederate representation. Then there are the misguided revisionists proclaiming Robert E Lee deserves recognition for his faith and military experience. To be blunt, the Confederacy was built on the notion that white people were justified in enslaving other humans based on skin color. Robert E Lee fought to defend this

institutional violence and deserves no respect. Finally, comes the voices echoing the president's claim that today it's Confederate monuments but tomorrow it's Washington and Jefferson. To this I suggest only education and critical honesty. Do we value these men's political legacies more than their violence towards others?

I've heard some people recollect the song 'Waiting for the Robert E Lee' – a song sang on the banks of the Flat River as the Showboat returned to dock, but there's something insidious at play here in the same vein as 'Make America Great Again.' To 'Wait for Robert E Lee' sounds like a euphemism for 'The South will Rise Again,' and to turn

the clock back on America in order to make it 'great again' is to overturn the victories of the abolitionists, civil rights leaders, labor activists and LGBTQ people. Some white people may claim I'm distorting the message, but that argument is predicated on their white privilege – their exemption from being on the receiving end of America's violent past and present. For people of color, 'Waiting for Robert E Lee' means waiting for a white supremacist.

By removing the name of a racist from a public space in Lowell, the community has affirmed itself to be a welcoming place for all people.

Brandon Lee  
Lansing

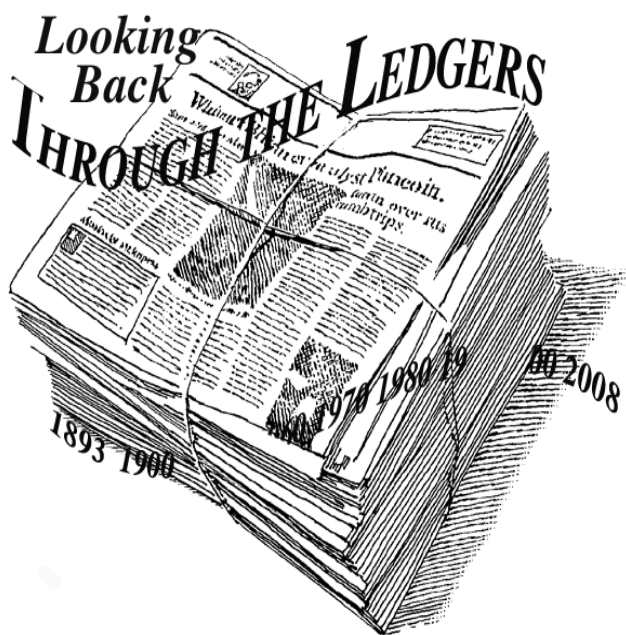
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### 125 years ago Lowell Journal September 7, 1892

School opened Monday with a large attendance. At the central building there were 275, at the west ward 100 and the south ward 37, making a total of 412 in attendance on the first day.

Albert Jackson has furnished the state managers of the Columbian Exposition with samples of Husted's Early Michigan Peach which will be reproduced in wax for exhibition among the Michigan products.

### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 6, 1917

Second district boys begin going to Battle Creek. Howard Sherman of Lowell was the first man to go to Battle Creek Cantonment camp from the Kent Second district. He was in a hurry to go and was permitted to leave in advance of Joseph H. Buys, Andrew Quillan, Frank Lardie, Frank Overholt, Harry E. Herrick and John Drieborg who leave Sept. 8 at 9:05 a.m. The following are ordered to report Sept. 10. at 2 p.m., to go Sept. 11 at 9:05 a.m.: Ira Boss, Wilford Carrick, Jacob Moermond, Herman E. Smith, Vito Wiloni.

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### 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 10, 1942

The school enrollment on Tuesday compared very favorably with the enrollment of a year ago. In some quarters it was felt that there would be a decided drop especially in the high school, but this is not the case. The exact number of entrants will not be determined until next week because many high school students have been granted permission to work and will not register until later. "However, it is expected that the mark of 336 in the upper four grades will be surpassed and it is now known that the freshman class will number more than 106 which will be an all-time record. The enrollment in the grades is about the same as last year. The buses are filled to capacity with non-resident pupils and the transportation problem is becoming acute. The teaching staff reported for work without any absences and the Board of Education feels very fortunate in being able to state that all departments will be run as usual. A more detailed report concerning enrollment will be given next week.

### 50 years ago Lowell Ledger September 7, 1967

The first duck stamp was sold to Bruce McQueen for the 1967 season. This should remind duck hunters that they must have a stamp before they go hunting. They are available now at the Lowell Postoffice, according to Postmaster Charles Doyle.

Skin diver James Montgomery recovered the

bubble gum machine stolen from Curtis' Laundromat August 21, from the water of the gravel pit south of town on Bowes Road last week. Police reported that 2 juveniles have confessed to the theft and malicious mischief.

Two barns set ablaze within a few minutes of each other in the Alto area at 3 a.m. on Monday morning has brought an arson investigator from Kent County Sheriff's Department, Detective Larry Flynn, and Kent County Fire Chief Jeff Geldersma and Alto Fire Chief Harold Metterick to the scene. The first fire discovered was that of Alex Wingeier. Bob Krebs, a neighbor, was awake and saw the flames that already had engulfed the barn. Alto fire trucks were summoned and found the fire out of control but not endangering any nearby buildings. This medium-sized barn contained a quantity of straw. The second fire, spotted by a fireman on the way to fight the fire at Wingeiers, was at the Joe Oesch farm 2 miles south. This fire was also out of control by the time that two trucks of the Alto Fire Department arrived. The third truck remained at the Wingeier farm. The Oesch barn contained a combine and grain drill besides some hay and straw. Both barns were completely destroyed. Some evidence besides the time element, has been uncovered by the investigating officer that lead them to believe that both fires were caused by arson.

### 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 9, 1992

Showboat memorabilia is now available at the Lowell Showboat office at 202 W. Main St. inside the Flat River Antique Mall. Marj Harding and Barb Barber have hand painted their own Showboat artwork decals on a number of items, including, thimbles, magnets, piggy banks, tea tiles, cups and saucers, vases, coffee mugs, plates, earrings and pins, belt buckles, tie tacks, address books and photo albums. In conjunction with Harding and Barber, the Lowell Showboat Corporation is also selling sweatshirts, t-shirts, visors, buttons, coffee mugs and tote bags.

The Lowell Area was represented by Stephanie Andersen and Tricia Sturgis at Prairieville Farm Days. They were among 24 contestants in the first year talent contest.

# 6<sup>th</sup> annual Write Michigan Short Story Contest

Kent District Library and Schuler Books & Music announce the sixth annual Write Michigan Short Story Contest, which drew nearly 600 Michigan writers last year.

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Winners will be honored during an awards ceremony in March.

For more information on the event, visit [www.writemichigan.org](http://www.writemichigan.org)

# HEALTH



With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang, Wayne A. Christenson III, John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie

## frozen shoulder

Frozen shoulder is a condition where the capsule surrounding the shoulder joint becomes tight and thickened. Most of the time this develops after an acute injury to the shoulder which causes one to decrease use of the area. Then the shoulder range of motion gradually decreases. Pain begins again as the shoulder is used and soon a chronic ache sets in. Raising the arm, reaching back to scratch or reaching across to the other shoulder become impossible.

Risk increases with age and injuries such as rotator cuff injury, broken

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Treatment often begins with physical therapy and anti-inflammatory medication. If that fails, steroid injections can help and less often surgical procedures are used to free up the joint.

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# business matters



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Christian Barnes, Dan VanDyke, Michael Timmers, Missy Ossewaarde, Megan Gee, Robert Alan Lind.

## SEPTEMBER 18

Jon Ossewaarde.

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# Pink Arrow Pride celebrates a decade of integrating sports, volunteering and fundraising

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

It took ten years, but Lowell lost a Pink Arrow game for the first time last Friday night against the East Grand Rapids Pioneers. The Pink Arrow Pride event is a lot more meaningful for Lowell than just winning or losing a sports game, though. Attendees enjoyed live music, fresh food, games and entertainment, plus many touching tributes to cancer survivors and those who lost their battle with the disease. There was also a special salute to Teresa Beachum, the person most responsible for putting the huge event together every year and raising over

a million dollars for Lowell area residents suffering from cancer.

After a volleyball game and a soccer game, the Survivor and Honor Walk kicked off the main event at 6 pm. Country singer Dave Bray was a big hit with his singing during the walk and later on as well. Bray lives in York, PA. His latest album 'Dave Bray USA' is available online at Amazon, iTunes or CD Baby.

"I did 'Unchained Melody,' which everybody has heard before at some point in time," Bray said. "I chose it because I thought it would be a good fit for the

walk. You think about loss, you think about wanting to be with somebody, and that song really encapsulates that feeling."

Bray said that he was very impressed by Pink Arrow Pride and the Lowell community.

"I'm pretty blown away by this," Bray said. "This is an amazing show of support, paying tribute and giving people hope, as well as honoring those still in the fight. It's just an all around, all inclusive, amazing fundraiser for people who are suffering, dealing with and battling cancer. It's amazing."



Cancer survivors lead the parade downhill from Lowell High School.



The LHS choir started the Pink Arrow ceremonies with the National Anthem.

Tammy Fox was wearing the pink football jersey her son wore during the first Pink Arrow Pride game. This year her daughter participated in the Survivor and Honor Walk as a cheerleader.

"The first year they did it my son wore it in honor of his grandpa, Tom," Fox said. "It's kind of come full circle. My youngest daughter Ember is a varsity cheerleader, she and my husband Steve are walking in honor of Tom again this year. He did it with the oldest and now he's doing it with the youngest. It's fun how everybody comes together for a good cause."

David Fairchild is a six year survivor of bladder,

ureter and prostate cancer. His granddaughters Paige and Blaze Anes, both varsity cheerleaders, did the Survivor Walk to honor him and their grandmother Sharon Anes, who lost her battle with breast cancer in 2013.

"I love him," said Blaze Anes. "I'm glad he's still here."

"I'm glad to be here," Fairchild said. "And she is super."

"My girls have both been doing the Survivor and Honor Walk the last three years, and it gets harder for them every time to walk that track," said Shannon Rash, Fairchild's daughter and the girls' mother. "Who would have thought a lap

around the track could be so hard. Almost everybody here, even the referees, have names on their shirts, and those names are attached to individuals. Everybody here has been affected by cancer somehow. It touches everyone. Pink Arrow Pride and Gilda's Club of Lowell are incredible."

There was a special ceremony between the first and second quarters of the game to honor this year's t-shirt sponsors Mercy Health Lacks Cancer Center, All Weather Seal, Enwork, Meijer, J&H Family Stores, Remembering Sharon Schnipke and Renee Grant, Carbonegreen Bioenergy, Mi Hometown Furnishings and Custom Components Corporation.

"I'm a nurse practitioner at Mercy Health and my husband Ron Pawloski passed away of cancer," Maureen Pawloski said. "He was taken care of at Lacks Cancer Center. I think we need to fight cancer until it's gone, and I'm really proud that Mercy Health is a sponsor of Pink Arrow Pride. It's a good thing for our community, for everybody."

Pink Arrow Pride volunteer Heather Hoffman spent the evening selling 50/50 tickets. She said that



David Fairchild hugs his granddaughter while his daughter looks on; all three participated in the Survivor and Honor Walk together.

she volunteers because many people close to her have battled cancer.

"I had a girlfriend who passed away from cancer, my mother in law has fought lung cancer twice and beat it and I have a cousin who is fighting

Hodgkin's lymphoma right now," Hoffman said. "This community comes together and supports each other. I think it's awesome. It's been ten years of supporting each other. That's what it means to me."

"My husband and I both have family members who have lost their lives to cancer, so we support Pink Arrow Pride big time," said Alto resident Patricia Fisk. "It's an iffy game, but it's good that it's competitive rather than having a team they beat really bad."

Kortney Graham was volunteering in the snack booth at the top of the stadium. She said that by the end of the game Pink Arrow fans were so hungry the stadium was running out of candy and snacks.

"It is so busy it's unreal, just nonstop," Graham said. "We are out of tons of stuff and even into our second boxes. I think this event is awesome. It's incredible, absolutely amazing. You have a lot to be proud of when you live in a community that does something like this. Everybody had pink shirts on today, even the guys driving the garbage trucks. It was really cool. We're having a blast. We're tired, but we're having a blast."

10 years of Pink Arrow, continued, page 8 -



At halftime there was a surprise tribute to long-time organizer Teresa Beachum.



The Red Arrows taking the field for the 10th annual Pink Arrow Pride game.

# 10 years of Pink Arrow, continued

At halftime the Lowell American Legion Post #152 surprised Pink Arrow Pride organizer Teresa Beachum with a special award.

“Mrs. Beachum has been the heart and soul of the idea first conceived by Lowell football coach Noel Dean,” said post commander Dave Thompson. “During the succeeding ten years it has been Mrs. Beachum who has worked thousands of hours to make this a reality. That effort has provided upwards of \$1.4 million dollars, all of which remains in Lowell to assist Lowell area residents who are fighting the cancer battle. Although hundreds of others have worked in various phases of the project, it is recognized that it has been a truly one woman operation. Her accumulated hours have totaled well into the thousands, making it a year round volunteer job. She has given totally of herself and receives no compensation, not even for incidental expenses she has incurred over the years.”

“Teresa Beachum is a truly unique woman and an incredible role model for all of us,” said post commander Vikisu Condon. “The Legion and all veterans salute her for the wonderful work she has done.”

“That was a big surprise,” Beachum said. “I’m trying not to be tearful. It was very heartwarming, very touching. On Wednesday the Rotary club also honored me, which was totally unexpected. My daughter flew in from Denver and showed up at this game tonight, which was totally unexpected. This was over the top. My eyes are crossing!”

Between the third and fourth quarters of the game there was a presentation of the Kathy Talus and Dr. Donald Gerard scholarships. One of these went to Kara Jeffries, a sophomore at Grand Rapids Community College who plans to transfer to Grand Valley State University and then get her doctorate at Michigan State University.

“I’m hoping to be a trauma surgeon,” Jeffries said. “I love helping people out. I feel compelled to save lives and be with people.”

There was also a lot of fun stuff at the game like live music from the Luc James Music Studio, thunderstick fights, the Ninjas on the Move obstacle course and plenty of good things to eat. Food vendors included the

Ice Cream Cabus, Keiser's Kitchen, Larkin's, Bigby Coffee, the Grist Mill, Main Street BBQ and Big Boiler Brewing.

Heidi's Farmstand offered cider slushes, fresh apples and donuts.

“It's going great and the weather is perfect,” said Heidi's owner Luanne Kaeb. “Donuts are flying off the shelves. We have Paula

Red and Gala apples, we cut them up and put caramel sauce on them.”

Thomas Franklin from Riverbend Bar & Grill in Ada was serving grilled chicken wings, plain or with spicy garlic, buffalo or barbecue sauce.

“It's going pretty good,” Franklin said. “I love the Pink Arrow Pride game. This is my fifth year here. I brought 160 pounds of wings and I've probably gone through about 100 pounds already. I might not even make it to halftime!”

Jeff Stewart was grilling burgers on behalf of the Lowell lacrosse team.

“We're having a fantastic time supporting

Pink Arrow Pride,” Stewart said. “Last year we did 1,200 burgers. This being a nicer evening without rain, I'm anticipating we'll do a lot more than that.”

After the game was over the football team gathered in the end zone to listen to an inspirational speech from their coach, Noel Dean. Then all of the Pink Arrow honorees, fans and players mingled, hugged, laughed and shed a few tears together on the field for a little while.

“It was a good event all the way around, except we would have liked to have maybe won the game,” said Lowell football coach Noel Dean.



Future trauma surgeon Kara Jeffries was presented with a scholarship between the third and fourth quarters of the game.



Country singer Dave Bray was a big hit with his rendition of the national anthem and several other songs.



Jeff Stewart grilled over a thousand hamburgers Friday night.



Channing Perry used body paint to create a pink jersey.



Kaiden Cotter and friend.



Thomas Franklin from Riverbend Bar & Grill served 160 pounds of chicken wings to hungry Pink Arrow fans.



Jason Duma, Connor Duma, Angie Duma and Brady Duma on the field after the game.



# Real athletes wear pink for this big event

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Pink Arrow nation left Bob Perry Memorial Stadium stunned last Friday night as the day of celebration and remembrance ended with an unprecedented, first-time, Pink Arrow game loss. The Arrows fell to the East Grand Rapids Pioneers 16-14.

The tenth annual Pink Arrow game, which raises funds for local residents fighting cancer, was the concept of coach Noel Dean. Brought to fruition by event leader Teresa Beachum and countless volunteers and supporters the event is a community. The evening opened for the football team with a special ceremony where each took the field with a special honoree from their life who has faced cancer. Red Arrows, survivors, caregivers and loved ones took part in the highly emotional ceremony which is a tradition of the event.

Following the pregame activities the Arrows took to the field and quickly saw the Pioneers take control of the game. EGR scored twice in the first quarter to the tune of 13 after a missed extra point attempt from EGR's Mike Boeve. The Arrows were unable to convert for points leaving them trailing 13-0 after the first. Lowell's defense kept the Pioneers off the board in the second quarter while the offense made their way to the end zone for six. Scoring for the Arrows was senior Ben Lobbezoo. His run to the scoreline culminated with a

short two-yard jolt that was accompanied by a good, extra point kick from Sairge Saldivar tightening the score to 13-7 at the half.

After a scoreless third quarter, the Arrows finally pulled ahead with a three yard touchdown from senior quarterback David Kruse. Combined with a second good kick from Saldivar Lowell was up 14-13 with just under eight minutes left. Forcing a punt from EGR the Arrows reclaimed possession of the ball only to have it intercepted by the Pioneers' Jalen Broussard at their 40 yard line. Unable to convert their fortune into a touchdown the team called

on Boeve to kick what could be the game winning field goal, and this time he succeeded.

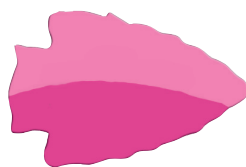
Now ahead 16-14 EGR needed only to hold Lowell, but did one better by picking up another interception to secure the Pioneer victory.

In total the Pioneers were able to reap the reward of five turnovers in the game for the usually tight Arrows, one fumble and four interceptions. The loss breaks the Arrows seven-year winning streak over EGR, their nine-year Pink Arrow game victory streak and put a stop to the teams 19 consecutive regular season wins.



Chase Anderson, Drew Davidson, Andy Russell and Regan Zimmerman in their honoree jerseys.

**Now 2-1 in non-conference action the Red Arrows will return to the field next Friday where they will face their first OK White rival of the season in Ottawa Hills. Game time is scheduled for 7 pm.**



Game stats, page 11



Mother and son cancer survivors Liz and Grant Pratt during the survivor walk.



Quarterback David Kruse hands off to senior running back Ben Lobbezoo

# LHS volleyball uses Pink Arrow power to defeat EGR

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Lowell varsity volleyball used Pink Arrow power to defeat formidable non-conference foe East



Junior Emily Stump serving it up Pink Arrow style last Friday.



Senior Sydney Powell offers an assist for teammates Jenna Reitsma and Carly Hoekstra.

Grand Rapids by a margin of 3-0. Decked out in pink and accompanied by special honorees the team took to the court for an outdoor competition held on the north end of the football field. Each player selected a friend or family member who has faced cancer to play in honor of. Honoree introductions were followed by warm hugs and a hot victory.

The team is now warmed up for the season and will spike into the OK White and host their first two home competitions on Tuesday against Cedar Springs and Thursday against Ottawa Hills at 6 pm. The girls will then wrap up their week on the road competing in the Forest Hills Eastern Invite on Saturday morning.



Freshman Jenna Reitsma goes airborne during the teams Pink Arrow match against EGR.

# LHS Volleyball plays tough during Pink Arrow game

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Red Arrow varsity soccer went 1-1 last week earning their sixth straight victory at home against Cedar Springs on Tuesday with a 5-0 shutout before succumbing 2-1 to the East Grand Rapids Pioneers Friday afternoon during the Pink Arrow Pride event.

On Tuesday, senior striker Jonny Draigh was responsible for three of five goals leading the offensive effort. Draigh missed the first month of the season last year due to knee surgery and

has made a recovery that his coach Rich O'Keefe called nothing short of a miracle.

"Last year he played well from day one, and by the end of the season he was the most dangerous offensive player on the field. This year he came into the season well-conditioned, stronger and faster. It has paid off as he has contributed 17 goals and six assists in the first eight games. He sets a great example for his teammates on and off the field."

Tallying goals 18, 19 and 20 against Cedar Springs Draigh was joined by fellow scorers junior Connor Cater and senior Elijah Dixon. Sophomore Ezra Stadt had two assists while senior Jay Stadt and Dixon both were credited with one. This was the third shut out of the season for the teams defense and senior goalkeeper Gabe Bendall.

Friday the team welcomed the East Grand Rapids for battle on the field and against cancer during the Pink Arrow Pride game. Starting the game off with honoree introductions each player walked the field with someone affected by cancer as their story was shared with those in attendance. The tradition of the event is always emotional and often includes friends and family important to the players. Following the ceremony the Pink Arrows jumped into action on the field against EGR coming up with a 1-1 tie by the end of the first half after leading for a time. Draigh picked up goal



Senior Captain Jonny Draigh in pursuit of the ball against formidable foe East Grand Rapids.



Sophomore Ezra Stadt goes one-on-one with a Pioneer during the game.

number 21 with the assist credited to Cater. Lowell was not able to score a second goal and fell behind 2-1 when EGR scored the game winning goal on their only shot on goal during the half.

O'Keefe said the game

was a true battle with a good opponent,"No battle is more important than the ones many of our loved ones have experienced fighting cancer. Our team is no different, we have family members currently battling cancer and we will always

be there to support them. This event is the highlight of the season for the boys, school and the community, as it's an opportunity for the Lowell community to come together for an evening to support one another."

**Now 7-2 and still maintaining their perfect OK White record, the boys will face Forest Hills Central and Ottawa Hills in league play and non-conference rival Caledonia in action this week as they work to continue their tremendous season.**



## Quiver Run and Family Walk followed Friday's celebration



Runners took to the streets in a fun and athletic extension of the Pink Arrow Pride fundraiser on Saturday. The Pink Arrow Quiver 5K Run and Family Walk raises money to support programs at Gilda's Club in Lowell. Adults and students took a 3.1 mile tour through the community of Lowell. *Run times on page 11*



Red Arrow

- CROSS COUNTRY

# SPORTS

## Both cross country teams place at first jamboree

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Lowell's girls and boys varsity cross country teams earned matching fourth-place finishes at home hosting their first jamboree of the season. They then traveled to Holland to compete in the Bredeweg Invitational in a busy week of competition.

The ladies were led by best finisher Haley Nieuwkoop who placed fifteenth with a time of 21:34. Nieuwkoop was among many runners improving their times from last season. Also scoring for the team in their 99-point finish were: Katrina Droski (22:03), Audrey Conrad (22:21),

Lauren Aud (22:25), Jada Millhisler (22:44), Dawn Kondor (22:47) and Alexis Haines (23:02).

On the lake shore at West Ottawa the team competed against some of the states elite leaving with a sixth-place finish, 176 point finish that was accompanied by several season best and personal record times for the runners. Nieuwkoop finished best for the second time in a week landing just out of medal range in 22nd position with a personal best 20:44. Aud (21:06), Conrad (21:20), Millhisler (21:36), Droski (21:36), Haines (22:00) and Kondor (22:11)

rounded out top scorers once again.

The boys were led by Morrison Ismond in their fourth-place 95-point finish at home. Ismonds' time of 18:06 earned him a tenth place overall. Also scoring for the Arrows were: Lucas Cossar (18:20), Caleb Swart (18:21), Zach Swart (19:37) and Kenny Stump (19:42). At the Bredeweg Invitational the boys finished tenth led once again by Ismond who finished 23rd with a time of 17:15. C. Swart (17:33), Cossar (18:16) and Z. Swart (18:33) were among top scorers again joined by Calvin Simmet (18:47).



The LHS cross country teams both placed fourth last week at the first OK White jamboree.

The two teams have just one competition scheduled for this week on Saturday at Sparta High School beginning bright and early at 8 am.

## Sports Summaries

### BOYS TENNIS

Despite close matches the Red Arrow varsity tennis team lost a bit of ground on their season record when they faced Jenison. The road match against the Wildcats ended 7-1. The loss moved the teams overall record to 2-2 and conference record to 1-1 with league foes Ottawa Hills and Northview looming. Their next home match is scheduled for September 13 at 4:15.



### GIRLS GOLF

Ottawa Hills High School hosted the OK White's third varsity golf jamboree of the season last week. The lady Arrows earned a respectable third place finish led by golfer Kenzie Uhen who carded a 41. Finishing behind Forest Hills Northern (143) and Forest Hills Central (167) the team finished with a combined score of 179 just a few strokes ahead of Greenville and Northview who both earned a 188. This is the third time in a row the team has placed third at its league competitions. Also golfing well for the team were Isabelle Dial (45), Tristan Fogerty Thomas (46) and Mary Jo Buechler (47). On the green this week the team traveled for their fourth jamboree and will host the fifth this Thursday at Arrowhead Golf Course. Tee off is at 3:30.

## Quiver Run times

<b>Mens Results</b>	<b>65 and over</b>
10 and under	Jay Walsh ..... 24:48
Jude Birmingham ..... 27:29	Bob Wuelfing ..... 35:24
Kaiden Birmingham ..... 27:50	David Szymczak ..... 55:08
Joseph Ptak ..... 33:17	
	<b>Womens Results</b>
<b>11-14</b>	<b>10 and under</b>
Jason Korzen ..... 24:16	Katherine Ptak ..... 33:08
Isaiah Birmingham ..... 27:12	Madison Brown ..... 39:05
Noah Sternisha ..... 38:35	Rylee Monaghan ..... 43:38
	<b>11-14</b>
<b>15-19</b>	Clara Deeren ..... 23:05
Caleb Deeren ..... 24:08	Elizabeth Ptak ..... 37:12
Elijah Birmingham ..... 24:18	
Tristan Fox ..... 53:21	<b>20-24</b>
	Ashley Efting ..... 22:28
<b>20-24</b>	Samantha Reitsma ..... 25:10
Zeth Dean ..... 23:51	Jenna Ries ..... 27:18
	<b>25-29</b>
<b>25-29</b>	Ryan Ward ..... 23:58
Ryan Ward ..... 23:58	Ian Lane ..... 26:30
Ian Lane ..... 26:30	Luke Thompson ..... 27:18
Luke Thompson ..... 27:18	
	<b>30-34</b>
<b>30-34</b>	*Nick Liversedge ..... 16:31
*Nick Liversedge ..... 16:31	Steve Ballard ..... 24:58
Steve Ballard ..... 24:58	David Sefton ..... 24:59
David Sefton ..... 24:59	
	<b>35-39</b>
<b>35-39</b>	Ryan Wittenbach ..... 17:32
Ryan Wittenbach ..... 17:32	Lucien Charboneau ..... 27:49
Lucien Charboneau ..... 27:49	Tim Bradshaw ..... 28:52
Tim Bradshaw ..... 28:52	
	<b>40-44</b>
<b>40-44</b>	Bryan Deeren ..... 19:43
Bryan Deeren ..... 19:43	Charles Lupton ..... 24:28
Charles Lupton ..... 24:28	Kris Brown ..... 30:13
Kris Brown ..... 30:13	
	<b>45-49</b>
<b>45-49</b>	Charlie Spencer ..... 24:33
Charlie Spencer ..... 24:33	Kirk Graham ..... 25:04
Kirk Graham ..... 25:04	Richard Ptak ..... 33:17
Richard Ptak ..... 33:17	
	<b>50-54</b>
<b>50-54</b>	Douglas Lyon ..... 19:34
Douglas Lyon ..... 19:34	Jon Holmes ..... 22:21
Jon Holmes ..... 22:21	Ed Bowen ..... 22:37
Ed Bowen ..... 22:37	
	<b>55-59</b>
<b>55-59</b>	Kevin Blanding ..... 32:07
Kevin Blanding ..... 32:07	Robert Berghoef ..... 39:04
Robert Berghoef ..... 39:04	Paul Miller ..... 48:24
Paul Miller ..... 48:24	
	<b>60-64</b>
<b>60-64</b>	Mark Blanding ..... 32:07
Mark Blanding ..... 32:07	Stephen Johnson ..... 55:20
Stephen Johnson ..... 55:20	
	<b>65 and over</b>
<b>65 and over</b>	Lois Wilber ..... 27:52
Lois Wilber ..... 27:52	Kathy Ormiston ..... 36:01
Kathy Ormiston ..... 36:01	

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## PINK ARROW GAME STATS

### East Grand Rapids v Lowell

Final Score	16	14
Total Offensive Yards	235	228
Number of Plays	59	50
Avg. Yards per Play	4.0	4.6
First Downs	13	12
Total Passing Yards	86	67
Completions/Attempts	5/13	4/13
Avg. Yards per Pass	17.2	16.8
Receiving Completions	5	4
Total Rushing Yards	149	161
Rushing Attempts	46	37
Avg. Yards per Rush	3.2	4.4
Penalties/Yards	3/19	8/70
Turnovers	0	5
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	1/1
Interceptions Thrown	0	4
Punts/Distance	5/32.8	2/39.0
Sacks/Yards	0/0	4/20
Third Down Conversions	5/14	4/10
Fourth Down Conversions	1/2	1/3
Time of Possession	22:32	25:28

# obituaries

## FREEMAN

Gwen Lois Freeman, age 70 of Lowell, passed away Friday, September 8, 2017. She was preceded in death by her husband Charles Freeman; sister Jillian Heatwole; brother Owen Heatwole. She is survived by her children Christopher (Melissa) Freeman, Heather Freeman, Tiffany (John) Pitkin; brother Ross (Mary Ann) Heatwole; grandchildren Kieran, Lochlainn, Acacia, Soleil, and Zoe Freeman, Emmalea Pitkin. Gwen was the owner of The Bookabout in Lowell for over 20 years. She was an avid reader and with her passion for puzzles she would always have one in the works on her table. Graveside service was held at Bowne Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Hospice, 2100 Raybrook SE, Suite 300 Grand Rapids, MI 49546-5783 or the American Cancer Society, 129 Jefferson Ave. S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49503.



# Social Security celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

We know the importance of “familia” in Hispanic culture, and we’re proud to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15 to Oct. 15) by helping build a secure future for you, your family, and your future family.

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Hispanics make up our nation’s largest ethnic minority group with a

population of 56.6 million, according to 2015 statistics from the U.S. Census Bureau. Social Security is here to help maintain and improve our economic well-being for generations to come.

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If Spanish is your primary language, you can visit [www.segurosocial.gov](http://www.segurosocial.gov), our Spanish-language website. It provides hundreds of pages of important information about how to get a Social Security card, plan for retirement, apply for benefits, and manage your benefits once you’re receiving them. Many of our offices have staff who speak Spanish, or you can call 1-800-772-1213 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and select the option for Spanish.

Nationwide, our public affairs specialists reach out to thousands of

Hispanic Americans each year to raise awareness of the benefits they may qualify for and to learn the advantages of setting up a my Social Security account at [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount).

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## LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**Fred H. Klooster & Leona A. Klooster Trust**  
 dated 4/18/01  
 as amended on 7/19/12  
 and 11/20/15

**TO ALL CREDITORS:**

The Settlor, Leona A. Klooster, who lived at Raybrook Manor of Holland Home, 2121 Raybrook St., SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546, died on August 14, 2017. There is no personal representative of the settlor’s estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Fred H. Klooster & Leona A. Klooster Trust dated 4/18/01, as amended on 7/19/12 and 11/20/15, will be forever barred unless presented to successor

trustee, **Kathy Lee Sneller, of 2035 Paris, SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507, or Craig A. Bruggink, attorney for Successor Trustee, 429 Turner Ave., N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49504, within four months after the date of publication.**

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

**Kathy Lee Sneller**  
 Successor Trustee  
**Fred H. Klooster & Leona A. Klooster**  
 Trust dated 4/18/01, as amended on 7/19/12 and 11/20/15

**Craig A. Bruggink**  
 (P29358)  
 Attorney for  
 Successor Trustee  
 429 Turner N.W.  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 Decedent’s Estate

FILE NO. 17-201,831-DE

Estate of **THOMAS R. BURTON**. Date of birth: Aug. 28, 1949.

**TO ALL CREDITORS:**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, **Thomas R. Burton**, died June 28, 2016.

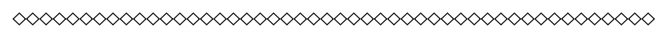
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against

the estate will be forever barred unless presented to **Mary E. Quam**, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Suite 2500, Grand Rapids and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

September 1, 2017

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 410 Bridge Street, N.W.  
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## VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Vergennes Township Zoning Board of Appeals on **October 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall located at 10381 Bailey Dr. at the corner of Parnell (Lowell) to hear the following business:**

A variance application will be reviewed from **Dave Arnsward of 575 Wildview, Lowell**. The variance will be from the Accessory Building section 201.404 D 2 for an accessory building in the front yard setback and different material construction from the existing house.

The complete variance application can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays and from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursdays or on the website at [www.vergennesshp.org](http://www.vergennesshp.org). Public comment will be heard at the meeting for the variance request. Written comments received by mail, email, in person or in the mail slot located at the office entrance will also be considered if received at the Township office prior to 6:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Comments may be emailed to: [zoning@vergennesshp.org](mailto:zoning@vergennesshp.org)

## CITY OF LOWELL

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The City is seeking letters of interest for a Lowell Light and Power and a Planning Commission vacancy that has occurred. Interested City residents who are registered to vote and have been a resident for at least one year should submit a letter of interest to the City Clerk, Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 by 12 noon on Thursday, September 14th, 2017.

**Susan Uillery**  
City Clerk

## PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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**ACROSS**

- 1. Coffee + chocolate
- 6. "\_\_\_\_\_ the season ..."
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_ ex machina
- 13. Tim or Woody
- 14. Thou, today
- 15. \*Fire or Fear or Mortis or Death
- 16. "\_\_\_\_\_ came the spider..."
- 17. Pimple fluid
- 18. Two under par
- 19. \*X-Men's mutant foe
- 21. \* \_\_\_\_\_ Quinn
- 23. Aladdin's alias
- 24. Piglet sound
- 25. Irish folk dance
- 28. Sultanate on Arabian Peninsula
- 30. Farm tool
- 35. Fail to mention
- 37. Crumbs
- 39. Nary a soul
- 40. Curly-leafed cabbage
- 41. Betty Ford Center, e.g.
- 43. Pacific Islands' ceremonial drink
- 44. Opposite of digest
- 46. "Que Sera \_\_\_\_\_"
- 47. Revered one
- 48. Team list
- 50. "Cliffs Notes," e.g.
- 52. Phone card acronym
- 53. A grand theft
- 55. Charged particle
- 57. \*Norman Osborn's organization
- 60. \*"Spider-Man" villainous doctor
- 64. Last European colony in China
- 65. Belonging to you and me

CROSSWORD														
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- Hurricane Irma wreaked havoc in the Atlantic over the Caribbean and Cuba (where 10 people died) and then the Florida Keys and most of the state of Florida. Damages are still being assessed in Florida where parts of the Keys were destroyed and in Jacksonville where record flooding has occurred. Communities along the Georgia coast are seeing extensive flooding from [now] Tropical Storm Irma.
- American's observed a moment of silence on Monday and many observances and memorials were held nationwide as the country remembered the day the World Trade Center was attacked 16 years ago.
- The iPhone is now 10 years old and the iPhone X, is thought to include a facial-recognition technology that would unlock the phone by recognizing the user's face instead of by touch ID. It is also expected to cost \$1,000.



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- 67. Tennis great Chris \_\_\_\_\_
- 68. Like anchor aweigh
- 69. Springsteen's "Born in the \_\_\_\_\_"
- 70. Join companies
- 71. \*Deathstroke is an enemy of the "\_\_\_\_ Titans"

- 72. \_\_\_\_\_ Aviv
- 73. Human necessity

**DOWN**

- 1. Hat-tipper's word
- 2. Paella pot
- 3. Heidi's "Magic Wooden Shoe"
- 4. Temporary tattoo ink
- 5. Angel, in Rome
- 6. Editor's oversight
- 7. Debtor's letter
- 8. Uncooked seafood
- 9. Like Jekyll and Hyde's personality
- 10. \*Superman enemy, Morgan \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. Like Andersen's duckling
- 12. Perceive
- 15. "Game of Thrones" vest
- 20. Sea near Australia
- 22. It marches?
- 24. One always busy and moving
- 25. \*"Batman" foe
- 26. Idealized image
- 27. Rupert \_\_\_\_\_ from "Buffy the Vampire Slayer"
- 29. \*Wonder Woman's nemesis
- 31. \*Thor's brother
- 32. Dump truck quantities
- 33. End of a poem
- 34. Camelot to King Arthur
- 36. Reason to cram
- 38. Delhi dress
- 42. Early computer language
- 45. \*What villains of the Suicide Squad did
- 49. "The Murders in the \_\_\_\_\_ Morgue"
- 51. Native American sacred objects
- 54. Rainbow swimmer
- 56. Fictitious prose
- 57. Love-\_\_\_\_\_ relationship
- 58. 43,560 square feet
- 59. Street in Anytown, USA
- 60. Like word of mouth
- 61. Fils' father
- 62. Strong desire
- 63. Flight segment
- 64. Yoga accessory
- 66. Wear and tear

*Puzzle solutions on page 12*



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**LAST WEEK'S ONLINE POLL RESULTS**

*Do you plan on donating to or volunteering to help the victims of Hurricane Harvey?*

**YES - I will volunteer ..... 0%**

**YES - I will donate money ..... 50%**

**NO ..... 33%**

**NO - Not my problem..... 17%**

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## M-STEP results in math and social studies improve in nearly all grades

Statewide M-STEP scores this year show mathematics and social studies proficiency gains in eight of nine grades tested and 11th grade SAT scores also showed improvement, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) reports.

Mathematics scores increased in grades 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8, or all but grade 4, which increased 2.6 percentage points in 2016. Social studies scores increased in grades 5, 8 and 11.

“The Spring 2017 results show math and social studies scores are continuing to improve and that is exciting news,” said state superintendent Brian Whiston. “The English language arts scores are disappointing, however.”

Where in 2016, English language arts (ELA) scores increased in three of six grades last year, student proficiency scores in 2017 decreased in all but grade 5, which showed an increase of .5 points. Decreases ranged from .8 pts in grade 8 to 2.3 points in grade 7. Grade 3 declined 1.9 points. A three-year (2015-17)

comparison of ELA scores show increases in grades 5 and 8 of 2.4 and .4 points respectively. Decreases ranged from 1.1 points in grade 6 to 5.9 points in grade 3.

Whiston said that it is important for schools and districts – with the help of their intermediate school districts (ISDs) – to carefully examine these scores and other data to look for paths to improvement.

“It is important that we keep working with ISDs and local school districts to provide support and assistance to help all of their students achieve at higher levels,” Whiston said. “We keep moving forward on our goal to be a top 10 education state in 10 years and know that the early work we’re putting into motion will pay positive dividends in the very near future.”

“I am confident that investments into early childhood education and literacy supports will bring improvement and growth,” Whiston said. “We need to stay focused and diligent.”

### Early Literacy Support

Two years ago, Michigan identified early literacy gaps as a focus area for policy and program support for learners and established a set of initial support mechanisms to address the learning gaps. These programs have since been initiated with educators over the last 18 months.

The programs, created and funded by the legislature, support specific recommendations to ensure that all students have strong literacy skills by the end of third grade. These include:

- Added instructional time grants that support districts in providing additional targeted supports for students who struggle in reading and other literacy skills;
- ISD literacy coaches, who provide direct assistance to school districts and public school academies to address instructional needs to help these students;
- Assessment reimbursement grants to support districts in the use of screening and diagnostic tools to help identify specific student needs, so that they can receive targeted support; and
- Professional learning funds to support the creation of a literacy coach network and resources for educators to learn and implement best practices to support all students, as well as students with specialized literacy learning needs, including English learners, students with disabilities and other students who may struggle to demonstrate these skills.

MDE also is in the process of distributing to school districts over \$20 million in state funds appropriated for the upcoming school year for additional instructional

time to pupils in grades K-3 who have been identified as needing additional supports and interventions in order to be reading at grade level by the end of third grade.

Several organizations are partnering with MDE to provide a consistent, coherent support infrastructure, so that all early literacy efforts are focused on the same needs. MDE and Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators (MAISA) teamed up with several literacy experts to form a task force to develop the Essential Instructional Practices for different learners, including K-3, early learners and now adolescent and young adult learners.

These efforts have just begun to reach Michigan educators and students in child care settings and classrooms throughout the state. As they become more fully implemented, more of Michigan’s children will have the literacy skills they need to succeed.

### A Consistent Testing

Over the past several years, legislative changes to

Michigan’s testing system, as well as changes resulting from feedback from school districts, have created some anxiety for educators and students in taking the M-STEP, Whiston noted.

MDE is working with stakeholders to implement an improved testing vision of Whiston’s that will reduce testing time and provide a better path to show student academic growth.

“There has been some volatility in statewide assessments recently,” he said. “We want to be responsive to educators; develop a solid and informative testing system; then let it stand for at least 10 years.”

Whiston has proposed implementing a statewide testing vision that has a benchmark assessment for students in the fall, an optional mid-year assessment to gauge progress, then a summative assessment for students in the spring.

### 2017 M-STEP Highlights

Nearly 98 percent of all Michigan schools took the M-STEP assessment online this year, compared to 80

percent in 2015. A pencil-and-paper option remains available for those relatively few districts that are not yet ready technologically.

Of the 18 grade-subject combinations tested, 10 showed gains in the percent of students proficient or advanced. When compared to 2015 statewide results, this year’s increased proficient or advanced M-STEP scores occurred in:

- Grades 5, 8 and 11 in social studies
- Grades 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 in mathematics
- Grade 11 in science, and
- Grade 5 in English language arts (ELA)

The SAT, administered to all high school juniors for the first time in spring 2016, serves as both a college entrance exam and state ELA and mathematics assessment. Scores on the SAT showed improvement in both subjects. Like the M-STEP, the SAT is aligned with state standards.

District and building M-STEP results are available at [www.mischooldata.org](http://www.mischooldata.org) Downloadable data is available at [www.michigan.gov/mstep](http://www.michigan.gov/mstep)

**THIS WEEK'S**  **ONLINE**

# POLL

Apple is expected to unveil its newest iPhone x with a price tag of \$1,000 - will you be buying one?

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## FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

### BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

\* Denotes a meet at Red Arrow Stadium  
 9/16 at 8 am Sparta Invitational  
 9/20 Girls at 4:30 pm; Boys at 5:15 pm  
 Jamboree #2 at Cedar Springs

### GIRLS VARSITY GOLF

\* Denotes a game at Arrowhead Golf Course  
 9/18 at 3:30 pm Jamboree #8 at Greenville  
 9/20 at 3:30 pm Jamboree #7 at FHN

### BOYS VARSITY TENNIS

\* Denotes a game at Lowell High School  
 9/16 at 8:30 am Sailor Invite  
 9/18 at 4:15 pm FHN\*  
 9/20 at 4:15 pm at FHC

### GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

\* Denotes a game at Lowell High School  
 9/16 at 8 am FHE Invite  
 9/21 at 6 pm at Northview

### BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

\* Denotes a game at Red Arrow Stadium  
 9/14 at 5:45 pm at Ottawa Hills  
 9/16 at 12 pm at Caledonia  
 9/19 at 8:45 pm at FHN

### BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL

\* Denotes a game at Red Arrow Stadium  
 9/15 at 7 pm at Ottawa Hills

# Elementary student project reveals kindness "rocks"

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Be on the lookout starting this week for some interesting, colorful stones hidden around town. The 'Lowell Kindness Art Rocks' project, led by Nicole Bosco, the art teacher at Murray Lake Elementary and St. Patrick's School, was devised as a unique way to spread goodwill around the community.

"There are probably going to be about 900 rocks and they're going to be hidden in different spots," Bosco said. "It's kind of like a treasure hunt, that's how I explained it to my students. They are going to be painted with kind words, kind pictures, anything to brighten anybody's day. On the back of the rocks there are going to be the words 'Lowell Kindness Art Rocks.' Students are going to be hiding them throughout the community. So if you find one, you should take a picture of it, go to the Facebook page and share where you found them and how it made your day better."



Third grade student Elise with her "Lowell Rocks" stone.

This week the kids plan to start hiding the rocks wherever they can find a good spot. Bosco suggested random places like the grocery store, the dentist, church or just around their neighborhood.

"They will be out starting within the next week, so be on the lookout," Bosco said. "The kids are excited for it. We're painting them right now."

She was inspired when she found a Kindness Rock while on vacation recently to her hometown.

"I was inspired on a vacation in Frankenmuth when I found a Kindness Rock," Bosco said. "I wanted all my students to have an opportunity to do something nice to each other. My theme this year is to be kind to one another, and I thought this was a great way to spread kindness, to support one another, to find someone

when they're not feeling well. It's the little things that make a difference in somebody's life. It spreads from one person to another.

You do an act of kindness for somebody, they spread it to someone else. It infects everybody in a good way."



Seventh grader, Ian, painted the Red Arrow rock.



Sofia, Ashley and Gabe were all painting their kindness rocks at Murray Lake Elementary.



An example of some of the rocking art you may find around town.

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP SNOWPLOW BIDS**

Lowell Township is accepting bids for snowplowing for the 2017-2018 season. Specifications may be picked up at the Township Hall during regular Business Hours or by calling 897-7600. Bids may be submitted by Monday, October 9 @ 5pm to Lowell Charter Township, 2910 Alden Nash SE, Lowell MI 49331 or emailed to Supervisor@lwp.lowellmi.us

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