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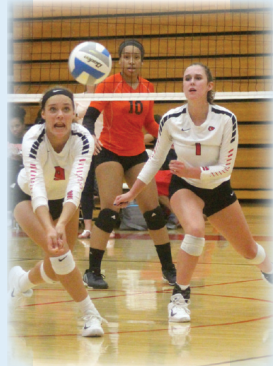
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Pleasant weather prevailed as crowds of folks enjoyed the 49th annual Fallasburg Arts Festival

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

For the 49th year, artists, musicians and non-profits converged at Fallasburg Park last weekend for the Fallasburg Arts Festival.

An estimated 25-30,000 people attended the annual gathering which combines elements of education, entertainment and family-friendly fun to their hand selected artisan sales.

“The festival is very unique compared to other art outdoor festivals because we include the live music performances, demonstrations and hand-on projects in the traditional arts in the covered pavilion, and art activities for kids,” explained LowellArts executive director Lorain Smalligan. “The 100 artists booths are juried and we maintain a high quality of fine art and fine crafts with a wide variety of art media and styles. Our artists do very well with sales and

especially this year with the large attendance with the wonderful weather!”

The festival aims to provide a popular venue and event for artists to sell and promote their works as well as creating the opportunity for both novice and seasoned art buyers to make high quality purchases in a friendly and fun atmosphere according to Smalligan.

Artists come from all over Michigan and beyond to sell at the popular event. From Ada and Lowell to across the country from Fort Worth, Texas and Key West, Florida. Many return year after year, according to Smalligan who pointed to Frozen Creek Floral’s booth, “Frozen Creek Floral is one that has been with the festival for a very long time and does very well with their handmade wreaths and their dry floral and add to the fall feel of the festival.”



The Adams Family kept the crowd engaged with classic country and oldies.

First-time participants like Duane Scherer from Lathrup Village, Michigan had a booth with colorful clocks that drew both kids and parents.

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Former Lowell residents reflect on effects of hurricanes and local business lends a helping hand in Texas

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, the most intense storms for over a decade, killed 167 people and caused billions of dollars of property damage in Texas, Florida and other areas of the Atlantic.

Hurricane Harvey was the eighth named storm, the third hurricane the first

major hurricane of the 2017 Atlantic hurricane season. It began as a tropical wave east of the Lesser Antilles. It reached tropical storm status on Aug. 17. It weakened as it traveled and almost sputtered out, but it redeveloped, grew stronger and became a hurricane on August 24. Harvey first made landfall

near Rockport, Texas, tore its way around Texas, Louisiana and the rest of the Gulf for a few days until finally dissipating Sept. 3. Hundreds of thousands of homes were soaked, more than 30,000 people were displaced, more than 17,000 needed rescuing, one person died in Guyana and 82 people died in the United States. The damages are estimated at between \$70 to \$200 billion.

Hurricane Irma was the ninth named storm, fourth hurricane and second major hurricane of the 2017 Atlantic hurricane season. It started as a tropical wave near the Cape Verde Islands on Aug. 30. It became a Category 5 hurricane on Sept. 5 and reached landfall in Cuba and Florida the next day. It eventually dissipated off the coast of New England by Sept. 7. The storm killed 45 people in the Caribbean and 39 people in the United



Joe Sejat of PuroClean clearing a flooded house in Humble, Texas.

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New LPD officer sworn in at city hall

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The Lowell Police Department recently hired a new officer. The Ledger’s request to interview the new officer or the police chief were declined. Instead, city manager Michael Burns supplied this statement:

“The city’s newest part time police officer is

officer Jason Diaz. Diaz is from the city of Wyoming and has an associate’s degree from Grand Rapids Community College. He is a graduate of the Grand Rapids Community College Police Academy and also serves as a parks deputy for the Kent County Sheriff’s office.”



Officer Diaz being sworn in at city hall.

Photo supplied by Lowell city manager Michael Burns

It's time to get your team together and sign up for the chili cook-off



along main street



by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Sign ups are now open for teams who want to participate in the annual chili cook off at Larkin's Restaurant, 301 W. Main, on Saturday, Oct. 14.

For the last 16 years, all proceeds from this event, usually a few thousand dollars, were presented to a different local charity. This year they are making a donation to the 'Rebuild the Showboat' committee.

"Our goal originally was to find a small, local charity who doesn't get a

lot of money and give them a donation," said restaurant owner Mike Larkin. "Right here in our hometown there are a lot of people who could use help. We've given to Flat River Outreach Ministries a couple different times, we've given to Alpha Women's Center, to the Ivan Blough scholarship. This year it's the showboat."

For more information about how to sign up, contact Mike Larkin at 616-897-5977 or lark-9@msn.com

LOWELLARTS EXHIBITION

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

RED ARROW BASKETBALL GOLF OUTING

Red Arrow basketball will be hosting their second annual golf outing at Arrowhead Golf Course Sat., Sept. 23 to raise funds in support of the athletics program. More information is available by contacting Justin Slanger at 616-745-1637 or slangerjustin@yahoo.com.

Community Clean Up Day slated for Saturday, September 30

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The annual Community Clean Up Day will be held at the Fairgrounds from 9 am until noon on Saturday, Sept. 30. People who live in the Lowell school district are encouraged to bring all of their unwanted items to be disposed of and recycled. They will accept objects such as computers, monitors, printers, fax machines, photocopiers, TVs, telephones, cameras, pesticides,

fertilizers, chemicals, tires, furniture, light bulbs, paint, propane tanks and lots, lots more. Bring an ID proving you live in the Lowell School District, a tax bill or voter's registration card and driver's license will do. This service is free. Limit one load per address. There will be people there to help you unload.

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Council votes to approve two ordinances, purchases water meters and appoints Canfield mayor pro-tem

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The Lowell City Council meeting Monday, Sept. 18, lasted about 24 minutes and was attended by about 15 people.

For its first order of business, the council appointed Greg Canfield to the post of mayor pro-tem, a position previously held by Alan Teelander, who resigned from the council last month.

“Congratulations, Greg,” said mayor Michael DeVore.

The council voted to approve changes to two ordinances, 17-03 and 17-04. The changes include an exemption from the height restrictions for a “wireless

communication antenna,” height requirements and other rules for fences, new rules for “nonconforming” buildings, comprehensive landscaping standards and modified rules for special land uses. A document with all of the changes is available from the city.

“The planning commission spent several months going through these and modifying these just to make it more adaptable to today’s trends that are going on in planning and zoning,” said city manager Michael Burns. “We should be in compliance.”

The council voted to spend \$9,750 on repairs

to some water pipes at the Backwater Cafe, 109 Riverside Dr. The contract went to Groundhawk Excavating, a Lowell business.

“The occupant at 109 Riverside Dr., otherwise known as the Backwater Grill, has a history of complaints about sewer backups at their business,” Burns said. “The department of public works investigated the complaint and determined the services was crushed, which caused sporadic sewer backups. Approximately ten years ago a contractor working on Riverside Dr. damaged the sewer lateral serving

109 Riverside Dr. The contractors repaired the damage but installed a pipe of inferior quality. Based on a video inspection, the repair has deformed over the course of the years to the point of failure and is in need of replacement.”

The council voted to purchase 70 Neptune water meters from Ferguson Waterworks at \$209 each for a total cost of \$14,630.

“Approximately 60 meters are replaced throughout the city on an annual basis,” Burns said. “There are currently 18 meters remaining in our inventory.”

The council voted to

install \$12,250 worth of new underground utilities at the corner of James St. and High St. The work will be split between two contractors, Groundhawk Excavating and Lee’s Trenching.

“Sable Homes is developing three properties within the city of Lowell at the southeast intersection of James and High St.,” Burns said. “The new build sites will require water and sanitary services installed to the property line where they don’t exist currently.”

Councilor Marty Chambers said that Lowell Light & Power employees Mark Droog, Rich Mutschler and Steven Shade

are still down south with two L&P trucks working to help restore power after the recent hurricanes. The council appointed Jeff Dickerman to be the “citizen representative” on the Lowell Light & Power board after the only other applicant, Alan Teelander, rescinded his application. There are also three vacancies on the planning commission, which anybody can apply for simply by contacting the city clerk at city hall.

Lowell city council’s next regular meeting will be at city hall at 7 pm on Monday, Oct. 2.

New hires are introduced at last school board meeting

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell Area Schools Board of Education had their latest regular meeting in the Runciman Building on Monday, Sept. 11.

The board hired 18 new staff members this year. They are:

- Mackenzie Aaron: Murray Lake, Grade 3
- Andrew Allmon: Murray Lake, Music
- Angela Christians: Bushnell, Kindergarten
- Wendy Crace: Middle School, Grade 8 Math
- Amanda Darling: Bushnell & Cherry Creek, Reading Interventionist
- Jordan Drake: Middle School, Grade 6 Math
- Kathryn Ferrentino, Cherry Creek, Grade 5
- Tina Hayes, District Speech Pathologist
- Vanessa Hogarth: Bushnell, Positive Behavior Intervention
- Carlyn Kellner: Alto, Grade 1

Kyndera Lee: Alto & Murray Lake, Reading Interventionist

Logan McLeod: Alto, Physical Education

Mari Price: District Special Education Director

Katelynd Pulver: Cherry Creek, Grade 2

Jaelyn Roepcke: Age 0-3 Home/School Students, Occupational Therapist

Alana Teasdale: Murray Lake, Grade 5

Taylor Whaley: Cherry Creek, Grade 4

Katherine Wills: Murray Lake, Grade 3

“Some of those positions had as many as 500 applicants,” said Lowell Area Schools superintendent Greg Pratt. “The process is long and arduous, it takes time, but it pays off in the end.”

LHS senior Quinne Duhr, the board’s new student council representative, updated

the board about student activities at the high school, including sports, drama, clubs, cheerleading and the Pink Arrow game.

“This Friday [9-8-17] we did a big picture at the school,” Duhr said. “We had 4,000 kids all huddled on the field to get the big picture that’s been circulating. We had lots of festivities and a really great turnout at the game too.”

During public comment, Lowell resident Bridget Swift read a statement protesting the early start to the school year, especially the lack of public involvement or warning. She said this sudden change had a negative impact on



LHS senior Quinne Duhr is the new student council representative on the school board.

students with summer jobs, military commitments and vacation plans.

“I, as a parent, was not asked for an opinion or sent a survey,” Swift said. “I have not spoken to one person in our community that knew of this decision before the release of the school calendar.”

The board voted unanimously to accept a gift of \$100 in school supplies from Mary Benedict to be used at Bushnell Elementary.

The next school board meeting will be in the Runciman Building at 7 pm on Monday, October 9

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LHS Students of the Month for September

Lowell High School has announced that Connor Nugent 12th grade and Brianna Roest, 12th grade, are the Lowell High School September Students of the Month. In order to be eligible for this honor a student must be nominated by a department. All the nomination forms for the month are then reviewed and voted on at the monthly department chair meeting. Students are selected based on academic achievement, character, and work ethic. There are 1,200 students eligible for nomination, so this is quite an accomplishment for Nugent and Roest. The students receive a \$20 movie gift card and a certificate.



Connor Nugent



Brianna Roest

Nugent was nominated by Chaye Klomparsens and Sara Ellis and they write, "Connor was one of the twenty-six students who went to Costa Rica with the Spanish department this summer. Prior to the trip, Connor was a bit shy and reserved with his Spanish. He was not planning to continue with Spanish his senior year but wanted the travel experience. During the trip Connor flourished! He welcomed the

opportunity to experiment with his Spanish speaking skills and he was awesome! Connor earned the nickname "amigo" (friend) on the trip because he was outgoing and engaged in Spanish conversations every chance he got, he even called home from Costa Rica to have his parents enroll him in AP Spanish. We Spanish teachers were super impressed with his behavior in Costa Rica and his willingness to immerse himself in the Costa Rican culture. I am excited to see him continue with Spanish this year!"

Roest was nominated by Heather DeJonge and she writes, "Brianna exemplifies all the Lowell RED Character traits. She

is highly respectful and respected by both staff and peers. She strives for excellence in all she does both academically and extracurricular. She has great determination and drive to always do her best. I have had Brianna in AP Biology when she was a freshman and both Research Club and now Research Class. She has also participated in Science Olympiad. Brianna is well deserving of recognition for all her achievements thus far. Brianna went above and beyond this summer caring for the LHS research rats. She works hard and exemplifies what it means to be a Red Arrow."

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a special assessment roll has been prepared and is on file at the Grattan Township Hall for public examination during normal business hours. Said special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the cost of the nuisance aquatic plant control project to benefiting properties.

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viewpoint

to the editor

school should start after labor day

To the Editor,
As read to the school board - I would like to express my displeasure in your decision to start school this year on August 22nd.

In 2005, the State of Michigan voted to make the start date of schools after Labor Day. Meaning we, as a state decided that we were in favor of school to begin after Labor Day. In March 2017 Senate bill 271 was introduced to allow districts to forgo the state law and begin when each individual district deemed necessary. As of today, Senate bill 271 has not been passed. Therefore, Lowell Area schools must have received a waiver to begin the 2017 school year before Labor Day.

I, as a parent, was not asked for an opinion or sent a survey. I have not spoken to one person in our community that knew of this decision before the release of the school calendar.

As the school year began, most of the parents started their children on August 22nd. But some parents already had vacation plans or other commitments and did not start their children until after Labor Day. Another parent of an incoming senior had signed up to do basic training for the Army this summer and was not due back until the Friday before Labor Day. By no fault of their own,

these students are now two weeks behind.

Students that have summer jobs, had to leave those jobs two weeks ahead of previous years. This effects not only the student's ability to make money, but also the employer. That employer now must replace them or be shorthanded. For example, Heidi's Farm Stand lost student employees which put a strain on them.

This school year we are getting out of school a week earlier and have many more vacation days throughout the school year. For working parents, the summer is set for childcare and make plans until Labor Day. With extended Christmas break and different days off throughout the year childcare for a single day is harder and a parent may have to take unexpected

days off, with or without pay. Most parents would exchange the extra days off throughout the school year for school starting after Labor Day.

I feel that starting school before Labor Day is not a wise choice. I would like to see the 2018-2019 school year start after Labor Day as the State of Michigan voted to do in 2005. At the very minimum, I would like the board to involve the community before an idea that impacts so many becomes a decision.

In Michigan, we have so few nice summer days, please don't take that away from the kids or the families of Lowell.

Bridget Swift
Mother of two Lowell middle school students
Lowell

outdoors

fall outdoors

Dave Stegehuis

Signs of the coming fall season are beginning to appear. Students are now back in school. Friday night football is a popular event in large cities and small towns across the state. Days are becoming shorter. More subtle is the withering of lush vegetation making it possible to see far into the woodlands. A few trees are beginning to show their colors.

The majority of hunting seasons including small and big game draw thousands of hunters to the fields, woods, and waters. It's time for hunting dogs to get off the couch.

Summer offshore salmon fishing requires big boats and expensive tackle. This time of year, salmon make runs to home streams and thus become accessible to more fishermen. Small craft ply the shoreline and river mouths. Piers and break-walls on the Great Lakes get busy.

Besides football and

fishing, there are all kinds of enjoyable activities for everyone. Cool temperatures and a bug free environment makes fall a great time to tour the countryside surrounded by brilliant foliage. Crowds have left the busy tourist venues. Along the way, farm stands offer fresh produce from the fall harvest. Cider and donuts are on the menu. Places visited during the summer become a different experience against the backdrop of fall colors.

Four distinct seasons make life more interesting here because each season brings changes in the weather, landscape, and recreational opportunities and as a result possibly ones attitude. There is always something to look forward to. I plan to make an effort to get out as much as possible and explore new opportunities in addition to hunting and fishing. See you around in the fall outdoors in Michigan.



125 years ago Lowell Journal September 21, 1892

Jas. and Mrs Ball are the happy parents of a 71b. boy, Sunday Sept. 18th. His first yell was for Cleveland. Last Monday afternoon, while playing on the L & H. turn table, Jasper Miller fell and quite seriously injured one leg, which had to be sewed up in two places.

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100 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 20, 1917

Friday evening, Sept. 14, a banquet was given at the Vergennes Grange hall for the boys of the community who are soon to leave for service in the army and navy. About 150 were present. After the supper, America was sung.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 24, 1942

The King Milling Company began operating under water power Monday morning, and General Manager Wm. C. Doyle reports that everything is running in fine shape.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger September 21, 1967

A Bronze star with "V" Device has been presented posthumously to Specialist Four Abe R. DeYoung for combat action in Vietnam which resulted in his death. Accepting the award was his mother, Mrs. Mary DeYoung, Grand Rapids.

C. K. Runciman, chairman of the committee for the housing development planned for senior citizens, revealed this week that Larry Upton, director of Urban America Inc., and consultant for the local project had died of a heart attack.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 23, 1992

McDonald's granted variance for reader board, second one in 9 years. With the concern of sign proliferation in the business area, the Lowell City Council went ahead and approved a sign variance for McDonald's Restaurant located at 1300 W. Main. A variance was needed because the current sign has already exceeded its maximum.

Steve and Peggy Idema recently visited Peggy's son, Anthony Kiedis, in Los Angeles. All attended the MTV Music Video Awards On Wednesday, Sept 9, where Anthony and the Red Hot Chili Peppers performed and were honored with three music video awards.

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Lowell Moose Lodge will host "Lock Out" party this Saturday

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The Lowell Moose Lodge, 1320 E. Main, is having a big "Lock Out" party to benefit orphans starting at 1 pm on Saturday, Sept. 23.

"We're doing this event to try and help Mooseheart," said Moose member Jason Ryan. "Mooseheart is a 1,000 acre campus in Chicago for kids that don't have parents. They live there year-round with a sponsorship. They have their own school district, their own sports teams. We think it's a good cause."

The "Lock Out" party will include food, games, entertainment and more for all ages. Because the Moose is a private club, the party is not technically open to the public. However, a Moose member can sign anybody in as a guest.

"It's called a 'lock out' because you're going to be able to put people in jail," Ryan said. "We're going to try to get some of the community people and put them in there, and you can make a donation to pay the 'bail' to get them out. We're also going to have a dinner, a couple pie eating contests, there's going to be a DJ, hot

dogs, face painting, a lot of things to do. It's not open to the public because it's a private club, but Moose members can sign in guests. It's going to start at 1 pm and it's going to go until 1 am."

"We're going to have a DJ there, a taco bar, kid games, adult games, a pie eating contest, a silent auction and lots of fun stuff," said Moose member Tammy Rogers. "In the silent auction we have gift cards, gift baskets from local retailers, coupons for free food from local restaurants and more."

The Moose Lodge is currently trying to change their image. The actual purpose of the Moose is to raise money to help the orphans at Mooseheart and the elderly veterans at Moosehaven.

"The Moose has a purpose, and a lot of people in the community don't realize what the purpose is," Ryan said. "We're also trying to get the Moose back to the way it used to be. It was founded here in Lowell in 1912, so it's been here over 100 years."

"The Moose used to be thought of as a dive bar

where old men go drink beer," Rogers said. "All of the money that we earn at the Moose, like for memberships and stuff, goes to help children that that are in need of medical care or clothing. We also have Moosehaven, a town

in Florida for old vets that can't work and need medical attention. They can live there and the Moose provides them with all their healthcare and living expenses and stuff like that. It's really cool."

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I would rather be accused of breaking precedents than breaking promises.

~ John F. Kennedy (1917 - 1963)

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PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING STATE OF MICHIGAN The Probate Court for the County of Kent

In the matter of DAVID CORTEWAY

Guardianship File No. 17-201,892-GA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including his children, whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on **October 11, 2017, at 1:30 P.m. at Kent Co. Probate Court, 180 Ottawa NW,**

Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: Appointment of a Guardian.

Dated: September 18, 2017

Adult Protective Services, DHHS, Petitioner 121 Franklin St. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49507 (616) 401-5242

VAN ESSEN AND ASSOCIATES PLLC Attys. for Petitioner by Amanda Van Essen Wirth (P75001) 3425 Kelly St. Hudsonville, MI 49426 Phone (616) 633-0196

HEALTH



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

achilles tendonitis

The achilles tendon is a large cord of tissue connecting your "calf" muscle to your heel. This tendon allows you to push off with your foot. Tendonitis is a result of overuse and not enough rest. It is often a result of running, jumping or other intense exercise that strain the tendon. Many factors can contribute to developing this condition, such as:

- flat arches
- shoes that lack adequate support
- running on uneven surfaces
- poor flexibility of the calf muscles
- new intense exercise
- a rapid increase in the distance or speed of running
- repetitive sudden starts and stops
- direct trauma to the tendon

Achilles tendonitis usually begins with a dull chronic pain and gradually worsens over time. This pain is worse after periods of inactivity. The pain is typically above the heel. One may notice mild swelling or a bump over the

area. This can progress to a weakening of the tendon called tendonosis. This can lead to a more severe injury involving a tear or rupture.

A rupture of this tendon needs immediate medical care. Most patients state they hear a "pop" and feel like someone has hit the back of their lower leg with a baseball bat. This injury requires surgical repair within 48 hours of the event.

If the tendonitis is mild, you need to rest and ice the area several times per day, as well as taking anti-inflammatories like Motrin or Aleve. Rest usually is for several weeks to a month. Gradually one can begin exercise as tolerated. Some will need physical therapy and even months of rest. Orthotic devices (custom special insoles) or cortisone injections are also sometimes used.

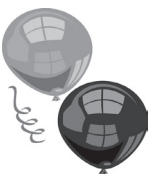
As with most health issues, prevention is key. Proper stretching, a gradual increase in exercise and intensity, good support shoes, and cross training can help you avoid months of rest and inactivity.

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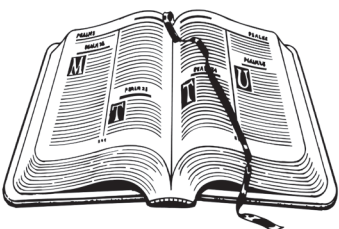
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~ Helen Keller (1880 - 1968)

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Amash discusses federal budget, affordable care and hurricane relief during town hall meeting

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

US Representative Justin Amash came to Lowell High School for a town hall meeting on Monday, Sept. 18. Amash spent over an hour taking questions and updating a crowd of about 75 people on his recent activities in Washington DC on our behalf.

Amash said that the federal budget will never be balanced until our political parties learn to work together.

“I’ve been saying for many years that we need to get our spending under control,” Amash said. “That means that both sides, Republicans and Democrats, are going to have to take some steps to reduce spending, or at least keep spending levels flat.”

Amash tried to explain why he was one of only three lawmakers who voted against the Hurricane Harvey disaster relief bill on Sept. 6.

“All spending should be offset,” Amash said. “If

you spend more money here, you should offset it with cuts elsewhere. Or, if you want to pay for disaster relief and you think it’s really important, introduce a tax and ask the American people to pay for hurricane relief. That’s the way it should work. It shouldn’t be that every time something comes up we borrow money and we tell the next generation, ‘You have to pay for it.’ [...] If this disaster relief is important, do you support a tax increase for it?”

Amash talked about immigration and his disappointment with one of the false promises Donald Trump made during his presidential campaign about building a wall.

“The president told us that Mexico would pay for it,” Amash said. “When the President of the United States says Mexico will pay for it, we should not say now the American taxpayer is going to pay for it. He ran on Mexico paying for it and if he doesn’t find funding



from Mexico then it should not be paid for. It should not be paid for by American taxpayers. I do not find that acceptable.”

Amash took several questions about gerrymandering.

“The most important thing is that the districts look more like the community,” Amash said. “It should be based on geographic considerations, economic ties, social ties, but it shouldn’t be based on party identification in any way.”

There were also questions about the Affordable Care Act. Amash said whatever they do is doomed to fail unless they scrap the ACA completely and start from scratch.

“They keep trying to modify the ACA,” Amash said. “You cannot address this problem by just modifying it a little bit, it’s not going to work. [...] You have to start over with a different system. I believe you should let the states address this issue and try different things. If Michigan wants to try something, it can try something. If Vermont wants to try single payer, they can go for it. If states want to keep going with the ACA, they are welcome to do so. They just have to tax their own people instead of having federal taxes. You just convert it from federal taxes to state taxes and you keep running the same system.”

US Rep. Justin Amash took questions from the public during a town hall meeting in the Lowell Performing Arts Center on Monday.

CITY OF LOWELL


KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE OF BIG BOILER BREWING, LLC

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Lowell has been requested to hold a public hearing to consider the application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate by Big Boiler Brewing, LLC (the "Applicant"), pursuant to Act 198 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1974, as amended.

The facilities will be located at 318 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan. The application of Big Boiler Brewing, LLC, is on file and available for review in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Lowell.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the public hearing shall be held on Monday, October 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., local time, at the City Hall at 301 E. Main Street in the City, at which time the City Commission shall afford the Applicant, the City Assessor, a representative of each taxing unit which levies and collects property taxes in the City, and residents and taxpayers of the City an opportunity to be heard regarding the application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for the Applicant.



Susan Ulery
City Clerk
City of Lowell



Lowell Area Schools, Lowell Charter Township, Vergennes Township, City of Lowell, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce

Community Cleanup Day

Saturday September 30

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For more information contact the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce at 616-897-9161 or visit www.discoverlowell.org

Hay rides, apple cider, a corn maze and more amount to lots of fall fun

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

This year for the first time Olin Farm, 10991 Vergennes, has opened up to the public for all sorts of autumn fun. They're offering hayrides around the farm and through the woods on a huge wagon pulled by real farm tractors, massive Clydesdale horses, snacks and refreshments like fresh apples and apple cider and an elaborate corn maze.

"I made it rustic without even trying," said owner Doug Olin. "I've got a corn maze, hayrides, a pumpkin patch, cider, apples. A farm market kind of a deal."

The hayride at Olin Farm takes you over the entire property, through the woods, past historic barns and over rolling fields. It's a lot more interesting than the usual ten minute circle around a corn field.

"A lot of young adults come out here with their kids to do the hayride," Olin

said. "So many hayrides are kind of boring, they just go around in a circle. Ours is over two miles long and goes clear back through timber and rolling hills. If you take it around sunset you'll see a lot of nice colors."

Olin carved the corn maze out of his field using a drone. He said the difficulty depends on how good your sense of direction is.

"It's an eight acre corn maze," Olin said. "I've had some people do it in 15 minutes, some in 45 and I've had some people who couldn't get out. It depends."

A big attraction are the two horses the farm bought from Anheuser-Busch in St. Louis.

"The horses are Moses and Solomon," Olin said. "I got them from Budweiser when they were six months old. They're big giants now. They're brothers, and they're five years old now."

One familiar sight is the humongous Raggedy Andy doll that Olin creates out

of hay bales and pieces of wood and cloth.

"For 15 years now I've put that Raggedy Andy up," Olin said. "I started putting it up for kids, but everybody seems to like it. People stop and take pictures there quite a bit. He's 15 feet tall and weighs about 3,500 pounds. He's a good guard but he's slow."

The farm will be open five days a week through the end of October. Hours are 4 pm until 8 pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9 am until 8 pm Fridays and Saturdays and from noon until 8 pm every Sunday.

"We're open until the first of November," Olin said. "I have a bonfire in late October, it reaches 40 or 50 in the air. It's nice to sit around the fire at night."

For more information about the farm and their activities visit the Olin Farm page on Facebook or call 616-437-3246.



Doug Olin and his dog Jack outside the entrance to the corn maze at Olin Farm, 10991 Vergennes, Lowell.



Raggedy Andy has been a familiar sight on Vergennes for the last 15 years.



Clydesdales Moses and Solomon were born at Anheuser-Busch in St. Louis.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
LOWELL
CHARTER
TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
Zoning Ordinance Amendments

On October 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., the Planning Commission for Lowell Charter Township will hold a public hearing at the Township offices at 2910 Alden Nash, Lowell, Michigan 49331 regarding proposed amendments to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance.

More specifically, the public hearing will involve a proposed amendment/adding change to existing Subsection 5.03(f) of the Zoning Ordinance regarding public and private parks and the addition of a new and additional Subsection 5.03(y) to the Zoning Ordinance regarding county fairs, youth fairs, and other multi-use fairs or fairgrounds, camping and campgrounds, concert facilities, recreational trails, outdoor recreational uses and facilities, sports facilities, golf courses and country clubs, convention, conference and educational facilities, receptions, and potentially other uses.

A full copy of the proposed zoning amendments can be inspected and reviewed at the Lowell Charter Township offices during normal business hours (Monday and Tuesday - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Thursday - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Closed Wednesday and Friday.) or by contacting the Township Clerk at (616) 897-7600. In addition to comments at the public hearing, the Planning Commission will accept written comments up until the beginning of the public hearing. In the interim, questions should be directed to the Township Clerk.

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Alto Harvest Festival & Car Show is fun for everyone

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Celebrating the season with their 37th annual Harvest Festival & Car Show the community of Alto gathered last Saturday to enjoy food and entertainment.

The festival kicked off inside the Alto Fire Station where emergency responders and supporters served up a donation only pancake breakfast. The public showed up in droves for the meal which supports the operation of the local emergency services.

At the same time in town cars were being registered for the popular car show along Depot Street. This year the show was the biggest yet for the festival. Tallying 218 cars, according to event organizers James and Eva Carey, the show topped the previous record of 187 cars. Awards were given to the top 50 cars as decided by registered participants with the grand prize going to a 1967 Pontiac GTO owned by Burt and Becky Dickinson.

A book sale and baking contest also began early inside the Alto Library.

Opening ceremonies officially took place at 10 am followed by a small parade

led by grand marshal Karl Foy. Families enjoyed the procession and then made their way to the children's play area. Inside the special kid focused area was a host of activities including free face painting, giant inflatables, a tug-of-war, a petting zoo, scavenger hunt and a pedal pull competition.

Other highlights included a pie eating contest, emergency vehicle displays, Bingo inside the American Legion and the LumberJacks for Lemonade Contest. Proceeds from the lemonade contest go to Alex's Lemonade Stand which funds spinal cord tumor research.

Food vendors were also a big part of the festival serving up everything from smoked brisket to walking tacos. Booths included Alto Bar, Alto American Legion, Faith Bible Church, Jets Pizza and Red Arrow Robotics. Several arts and crafts booths were also available and boasted locally made products and services.

For the Carey's, and many in attendance, the best part of the festival is the small town appeal. "Our favorite part is the tradition of it all, the small town USA

feel. For some that have moved away its the one time of the year they return to see friends and old neighbors." explained Eva.

The festival is

supported by the community with the Alto Downtown Development Authority, Stedfast Construction, Zook Farm Equipment, Boulder Ridge Wild Animal Park,

Vander Ziel Machine Sales, Magna Mirrors, Big Boiler Brewing, Alto Gas, Larkin's, Durkee Lumber, Alto Marathon, Fry Daddy's, Showboat Automotive,

Roger Graham Trucking, Timpson Transport, Wieland Farms, Tyler Creek Golf Course and Red Creek Waste Services among their list of sponsors.



Children enjoy a four way tug o' war along the Baptist green during the autumn gathering.



Four-year-old Hunter Hopkins competes in the annual pedal pull competition



A petting zoo was among the free family friendly activities at the festival.



The car show reached a record number of entries this year.

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Red Arrow

- SOCCER

SPORTS

Soccer team continues to improve their game

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Last week was a rough one for the Lowell boys varsity soccer team, but they do not intend to let that get them down. Currently state ranked, the team went into the week a perfect 3-0 in the OK White and an impressive 7-2 on the season with their only losses coming at the hands of Mattawan and East Grand Rapids. After a difficult week of competition that included Forest Hills Central, Ottawa Hills and Caledonia the team is now 8-4 and 4-1.

In game one of the week, the Arrows hosted FHC on Tuesday grabbing

an early lead but eventually succumbed 3-2. Sophomore Ezra Stadt scored the teams early goal scoring off a pass from junior Connor Cater. Down at the half, Lowell stormed back after the break scoring within the first minute of play when Cater earned his second assist of the game sending it to scorer Jonny Draigh. After playing tied at 2 much of the remaining time FHC scored with under three minutes left. The Arrows were unable to answer and FHC claimed the win.

On Thursday, the team traveled to Ottawa Hills to take on the Bengals moving

their OK White record to 4-1 with a 5-1 victory. Draigh scored three goals in the win bringing his scoring tally to 20 goals on the season. Cater and Stadt completed scoring.

Saturday at Caledonia the team visited former OK White rival, the Caledonia Scots, accepting their second defeat of the week by a margin of 5-1. E. Stadt and senior Elijah Dixon teamed up for the teams lone goal doing so in the first half of play. The team continued to rally which was largely back and forth until the Scots took the reigns completely driving in two goals late in

the half and then completing the victory in the second.

Featuring four-up-and-coming sophomores and 10 seniors, the Arrows remain on the path for a stellar season, something head coach Rich O'Keefe predicted before the season began.

"Early in training I saw potential in our younger

players and it was a matter of how long would it take for them to adjust to varsity level soccer. They are learning with each game and building confidence and it will be critical in the back half of the year if we can minimize youthful mistakes and capitalize on their athleticism. The younger players are a nice

compliment to the core returning varsity players; senior captains Jonny Draigh, Elijah Dixon and Jay Stadt. I also expect returning senior Gabe Bendall to provide solid performance in goal and junior standout Connor Cater to be a key contributor in the middle of the field."

Competing in the OK White twice more this week the team traveled to Forest Hills Central to meet the Rangers on Tuesday and will host the Greenville Yellow Jackets on Thursday. Last regular season Lowell broke even against FHC logging a 2-1 win and a 1-0 loss and easily defeated Greenville in both their contests winning 8-0 and 9-1. Game action against the Yellow Jackets is scheduled for this Thursday inside Red Arrow Stadium starting at 6:45 pm.

- VOLLEYBALL

Lowell volleyball team starts with perfect form in OK White

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell varsity volleyball started their OK White season off in perfect form last week. Hosting both Cedar Springs and Ottawa Hills they earned commanding 3-0 victories.

Tuesday the girls displayed a whole-team effort that led to their first shutout win of the week. Topping Cedar Springs handily in the first and third set 25-14 and 25-12 respectively. The Arrows saw the Red Hawks put up a better fight in set two but eventually succumb 25-22.

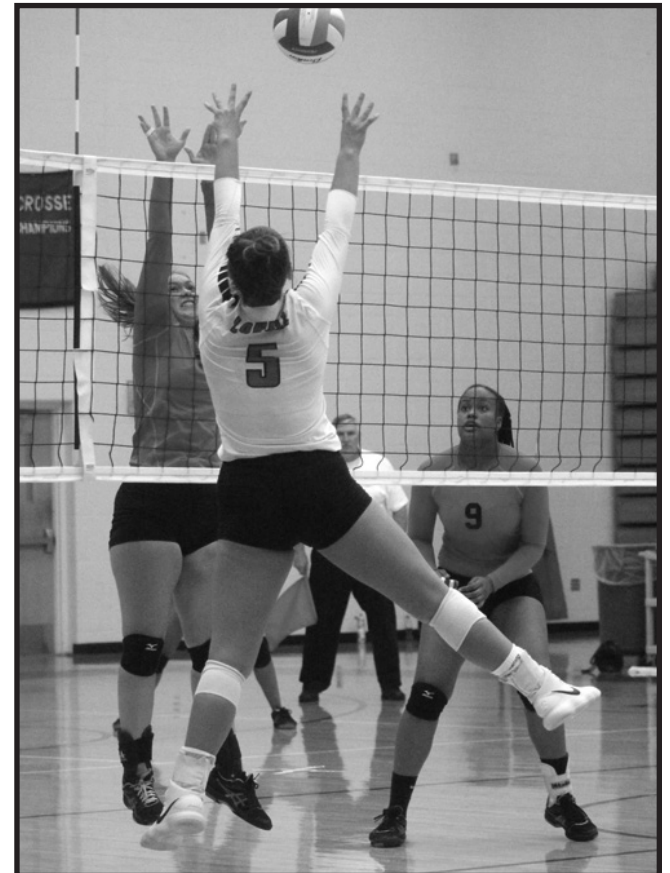
The 3-0 victory saw senior Jill Fidler and sophomore Meghan Meyer lead in stats with Fidler logging two aces and 12 digs. Meyer picked up eight kills and three blocks. Other top performers in the win were junior Joslynn Battle who tied Fidler with two aces, senior Sydney Powell who earned 21 assists and junior Carly Hoekstra who chipped in 12 digs.

Hosting the Bengals of Ottawa Hills on Thursday, Lowell came up with the same 3-0 result but widened the margin winning the sets

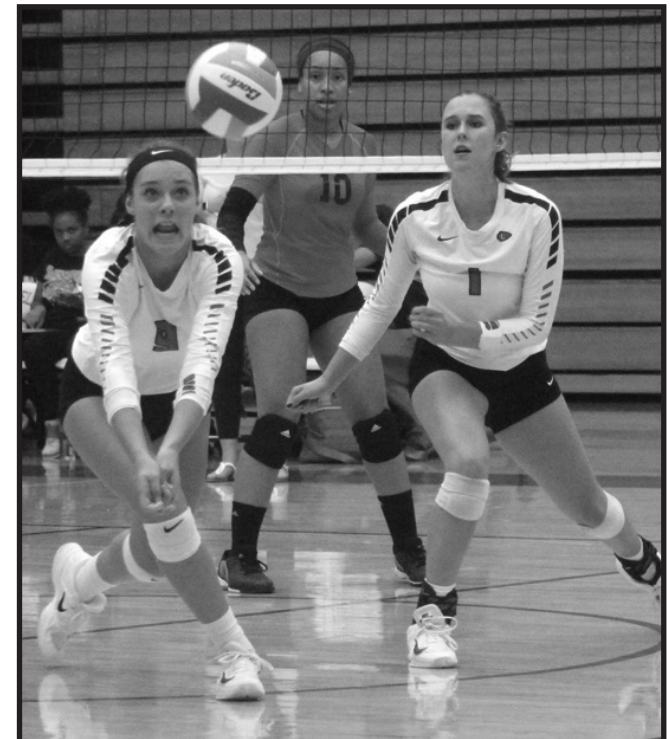
25-7, 25-12 and 25-10. The dominant performance was led in stats by senior Abi Mangus who tallied six aces,

Hoekstra who contributed 11 kills, Fidler who added 13 digs, Meyer with four blocks and Powell with 20 assists.

The pair of wins last week gives the team a flawless 2-0 start to their conference season with another OK White competitor, the Northview Wildcats, this week. Having beaten Northview 3-2 and 3-0 during last year's regular season, the Arrows, which feature four seasoned senior leaders, seem poised to add a third win. Game action is scheduled to begin Thursday at 6 pm at Northview High School 4451 Hunsberger Ave NE in Grand Rapids.



Senior Abi Mangus goes over the net against Ottawa Hills.



Sophomore Meghan Meyer and senior Sydney Powell lunge for the ball.

Sports Summaries

BOYS TENNIS

Red Arrow varsity tennis competed to the results of one win, one loss and one fourth place tie in a busy week on the courts last week. Tuesday at Wyoming High School the team picked up their third shutout win of the season topping their non-conference foe 8-0. Wednesday versus Northview at home the team fought dubiously but fell to the OK White competitor by a margin of 6-2 moving their conference record to 1-2 and overall record to 3-3 in dual competition. Finishing off the week at the Sailor Invite, the boys fought to the finish to tie for fourth place in the tournament. This week the team will face Forest Hills Northern and Central teams as they move closer to their conference tournament on September 30.

GIRLS SWIM AND DIVE

The varsity girls swim and dive co-op featuring Lowell, Caledonia and South Christian saw success on the blocks last week trouncing two of three competitors at the Hudsonville Quad. Then winning the first place championship position at the Spring Lake Invitational over the weekend. First at Hudsonville the girls came out on top over Unity High School 119-66, Calvin Christian 118-66 and fell to their host 101-81 in a good showing that saw the team exit with ten top three finishes. Claiming top spots were Lexi Singstock in the 200 freestyle and 100 fly, Sid Schering in the 500 freestyle and the 400 freestyle relay team of Kaylim Schering, Emma Pohlad, Riley Keegstra and S. Schering. The ladies then earned first place in Spring Lake scoring 451 points, nearly 100 points ahead of their closest competitor Muskegon. Competing on both Tuesday and Thursday this week the team will travel to Northview and Calvin Christian.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Competing just once over the course of the week the Lowell boys varsity cross country team ran at the Sparta Invitational last Saturday tallying 90 points, good for a third place finish in the events Blue Division. Top medalists for the team was Caleb Swart who placed sixth with a time of 17:15. Morison Ismond followed just five seconds behind Swart finishing seventh. Lucas Cossar (17:47), Zach Swart (18:39) and Kenny Stump (18:40) rounded out scorers. The team will travel to Cedar Springs to take part in the second OK White jamboree of the season. The team will host the annual Bob Perry Memorial Invitational this Saturday beginning at 8 am.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday at the Sparta Invitational the lady runners of the varsity cross country team took to the course and ran their way to a second place 71 point finish. Lowell saw six of their seven runners top twenty finishes. Haley Nieuwkoop led the Arrow pack placing eighth with a time of 21:00. Her performance was followed by that of Katrina Droski who achieved a personal record with a time of 21:23. Other runners scoring at the event were Audrey Conrad (21:35), Alexis Hanes (21:36), Lauren Aud (21:47), Jada Millhisler (21:56) and Dawn Kondor (22:14). The Lady Arrows have two events slated for this week including the second OK White jamboree, where they hope to improve upon their opening fourth place finish and the Bob Perry Memorial Invitational which they will host this Saturday morning at Lowell High School.



Red Arrow

- FOOTBALL

SPORTS

Red Arrows best Ottawa Hills Bengals 63-19

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

A severely outmatched Ottawa Hills team was not quite the redemption that the Red Arrow varsity football team was looking for when they took the field last Friday. After a stunning 16-14 loss to East Grand Rapids the week prior, despite a 63-19 win in the books, the 3-1 Arrows did not have much of a battle. The Bengals tore their own game to shreds with 187 yards worth of penalties, two turnovers and three player ejections.

Senior Connor Douma opened the game at Houseman Field returning the opening kickoff 84 yards through the surprised Bengals defense. Doubling down on their next possession Douma scored once again, this time, grabbing the ball from senior quarterback David Kruse for a 55 yard effort. Combined with a pair of extra points from junior Saige Saldivar, the Arrows were already up 14-0 after just more than four minutes of play. Saldivar had the opportunity to kick six more times over the first half going a perfect 8/8 as Lowell made themselves at home in the red zone scoring six more touchdowns before the buzzer.

Lowell's first half offensive onslaught was widespread with five different Arrows lighting up the scoreboard. On the ground Kruse rushed the ball for 73 yards averaging over 10 per carry and scoring in the second quarter on a four yard run. Leading rusher, junior Avry Mutschler, netted just one more yard

than Kruse but found himself in the end zone twice adding his second score in the third quarter on a 20 yard rush. Senior Ben Lobbezoo carried the ball six times for 35 yards and a touchdown. Senior Lane Ryan and junior Tyler Brown also picked up yards tallying 22 combined.

Kruse also found success through the air logging 125 yards and four touchdown passes as he threw a perfect 6/6 over the night. It was a great bounce back for the Red Arrows who saw four of his passes turn into game changing interceptions in week three. On the receiving end were the previously mentioned Douma and fellow senior Addison Buckius and junior Jordan Dent in the first quarter picking up respective 55, 11 yard and 16 yard scores and senior

Jake Rau who picked up a 29 yard pass and a touchdown in the second.

Red Arrow defense worked well during the grueling four hour game, held up mostly due to the massive 21 penalties given to the Bengals, allowing just three touchdowns from their opponent. Senior Garrett Pratt led in tackles and earned a sack to lead the effort, which also included sacks from senior Connor Nugent and junior Brendan Milligan and a combined knock down from senior Austin Whaley and Buckius. A blocked punt recovered by Whaley, an extra point stopper from senior Brady Douma and an interception from junior Gabe Smith after picking up a deflection by teammate junior John Russell were other defensive highlights of the game.

Lowell vs Ottawa Hills

Final Score	63	19
Total Offensive Yards	333	265
Number of Plays	34	45
Avg. Yards per Play	9.8	5.9
First Downs	24	12
Total Passing Yards	125	200
Completions/Attempts	6/6	7/14
Avg. Yards per Pass	20.8	28.6
Receiving Completions	6	7
Total Rushing Yards	208	65
Rushing Attempts	28	31
Avg. Yards per Rush	7.4	2.1
Penalties/Yards	5/55	21/187
Turnovers	0	2
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	1/1
Interceptions Thrown	0	1
Punts/Distance	0/0	4/20.3
Sacks/Yards	4/8	0/0
Third Down Conversions	2/4	3/11
Fourth Down Conversions	1/1	1/2
Time of Possession	17:29	30:31



Senior Connor Douma heads to the end zone with one of two first quarter touchdowns.

The match-up was the first in the OK White for the Arrows giving them a record of 1-0. Overall the team trails in the conference sitting second to Forest Hills Central who currently maintains an undefeated 4-0 record. Lowell will play the Rangers the first Friday in October on the road, in what is expected to be, their most difficult game of the regular season. Last year the Arrows saw FHC once in the regular and once in the post season coming up with slim margin victories both times 41-37 and 22-19.

First the Lowell gridiron will look to chalk up victories against Greenville and Cedar Springs as they continue league play over the next two weeks. They will start that trek this Friday as they host the Yellow Jackets whom they topped 35-10 last year. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 pm.

- GOLF

Golfers place fourth and second in latest round of competition

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

After placing third at each OK White jamboree so far this season, the Lady Arrow varsity golfers danced around the position this past week. They placed fourth at the Northview competition and second at home.

At Monday's jamboree four the team's 199 point finish was led by sophomore Mary Jo Buechler who carded a 45. Her top finish was followed by that of

junior Tristan Fogerty Thomas who came in two strokes behind at 47. Junior Kenzie Uhen and freshman Lexie Kapcia rounded out scoring with a 51 and 56 respectively. The finish put them behind Forest Hills Northern and Forest Hills Central, who have dominated the top two this season, as well as Northview who finished third.

Finally seeing their way through the "Forest," on Wednesday the team topped

FHC for the first time this season coming out ahead by just one stroke 195-196 good for a second place finish. FHC claimed the top spot more than thirty strokes ahead of the Arrows and the rest of the tight field. The teams combined card total of 195 was led by Uhen who shot a 45, Buechler who came in at 47, senior Isabelle Dial who earned a 51 and Fogerty Thomas who logged a 52.

With just two OK White matches remaining, both scheduled for this week, the ladies look to utilize their growing momentum as they tackle those challenges. Dominating FHC, a state finisher last season, and sister school FHC will certainly pose the greatest threat as the team travels to Greenville for jamboree six and FHC for jamboree seven.

Catch Up On Lowell High School Sports

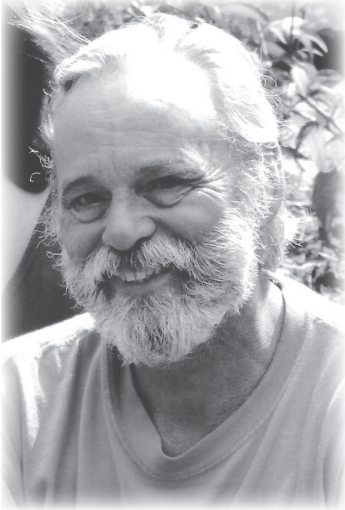
Go Red Arrows!

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obituaries

BERENDS

Donald Ernest Berends, age 66 of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly Monday, September 18, 2017. He was preceded in death by his parents, Rozza and Ernie Berends; brothers David Berends and Dean Berends. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Cheryl; children Jeremiah (Elana) Berends, Joshua (Angela) Berends; grandchildren Jordann Berends, Alexander Berends; brothers Dick (Linda) Berends, Dan (Val) Berends; sister Judy Draismaa; sister-in-law Laura Berends; and many nieces and nephews. Donald served on the USS John F. Kennedy aircraft carrier while in the Navy. Visitation will be Friday, September 22, 5-8:00 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Funeral will be held Saturday, September 23, 12:00 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel. Pastor Ken Ford officiating. Interment Alton Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674.



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KURZHALS

Devon Quinn Kurzhals of Alto and Saranac, MI, age 23, passed away Friday, September 15, 2017 from injuries due to a motorcycle and vehicle accident at the intersection of 8th Ave. and Adams St. in Ottawa County. Devon was a recent graduate from Grand Rapids Community College with a degree as a radiology technologist. He was an employee at Holland Hospital as a radiology tech and was pursuing a career there as a CAT scan tech. He was extremely excited to expand his knowledge in radiologic sciences and talked about becoming a radiologist. Devon had an immense interest in biology and several hobbies including salt water aquariums, coral growth, salt water fish, amphibians and reptiles, as well as tending to his bonsai plants with great care. He is survived by his mother, Josette Kurzhals and her fiancé, Guy Purdum of Florida; father, David Kurzhals of Saranac; brother Levi Kurzhals; sister Olivia Kurzhals; grandmothers Barb Gray of Florida, Jean Kurzhals of Saranac and Florida; grandfather Gary (Bonnie) Gray of Montana; great-grandmother Esther Gray of Florida; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. Visitation will be Wednesday, September 20, 2-4:00 and 6-8:00 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Funeral will be Thursday, September 21, 11:00 a.m. Saranac Community Church, 125 S. Bridge St., Saranac. Pastor Greg Stauffer officiating. Memorial contributions can be made to the Florida Oceanographic Society, 890 NE Ocean Blvd., Stuart, FL 34996, or online at www.floridaocean.org/p/59/support-us



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THOMPSON

Ella M. Thompson, age 98 of Lowell, was born on October 12, 1918, and passed away peacefully Thursday, September 14, 2017. She was preceded in death by her parents, Cornelius and Clara Geelhoed; 7 siblings; husband LeRoy; sons Jerry, Jim and Jack; son-in-laws David Fluger and Robert Lucas. Ella will be deeply missed by daughter, Joanne (David Miller) Lucas; daughter-in-laws Helen (John) Fowler, Peg Thompson, and Sharon Thompson; grandchildren Sandy (Risty) Hall, Jerry "Jay" (Janice) Thompson, Lori (Mike) Kibler, Allen Thompson, Linda (Farley) McCaul, LuAnn (David) LaFontsee, Amy (Mike) Richardson, Kyle (Kristin) Thompson, Brian (Sarah) Thompson, Suzette (Mark) Verbeck, Kathy (Kevin) Wallace, Michelle (Coy) Reynolds; 23 great-grandchildren; 8 great-great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; extended family Charlie, Amanda, Dawson, and Delany Miller; special long-time friends, Ella Aspinall, Bill Fluger; and many others. Ella enjoyed bowling, gardening, playing cards, the Detroit Tigers, camping, fishing, and baking pies. Funeral service was held Monday, September 18 at Lowell United Methodist Church, Lowell. Rev. Brad Brillhart officiated. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 Fulton St. E, Lowell, MI 49331; or Hospice of Michigan, 989 Spaulding Ave. SE, Ada, MI 49301.



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PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING STATE OF MICHIGAN
The Probate Court for the County of Kent

Co. Probate Court, 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: Appointment of a Guardian and Conservator.

In the matter of DOROTHY BEVERIDGE

Dated: September 18, 2017

Guardianship File No. 17-201,924-GA Conservator File No. 17-201923-CA

Adult Protective Services, DHHS, Petitioner 121 Franklin St. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49507 (616) 401-5242

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including her children: Tony Beveridge and others, whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following: TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on October 20, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. at Kent

VAN ESSEN AND ASSOCIATES PLLC Atty.s. for Petitioner by Amanda Van Essen Wirth (P75001) 3425 Kelly St. Hudsonville, MI 49426 Phone (616) 633-0196

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~ Jonathan Swift (1667 - 1745)

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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@bwp.lowellmi.us

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Synopsis of Minutes
September 11th, 2017

Motions Approved:

1. Amended Marijuana Ordinance No. 001-2017
2. Resolution 2017-022 to adopt September 15, 2017 as "Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day."
3. Township Legal settlement approved.

Other Matters:

1. KD's Corner Liquor License Application
2. KDL Presentation
3. Sewer Report

Our next Township Meeting will be October 16, 2017 At 7:00 p.m.
The approved minutes may be reviewed on our website at www.grattantownship.org

Hurricanes, continued

States. There was significant damage in Barbuda, Saint Barthélemy, Saint Martin, Anguilla, the Virgin Islands and the Florida Keys.

Ken Thomet, a Lowell resident until 1981, now lives outside of Houston. He said he'd been through a couple hurricanes and "this one wasn't bad."

"We survived it," Thomet said. "We had a lot of damage in our area, but our house made it through. A couple limbs came down, a little leak in the roof, that was about it. The rain was just tremendous. There was really a lot of rain. It settled over us, went back over the Gulf, then came back in again."

Former Lowellian and two-year Florida resident John Swanson also made it through the terrifying storms with minimal structural damage.

"I've never seen anything like that wind," Swanson said. "It's hard to describe because it was so fierce. We had to move out because we don't have any power. We're staying

with friends in Zephyrhills. Our place is all right. The damage is mostly in the kitchen; everything in the refrigerator and freezer needed to be thrown out."

A brand new PuroClean franchise was just about

to open in Lowell at 1151 Bowes Rd. The owner and staff had just finished training and were about to unpack all their brand new equipment when they decided that helping clean

up after hurricanes was the perfect way to get some real world experience.

"Our team had just completed our three weeks of certification training in Tamarac, FL, near Fort Lauderdale," said owner Joe Sejat. "The last day of training, the franchise office started talking about the hurricane. We flew home for three days, then we went down to Texas to help. We left on Wednesday, August 30 and we got back on Friday, Sept. 8."

When they stopped for supplies on their way out of town, a local business gave the PuroClean crew a hefty donation to take along with them.

"Just before we left my wife Sue stopped at Bernard's Ace Hardware [1601 W. Main] to get some stuff," Sejat said. "She was talking to the people in the store and they ended up giving us all kinds of dog and cat food. Seventy pounds of dog and cat food, 18 pounds of treats. Right in Humble we found an animal shelter, they were desperate for food so we dropped it off. We also purchased several cases of bottled water. We found a shelter where people were staying,

and they were desperate for bottled water. They didn't have enough of anything."

So the brand new business sent their brand new crew down to Texas in the brand new van to try out their brand new equipment for the very first time. They had no idea what to expect. Luckily they ran into another PuroClean group also on their way down south.

"We didn't know what we were getting into, so we even brought a tent and sleeping bags," Sejat said. "It took us two days to get back down there. On the way we had to fill out all kinds of paperwork for the state of Texas. We really viewed it as an extension of our training. We thought, this is hands-on, let's go down and give it a shot. We ended up parking the van in Humble, Texas. It's about 20 minutes from George Bush Intercontinental Airport. On our drive down we teamed up with another PuroClean franchise coming out of Cincinnati. They had done this before, and our goal was to team up with somebody who had some experience so we wouldn't be totally blind. We worked on homes in a residential neighborhood where there

was three feet of water in every home. Every home in that neighborhood needed to be gutted."

Flooding this deep causes the sewers to malfunction, coating everything in nasty, diseased filth. Buildings must be completely gutted and rebuilt.

"The house is stripped right down to the two by fours," Sejat said. "The first thing we did was remove all the appliances. They all had to be disposed of. Any electronics are ruined. A lot of equipment like stoves have insulation, which absorbs bacteria. In a couple months they'll start to get mold inside. Then we started marking all the walls. We had to cut the drywall out of every room, remove it and bring it out to the street. Along with that was all the cabinets. Then we went through and power-washed the lower level. We left all the exterior doors on so it could be sealed up, but all the doors will be removed and thrown away. Finally, we applied heavy duty antimicrobial solution to all of the studs and the floor. That will eat the bacteria that has soaked into the wood structure. After we're done spraying, then we set up all the drying equipment, dehumidifiers, air movers."

"It was very rewarding to be able to help people out," Sejat said. "It wasn't nearly enough for what was needed, but it was nice to be able to help out."



The Lowell PuroClean crew: Mark Brown, Sue Sejat and Joe Sejat.

FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

* Denotes a meet at Red Arrow Stadium

9/23 at 9 am - Bob Perry Memorial Invitational*

9/30 at 9 am Allendale Invitational

GIRLS VARSITY GOLF

* Denotes a game at Arrowhead Golf Course

9/25 at 3:30 pm at Kenowa Hills

9/27 at 3:30 pm Conference Meet at Belding

BOYS VARSITY TENNIS

* Denotes a game at Lowell High School

9/25 at 4:15 pm Greenville*

9/30 time TBA Conference at FHC/FHN

GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

* Denotes a game at Lowell High School

9/26 at 6 pm at FHN

9/28 at 6 pm FHC*

9/30 at 9 am EGR Invite

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

* Denotes a game at Red Arrow Stadium

9/21 at 6:45 pm Greenville*

9/26 at 6:45 pm at Northview

9/28 at 6:45 pm at Cedar Springs

BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL

* Denotes a game at Red Arrow Stadium

9/22 at 7 pm Greenville*

9/29 at 7 pm at Cedar Springs

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SEPTEMBER 13 - SEPTEMBER 19

- The 69th Emmy Awards were hosted by Stephen Colbert and current events were not sidestepped during the entertainment or acceptance speeches. The Handmaid's Tale, Saturday Night Live and Veep were a few of the big winners of the night.
- Now it's Hurricane Maria - a potentially catastrophic hurricane heading for the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. The National Hurricane Center warns that the storm is a Category 5 hurricane with winds of nearly 160 miles per hour.
- Scientists predict that plastic in the ocean will eventually outweigh the fish there. Researchers are trying to find the answers to where it is all coming from after finding it in seafood. They point to microfibers and microbeads as a main source.
- Democrats trying to come to solutions are under fire from some groups for attempting to compromise with Trump on immigration and other issues. Hardline Republicans are also criticizing other Republicans for working with Democrats.

LAST WEEK'S ONLINE POLL RESULTS

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

YES - I buy anything Apple 11%

NO - That's a crazy high price ... 78%

I only use prepay phones 0%

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Fallasburg Arts Festival, continued

“He shared that this was one of the best festivals he has had with the sales of his clocks,” said Smalligan.

Another first time vendor, Cat Jackson of Cat Jackson Studio, traveled from Norton Shores for the show. “I have been aware of the Fallasburg Art Festival for awhile but this is my first year booking a solid summer of shows and my first year applying to the Fallasburg Show. It has a great reputation,” said Jackson. Jackson said she hopes to return again calling the festival a “lovely” one. “The park is beautiful, the music and food were great, it was organized well, the weather was lovely and the customers were curious, kind and generous. We would love to do it again!”

Local non-profit organizations were

set up near the events entertainment stage serving up a variety of food and drinks. Proceeds will benefit their organizations. “They raise money for their organization and also awareness for what they do. Plus the attendees get really great food that is homemade and not a vendor truck like other festivals,” according to Smalligan.

Participating in food sales this year were Lowell Women’s Club, Lowell United Methodist Church, First Congregational Church of Lowell, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lowell Area Historical Museum, Lowell Rotary Club, Alto Lions Club, Lowell Area Fire Department, Lowell Music Boosters and the Fallasburg Historical Society.



Blacksmith George Blair demonstrates his craft for guests of the annual arts festival.

Live music graced the stage the duration of the festival keeping a skip in the step of shoppers. Selected to fit the theme and feel of the festival and giving first priority to performers with ties to Lowell, festival organizers welcomed nine different musical performers including The Weatherheads Band, The Bruce Matthews Band, Peat in the Creel, Paddy’s Cure and JukeJoint Handmedowns.

Sunday the lineup included Lighting Matches, The Adams Family, B-Side Growlers and the Easy Idle Band.

This was the fifth year for Dave Simmonds of the Easy Idle Band. “We love it! The crowd is always great at this festival. We can see the folks up close and can tell when our music is being appreciated. It is great to see the audience tapping their feet, clapping and singing along. It really energizes

the band. The stage crew is great. Ron Wood does a good job as stage manager and emcee keeping things moving and on schedule. Also, John Wenger does a great job on sound. That is very important to us.”

Children’s activities sponsored by Meijer and presented by Arts in Motion and craft demonstrations sponsored by All-Weather Seal were also highlights of the event. Kids were able to create paper leaves, bag scarecrows and decorate take home pumpkins in the kids activity area while all ages enjoyed the Timeless Craft Demonstrations inside the park pavilion.

Smalligan credited many with the success of the festival including the LowellArts board of directors who provide countless hours in the planning and execution of the event, as well as, the individual groups who hosted and assisted. “We also want to thank Cindy Allen for overseeing the artists who demonstrate in the pavilion and Arts in Motion Studio for providing the art activities for the kids. The parking support provided by youth from Lowell High School’s wrestling and basketball teams. The Cub Scouts who helped to keep the grounds clean, the Lowell Fire Department for their first-aid support. And of course all of the Fallasburg Park crew who are amazing and really take care of everyone at the festival.”



Artist Lisa Boerema was among the demonstrators in the park pavilion.



Festival staple Art Perkins demonstrates the art of crafting leather.



Origami artist Hito Akehi induces laughter among eager learners.



Lowell Rotarians grilled up some “Rotary Dogs” during the busy second day of the festival.