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September heatwave sets records and shortens school days for Lowell students

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

A late summer heatwave has pushed temperatures into the 90s for over a week, setting all kinds of new weather records and helping to make the case for climate change. Several of Lowell's schools have closed for half days recently because of the excessive heat.

"This is a very unusual warm weather streak that we had," said Lowell Area Schools superintendent Greg Pratt. "High temperatures are setting 100 year records over the past week and a half. It really has been difficult for some

of our equipment to keep up with this type of heat in the type of buildings that we have, and the schools."

Some of the school buildings don't have air conditioning in every classroom.

"Half of Alto Elementary, our youngest kids, the kindergarten wing, the first grade wing and the second grade wing, they don't have air conditioning in those portions of the building," Pratt said.

"Same thing with Bushnell Elementary, half of the building doesn't have air conditioning. We definitely taxed our equipment and we're just trying to be extra cautious, especially with our younger students."

Local artists on display at 2017 ArtPrize competition

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

ArtPrize, the annual arts competition conceived by Amway heir Rick DeVos, has brought half a million people to West Michigan each year since 2009 to enjoy and judge artwork. The event has always attracted Lowell area artists and 2017 is no exception.

Lowell painter MaryJo Fox Fell has been the featured artist in Christmas Through Lowell. This is her third time participating in ArtPrize. Her acrylic painting "No Darkness At All" is on display in the Waters Building, 161 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids and it's vote code 65667. The painting was initially inspired by the clever way the sunlight looked as it reflected across a crowded restaurant.

"There is a restaurant in Ada called Nona's right across the street from the bike shop," explained Fox Fell. "They have a painting in their dining room. When the door opens up it has a reflection that's kind of this aqua or teal color, so I took a picture of it because I thought it was interesting. That was my starting point. I saw the light and the darkness underneath."

You might not be able to tell just by looking at it, but the painting has a religious message.

"I'm a Christian, so I try to find things that have a Christian-inspired direction," Fox Fell said. "That's why it's called 'No Direction At All.' The bottom is the part that really intrigues people in life. Darkness always contains lots of trouble, lots of pain.



Saranac painter Suzanne Grieves entered her painting 'Winter Solstice,' vote code 66076.

If we gravitate to things of light, chances are our lives will go a lot smoother and better. Things of darkness are of devil and are bad. That's what my message says. There is a person in the window peeking into the darkness and there is a person going out the doorway into the light."

She said that ArtPrize is a lot of fun and an excellent way for artists to gain exposure.

"It's a great way to have the masses see your work," Fox Fell said. "It's totally worth it. I think it's a great experience. This is my third year."

Lowell music legend David Jones has played in too many local bands to count, including the Plague, Scragg Zoster, Stillwater, Alive and Well and Time Hungry. For his ArtPrize entry this year,

Jones came up with what he described as a "pretty rockin'" inspirational original song "Your Best." On the recording, Jones was accompanied by his son Ryder Jones and Jon Wiedyk on guitar and his wife Pam Jones on vocals.

"It's 140 beats per minute, but it's not exactly a dance song," Jones said. "You have to listen to it, I don't know how to describe it. I think it's going to lift people up, I really do. Parts of the song are contemplative and other

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Moose Lodge holds fun event for charity



Lowell police officer Mike Stephens showed up at the Moose Lodge on Saturday, Sept. 23, to hang out and let a few kids check out his very cool police cruiser. He even let these boys run the lights and the siren. The lodge was having a charity event to benefit Mooseheart and Moosehaven, the two charities run by the Loyal Order of Moose, an international fraternal organization. The Lowell chapter, # 809, has existed for over 100 years.

ArtPrize, continued

parts of the song are really energetic. It's got a pretty rockin' chorus. I was really happy with the way it came out."

Jones' song was created to uplift and inspire people who have the blues for whatever reason.

"I've known some people, including myself, who might have gone through something," Jones said. "Basically, it's about when somebody [is] trying to help somebody else realize that you have the rest of your life to get over whatever has got you down. I thought about a friend of mine who was just one step away from being a street



person because he had some bad luck, but he had some friends around him who have helped him get back up on his feet. He realized that you have your whole life to live."

If you want to listen to "Your Best," head to artprize.org/66436 or the

listening station inside the United States Postal Service building at 225 Michigan NW, Grand Rapids. Vote code 66436.

Everything at ArtPrize is free. It runs through Oct. 8. For more information, visit their website, artprize.org.

Lowell painter MaryJo Fox Fell's ArtPrize entry, 'No Direction At All,' vote code 65667.

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along main street

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VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Looking for a way to get involved in the community? Want to volunteer, but don't know what to do? Come to our volunteer orientation and learn about all of our day, evening and weekend opportunities. Our needs range from evening cashiers to daytime donation sorters with lots of options in between. Volunteer orientation at Flat River Outreach Ministries will be Wed., Oct. 4 at 6 pm. Call 897-8260 for more information.

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Larkin's Chili Madness Chili Cook-off is looking for teams. It's a day to relax and raise money for this year's cause, "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

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Poultry Management Systems holds open house at new facility

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Poultry Management Systems, Inc. had an open house and a ribbon cutting ceremony at their new location, 890 O.E. Bieri Industrial Dr., on Wednesday, Sept. 20. PMSI makes computerized equipment for cage-free egg production. Their new building is 18,000 square feet, twice the size of their old facility and contains areas for

software development and manufacturing of electronic components. The new facility should create over 20 new jobs.

“We were looking for a place that would fit our needs,” said Big Dutchman president Clovis Rayzel in an interview before the ribbon cutting. Big Dutchman is the company that owns PMSI, which was originally founded

in 1958 as Herbruck Poultry Ranch. “Lowell was very welcoming and accommodating. Everybody from the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and Vergennes Township were very helpful. It made the decision easy for us.”

“I appreciate everyone’s patience in working with us, accepting all of those multiple suggestions and getting this beautiful

building done,” Rayzel said in his speech at the ceremony. “Our neighbors, we look forward to working with you on making the community in this industrial park better any way we can. [...] This facility better positions us to meet and exceed the expectations of our customers. It also gives us a more comfortable space for our great team of workers.

“Today we look at our new building here with pride as well as with expectations for the future,” said Big Dutchman CEO Bernd Meerpohl, who flew in from Vechta, Germany, for the event. “We expect our new building to keep us warm, to keep us safe. We expect it to be a place where everyone enjoys what he is doing and enjoys to go to. [...] I want to thank you for your patience during construction. I want to thank you for letting PMSI become part of your neighborhood and helping us breathe new life and soul into our building.”

“On behalf of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and its members, over 325 strong, we welcome you here



Big Dutchman president Clovis Rayzel.



PMSI president Doug Powell cut the ribbon at the brand new Poultry Management Systems building opening.

today,” said Liz Baker, the chamber’s executive director. “We can see and witness their commitment to our community by this incredible investment. We are very fortunate that PMSI, a high tech company, has chosen Lowell as our home.”

LPD August statistics

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

According to recently released statistics, the Lowell police department made 20 arrests during August. These arrests included two drug law violations, two for drunk driving, one for driving with a suspended license, seven for outstanding warrants and eight that are described

in the police department’s information as “other arrests.” That adds up to a total of 191 arrests in Lowell during the first eight months of the year.

Lowell police also responded to plenty of misdemeanors during August. There were seven larceny calls, one breaking and entering complaint, five

disorderly conduct calls, six dog/animal complaints and nine assaults. Lowell police issued 38 citations and notified 16 residents about ordinance violations. They were called to “assist” 71 times and were dispatched to 13 accidents. Out of 112 traffic stops they let 98 drivers go with a warning.

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Father and son earn black belts together

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

A local fifth grader and his dad recently earned their black belts in taekwondo together. Bob and Jesse Bliss have been taking taekwondo classes at the Lowell YMCA, 1335 W. Main, every Tuesday and Thursday evening for the last four years. They've also traveled to seminars and tournaments in places like Kentucky and Tennessee.

"I started doing taekwondo in October 2013," Jesse said. "It was fun and it was also hard work. I started as a white belt, then I was yellow belt, yellow/green, low green, high green, low blue, high blue, red four, red three, red two, red one and now I am a first degree black belt. The most fun parts were doing all the forms, learning how to spar when you're a certain belt and then taking tests. And it's fun to spar with my dad."

Bob dabbled in martial arts as a youth, but watching



Father and son Bob and Jesse Bliss recently earned their black belts in taekwondo together at the Lowell YMCA.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, "DEFINITIONS," AND CHAPTER 17, "SPECIAL LAND USES," OF APPENDIX A, "ZONING," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL.

The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 17-04 amending Chapter 2, "Definitions," and Chapter 17, "Special Land Uses," of Appendix A, "Zoning," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell on September 18, 2017. Ordinance No. 17-04 represents a comprehensive update of and revision to Chapter 17, "Special Land Uses." Special land use procedures have been revised for clarity and site design standards for several specific land uses have been revised. These special land uses include (i) removal and processing of topsoil, stone, rock, sand, gravel, lime or other soil or mineral resources, (ii) public or private campgrounds, (iii) banks, credit unions, savings and loan associations and similar uses with drive-through facilities, and (iv) off-street parking lots. The definitions added to Chapter 2, "Definitions," are related to the updating of and revision to Chapter 17.

A copy of Ordinance No. 17-04 is available for inspection at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street in the City during regular business hours of the City.

Ordinance No. 17-04 is effective 10 days after this publication.

Susan Ullery
 City Clerk



his son take taekwondo classes reignited his interest in the sport.

"He started in October 2013," Bob said. "I did taekwondo when I was younger, but I was out of it for years. I would bring him to class and sit as a spectator, so I thought, 'Well, if I'm going to be here anyway...' It's a good father/son bonding experience. Now it's four years later and we're still here."

The Bliss family gave a lot of credit to their taekwondo instructors at the YMCA, Patricia Ramos and Jenny Anderson.

"It generally takes four years of classes to earn a black belt," Anderson said. "You go to class at least once a week, but as you're getting ready for black belt you start to go more frequently and then you also work out and practice at home. Even when you're not doing taekwondo you're thinking about it and that also helps you learn."

"The beginning of class we stand in line and do stretching," Jesse said. "Then we do techniques like the double punch and kicking, then we do marching, then we take a little break. After the break we start doing other stuff that is about self defense,

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viewpoint

to the editor

mighty thing rising in our midst

Dear Editor,
 In regarding the Township Regular Board Meeting, 18th Sept. *instant*: "The good, the bad, and..."
 "Old Business." Most Lowelltownshipians, including the writer, are unaware to the mighty thing rising in our midst. It is our Firth Bridge, our Channel Tunnel, the Canadian Pacific. Witness the new Grand River bridge to connect parks on both sides thereof. A trustee is even heading to the west coast to oversee the contract.

"Progress" is an over-used term, as often as not to conceal some hustle, but I must confess the bridge which is ambitious for our middlin' township fits the bill.
 "New Business." The brow of an intelligent man darkens at this "amendment to the zoning ordinance," which went before the planning commission a week before: a new site for the, hummm... "Youth Fair" in the south township. I do not know the Biblical reference, but have we "new

wine in old skins?" Or is it good old propaganda label transfer? If this is the youth fair which I have long found charming, reminiscent of *State Fair* (1945) up to and including the piles of greasy chips, I am the monkey's uncle. (See "progress" above) Since differences of degree become differences of kind, think Las Vegas or the Silverdome. Think Atlantic City with or without Trump. As they said in the old neighborhood, don't pound sand up my *touchas*. As my dear Roosevelt-hating dad would say: boondoggle.

G.M. Ross
 Lowell



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125 years ago Lowell Journal September 28, 1892

Lowell experienced a severe electrical storm last Wednesday and the lightning played almost continuously for over an hour. There were four telegraph poles struck between Robt. W. Graham's and Main St. Jas. McPherson's house was struck, but fortunately no damage, the switch board at the telephone office was burned out and the electric lights went out three times. It was a bad night for nervous people, but fortunately no damage was done here. At one time you could see four fires south of here, but what they were we have not learned.

M. H. Walker will address the voters in the interest of the Prohibition Party at Music Hall, on Tuesday evening. Oct. 4th.

The democrats will open the campaign tomorrow (Thursday) evening at Train's Opera House. Hon. Frank Dean, of Charlotte, and others will address the meeting.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 27, 1917

Excuse our blushes. The Lowell Ledger is the latest convert to setting type mechanically, having placed an

order for a Model 15 Linotype, and now the largest local newspaper in Michigan will soon indulge in the luxury of a "new dress" every week. The Ledger is an eight column quarto, sometimes called a "blanket sheet," and is filled to the brim with live local news and advertising. Its strong feature is the editorials from Bro. Johnson's pen, which are written in a fearless yet commanding style, indicating a strong personality seldom seen in local papers of the present day.—C. DeVos of Coopersville Observer in The United Weeklies.

Another lot of soldier recruits from Kent Second district left Lowell Tuesday morning for Camp Custer. They were escorted to the Grand Trunk station by the Lowell Home Guards band and a large delegation of citizens in automobiles, after a parade through the business district of town. At the station after patriotic music by the band, Attorney R. M. Shivel delivered a brief address of counsel, encouragement and farewell; good byes were said and the last sounds heard by the boys as the train pulled out for Grand Rapids were the inspiring strains of The Star Spangled Banner. Those making up the company were: Albert Johnson, Merrit Miller, William Waalkes, John Goense, Earl Hoover, Clinton Johnson, George France, Clayton Clemens, Grover Elderkin, Robert E. Murray, Einar Johnson, Vito Wiloni, Alvin Statsick.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 1, 1942

A 35-miles-an-hour speed limit became effective at midnight Wednesday on Michigan streets and highways, decreed by Governor VanWagoner in a state-of-emergency proclamation. The Office of Defense Transportation had asked for the speed limit on a nation-wide basis as a companion to gasoline rationing. All special speed zones in Kent county where speeds above 35 miles per hour have been permitted, go out of existence Thursday, Oct. 1, for the duration of the war.

Out of the frying pans of patriotic American women came enough waste fats during July, August and the first week of September to provide the glycerine for 11,300,000 anti-aircraft shells. First reports on the nation-wide campaign to salvage waste fats necessary in the manufacture of explosives, American

housewives have turned in approximately 4,500,000 pounds of this vital material during the first nine weeks of the drive. Keep up the good work!

50 years ago Lowell Ledger September 28, 1967

The Headhunter's record took top honors on "Premier Performance" show on WERX last Thursday and Friday evenings. Local fans came through for the Headhunters placing their effort on the Top 40 listing. On Friday night they placed first over the world famous Vogues who gave them a start on the Lowell Showboat just a little over a year ago.

Lowell Police are enforcing the Kent County curfew law which requires youths under 18 to be off the streets, unless with adults, by 10 p.m. on weekdays, and 12 midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. Three young boys were picked up and held until their parents claimed them last week.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 30, 1992

Bringing the community of Lowell into its restaurant and making it feel like Burger King is a part of Lowell. That was the thought process used when the restaurant - franchise commissioned artists Joanne Peltz, Rockford, and Mary Lou Moll. Ada, to do original historical watercolor pieces for the new restaurant (1120 W. Main)...The artists' works include John W. Fallass House (both completed by Moll). Peltz did paintings of the 1941 Showboat and the Graham Building (library). The arrival of Burger King in Lowell comes at a time when the franchise is introducing new trends in the fast food restaurant business. For children, Burger King will introduce the Kids Clubhouse. The area will include a jungle gym area (floor around it will be padded); and children's videos that will play continuously on two televisions.

Lowell Senior Neighbors Center coordinator, Sharon Wilson is enjoying her job of working for independence. Not hers, but that of the 50-plus members at the Center, "I enjoy working with this age group," Wilson said.

Young hunter bags her buck

Samantha Conrad, 12, of Lowell, had a successful day Sunday, September 17, hunting with her dad at her grandparents' farm. Samantha used a bow to harvest an eight-point buck.



HEALTH

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measles vaccination

Measles is a viral illness that causes fever, rash, cough, runny nose, and reddened eyes. The vast majority of people who become ill with measles recover. But the virus can sometimes spread to the brain or lungs and cause severe illness or death. Babies, elderly people and pregnant women have a higher risk of becoming severely ill from measles.

effective. One MMR dose works 93 percent of the time and two doses work 97 percent of the time.

Currently it is recommended that all children receive two doses of the MMR vaccine. The first dose is recommended between ages 12 and 15 months, and the second dose is given between ages four and six years, before starting school.

Measles is no longer naturally present in the United States, but can be brought here when people who are not vaccinated travel here from other countries.

Most Americans are considered protected against measles, either because they were vaccinated or because they had measles before.

The MMR vaccine, given as a shot, protects against three different infections: measles, mumps and rubella. It is safe and

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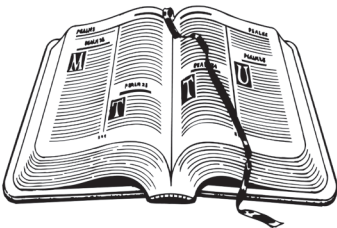
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Vergennes Township is currently accepting bids for snowplowing services for the 2017-2018 winter season. Bids should provide a cost for per trip and seasonal options. Bids are due by 12 p.m. on Thursday, October 12, 2017 to be considered. Specifications may be picked up at the Vergennes township offices during business hours or by calling 897-5671. Office hours are Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am to 3 pm and Thursday's 9 am to 12 pm.

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Father and son blackbelts, continued

like how to defend yourself and stances.”

“I was a red belt when these guys started, so we’ve been on this journey together for a while,” Anderson said. “I was very, very proud of them when they tested for black. It’s really cool.”

Jesse is a fifth grader in Mrs. Young’s class at Cherry Creek Elementary. He said this black belt is just the beginning of his career in the martial arts. His dream is to compete in

the Olympics and to become a martial arts teacher.

“I really want to,” Jesse said. “If I keep on doing this and I don’t give up, by the time I’m 15 I could be a master instructor.”

“He’s very respectful,” Bob said. “He’s one of the ones who helps everybody. Being a martial artist brings something out in you. You realize you want to help people and avoid conflict at all cost.”



Jesse Bliss recently earned a black belt in taekwondo.

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KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4, "GENERAL PROVISIONS," SUBSECTION B OF SECTION 10.04, "SITE DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS," OF CHAPTER 10, "C-1 - NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT," SUBSECTION B OF SECTION 12.04, "SITE DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS," OF CHAPTER 12, "C-3 - GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT," SUBSECTION C OF SECTION 12A.04, "SITE DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS," OF CHAPTER 12A, "I-L - LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT," SUBSECTION C OF SECTION 13.04, "SITE DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS," OF CHAPTER 13, "I - INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT," AND SECTION 19.06, "PARKING LOT LANDSCAPING," OF CHAPTER 19, "OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING," OF APPENDIX A, "ZONING," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL.

The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 17-03 amending Chapter 4, "General Provisions," subsection B of Section 10.04, "Site development requirements," of Chapter 10, "C-1 - Neighborhood Business District," Subsection B of Section 12.04, "Site development requirements," of Chapter 12, "C-3 - General Business District," subsection 3 of Section 12A.04, "Site development requirements," of Chapter 12A, "I-L - Light Industrial District," subsection C of Section 13.04, "Site development requirements," of Chapter 13, "I - Industrial District," and Section 19.06, "Parking lot landscaping," of Chapter 19, "Off-Street Parking and Loading," of Appendix A, "Zoning," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell on September 18, 2017. Ordinance No. 17-03 represents a comprehensive update to and revision of Chapter 4, "General Provisions." Several sections have been revised including those related to fences and walls, nonconformities and landscaping. The other amendments to Chapters 12, 12A, 13 and 19 are conforming revisions to the amendments to Chapter 4.

A copy of Ordinance No. 17-03 is available for inspection at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street in the City during regular business hours of the City.

Ordinance No. 17-03 is effective 10 days after this publication.

Susan Wilery
City Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING


BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the following amendments to the Bowne Township Zoning Map:

An amendment to rezone the following described parcels from C-2 Commercial District and R-4 Multi-family District to R-3 Urban Residential District:

Parcel Identification:

Parcel Number:	41-24-04-400-003
Property Address:	11892 64th Street SE
Parcel Number:	41-24-04-400-017
Property Address:	11798 64th Street SE
Parcel Number:	41-24-04-200-022
Property Address:	11751 64th Street SE
Parcel Number:	41-24-04-200-016
Property Address:	11783 64th Street SE
Parcel Number:	41-24-04-400-018
Property Address:	11872 64th Street SE
Parcel Number:	41-24-04-200-024
Property Address:	6355 Alden Nash Ave. SE
Parcel Number:	41-24-04-200-023
Property Address:	11635 64th Street SE



DESCRIPTION OF AREA TO REMAIN C-2 THE SOUTHERN 500 FEET AND THE LAND LYING EAST OF THE PRATT LAKE DRAIN OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 SECTION 4, TOWN 5 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, BOWNE TOWNSHIP, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

REQUEST FOR ZONING CHANGE

■ PORTION TO REMAIN C-2

■ PROPERTIES TO BE REZONED TO R-3

BOWNE TOWNSHIP ZONING MAP CHANGE

Area to be rezoned, generally:
 Parcels on the north and south sides of 64th Street, between Bancroft Avenue SE and Alden Nash Avenue SE, except that area already zoned C-2 commercial which is the southern 500 feet and the land lying east of the Pratt Lake Drain of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 4, Town 5 North, Range 9 West, Bowne Township, Kent County, Michigan.

The amendments may be recommended for approval by the Township Board following the public hearing.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2017

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: BOWNE TOWNSHIP HALL
 8240 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
 ALTO, MI 49302

The proposed amendment is available for review at the Bowne Township offices, 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Alto, Michigan, 49302 during normal office hours on Wednesday & Thursday from 9 AM to Noon and 1 PM to 5 PM and on Friday from 9 AM to Noon or by calling 868-6846.

Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk
Bowne Township

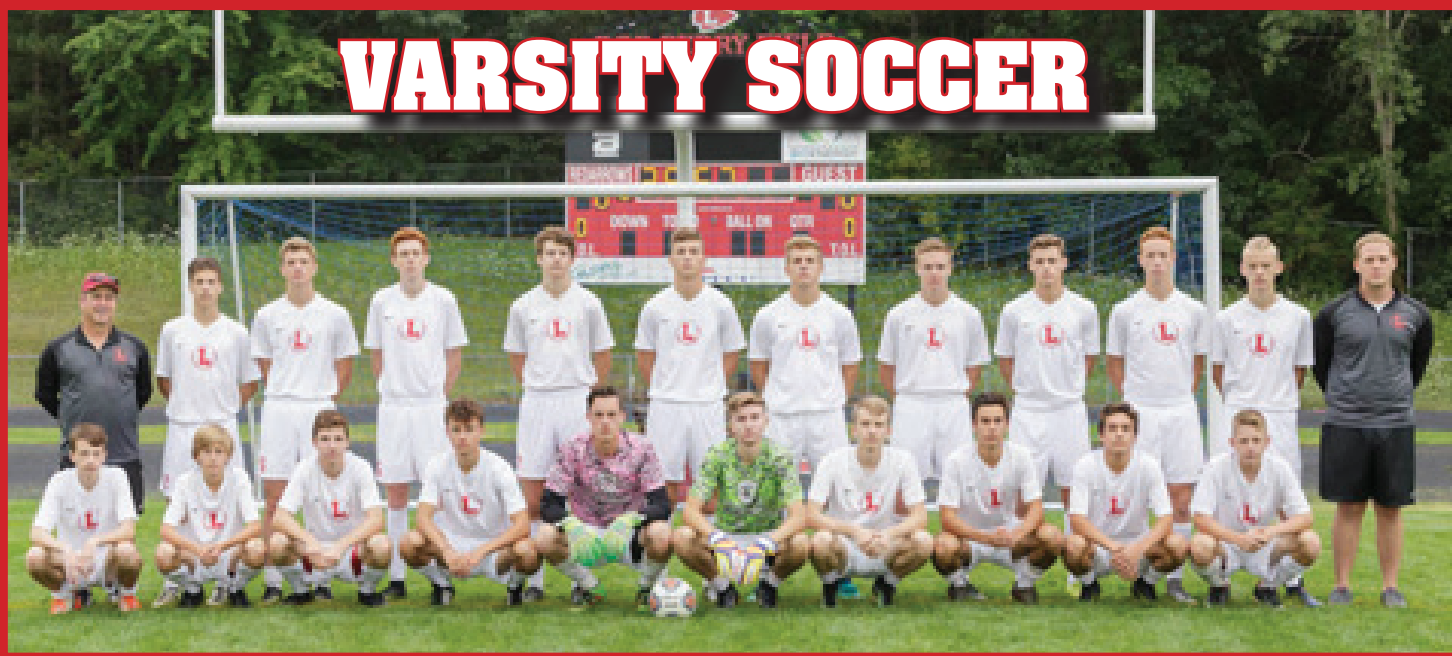
L FALL SPORTS TEAMS

VARSITY FOOTBALL



Front row, left to right: Andy Anschutz, Ben Lobbezoo, John Russel, Elijah White, Addison Buckius, Jake Rau, Trevor Petroelje, Garrett Pratt, David Kruse, and Connor Douma; second row, left to right: Brady Douma, Ethan Kaminski, Gabe Smith, Gavin Coxon, Ethan Meyer, Hunter Browning, Brayden VanAmburgh, Any Russell, Tyler Brown, and Jordan Dent; third row, left to right: Zach Phipps, Drew Davidson, Lane Ryan, Avry Mutschler, Easton DeWitt, Regan Zimmerman, Christian Beimers, Blake McVey, George Gonzales, Austin Whaley, and Sairge Saldivar; fourth row, left to right: Connor Nugget, Tyler Greenop, Zachery Post, Andrew LeFebre, Caleb Devereaux, Jasen Schaefer, DJ Simpson, Tyler Pitcher, Chase Anderson, Avery Lupton, and Mitchell O'Gorman; fifth row, left to right: Austin Engle, Cody McGee, and Brendan Milligan.

VARSITY SOCCER



Front row, left to right: Jonas Thompson, Brenan Conlan, Nicholas Struckmeyer, Nigel Mika, Nathan Vanderweert, Gabriel Bendall, Samuel Hofman, Justin Stadt, Ezra Stadt, and Braiden Hamilton; back row, left to right: coach, Ryan Noffke, Connor Cater, Ryan Pawlowski, Alexander Laird, Elijah Dixon, Jonny Draigh, Caleb Mast, Austin Pollock, Alexander Taylor, Evan Groeneweg, and coach Bieri.

VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY



Front row, left to right: Caeden Kaufman, Evan Johnson, Jared Lardie, John Lothian, Caleb Swart, Lucas Cossar, Zach Swart, Lucas Sherman, Korbin Williford, and Conner Wurtz; back row, left to right: coach VanderWard, Mason Winters, Kenneth Stump, Christian Davis, Calvin Simmet, Alex Brandt, Conner Meyers, Morrison Ismond, Thad Swart, Brandon Baker, and coach Judd.

VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY



Front row, left to right: Ashley Boehr, Jada Millnisler, Audrey Conrad, Jennifer Cooper, Theresa Judd, Amber Clouse, Dawn Kondor, Lauren Aud, and Alexis Haines; back row, left to right: coach VanderWard, Katrina Droski, Haley Nieuwkoop, Marlie Fowler, Savanna Crace, Madeline Taylor, and Joanna Link.



FALL SPORTS TEAMS

VARSITY GOLF



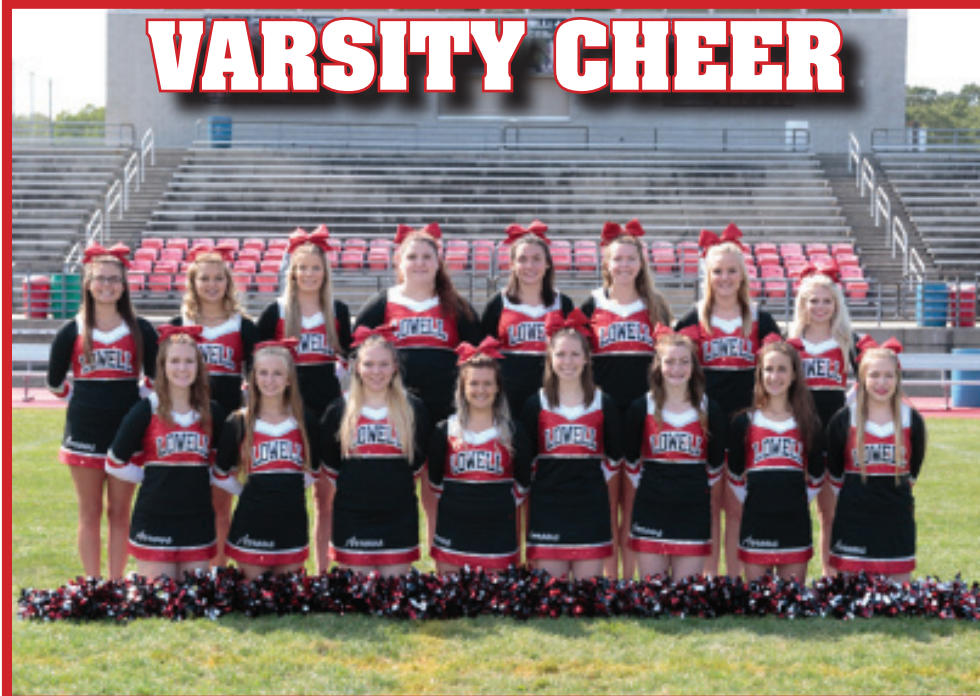
Front row, left to right: Megan Summerfield, Lexi Kapcia, Ella Nauta, Isabelle Dial, Madison Melle; back row, left to right: coach Stevens, Katie Peal, Tristan Fogarty-Thomas, Mackenzie Uhen, Mary Jo Buechler, Emily Depew, and Kenzie North.

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL



Front row, left to right: Jillian Fidler, Joslynn Battle, Sydney Powell, Kambry Kloosterman, and Emily Stump; back row, left to right: Carly Hoekstra, Kelly Reitsma, Meghan Meyer, Abi Mangus, Ryleigh Blough, and Jenna Reitsma.

VARSITY CHEER



Front row, left to right: Blaze Anes, Sophia Katsul, Paige Anes, Keana Fahrni, Quinne Duhr, Shileigh Shepard, Sydney Carmicheael, and Megan Houghtaling; back row, left to right: Harlie Gerth-McMullin, A'maya Hansen, Kenzi Kramer, Kimmie Clouatre, Ember Fox, Rena VandenBurg, Autumn McGovern, and Brenda Boersma.

VARSITY TENNIS



Front row, left to right: Collier Kaufman, Aiden Kelley, Joel Fritsma, Gavin Hoffman, and William Devoest; back row, left to right: Jarrett Duimstra, Collin Baker, Nathan Bush, Marcel Primeau, Miles Droski, Roman Rozell, Phillip Thompson, and coach Phillips.

JV SOCCER



Front row, left to right: Chase Leverence, Gavin Kelly, John Patrick, Bernie Diekevers, Alexander Pollock, Sebastian Szymanski, Rohan Dixon, Carlos Campos, Justin Wade, Benjamin Thompson, Ethan Lamore, and assistant coach Jared Sweet; back row, left to right: coach Sweet, Ian O'Strander, Austin Hendrick, Brett Evink, Nolan Smith, Aaron Bomia, and Jan Herrmann.

JV VOLLEYBALL



Front row, left to right: Grace Barber, Madelyn Torline, Lexi Barry-Coulier, Julia Pytlik, and Mya Kaywood; back row, left to right: Bailey Wolters, Abi Sandborn, Sophia Powell, Kyleigh Rau, Emma Hal, and Ellery Droog.



Sports Summaries

BOYS TENNIS

Red Arrow boys varsity tennis was left in the shade of both Forest Hills Northern and Forest Hills Central last week dropping a difficult pair of OK White matches. Welcoming the FHN Huskies on Monday and traveling to take on the FCH Rangers on Wednesday the team was shutout 8-0 on both occasions. Lowell now holds an overall record of 3-5 in dual competition and are 1-4 in league play. There are only two regular season matches left prior to their conference meet scheduled for October 5, including their last conference foe Greenville early this week.

GIRLS SWIM AND DIVE

A phenomenal week in the water for the Lowell/Caledonia/South Christian co-op girls varsity swim and dive team added up to three dual wins and a championship performance at the Spring Lake Invitational. The team earned six first-place finishes enroute to a top spot at Spring Lake totaling 461 points, nearly 100 more than their closest competitor, Muskegon. Three days later against both Grand Rapids Union and West Catholic the team came up with similar results, far outdoing the competition 148-33 and 139-46. Finally, versus Calvin Christian the girls claimed another conference victory 120-63 scoring in first position

on all but one event. This week the team will compete on Thursday and Sunday traveling first to Muskegon and then the Hudsonville Invitational on Saturday.

GIRLS GOLF

Coming off of their best conference finish of the season, the Lowell girls varsity golf team competed twice more in the OK White last week earning two top three finishes. Teeing off first on Greenville's home course Monday, the team tallied a combined stroke total of 191 good for a third-place finish. The effort was led by Mary Jo Buechler who

Sports Summaries, continued, page 11

BOWNE TOWNSHIP

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-01

CONSOLIDATED ENERGY COMPANY ELECTRIC FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

ALL ORDINANCES granting to **CONSOLIDATED ENERGY COMPANY** its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to construct, maintain and conservatively use electric lines consisting of towers, poles, poles, crossarms, guys, bracing, towers, insulators and distribution wires, transformers and other electrical apparatus or units, along and across the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, viaducts, and other public places, and to do a local electric business in the **TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE, WEST COUNTY, MICHIGAN**, for a period of thirty years.

THE TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. GRANTING. The **TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE, WEST COUNTY, MICHIGAN** hereby grants, authorizes, ratifies and authorizes the **Consolidated Energy Company**, a Michigan corporation, its successors and assigns, hereinafter called the "Company," to construct, maintain and conservatively use electric lines consisting of towers, poles, poles, crossarms, guys, bracing, towers, insulators and distribution wires, transformers and other electrical apparatus for the purpose of transmitting, transforming and distributing electrical energy along and across the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, viaducts, and other public places, and to do a local electric business in the **TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE, WEST COUNTY, MICHIGAN**, for a period of thirty years.

SECTION 2. CONVEYANCE. In consideration of the rights, power and authority hereby granted, said Company shall faithfully perform all things required by the laws of the State.

SECTION 3. CONVEYANCE. No highway, street, alley, bridge, viaduct or other public place used by said grantee shall be obstructed longer than necessary during the work of construction or repair, and shall be restored to the same order and condition as when said work was commenced. All of materials, articles and equipment shall be so placed on either side of the highway as not to unnecessarily interfere with the safe travel of highway traffic. The grantee shall be responsible for the maintenance of such lines and shall be liable to the grantor or other persons or property in participation. The grantee shall be responsible for the maintenance of such lines, subject to the supervision of the highway authority.

SECTION 4. HOLD HARMLESS. Said Company shall at all times keep and cause the Township to keep harmless from all loss, costs and expense to which it may be subject by reason of the negligent construction and maintenance of the electric lines and equipment hereby authorized. In case any action is commenced against the Township on account of the permission hereby given, said Company shall, upon notice, defend the Township and cause it to be held harmless from all loss, cost and expense arising out of such negligent construction and maintenance.

SECTION 5. EXTENSIONS. Said Company shall construct and extend its electric distribution system within said Township, and shall furnish electric service to applicants residing therein in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 6. FRANCHISE NOT EXCLUSIVE. The right, power and authority herein granted, are not exclusive.

SECTION 7. TERMS. Said Company shall be entitled to charge the inhabitants of said Township for electrically furnished service, the rates as approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission, in which Commission or its successors or assigns, and in such regulations, rules and orders promulgated such service in said Township, are hereby granted for the term of this franchise. Such rates and rules shall be subject to review and change at any time upon proper notice being made by either said Township, acting by its Township Board, or by said Company.

SECTION 8. REVOCATION. The franchise granted by this ordinance is subject to revocation upon sixty (60) days written notice by the party desiring such revocation.

SECTION 9. BOWNE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION JURISDICTION. Said franchise shall, as to all other conditions and details of service not herein provided, be subject to the reasonable rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission or its successors, applicable to electric service in said Township.

SECTION 10. SEVERABILITY. This ordinance, when amended and published as herein provided, shall repeal and supersede the provisions of an electric franchise adopted by the Township on November 17, 1997.

ALL ORDINANCES granting to **CONSOLIDATED ENERGY COMPANY** its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to construct, maintain and conservatively use electric lines consisting of towers, poles, poles, crossarms, guys, bracing, towers, insulators and distribution wires, transformers and other electrical apparatus or units, along and across the highways, streets, alleys, bridges and other public places, and to do a local electric business in the **TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE, WEST COUNTY, MICHIGAN**, for a period of thirty years, and amendments, if any to such ordinance hereby an electric franchise was granted to **Consolidated Energy Company**.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect upon the day after the date of publication thereof provided, however, it shall cease and become void after thirty days from its adoption unless within said period the Township Board shall pass a resolution in writing filed with the Township Clerk upon acceptance and publication thereof. The ordinance shall constitute a contract between said Township and said Company.

We certify that the foregoing Franchise Ordinance was duly read and adopted by the Township Board of the **TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE, WEST COUNTY, MICHIGAN** on the 10th day of September, 2017.

Andy Wilson, Township Supervisor • Alice Garcia, Hearing Officer, Township Clerk

Red Arrow

- FOOTBALL

SPORTS

Red Arrows earn 21-7 win over Yellow Jackets

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

The Red Arrow varsity football team hit the home field for the second time this season leaving the stadium with a 21-7 victory over the Greenville Yellow Jackets.

After a scoreless first quarter that featured a blocked punt from Lowell senior Connor Douma the Red Arrows were the first to score after a 99-yard drive. The Douma touchdown came after a fumble recovery made on the Red Arrow's own one-yard line. Moving through senior Ben Lobbezoo on the ground and junior Jordan Dent through the air, Douma sealed the score with a five-yard run accompanied by an extra point from junior Sairge Saldivar. Douma was the night's leading Arrow receiver carrying the ball seven times for a total of 30 yards and picking up eight yards through the air and six tackles on defense.

Up 7-0 just in time to hit the locker room for halftime, the Arrows returned to the field with tenacity scoring on the ensuing drive when senior quarterback David Kruse found Dent who ran it nine yards into the end zone. Dent had a very effective

night for the Arrows carrying the ball twice for 28 yards and the touchdown. His slinging counterpart Kruse had a solid night as well completing nine of 13 pass attempts good for 96 yards and rushing the ball himself 25 times to the tune of 168 yards to lead in rushing.

Later in the third the Yellow Jackets buzzed their way into scoring position and capitalized for the first time. Moving into the fourth quarter the Arrows put the win further out of reach for Greenville tacking on one more touchdown at the hands of Kruse who took the quarterback keeper in one yard for the score. Saldivar completed another perfect performance for the Arrows going three for three in extra point kicks making the eventual final score 21-7. Lowell defense maintained the lead until the buzzer.

Lowell dominated the win with their ever strong running game netting 253 rushing yards to the Yellow Jackets 67 and although the numbers were equally lopsided in the other favor in passing yards, 267 for Lowell, the Lowell defense put a stop to many would

be scoring drives. Besides the strong ground efforts from Kruse and Douma junior Avry Mutschler had a good showing carrying six times for 28 yards and also picking up an interception. Lobbezoo and senior Addison Buckius also picked up yards for the Arrows.

Through the air Kruse found five different

receivers, including the night's stat leader senior Brady Douma who picked up the ball three times for 39 yards, Dent, Buckius, C. Douma and junior Brendan Milligan also made yard gaining receptions for the Arrows. Defense was led by seniors Garrett Pratt and Austin Whaley who each tallied six and a half tackles followed by the Douma

brothers each credited with four. Senior Cody McGee, sophomore Andy Anschutz, Russell, seniors Jake Rau and Connor Nugent were also credited with one or more tackles.



The night's top receiver Brady Douma gaining some of his 39 yards on the evening.

Going back into battle in the OK White again this Friday, the Arrows will head to Cedar Springs looking to maintain their perfect league record. Last season in a muddy showdown inside Red Arrow Stadium, Lowell earned a 27-8 win over the Red Hawks in the pouring rain. The Arrows scored 20 of their points unanswered in the second half. This year, Lowell will travel to Red Hawk territory for the matchup with kick off scheduled for 7 pm at the high school located at 204 E. Muskegon Street in Cedar Springs.

Greenville v Lowell

Final Score	7	21
Total Offensive Yards	334	349
Number of Plays	52	59
Avg. Yards per Play	6.4	5.9
First Downs	15	23
Total Passing Yards	267	96
Completions/Attempts	18/30	9/13
Avg. Yards per Pass	14.8	10.7
Receiving Completions	18	9
Total Rushing Yards	67	253
Rushing Attempts	22	46
Avg. Yards per Rush	3.0	5.5
Penalties/Yards	10/95	6/55
Turnovers	2	0
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	0/0
Interceptions Thrown	1	0
Punts/Distance	1/42	0/0
Sacks/Yards	0/0	1/2
Third Down Conversions	5/12	5/9
Fourth Down Conversions	2/4	1/4
Time of Possession	25:39	22:21

Sports Summaries, continued

carded a 45. Also scoring for the team were Kenzie Uhen who earned a 48 and Tristan Fogerty Thomas and Isabelle Dial who both came in at 49. Their finish was just three strokes behind second-place finisher Forest Hills Central but 30 behind the winner and Forest Hills Northern. Improving their finish by one place on Wednesday, the team was once again led by a 45 from Buechler. Fogerty Thomas (46), Uhen (48) and Dial (52) also aided in the 191 stroke finish. Tying their best league finish at second place the Arrows were able to top FHC in the contest but fell short of host FHN. This week the team will compete in non-conference action and then finish off the OK White season in tournament action at Belding.

VOLLEYBALL

Maintaining their perfect conference record last Thursday, the Lady Arrow varsity volleyball team picked up their third consecutive OK White win over Northview on the road. Juniors Emily Stump and Carly Hoekstra served up a perfect night for a 3-1 victory. The Arrows won the first set 25-13, lost ground in set two losing 22-25 and then claimed two wins in a row 25-16 and 25-19. Stat leaders in the victory were Stump with three aces, Hoekstra with ten kills, senior Jill Fidler with 18 digs, senior Sydney Powell with 27 assists and freshman Jenna Reitsma and sophomore Meghan Meyer who contributed four blocks each. The ladies have a difficult schedule in front of them this week facing tough OK White foes Forest Hills Northern and Forest Hills Central and then they travel to East Grand Rapids over the weekend for their annual invitational. The FHC match will take place Thursday at home starting at 6 pm.

BOYS SOCCER

Playing Forest Hills Northern on Tuesday last week the Red Arrow boys varsity soccer team lost 2-0. The two top-ranked teams battled fiercely on the field but it was the

Huskies who came up with the first goal, nailing it about half way through the first half. Still 1-0 with seven minutes of play remaining FHN found the back of the net again to seal Lowell's 2-0 loss. The team is currently 8-5 overall with a 4-2 record in the OK White. On the schedule this week is a pair of conference battles on the road Tuesday and Thursday against Northview and Cedar Springs respectively. Both games are scheduled to begin at 6:45 pm.



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obituaries

HOSIER

John Cleveland Hosier, age 84 of Lowell, passed away Saturday, September 23, 2017. He is survived by his sister-in-law, Barbara Hosier; nephew, Donald (Melissa) Hosier and family; cousin, Joan Tuncy; special friends, Bob Krebs and Jim Hocum. Private services were held by family and friends.



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RICKERT

Darle Ray Rickert, 87, passed away at home on September 24, 2017 after a battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Joan; and their children, Debra (Dennis) Anchors, Diane (Jurgen) Jager, Jeff (Julie) Rickert, Jay (Kris) Rickert, Doreen (Matt) Rademacher, Darcie (Ross) Myers. Darle will be missed by several loving



grandchildren, Deanna Anchors, Dara Sundberg, Doug Anchors, Danielle Barense, Nicky Fay, Shari Jager, Emily Myers, Andrea Johnston, Ashley Antonides, Jacob Rickert, Steven and Jack Rickert, Jessica and Aubrey Rademacher, Brenna, Bethany and Brian Myers; several great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; and extended family. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. Born and raised in Lowell, Darle graduated from Lowell High School in 1948. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict, returning to work alongside his father, Paul, at Rickert Electric which was established in 1944. Darle eventually took over and ran the business for 24 years, retiring in 1992 when his son, Jay, took the helm. He loved being outside fishing, hunting and spending time with family at his cabin up north near the Big Manistee River. He is preceded in death by his parents, Eva and Paul; sisters Morna (Robert) Ford and Vivian Callahan. Visitation was held Tuesday, September 26, at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Private services were held by the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Flat River VFW Post 8303, 3124 Alden Nash Ave SE, Lowell, MI 49331; or the Alto American Legion Post 528, 6052 Linfield Ave SE, Alto, MI 49302.

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VAN PUTTEN

Mary Katherine Van Putten, age 91 of Lowell, passed away Wednesday, September 20, 2017. She is survived by her children Diane (Dave) Fleeger, Donna (Gary) Parcher, Jacob "Jack" (Judy) Van Putten, Richard Van Putten; brother James Kleynenberg; 8 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; also nieces and nephews. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday, September 25, at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Ada, Michigan. Rev. Aaron Ferris presided. Interment St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery.

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LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Kent

In the matter of JOYCE SMITH

Guardianship File No. 17-201,900-GA, Conservator File No. 17-201,899-CA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including her grandchildren 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 19, 2017, at 2:00 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 and Conservator.

Dated: September 21, 2017

Adult Protective Services, 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

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 17-201907-DE

Estate of RUSSELL WAYNE COOPER, deceased. Date of birth: 11/30/1938.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Russell Wayne Cooper, died 10/26/2016.

Creditors of the

decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Ronald Cooper, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

John T. Conroy (P43709) 410 Bridge Street, NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504

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In a mad world only the mad are sane.

~ Kurosawa (1910 - 1998)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the following amendments to the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance:

1. Section 3.24 of the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance contains regulations for private roads; Section 3.24G. contains regulations for private roads serving seven or more parcels. The following language is proposed to be added to Section 3.24 G.:

3.24 ROADS—PRIVATE

G. Design Standards for Roads Serving Seven or More Parcels: Private roads serving seven or more parcels shall meet the following design standards. These requirements shall apply to the entire length of a private road (including all segments or portions of a private road on which fewer than seven parcels have frontage) when there are a total of seven or more lots or units utilizing any portion of the private road for access to a public street or road. (Amended February 21, 2005) (Ord. No. 15-D1, eff. Mar. 4, 2015)

8. All cul-de-sacs must terminate with turnarounds having a right-of-way radius of 50 feet and a paved turning radius of 28 feet.

9. Location of road easements and site layout must respect the physical features and existing terrain of the site to maximize efficiency of design and site aesthetics.

2. Section 3.24 of the Zoning Ordinance is proposed to be amended by adding an improved drawing of typical cul-de-sac detail that does not change the requirements for cul-de-sacs, but clarifies the requirements.

The amendments may be recommended for approval by the Township Board following the public hearing.

The hearing will be held as follows:

- WHEN: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2011
- TIME: 7:00 P.M.
- WHERE: BOWNE TOWNSHIP HALL
8240 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
ALTO, MI 49302

The proposed amendments are available for review at the Bowne Township offices, 8240Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Alto, Michigan, 49302 during normal office hours on Wednesday & Thursday from 9 AM to Noon and 1 PM to 5 PM and on Friday from 9 AM to Noon or by calling 866-6846.

Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk
Bowne Township

Red Arrow

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SPORTS

Runners battled the heat at Bob Perry Memorial Invitational

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

OK White action on the road and a home competition dedicated to the memory of the late great Bob Perry were on tap for the girls and boys varsity cross country team last week as they passed the midpoint of their season with a quad of top five performances.

Battling extreme

heat in Cedar Springs on Wednesday, the boys team finished in the fifth position led by thirteenth place finisher Lucas Cossar who crossed the finish line at the 18:03 mark. Also scoring in the 116 point finish were Caleb Swart (18:08), Calvin Simmet (19:27), Kenny Stump (19:30) and Conner Meyers (19:49).

Outrunning the boys slightly, the ladies finished in fourth place in their portion of the OK White competition with 103 points. Red Arrow Haley Nieuwkoop, finished eighteenth with a time of 22:01 and was the days leader; followed by Dawn Kondor who came in at 22:12. Alexis Haines (22:49), Lauren Aud (22:50)

and Katrina Droski (23:05) rounded out scoring for the team.

Saturday at the Bob Perry Memorial Invitational the Arrows hosted seven area teams including frontrunner Olivet High School, as well as Byron Center, Union, Maple Valley Grand River Prep, Union, Godwin Heights and Black River High Schools. The boys performed well on their home turf earning a 73 point third-place finish, once again led by Cossar who placed fifth with a time of 18:14. Swart finished second coming in just one second behind at 18:15. Rolling in just over a minute later were the remaining scorers Stump (19:21), Simmet (19:40) and Conner Meyers (20:02).

Outdoing their counterparts and their competition, the ladies displayed a perfect pack run with their top five all finishing within 17 seconds. The effort garnered the team a first-place 39 point finish led by sophomore Jada Millhisler who has been a consistent scorer for the team this season. Her fifth-place 22:08 finish was equaled by teammate and sophomore Audrey Conrad who came in literally milliseconds later. Aud (22:20), Nieuwkoop (22:23) and Droski (22:25) rounded out the successful pack.



Standout sophomore Jada Millhisler led the first place Lady Arrows at the Bob Perry Memorial Invitational.

Next up for the pair of Arrows is the Saturday Allendale Falcon Invitational which is scheduled to begin at 9 am. The event will serve as a precursor for later in the season as the same trail will hold the key to a regional victory later this season.

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- 16. Considering everything
- 17. Pro vote
- 18. Sleep spoiler?
- 19. *Famous filmmaker Cecil
- 21. *"The Jazz Singer" was the first one
- 23. "To Kill a Mockingbird" recluse
- 24. *Cary Grant in "His _____ Friday"
- 25. FedEx competitor
- 28. Family room staple
- 30. *Hollywood, a.k.a. _____ town
- 35. Not kosher
- 37. Perfect houseplant spot
- 39. Mother-of-pearl
- 40. Tiny amount
- 41. _____ Island, NY
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- 47. Religious offshoot
- 48. Trojan hero
- 50. Superbright
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SEPTEMBER 20 - SEPTEMBER 26

- A federal judge has sentenced disgraced former U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner to 21 months in prison for sending obscene messages to a 15-year-old girl last year.



- After Trump invited then uninvited the Golden State Warriors he proceeded to revive the silent protest of Colin Kapaernick by saying, "Wouldn't you love to see one of these NFL owners, when somebody disrespects our flag, to say, 'Get that son of a bitch off the field right now?'" NFL teams and owners answered by linking arms in solidarity for the right to free speech. Musicians from Stevie Wonder to Eddie Vedder followed as they got down on one or both knees to protest Trump's remarks. During his concert in Virginia, singer/songwriter Pharrell said, "I'm in Virginia right now — I'm home. Nobody tell me what to do — if I want to get on my knees right now, for the people of my city, for the people of my state — that's what that flag is for."
- Hurricane Maria destroyed portions of Puerto Rico's infrastructure when it hit the island last week wiping out cell service and causing terrible devastation. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi called upon Trump to deploy the military to help with the humanitarian crisis.
- White House senior adviser Jared Kushner has used both a private email account and an official email address to communicate with other government officials, according to his attorney.
- After Trump tweeted, "Just heard Foreign Minister of North Korea speak at U.N. If he echoes thoughts of Little Rocket Man, they won't be around much longer!" North Korea's foreign minister said the tweets amounted to a declaration of war and that under international law, his country can legally shoot down U.S. military planes.

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- 68. Discrimination against seniors
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- 70. Fear-inspiring
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- 72. "_____ the wild rumpus begin!"
- 73. Goes down

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 - 3. Knock about
 - 4. Impromptu
 - 5. How-do-you-dos
 - 6. Eye affliction
 - 7. Leave speechless
 - 8. Raccoon's South American cousin
 - 9. *Feature film actors first did it in the 1920s
 - 10. Antioxidant-rich berry
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 - 15. Summon one to enter
 - 20. *Clint Eastwood's "Every Which Way but _____"
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- 29. *The industry
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- 56. *Bruce Lee's "_____ the Dragon"
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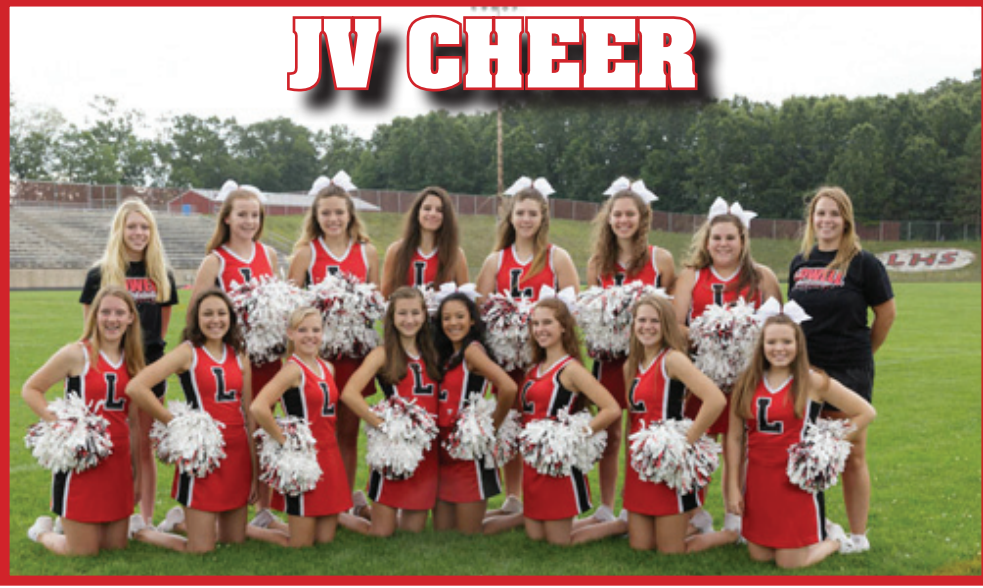
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JV GOLF



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