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## Pleasant weather accompanied residents while waiting in long lines to unload and recycle during annual clean up day

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

The annual Community Clean Up Day was held at the fairgrounds from 9 am until noon on a warm, sunny Saturday, Sept. 30. People who live in the Lowell school district were encouraged to bring all of

their old junk to be disposed of and recycled. Volunteers accepted and sorted through 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.

"We brought an old treadmill, a TV that got struck by lightning, a bunch of old wire we found in the woods and that's about it," said local resident Ryan Bengel. "It's been stored in various places like the garage, the basement or in the woods. It's a good day for it."

"Two hours in line, but it was well worth it," said local resident Lou Glinzak. "We had a little bit of everything. Some pipes, some hazardous waste like auto fluid, paint and varnish, some garbage and some steel for the Boy Scouts. Everybody accumulates. It's good for the earth because it's being disposed of wisely. It's worth the trip."

"It feels wonderful," said local resident Peggy Covert. "I cleaned out my garage and I have shelving space now. It's really nice. I was in line quite a while, but it's a nice day and it was exciting to see how many people were involved, so

it has not been bad. I'm thrilled to see how big this has gotten. Look at all the stuff that's being disposed of!"

Rotary volunteer Jim White was tasked with directing traffic at one of the entrances to the fairgrounds.

"This is a very popular event," White said. "I was doing traffic today and people were great, helpful, friendly and patient even though they had to wait a long time. I got here [at] 8:10 and there were already people in line. The road was just a mess, there were people backed up in the turn lanes trying to get in. It was pretty crowded. I've seen lots and lots of people with lots and lots of stuff. More people than I've seen in the past. What a day. Perfect weather."

White said that it took a huge team of volunteers from many different organizations and businesses to put the cleanup event together.

"It's really nice because the townships and the

city come together and coordinate," White said. "We have a lot of kids here helping too, about 30 of our high school Interact kids and then we've got of course Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and all kinds of different helpers. But our muscle is our high school Interact, which is our student Rotary group. I'm here volunteering with Rotary and we've got several other Rotarians volunteering."

"We're from scout pack number 3188 and we're doing a popcorn sale to support the pack and raise money for the different events that are coming up for the pack this year," said Jim Kuntz, who was there with his sons, Ian Kuntz and Aiden Kuntz, plus about 15 other scouts. "We try to do a lot of community clean ups around different areas of town."

"We have had well over 300 plus vehicles come through," said volunteer Heather Hoffman. "A lot of happy people."



People got rid of hazardous waste like motor oil and cleaning solvents..

## House Concerts at LowellArts begin Oct. 14

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

The LowellArts House Concerts are a series of intimate live music performances that will begin on Saturday, Oct. 14 and run through May 2018. The first two shows will focus on Lowell musicians.

"[We will have] two concerts a month on Saturday evenings and then occasionally a Sunday afternoon concert that will focus on performances for youth," said LowellArts executive director Lorain Smalligan. "We have three of the Sunday concerts scheduled. The concerts will not take place in November and

December because of the Holiday Artists Market in the gallery and lack of room for seating. They will resume in January and run through May. We have the lineup in place for these months."

The first show is the Adams Family on Oct. 14. They play folk, doo wop and classic rock songs on acoustic instruments. The second show is called "Cabaret" where Roger MacNaughton, Cindy Kropf, Bob VanStee and Kathy Lamar will perform American songbook standards, rhythm and blues songs and pop classics. They

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## Chessboard presented to the city



Lowell Middle School chess club members, past and present, were happy to present the granite chess table and benches to the city of Lowell on Friday, Sept 29, in front of Englehardt Library. This four-year long project, part of the Riverwalk development plan, is now in place and ready for use. You can enjoy a game of chess with a beautiful view of the river. Pictured are past and present members of the LMS chess club. Hunter Krzysik, standing at right, presented the table and benches to the mayor of Lowell, Mike DeVore. Krzysik was first president of the Lowell Middle School chess club and is now a senior at Lowell High School.

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# Harvest Festival & Autumn Marketplace set for Oct. 14

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Saturday, Oct. 14, will be the annual Harvest Festival and Autumn Marketplace, with special events all over town that day. There will be a chili cook-off to benefit the Rebuild the Lowell Showboat committee, an open house at Lowell Light & Power, a 5K race and a great big flea market at the fairgrounds.

This year the Larkin's Restaurant chili cook-off is a benefit for the Lowell Showboat. Hundreds of gallons of chili will be consumed by connoisseurs who will also enjoy beer and live music.

"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."

It's not too late to enter the contest, the rules and entry form are available on the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce website.

A few steps up Broadway from the chili cook-off you'll find Lowell Light & Power's open house. There you can enjoy a free lunch and a tour of the building, plus bucket rides in one of their big trucks.

One of the most popular aspects of Harvest Festival is the Harvest Hustle 5K race.

"The goal of our event is to promote an opportunity for families and individuals to get outside and enjoy the health benefits of movement," said event organizer Kenda Haines. "We work to create an environment that is family friendly and we have a variety of participants

each year, students, adults, runners and walkers. The course is mostly flat with one hill. We have to have a little bit of a challenge in there but overall the course is very friendly to participants of all levels. It is stroller friendly also in order for families to participate. We are anticipating at least 130 participants this year. We have added official timing to the event which also helps us to reach the participant that enjoys a bit of competition. We have

many award options which include medals for the top three in each age group, top finisher in each age group receives an extra award and there is a \$100 cash prize awarded to the top male and female overall. Cardio activity and fresh air are both positive aspects of a healthy lifestyle. They are both known to be [a] great way to alleviate stress and to promote heart health. This event is important to me because it's a low cost opportunity for people to be

active and we get to highlight our beautiful city. It's an opportunity for all fitness levels to participate in an event that is fun and without judgment. Our desire is to grow this event every year so that we can reach more people and promote health and wellness."

Kent County Youth Fair's Autumn Marketplace will be at the fairgrounds from 11 am until 4 pm. There will be live music and

vendors selling handmade crafts, food and antiques. And for \$5 you can create your own scarecrow. There will also be a "bird and small animal swap" at the fairgrounds from 6 am until noon or until the animals are gone, whichever happens first.

For more information and a complete schedule of events, visit [lowellharvestcelebration.org](http://lowellharvestcelebration.org)



## along main street

### BE PART OF CHILI COOK-OFF

Larkin's Chili Madness Chili Cook-off is looking for teams. It's a day to relax and raise money for 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](http://thelarkinsrestaurant.com)

### GILDA'S CLUB LOWELL CLUBHOUSE

**Gardening with Gilda's** - Tues, Oct 10, 1-4 pm. Come help out in the gardens in Lowell. Bring your tools and plan to dig in the dirt with other members. No experience necessary.  
**Chitchat Readers Book Club** - Tues., Oct. 17, 4:15-5:15 pm. Join other members of Gilda's Club in discussing an interesting book. Stop by the clubhouse to borrow a book.  
Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson St. For more information call 897-8600 or visit [www.gildasclubgr.org/pinkarrow](http://www.gildasclubgr.org/pinkarrow)

### SENIOR FOOD COMMODITIES

Senior Food Commodities provides low income adults 60 years of age or over with a monthly distribution of food that may include cheese, vegetables, fruit, grains, cereals and canned meats. Upcoming distribution dates are November 8-10 and pre-registration is required and must be completed a month prior to receiving food. Distribution is during regular food pantry hours, October 11-13. For more information or to register, contact Flat River Outreach Ministries at 897-8260.

### FOOD COMMODITIES

Food Commodities provides Kent County families at or below 200 percent federal poverty level or in need of food. If you or a family you know could use this assistance please

have them stop by the food pantry Oct. 12-13, Thurs. 9 am-11 am and 2-4:30 pm and Fri. 10 am - noon (no need to pre-register). Please call 897-8260 with any questions.

### DINNER THEATER

LowellArts Players presents a Dinner Theater production of The Dixie Swim Club starting Oct. 20. This is the story of five unforgettable Southern women - a hilarious and touching comedy about friendships that last forever. Advanced tickets required for dinner theater, show-only tickets also available. Evening shows: dinner at 6:30 pm and performance at 7:30 pm. Cash bar. Matinee on Sat., Oct. 28 only: dinner at 1:30 pm and performance at 2:30 pm. Performed on stage at Larkin's Other Place, 315 W Main St. [www.lowellartsmi.org](http://www.lowellartsmi.org)

### CLASS OF 1992

Looking for graduates of the class of 1992 that have not heard about the upcoming class reunion being held Oct. 21, 2017. Contact Jennifer Dougherty, [j.l.dougherty@att.net](mailto:j.l.dougherty@att.net)

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are deliberately chose local musicians. People can also suggest bands they like or local bands are welcome to approach LowellArts.

"We have a committee of people who are very familiar with the music that is available in the region," Smalligan said. "The current committee consists of Dale Kropf, John Wenger, Debra Duiven Dunning, Kim Miller, Sue Clements, Josh Jose and myself. We select a variety of styles similar to what we do for the summer concerts."

They can only fit 80 people in there for a concert, so it's going to be a pretty special, intimate show.

"The gallery space is also a venue for performances including music and theater," Smalligan said. "The combination of having an art exhibition in the gallery when the concerts happen is to introduce the audience to the gallery exhibition and provide exposure to these artists. The original idea was part of the move to Main Street and the architectural design of the building.

Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. You can buy them online at [lowellartsmi.org](http://lowellartsmi.org) by calling -616-897-8545 or in person by going to LowellArts at 223 W. Main.

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# City approves tax credit and new agreement and purchase new mower

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Lowell city council had their latest regular meeting at city hall on Monday, Oct. 2. About 13 people attended the 20 minute meeting.



Rockford Ambulance CEO Roger Morgan attended the meeting to answer questions from the city council about his company's contract with Lowell EMS.

The council voted to approve a tax credit for Big Boiler Brewing, 318 E. Main.

"We received a request from Big Boiler Brewing seeking a Public Act 198 industrial facility tax credit," said Lowell city manager Michael Burns. "This credit allows for a 50 percent abatement for the investment of new real and personal property for up to 12 years."

The council passed a resolution approving a new agreement between Lowell EMS and Rockford Ambulance. The new agreement will expire on Sept. 30, 2022. Rockford

Ambulance CEO Roger Morgan attended the meeting and answered questions from the city council.

"The terms of the previous agreement have not changed," Burns said. "However, clauses were added regarding maintenance responsibilities of the building."

"You guys are responsible for landscaping, building maintenance outside, driveways, plants, flowers, the grass, is that correct," asked Lowell mayor Michael DeVore.

"Right now it just states, I think, the building inside and out, not the landscaping

or the driveway," Morgan said.

The council voted to pay Williams and Works \$4,500 to direct the process of putting up wayfinding signs around Lowell. The city received a \$53,500 grant for this project from the Lowell Area Community Fund. Burns said the new signs will "direct the public to various landmarks and public facilities."

Finally, the council approved the purchase of a \$19,378.50 flail mower after the old one, a 1983 model, broke.

"The flail mower is used to keep roadsides clean, cut brush and small

trees, maintain clear vision areas at intersections, maintain fence lines at the water treatment plant, pump stations and the airport," said public works director Rich LaBombard. "We also use it to control weeds at the water treatment ponds and our boat launches."

**The council's next regular meeting will be at city hall at 7 pm on Monday, Oct. 16. They will also have a 'Coffee with Council' event in the Chamber of Commerce building on the Riverwalk from 8 am until 10 am on Saturday, Oct. 7.**

# A sporty theme is on tap for Lowell's fall Girls Night Out

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and local merchants are inviting shoppers to get off the sidelines and into Lowell for some home run deals for the upcoming Girls Night

Out. The fall sports team themed event is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 19 from 5-9 pm.

From Red Arrows to Red Sox, all fans are welcome at the semi-annual shopping event which encourages dressing up in the theme for added fun. The night is filled with great deals and scrumptious complimentary snacks. This year 41 local vendors and


business owners will take part uptown and downtown. Uptown participants will include Advanced Eyecare Professionals, Grand River Orthodontics, Northern Physical Therapy, Walgreen's and the Lowell YMCA, who will offer drawings for items such as a teeth whitening kit and a free eye examination, onsite

shoulder massages and discounted photo prints.

Downtown, 29 businesses will participate including newer participants MI Hometown Furnishings, Kim Feenstra Photography LLC, A Charmed Life Nail Salon and Ability Weavers, as well as more seasoned

partners like Tab House Bo, Flat River Cottage, Rookies Sportcards Plus, Riverbend East Styling Salon and Chimera Design & Fine Jewelry. Each will offer their own set of specials,

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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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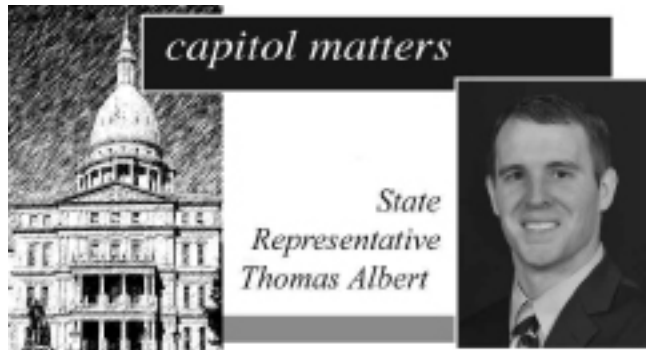
snacks and raffle drawing opportunities. Also inside the LACC several home based businesses will be represented, including All Natural Promises, Avon By Sherry, Younique and Elizabeth Kay Designs.

Those looking to score a latte, spirit or bite during the event can look to McDonald's, Sweet Seasons Bakery & Cafe, BC Pizza, Larkin's Fine

Food & Cocktails, Flat River Grill, Main Street BBQ, Big Boiler Brewing and New Union Brewery for specials including \$1 off fresh brewed pints, half off wine, \$3 Cosmopolitans and a myriad of appetizer specials.

Participants are encouraged to ask for a Girls Night Out postcard at any of their selected shopping stops and collect stamps from the

merchants they visit over the evening. Stamped cards can then be left with any vendor for submission into an LACC drawing featuring prizes comprised of local goods and services. Shuttle service will be provided by Main Street Inn and will depart and return their location with one stop in the uptown district at 1335 W. Main Street.



### Auto No Fault Debate in the Michigan Legislature

This month the Michigan House will be considering changes to Michigan's Auto No Fault laws. Currently, Michigan has the most expensive auto insurance across the county. Detroit is hardest hit by soaring insurance rates, where annual premiums can be well over 5,000 dollars. These often-unmanageable prices are why over 20 percent of Michigan drivers do not have auto insurance.

Auto insurance reform has been hotly debated in the Michigan legislature for years, and there is no doubt it is time for the Michigan legislature to take action in order to provide some rate relief. Many complex elements of insurance reform need further consideration and deliberation, but I believe that the following changes to auto no fault laws would benefit Michigan drivers.

Cracking down on fraud - In order to lower costs the state must work with insurance providers to be tougher on fraud and

abuse. Current legislation introduced in the house creates a fraud authority that would help to make sure claims are legitimate.

Limit paid attendant care hours - Under current law if you are in a catastrophic accident a family member can be compensated for providing your care for up to 24 hours, 7 days a week. This means some care providers are receiving wages for 168 hours of work a week. We should continue to provide compensation for family members who provide much needed care, but reasonable limits need to be set on this service.

Cap benefits in unassigned claims cases - If an uninsured driver or a pedestrian is involved in an auto accident the current system does not cap the benefits provided to injured parties. While I do believe the Michigan Assigned Claims fund should continue to provide some level of support for those injured, there should be a

limit in place. Not every Michigan driver should be shouldering the burden of those who have not insured themselves.

Personal injury protection choice - The state needs to consider affordability and flexibility when it comes to choosing insurance coverage. If a motorist can afford unlimited liability coverage and has the desire to do so, they should have the option. Currently, those who cannot afford that option drive uninsured, which costs a lot of money to those who end up paying their bills.

Fee Schedule - The current system allows for medical costs in auto accidents to be two or three times that of medical cost in other types of accidents. The cost of treatment should not be determined on the type of accident, but rather the type of injury.

If you have any questions or comments regarding Auto No Fault reform I would be a happy to see you at my monthly office hours on Monday October 23rd. This month I will be at Sozo Coffee in Ionia (576 N State St) from 9 - 10 and Jam-n-bean coffee in Ada (590 Ada Dr SE) from 11 - 12. If you cannot attend, you are always welcome to call or email my office with any questions or concerns. Email: [Thomasalbert@house.mi.gov](mailto:Thomasalbert@house.mi.gov) Phone: 517-373-0846

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# viewpoint

## your government

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Over the past year, I have visited more than 120 small businesses on my tour around the state. Meeting Michigan entrepreneurs who put everything on the line to start a business has been nothing short of inspiring.

In Lowell, I stopped in and chatted with the chef and wait staff at the Flat River Grill, a restaurant that has great views of the Lowell River Walk and a tasty grilled cheese.

In Battle Creek, I visited Stewart Industries, a manufacturer and supply chain management company that's been helping other companies meet their goals since 2000.

And in Jackson, I toured Grand River Brewery, which is using Michigan hops and Midwestern malted barley in its beers – one won the Gold Medal at the New York International Beer Competition.

All of these Michigan entrepreneurs have a few things in common. The first is a great idea. The second is the courage to take a big risk. And the third is the willingness to work hard to turn their dreams into reality.

But not even a great idea, courage, and hard work are enough. Starting and growing a business also takes money – sometimes, a lot of it.

Take Amy and Brad Major. They are the proud owners of Donna Jeanne's Sweet Dreams, a bakery and sweets shop in Muskegon named after Amy's mom. I've heard that their apple and cherry fritters are amazing.

They are currently doing their baking at Kitchen 242, an incubator in Muskegon, and selling their delicious goodies out of a tiny, 150-square-foot chalet

they are renting at Western Market.

Amy and Brad are making due with their space right now, but they're already outgrowing it. What they'd really like to do is open their own brick-and-mortar bakery in downtown Muskegon – and hire a few people to help meet demand for their treats.

Since the 1970s, small businesses like Donna Jeanne's Sweet Dreams have created 55 percent of all new jobs. And making the leap from a home business or rented space into a production facility like a bakery is one of the most expensive – and riskiest – times in a business's life cycle. In fact, only one percent of businesses that start small employ 50 or more people after 10 years. That means there is a lot of potential to create jobs by making it easier for these businesses to grow and thrive.

That's why I recently introduced the Growing Small Business Act, which would provide a tax cut to a small business owner just getting started or planning to expand.

My bill provides a 25 percent tax credit for

the cost of buildings and equipment for a business's first commercial production facility. It would help businesses like bakeries, breweries, software companies, film and sound production studios, and manufacturers that are launching in their own space or have started out in an incubator or home and want to grow into their first facility.

Not all businesses are profitable – or owe taxes – right away. For this reason, the credit also could be used against payroll taxes up to \$250,000, just like the research and development tax credit is today.

I've always said that Michigan is first and foremost a state where we make things and grow things. Whether factories or film studios, breweries or bakeries, I'll keep fighting to ensure that Michigan entrepreneurs can turn their great ideas into successful businesses.

When we help businesses thrive, we help create jobs – and a stronger economy for our entire state.

## outdoors

### forest management

Dave Stegehuis

Wildlife related activities are a significant part of the lives of a great many Americans. Hunting, fishing, and observing wildlife draws thousands of people from all walks of life to habitat suitable for supporting fish and wildlife. Maintaining this habitat is not cheap or easy considering the demands for development as well as the threat of invasive species and disease. Recognizing the need to conserve and protect our natural resources, private citizens and government agencies have developed plans to insure the future of wildlife in our state and around the country.

Government agricultural and natural resource agencies and corporate land owners have a history of planned forest management. A large percentage of forests in Michigan, however, are in the hands of private owners. More recently, state and federal agencies have developed programs to help private landowners properly manage their property to protect the long term health of the land for wildlife habitat, commercial production, and recreational opportunities.

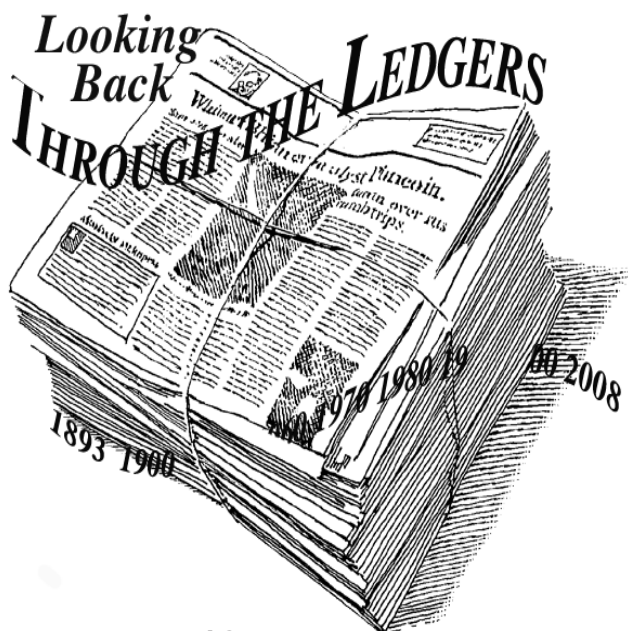
Landowners can get assistance on managing their property by contacting the Michigan Forestry

Assistance Program ([www.michigan.gov/MIFAP](http://www.michigan.gov/MIFAP)). A forester will visit the property to assess the land and provide information on the best way to manage it. The property may qualify for a program which, if some short and long term requirements are met, could provide a property tax break for the owner.

The Hunters Access Program is another way to manage forty or more acres of land which includes a minimum of wildlife habitat. The landowner allows others to hunt the property. The landowner is eligible for payment as well as funding for habitat improvement. Information is available at [www.michigan.gov/HAP](http://www.michigan.gov/HAP).

Private landowners can also go it alone. The internet provides sites with information from all levels of government, universities, and private organizations. Hunting shows often include seminars by experts in managing land for wildlife.

Because there is so much wildlife habitat in private ownership, how this land is managed has a major impact on the health of our forests and wildlife. If enough landowners join with government agencies to support the wellbeing of our land and wildlife resources, we can pass these abundant assets along to future generations.



**125 years ago  
Lowell Journal  
October 5, 1892**

Al Ransford drew the largest load of peaches brought into this town this season. They were from Albert Jackson's farm and there were 74 bu. on the load.

Saturday there were more plain un-varnished drunks on the streets than have been seen before in over a year.

**100 years ago  
The Lowell Ledger  
October 4, 1917**

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**75 years ago  
The Lowell Ledger  
October 1, 1942**

Sound moving pictures that will prove of great interest to all citizens of the community will be shown next Tuesday, night, Oct. 6, in the high school gymnasium at 8 o'clock, according to announcement made by Frank L Stephens, civilian defense commander for Lowell and vicinity. Two reels of pictures are to be shown, one of which will deal with the important subject, "Sabotage," the other with "Mines

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# LWC introduces junior members

The Lowell Women's Club has introduced their 2017-2018 junior members. These young women are already volunteering all around Lowell. They were involved with FROM's backpack program and Lunch Buddies, the Fallasburg Fall Festival, selling "Around the City Books" and Interact. They are also involved with their churches and many other local organizations and activities.



Pictured, front row, left to right: Madelyn Crace, Miah Ransom, Megan Summerfield, Emily Kroph and Briana Roest; back row, left to right: Maura Fitzpatrick, Nichole Mitchell, Hanna Bennett and Nikki Paulus.

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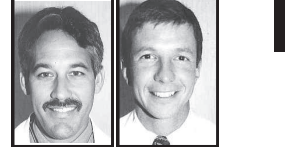
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# HEALTH



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## molluscum

Molluscum contagiosum is a common skin disease, similar to warts, that is also caused by a virus. It most commonly affects children, but can also affect adults. It causes small pink or flesh-colored bumps with a dimple in the center. These bumps are smooth and firm and can appear anywhere on the body. They may become sore, red and swollen, but are usually painless. These bumps normally disappear within six to twelve months without treatment.

Molluscum is contagious and can spread to different parts of the body. This spread occurs by touching or scratching a bump and then touching another part of the body. This virus can spread from person to person via direct contact when skin touches skin. It can also spread by sharing certain objects with an infected person, like clothes, towels and toys. Certain contact sports are higher risk of transmitting the virus, like football, basketball and wrestling.

Sometimes molluscum can also be transmitted sexually.

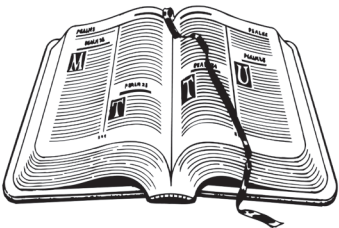
The best way to avoid spreading the virus to yourself or others is to wash your hands frequently and keep your nails cut short. You should avoid sharing personal items with others. You should avoid scratching or picking at the bumps. You should keep the bumps covered with clothes and or bandages. You should not take part in contact sports unless all bumps can be completely covered with clothes or bandages.

Treatment is typically not necessary as the bumps will usually disappear within six to twelve months spontaneously. Some treatments do exist for those cases where the bumps do not resolve, become painful or spread rapidly. Some of the treatments currently available include cryotherapy and a prescription cream. If you have a new rash and suspect it's molluscum, you should see your healthcare provider to get an accurate diagnosis.

I like to believe that people in the long run are going to do more to promote peace than our governments. Indeed, I think that people want peace so much that one of these days governments had better get out of the way and let them have it.

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# Summerhays named Outstanding School Officer of the Year

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Deputy Sheriff Todd Summerhays was recently named the Outstanding School Officer of the Year by the Crime Prevention Association of Michigan.

Summerhays realized right out of college that he was not cut out for the standard 9-5 job. Armed with that knowledge and a pair of bachelor's degrees from Michigan State University, he changed course. He took the path to law enforcement that eventually led him to the Lowell Area School district in 2014, where he strives daily to keep students safe and on the straight and narrow as the district's liaison officer.

"I knew I wanted to do something where I could help others, make a difference with the work I did and challenge myself along the way," said Lansing born Summerhays of his career redirection. "Through some odd twists and turns I connected with some people in law enforcement who took me under their wing and helped through the academy process."

Assigned to the Detroit and the Upper Peninsula

areas before making his way to the Kent County Sheriff's Department 20 years ago, Summerhays has played a variety of roles during his time on the force. "I've been lucky since I landed with my department. I've had a lot of opportunities and been exposed to a lot of different challenges. I've worked in our traffic unit and have completed training as an accident investigator and reconstructionist. About 15 years ago I was lucky enough to be picked as a field training officer with my department. I've taken a lot of pride in how far some of the people I've trained have gone. Ironically one of my supervisors is someone I trained back in the day."

When asked his reaction to the award Summerhays answered with a laugh, "As for my reaction, dumbstruck might be the best description. I'm beyond flattered and humbled to be recognized this way but don't think for a minute there aren't others doing as good or better work that aren't recognized. I'm happy enough just hearing somebody say thanks but this is pretty nice too."

Summerhays said he

enjoys his job. "I don't really have a typical day which is one of the things I really like about this assignment. Throughout my days I am in classes from kindergarten through high school talking about everything from what I do and being safe to explaining laws and constitutional rights to debating current events."

His main duties at the district's seven school buildings are discipline and safety which spawn a lot of dual roles, according to the father of two, such as counselor, community supporter and even friend.

"I've made some great friendships with students, staff and families that I never would have had the opportunity for without this assignment," said Summerhays adding, "I'm constantly impressed by the sense of community in the Lowell area and how much it pulls the residents together. I can't even begin to say how much respect I have for every employee that Lowell Area Schools has. The projects they undertake and the events they organize make a difference and have such a positive effect on



Deputy Todd Summerhays with students at Alto Elementary.

the kids and families in the community. Just having a chance to have a part in those things is pretty humbling."

One group he said he is particularly proud of is the students attending Unity High School. "I've had a lot of contact with them since I have come aboard and I'm really impressed by how many of them overcome some of the hands they've been dealt either by circumstance or their own actions. Even with that they take guidance from some phenomenal staff and work hard so they can succeed in school and life. It's nice

to think I have a small part in that. I kind of figure anyone can help the all stars succeed, but it's a lot more satisfying to help the ones who really need it."

Summerhays can be found from early morning drop off to the last buzzer at home athletic events watching over Red Arrow Nation, ensuring safety through disciplinary and security measures. "As it relates to security, that's a primary reason I'm here. Quite often the story of the sheep dog and the sheep comes up when people ask about what I do. The world has changed a lot. Wolves

are out there. Right now I'm the sheep dog at Lowell Area Schools and I want to make sure my flock is safe. Through planning, training, good staff to support me and area law enforcement that have my back, I feel good about where things are at."

Summerhays said awards do not mean much compared to a job well done on his Red Arrow beat.

"Honestly, at the end of the day, if people feel safer about their kids by knowing I'm here and I can make a positive difference with the kids, families and staff I come in contact with then I think I'm doing pretty well."

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# New bakery and cafe' offers sweets in all seasons

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

The new bakery and cafe' Sweet Seasons at 307 E. Main opened for business in June to little fanfare or notice. Their homemade baked goods and coffee drinks have steadily built a following since then and now they can hide in the shadows no more.

"We did a soft opening because we wanted to just kind of ease into it, learn everything, start meeting people and not have 80 people waiting at the door disappointed because we decided to do a big grand opening," said owner and pastry chef Patricia Dlouhy. "Instead we made it very low key. People just trickled in and out. That seemed to be the right thing to do. We try to make everything 'grab and go' here, but it's also a comfortable place to sit and eat. We try to make it real homey."

Patricia worked as a civil servant for decades but suddenly found herself unemployed. Instead of looking for some other dead end office job she decided to follow a lifelong dream, to become a pastry chef.

"I had a government job for 22 years, then I got the ax," Patricia Dlouhy said. "I was glad. I was happy because I'd always wanted to go to culinary school. I have been baking since I was a teenager or just after that. My mom used to bake. Most people would be upset, but I wasn't because I was able to go to school. I graduated [from Secchia Institute

for Culinary Education at Grand Rapids Community College] in 2014."

Then Patricia was hired to be the pastry chef at the previous cafe' that was at 307 E. Main, but she found herself unemployed once again when the owner suddenly closed the business. Patricia's husband Kimball Dlouhy encouraged her to take the place over.

"My husband is the one who is behind me coming in here," Patricia Dlouhy said. "When it was the last business, the coffee shop, I was hired in as a pastry chef two months before they closed. I went home and told my husband, 'I guess next week I start looking for a new job.' My husband said, 'I think you should go in there. I think it's your turn.' So it was his idea, that was my inspiration."

The main focus of their menu is baked goods and pastries using as many fresh, organic, locally-sourced ingredients as possible. They are expanding into lunches and catering.

"It's all homemade. Everything we do is homemade, fresh, hearty, natural and good," Patricia Dlouhy said. "I specialize in cheesecakes, that's my thing. Now we're into fall so I have pumpkin spice cheesecake, which people are just going crazy over. I put it out, it's gone, I put it out, it's gone. We're also doing a caramel apple cheesecake. I try to change that up. We're doing seasonal goods, hence the

name 'Sweet Seasons.' We hit the markets here locally for local berries, local maple syrup. It's fun to use what we can that way and support each other."

"We have pretty much every kind of baked good," said Annelise Dlouhy, Patricia's daughter and manager of the cafe'. "We're also doing salads and sandwiches on homemade wheat bread that we make here. Our primary focus is the bakery, our second focus is coffee and food is our third priority. We don't have a full menu, we're not a full service restaurant, but our food is really, really good."

"The gal that makes our bread goes to Shipshewana [IN] to get the flour," Patricia Dlouhy said. "She mills the buds here so you're not losing any of the nutrients, it all goes into the organic bread. She only uses honey, so there's no added sugar. It's really nice, we use it as the bread for the sandwiches we make here every day. We're going to kick it up a notch once the weather finally turns to fall and start making soups and chili."

"We also make our own boiled New York style bagels," Annelise Dlouhy said. "They get boiled in molasses water. We also use them to make bagel chips to go with our sandwiches."

"Those have garlic, sesame, caraway seed, poppy seed and sea salt on them, it's delectable," Patricia Dlouhy said. "The

bagels are nice and warm when they come out in the morning. We usually have them every day, at least we

try to. We're thinking about doing an egg sandwich with them too."

Sweet Seasons is open

from 6 am until 4:30 pm Monday through Friday and from 7 am until 2:30 pm on Saturday.



Mother and daughter team Patricia Dlouhy and Annelise Dlouhy are pouring lattes and baking pastries at Sweet Seasons, 307 E. Main.



## Governor proclaims October 7-8 as Buy Nearby Weekend in Michigan

Governor Rick Snyder has proclaimed October 7 and 8 as Buy Nearby Weekend, a special shopping weekend throughout Michigan. Sponsored by the Michigan Retailers Association, the Buy Nearby campaign encourages shoppers to keep their dollars in Michigan.

While it's a year-long campaign, MRA annually sets aside the first weekend of October to celebrate the concept of buying from Michigan retailers.

The Governor's proclamation recognizes the importance of patronizing local stores:

"If Michigan consumers chose to support retail businesses in Michigan by always buying nearby rather than from 'remote sellers,' Michigan would gain more than 74,000 additional jobs and \$9 billion in additional economic activity."

In addition to being

a key economic driver, retail also improves the vitality of Michigan's communities, the proclamation says. Both the Michigan Senate and Michigan House of Representatives are also expected to recognize the importance of Buy Nearby Weekend.

## How did they do it without computers?

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The workers' names were filed alphabetically by surname using a phonetic pronunciation code to ensure consistent filing.. How did the staff meet the challenge? By knowing the system. Clerks familiar with the Index could locate a specific record within 60 seconds.

Back in 1937, there were only about 26 million

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Red Arrow

- EQUESTRIANS

# SPORTS

## Equestrians wrap up the season as Division B champs

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

After three days of difficult competition, the Lowell varsity equestrian team garnered the 2017 Division B championship. They beat out Tri County and Forest Hills Eastern enroute to the crown before losing their state bid at the regional level. The seven-member team topped both of their competitors by large margins at each of the three individual meets combining for a points total of 548, more than 150 points ahead of their closest competitor, Tri County. The Lowell equestrians picked up a solid 189 points at meet one, a full 50 points in front of Tri County (139) and more than 100 ahead of FHE (84). Their 176, meet two, points total also outdid the competition leaving both Tri County and FHE lagging behind with 123 and 120

points respectively. Totals from the third meet put the Red Arrows ahead for the

third consecutive time with a score of 183. FHE finished second with 170 and Tri

County third with 124. The victory set the stage for the Lowell equestrians to attend

the regional competition. With only the top two advancing to the state level,

the Arrows fell just short of placing third, effectively ending their season.



Pictured, left to right, are Red Arrow teammates, Lena Schlientz, Ellie Sandman, Riley Taylor, Natalie VanDyke, Brooke Meijer, Lauren King, Ally Pawloski, Isabelle Misner and Aili Fisher and their horses, from left to right, Dreamer, Sisco, Zeke and Rue.

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- SOCCER

## SPORTS

## Boys battle to stay in race for conference championship

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Battling to stay in the race for a conference championship, the Red Arrow boys varsity soccer team improved their overall record to 10-5 and league record to 6-2 after adding must have wins over Northview and Cedar Springs last week.

In position to fall mathematically out of the title race without a win, the team first headed to Northview High School where they faced the

Wildcats achieving their first win of the week 4-3. Lowell took the lead early in the back-and-forth contest scoring on a goal from sophomore Evan Groeneweg who took advantage of a nice corner kick from teammate Jay Stadt. "Jay is one of our key leaders and has developed into a multi-dimensional soccer player," said head coach Rich O'Keefe of the standout senior. "He is very strong on the ball, can possess well, pin-point

passing and can finish when needed."

Northview answered with a goal of their own in the first, which was quickly answered by another lead change in favor of the Arrows when sophomore Ezra Stadt assisted junior Brenan Conlan on a huge thirty-yard goal that gave Lowell the 2-1 lead at the halftime buzzer.

Determined, the Wildcats returned to the field in the second picking up two consecutive goals to grab the

lead back from Lowell 3-2. Not to be deterred, senior Austin Pollock stormed twenty yards toward the goal to beat the keeper with the game equalizing goal. The winning score came from senior Jonny Draigh, who completed the 4-3 win with an 18-yard shot into the upper corner with just minutes left on the clock.

Doubling down Thursday on the road against Cedar Springs, the Arrows picked up another conference win this time

by 7-1. Draigh was credited with two goals and two assists in the victory to lead the wide spread offensive effort. Other Arrows finding the back of the net included E. Stadt, junior Connor Cater, Pollock, senior Sam Hofman and senior Ryan Pawlowski. E. Stadt, Cater, Groeneweg, Conlan and senior Elijah Dixon were credited with assists.

With just four regular season matches remaining and currently third place in the OK White, the boys

will look to improve their conference record one more time this Thursday against the second-place team of the Forest Hills Central Rangers, who hold a record of 5-1. Standing between both the Arrows and the Rangers and the OK White crown is undefeated Forest Hills Northern, who Lowell will face the following Thursday on the road. Lowell was not able to pull out wins against either of the teams earlier in the season.

- FOOTBALL

## Arrows now third in conference after loss to Red Hawks

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Accepting defeat for the second time this season, the Lowell varsity football team fell 28-14 to the Cedar Springs Red Hawks during their homecoming celebration.

Ryan Ringler is a name Red Arrow nation will likely not soon forget. The beastly Cedar Springs junior played havoc for Lowell on both sides of the ball leading his team's defense with 11 solo tackles and a sack and their offensive effort with 152 rushing yards and three touchdowns. He also earned two additional points for the Hawks when he converted for two after his own first quarter score which came at the three minute mark and set the tone for the night's contest.

Though Lowell struck back in the first when senior quarterback David Kruse connected with fellow senior Connor Douma through the air good for a 26-yard score and a successful two-point conversion from Kruse, tying the game at eight. Trailing 22-8 at the half the Arrows struggled to convert gaining decent yardage on both offensive fronts. Kruse completed 14 of 25 pass attempts for a gain of 137 yards and the Douma touchdown. His 56 percent completion rate on the night is roughly where it has hovered the entire season.

Also on the receiving end were senior Brady Douma who caught the ball six times for 44 yards, junior Jordan Dent who received the pig skin three

times good for 35 yards and senior Addison Buckius who caught three times gaining 24 yards. Cedar Springs kept the ball on the ground only putting up six passes, two of which were completed and earned 22 yards. Statistically Lowell dominated here, but that effort was outdone by Cedar's surprisingly strong running game.

On the ground Lowell rushed for 197 total yards averaging 6.5 per carry, with Kruse responsible for 152 including a fourth quarter touchdown run, the Arrows' second and final time in the end zone. The ground offensive effort was not widespread with only three other Arrow hands carrying the ball downfield, junior Avry Mutschler and seniors,

Ben Lobbezoo and Douma, who combined for a total of 44 yards. The Red Hawks averaged the same 6.5 yards per carry but managed 19 additional rushing attempts in their possession time, five minutes longer than the Arrows, allowing them to accumulate a total of 318 yards.

Almost all positive momentum made by the Arrows was thwarted by an inability to convert in the red zone as time and again they struggled to break through Red Hawk defense while conversely struggling to put together a defense of their own as Cedar racked up unanswered points through the second quarter before finishing off the win with Ringler's third score of the night in the fourth.

The loss moved the Arrow's season record to 4-2 overall and 2-1 in the OK White where they are currently tied with Forest Hills Northern for third place. Cedar Springs, maintaining their thus far perfect conference season, advanced to the second position while 4-0 Forest Hills Central sits at the top of the league. FHN and FHC also represent two of the three teams Lowell will still face in the regular season.

Those mathematically must-win games will begin with a road game this Friday

evening against current league leader FHC. Last season the Arrows outplayed the Rangers twice, once in post season, storming back for fourth quarter comeback victories on both occasions. This season on top of needing to win their three remaining league games in order to stay in contention for the title, they must also see league foes Cedar Springs, FHN and FHC fall. Friday night's game against FHC is scheduled for 7 pm inside the Rangers' stadium located at 5901 Hall Street in Grand Rapids.

Football stats, continued, page 11



## Sports Summaries

## BOYS TENNIS

Red Arrow boys varsity tennis added two shutout wins to their conference record last week competing once at home and once on the road. Monday at Lowell High School the team faced the Greenville Yellow Jackets earning their 8-0 victory in straight sets. Tuesday they traveled to Ottawa Hills and picked up the same flawless result over the Bengals. This week the boys will wrap up their regular season, as well as compete in the league final, facing Kenowa Hills in non-conference action Wednesday before tackling all of the OK White on Thursday. The team currently holds a break even overall record of 5-5 and are 3-4 among their OK competition.

## GIRLS GOLF

Finishing off their OK White season at Candlestone Golf & Resort in Belding last week Wednesday, the Lowell Lady Arrow varsity golf team produced a third-place finish and left with three golfers earning conference honors. Junior Kenzie Uhen led the Lowell effort carding an 89 to lead the team and secure all-conference honors. Freshman Lexie Kapcia scored second best for the team tallying a 93, followed closely by sophomore Mary Joe Buechler at 94 and junior Tristan Fogerty-Thomas at 97 for a combined card total of 373. Buechler and Fogerty-Thomas were also recognized by the league as honorable mention all-conference honorees. The girls will compete twice this week in non-conference play teeing off against

West Catholic High School on Monday and wrapping the week up on Saturday at the Reeths Puffer Invitational in Muskegon.

## BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Achieving a slew of personal records along the way, the boys varsity cross country team earned a respectable sixth-place finish with 163 points on Saturday at the Allendale Invite. Winning the first medal for Lowell in the fifteenth position was Morrison Ismond who clocked a 16:24. Finishing second for the Arrows just five seconds later was Caleb Swart in eighteenth with a time of 16:31. Lucas Cossar (17:00), Kenny Stump (17:45) and Conner Meyers (17:59) completed the scoring at the event. On tap this week for the runners is the third conference jamboree of the season to be held at Riverside Park in Grand Rapids on Wednesday and then the Allegan Cross Country Invitational where they will compete on Saturday.

## GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Traveling to Allendale for their annual cross country invitational, the Red Arrow girls varsity long distance runners left the competition with a seventh-place 157 point finish and some newly acquired spots in the Lowell High School record books. Each of the team's top seven finishers achieved a record reaching time, including front-runner Haley Nieuwkoop who clocked a 19:35, the second best place for a junior in the school's history. Following with the

third best time for a senior on record, Katrina Droski finished with a 19:43. Achieving the fastest time ever recorded for a sophomore, Audrey Conrad finished third for the team with a time of 19:53, followed by junior Lauren Aud (19:57), sophomore Alexis Haines (20:04), senior Dawn Kondor (20:57) and sophomore Jada Millhisler (21:01) who reached number 9, 4, 16 and 20 on their respective class record lists. As a group, the top five also established a new average time of 19:51 which ousted the previous record set at the state meet in 2002 by eight seconds. The girls will do battle twice this week traveling to Ottawa Hills home course Riverside Park on Wednesday and to Allegan High School for their annual invitational on Saturday.

## GIRLS SWIM AND DIVE

A difficult week in the pool added up to a dual loss and a ninth-place invitational finish for the co-op Lowell, Caledonia and South Christian girls varsity swim and dive team. Traveling to Michigan's west coast to face fellow co-op team Muskegon Mona Shores on Thursday, the team set 14 personal records but lost the overall competition 92.5-90.5. Saturday, the team finished in the ninth position at the Hudsonville Invitational eking out only one point in the loss. Back in action Tuesday and Thursday this week, the team will look for wins over Ottawa Hills and West Catholic and Hastings respectively with both competitions on the road to begin 6 pm.

Red Arrow

- VOLLEYBALL

# SPORTS

## Girls blaze through Rangers 3-0 after first loss

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Starting the week with a streak-ending loss to Forest Hills Northern, you might think the Red Arrows were feeling the pain of defeat when they welcomed Forest Hills Central on Thursday. But the team was on fire through a championship run at the East Grand Rapids Invitational on Saturday.

Tuesday's loss to FHN was a hard fought battle, going four sets to determine a winner. Lowell picked up the first set 25-20 followed by three losses at the hands of the Huskies 25-15, 25-21 and 25-18. The 3-1 loss was led in stats by senior captain Sydney Powell who logged four aces and 28 assists in the match. Fellow senior Abi Mangus

provided 20 digs, junior Carly Hoekstra nine kills and sophomore Meghan Meyer and freshman Jenna Reitsma two blocks each in the contest. The loss was the first of the season in conference play for the Arrows who went into the match 3-0.

Facing their most consistent conference challenge, Forest Hills Central, two days after the loss, the girls lit up the court blazing through the Rangers with a raging 3-0 win. Last season the team lost to FHC on two occasions in the regular season, but then earned a sweet 3-2 revenge victory in the district semifinals. Utilizing that momentum and the fuel of their earlier defeat the

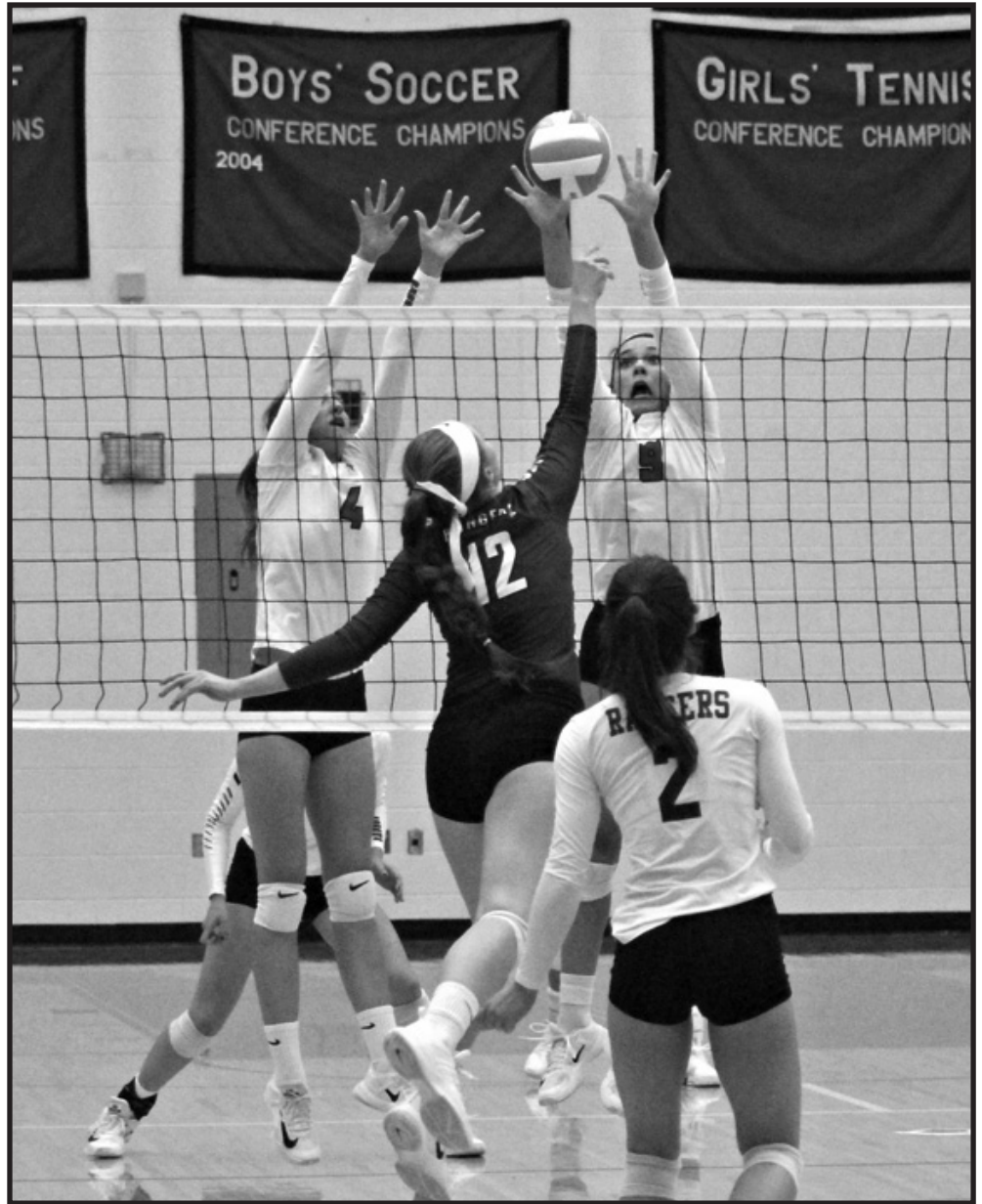
Arrows earned their wins 25-18, 25-16 and 25-18 showing both team strength and unity.

Leading in stats in what head coach Julie Quist called "a champion effort from the team" was Mangus who served up six aces and tallied ten kills. Other leaders included Meyer with two blocks, senior Jill Fidler with 13 digs and Powell who racked up 26 assists and 13 digs of her own. "Sydney is an excellent athlete," said Quist of Powell, "as a setter she makes great decisions to put her team in a good offense position to lead our team to success."

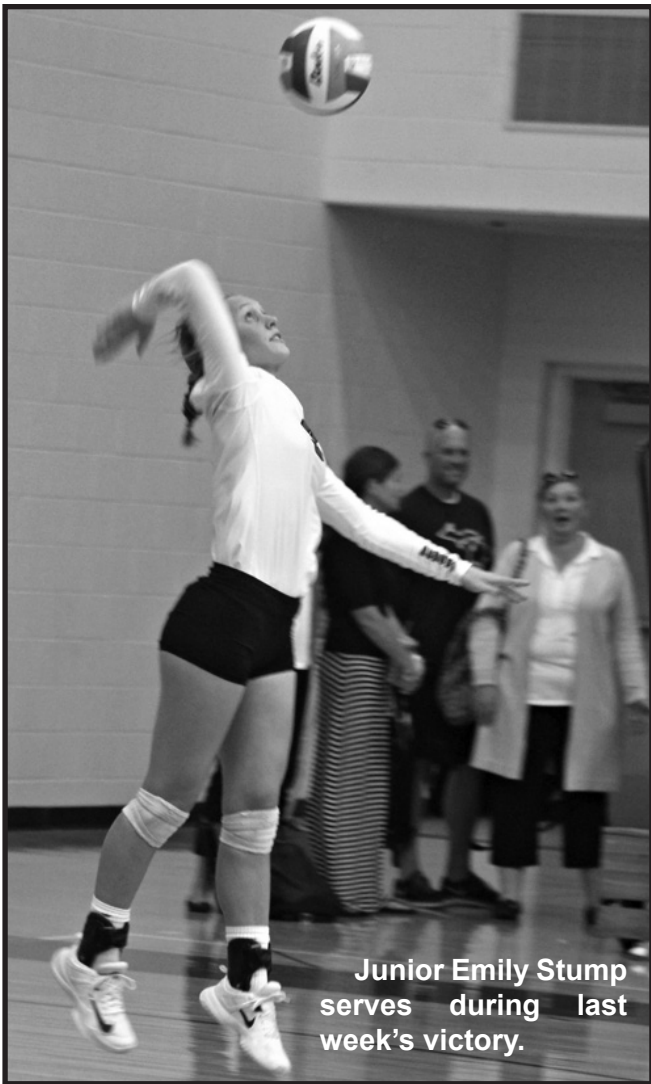
Powell and Mangus, who began playing at the varsity level their sophomore seasons, captain the team together for the second year and have set their sights high as they complete their high school careers according to Quist. "They have set big goals for this team. Their hard work and positive attitude have inspired the best from the team."

Good attitude and work ethic paid off again on Saturday when the team faced some of the area's best at the East Grand Rapids Invitational topping pool play to earn the event championship. First beating Forest Hills Eastern 25-14 two sets in a row, the team next battled Cadillac to the results of 25-17 and 27-25. Advancing to the gold bracket despite dropping two sets to top-ranked Rockford 25-22 and 25-18, the team also faced Holland Christian winning 27-25 and 25-13 plus tough host East Grand Rapids 13-25, 25-20 and 15-9 to advance to the event's championship match dueling once again with Rockford.

Dropping the first game 25-13 the team had an uphill battle to earn their hardware, but made it up swiftly winning the second set 25-20 and the final 15-9 to earn the momentous win.



Kelly Reitsma and Meghan Meyer go over the net during their 3-0 victory



Junior Emily Stump serves during last week's victory.

Tuesday's match against Greenville and Thursday's against Cedar Springs are both on the road and scheduled for a 6 pm start time. Their next home match will be October 17 against Northview.

Hoekstra had a phenomenal day at serve adding up eight aces over the day. She was joined by fellow stat leaders Mangus with 37 kills, Reitsma with eight blocks, Fidler with 64 digs and Powell with a total of 101 assists.

Now holding an impressive 4-1 OK White record, the team sits in second place in the conference, with two more league contests on the schedule this week. Quist said the team will head into the competitions still warm from their victories and on the hunt for more. "We will play with confidence and use last week and Saturday's huge wins at the East Grand Rapids Invitation to motivate us to play our best."

## Football stats, continued

### Lowell v Cedar Springs

Final Score	14	28	Avg. Yards per Rush	6.5	6.5
Total Offensive Yards	333	340	Penalties/Yards	6/55	2/10
Number of Plays	55	55	Turnovers	1	0
Avg. Yards per Play	6.1	6.2	Fumbles/Lost	0/0	0/0
First Downs	16	20	Interceptions Thrown	1	0
Total Passing Yards	137	22	Punts/Distance	0/0	2/27.0
Completions/Attempts	14/25	2/6	Sacks/Yards	0/0	1/7
Avg. Yards per Pass	9.8	11.0	Third Down Conversions	6/11	6/12
Total Rushing Yards	196	318	Fourth Down Conversions	1/5	2/3
Rushing Attempts	30	49	Time of Possession	21:48	26:12

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Susan Ullery  
City Clerk

# obituaries

## BLOCHER

Wayne L. Blocher, age 71, of Clarksville, passed away on Tuesday, September 26, 2017, at his home surrounded by his family and friends after battling cancer. Wayne was born on November 2, 1945, to Leo and Flossie (Tobias) Blocher. Wayne and his parents owned and operated Paquette's Camp in Chapleau, Ontario, for many years where he guided people in both fishing and hunting expeditions. He was a great athlete playing fastpitch softball, where he was a pitcher. The family will remember his great sense of humor and the many tricks he liked to play on them. Wayne's ability to tell stories and jokes kept friends and family entertained. Children were drawn to Wayne almost like a magnet; he enjoyed teaching and buying thoughtful gifts. He was a captain of his pool league and longtime member of the American Legion in Alto. Wayne will be dearly missed by wife, Rexey; children, Heidi (Craig) VanderKolk, Eric Elzinga; stepchildren, Kelly Cady and Katherine Alexander; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death are his parents; brother, Greg; wife, Lois; and son-in-law, Mike O'Connor. Funeral services were held on Saturday, September 30, 2017, at Koops Funeral Chapel. Donations in Wayne's name can be given to Faith Hospice. Online condolences can be left at [www.koopsfc.com](http://www.koopsfc.com)



## HAUSE

Landon Cory Hause, two months old, of Lowell, passed away Tuesday, September 26, 2017, at Sparrow Ionia Hospital, Ionia. Funeral services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes - Goerge Chapel, Fowler, on



Saturday, September 30, 2017, with Rev. Matt Olson officiating. Burial will take place at Most Holy Trinity Cemetery. Landon was born in Lansing on July 10, 2017, the son of Colton R. and Ashley L. (Simon) Hause. Landon and Easton had a special relationship and were happiest when they were together. Landon will always be remembered for his special smile and his grandfather calling him 'my little penguin.' He was a sassy little guy to his mom. When Landon was hungry he would try to eat your face. He was a sweet little cuddle bug and loved his swing. Landon was always very serious and was just starting to stick out his tongue and make faces. He would let you know when he was not happy. Landon is survived by his parents, Colton and Ashley Hause of Lowell; twin brother, Easton Hause; grandparents, Amy and Dale Simon of Fowler, Madonna Hause of Martin; great-grandparents, Judy and Max Cumberworth of Ithaca, Madonna Mary Harrall of Saranac, Joan Simon of Fowler; aunt Megan Simon and Mark Goff of Charlevoix; uncle Nicholas Simon of Fowler, uncle Austin Hause and Robin DeVoe of Lowell, uncle Nathan Blanker of Martin, aunt Renae Hause of Saranac; three cousins, Harper, Ava and Teaghan; and many other great aunts and uncles. Landon was preceded in death by his grandfather, Ronald Hause; two great-grandfathers, Phillip Simon and Jackie Harrall; and his cousin, Cory Cumberworth. Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family for Easton or charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences can be sent to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Goerge Chapel, Fowler.

## WRIGHT

Garold W. Wright passed away on Thursday, September 28, 2017. He was born to John and Beatrice Wright in Vergennes Township on May 24, 1941. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, William Wright. He is survived by his twin, John (Jack) Wright; sister, Kathy (Bob) McComb; his caregiver Andrew DeWitt; several nieces; great nieces; and great nephews. Per his wishes, cremation has taken place.

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# Looking Back, continued

Above Ground." Both pictures are of great importance, not only to members of the civilian defense committee, but to all citizens generally, as they will serve to show the home front how best to give active support to the men in the various branches of the country's armed services. The pictures will have added importance due to the fact that the greatest salvage drive ever to be held will begin next Monday throughout all sections of the United States, further details of which are related in an article elsewhere on this page. The pictures to be shown are furnished through courtesy of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company. Admission is free to all.

## 50 years ago Lowell Ledger October 5, 1967

Plans are now to have the new bridge over Grand River on M-91 open for traffic in two weeks according to Brown Construction Company officials.

Norm Borgerson, who is staging a 'one man' campaign to save the old bridge as an antique, says that so far he has received \$25 to "Help Save the Old Bridge."

## 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 7, 1992

The water main work on Division and Shepard Streets will serve as an extension of the Grindle Drive water main project. Lowell's City Council approved the installation of a 220' section of eight inch main on Division Street (from the Grindle Drive intersection south) which would assist in looping the water system. The Council was reminded that as a part of the Grindle project, the Grindle water main would be extended up Shepard Drive to the booster station, allowing for a high pressure district. Also, the okay was given on a request to install a tee on the Grindle water main at the top of the hill. This will allow for a shut off of a smaller section of the main when the system is eventually taken down the Grindle hill. The cost for this will be \$250. The Division Street water main project will cost a total of \$4,510.

The Lowell Rotary and the Grand Valley Blood Program took in 53 pints of blood at their Lowell Community Blood Drive on Wednesday. Of the 62 donors who signed up, 53 donated a pint of blood. Anyone who was in good health, at least 17 years old and weighed more than 100 pounds, was allowed to donate blood. A donor can donate blood every 56 days.

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**Let tears flow of their own accord:  
their flowing is not inconsistent  
with inward peace and harmony.**

~ Seneca (5 BC - 65 AD)

# PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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~ Jeff

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**Dear EarthTalk:** I'm finally ready to join the 21st century and commit to putting solar panels on my roof. Where do I start? -- *Henry Hughes, Washington, DC*

Good things may in fact come to those who wait. There's never been a better time to go solar, given how much prices for panels have come down while efficiency in converting sunlight to electricity—even in less-than-sunny locales—has risen dramatically. Of course, you can't just snap your fingers and get panels on your roof. First you have to navigate a confusing maze of regulations, incentives and installers before anyone even looks your roof over for feasibility.

The first place to start is to find out which federal, state and local incentives may be available in your neck of the woods for going solar. Check out the free online Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency (DSIRE), a comprehensive information resource that's updated by North Carolina State researchers working off a U.S. Department of Energy grant.

How does solar work? Is my home suitable for solar panels? Will I save money by going solar? Can I get financing? How will solar impact my home's resale value? If you're looking for answers to questions like these, the Department of Energy's Homeowner's Guide to Going Solar has you covered.

Trying to figure out if it's better to lease or buy your solar panels? You're not alone, and it's hard to do the math given the apples/oranges scenario. Luckily, the Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA) spells it all out clearly—not just whether to lease or buy but also how to get multiple bids to save money and which questions to ask before entering into an agreement with an installer—in its recently updated Residential Consumer Guide to Solar Power.



Given how new the solar industry is, it's often hard to know whether a given installer is going to be reputable, let alone be able to survive the next economic downturn. Angie's List offers several pearls of wisdom—how the cheapest bid may not be the best deal, why extended warranties may not be worthwhile, how to save yourself from death by paperwork—in a recent article on the topic.

When you're finally ready to find an installer, check out the "Find a Certified Professional" page on the website of the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP), a trade group that offers the "gold standard" in professional certification and company accreditation programs to renewable energy professionals.

If you're a quote-comparing type, you'll also want to check out Energy Sage, a website that lets you compare quotes from solar installers in your area. This free service is maintained by the Department of Energy's (DoE's) SunShot

Initiative, a national effort to support solar energy adoption by making solar energy affordable for all Americans.

While you can't go wrong with a highly touted local installer, there are also benefits to choosing one of a handful of companies leasing or selling solar panels on a larger scale across the country and beyond. SolarCity/Tesla, Vivint, Sunrun, Sunnova and SunPower are a few of the leaders, each offering solar installs in California and several other states including New Jersey, Massachusetts, Arizona and Hawaii.

CONTACTS: DSIRE, [www.dsireusa.org](http://www.dsireusa.org); NABCEP, [www.nabcep.org/certified-installer-locator](http://www.nabcep.org/certified-installer-locator); Energy Sage, [www.energysage.com](http://www.energysage.com); Angie's List, [www.angieslist.com/articles/how-hire-solar-panel-installer.htm](http://www.angieslist.com/articles/how-hire-solar-panel-installer.htm); SEIA, [www.seia.org](http://www.seia.org); DoE, [energy.gov/eere/sunshot/homeowner-s-guide-going-solar](http://energy.gov/eere/sunshot/homeowner-s-guide-going-solar).

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**Dear EarthTalk:** Is it really true that our dogs and cats are major contributors to climate change, and if so what can we do about it? - *Carmen Santiago, Newark, NJ*

Unfortunately, our beloved dogs and cats do produce shockingly high amounts of greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change. According to a recent study by UCLA Professor Gregory Okin, American dogs and cats generate the equivalent of almost 64 million tons of greenhouse gas emissions (primarily in the form of methane and nitrous oxide) per year, an amount equivalent to driving 13.6 million cars for a year.

Besides all of this off-gassing, our cats and dogs are also big meat eaters, which doesn't help their carbon footprints. Cats and dogs consume about 20 percent as many calories as people do in the U.S.—or about as much as 62 million Americans. And because our pets are mainly meat eaters, they account for some 30 percent of the animal-derived calories compared to what you and I consume.

So what's the big deal? In short, raising livestock requires significantly more land, water and energy than growing plants. A recent report by the Worldwatch Institute goes so far as to say that some 51 percent or more of greenhouse gas emissions are caused by animal agriculture. Since we like to feed our pets meat-based dog and cat food, Fido and Buttons are guilty by the ripple effect. Meat used in dog and cat food generally comes from the scraps of meat that humans eat.

Another reason why dogs and cats are contributors to climate change besides their diets is by virtue of all that... feces. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) even categorizes dog waste as a non-point source pollutant, which places it alongside harmful chemicals such as herbicides and insecticides.

Meanwhile, cat litter can contain toxins that are harmful to the environment and even human health. Clay, a common ingredient in most cat litters, must be "strip mined," a process that has already destroyed millions of acres of land across Appalachia and beyond. Many kitty litter companies also use silica gel in their formulations to absorb and deodorize smells—despite the fact that the International Agency for Research on Cancer classified it as a known human carcinogen back in 1997. And those cats

that just go outside aren't doing the environment any favors either, as cat feces can be toxic to ground soil.

There is no clear or easy solution to this ongoing problem. But little changes can help. For example, try switching your pet over to a plant-based diet — perhaps after a discussion about the options with your veterinarian. After all, you want to make sure your pet is getting enough protein in its vegetarian diet to live an active, happy and healthy life.

If you're not willing to turn your pet to outright vegetarianism, you can work in more and more vegetarian food over time. Also, you can still be part of the solution by at least buying organic pet food and compostable cat litter. These few changes might not automatically solve the worldwide problem, but at least you—and Fido and Buttons—will be taking a few steps, er, paw prints, in the right direction.

CONTACTS: EPA's Pet Car Fact Sheet, <https://goo.gl/JX2UXt>; "Environmental impacts of food consumption by dogs and cats," <https://goo.gl/4Zykh>.

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14. Placeholder surname
15. Strapping
16. Whatsoever
17. Ever, to a poet
18. Tree common to Pacific Northwest
19. "O Captain! my Captain! our fearful trip is done..."
21. "Come live with me and be my love..."
23. Center of activity
24. Romanov ruler
25. It's wheels go round and round
28. Place for a hero
30. Between hexad and octad
35. Like a hand-me-down
37. Be inclined
39. Muralist Rivera
40. Hold sway
41. Strongboxes
43. F.B.I. operative
44. One who names
46. Justice's garb
47. "Wheel of Fortune" choice
48. Swell or very good
50. Antonym of "is"
52. Next to nothing
53. Metal leaf
55. Ship pronoun
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61. Study of rocks
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68. \_\_\_\_-Goldwyn-Mayer
69. \*Pablo Neruda had two: a pen and a given
70. Tiny guitar
71. SAG member
72. "Star \_\_\_\_"
73. Observe
74. Feed the fire

**DOWN**

1. Eagle's talons
2. \_\_\_\_ Bader Ginsburg
3. Berry high in antioxidants
4. Foul matter
5. Ancient rabbinic writings
6. Port in Yemen
7. "Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered, weak and weary..."
8. 4 in a school year
9. \*Dickinson: "Tell all the truth but \_\_\_\_ it slant"
10. Make over
11. Not many
12. Cremation pile
15. Like prison cell windows
20. Aids and \_\_\_\_
22. Expression of pleasure
24. Kitchen cover
25. "O my Luve is like a red, red rose..."
26. Nothing out of the ordinary
27. Alabama civil rights site
29. "The Owl and the Pussy-cat went to sea in a beautiful pea-green boat..."
31. Never, or when these fly
32. Dancer's beat
33. "Encore!"
34. "Death, be not proud, though some have called thee mighty and dreadful..."
36. Adele's "Rolling in the \_\_\_\_"
38. Young socialites, for short
42. Common thing
45. Brownish red
49. Campaign pro
51. "Do not go gentle into that good night..."
54. Intestinal obstruction
56. Choose a president
57. Not in optimist's vocabulary?
58. Month of Purim
59. Ice on a window
60. Smell badly
61. High school musical club
62. "The Simpsons" palindrome
63. Get the picture
64. Of long ago
67. \_\_\_\_ out a living

*Puzzle solutions on page 12*



**SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 3**

- Stephen Paddock, 64, committed the largest, most deadly, mass shooting in American history during the last night of the Route 91 Harvest Festival Concert in Las Vegas. From high atop the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino on the 32nd floor, Paddock shot through a broken window at the concert crowd of 22,000 below. He wounded 520 and killed 59 people.
- Singer/songwriter Tom Petty, 66, was found unconscious and unresponsive at his home apparently of a heart attack. He died later at the hospital on Monday.
- Country music guitarist, who performed at the ill-fated concert in Las Vegas has changed his mind on gun control. "I've been a proponent of the 2nd Amendment my entire life. Until the events of last night. I cannot express how wrong I was," he tweeted. Keeter added: "We need gun control RIGHT. NOW. My biggest regret is that I stubbornly didn't realize it until my brothers on the road and myself were threatened by it. We are unbelievably fortunate to not be among the number of victims killed or seriously wounded by this maniac."



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