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## “Dixie Swim Club” opens next week at Larkin’s Other Place

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Starting next week, the LowellArts Players will present “Dixie Swim Club,” a dinner theater production to be held at Larkin’s Other Place.

The play is the story of five Southern women, played by Lisa Erb, Laurie Kuna, Martha Hayden, Diana Roush and Deanna Small, who have been best friends since college. They gather at a cottage on North Carolina’s outer banks one weekend each year, away from their families and other responsibilities, to reconnect and have a raucous good time. The play is a wild, emotional comedy that takes place over three decades and touches on themes like friendship, marriage,

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The cast of “Dixie Swim Club” during a rehearsal at LowellArts. The play opens at Larkin’s Other Place on Oct. 20 and runs through Nov. 4.

## Franciscan Rhythms Trail Run and Walk held this past weekend

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

The 230 acre Franciscan Life Process Center grounds were alive with the sound of music and the pitter patter of supporter’s feet for the Franciscan Rhythms 5 & 10K Trail Run and Walk which raised funds to support music therapy programs.

Local pioneers for the therapeutic value of music, the center provides scholarships for their music therapy and donates more than \$5,000 worth of services each month.

“The Franciscan Life Process Center’s music therapy program has been serving West Michigan since

1978, before music therapy was a widely recognized therapy method. In those 38 years, we’ve expanded to serve people young and old at schools, hospitals, retirement communities and hospice facilities,” explained Sister

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Supporters of the center and its programs head into the woods for a wet morning hike.

## Students create and sell bracelets to help hurricane victims

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Putting their creative minds and helping hands in action the Lowell High School leadership class was out in full force last week selling fundraising bracelets to benefit those in need after a trail of hurricanes ravaged the southern United States.

Given the reigns by student leadership teacher Chaye Klomprens, students were able to select their own focus for their assigned service project of the semester. “The students discussed issues and felt strongly about supporting hurricane relief. We had been following the hurricane news in class and the kids wanted to do something to help. They brainstormed various fundraising ideas and thought that the bracelets would be a hit with students elementary through high school,”

explained Klomprens. “The students created and executed everything about this project pretty much on their own. I am there to guide them through the proper steps but they do all the work. It is amazing what they learn through this process.”

Promoting their efforts throughout the halls of LHS and selling the colorful rubber bracelets during lunch periods, the students were right about their appeal. They also took the successful sale down the road to local elementary schools where they received an equally warm reception from the young learners inside. “We had great success at the elementary schools! Those kiddos really took to the idea of helping with hurricane relief. We are grateful to them for allowing us [to] come sell bracelets and

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# Dixie Swim Club, continued

parenting, divorce and aging. It was written by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten. Their past credits include writing for the "Golden Girls" as well as dozens of other films, TV shows and plays.

"I've been suggesting this play for a few years," said the production's director Randi Richardson. "I had performed in the play years ago and it was the funniest play I've ever been in. I really enjoyed it. They looked it over and gave me the go ahead. It's about five women who were on the college swim team together and they meet one weekend

every summer for the rest of their lives. It follows them through their lives and it's hysterical. They're five totally different personalities and the play carries them through all their issues and problems. It's a comedy and I think that's what I love about it. It's one of those plays where you leave the theater laughing that night but you laugh for weeks after because there are so many funny lines in it. You just keep remembering different parts of the play. It's the kind of play that keeps giving, because you remember certain lines and it makes you laugh."

An experienced actor, this is the first time Richardson has directed a play. She said that the hardest part about directing for her was telling auditioning actors they would not get a part.

"I've done quite a bit of acting but I've never directed; this is my directorial debut," Richardson said. "I've been in three different theater groups and I've acted in the Murder Mystery Company [based in Kentwood]. My background is in radio and television. I was a disc jockey for years and on television I had a gameshow on PBS

called "The Great Public Television Giveaway" and two talk shows throughout Michigan. I guess I didn't realize how hard it was to say, 'I'm sorry, please try again.' You don't want to break anybody's heart. You wish, in a way, you could give a part to everybody. It's always difficult to choose a cast. The hardest part is to turn people down, to say no to somebody, because there's always more than one person who can play a part."

As an actor, Dixie Swim Club was one of her favorite plays with one of her favorite parts. Unfortunately, a health scare has pushed her

behind the scenes for this production.

"I have cancer and I can't remember my lines as well anymore, it's very hard for me," Richardson said. "I've also gone through radiation and it hurt my throat. Honestly, I would do anything to be able to play the part I did before in this play and I can't. The fact that I can still be a part of my favorite play thrills me to death. I love this play that much. I played Vernadette. She has a terrible life. Everything goes wrong for Vernadette, she's the downtrodden one of the five. Vernadette is so funny, she has great lines and no matter what

happens to her she has a good attitude."

Performances will take place on October 20, 21, 27 and 28, and November 2, 3, and 4. Tickets range from \$16 to \$20, plus an additional \$13 if you want to enjoy dinner. Reservations are required for dinner. Larkin's menu for the evening will include chicken marsala, roasted corn, cheesy sour cream mashed potatoes, peach cobbler and more. There are also vegetarian options available and there will be a cash bar. Tickets are available in person at LowellArts, 223 W. Main, by calling 616-897-8545 or online at lowellartsmi.org



## along main street

## Trail Run, continued

Colleen Ann Nagle. "We serve people in all stages of life and we believe music therapy should be available to all who need it."

In tune with their beneficiary programs, the run featured a variety of musical performances along their 3.1 and 6.2 mile loops that wound through the facilities' trails. Braving the damp conditions, attendees took to the run or hike enjoying

the sounds of wind, string and percussion instruments playing along the route. The timed race ended with the musical styling of the Steam Powered Bluegrass Band, activities such as a raffle and photo booth and a participant meal featuring homemade stew and fresh baked bread. Next year's event is already scheduled for October 6, 2018, with details to follow on the center's website.

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### 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, performance at 2:30 pm. Performed on stage at Larkin's Other Place, 315 W Main St. [www.lowellartsmi.org](http://www.lowellartsmi.org)

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# New trustee appointed to school board

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Lowell Area Schools Board of Education had their latest regular meeting in the Runciman Building on Monday, Oct. 9.

New board member Dan Stephens was appointed to replace trustee Maureen Fleet, who has taken a job in another school district. Stephens has worked at General Motors for 32 years, been married for 28 years, lived in Lowell for 21 years and has seven children.

“We have a new board member to replace Maureen Fleet who felt she had to resign to take a new position in Greenville,” said board president Jim Turner.

Bushnell Elementary principal Erin Walters gave

a presentation about a new program that puts books in the hands of children during the summer months when some don't have access to books. Walters cited statistics showing that kids who lack access to books during summer vacation fall behind their peers during the school year. They tested the new book program two ways to see which worked better. In one method they gave the kids book bags and let them pick out whatever books they wanted. In the other method they mailed books to the kids' homes. The program was paid for with grants from the Lowell Educational Foundation (\$3,374.47) and a 35a Early Literacy grant from the Michigan Department of Education (\$913.73).

“I interviewed a few of the kids to get a feel for if they liked getting their books in the mail or if they liked getting the book bags,” Walters said. “One of my students said, ‘When I got my summer books in the mail I read them to my mom right away. I loved getting them.’ She also talked about a favorite book and remembered details from it and it had been several months since she read the book.”

The board voted unanimously to accept a gift from Joseph Hancock of four server rack cooling fans worth \$5,000 to be used by the technology department.

“It sounds like a fantastic gift that will really be put to good use,” Turner said.



Newly appointed school board trustee Dan Stephens was sworn in by board president Jim Turner.

The board also voted unanimously to approve the purchase of a \$41,193 plow truck from Kool Chevrolet. The school board's next meeting will be in the Runciman Building, 300 High St., at 7 pm on Monday, Nov. 13.

## Bracelets, continued

take donations this week,” Klomparens said.

Apart from the real world implications of their work, the aid of those suffering in the broken paths of hurricanes Harvey and Irma, Klomparens said her students also gain the confidence and skills to make change throughout their lives, “From my experience, so many young people want to make a difference and want to be a part of something bigger than themselves they just need a little support, someone telling them “yes” and guiding them. This mentality is so

important to maintain and foster as our students grow into adulthood.”

Heading up countless similar efforts through her students during her time at LHS, Klomparens said she doesn't have to dig deep to find caring in Lowell students. “I think our students are a reflection of our community. The Lowell community sets a great example for our youth. Students have grown up seeing how the community support each other and especially our schools and they are just continuing that practice.”



LHS leadership students Ben Fabiano, Ellie Cooper and Quinne Duhr selling the fundraising bracelets.

## LHS Students of the Month for October

Lowell High School has announced that Eddy Butare, 11th grade; and Haley Nieuwkoop, 11th grade; are the Lowell High School October Students of the Month. In order to be eligible for this honor a student must be nominated by a department. All the nomination forms for the month are then reviewed and voted on at the monthly department chair meeting. Students are selected based on academic achievement, character and work ethic. There are 1,200 students eligible for nomination, so this is quite an accomplishment for Butare and Nieuwkoop. The students receive a \$20 movie gift card and a certificate.

Butare was nominated by Jim Fleet and he writes, “I am nominating Eddy Butare for the student of the month for October. This young man is respectful, kind and an extremely hard worker. The language

barrier for him has not been easy, but he makes no excuses, just pushes on. He stays after class often to clarify concepts that he does not understand and



Eddy Butare

fixes the areas on a daily basis. I am so proud of this young man because many students make excuses as to why work is not complete but he just digs in and does what he has to do to be successful. His diligence is commendable. Eddy is also a model student in terms

of respect, responsibility, honesty, compassion and integrity, which we hold dearly to as a district. This young man has dealt with many life obstacles that most of our students or staff has ever been exposed to. He has an amazing heart and strives to take advantage of our education system in this country. I highly recommend this young man for the student of the month as he goes above and beyond what most of our students have to deal with. He is a true educational example for others.”

Nieuwkoop was nominated by Mike Lincoln and he writes, “I would like to nominate Haley Nieuwkoop for student of the month. Haley is a great young lady with a drive in science education. As a student, Haley exceeds expectations in work performance and attitude. She is a pleasant feature in

the classroom. Haley is also driven to take physics, AP chem and be involved in the FFA program. She shows



Haley Nieuwkoop

that science education is important to her future and has taken initiative to triple up in the science field. She is a positive, organized and determined student athlete also running cross country. It's my pleasure to nominate Haley for student of the month.”

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## LiveStrong reconnects cancer survivors to their healthy selves

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

LiveStrong is the Lowell YMCA's free, 12 week long program for adult cancer survivors to reconnect with their healthy selves through friendship, exercise and diet.

"It helps them get their life back," said YMCA fitness specialist Amy Christensen, who has spent the last six years helping run the LiveStrong program. "It helps with their flexibility, range of motion, strength and balance. We lose all that when we have cancer. It's a 24 session program and we ask them to commit to at least 20 of the sessions. It's twice a week, Mondays and Wednesdays, from 10:30 am until 11:45 am and the next session is Oct. 23 through Jan. 8. There are only two instructors, my sister Laurie Thebo and I, so we have to limit it to ten. Right now we have six, so we can still squeeze in some more."

Before their first session, participants are tested to get a base level of their capabilities to compare to after 12 weeks. When the program is over, they're tested again.

"It's amazing the progress they have made," Christensen said. "We walk with them and help them along throughout the 24 sessions. We also bring in a dietician to help with them with their food intake and to help them know which foods feed cancer and which don't feed cancer. At the end

we test them again to see where they are at that point. Every single one of them has progressed. It's been proven that it helps them get their life back. That's what we hear from every single participant. They say, 'I can do this now.'"

"It was extremely fun," said Beth Berry, a cancer survivor who went through the LiveStrong program earlier this year. "I met so many people, made so many friends and got a structured training that worked for me. I had a bunch of people with me who were in the same boat, which made a big difference. It was very personal, it was wonderful, I loved it. All the training, the exercise, the feeling good about myself, it all came together to make me a different person. I made a lot of new friends. Now I know what works best for me."

Christensen was inspired to work with the LiveStrong program after several people close to her were stricken with cancer.

"It's one of those things that, when you're touched by it and it's your gift, you just go with it," Christensen said. "Our father Tom Fox passed away from cancer, my father-in-law passed away from cancer, my best friend and sister-in-law Dena Christensen lost her battle with cancer, so we've been touched a lot. Dena and I met in sixth grade and she's been gone since 2012. I got into it myself because she got cancer. I was her

caregiver. The oncology office at Metro and the Y came together and decided to make this opportunity for cancer survivors and I was part of it with her. I saw just how amazingly she improved and I thought, 'This is my calling. This is where I want to be.' When the LiveStrong program came here to the Lowell Y, they asked me if I wanted to join in with it and of course I did. Dena didn't make it, but she got stronger and it made the quality of her life while she was here so much more improved."

For more information about the Lowell YMCA's LiveStrong program, call 616-855-9622 or visit grymca.org. One must prequalify to attend the program.

"It used to be that a cancer diagnosis was a death sentence," Christensen said. "Cancer doesn't mean death anymore. Even if the cancer comes back, through LiveStrong you'll regain some strength and some stamina to be able to fight it if it ever comes back."

"I would recommend LiveStrong to anybody that has had to walk this path," Berry said. "It made a real difference in my life. I'm 66 years old and I feel better today than I did ten years ago, if that tells you anything. I lost about seven pounds, I got toned up and I feel good every day. Learn more about it, you will not be disappointed. Anytime is the right time to start a new you."

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## 125 years ago Lowell Journal October 12, 1892

Elmer Lewis, who is walking from San Francisco, Cal, to N. Y. city, on a wager, passed through here Tuesday morning and intended to make Ionia before night, where a reception was given him. He has made 2000 miles in three months. His limit of time was 4 mo. 16 days.

The JOURNAL this week contains an ordinance granting to Messrs McDannell and Church a franchise for a street railway. The improvement contemplated will be of the utmost benefit to Lowell and will undoubtedly prove a payer as have their other ventures here. There is a good field for such an enterprise here our town lying, as it does, scattered, gives promise of a good return for the investment. Besides the passenger traffic, it is rumored that they contemplate using a flat car trailer and handling the freight from the depots to the business places along their line. If this is done, and the plan seems perfectly feasible there will be an added revenue which amounts in a year to no small matter.

JOURNAL:- I understand they are celebrating my birthday, even in the great state of N.Y., my native state takes a part in it. I feel very much pleased. I am just 75 years old to-day, Oct. 12, 1892. James M. Owen.

On account of the World's Fair Dedication ceremonies at Chicago, Oct. 20th to 22nd, '92, the D., G. H. & M. Ry will sell tickets to Chicago, Oct. 19th to 22d, good to return Oct. 24th, '92 at one and one third fare round trip. A. O. Heydlauff.

## 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 11, 1917

John O. Clark sold his grocery stock and business Monday to F. D. Vos, a well-known resident of Grand Rapids, taking desirable city property in exchange. Mr. Vos who took immediate possession, will move to Lowell with their two sisters and make their home here, as he is well pleased with the town and business outlook. He is said to be a "live wire." Mr. Clark—now here is where you have guessed wrong—is going to stay right here in Lowell until he is planted at Oakwood, unless he is sooner driven out of town. He is going to vary the program by NOT moving to Grand Rapids; and says: "Lowell is good enough for me." Collecting his accounts will keep him busy for a time. After that he says he will find something to do, if he has to get Mr. Rogers' street job away from him. Mr. Vos will make no change in the help employed; but will retain the clerks employed by Mr. Clark; and will continue the courteous treatment extended by Mr. Clark in the past.

After working the Fellowcraft degree Tuesday evening, Lowell Lodge No. 90, F. & A. M., gave a

luncheon and table talk in honor of two of its members, R. M. Shiveland N. L. Avery, who are soon to leave for military duty. W. S. Winegar presided and the following brethren responded to call; A. H. Lash, S.C. Mitchell, F. M. Johnson, S. P. Hicks, Melville McPherson, E. A. Anderson and R. M. Shivel. The latter feelingly expressed for himself and Mr. Avery their appreciation of the occasion and of the sentiments expressed their determination to do their whole duty and to bring back with them as the most suitable souvenir the consciousness of having been found worthy and well qualified. Mr. Hicks in the course of his eloquent address, brought out [an] interesting fact that fifty members of Lowell Lodge were engaged in the Civil war, joining the order before or after the war, a splendid showing for Masonic patriotism.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Willette have moved into apartments in the King block for the winter, to be near their business, in which both are closely engaged.

J. R. Buchanan has returned from a two months' sojourn in Ontario. He says our Canadian friends are relying upon the aid of their big brother, Uncle Sam.

## 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 15, 1942

The Ledger suggests that the world war cannon, which has occupied a conspicuous place in Richard's Park for many years could now be more useful if added to the scrap drive where it would once more be in active service against the Germans. It could do a beautiful job bombing Berlin or Tokyo.

Due to the lack of transportation and gas rationing, Lowell High School has taken steps to cancel its basketball, baseball and track schedules. The football team will complete its season. Regulations have made it impossible for athletic teams to use school buses as a means of transportation. Instead of competition between schools, a "strong intramural health education program, focused on physical fitness" will be given. Emphasis will be devoted to all students instead of a few. Lowell High School is not alone in this program. Many schools are not completing their football schedules. Detroit has been asked to ban all interschool athletics. All of which brings the war that much closer home. Forrest Buck suggests that would be a good idea to have the Grand Valley football championship for the duration. How about it boys? Let's go!

The "Get In The Scrap" campaign in Lowell will close Saturday, and the committee in charge is much pleased with the response. Although the exact number of tons of scrap that has been sent to Grand Rapids is not known, and will not be known until next week, the number of tons exceeded expectations. The local committee says that special credit should go to the Lowell Ledger for its liberal publicity to the village of Lowell for the use of trucks, to the Future Farmers of America of the High School who provided a truck and picked up scrap on farms, to Mrs. Smith and the seventh and eighth graders who made a house-to-house canvas, and to all boys and girls who brought in materials of all descriptions. The committee sold the scrap to a local dealer who is taking it to Grand Rapids. The children will be paid in war stamps and the balance of funds will be used for community activities. The Ledger is informed that the drive for scrap metal is to be continued month by month and sold to dealers until every last pound is gathered in. The country must have it for its fighting men.

It is a common sight these days to see lines of trucks leading from Main St. to the Runciman elevator. Farmers are not placing their beans in storage as in other years but are hauling directly from the field to elevators because they have no prospect of obtaining higher prices. Although the Agricultural Marketing Administration has speeded up its buying program,

congestion of Michigan elevators is threatened by the accelerated movement of the bean crop due to the government price of \$4.70 per 100 pounds to farmers, according to Leo V. Card, state commissioner of agriculture.

## 50 years ago Lowell Ledger October 12, 1967

Lowell Area School Board of Education at their meeting Monday night, heard the plans of Superintendent James C. Face, for use of television in the teaching schedules for all grades. The superintendent reported that requests have been made for federal aid in providing the equipment for the school. Television as a teaching aid would enable the school to do a better job and allow the same number of instructors to handle more children. The use of TV classes is expected to widen the curriculum of the school in many areas where it is now impossible to provide qualified instructors. Investigation is also being conducted on the county-wide level to offer a four channel system that could be shared by Kent County Schools. The use of television, both broadcast & closed circuit, will become an important tool for learning in the next few years. Lowell is expected to keep pace with this and other improved teaching aids.

The Root-Lowell Manufacturing Company, producer of pesticide and chemical application equipment, with factory, and offices in Lowell, has chosen the 1967 edition of the National Hardware Show, scheduled to open October 9th in New York City, as a fitting occasion for the introduction of its new Airblast Model Atomist Electric Sprayer to hardware and garden supply retailers. The annual event, traditionally held in early fall at the New York Coliseum, is said to be the most comprehensive single means for the exposure of manufacturer's lines to the retail hardware trade. Root-Lowell President Richard F. Brush has stated that both executive and sales management personnel will be in attendance at the show to provide the sendoff at this premier showing of the latest model in Root-Lowell's "Atomist" line of electrically powered spray applicators. Brush further stated that the new Airblast model is designed for outdoor use in the application of insect and disease control chemicals, primarily by

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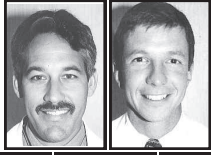
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# health



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

## radon and lung cancer

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## college news

The University of Wyoming has announced the graduation list for the 2017 summer term. Brad Forney, of Lowell, received his Master of Business Administration degree.

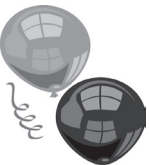
Christine Ringel, of Lowell, is joining close to 300 University of Alabama students in receiving a hands-on educational experience at more than 60 companies and organizations through

UA's Cooperative Education Program during fall 2017. Ringel will be working at GE Appliances-Louisville.

Andi Reynolds, of Lowell, has enrolled at the University of Findlay for fall 2017. New students began their studies at UF on Aug. 21.

Reynolds is pursuing a degree in animal science. She is a graduate of Lowell Senior High School.

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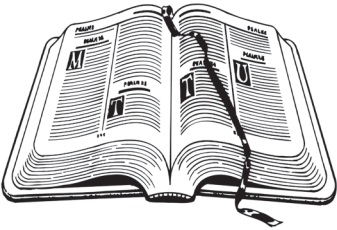


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homeowners in the average sized yard, garden and patio. The new sprayer is said to be unique among portable spray applicators in that it is a true mist blower with discharge characteristics previously available only to commercial users. An earlier Atomist sprayer model designed for application of insect control chemicals, germicides, disinfectants and other, similar compounds in enclosed areas received the Product of the Year award for 1967 in Kent County. 'It is the Lowell manufacturer's claim that when the introduction of the new Airblast model is completed, the Atomist sprayer line will offer a complete range of products for residential, commercial and agricultural users.

The Scarlet Troubadours Junior Drum and Bugle Corps of Lowell have completed a year in the parade circuit and are now in the process of celebrating their first anniversary. The first year was a hard but successful one and the group is looking forward to the ensuing year with more enthusiasm and success. All money raising projects and donations are the sole income for the group, which is non-profit. In the past year, the corps traveled to other nearby cities to participate in various parades and holiday activities, gaining valuable experience for their future endeavors. Plans are being formulated, by the Corps, to enter the State Competition Meet sponsored annually by the VFW and the American Legion, set for next year. With the arrival of summer, the possibility of the Troubadours sponsoring a competition meet here, is being eyed, and will be working jointly with the Green Hornets of Comstock Park in a mid-summer show. Participation in the Green Heroic action earns medals in a ceremony September 21, at Headquarters. Hornets' Calvacade of Champions show at Comstock Park on Labor Day will be one of the major endeavors of the Troubadours, come the summer parade sessions. As part of the Corps' first anniversary celebration, giant 6 x 9 inch color picture post cards of the Troubadours will be on sale in Lowell and the surrounding areas. The money received from the sale of these post cards, which can be

obtained from any members of the corps, their parents or officers, will be used to complete the purchase of uniforms and pay necessary expenditures, to improve the appearance of the unit. Also at this time, the unit is accepting applications for new members. The age limit is from 10 to 21 years. No music or marching experience is required; just the willingness to work to better the corps. Anyone interested in joining this active group can do so by contacting Don Lehigh at TW 7-8310 or Bob Green at TW 7-9850.

Shoplifting by boys and girls from the school during the lunch period continues to be a problem along Main Street. Lowell Police reported ten cases during the past two weeks, that they were called in on, to take the youths back to school. This problem is troublesome in many communities, where the school children flock into the downtown area at noon.

Two new Lowell Area School buses, parked in the back of the Junior High School were damaged, when the contents of five foam fire extinguishers were emptied into the bus last week. Lowell Police are investigating the vandalism. When caught, the youths' parents will have to pay the expense of recharging the fire extinguishers and cleaning up the two buses.

## 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 14, 1992

An Ada man was without a paddle or a boat, Wednesday afternoon about 1:25 p.m. According to Edwin Prusinski, he was driving eastbound in his van on M-21 when he swerved to miss hitting a vehicle that pulled out from Wittenbach Oldsmobile, Pontiac GMC Truck and into his path. After swerving, Prusinski lost control of the van and crossed into the westbound lane. According to Lowell Police Officer Steve Junewick, the van hit and jumped the curb, went over the sidewalk and then hit the railroad track before going airborne and coming to rest in Cherry Creek. Prusinski, 70, and

his wife, Martha (passenger) sustained minor injuries and were transported to Butterworth Hospital. No other vehicles were involved in the accident. No citation was handed out but Prusinski will be referred to the Secretary of State's office for a diagnostic evaluation.

Usually when a person envisions high school students being fired up and enthused about something, it is assumed there must be an important football game or spring break is just a day away. Keith Boeve's resource room science class may be the exception. Living in what is being called the environmental age, Boeve's class has coordinated its own school recycling program. The class has dispersed 57 recycling boxes throughout the high school. They are to be filled with regular writing paper, copy paper and typewriting paper. No newspapers, pencils or spiral notebooks are to be mixed in. "Each week the boxes are screened before being emptied into the large recycling bags which are then put into a dumpster," Boeve said. "Screening is quite a time consuming process." The project will last all year. "At first, other students were putting non-recyclable items in the boxes. Since then, teachers have been good about stressing recycling and thus students have taken it more seriously," Boeve says.

Money borrowed from the City to put in a new bathroom at the Lowell Police Station will be repaid through the \$24,000 the Lowell Police Department will get in drug forfeiture money. The funds came about through Lowell Police department's participation in a county-wide drug program over the last three years. The money must be used for drug-related police services. The bathroom will be used by police personnel and prisoners. Currently prisoners use the bathroom in City Hall. Emmons said this has served as a disruption and distraction to City Hall employees. The cost for the new bathroom will be \$1,900. The Lowell Police Department officers will donate their time to build it.

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# Reception at Flat River Gallery and Framing for “Women’s Wisdom” set for Oct. 19

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

There will be a reception with guest artist Karen Godfrey at Flat River Gallery and Framing, 219 W. Main, from 5 until 8 pm on Thursday, Oct. 19. Godfrey currently has an exhibit in the gallery titled “Women’s Wisdom” with her work in sculpture, painting and assemblage art.

“Women’s wisdom is when a woman takes the time to take care of herself,”

Gallery. “It’s very different than a lot of the other work that we get in and it really has a story. She has a life story that she is trying to tell. She is very philosophical, very organic, but also about people, their spirits and their life. I love the stories she tells through her art. You can’t just look at a piece and say, ‘Oh yeah, that’s nice.’ It takes a while to look at the piece. It’s intriguing because you need to think about it. She makes you look at various parts of

valuable as it is an extension of who the artist is. I don’t like to judge artwork. If the only purpose of art is to help a person express their feelings, then it has value. I believe art is a vehicle for change for the artist and the viewer, both. It can change the artist’s life by helping them express their feelings. It gives them an outlet for difficult emotions. Art also helps the artist create a visual image of what their feelings are. Sometimes there are no words to express

I don’t limit myself to one medium,” Godfrey said. “I started out in oil painting by taking a class 20 years ago. Then I expanded out to collage and mixed media on canvas. This made me want to try three dimensional artwork, which led to the assemblage. I allow myself to try things out without worrying about the outcome. This gives me the opportunity to express my feelings in many different ways. I am self taught for the most part. Over a year ago, a friend gave me his kiln and I studied about how to fire clay. I enjoy reading up on different mediums. It challenges me and keeps things exciting.”

“A lot of her pieces go up on a wall but others are more sculptural,” Sevensma said. “Some you could put in the middle of a room to walk around it and see it from all the sides. The boxes normally end up on the wall, there isn’t that much on the back side of them. The different parts symbolize different things to her, not necessarily to all of us, but to her they definitely do. She’s doing ceramics as well, so she’s branched out too. The assemblage art is a lot more than just a collage. She embellishes the whole thing. She doesn’t just find it, she painted all of it, makes some clay pieces and stuff like that. Some of it is



found objects and some of it is original art. Every artist has a story, but few go as in depth as Karen does.”

“Often my husband and I will go exploring for found objects together,” Godfrey said. “He uses them in his hand made musical instruments. We like to visit Pitsch Demolition Co. I have gotten old doors from Pitsch and painted a

woman on the door. She looks like she is standing at the doorway, inviting you to walk through. I also like to look for found objects on vacation and in different states. When I pick up something, I often don’t know how I will use it, but I know that I am drawn to it. Eventually it goes into one of my assemblages.”

Godfrey’s husband Brent will be at the reception providing live music on his homemade instruments, which are works of art themselves.

“My husband is a singer/songwriter that also explores many different styles of music,” Godfrey said. “He likes to build his own cigar box guitars and canjos. He plays many genres of music, including folk, country, rock, reggae and blues. He uses music as a form of self expression, just as I do with my artwork. He will be playing at the reception with a local duo called Beaver Xing. They will play some of their original songs and cover songs.”

“They offered to play for free so we’re going to set them up,” Sevensma said. “They’ll be playing all night.”

Karen Godfrey’s exhibit “Women’s Wisdom” is there right now and will be on display at the gallery through November. For more information call 616-987-6737, email info@flatrivergalleryandframing.com, visit flatrivergalleryandframing.com or find them on Facebook.



Godfrey said. “Women are natural caregivers, so they give a lot of their energy to their families, jobs, household tasks and relationships in general. A wise woman will make sure to take time to feed her own soul so that she can be recharged and rejuvenated. They need to take care of their own needs so that they have enough energy to take care of others.”

“Her work is kind of exciting,” said Patti Sevensma, another artist affiliated with Flat River

a piece to figure out what aspect of the story is being told. That’s what she is very good at doing.”

Godfrey worked as a social worker and an art therapist. Even though she has retired, her past career continues to have an impact on her artistic output.

“I feel like my work as an art therapist gave me the ability to not judge my artwork,” Godfrey said. “Often artists are critical of their own artwork, which can hinder their creativity. I believe that all art is

one’s emotions. Art can change the viewer’s life by allowing them to connect, interact and possibly relate with the artwork.”

Most artists tend to stick to one medium, they find what they’re best at and concentrate on that. They’re a painter, a sculptor, a photographer, whatever. Godfrey has mastered several disciplines and has examples from each on display and for sale at the gallery.

“I like to explore many creative options and



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# Annual Colorburst Bike Tour takes place this Sat., Oct. 14

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Convening annually to enjoy the color of the leaves and celebrate the colorful life of a former member, the Rapid Wheelmen club will present the Colorburst Bike Tour this Saturday morning at Fallasburg Park.

Its beautiful starting point, Fallasburg Park, suits the event's name offering lush autumn foliage, as do the scenic 17, 30, 62 and 100 mile paved and gravel loops it offers. A pancake breakfast, freshly baked cookies at rest stops and a soup and bread lunch welcome and warm participants, a feeling that echoes the spirit of Donna Ryskamp for whom the tour was founded after her tragic death.

Avid cyclist and former Lowell optometrist Dave Durkee has been a long-time member of the RW and a volunteer for the Colorburst Tour since its inception in 1983 by fellow cyclist and friend to Ryskamp,

Craig Campbell. Durkee trained often with Ryskamp, sharing his memories of her with fondness, "With her long braided pony tail, it was difficult to miss her while riding. A zesty spirit, a willingness to compete at the highest level, full of life and laughter - she was liked by all."

Ryskamp, a Kalamazoo native, was struck by a driver under the influence while riding with fellow cyclist Karin Hart, losing her life due to the injuries incurred. Durkee said the loss was a blow to himself and those who knew her within the tight-knit biker community. "The major shock to everyone was 'Of all people - why her - and why so young?' It was a substantial setback to the cycling community in West Michigan," said Durkee, adding that Campbell was quick to find purpose in her death with the first Colorburst Tour just months later. "Called to action, Craig was compelled

to honor Donna in a meaningful way, hence he started the Colorburst Tour with the purpose of not only honoring Donna but to help cyclists and non-cyclists alike. By raising funds and spreading the word about bicycle safety to the public, he was determined to make a real difference. And he did make a difference by educating those around him about this issue, early on, donating funds to Mothers Against Drunk Driving or the Lowell Police Dept. and pouring his heart and soul into the endeavor. It was a labor of love."

In a cruel twist of fate, Campbell lost his life in the same fashion four years later mapping out the Colorburst Tour routes on his motorcycle on Bailey Drive in Ada, where he was struck by a drunk driver.

"He was one of the most charismatic guys I ever knew and shared many qualities with Donna in his approachable demeanor and fun way of looking at life,"

said Durkee of Campbell.

Determined to continue in both their honor, the RW say that the race

enjoying their favorite pastime. Many times our volunteers were people who rode with them, family

for humanity, will endure forever for everyone."

Proceeds from the race will benefit a variety of local and national charities focused on the mission of bike safety and the reduction of drivers under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Having raised more than \$130,000 along the way according to this year's chairperson, Rochelle Wieber-Omland, said she expects more than 300 riders for the heartfelt family-friendly bike tour.

This public event will take place Saturday, October 14, at the Fallasburg covered pavilion where registration, \$35 per individual and \$70 per family, and the pancake breakfast will be available from 8-9:30 am. Those not interested in riding but in supporting the cause are also invited to join both the breakfast and lunch service for a cost of \$10. Fundraising t-shirts will also be available onsite.



will continue as long as their memories live on, something they try to ensure at each year's race. "Each year someone, even myself, reminds the riders of the history. For years we had a poster at the ride with pictures of Donna and Craig

members or recipients of the charitable gifts produced by the ride. The message still is shared. The passion for life, not forgotten. To honor Donna. To honor Craig. To the thought that they did not die in vain. That their love for cycling and

# First LowellArts House Concert opens Saturday, Oct. 14

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

The first show of the LowellArts House Concerts is the Adams Family Band at 7 pm on Saturday, Oct. 14.

The Adams Family Band are Dale Kropf, Cindy Kropf, Brian Adams and Jerry Adams. They sound sort of like a 21st century version of Peter, Paul and Mary, the folk group from the 60s who focused on vocal harmonies. The Adams Family retained the acoustic instruments, but instead of all the traditional folk songs the 60s group performed, they add doo wop, folk rock and classic rock songs to the setlist.

If you're in a band or you want to suggest a band for the series, LowellArts wants to hear from you.

"We have a committee of people who are very familiar with the music that

is available in the region," said LowellArts executive director Lorain Smalligan. "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. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. You can buy them online at lowellartsmi.org, by calling 616-897-8545 or in person by going to LowellArts at 223 W. Main.

Tickets are also available for the second show in the LowellArts House Concerts on Saturday, Oct. 28. The show is called "Cabaret." Roger MacNaughton, Cindy Kropf, Bob VanStee and Kathy Lamar will perform American songbook standards, rhythm and blues songs and pop classics.



The Adams Family Band performing in Fallasburg Park.

**LowellArts House Concerts schedule**

- January 6: Bruce Matthews Band
- January 20: Josh Rose and the Founding Fathers
- February 10: Edye Evans Hyde and Mike Hyde
- March 10: Pete in the Creel
- March 11: Family Concert with Bill Vits
- March 24: Lipstick Jodi
- April 14: Mackinac Harvest Showcase
- April 15: Family Concert with Drew Nelson
- April 28: B-Side Growlers
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# Red Arrow

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## Boys and girls have matching fourth-place finishes

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Matching fourth-place finishes in OK White competition and a one, two finish at the Allegan XC Tiger Invitational were the results for the varsity Red Arrow runners last week who are nearing the end of their season with just two competitions remaining on their regular schedule.

Wednesday at the Ottawa Hills conference jamboree in Grand Rapids, Lowell ladies and guys both earned fourth-place. The girls finished with a total of 103 led by Haley Nieuwkoop, who placed fourteenth with a time of 20:42. The rest of the top five finished within about 45 seconds from one another with Audrey Conrad clocking a 20:47, Lauren Aud a 21:17, Dawn Kondor a 21:17 and Katrina Droski a 21:24.

The finish put the girls behind Ottawa Hills, Forest Hills Central and Forest Hills Northern, all who pose a significant threat this season in the OK White, "Historically the OK White has been one of the strongest

cross country conferences in the area and in the state," said girls varsity coach Paul Judd. "Yes, some of the names have changed but we still see one or two of the top conference teams running at the state meet."

This is their third fourth-place finish with only a single jamboree left in the season.

Coming in at 110 at the same event, the boys also landed fourth, led by Morrison Ismond who was the only Arrow at the event to earn a top ten finish. His ninth place 17:06 time was followed by Caleb Swarts' (17:28), Lucas Cossar (17:39), Kenny Stump (18:21) and Calvin Simmet (18:49).

Saturday in Allegan they earned a second-place 44-point finish after two varsity races led by Ismond and Cossar. In race one Ismond ran a 17:33 for third place, followed by Swart (18:03) and Stump (18:55). Race two saw Cossar finishing first with a time of 18:20. Simmet (19:10) and Conner Meyers (19:11) rounded out their top performers.

The Arrows' female counterparts totaled 31 points in their effort. Race one was led by Nieuwkoop, Droski and Conrad who placed fourth, tenth and eleventh respectively. The second race secured the win with the ladies claiming four of the top six positions. Aud led the charge, followed by Jada Millhisler at 21:50 and Dawn Kondor at 22:15.

This was the third first-place tournament finish for the ladies who opened the season with a top spot at the Hesperia Baker Woods Invitational and won their own Bob Perry Memorial Invitational. "From day one at 12:01 am we talked and practiced on pack running. Early in the season our girls were to go out at a moderate pace which allows the quiver to form and provides confidence to the entire team as they are running with teammates," explained Judd. "The end goal is not the trophy but the confidence to go out and compete with the conference and regional leaders in the next couple of weeks. If that happens then the invites were truly successful."



The Red Arrow girls varsity cross country team celebrates their championship finish. (Photo by Paul Judd)

Both teams will have the first of those opportunities to compete this Saturday when they head to the Gainey Athletic Complex for the Kent Ottawa Invite featuring the best of West Michigan runners starting at 10 am. The final conference jamboree of the season is scheduled for the following Wednesday at Cedar Springs.

## Sports Summaries



### BOYS SOCCER

Red Arrow varsity soccer accepted their second defeat at the hands of Forest Hills Central in OK White action Thursday 4-0. The loss was only Lowell's fifth this season and third in conference play, with the other versus Forest Hills Northern. Over the weekend the Arrows bounced back with a win over Greenville, bettering their OK record to 7-3. The 8-0 shutout was dominated by senior Jonny Draigh who found the back of the net four times. Fellow seniors Jay Stadt and Ryan Pawlowski scored two and one respectively and sophomore Ezra Stadt finished off scoring. Draigh, J. Stadt, E. Stadt, Pawlowski, sophomore Evan Groeneweg and senior Austin Pollock were credited with assists. The Arrows will wrap up their regular season this week with a pair of OK White challenges at home. They will welcome Ottawa Hills on Tuesday and then head back into competition against undefeated FHN on Thursday.

### GIRLS GOLF

Capping off their last week of the regular season, the Lowell varsity girls golf team competed twice in non-conference action picking up a slim win over West

Catholic High School and placing ninth at the Reeths Puffer Invitational in Muskegon. On Monday Lowell topped opponent West Catholic by just one stroke 190-191. The win was led by freshman Lexy Kapcia who shot a 43 to lead the Arrows. Junior Kenzie Uhen (48), sophomore Mary Jo Buechler (48) and junior Tristan Fogerty Thomas (51) rounded out Lowell scorers. Thursday at the lakeshore the Arrows placed ninth among a wide field of competition tallying a combined stroke total of 396. Buechler was the top performer carding a 92, followed by Fogerty Thomas (96), Kapcia (102) and Uhen (106).

### GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

Competing twice to the tune of two wins the Caledonia/Lowell/South Christian ladies finished the week with victories over Ottawa Hills/West Catholic and Delton/Middleville/Hastings. Placing first in every single event on Tuesday, the girls out swam Ottawa team 150-50. Thursday, in a closer match up, the ladies earned a 106-80 win over the Delton co-op. The next competition will be held October 19 in Wayland. They will begin post-season action the first week of November.

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# SPORTS

## Arrows suffer third defeat of season

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Plagued by turnovers and a stalled offense, the Red Arrows varsity football team suffered their third defeat of the season with a damaging 35-6 loss in OK White action last Friday night against a still undefeated Forest Hills Central.

Entering a packed Ranger stadium, Lowell was fresh off a loss to conference foe Cedar Springs that dropped their season record to 4-2; the Rangers were off their sixth consecutive win of the season. It seemed like momentum might be on FHC's side and after a fumble on behalf of the Arrows led to the first Ranger score, that assumption proved correct.

Apart from a second quarter score from senior Addison Buckius, the night's second leading rusher and fourth tackler, the Red Arrows were snubbed in the end zone. Snuffed by the Ranger defense Lowell gained only 181 combined offensive yards with 162 of that gained on the ground. Senior quarterback David Kruse picked up the lion's share rushing for 87 yards over 19 carries. Buckius picked up 70 yards over 16 carries and senior Jordan Dent, the only other Arrow to take a hand off, carried just once for five yards.

FHC picked up 186 rushing yards and 57

through the air. Scoring in all but the third quarter and holding the lead the duration of the game. Quarterback Luke Majick scored three of the Ranger's five touchdowns, adding up 144 yards in quarterback keepers. Majicks' passing only added up to a 50 percent completion rate and zero scores, but were clean resulting in no turnovers. Lowell's Kruse also picked up a few yards but struggled to reach his targets, completing only two passes for a rate of less than 20 percent. Senior Brady Douma was on the other side of those successful pitches gaining 19 yards. The offense tallied two fumbles and three interceptions.

Douma was the night's second leading tackler adding eight solos behind senior Garrett Pratt's leading ten. Other defensemen making stops included senior Austin Whaley, Buckius, sophomore Andy Anschutz, junior Brendan Milligan, junior Gavin Coxon, senior Ben Lobbezoo and senior Austin Engle who also picked up a sack.

Lowell is now officially out of a shot at an OK White crown with 5-0 FHC only able to be dethroned by 4-0 Cedar Springs, who they play this Friday in Red Hawk country. With a win Cedar would still have to defeat their last conference opponent Ottawa Hills in

order to secure the title. Not likely a walk in the park for the Bengals as they have not earned a win all season. A win for FHC would secure league honors and a perfect regular season.

Now 4-3 overall and 2-2 in conference, the Arrows

will face two more league competitors wrapping up the regular season at home against both Forest Hills Northern (2-5, 2-2) and Northview (0-7, 0-4). The final two league stanzas will begin against the Huskies this Friday during Lowell's

homecoming. Game time will shift to 7:30 for the evening which features a downtown parade beginning at 6 pm and the celebration of the elected homecoming court. Other homecoming festivities include a girls "Powder Puff" football

game on Thursday at 1:30 pm, pep assemblies, a week of spirit days and the annual homecoming dance held on campus Saturday night from 8-11 pm.



Senior quarterback David Kruse jukes around a Ranger during the 35-6 loss.

(Photo by Nicki Videto)

### Lowell v FHC

Final Score	6	35
Total Offensive Yards	181	243
Number of Plays	49	48
Avg. Yards per Play	3.7	5.1
First Downs	13	16
Total Passing Yards	19	57
Completions/Attempts	2/11	4/8
Avg. Yards per Pass	9.5	14.3
Total Rushing Yards	162	186

Rushing Attempts	38	40
Avg. Yards per Rush	4.3	4.7
Penalties/Yards	5/55	5/45
Turnovers	5	0
Fumbles/Lost	2/2	0/0
Interceptions Thrown	3	0
Punts/Distance	3/41.3	5/38.8
Sacks/Yards	1/0	1/0
Third Down Conversions	3/10	5/11
Fourth Down Conversions	3/4	0/1
Time of Possession	22:26	25:34



The Arrows battle the OK White's number one Forest Hills Central last Friday.

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Susan Ullery  
City Clerk

# obituaries

## HAGLUND

Glenn Lassiter Haglund, age 77 of Ada Township, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, October 7, 2017. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Judy; by children Megan Rosendall, Nicole (Matt Feyen) Haglund and Todd Haglund. As well as his wife's children; Jon Carlson, Christopher Carlson, Tanya Steffen and Lara (Ryan) Saylor. He is also survived by eight grandchildren that he loved very much and a sister Nancy (Lee) Otterness with whom he was always very close. Glenn was kind and helpful to all he met. He was a volunteer firefighter for the Ada Fire Department for forty years. He spent his free time reading books, playing with his dogs and building and riding 1:8 scale trains with his friends and family. His smile will be missed by all. A Celebration of Life (Pancake Breakfast) will be held at the Ada Township Fire Department, 6990 Futon St. E. Ada, MI, 49301 on Saturday, October 28 at 10:00 AM. Memorial Contributions can be made to the Ada Township Fire Department.



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## ROCKWELL

Jeane Anne Rockwell, age 91, of Lowell, formerly of Battle Creek and Baldwin, died Tuesday, October 3, 2017, at Trillium Woods in Byron Center. Jeane was born on September 5, 1926, in Maywood, IL, the daughter of Carl M. and Carrie G. (Mortensen) Kaiser. She was a graduate of Baldwin High School. She was employed at General Motors in Flint, retiring in 1983. On May 26, 1946, she was united in marriage to Delos A. Rockwell, Sr. who preceded her in death in 2004. Jeane worked with hospice from 2004 to 2015. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, crafts, spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and taking trips to Disney World with the family. Surviving are her children, Colleen Pantelis of Caseville and Delos A. "Del" (Barb) Rockwell of Lowell; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by brothers, Robert and Carl Kaiser; and a sister, Olive Loncki. In accordance with her wishes cremation has taken place. A graveside service will be held at 11:30 a.m., Friday, October 13, 2017, at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, MI. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am, Saturday, October 14, 2017, at Good Shepard Lutheran Church, 10305 Bluewater Hwy., Lowell, with Pastor Joe Fremer officiating. Memorials may be directed to the Good Shepard Lutheran Church. Arrangements by the Richard A. Henry Funeral Home, Battle Creek, MI. www.henryfuneralhome.org



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## LEGAL NOTICE

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

In the matter of BRENDA PEEPLES

Guardianship File No. 17-202,046-GA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including her daughter and grandchildren, whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

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

Dated: October 3, 2017

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

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

# Red Arrow VOLLEYBALL SPORTS

## Two more wins keep girls number two in the league

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Two more OK White wins kept the Red Arrow varsity volleyball team firmly in the leagues' second position last week as they shut-out both Greenville and Cedar Springs 3-0 on the road and then added a solid tournament showing on Saturday.

Senior Abi Mangus was on fire Tuesday against the Yellow Jackets nailing five aces and 12 kills in the win 25-18, 25-12 and 25-12. Fellow senior Jill Fidler was at the top of the stats offering 19 digs. Junior Joslynn Battle stepped into Sydney Powell's assisting duties racking up 28. Sophomore Meghan Meyer made an appearance tallying three blocks.

Mangus led in stats once again at Cedar Springs when the Arrows faced the Red Hawks for another 3-0 finish 25-14, 25-19 and 25-12. Twelve digs, three aces and eight kills was the tally for Mangus, who has been a consistent leader on the court this season. Freshman standout Jenna Reitsma earned three aces, Battle 24 assists, Meyer two blocks and junior Carly Hoekstra eight kills.

The Lady Arrows took to competition once more

over the weekend at the St. Johns Invitational where they fought their way to the semi-finals going 5-1 in pool play. The girls squared off against Haslett (26-24, 25-14), Portland (25-14, 25-8), Laingsburg (25-20, 14-25) in pool action, bested St. Johns (24-26, 25-20, 17-25) in the gold bracket and Dewitt (17-25, 21-25) in the semifinals. Lowell leaders for the day were Mangus and Hoekstra who each tallied 32 kills, Meyer with three blocks, Fidler with 46 digs, junior Emily Stump with a phenomenal 12 aces and varsity newcomer Sophie Powell, a freshman recently bumped from the junior varsity, racked up 65 assists and 43 digs.

With an overall winning conference record of 6-1, Lowell must next face Ottawa Hills and Northview in pursuit of conference royalty before squaring off against Forest Hills Northern, the only team to deal them a league loss. Of that lineup only Ottawa Hills will take place this week on the road, with Northview happening the following week, including the showdown with FHN inside Lowell High School's main gym on Thursday, October 19 at 6 pm.



Junior Emily Stump served up 12 aces in over the weekend.

## 13 things, continued

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*Vonda VanTil is the Public Affairs Specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 3045 Knapp NE, Grand Rapids MI 49525 or via email at [vondavantil@ssa.gov](mailto:vondavantil@ssa.gov)*

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**OCTOBER 4 - OCTOBER 10**

• More than a dozen wildfires, (119,032 acres) are burning across the state of California, including the Northern winery counties of Napa and Sonoma. Southern Orange County is dealing with a 6,000 acre fire. Fueled by weather conditions, the fire has killed at least 11 people and has resulted in the burning of at least 1,500 homes and businesses. More than 100 people are reported as missing and at least 20,000 people have been evacuated as of Monday night.

• Hurricane season is almost over, but without even having time to recuperate from the devastating after effects of Hurricane Harvey, Irma, etc... coming ashore of the U.S., Sunday night Hurricane Nate thankfully weakened into a tropical depression, flooding roads in Mississippi and creating hazardous conditions along the coast of Alabama to Louisiana.

• Unbelievably, a Michigan judge Gregory S. Ross has granted a twice convicted rapist and sex offender parental rights (and co-parenting) of the biological child of the 12-year-old rape victim's child. To add insult to injury, the judge has also already disclosed the rape victim's address to the rapist and ordered the rapist's name be added as the father of the child on the birth certificate.

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  - 25. \* \_\_\_\_\_ Sox Scandal, 1919
  - 26. Round loaf, in Paris
  - 27. Type of mandarin
  - 29. \*Overcame Curse of the Billy Goat
  - 31. "Atlas Shrugged" author
  - 32. Asimov or Mizrahi
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  - 57. Diplomat's forte
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# New versions of old-fashioned fall color tour released #LoveFallRoads

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Last week the Kent County Road Commission announced that they have restored and updated versions of old fashioned color tours. The new color tours go right past Lowell; one even comes right up to the city limits.

Back in olden times when gas was cheap, cars were comfortable and roads were new, people used to enjoy driving around and looking at stuff. One popular activity was to drive around Michigan's vast forests and observe the natural beauty of leaves changing color. The culture may have changed, but there are still a

lot of colorful leaves to look at in Michigan.

"During the summer of 2016, KCRC's engineering division located old color tour maps in our archives that dated back as early as the 1950s," said Maura Lamoreaux, KCRC communications manager.

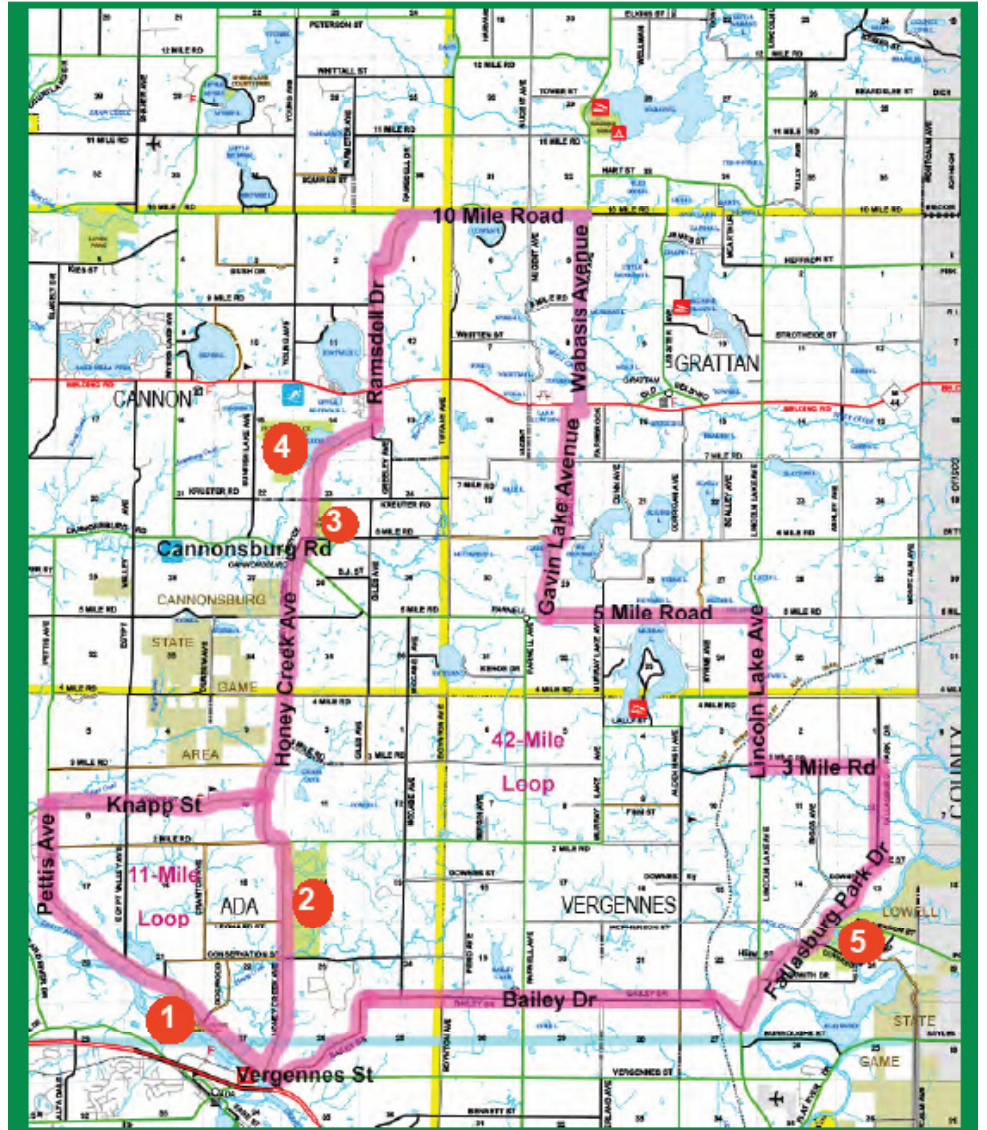
"Back in the 1950s, 60s and 70s, the color tour was overseen by the Kent County Road Commission's forestry and parks departments. Around the mid-1970s, forestry efforts were absorbed into our maintenance division and in the early 2000s the parks department became a department of Kent County, rather than

of the Kent County Road Commission. Together with our maintenance division, engineering reviewed the old maps and used them as the blueprint on which to edit and expand. Last year we offered eight routes that encompassed 237 miles of local roads. This year we expanded to provide nine routes and over 274 total miles of road. The routes may be connected for longer trips or driven individually for shorter outings."

Most of the routes will roll you through, past or close to some of our local parks, including Fallsburg Park and Vergennes Township.



## 2017 Fall Color Tour - East Kent County



- 1. Chief Lazy Cloud Park
- 2. Seidman Park
- 3. Townsend Park
- 4. Pickeral Lake Park & Fred Meijer Nature Preserve
- 5. Fallsburg Park

The east color tour goes through Vergennes Township, Fallsburg Park and Grattan Township.

"The routes not only celebrate the colors of the fall but also the beautiful parks throughout the county," Lamoreaux said. "We hope that motorists enjoy one or more of the Kent County or township parks along their travels. Each open park with an entrance along the route is identified with an icon on

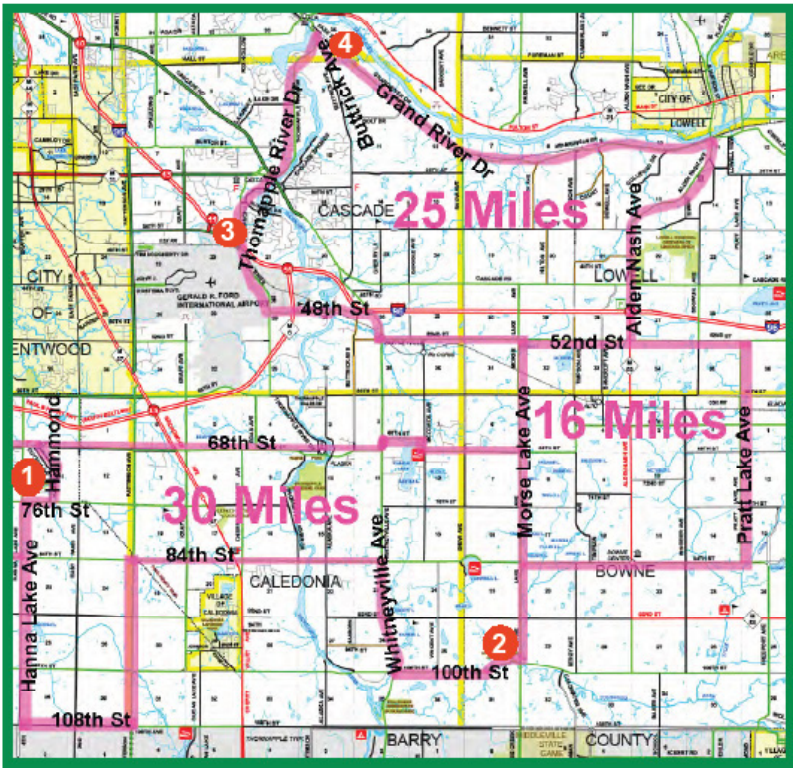
the map. One of the simplest pleasures in Kent County is taking in the beauty of fall. Our hope is that these tours encourage day trippers to venture into an area of the county that they have not yet enjoyed."

Although it may be considered an old fashioned activity by some, it's still

2017 so there must be a social media component.

"We encourage people to #LoveFallRoads and share their favorite photos from stops along the color tour with us by posting to facebook.com/MIKCRC or tweeting to @MIKCRC," Lamoreaux said.

## Fall Color Tour - Southeast Central Kent County



- 1. Dutton Shadyside Park
- 2. Coldwater River Park
- 3. Cascade Township Park
- 4. Ada Township Park

The southeast color tour takes Alden Nash right up to the Lowell city limits.

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