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Five candidates running for three city council seats on Election Day, November 7

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

In Lowell, there is only one decision for you to make on Election Day this year, who should have seats on the Lowell city council. In the Nov. 7 election the only thing on the ballot will be the five candidates running for three open seats on the council. Incumbents Michael DeVore and Greg Canfield are running for reelection along with new candidates Jake Davenport, Mark Ritzema and James Salzwedel.

Some of their views on various issues are presented below. The Ledger interviewed all but one of the candidates. Lowell mayor **Michael DeVore** did not respond to repeated requests to participate.

Jake Davenport said that he is running for a seat on the council in order to help get Lowell back on track.

"My number one priority is getting Lowell headed in the right direction," Davenport said. "The city government should work alongside

business, residents and our community organizations to find out what issues they are facing and work to find a solution. My idea of getting Lowell headed in the right direction means fixing our streets without tax increases, making Lowell more affordable by ending the perpetual increases in property taxes, filling our storefronts with successful businesses and restoring people's trust in the city government."

Mark Ritzema said he is running for a seat on the council because actions taken by the recent iterations of the city council have reflected badly on our city and because he wants to 'restore dignity' to that body.

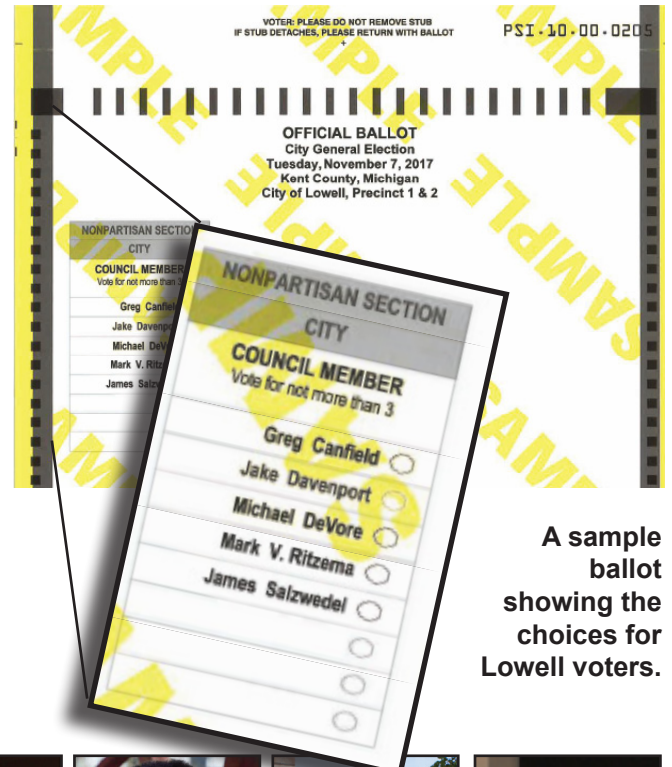
"I just felt that maybe they needed some new blood on the council," Ritzema said. "Over the last few years Lowell has had a lot of negative press. Maybe it's time for some new blood. I just thought I'd try it. I think we just need to have some civility

on the council and not be at war with each other. I like to listen to what everybody has got to say before I make a decision. I want to look at what's going to be best for the citizens of the city. We don't need a war. Let's work things out. We have a good town. It's time to bring back the positive press."

Jim Salzwedel ran for a seat on the council in 2014 but was defeated by only 51 votes. Since then he has been serving on both the board of Lowell Light & Power and on the Lowell Planning Commission.

"I am running because I believe that with my skills,

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A sample ballot showing the choices for Lowell voters.



James SALZWEDEL Mark RITZEMA Jake DAVENPORT Greg CANFIELD Michael DeVore

Artist market signals the start of holiday shopping

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

This year's LowellArts Holiday Market will take place between Nov. 7 and Dec. 23 in the LowellArts gallery at 223 W. Main. Over 50 area artists will be presenting handmade gifts, such as pottery, paintings, photography, jewelry, textiles, felting, glass work, handbags, woodwork, sculpture, metalwork, wreaths, ornaments, candles, soaps, mittens, scarves and more. They will have demonstrations by some of the artists. On Thursday, Nov. 9 from 6 pm until 8 pm they will have a free "meet the artists" reception with refreshments. On



Monday, Dec. 11 from 6 pm until 8 pm they will have a free "holiday open house" with more refreshments and 10 percent off all purchases for LowellArts members.

You can make some wishes come true for the people on your shopping list with a unique gift at the LowellArts Holiday Market. The gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am until 6 pm and Sundays from 12 pm to 5 pm. They will have extended hours on the weekend of Nov. 17, 18 and 19. Check out their website, lowellartsmi.org or call 616-897-8545 for more information.

Fall high school baseball league ends season in style

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell's "dream team" won the 2017 Fall Baseball League championship on Sunday, Oct. 22. In an exciting doubleheader, the Lowell team defeated Fennville and Wayland to win the title.

"We sure ended it with style," said manager John Ashenbremer. "They had fire in their eyes and they came to play. These boys were determined to win, they were not going to lose and they proved it."

The team members [Bryan Ashenbremer, Christian Beimers, Cort Davis, Tim Dawson, Casey French, Josh Hackstedt, Blake Groom, Josh Idema,

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The Lowell Fall Baseball League team after winning the championship.

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Kaminski named Staff Member of the Month

Murray Lake Elementary's new head custodian, Criss Kaminski, earned Staff Member of the Month honors for September. "Criss goes above and beyond to help keep our school looking beautiful," said Julie Fuss, fourth-grade teacher.



Criss Kaminski

"She is always willing to help out when needed. We are so thankful to have Criss on staff this year at MLE," added Molly Burnett, principal.

"I am so honored to get to work with the staff and students here at Murray Lake Elementary. I took the head custodian position because I love serving in my community and enjoy making others feel great about where they come to work and students where they come to learn in a clean environment," commented Criss Kaminski.



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HOLIDAY ARTISTS MARKET

The annual LowellArts Holiday Artists Market featuring artwork by over 50 area artists will be held from Nov. 7 to Dec. 23. Artwork and other handmade items by Michigan artists will be available for purchase during the gift-giving season. Gift items include pottery, paintings, photography, jewelry, textiles, glasswork, handbags, woodwork, metalwork, wreaths, basketry, ornaments, candles, soaps and more. LowellArts is located at 223 W. Main and gallery hours are Tues. – Sat., 10 am to 6 pm. Details can be found at www.lowellartsmi.org

GILDA'S CLUB LOWELL CLUBHOUSE

Birthday Open House -Tues., Nov. 7, 4:30-5:30 pm. Happy Birthday Gilda's Club Lowell! Please join us for an open house and piece of cake to celebrate eight years of Gilda's Club Lowell!

Gardening with Gilda's –Tues., Nov. 14, 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!

Winter Holiday Craft with Mary Shipley – Tues., Nov. 14, 4-5 pm. Please join Mary Shipley doing a few things involving recycled materials, dollar store items and a white elephant gift idea or two, all materials will be provided.

Cardmaking Together –Tues., Nov. 21, 2:30-4:30 pm. Please join us at the Lowell Clubhouse in making handmade cards together! All supplies provided and no experience required.

Mindfulness Workshop –Tues., Nov. 21, 4:30-5:30 pm. Join other members to practice the emotional and physical benefits of mindfulness and learn how to incorporate it into your daily life. Please dress comfortably. Presented by Jan Miller, LPC.

Moving Forward: The Grief Journey during the Holidays – Tues., Nov. 28, 6-7:30 pm. For many, just thinking about special days and holidays can bring back

a flood of happy memories. However for others, happy memories are dulled by the sorrow of experiencing the holidays without a loved one who has died. These are normal feelings and you are not alone in experiencing these emotions. Join Emmanuel Hospice to learn about ways to help you or a friend cope with grief during this time.

Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson St. For more information call 897-8600 or visit 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 December 13 and pre-registration is required and must be completed a month prior to receiving food. Distribution is during regular food pantry hours, November 8-10. For more information or to register, contact Flat River Outreach Ministries at 897-8260.

LOWELL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

First Congregational Church, 865 Lincoln Lake SE, will have their tenth annual free Lowell Community Thanksgiving Dinner from noon to 3 pm on Thurs., Nov. 23. Transportation to and from the event is available and prospective diners are encouraged to RSVP by calling 897-5906.

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A long habit of not thinking a thing wrong gives it a superficial appearance of being right.

~ Thomas Paine

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Fall baseball team, continued

Hunter Krzysik, Channing Perry, Foster Skoog and Josh Virsik, manager John Ashenbremer and coaches Doug Beimers and Chuck Perry] have played baseball together for at least three years. Some of the guys have been playing together since they began Little League at age eight. This was their final year together as they turn 18 and move on to graduation, college, work and life.

“This was our third year playing in a fall baseball league designed for high school players to continue playing baseball in the fall,” Ashenbremer said. “Some of these boys, the core of our team, have been playing together for ten years, since they were eight years old. This was their last hurrah. This was the last time that these boys could play together. This was it. They are all quality ballplayers and they showed it. Every kid that touched that field gave 130 percent. They were determined to go out as champions and they were not going to let anybody get in their way. We could have beaten anybody. I can’t think of a better way to end.

It was a dream to go out like this. It’s always great to win.”

The team, sponsored by Dirt Cheap Excavating, played two games back to back in what’s called a “single elimination tournament” at Wayland High School on Sunday, Oct. 22. In the first game Channing Perry and Tim Dawson both hit home runs and Perry also pitched a complete game. Not to be outdone, in the second game Josh Hackstedt hit a home run and pitched a complete game.

“The second game against Wayland got scary,” Ashenbremer said. “It was an unbelievable ballgame. We were on fire. Our pitching was unbelievable. The bats were hotter than blazes, these kids were crushing the baseball all day. We had zero errors. We got off to a 6-0 lead after only two innings. Unfortunately, that 6-0 slowly deteriorated until Wayland tied the ballgame. Josh Hackstedt was pitching and I was really, really close to pulling him. He told me, ‘Coach, I got this, let me finish.’ I trusted his judgment and let

him go and it was the right move, he got us out of the inning. We got two runs in the bottom of that inning. The game winning hit was actually a bunt, my son Bryan Ashenbremer laid down a perfect bunt. I put Josh back in and he mowed them down, 1, 2, 3 and we won 9-7.”

There are five teams in the fall high school baseball league; Lowell, Wayland, Fennville, Comstock Park and Thornapple-Kellogg. Every Sunday in September and October they play doubleheaders until a champion team surfaces. What’s interesting about Lowell is that, unlike most who send the all stars from their high school varsity team, the Lowell group is a team who sat out high school ball by choice.

“This year there were five teams in the league,” Ashenbremer said. “We’ve had up to seven. We play doubleheaders every Sunday during September and October. When we get to the end of the year we have a single elimination tournament. It’s really gratifying. I think the thing that’s most gratifying to me

is all of the other schools are playing primarily their varsity ballplayers. Because Lowell is such a football-oriented school most of the varsity baseball players are playing football so they’re not into this league. We represent Lowell. These are all Lowell boys, they’re Lowell seniors. I only had one kid, Josh Hackstedt,

who played in the Lowell High School baseball program. Everybody else, all the other boys are just really good baseball players that, for one reason or another, are not involved in the Lowell High School baseball league. In certain leagues or with certain managers, there’s so much pressure the kids don’t have

any fun. That’s a shame. In this league we play to win, but we also play to have fun. No doubt there are several kids on this team who could be, should be, playing varsity ball. I think it’s a major, major, major accomplishment that we went out there and won the entire tournament.”

Coping with fewer hours of daylight

Daylight saving time comes to an end each fall, at a time when the hours of available sunlight already are beginning to decline.

Some people are more accustomed to darkness than others. Norwegians, Swedes and people living in Alaska and the upper reaches of Canada near or above the Arctic Circle may go through a period when winters can be especially dark. Fairbanks, Alaska, gets just three hours and 42 minutes of sunlight on the winter solstice. Those in Barrow, Alaska, will endure a period of 67 days of darkness, according to Alaska.org. Residents

of Seattle, which is even further north than cities such as Fargo, North Dakota, or Portland, Maine, deal with more darkness than those living outside the city may know.

Although much of the rest of North America doesn’t experience such profound periods of darkness, when the darkness of fall and winter arrives, it can be difficult to maintain a positive outlook. Borrowing some of the coping mechanisms relied on in northern latitudes can help

many people to see the dark in a different light.

• Be aware of SAD. Seasonal affective disorder, or SAD, is defined by the Mayo Clinic as a type of depression that’s related to changes in seasons, beginning and ending at about the same times each year. Symptoms tend to start in the fall and continue into the winter, sapping energy and making a person feel moody. As with other types

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Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: Whatever became of the rediscovered Ivory-Billed Woodpecker that we thought we had lost to extinction? What other animals that we thought went extinct have “come back” from the dead?
 -- *Betsy Edgewater, Austin, TX*

Whether or not the Ivory-Billed Woodpecker is extinct in the Southeastern U.S. is still a matter of debate. The last conclusive evidence of the bird's existence in the U.S. dates back to 1944; most biologists presume the species didn't hang on around here much longer than that. And the last confirmed sighting of the species anywhere was in Cuba in 1986.

But then in April 2004, amateur birder David Luneau captured video of what he claimed to be an Ivory-Billed Woodpecker making its rounds in the Arkansas' Cache River National Wildlife Refuge, soon thereafter sparking international interest in the story of the bird that came back from the dead.

But doubters point out that the bird Luneau saw may have been a common Pileated Woodpecker, giving the similar size and coloring of the two different birds. Luneau's shaky, distant video is far from conclusive proof, and since then no one else has managed a confirmed sighting of the bird at Cache River or anywhere else in the woodpecker's traditional range. A 2016 trip to Cuba by researchers from Cornell's Lab of Ornithology looking for evidence of living Ivory-Billed Woodpeckers there likewise turned up nothing.

While birders continue to hope the majestic woodpecker turns up again, no one is holding their breath.

But one source of optimism for the Ivory-Billed's return continues to be other examples of wildlife coming back from the dead. Some of the most famous “lazarus taxa” species—the name refers to the biblical Gospel of John, in which Jesus raises his follower Lazarus from the dead—include the Coelacanth, a prehistoric fish thought to have gone extinct with the dinosaurs 65 million years ago but started showing up in fishermen's hauls in the late 1930s; the Lord Howe Island Stick Insect, thought to be driven to extinction on the remote Australian island by invasive rats in the 1930s only to reappear in the 1960s; and the Terror Skink of New Caledonia,

presumed extinct by the 1990s but then rediscovered in 2003.

Likewise, New Zealand's Takahē, a large flightless bird, was thought to be driven to extinction as a result of predation by introduced rats, cats and pigs at the end of the 20th century. But in 1948 a small population of living Takahēs was discovered near an isolated lake in a remote mountainous region. These days a population of more than 200 of the birds is holding steady in New Zealand's Fiordland National Park.

Other Lazarus taxa examples include Cuba's Solenodon, the Bermuda Petrel, Laos' Rock Rat, the Canary Islands' La Palma Giant Lizard, Japan's Black Kokonee, Columbia's Painted Frog, the Bavarian Pine Vole of Europe's Alps and Indonesia's Banggai Crow. Of course, the term Lazarus taxa isn't reserved just for fauna: The Mt. Diablo Buckwheat, an inconspicuous little pink flower last seen in the 1930s on the slopes of the San Francisco Bay Area's highest peak, reappeared in 2005 much to the delight of botanists.

CONTACTS: Cache River National Wildlife Refuge, www.fws.gov/cacheriver/; The Cornell Lab of Ornithology, www.birds.cornell.edu

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The only Ivory-Billed Woodpeckers we can be sure of seeing these days are scientific specimen samples, although birders are keeping hope alive that the so-called Lord God Bird will re-appear “on the wing” somewhere in the swamps of the Southeastern U.S. Credit: Billtacular, FlickrCC.

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viewpoint

to the editor

our national parks

Dear Editor,
Recently, I have returned from a wonderful visit to Empire, Michigan and the Sleeping Bear and Pierce Stocking Drive, part of our National Park System. I paid fifteen dollars for a few hours of pure pleasure. I had not been to this area for about twenty years. It was so wonderful to see that the dunes had not changed. It was delightful to find no changes and again to do the dune climb.

I wonder if many people know that Yelllowstone was the first national park signed into service by Ulysses S. Grant, in an act in 1872. The national park system was founded by Theodore Roosevelt in August 1916.

Why do people visit the national parks? 58 percent of people say that it is to enjoy the scenery and landscape. These beautiful

parks were opened for all people to enjoy. However, the parks' entrance fees keep rising. This week it was announced that some of the fees will rise to \$70. This is more than the cost of a yearly pass. A person I worked for years ago said, "If you raise your prices, many clients will quit the practice, but you will keep those that you desire."

The United States Department of Interior runs and controls the national park system. Apparently, they are only interested in the wealthy visiting the parks. Whatever happened to, "These parks are for all to enjoy?"

Our national parks should be affordable and open to all ages, incomes and people.

Janet Twesten
Lowell

michigan politics

Dear Ledger:

From the Mysterious East. The (Detroit) Metro Times had two features in its 4 October number. In inverse order of importance:

Cover story on "Dan Gilbert's Law" or "Gilbert Bills." These measures in the Legislature were to the benefit of – and certainly behest of – Dan Gilbert and his employees. Gilbert is the magnate of Quicken Loans. He and some lesser out-state developers/real estate interests want powerful incentives for their good works, principally in Detroit.

There are fascinating tax "capture" schemes beyond this communication. In short, my arch-Tory dad would call the whole business "boondoggle" and Dan Gilbert a "g--m crook." Author/muckraker Tom Perkins was very thorough with a list of who got what. *Vide*.

Rep. Afendoulis (R-G.R.) \$500; Rep. VanHuelen (R_Walker) \$250; Rep. Brinks (R-

G.R.) \$250; Rep. Albert (R-Lowell) \$250. To be fair, Albert received the same as the seasoned, highly qualified Rep. Ellison (D-Royal Oak), for whom I have deep respect and once referred to as "Your Worship" on the record.

Regarding Rep. Albert, there was a typically bitter editorial from "Black Jack" Lessenberry (who is white). Gov. "Yesterday's Man" Snyder cravenly signed Senate Bill 335. This legislation is Michigan's version of the infamous *Citizens United* decision of the U.S. Supreme Court. Remember? Huge campaign donations = "free speech?"

If Michigan politics was a money brothel before, watch the gang bang now! The governor did not want to disappoint the Republican caucus. Give Rep. Albert a ting-a-ling to ask how he voted, or better, wait for a meet 'n' greet.

G. M. Ross
Lowell

outdoors

small world

Dave Stegehuis

Living in a culture centered around digital communication allows one to instantly access information around the world. We can communicate with individuals or view events as they happen in real time anywhere on the planet. It would seem our days are spent in a vast global environment. This may be true for our minds, but physically for many the world has shrunk down to a 3x5 screen, and adventure is found on a surround sound HD television.

A hundred years ago families spent their days in field and forest making a living. Industrialization drew the next generation into factory buildings. In recent times, more people work in spaces just big enough to accommodate a few electronic devices and a chair. There is a need to get back outdoors where there is room to roam.

Fortunately, early conservationists like Roosevelt, Muir, and Leopold drew attention to conserving and expanding our natural resources. The result is that we have

open spaces available to everyone. National parks, national forests, state land, local parks and urban walkways provide places for people to get out and experience nature in their own way. Hiking, walking, biking, fishing, hunting, and camping are popular activities which draw people into the wide open spaces. Gardening in a vacant lot or backyard is a productive connection to nature for less mobile city dwellers. I live in the country, but we drive to town to take advantage of safe well-maintained trail ways.

Few of us have to plow fields or cut firewood anymore, but still have the opportunity to get fresh air and exercise while enjoying nature as did generations past. It would appear that we have the advantages of our modern lifestyle, but don't have to give up our connection with the outdoors and nature. A walk in the woods today is the same kind of experience now as it was a hundred years ago. Maybe our world isn't so small after all.

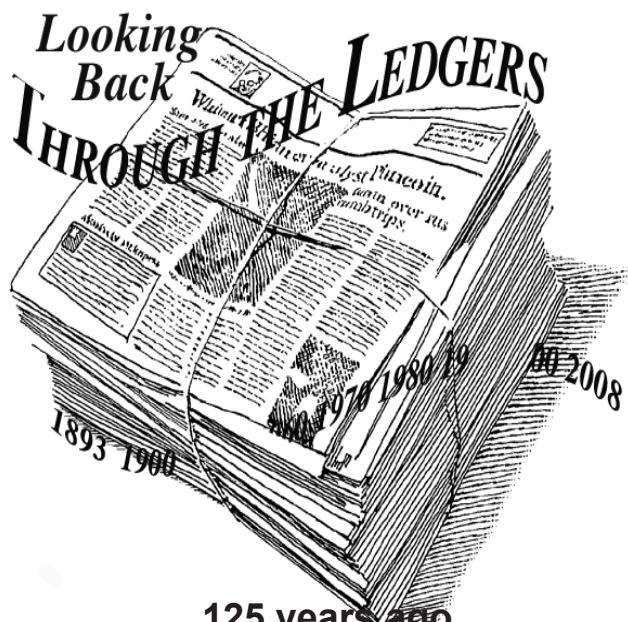
CORRECTION -

Whoops! There was a typo last week in Off The Cuff ...*"social media" is not the place for debate. Real people need to show their faces and come armed with credible evidence to support their point of view in order to facilitate real progress....(not vacillate)*

Since the removal of the Lowell Light & Water Co. to their new plant, improvement has been the order until now they have the finest and most complete plant in the state. Their lights are superior and the prices are lowest. Their contract prices are, to those acquainted with other places, startlingly low. In fact, they compete with kerosene in price and discount that liquid in brilliancy.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger November 1, 1917

The following letters are self explanatory and show how one Lowell woman meets attempts at intimidation. Editor Ledger: Dear Sir: Will you please let me answer my unknown friend through your paper? As I have no other way of sending an answer. I enclose the letter I want answered so you may understand my request. I am respectfully, Mrs. Milo Johnson. Endless chain. O Lord, in Heaven, I implore thee to bless our Sailors and Soldiers and keep them from all harm and bring them back to dwell with thee for Jesus' sake.—Amen! This prayer has been sent to me and I am sending it to you to spread abroad, so do likewise. It is to be sent all over the world; try it and see what happens. This prayer was done in ancient times. All who took heed was free and all who failed to do so met with misfortune. Send one for seven days to seven different persons and on the seventh day you will receive great pay. Start this



125 years ago Lowell Journal November 2, 1892

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The Lowell Teachers Association will meet for reorganization at the Central School building, next Saturday, Nov. 5, at 2 o'clock, fast time. All interested in teaching are requested to be present.

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The pros and cons of using the Internet to complete schoolwork

The classroom atmosphere familiar to today's children is likely very different from the atmosphere their parents were accustomed to when they were students. Many of these changes can be traced to technology, which has gradually had an increasing presence in the classroom over the last several decades.

But technology has not only changed the classroom experience for kids, but thanks in large part to the Internet, technology also

has changed the way kids approach their schoolwork at home. Though a potentially valuable learning tool, the Internet also poses some problems for today's students. The following are some of the advantages and disadvantages of relying on the Internet to complete schoolwork.

THE PROS

The accessibility of the Internet can be a significant benefit to students. Students have a wealth of resources

available to them online, and those resources can make it easier for kids to understand key concepts on nearly every subject. Whereas students might once have been forced to trek to the library to research a given subject, now they can do so from the comforts of home. And unlike the library, the Internet never closes, so information is at students' disposal regardless of when they sit down to do their schoolwork.

Another advantage

to using the Internet to complete schoolwork is that the Internet can be an extension of the classroom beyond school walls. Educational Web sites abound on the Internet, and many of these sites are written and monitored by professional educators. These sites can be valuable resources for students who may find themselves struggling with certain lessons. Many of their questions or concerns may already be addressed, and

certain topics may be more easily explained on a Web site written by a professional educator or scholar in a given field. Rather than waiting to address an issue in class, students can visit such Web sites to answers to their questions immediately.

The Internet also can provide students with a forum to discuss their studies which does

not always exist in the classroom. That forum may engage students and make them better students. A passionate online discussion about a reading assignment may encourage kids to approach such assignments more fervently. Though such discussions may exist

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A toolbox full of resources

Social Security has a toolbox full of resources on its website, www.socialsecurity.gov, to help you with your financial planning. With so many resources, maybe it's easier if we highlight one of our "best."

B.E.S.T. is the Benefit Eligibility Screening Tool, available at <https://ssabest.benefits.gov>. It can help you find out if you might be eligible for retirement, disability, survivors, Supplemental Security Income, or Medicare benefits. Although B.E.S.T. asks you a series of questions to determine

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On average, it takes only about 10 minutes to complete the B.E.S.T. questionnaire. First, it guides you through the questions needed to find out if you could qualify for benefits. Just to the right of each question is an information icon (a white "i" in a blue circle) that gives you tips on how to answer each question.

The "results" section appears automatically after you have completed some basic questions. B.E.S.T. lists each program for which



you might qualify. By clicking on the "read more" tab, you'll find a description of the benefits program, its requirements, and what your next steps should be. If you are eligible for benefits, you must file an application for benefits with Social Security because B.E.S.T. is not an application. The best way to do this is by visiting www.socialsecurity.gov.

You can go back and narrow your resource responses by answering additional questions. After you have reviewed the results, you can print a copy for your records or email yourself a copy.

B.E.S.T. doesn't screen for the *Extra Help* program, which helps with Medicare Part D prescription drug plan costs. You can see if you qualify for that at www.socialsecurity.gov/medicare/prescriptionhelp.

The results couldn't be clearer — investing just ten minutes can yield all the possible resources available to you from Social Security. Now, that's a tool worth using.

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- cellulitis

Cellulitis is an infection of the skin or underlying tissues. Bacteria can be introduced into the skin through an area of open skin, such as an insect bite. However, in many cases, there is not an obvious site where bacteria entered the skin. Once bacteria are in the skin, they cause redness and swelling that can spread rapidly. Cellulitis can happen almost anywhere on the body but the most common place it occurs is the lower legs.

Signs of cellulitis include redness of the skin, warmth under the skin and fever. The affected area can be painful.

Cellulitis is diagnosed by physical examination.

Laboratory tests and x-rays are not required. However, with more severe skin infections, studies like CT scans and ultrasound might be done to look for deeper pockets of infections (abscesses).

Cellulitis is treated with antibiotics to kill the bacteria involved. Antibiotics can be given by mouth in many cases, but in more severe cases, patients may need to be hospitalized for IV antibiotics when an abscess occurs. It should be drained whenever possible. If a patient has frequent episodes of cellulitis, sometimes an antibiotic can be given daily for several weeks or even months to prevent further episodes.

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Election Day, continued

knowledge and experience I can promote Lowell's quality of community and I can help the council become more effective in doing its job to the benefit of its citizens," Salzwedel said. "The city council matters to Lowell's future. We need councilmembers who will first represent citizen and business interests while being mindful of the needs of the city and who want[s] to do the hard work involved and ask tough questions on behalf of those citizens and businesses. When you've gone down to city hall for meetings as I have and talked to councilmembers, city staffers and the citizens who come to address the council on some matter, you begin to understand that the city council has an impact on Lowell's quality of life and it has the potential to become a real asset to the city."

Local business owner **Greg Canfield** said that his success in business originally inspired him to seek a seat on the council.

"I truly care about our wonderful town and feel that my business background helps me to ask questions about financial decisions that are being made by the city council," Canfield said. "The city faces reduced revenues, probably for the next 10 years, due to the lower taxable values from the drop in property values. Because of Proposal A and the Headlee Amendment it will probably be 2030 before property tax revenues reach 2008 levels for the city. That's a huge problem for the city budget."

The candidates differed on what Lowell's biggest challenge is. Davenport said it's that high city taxes keep potential residents and companies from moving to Lowell.

"I think the biggest challenge to city residents is the cost of living in the city," Davenport said. "According to the Open Kent project, the city of Lowell has the fourth highest millage in Kent County and the 11th highest overall tax burden in the county. Some of those taxes are county taxes and school district taxes, so the city's sphere of influence is limited in those areas but the city government does have control over city taxes and utility rates, like sewer and water. People on fixed incomes are especially impacted by the high cost of living in Lowell. It all boils down to one simple answer. The city needs to stop raising taxes and learn to live within its means."

"I think one of our biggest challenges is keeping the 'Small Town USA' feel that we have," Canfield said. "A walkable downtown is important, with shops and bazaars selling things you don't find at the mall. Utilizing the second and third floors of our buildings for residences. Developing the trail system is very important to downtown Lowell. We must keep the ball rolling to be part of this. The rivers are underutilized and underappreciated. We are the national headquarters for the North Country Trail, we are the last link in the Fred Meijer Trail that needs

to be completed and we are on the water trails with two beautiful rivers. We need to make this happen. We should and will be a trailhead city for all three of these and the city council and administration need to make this happen."

Salzwedel said it's the city's crumbling infrastructure, especially streets and sidewalks.

"Ideally these should be handled through capital improvements," Salzwedel said. "Many cities have a small but regular portion of the budget annually dedicated to construction and maintenance of roads and sidewalks. Though the sum might not be great and only enough to build or repair smaller areas annually, over time it is a significant contribution to maintaining infrastructure. Sidewalks could be looked at as a civic responsibility to be maintained by the property owner or looked at as an asset to the city to be paid for by the city. You can build or repair sidewalks at a reduced cost during other construction activities, such as sewers, underground utility work, road resurfacing, etc. However, when the city becomes responsible for sidewalks, you can most likely expect a property tax increase or perhaps an increase in sales tax. Of course this applies to roads as well. Sometimes these increases also encompass bundling the expense of the police and fire departments as well as other operating services and also schools, as in the case of a millage."

Infrastructure repairs were a hot topic among the candidates. Davenport said if he's elected, he would pay for badly needed infrastructure improvements by shifting some of the city's budget money around.

"Lowell should do a few different things to fix the streets," Davenport said. "We should fix our streets without raising taxes. That means we make cuts in other areas of city government and reallocate that money to infrastructure. Sidewalks are important but I think that streets are more important. I think we should shift sidewalk money towards streets, at least on a temporary basis, until we can get our streets in order."

Canfield came up with three ways to pay for Lowell's badly needed infrastructure improvements that don't involve raising the property tax. Better get a job outside of town, though.

"Unfortunately, 40 years ago in the 70s, the federal government came through and put in new sewer and water mains and streets at no cost to Lowell, so no one planned for maintenance and replacement, assuming the feds would do it again," Canfield said. "Now we know that's not gonna happen. I see three options besides raising property taxes, which isn't an option. Option one, keep plugging along with the revenue we have, fixing a road or two a year as we can afford to. Progress, but slow progress. Option two, put a special assessment on with the funds earmarked for roads.

Faster progress, but it's really raising taxes again, just for a period of time. Option three, implement a slight city income tax, similar to Ionia or Grand Rapids. What I like about this is that it spreads the cost to nonresidents that drive to Lowell for employment using our streets and snowplows. It's also more fair because the highly paid business executive pays more than the kid flipping burgers. Of the three, I feel this is the fairest and most palatable to our residents."

Ritzema also said that he will also attempt to budget for more street repairs if he is elected.

"I want to take a look at the budgets because we need road work. I don't really think we can afford tax increases. People are stretched now with everything else. I'll take a look at the budget, see where our expenditures and incomes are coming in and go from there. We'll have to prioritize. We have funds that are coming in here, where are the expenditures going? I don't see anything getting done. The roads really haven't been done since the 70s when they redid everything to put in the storm sewers. We have to figure out where to get the money and how to make sure it's done right."

Some of the candidates also had ideas on ways the city could generate revenue. Ritzema said perhaps by attracting more tourists to Lowell.

"Lowell used to be the next best place to be and we can do that again," Ritzema said. "Take a look at everything that goes on here. We've got the summer concerts on Thursdays, we've got all kinds of festivals and things coming in all the time. It draws people. Hopefully whatever they decide to do with the showboat will come into play."

Canfield said the council could help generate funds by working with the Lowell business community.

"I feel that economic development for Lowell should be a priority for city administration including the city council," Canfield said. "By attracting more businesses we will increase the desirability of our community. Restaurants and breweries make us a destination for people outside our area, who then spend money at other shops and gas stations before they head home. Investments made by businesses increase our tax base, allowing us to provide the services our residents need and desire."

Using the Internet, continued

in a traditional classroom atmosphere, many students might be hesitant to express themselves in front of their classmates, feeling the anonymity of the Internet is a more inviting and less stressful forum than a classroom of their peers.

THE CONS

As beneficial as the Internet can be to students, it's not always what it's cracked up to be. Much of the concern about using the Internet to complete schoolwork is the reliability of the information on the Internet. Many sites offer reliable and well-researched information, but many do not. Students, especially younger students, may not be capable of discerning fact from fiction and will simply take the written word on the

Internet as truth. That may land students in hot water or make it more difficult for them to understand their subjects.

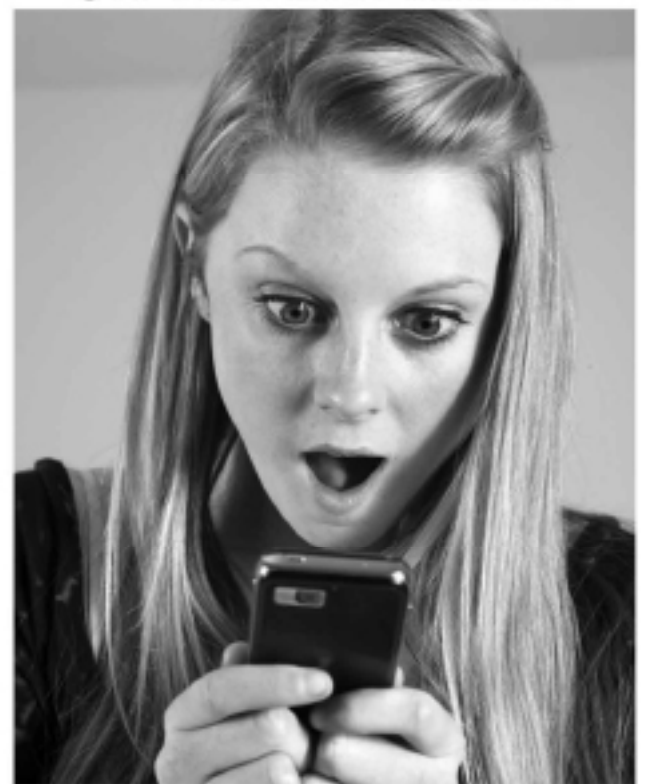
Another significant disadvantage to using the Internet to complete schoolwork is that students may be tempted to cheat. Because the Internet is so vast, students might be tempted to cut and paste answers to homework problems from the Internet or copy information from Web sites and claim it as their own, feeling as if there is no way their teachers will ever find out. Some students may not even understand that such cutting, pasting or copying is wrong. But in addition to being wrong, such behavior, whether students are caught or not, also makes it harder

for students to learn the material, which will make it more difficult for them to grasp key concepts going forward.

The Internet can also be a significant distraction to students. Social networking sites can quickly distract kids from their schoolwork, costing them valuable time they should be devoting to their studies.

For more than a decade, the Internet has proven a valuable resource for students across the globe. But students must recognize there are advantages and disadvantages to relying too heavily on the Internet when pursuing their studies. BS137267

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Player Spotlight

Our Spotlight Athletes This Week:

Jonny Draigh & Jenna Reitsma

Holding a 4.17 GPA and a school scoring record for the Lowell varsity soccer team, three-year varsity striker Jonny Draigh is a powerhouse on the field and in the classroom. Bouncing back from an injury that set back his entire junior year, the senior captain had a phenomenal season on the field shattering a 15-year-old scoring record with 33 goals during his final stanza as a Red Arrow. A member of the National Honors Society, the school's volunteer-oriented interact club and an energizing student section leader at athletic events, the well-rounded, soon to be graduate, is ready to "kick" off his future bringing his successes at Lowell High School along with him.

Ledger: When did you start playing soccer and what drew you to the sport?

Draigh: I began playing soccer when I was 4 years old and I enjoyed playing with my friends.

Ledger: What is your earliest good memory in soccer competition?

Draigh: Playing LASSO/PASS soccer with Jay Stadt and Collin Bowers.

Ledger: What is your most recent?

Draigh: When we beat Northern with 17 seconds left in the game to win 2-1 this season.

Ledger: What drives you toward success on the field?

Draigh: Competition drives me towards success on the field because I hate losing.

Ledger: What is your relationship like with your teammates?

Draigh: I have a very strong relationship with all of my teammates; we hang out a lot outside of soccer. Hung out with many almost every day this past summer.

Ledger: What did you feel in the moment you broke the school scoring record?

Draigh: It was a surreal moment because all of my teammates

were just as excited as I was and if it wasn't for them I would not [have] been in this situation.

Ledger: After your injury, did you think that you would make it to that point?

Draigh: After I tore my ACL I was very down and thought that I would never return to the form that I was before the injury, but then I realized that I could come back both stronger and faster than I had been before. After having an injury that had such a long recovery process, it really makes you celebrate small achievements along the way that you typically take for granted.

Ledger: Do you have college plans at this point and if so, will you continue playing soccer?

Draigh: Right now I am leaning towards not playing college soccer, but I am really considering attending either Michigan State University or Florida State University.

Ledger: What career do you intend to pursue in college?

Draigh: At the moment I am thinking about going into the engineering field, most likely biomedical engineering.

Ledger: What have you learned competing as a Red Arrow?

Draigh: Competing as [a] Red Arrow comes along with a little bit of pressure due to the immense amount of tradition

Just finishing up her first semester at Lowell High School, freshman Jenna Reitsma is also simultaneously wrapping up her first season on the Red Arrow varsity volleyball team. The student athlete's talent quickly propelled her to the upperclassman team where she has made an impact on the court in several positions as part of a tremendous winning season. Hitting with the best percentage on her team, at 3.86 percent and logging impressive stats like six aces, 20 blocks and 46 digs on the season so far, Reitsma looks poised to reach the stars. Already standing a commanding 5' 11" and leaping to nearly 10', she may not have much further to get there.

Ledger: At what age did you begin playing volleyball and what inspired you to do so?

Reitsma: I was twelve years old and was inspired by my mom and sister to play because they loved it.



Jenna Reitsma

Ledger: What is your earliest memory on the court as a competitor?

Reitsma: When I played volleyball for the first year, my team beat the team said to be better than us.

Ledger: What is it that you love about the sport?

Reitsma: Everything, the intensity, the team and the excitement for every point.

Ledger: What was your reaction to being promoted to the varsity team?

Reitsma: I knew that it was an honor and that I had to work harder than ever. I was very excited and happy to be part of the team.

Ledger: How were you welcomed by your fellow teammates?

Reitsma: At first I was nervous that I wouldn't fit in, but they let me in with open arms and I have met some of my best friends.

Ledger: What are your goals for this season?

Reitsma: My goal for this season is to be the best we can be and to keep getting better. I also want to go far at districts and earn academic all-state also.

Ledger: What is your favorite moment on the court thus far with the varsity team?

Reitsma: My favorite memory is beating Rockford. That is a really great success for our team and it really showed how great we are.



Jonny Draigh

at the school, so having these traditions comes with pressure and what I have learned is that you just need to embrace the pressure that is put on you.

Ledger: What is your personal inspiration?

Draigh: My personal inspiration would have to be proving people wrong after getting injured, showing that if you work hard anything is really possible.

RED ARROW FAST FIVE

What is your favorite movie?

Draigh: 21 Jumpstreet.

Song you listen to on repeat?

Draigh: Everything 1K by Kodak Black.

What makes you happy?

Draigh: Hanging out with friends.

Class you look forward to most?

Draigh: AP American government.

Favorite team to beat?

Draigh: Without a doubt, Forest Hills Central.



Ledger: Who has offered the support to get you where you are today?

Reitsma: My parents have really given me so much support. They encourage me to be my best and to keep getting better.

Ledger: Who is your personal inspiration?

Reitsma: My personal inspiration is Autumn Bailey. She is an outside hitter at Michigan State University who is my height and really good. I want to be that good in the future.

Ledger: Looking forward, what do you hope to accomplish as a Red Arrow?

Reitsma: As a Red Arrow I want to achieve great seasons. I want to be a great leader here at Lowell in the future.

RED ARROW FAST FIVE

Show you can't miss?

Reitsma: The Voice.

Favorite LHS teacher?

Reitsma: Mrs. Klomprens.

Last song you downloaded?

Reitsma: Wolves by Selena Gomez.

Favorite book?

Reitsma: Holes by Louis Sachar.

Career aspiration?

Reitsma: Some form of doctor or sports psychology.

The Preservers - an interesting young band from Lowell

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The Preservers have been Lowell's most interesting young rock band. The group formed in 2013 and have played everywhere from the Lowell Showboat to a home in Marquette. Their second album, "Made With Soy," came out this summer. The band is currently on hiatus while two of the four members, guitarist Jeremy Kargl and bass player Corrina Wenger, are away attending college in Dearborn, MI and Asheville, NC. The local members, singer, songwriter and guitarist Ryne Clarke and drummer Patrick Kargl, are keeping busy with a bunch of other musical projects.

"Patrick and I are still doing music, something similar, just not with the other two members and calling it the 'Ryne Experience' for now," Ryne Clarke said during an interview at the band's headquarters, Kargl Studios, which is in the basement of a home in a subdivision on the outskirts of Lowell. "That just started, it's really fresh. We're also jamming with other people too, which might mesh into something, we're not sure. I have quite a few 'solo songs,' about 12 or 13."

"We haven't really brought the Preservers' songs to that too much, it's been pretty much all new stuff," Patrick Kargl said. "It's a different feel."

"The Preservers haven't really called it quits, we just haven't been active because two members have moved away," Clarke said. "We played our last show as the Preservers at the end of

August. We might possibly have a reunion show at the end of December, we're still working on the details for that. If an opportunity comes up like that one where everyone's home and we get offered to play a show, we'll do that because we like playing shows. I don't know how much further we'll go, though. We might record or do something else."

The band started in July 2013 when the members were in high school, around 14 or 15 years old.

"I was playing accordion because I was too late for band and orchestra sign ups and I still wanted to play something," Clarke said. "My grandma and my great grandma both played when they were younger, so I thought I'd give it a shot. I ended up switching to the guitar when I got interested in rock music. Patrick played drums and he was friends with Jeremy from doing radio shows. So I roped them in, even though they weren't too sure about it. I knew Corrina from school."

The Preservers' early shows were mostly covers, which the band spent hours jamming on in their basement, for audiences around Lowell and eventually as far away as Marquette.

"We weren't very active until 2014," Clarke said. "We started with more covers. We did some pretty fun stuff, 'House of the Rising Sun,' 'Childhood Zen' and 'Money' by Pink Floyd, that was a bit rough, we did a bunch of classic



The Preservers, Patrick Kargl, Jeremy Kargl, Ryne Clarke and Corrina Wenger, posing before their last show at the Red Barn in August.

rock songs all together in a medley."

"We did the Beatles and we tried to do the Who," Kargl said.

"I really like the Velvet Underground," Clarke said. "Probably about a year back they released ['The Complete Matrix Tapes']. Surprisingly they sounded really good for having been recorded on an old four-track cassette recorder. That made me appreciate the band even more because hearing them live was fantastic, they could really play live. In the studio they might not come off as the most talented musicians, but in the live shows, they shine."

"We didn't have a singer at first, that was an issue," Clarke said. "Once I started writing more stuff, somebody had to sing it. That's what it came down to. I feel like I've improved as a singer from then until now. I'm not quite as monotone as I used to be singing."

Their first album "The Preservers" only came out last year, but they worked on it for a very long time.

"The first album is definitely a lot more 'classic rock' oriented simply because of our age group at that time," Clarke said. "We were all in agreement and consensus that we liked that music, so it was easy to jam out on stuff similar to that."

They credit Al Eckman for helping them in myriad ways during their career, including when he soundproofed Kargl Studios for free.

"Al has been helping us with band stuff from the very beginning because Jeremy and I were in the radio club for so long," Clarke said. "Even before we had a bass

player, he was helping us. Both of our CDs were made through him. He's definitely been a really big help for us in different ways."

Clarke and Kargl said the songwriting process was more communal on the band's first album.

"For the song 'Ballad of a Short Man,' Jeremy gave me some chords and wanted me to do something with it," Clarke said. "So I went home and wrote some lyrics and brought it back and we all pieced it together. A lot of the songs on the first album are like that, where we put it together in the studio. On the second album it was more individual between me and Jeremy shaping stuff out. Still doing it as a band, but putting it together more on our own. Also on the second album, definitely more modern influences have snuck in like Mac DeMarco, Father John Misty, Wilco. I don't want to say 'indie rock' but sort of that genre."

"That's what we were going for, to branch out and try different things," Kargl said.

The title of the second album is "Made With Soy," and there are references to soy in the lyrics. Kargl and Clarke describe the references to soy as an inside joke that went too far.

"That wasn't originally what I wanted the album to be about," Clarke said. "I had this whole 'Frackland' thing set in stone. Different parts of the songs focused on this weird town in a fantasy type way, not exactly like the town. I was jamming with Mitch, the drummer of the Alien Dogs and he said 'Oy!' all the time. One day I heard him say

'coy,' then that turned into 'soy.' I would go around yelling that sometimes at school and whatnot. Then everybody started saying it and it turned the album into 'Made With Soy.'"

At first glance one might assume the song "Arctic Shelf" was about Lowell because of lyrics like "I live in a town where nobody goes and nobody is to be seen. You could drive straight across in a mile or so, at least that's what it seems."

"It's actually about a different, similar town," Kargl said.

"There's a town called Woodland out over the expressway," Clarke said. "They heard about us somewhere and invited us to play and it went really well. The second time, nobody really showed up but we got paid and had fun practicing. The third time they loved us. We had eight copies of our CD with us and they bought all eight. It was great, but the town itself was kind of weird. I dubbed that town 'Frackland' and wrote that song about it."

Clarke and Kargl have recently started a media company called 'RyneShine Enterprises,' which they said will be "a big content hotspot" for local artists and musicians.

"The idea is that anyone who wants exposure can get exposure," Clarke said. "If somebody wants to sell some kind of artwork they can sell it through the shop, as long as it's not something too big or weird. Bands could do music sessions or they could sell their CDs. It's a big multimedia content blog and a shop."

The first RyneShine

endeavor will be a series of radio shows on Lowell's radio station, WRWW. Local bands of various genres will play their music and submit to questioning. They mentioned Skyking, a prog rock band from Grand Haven and the Alien Dogs and the Scants, punk bands from Grand Rapids as upcoming guests. A complete schedule is posted on their website, rynehyne.club

"The sessions are every Sunday in November and the first two in December," Clarke said. "We'll have a live radio spotlight on the band. They'll bring in a disc with a couple songs. We'll play a song, ask some questions, play a song, do the show like that. It will be filmed and we'll sync the audio to the video. When it's all done, the pictures, interview and music session will be uploaded as a podcast. The whole schedule is posted on my website. We don't know exactly how it will go because we haven't done one yet, but I'm definitely looking to do more sessions next year."

You can order both Preservers CDs and other merchandise from the rynehyne.club website. Kargl and Clarke currently have no live performances scheduled, but that could change. They will perform on the first episode of that radio show. Watch the website or follow them on Facebook to keep up to date.

"The Ryne Experience will be the first WRWW music session on Nov. 5," Clarke said. "It'll be myself and Patrick with Jerry Wenger on bass and my friend Devon on guitar."



Patrick Kargl and Ryne Clarke of The Preservers.

Red Arrow

- FOOTBALL

SPORTS

Arrows felled by Raiders 20-14 in predistrict play

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

The Lowell Red Arrows bid for the state title was cut short last Friday night. The varsity football team faced Flushing in the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 2 pre-district game, falling 20-14 at the hands of the Raiders.

After a scoreless first quarter, Lowell was the first to light up the scoreboard in the second. Senior David Kruse scored, the quarterback keeper sliding into the end zone after a nine-yard rush. After a rare missed extra point attempt, the Arrows went into the locker room at halftime with a 6-0 lead.

Tides turned in the third quarter when Flushing emerged recharged scoring twice to grab a 14-6 lead after a 49-yard pass from Raiders' quarterback Cal Endicott to Aiden Harrison and 70-yard pass to Rorke Landis. Trailing by eight moving into the final stanza, the team looked to Kruse to even the score. He did just that after fellow senior Brady Douma nabbed a huge interception and got the ball within striking distance for a one-yard Kruse run and a successful two-point conversion.

Knotted at 14 with just under six minutes left in the fourth, Flushing made another move sending in Endicott on an 18-yard keeper. Missing the extra point that followed, the Raiders left a door open for the Arrows that they were quick to approach. Moving as quickly and aggressively as they could Lowell made a break for the goal line but their efforts were thwarted by an interception that allowed Flushing to run out the clock and grab the 20-

14 victory. Flushing will move on to the next round of districts in pursuit of their first state title.

The Arrows returned to Lowell with a positive overall record of 6-4 along with their 22nd straight winning season. They finished third in the OK White with a 4-2 record, behind undefeated Forest Hills Central (10-0, 6-0) and second-place finisher Cedar Springs (7-3, 5-1). Their bout with Flushing was their 19th straight playoff

appearance and the second with Kruse at the helm; last year he brought the team to the state semifinals. The Red Arrows last state title appearance was in 2015 and their last title in 2009.

Along with seniors Kruse and Douma twenty-two other members of the class of 2018 bid farewell to the Red Arrow gridiron at the end of this season, Ben Lobbezoo, Elijah White, Addison Buckius, Jake Rau, Garrett Pratt, Connor Douma, Ethan Kaminski,

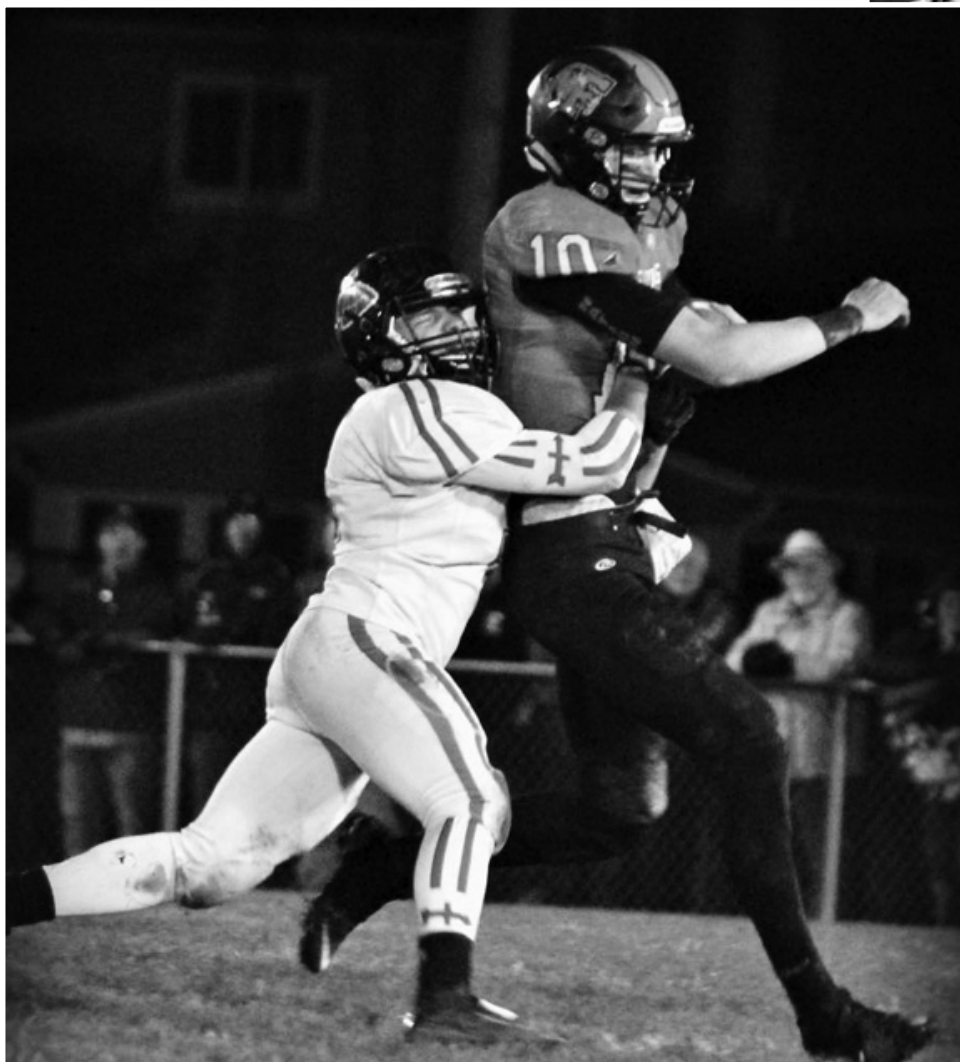
Ethan Meyer, Brayden VanAmburgh, Zach Phipps, Lane Ryan, Christian Beimers, Blake McVey, George Gonzales, Austin Whaley, Connor Nugent, Andrew LeFebre, Caleb Devereaux, Avery Lupton, Mitchell O'Gorman, Austin Engle and Cody McGee.



The Lowell High School band made the trip to the MHSAA predistrict match-up.



The Red Arrows bust through the banner for the final time this year after a 20-14 postseason loss.



Leading tackler senior Garrett Pratt taking down his Flushing opponent. (All photos submitted by Nicki Videto)

Regular Season Stats

PASSING

	Attempts	Completions	Yards	TD	INT	YPG	%
D. Kruse	104	53	837	8	8	93.0	51.0

OFFENSE

	Rushes/Yards	Reception/Yards	Total Yards	TD
D. Kruse	163/1138	0/0	1138	17
A. Buckius	34/196	10/130	326	4
B. Douma	2/-2	18/307	305	0
B. Lobbezoo	79/276	0/0	276	4
C. Douma	14/57	9/218	275	6
A. Mutschler	31/179	0/0	179	2
J. Dent	1/5	10/128	133	3

DEFENSE

	Solo Tackle	Assist	Total	Sacks	INT
G. Pratt	71	19	80.5	3	0
A. Buckius	30	19	39.5	1.5	
B. Douma	32	8	36	0	0
A. Whaley	25	16	33	2.5	0
C. McGee	20	9	24.5	2	0
C. Douma	20	7	23.5	0	1
A. Anschutz	20	6	23	0	3
B. Milligan	21	3	22.5	3	0



Red Arrow

- VOLLEYBALL

SPORTS

Volleyball team celebrates seniors, improves conference record 10-2

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell varsity volleyball faced Forest Hills Central and Greenville, adding two more wins to their conference record and earning a 10-2 finish with a 3-1 and 3-0 win.

Tuesday at FHC the Rangers claimed their second victory over the Arrows this season. FHC kept pace with the Arrows in a close set that was ultimately won by Lowell 25-21. The Rangers knotted

the contest winning set two 25-21. Faced with the losing set, the Arrows fired back strong in the third and the fourth winning 25-16 and 25-18 to seal the 3-1 match victory.

Stat leaders were senior Sydney Powell who nailed two aces and offered 38 assists, junior Carly Hoekstra who contributed 15 kills, senior Jill Fidler who logged 22 digs and sophomore Meghan Meyer who tallied three blocks.

Thursday against Greenville at home the team took time before competition to honor the four senior members. Powell, Fidler, Kelly Reitsma and Abi Mangus were recognized as contributors to the program and as members of the class of 2018 alongside their parents during the brief pre-game ceremony. Afterwards the seniors and their younger counterparts earned their second shutout of the season

over the Yellow Jackets. The 3-0 win came handily as Greenville's efforts were swatted by the Arrows 25-12, 25-8 and 25-11.

Powell led the team's effort this time totaling four aces and 26 assists. Fellow senior Mangus also lit up the stat sheet earning 11 digs and eight kills. Meyer had a standout performance producing four aces and two blocks.

With a successful OK White season officially in the history books, the team is now focused on their postseason run which kicked off on Halloween night at Rockford High School. With a win they will advance to the second round of the championship on Thursday evening at 7 pm in the same location. Should the team advance, the district finals will be played Saturday morning at 11 am in Rockford.

- CROSS COUNTRY

Red Arrow boys and girls cross final finish line of season at districts competition

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell varsity cross country crossed their final finish line of the season last weekend in Allendale at the Michigan High School Athletic Association district one regional championship with eighth- and ninth-place finishes respectively for the boys and girls teams.

Combining for a 213 points total and an eighth-place finish, the boys team was led by the efforts of sophomore Caleb Swart who placed 23rd with a time of 16:55. Swart has been a consistent leader for the team this season, running his way into the Lowell record books as well as earning the number one sophomore time in the school's history.

Swart was followed in time at the event by

sophomore Lucas Cossar (17:05), senior Morrison Ismond (17:29), senior Kenny Stump (18:16) and junior Calvin Simmet (18:17). Ismond and Cossar also made strides in the Lowell athletic history books this season. Ismond advanced to the second fastest senior runner and Cossar clocked in as the third fastest sophomore on record. Completing varsity times at the regional were senior Conner Meyers (18:32) and freshman John Lothian (18:42) who finished his season with a personal best.

The team's best finishes this season came at their opener in Hesperia and the Allegan Invitational where they finished second. They also netted top five finishes

at the Sparta Invitational and the Bob Perry Memorial Invitational and earned three fourth- and one fifth-place finish in their OK White conference competitions. As a team they set a school record for fastest team average first- through fifth-place with a time of 17:07 upending a record set back in 1990.

Finishing ninth at the regional competition the ladies accumulated 199 points as a unit and were led by junior Haley Nieuwkoop who clocked a 19:45 for a 25th-place finish. Following her to the finish line were sophomore Jada Millhisler (20:16) who set a personal record, senior Katrina Droski (20:26), junior Lauren Aud (20:30) and sophomore Audrey Conrad (20:51). Also completing the course were senior Dawn Kondor (21:24) and sophomore Alexis Haines (21:40).

The girls completed the season with first-place finishes at the Baker Hesperia Woods, Bob Perry and Allegan Invitationals and second- and fourth-

place finishes at the Sparta and Forest Hills Northern events and landed a pretty consistent fourth place all season among the tough OK White competition. Like their male counterparts, the ladies also broke the school's record books this season. Nieuwkoop ran her way to the second best junior time, Droski to the third best senior time, Conrad claimed the top sophomore spot, Aud now holds the ninth best junior time, Haines grabbed the fourth best for a sophomore, Kondor landed at number 16 among seniors and Millhisler earned the twentieth best sophomore time.

As a team, the ladies also set a new benchmark for fastest average time first-through fifth-place with a time of 19:51, displacing a record set at the state meet in 2002. The feat was a tremendous one according to girls head coach Paul Judd, who credited the girls strong work ethic and the great course conditions. "The girls are taking it in stride as they know that it may be once in a lifetime where

you have perfect conditions of firm dry course, fast competition, perfect temps and no wind," he explained. "It is important we keep things in perspective and keep striving towards where the program needs to go. The reality is many of the

girls know the best is yet to come so let's keep working. Bottom line for this coach is that I am elated if the girls go out and compete regardless of the end result. As coaches that is what we are trying to teach the kids."

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(1831 - 1881), July 12, 1880

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council, sitting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, will hold a public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, November 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331 to consider the following variance request:

2111, 2155, 2163, and 2175 W Main Street – Nipun Nath has requested a variance to allow for a freestanding sign of an area of 120 square feet to 140 square feet in size. The Zoning Ordinance allows a maximum size of 72 square feet for multi-tenant commercial buildings in the C-3 zoning district; thus, a variance was requested.

Information regarding this request and the Zoning Ordinance are available for public viewing at City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan, during regular business hours. Written comments will be received until the time of the hearing.



Susan Ullery
City Clerk

obituaries

WILCOX

Denton Winton Wilcox, aged 85, of Lowell formerly of Alto, passed away Friday, October 27, 2017. He was preceded in death by his three brothers, Wayne, Carlton, Hazen, great grandchild, Ethan Sitzer. Survived by his children, Rick (Patricia) Wilcox, Randy (DeeAnn) Wilcox, Susan (Randy) Van Spronsen, Shirley Wilcox (Deb Sheldon); his brother Gordon (Marsha) Wilcox, sister Joyce Blasher; eight grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Memorial service will be held at Ada Christian Reformed Church, Thursday, November 2, at 6:00 p.m. The family will greet friends and relatives prior to the service from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Ada Christian Reformed Church, 7152 Bradfield SE, Ada, MI 49301, Pastor Will Hensen officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Baruch Foundation, 3196 Kraft Ave. S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49512, Hospice of Michigan, 989 Spaulding Ave. SE, Ada, MI 49301 or Veterans Association of America, PO Box 309 Audubon Station, New York, NY 10032-0309.



Looking Back, continued

as soon as you read this. Do not break the chain. From a friend. To my unknown friend: In answer to the letter I received of the 25th, I can find a better use for my time and money than to write and mail threats, also give my friends credit enough, to know how to pray, without any threats from me. I have not, or will not, send any, so you may bring on the misfortune, I will try to meet it. If I cannot, I will fall under it. Mrs. Milo Johnson.

Clark Grocery has changed hands three times. J. W. Morse of Grand Rapids is the present owner of the John Clark grocery, the last transfer being the last of three to take place in as many weeks. October 9, Mr. Clark sold his business to F. D. Vos of Grand Rapids. Last Thursday Vos resold to Mr. Clark and on Saturday, the latter disposed of the stock and business to Mr. Morse. The last deal makes necessary the removal of Mr. and Mrs. Clark to Grand Rapids for the winter, having exchanged homes with Mr. Morse for that period, that being a condition insisted upon by the latter in making the deal. Both removals will take place this week.

but do not worry." He gave neither the date nor the location in his letter, which showed by the postmark that it had been a month in transit from "somewhere." Neither did he say how he had been injured, but from other letters he has written it is known that he has been somewhere in a wilderness in construction work. Later—The Ledger is informed that Mr. and Mrs. Shear received a telegram from the Navy Department on Tuesday, stating that their son had arrived in this country and is now in Ward 14, Navy Hospital, Mare Island, Calif.

Hallowe'en passed off quietly, not much mischief being reported, except the ringing of church bells, at midnight. The youngsters started a few days early and evidently had used up their surplus energy by the time Saturday night arrived.

Shipments of freight out of Lowell continue to make a good showing. W. R. Kidd, local agent for the Pere Marquette Railway reports that in the month of October, 116 car loads were shipped, as follows: beans, 81 cars; flour, 18 cars; feed, 7 cars; mincemeat and tomatoes, 5 cars; apples, 4 cars; rubber, 1 car.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger November 5, 1942

Hurt in action in South Pacific – Junior Shear arrives at West Coast hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Lodi Shear recently had a letter from their son. Junior Lee, written somewhere in the South Sea Islands, saying; "I have been slightly injured and am in the hospital,

50 years ago Lowell Ledger November 2, 1967

Due to the inclement weather which prevailed last Friday, the homecoming festivities for Lowell high school were postponed. The floats have been completed, and the traditional parade, royalty ceremonies, etc. will take place this Friday night during the Arrows vs. Rams game. Being crowned as homecoming queen is Miss Cheryl Fish.

Ken Pletcher announced this week that he is opening a photo studio in Lowell, and will devote full time to commercial and personal photography. He has been involved in this type of work for the past ten years. Pletcher will open his new studio at his home, where new color processing equipment has been installed.

You can tell Police Chief Avery Block did not plan to be a police officer when he was married 25 years ago on October 31. He celebrated his wedding anniversary with his wife and children, before going out with the other officers to patrol the area for Halloween pranksters. The only damage exhibited within the city limits was caused by high school youths throwing eggs and tomatoes. When will they grow up!

The Lowell Post Office received the United States Treasury Department Award for patriotic service in support of the United States Savings Bond Program during 1967. The Award was presented to Postmaster Charles Doyle by L. J. McNaughton Postal Service Officer on behalf of Donald L. Swanson, Chicago Regional Director of the Post Office Department. 100 percent of the postal employees at Lowell are buying United States Bonds thru the Payroll Deduction Plan. Postmaster Doyle in accepting the Award on behalf of Lowell's postal employees stated, "We are proud to receive this Award and pledge our continuous participation in the Savings Bond Program as an expression of support for the Government we are a part of and through which we serve the people of our community and our country."

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger November 4, 1992

Murray, Crooked and Pine Lake residents didn't know it at the time, but when the Lowell School System made the decision to make the Steve Wittenbach property the site of the new high school, it was indirectly a significant step in garnering Grattan Township a gas franchise. "Learning that we would be servicing Lowell High School was a turning point in the Grattan gas franchise agreement," said Consumers Power marketing consultant, Robert Horton. "Lowell High School is a significant load which helps to substantiate construction costs for residents in Grattan Township." The franchise agreement between Consumers Power and Grattan Township was signed by the Township Board on July 13. Horton said Consumers Power had been contacted by residents on Murray Lake about getting a gas main extension to serve them. Consumers Power then wrote out a proposal for Grattan Township. It started out just for Murray Lake residents, but then grew to include Big Crooked Lake and Pine Lake residents.

LEGAL NOTICES

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

In the matter of **GINGER BAKER** Guardianship File No. 17-202,207-DD

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including Lacey Lisette, whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following: **TAKE NOTICE:** A hearing will be held on January 3, 2018, at 8:45 a.m. at Kent Co. Probate Court, 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: Appointment of a Guardian for a person with a developmental disability.

Dated: October 25, 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 (616) 633-0196

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

In the matter of **WILLIAM H. ERNST** Guardianship File No. 17-202,212-GA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including his sister, Janet Shangle and any siblings or children, whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following: **TAKE NOTICE:** A hearing will be held on November 15, 2017, at 1:30 P.M. at Kent Co. Probate Court, 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: Appointment of a Guardian

Dated: October 25, 2017 Adult Protective Services, DHHS, Petitioner 121 Franklin St. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49507 (616) 258-1182

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

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Prevent auto theft: drivers reminded to 'Lock It or Lose It'

The Michigan Automobile Theft Prevention Authority cautions the public that auto thefts are on the rise in Michigan. In 2016, Michigan reported 20,477 stolen vehicles and current data indicates that 2017 is on track to potentially surpass those numbers.

A vehicle is stolen every 44 seconds in the United States with nearly half of those thefts involving an unlocked door or keys left in the ignition. In addition to locking your vehicle and taking keys with you, these precautions could lessen the likelihood of you becoming a victim of auto theft:

- Closing windows when your vehicle is parked
 - Avoid leaving valuables in your vehicle, especially where they can be seen
 - Not leaving your vehicle running unattended
 - Parking in well-lit areas
 - Keeping your vehicle in your garage, if possible
 - Keeping exterior house lights on at night
 - Installing a car alarm or using a theft deterrent device like a steering wheel lock or gear shift column lock
- You should also keep an eye out for

suspicious vehicles in your neighborhood. If you see out-of-place persons, report them to law enforcement immediately. If you are purchasing or selling a vehicle on an online sales site, complete the transaction during business hours at a police department or Secretary of State office. Never invite strangers to your home or meet in non-public places. Always inspect the vehicle title closely before purchase and if anything looks odd, postpone the sale until you can confirm its legitimacy.

Over the last 10 years, Michigan's Automobile

Theft Prevention Authority has assisted in the reduction of motor vehicle thefts in Michigan by 56 percent. The ATPA awards grants to law enforcement agencies, prosecutors' offices and non-profit organizations for the investigation, apprehension, prosecution and prevention of motor vehicle thefts. During the 2016 grant year, ATPA grant-funded motor vehicle theft teams made 1,819 arrests and recovered vehicles and parts worth approximately \$37 million. For more information about the ATPA, visit www.michigan.gov/atpa

Michigan sets goals for breastfeeding support, releases first state plan

Michigan is surpassing a federal goal for the percentage of infants who have been breastfed, but the state needs to continue improving breastfeeding rates for specific demographic groups.

Those are among the findings in the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services first state breastfeeding plan.

"Increasing rates of breastfeeding initiation and duration are necessary steps in reducing infant mortality and cutting the rising costs of health care," said Dr. Eden Wells, MDHHS chief medical executive. "Our first breastfeeding state plan sets goals for the state to meet to keep Michigan babies healthier."

In Michigan, 84.1 percent of mothers reported breastfeeding their infant at least once. That exceeds the Healthy People 2020 goal of 81.9 percent. Healthy People 2020 is a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services project that provides national objectives for improving the health of all Americans.

There are important disparities in Michigan in initiation and duration of breastfeeding by black and teen mothers that the state must address. For example, 86.3 percent of white, non-Hispanic mothers in Michigan initiate breastfeeding, compared to 77.3 percent of black non-Hispanic mothers.

Among women age 30 or

older, 65 percent breastfeed their infants to 3 months old, compared to only 26 percent of teen mothers.

The state Breastfeeding Plan sets the common agenda necessary for a collaborative approach among state, local and tribal government; health care professionals and organizations; employers; child care providers and educational institutions; community organizations; and, most importantly, individuals and families.

Breastfeeding goals for Michigan are to eliminate disparities, advance breastfeeding rights, build community support, change organizational practice and strengthen individual skills.

"We wrote this plan through a collaborative effort with our key breastfeeding partners," Wells said. "Nearly 250 stakeholders from throughout the state provided valuable input. This collaboration will continue as we move forward to implement the plan's strategies. In order to impact breastfeeding rates, we all need to work together."

Anyone who would like to discuss how they or their organization can contribute to meeting the state breastfeeding goals can contact Marji Cyrul, MDHHS state breastfeeding coordinator, at CyrulM@michigan.gov.

Go to www.michigan.gov/infantmortality to view Michigan's Breastfeeding Plan.

Michigan receives \$7.9 million for Home Visiting program promoting maternal, infant and early childhood health

Vulnerable and at-risk mothers in Michigan will benefit from a \$7.9 million federal grant to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

The renewed Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program grant funding goes to the Michigan Home Visiting Initiative that promotes maternal, infant and early childhood health, development and safety; school readiness; and strong parent-child relationships to improve health outcomes.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration announced that the grant to the initiative will run through September 2019.

Early childhood home visiting programs provide voluntary, prevention-focused services in the homes of pregnant women and families with children ages 0-5 by connecting trained professionals with vulnerable and at-risk mothers and families to nurture, support,

coach, educate and offer encouragement with the goal that all children grow and develop in a safe and stimulating environment.

"MDHHS is focused on improving health outcomes for all Michiganders," said MDHHS director Nick Lyon. "Home visits from trained professionals during pregnancy and the first five years of a child's life can be a key in assisting families in caring for infants and building strong, healthy relationships with their young children."

Statewide, more than 600 professionals serve an estimated 34,000 families each year. Federal MIECHV program funding is an important part of these efforts.

Families in at-risk communities experience challenges that include poverty, unemployment, crime and domestic violence, child maltreatment, substance abuse, infant mortality and poor school outcomes. Grant dollars will pay for continuing to improve

home visiting services in several counties, building infrastructure to support the quality and success of home visiting services and supporting local stakeholder involvement and coordination.

Past grant awards have similarly helped strengthen Michigan's home visiting system and support integration of early childhood home visiting within Michigan's Great

Start Early Childhood system.

The Michigan Home Visiting Initiative is a multi-agency effort of the Departments of Health and Human Services and Education in support of Michigan families.

For more information about the Michigan Home Visiting Initiative, visit <http://www.michigan.gov/homevisiting>

Less daylight, continued

of depression, SAD can get worse and lead to severe problems if left untreated. Light treatment, talk therapy and medication can help people who are susceptible to SAD.

- Make daylight hours count. Spend time outdoors while the sun is bright in the sky. Make an effort to switch your schedule if work interferes with getting outdoors, even if all that can be managed is an outdoor walk at lunch. Sit by a bright window and soak up rays whenever possible.

- Celebrate winter activities. Go skiing, snowboarding, outdoor ice skating, or snowshoeing. Look forward to winter for what can be done, rather than what can't.

- Socialize more often. Instead of holing up indoors alone, frequent the places that become indoor gathering spots for

locals. These can include coffee houses, breweries, restaurants, or even the local church. Plan more social occasions with friends and families so everyone can collectively shoo away the winter blues.

- Exercise more. Use the darker hours as an excuse to exercise more, be it at the gym or outside. The Mayo Clinic says that exercise and other types of physical activity can relieve anxiety and depression, lifting an individual's mood as a result.

- Light a fire. Set the kindling ablaze in a fire pit, fireplace or woodburning stove, or just light a handful of candles. Flames can be soothing and less harsh on the eyes than artificial light.

Fall and winter darkness does not have to send a person into the doldrums if he or she embraces the right attitude. TF17B496

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- 66. Like a Harvard building?
- 68. Like three nursery rhyme mice
- 69. Mama sheep
- 70. Impulse transmitter
- 71. Hemorrhaged
- 72. Shiny wheel part
- 73. Sink hole

DOWN

- 1. *WWI's: "Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit-___"
- 2. Every which way
- 3. Apple's apple, e.g.
- 4. Sound like Wilbur
- 5. Radiant
- 6. In stitches
- 7. *He replaced "Armistice" with "Veterans"
- 8. Heavily built
- 9. Capital of West Germany
- 10. *College program
- 11. 4,840 square yards
- 12. Your, to Shakespeare
- 15. Planters' treat
- 20. Drives a getaway car, e.g.
- 22. First off sinking ship?
- 24. Auto contents
- 25. Japanese verse
- 26. It falls in the fall
- 27. Bigfoot's cousins
- 29. 1970s carpet
- 31. Current events program
- 32. Gives off
- 33. Cinderella's win
- 34. *Veterans Day flower
- 36. *Retail "celebration"
- 38. *"Aim High... Fly-Fight-Win" org.
- 42. *"Remember the ___!"
- 45. Served soup
- 49. Oahu greeting gift
- 51. VHS player button
- 54. Keyboard key
- 56. James Bond, don't say this!
- 57. "For Whom the ___ Tolls"
- 58. Cleveland, OH Lake
- 59. Orange peel
- 60. "The Charge of the Light Brigade," e.g.
- 61. Italy's obsolete money
- 62. Denim innovator
- 63. Flow alternative
- 65. *"The War to End All Wars"
- 67. Bear cave

Puzzle solutions on page 12



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OCTOBER 25 - OCTOBER 31

- Rock-and-roll pioneer, Fats Domino, died at the age of 89 in Louisiana on October 24.
- In an over five-hour game, that went 10 innings, the Houston Astros won game 5 of the World Series over the Los Angeles Dodgers. It goes on record as the second longest game in history with over 400 pitches being thrown and many other records broken.
- The Justice Department has charged two former Donald Trump aides, Paul Manafort and Rick Gates with "conspiracy against the United States," "conspiracy to launder money" and other charges. They were arraigned on Monday.
- Sonoma County Sheriff Rob Giordno is fighting rumors on social media after the horrific fires in California. One rumor in particular started by Breitbart News, a right-wing website run by Steve Bannon (former Trump political strategist) was saying that an undocumented immigrant was arrested for "suspicion of arson" in connection with the massive fire. Not true. A homeless man was arrested for starting a small fire in order to keep warm but there is no connection.



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A website called candystore.com recently compiled ten years of sales data to determine what Halloween candy is most popular in each state. According to the data, Michigan's favorite Halloween treat is candy corn. We asked a few people on Main St. if they agreed with this assessment.



**John Videan,
San Antonio, TX**

"I don't eat candy corn. I have never eaten candy corn, so I don't know if I would like it or not. I've never even tried it. I prefer marshmallow bunnies."



**Rose Williamson,
Lowell**

"I heard that, that's crazy. I do not like candy corn. They're just sugar and wax in a candy corn shape. My favorite Halloween candy is a Reese's Peanut Butter Cup."

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**Larry Haas,
Greenville**

"I like it, but it's not the best. Twix is probably my favorite."



**Larry Peterle,
Clarksville**

"I like candy corn, it's sweet, but if I was picking the candy it would be Almond Joy."



**Mitch Petersen,
Lowell**

"I do not like candy corn. I prefer the chocolate stuff like a Kit Kat or a Reese's Peanut Butter Cup."



**Karen Stock,
DeWitt**

"I like candy corn, but not the best. I'm a Reese's Peanut Butter Cup girl."

Nothing on Earth so beautiful as the final haul on Halloween night.

~ Steve Almond

Haunted dentist office



Everyone at the office of Reagan Family Dentistry is always on board for Halloween fun. Pictured, left to right are: Dr. Jim, Jean, Lorie, Becky, Susan and Julie.

WE HOPE EVERYONE HAD A VERY HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

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- Free traditional Thanksgiving Meal
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