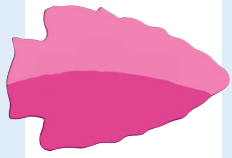


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Nearly 1,000 concertgoers enjoy The Bootstrap Boys

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Bringing country music of the deep south to the east side of the Flat River last Thursday evening were The Bootstrap Boys. Nearly 1,000 concertgoers enjoyed the eighth Sizzlin' Summer Concert of the season.

Kicking off with a crowd-pleasing track from the legendary Johnny Cash, the Grand Rapids based four-piece band got things started. Influenced by the sound of the genres' past, as opposed to its newer contemporary vibe, The Boot Strap Boys echo the voices of "outlaw" country which boasts the likes of Waylon Jennings, George Jones and their set opener Cash.

Already a veteran of the local rock music scene, band originator and lead singer Big Jake Bootstrap approached friends about forming a new band back in 2015. Met with a series of resounding yeses, The Bootstrap Boys quickly formed and have since enjoyed local and regional success touring from the top of Michigan to the bottom of Tennessee. They roll to their destinations inside the classic RV they call the "Delta Dawn" after the 1972 track by old-school country diva Tanya Tucker.



Music lovers enjoyed the concert from the lawn and the river surrounding the outdoor stage.

Crafting the band's original songs, Bootstrap is joined on stage by Nicky, Clyde and Jeff Bootstrap. They have released two albums, their latest release "All Boots Aboard" netted them an award for Best Roots/Revival Album of the Year at the WYCE Jammies.

This Thursday welcomes the Thirsty Perch Blues Band to the stage of the historic Lowell Showboat. Another award-winning band, Thirsty Perch Blues Band, one of the best blues bands in the region, has pumped out four albums since 2009.

The Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert Series is presented by LowellArts and The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. The weekly concert, every Thursday evening from 7-9 pm, is held along the Riverwalk

Plaza in downtown Lowell. They are free for all to attend. Both bleacher and lawn seating are available. Food, beverages and adult beverages are available for purchase on site. The event is handicap accessible.

Remnants of Vergennes pioneers lingering

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter



The headstone of Vergennes Twp. pioneer James C. Burroughs is still partially visible.

Former Lowell residents James and Rosetta Burroughs were the grandparents of adding machine inventor William Seward Burroughs and the great-grandparents of Beat Generation novelist William S. Burroughs. Their remains are buried at Fox's Corner Cemetery in Vergennes Twp. Only James' grave is still partially visible. However, it has toppled over and is disappearing into the dirt and grass of the graveyard.

James C. Burroughs was born in Hunterdon County, NJ in 1801. He moved to the Finger Lakes region of upstate New York in 1816 when his father purchased some land in Romulus, NY. James married Rosetta E. Tuthill in Seneca Falls, NY on Jan 13, 1836. In 1846, James, Rosetta and

their young family moved to Michigan, eventually settling on 75 acres along the Flat River in Vergennes Twp in 1848. James was a farmer, he built a grist mill and a dam on the Flat River and he was one of the founders of the Lowell National Bank. After James died on Oct. 31, 1865, Rosetta moved to Auburn, NY to live with one of her sons; she died in January 1900. Meanwhile, her mechanically and mathematically-inclined grandson William was working as a clerk in the Cayuga County National Bank. It was during this time that he came up with the idea for the adding machine. Unfortunately, William was unhealthy throughout his short life; he died on Sept. 14, 1898 at age 41 and never got to enjoy the wealth his inventions would generate.

The Burroughs Adding Machine Co. became the most successful office machines company in the US. The Burroughs Co. existed until 1986 when it merged with Sperry UNIVAC and became Unisys. This company still manufactures computer hardware and software today.

William S. Burroughs was born in St. Louis on Feb. 5, 1914. He grew up to become one of the leading figures of the Beat Generation. Other notable "beatniks" included poets Allen Ginsberg, Diane DiPrima, Amiri Baraka and Gregory Corso; comedians Lenny Bruce, Del Close and Mort Sahl; authors Jack Kerouac and John Clellon Holmes; and artists Jackson Pollock, Willem de Kooning and Franz Kline.

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Lowell High principal resigns for new opportunity

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

After 15 years of guiding Red Arrows toward their futures, Lowell High School principal Amy Pallo has left her position after submitting a resignation letter last week. She will become the principal at another high school.

Pallo has been with Lowell Area Schools since 2003 when she was the first to head up the freshman center. "I was fortunate enough to start in Lowell as the assistant principal in charge of the freshman center when the freshman center opened. I had the privilege of working as the assistant principal for nine years and then the high school principal job opened up. I have held that role for six years and have enjoyed every minute of it."

Pallo said she felt like a part of the team from the get-go with a goal shared by all of the administrators, teachers and staff at LHS. "We are all invested in helping kids and this is only accomplished through working together. We are so lucky to have a superintendent that fosters this environment and people that genuinely care about each other. Leaving

the people in Lowell is the hardest part for me," said Pallo.

Pallo gives much credit to the community for what has been accomplished during her tenure. "My main goal when starting as the high school principal, was to create a place where kids, staff and families felt connected and valued. I wanted our school to shine and wanted people to know how great Lowell Area Schools truly are. I hope I accomplished this. I know Lowell Area Schools are highly respected for the caliber of students we have, the dedicated staff that fill our schools and the amazingly supportive community. I am not sure I had much to do with that, but it has been a wonderful thing to be a part of!"

Over her years at the helm Pallo said that much has changed, but nothing more than the state of education itself, a challenge her staff has always handled well. "The state mandates and the numerous hurdles that we continue to be handed have changed education in many ways. But, teachers still know what is best for

kids and they continue to deliver quality instruction. I have such admiration for how staff handle the constant change and always do what is right for kids."

Embarking on a new journey in the fall, Pallo said she is mournful for the change but also optimistic about what lies ahead. "I will be taking on a new principal position at another district. This position allows me to live and work in the same community, which I am really excited about. I have learned so much through my time as the LHS principal and I feel ready for a new challenge," she explained. Going on to describe what she will miss most, "Lowell has so many truly dedicated individuals that will do whatever they can to help kids! I have so many examples of this and they do it all without wanting a single ounce of recognition. They do it because it is right and good for kids. The sense of community and the support that is given to the schools is second to none."

Having spent most of her professional career in Lowell, Pallo said she will take many things she learned as a Red Arrow with her on her new pursuit. Having many things to be proud



Pallo presiding over the graduation ceremony of the Lowell High School class of 2018.

of, Pallo had difficulty naming just a few, but ended with a sentiment noted by many. "LHS has received an incredible amount of accolades over the years. From an award winning Model UN program, to top-notch athletics, music and theater programs, to service

learning programs for both 9th and 12th graders, all have resulted in so much pride. But I think the thing that I am most proud of is the comment we continue to get from all kinds of people, including substitutes, visitors and guests. Lowell kids are the nicest and most caring kids they have ever met. They open doors, look you in the eye and treat you with respect," said Pallo with

evident pride. "I think that is the greatest compliment anyone can give."

"Mrs. Pallo has loyally served our district for the past fifteen years," said Lowell Area Schools superintendent Greg Pratt. "Her passion for working with students and her continued dedication to improving the high school programing will be missed. We wish her success in her new endeavors."

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 Susan Ullery
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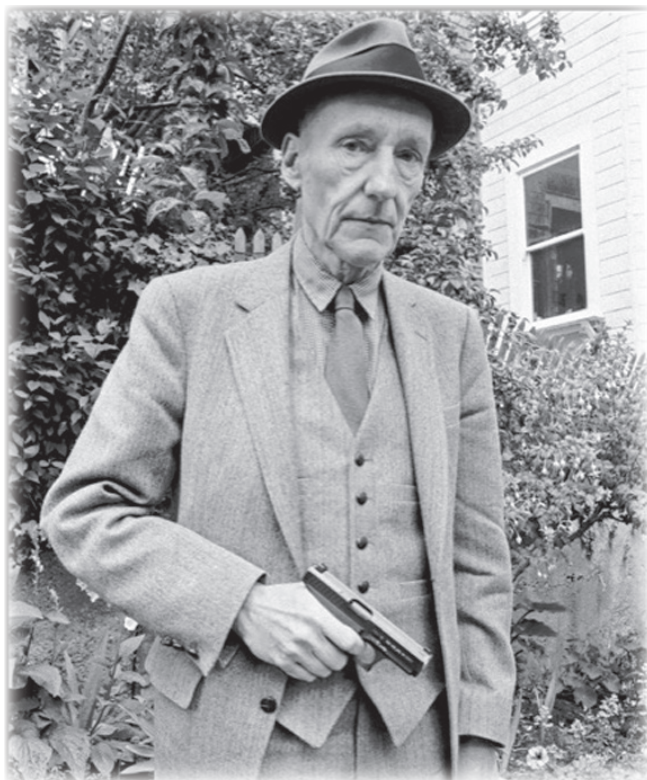
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Burroughs, continued

Burroughs' novels were basically science fiction, but with far more graphic language and concepts than one normally encounters in that genre. He was occasionally a controversial figure. For example, his most famous novel, "Naked Lunch," was banned from publication in the US until the Massachusetts Supreme Court officially declared it "not obscene" in 1966. There was also the time in 1951 when he accidentally shot his wife, Joan Vollmer-Burroughs, in the head while drunkenly attempting "our William Tell act." Burroughs had a long literary career, eventually publishing 18 novels, including "Junkie," "Queer," "The Ticket That Exploded," "Nova Express," and "Cities of the Red Night." He also dabbled in visual arts (blasting a shotgun at cans of spray paint suspended in front of a canvas), appeared in a Nike commercial, acted in several movies and made recordings with musicians like Kurt Cobain, Lou Reed, David Bowie, Tom Waits and Patti Smith. At least two famous rock bands, Steely Dan and the Soft Machine, took their names from Burroughs' work.

There are a couple remnants of the Burroughs name lingering around the part of Vergennes Twp. where James had his farm in the 1800s. Burroughs Street runs east/west between Lincoln Lake Ave. and Flat River Dr., and the Burroughs Dam still exists.



Beat Generation novelist William S. Burroughs.



Burroughs Street and Burroughs Dam still exist in Vergennes Twp.

New football coach ready for "exciting challenge"

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell High School's new head football coach has some mighty big shoes to fill.

"I've heard that statement a lot, 'It's big shoes to fill,' but as those shoes grew, I learned a lot from him," said Justin Miller of his predecessor, Noel Dean. "It's been a lot of fun; I think it's an exciting challenge."

Having worked alongside Dean since 2003, Miller is not some newbie off the street who has no idea what is going on with Lowell's football team. Miller is also the head of the school's 'Health and Physical Athletics' department and has been the varsity baseball coach for the last 14 seasons.

"Noel Dean and I taught and worked together for 13 years," Miller said. "From him I learned about the importance of evolving as times change and not doing the same thing every year just because it's comfortable. We had great synergy with all of our different athletic programs while Noel was here, so as coaches in all the different areas, we were taught many times about things that were working and things that we could apply to our own programs. We always talked to each other; us varsity coaches would kind of just bounce things off each other."

Miller has been coaching since he was a teenager and

has earned a master's degree in educational leadership from Grand Valley State University. He said his background in athletics and education made him the perfect choice for the football coaching position.

"My athletic background gives me the ability to have another platform to educate and help young men grow," Miller said. "I teach physical education at the high school, gym classes and weight training classes. I'm also the department head of health up there. It affects our future. I just think the impact that you can have on a person is much more than any kind of economic benefit. Teachers and coaches can share experiences and help them learn how they're growing through a very emotional time. Hopefully your effect is more positive than negative."

As the father of two boys, Miller spends much of his free time involved with sports.

"I have two kids, both boys," Miller said. "Knoxton



is seven, he's going to be a first grader at Alto and Brogan is one and a half. They like to be active. I enjoy sports and anything around being physically active. I like to be around my family. My son is into hockey, so we follow his team around. We also like hanging out with our friends."

Miller has not planned any huge changes in the football program, no weird, secret plays or anything.

"Right now we're getting things organized and getting ready to move," Miller said. "We start, obviously, just here in a couple weeks when they'll enter camp. We're just excited to see what this team is going to do. I hope they enjoy staying on focus. We're trying to build young, successful men. Thank you for the opportunity."



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Overwhelming demand for FROM's backpack distribution & haircuts

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Flat River Outreach Ministries has once again donated hundreds of free backpacks and school supplies to local school children. After overwhelming demand, the program is already closed for the season.

"FROM's backpack distribution program provides backpacks and school specific supplies to families with school aged children living in the Lowell Area Schools district," said Patricia Murray, FROM's program director. "Families must register ahead of time. This year we wanted to try something new and offered an online registration option. The online registration was so well received that we increased our capacity to 400 children and quickly reached that number. At this time backpack registration is closed, but if a family living in the Lowell Area Schools district is unable to provide a backpack for their children, they can contact FROM at 616-897-8260."

"This year we have received donations from the community, Orthodox Presbyterian Church and Amway to help fund this program," said Amanda Haberlein, FROM's marketing and communications director. "Lowell Family Chiropractic was also offering incentives for those who donated backpacks and supplies through their location."

"Last year we distributed 311 backpacks," Murray said.

"FROM feels it's important to help children start their school year off right by having all the supplies they need," said FROM executive director Dawn Broene. "When children have the supplies they need it helps everyone; teachers can focus on teaching instead of scrambling for supplies for those who may not have it, students can focus on learning instead of feeling left out and families can focus their 'back to school' funds on other necessities. We also know that a number

of dedicated teachers and school personnel end up using their own money to purchase items for the classroom and for students and we want those teachers to feel less responsibility to do so. FROM feels backpacks and school supplies are a great way to help our whole community."

Backpack distribution for those who signed up will take place on Aug. 7 and Aug. 14 from 1 until 6 pm. The kids can also get a free haircut while they're picking up their backpacks.

"Great Clips is again offering haircuts during the FROM backpack distribution," Murray said. "All of these appointments are made ahead of time and the slots are all currently filled."

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viewpoint



100 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 1, 1918

A meeting was held at the home of Mrs. N. C. Ransford Friday afternoon to arrange for the Woman Suffrage campaign work for Lowell. The women plan to have petitions circulated and signed by women of voting age, asking the men to vote for the suffrage amendment that is to come up at the November election. Mrs. Huntley Russell, 5th Congressional district chairman; Mrs. Wm. VanDam and Mrs. Guy M. Davis, county chairman, all of Grand Rapids were there to start the organization of the work. Mrs. W. L. Stowell was chosen for chairman for Lowell, and Mrs. Charles Kyser for the township outside.

Rye crop burned, 250 bushels lost and threshing machine gutted. Fire destroyed about 250 bushels of rye belonging to Seward Aldrich at 7 p. m., Monday and at the same time a separator belonging to Aussieker & Anderson (John and Harry) was gutted and rendered of little value. Threshing was in progress in the 30-acre field formerly the old fair ground but now the property of Seward Aldrich, when a spark from the engine set fire to one of the stacks. No water was at hand, the tank being away after water and the flames spread so rapidly that nothing could be done to stop them. Part of the grain had been threshed and removed and a part stood in shocks in the field, so that only about half of the crop is lost. The fire was due to the brisk wind and the fact that the smoke slack screen was not in use.

A large delegation of Lowell business men and their families motored to Lake Odessa Friday to participate in the Merchant's Mutual Benefit Association in the park by the lake. After a bountiful basket picnic dinner, an excellent program of band music and speeches was enjoyed and a business session was held. An invitation extended by R. Van Dyke in behalf of the Lowell Board of Trade to hold the next meeting in Lowell, was accepted, meeting due to be held the latter part of August. About 5 o'clock, when many were enjoying bathing in the lake, a violent but brief wind and rain storm scattered the company in their various homeward ways. A strange feature of the storm was that the grove seemed to be on the extreme edge of the storm, and while the water ran down the hills in rivulets there, the dust was flying in the streets of the village before the visitors got out of town.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 5, 1943

William Christiansen will expand his frozen food locker business, and to that end has purchased the Valda Watts' cement block building in Alto, adjoining the bank, and by the coming of October expects to have upwards of 300 lockers installed therein.

The service men's honor roll at the City Hall now contains a total of 419 names of men in various branches of service from Lowell and neighboring vicinities. Names are still coming in and these will be added soon as possible. Names not yet listed should be reported at once to Wm. Christiansen, Lowell, Mich.

The Frank Keiser family are mourning the death of their dog, Teddy, who was found in front of their home Monday morning, where he had been hit by a car. Teddy was 14 years old and had been a familiar sight on Main St. for many years.

A. R. Smith, who is working six 10-hour days a week in a Flint war plant and on top of that puts in an additional day each week in his nursery here, is probably wearing an 'E' Merit badge which was awarded him for six months' continuous service without missing a single day. Mr. Smith works on solid sliver bearings for war planes.

A newly painted sign on the store window at 209 E. Main St. reads: "The American Line, Sprayers, Poultry

Equipment, Wholesale Only." Clint Hall, proprietor, is now carrying on his business at this new location, both the interior and exterior having been brightened up with fresh paint.

The common council on Monday night passed a motion requiring all village firemen to take a physical examination twice a year. The examinations will be at the expense of the village.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger August 1, 1968

Lowell has long been known as that "friendly little city on the river" where the Showboat is held each year.- judging from activity now going on, however, it may soon discard the word "little." New construction of all sorts, involving more than \$2,000,000, is presently underway or will be in the near future as the city witnesses unprecedented growth. In the first six months of this year, building permits for \$300,150 in construction of six new homes, a new apartment building and additions and remodeling were issued by City Manager Bernard C. Olson. Recently completed was the new Dog 'N Suds Restaurant, designed and developed by Douglas Dok of Dok Realty, which has been the prime mover in new construction on the city's west side. This week, highway and city officials witnessed crowd-breaking ceremonies for the new M-91 access road, a \$457,000 project that will link Lowell with I-96. Soon to be started, following right-

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CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND TO DESIGNATE THE BOUNDARIES OF A BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT ZONE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Lowell will hold a public hearing to consider the establishment of a brownfield redevelopment authority and to designate the boundaries of a brownfield redevelopment zone pursuant to the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Act 381 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1996, as amended ("Act 381").

The proposed boundaries of the brownfield redevelopment zone would include all of the property within the jurisdictional limits of the City.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m., local time, on Monday, August 20th 2018, in the City Hall, 310 E. Main Street in the City of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan, at which time any resident, taxpayer, official from a taxing jurisdiction whose millage may be subject to capture under a brownfield plan as defined in Act 381, or property owner within the City will be given the opportunity to be heard regarding the establishment of the brownfield redevelopment authority and the designation of the boundaries of the proposed brownfield redevelopment zone.



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Looking Back, continued

- angioedema

Angioedema is swelling caused by thick leakage from blood vessels into the surrounding skin and tissue. Angioedema can involve any part of the body, but is usually more pronounced around the eyes, lips, mouth, tongue, extremities and genitalia. The swelling may be accompanied by hives, which are more superficial, while angioedema affects the deeper layers of the skin.

Symptoms of angioedema include swelling, often around the eyes, lips and tongue, but possibly in any part of the body, including hands, feet and genitalia. Shortness of breath, dizziness and fainting may also occur and angioedema may be accompanied by abdominal pain from swelling of the intestinal tract. An itchy raised rash called urticaria (hives) can occur with allergic cases of angioedema.

Occasionally, more severe reactions may occur causing swelling of the airway and changes in blood pressure. This is a medical emergency and calling 911 is recommended.

In many cases, angioedema occurs over minutes to hours and then resolves spontaneously. If the angioedema is from allergy, medications such as antihistamines and steroids may help with symptoms. If the angioedema becomes recurrent, the patient should be seen by an allergy/immunology specialist.

of-way acquisition, is the Lincoln Lake-Hudson St. interceptor in the north end of the city. These two road projects, tied together with the new M-91 bridge over the Grand River, are considered key segments of the Kent County primary road system. In addition to projects a-building or on the drawing boards, the Lowell Chamber of Commerce has initiated a move to establish an industrial development site and presently is looking over several possible sites that would be geared to attract new industry to the area. A "little city?" Perhaps now . . . but not for long.

Six girls, chosen from a group of sixteen, face further tests of personality and charm on Wednesday before a panel of judges in a competition which will result in the choice of one of them as Queen of the Kent County 4-H Fair. The lucky miss will reign over the fair which is scheduled to take place in Lowell August 12-11. Selected as members of the queens court in an elimination contest Monday night were Carol Wittenbach of Lowell and Sandy VanderBoon of Ada. Both girls remain in the six from which the queen will be chosen. Jackie Shade of Lowell was also selected as a representative of her area for the contests.

Wieland. Township Supervisor John Timpson assured Wieland no increase was forth coming. "We set the \$1,000 hook up fee from the beginning and there hasn't been anything done to change that figure," said Timpson. "We never stated the land needed for the water tower had to be donated." According to Timpson the cost of the land was figured from the initial plans and the cost fell in line with the cost projections. "When we first figured the cost of building the water tower we set a cost of buying the land if it were not donated," said Timpson. "We couldn't get it donated but the cost was in the range we expected." The water line is being run out to Eastgate, as well as the new High School, because the complex is served by well water and problems have occurred with some of the wells.

college news

Meaghan K. Race, of Ada, was awarded Faculty Honors for the spring 2018 semester at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut. Faculty Honors are awarded to students with a semester GPA of at least 3.667 on four graded courses, with no individual grade below B- and no incomplete grades pending.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 4, 1993

Now that the water tower property has been purchased, citizens in Eastgate are worried the price of hooking up to the water line will go up. Township board member Carol Wieland was approached recently by an Eastgate resident concerning the proposed line. "The resident wanted to know if the cost of hooking up to the line would increase from \$1,000 to \$5,000 now that the property was bought and not donated," said

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Throughout July the Lowell Ledger and the Buyer's Guide & News will once again highlight the stories of area cancer survivors and those who are dealing with grief. Each writer will convey, in their own words, their experiences as they walk through the many phases of their personal journey.

~ All photos courtesy of Heather Eveland Photography

Harper Joy Gallagher

My name is Stephanie Gallagher. I am married to Chris Gallagher and we are the proud parents to the most incredible 3-year-old daughter, Harper. Chris and I were born and raised in Lowell and attended elementary, middle and high school in the Lowell public school system. Although we live outside of Lowell now, most of our family is still rooted in the Lowell community. We are very proud to be tied to the Lowell community and extremely grateful for Pink Arrow Pride.

Our personal journey with cancer began in August 2017. Our daughter started to become frequently ill, beginning with cold-like symptoms and then progressing to persistent vomiting. These symptoms were slightly concerning, but as most people with children know, they get sick. As the weeks went by, Harper's health and physical well-being began to decline even more. Her bouts of being sick became more frequent and severe. In addition, we began to notice other physical declines such as her strength, coordination, vision and her ability to walk. Each of these symptoms came on very slowly and with time it became more obvious that something serious might be wrong with our little girl.

As the summer came to an end and turned into fall, we had Harper in and out of the pediatrician's office for her illnesses more times than we can count. It seemed the most logical diagnosis was a viral infection. Harper has an incredible pediatrician, so we trusted his word and gave Harper as much love, affection and care as we could while she was home ill.

Harper's symptoms began to worsen, so Chris and I began to doubt and question what might really be going on. We felt it must be something

to race and I became sick to my stomach. Harper literally marked every box. I immediately set up another appointment with her pediatrician. I was terrified to share the answer my research had led me to. Would her pediatrician think that I was just an over-concerned and over-reacting mother? Did I even want to say what my biggest fear might be? Thankfully, God has blessed us with a compassionate, intelligent and open-minded pediatrician. He patiently listened to every word I said through my tears as I shared my fears. He then explained that the next step would be to schedule Harper for an MRI. My husband and I agreed that we would do whatever needed to be done to find the reason for Harper's health decline.

We scheduled Harper for an MRI, but unfortunately it would take two weeks to get her an appointment. Once we were home with Harper, she began to rapidly decline. She developed immensely painful headaches and was unable to eat or drink liquids without becoming sick. We knew we couldn't wait two weeks for her scheduled MRI, so we decided to bring her into the emergency room at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. We met with nurses, residents and a physician

before they agreed to give her an emergency CT scan. We waited 20 minutes before the physician returned to share the most devastating news a parent can hear. He explained that Harper had a very large mass on her



brain with severe hydrocephalus, which is a build-up of fluid in the cavities deep within the brain. Harper was admitted and immediately began medication to decrease the pressure on her brain.

On November 13, 2017, Harper was diagnosed with a brain tumor [juvenile pilocytic astrocytoma]. After receiving the news that our daughter had brain cancer, we learned she would be scheduled for a craniotomy that same week. During our week-long stay at the hospital, our job was to keep Harper comfortable, become as informed and educated as possible and cover her with prayer. Many people ask how we survived that week waiting for Harper's surgery. Our answer is simple: our savior, Jesus Christ. Psalm 62:1-2 states, "I

am at rest in God alone. My salvation comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold. I will never be shaken." Although our world may have felt as if it had experienced an earthquake, our faith never faltered. We faithfully declare God's glory, love and miraculous grace. His presence is welcomed. We felt him move and still do.

Harper's surgery began at 7:30 am on November 17, 2017. The surgical team worked tirelessly for 12.5 hours. By the grace of God, the neurosurgeon was able to remove the vast majority of the tumor. A small section of the tumor remains on Harper's brain stem because it

Through Harper's journey, we have learned so much about the importance of loving people, community and faith.

~ Stephanie Gallagher

more than just a viral infection. With much hesitation and apprehension, I began to research other options. As I began to read the list of, "You should contact your doctor if you present the following symptoms," my heart began

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Barb Brundage

All of us who have experienced the death of a spouse, child, sibling, parent or other loved one have found ourselves in a “club” we never wanted to join. But the grief support group at Gilda’s Club offers an oasis in what sometimes feels like an ocean of grief – an intentional community of compassion, understanding and healing.

I first went to Gilda’s Club in the fall of 2016 with my husband, Max Aud. He had been diagnosed with brain cancer (primary central nervous system B-cell lymphoma) in June 2016 after nearly six months of various treatments for what was originally thought to be autoimmune encephalitis (the “Brain on Fire” illness).

We had just moved to Michigan from southern Illinois in September 2015 so Max could take over as the federal mediator for the Grand Rapids area. After looking at several locations and school systems, we chose the Lowell area so our youngest daughter could start high school here. The job and school transitions went better than we could have imagined. Then everything turned upside down.

Max’s symptoms began suddenly around January 1, 2016, when he rapidly lost his short-term memory and became disoriented as to place and time. During the next four months he underwent a battery of tests and was hospitalized several times for treatments. We would see some improvement, but then more symptoms would come up. We made a trip to the Mayo Clinic in April for more tests, consultations and a treatment plan. Soon after we returned he began a hospital stay that would last over three months. When his MRI in June showed the affected area of his brain was growing in spite of the treatment, a brain biopsy was done that revealed the cancer.

Max immediately started chemotherapy and through intensive inpatient and then outpatient rehabilitation, he had an amazing recovery from the point of being unable to walk or speak intelligibly, to regaining his ability to express himself verbally, to walk and even jog a little. Throughout that time, as well as his earlier time in the hospital, we had so much love and support from family,

I’m so thankful to have landed in this community of Lowell and am so grateful for the strong community support for Gilda’s Club.

~ Barb Brundage

some of whom came from their homes far away for extended stays. We were able to trade shifts in the hospital to be with him and once he was back home he needed to have somebody nearby at all times, for safety as well as to engage him in ongoing rehab work.

In a meeting in August with the rehab coordinator, to discuss goals and plans, Max said he would like to spend time with other people who were going through what he was dealing with and try to help. That was so Max – in every aspect of his life and work, he focused on making things better for others. So that’s when we looked into the programs at Gilda’s Club.

At that time Max’s brother Ken was staying with us full time to help care for Max and continue his rehab work one-on-one. The three of us went to the orientation meeting at Gilda’s Club in Lowell and started attending the cancer support group. What a wonderful group of people – so welcoming and encouraging. Sharing about

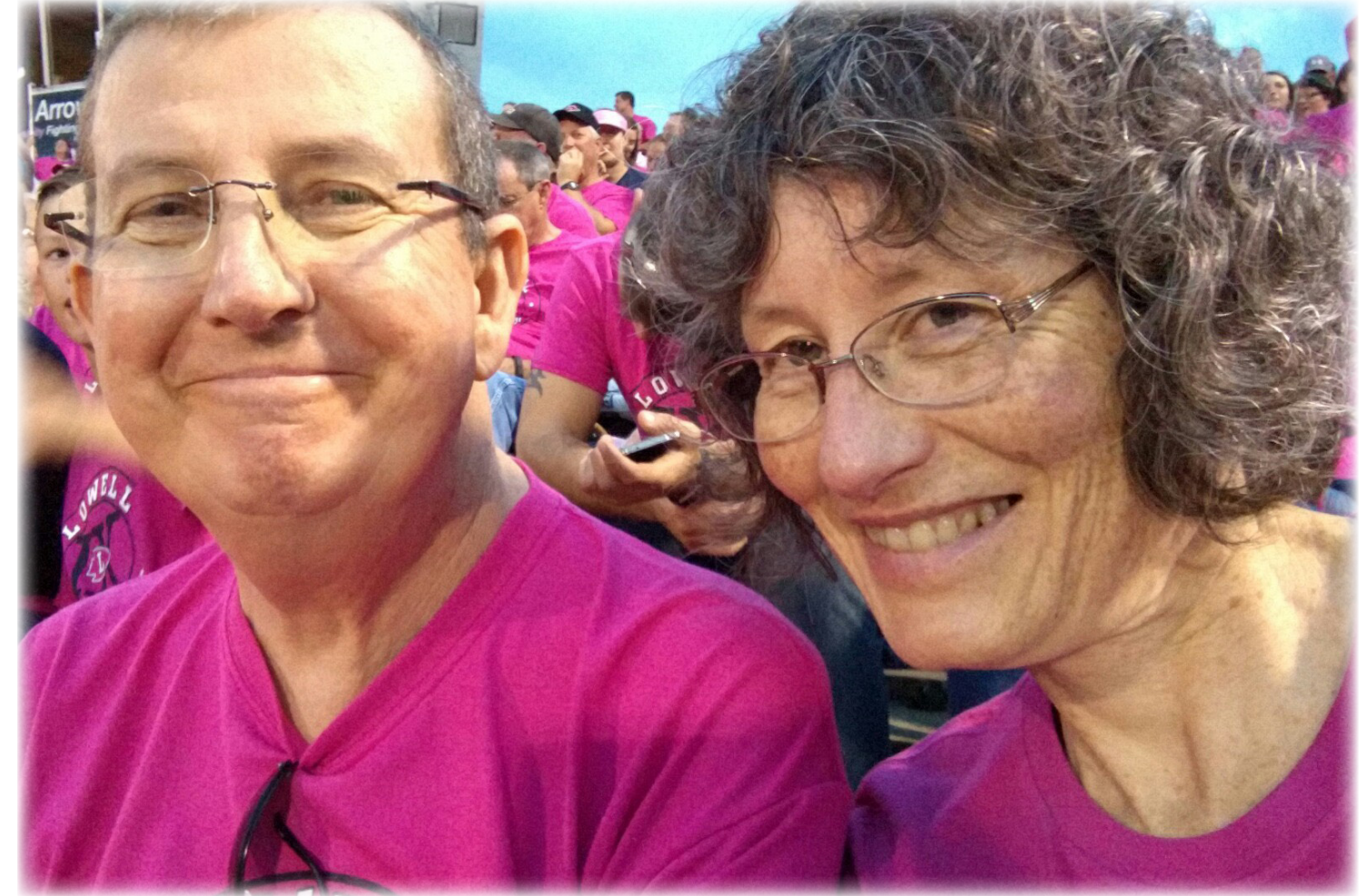


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what we were all going through, whether current or past treatment, being a caregiver or a person with cancer, was a great support. Even though Max was still having serious symptoms of disorientation and memory impairment, he was focused and engaged with the discussions and the group meetings were very meaningful for him. Along with participating in the cancer group at Lowell, we (mostly Max and Ken) started attending yoga and exercise groups at the Grand Rapids Gilda’s Club. Every day, if we didn’t have Max in outpatient rehabilitation, Ken would take him to one or more of the programs at Gilda’s or to the gym. All those activities helped Max get stronger and kept him

focused on recovery – and just as important, helped his caregivers keep fit and healthy.

Into September 2016 the roller-coaster began again. Test results led our oncologist to send us back to the Mayo Clinic for more evaluation and we returned with a new chemotherapy plan. During the new treatment, some of Max’s gains held steady, but he gradually started having more visual impairment and balance problems over the next months. At the end of December it became clear that the chemotherapy was having no further effect on the cancer. We enrolled him in hospice care at home. Family and friends came again to be together and spend time with Max during the times that he was awake, which were dwindling. On January 13, 2017, just after sunrise, Max departed his earthly body. We had 35 years together. I miss him every day.

As all of us who loved Max have moved into this new reality of living without him, the people at Gilda’s Club have been an

enormous source of support – truly a lifesaver. Before Max’s brother and sister-in-law returned to their home (they had been staying with us for several months to help care for Max) we all participated in the cancer group in Lowell and transitioned to attending the grief support group. I continue to participate in that group nearly every week. Without my companions at Gilda’s on this journey, I don’t know what I would have done. They get it. Whatever any of us may be feeling, somebody has been there. Talking with each other brings understanding, compassion, new insights, tears, laughter, and healing. Some of us found our way to Gilda’s shortly after our loss; some started coming months or even years later. All are welcome. There’s no judgment and no timeline on this grief journey. We don’t “get over” the loss of someone dear to us, but we keep living our lives and the circle of friends and supporters at Gilda’s helps immeasurably.

I’m so thankful to have landed in this community of Lowell and am so grateful for the strong

community support for Gilda’s Club – from the volunteers who provide meals and help with programs, to all those who contribute financially and otherwise to Gilda’s and Pink Arrow. You make a difference!



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Harper's story, continued

was too risky to remove. Attempting to remove the entire tumor could potentially cause many disabilities to Harper's physical motor skills. Because some of the tumor remains, Harper receives MRIs every three months and meets with an oncologist in case of future growth.

Thankfully, Harper recovered from surgery very well. For

several months after our stay at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital, Harper received both inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation at Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital. When we were admitted to Mary Free Bed, Harper could not lift her head independently. During our time with Mary Free Bed, Harper gained enough strength to

eventually sit, stand, walk and even run independently again. Due to the placement of the tumor, Harper still has some physical weakness on her left side, but by the grace of God and through the hands of many wonderful therapists, she is an energetic and active three year old.

Through Harper's journey, we have learned so much about the importance

of loving people, community and faith. We are so incredibly grateful for our family, friends and the Lowell community. We thank Pink Arrow Pride and the Lowell community for the support you give to our family and families like ours.

Thurs., Aug. 16 is the annual Pink Arrow Health Fair day

The annual Pink Arrow Health Fair will be on Thursday, Aug. 16. Right now there is a nationwide blood shortage, so Michigan Blood will be sending three buses and donating \$10 to Gilda's Club for each pint donated during the event.

"There will actually be three blood buses and there will also be a bus from Spectrum Health giving free mammograms," said Michigan Blood employee Kyle Graham. "We have to collect 100 pints in order for Gilda's Club to earn the money that we're going to contribute back. We are going to pay \$10 for everybody that attempts to donate whether they're deferred or not. If we have 130 people attempt to donate, we're going to write Gilda's Club a check for \$1,300. Last year they hit 93, but in years before that they always hit 100 or above. Just so you know, when they collected 93 last year I made sure to fight hard and we still paid Gilda's. That [93] is a huge number, that alone saves 279 lives, just from one blood drive. That's a pretty good deal."

Graham said there is currently a huge shortage of blood.

"It's actually the largest shortage ever that we have known in the United States," Graham said. "It's really bad. There is no reason to pinpoint, we all just kind of have our opinions. Number one, people go on vacation which is very understandable, we all need vacation. At the same time, people are in the hospital that don't get a vacation still need the blood. I kind of think it's just one of those things where we



only takes about an hour to make a donation.

"It's not something most people think about. I compare it to working out," Graham said. "We can make excuses all day to not work out, not take care of ourselves, say 'I'll get to it later.' It's just the same with blood. We're busy, we've got jobs, we've got kids,

Unfortunately, the people with O negative just aren't giving as much as the others, so that makes it even harder on the hospitals. They're always doing promos and incentives for the O negative donors because if we get that stocked up it helps offset some of the times we're not collecting the other blood types."

Pink Arrow Pride and Gilda's Club are only two of the many organizations that invite Michigan Blood buses to hold blood drives at their big, public events.

"We've been working with Pink Arrow Pride and Gilda's Club of Lowell for several years," Graham said. "Gilda's Club is a great

organization. We actually do more than just this blood drive with Gilda's Club, we work on LaughFest with them as well. They're just another organization that we like to team up with because they're such a great cause. Pink Arrow Pride speaks for itself. The community of Lowell took that on and just ran with it. They've raised so much money for people."

The biggest thing someone can do if they're not eligible to donate is recruit someone who can.

~ Kyle Graham

are doing what we need for ourselves to kind of unwind and relax and not always thinking about people in distress. Personally, my wife just lost her best friend in a car accident and I just actually saw another accident the other day and the car accidents go up in the summertime. I guess it's probably to do with drinking, but those people in real bad car accidents need even more blood. I could just go on and on about patients every day that just need blood. Unfortunately, the need for blood is never-ending."

Each pint donated is separated into three components, red blood cells, plasma and platelets, so every pint saves three lives. It

we've got vacations, but it only takes one hour to give one pint and that saves three lives. The biggest thing someone can do if they're not eligible to donate is recruit someone who can. The number one reason people have never donated is because they've never been asked."

There is an especially desperate need for O negative blood.

"O negative is the one universal blood, so that's the most sought after just because it's compatible with everybody," Graham said. "O negative is the rarest blood type and O positive is the most common. We always need every blood type, but O negative is definitely the most sought after.

2018 GAME SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Friday	8/24	John Adams HS	Away	7 pm
PINK ARROW GAME				
Thursday	8/30	Rockford	Home	7 pm
Friday	9/7	Greenville	Away	7 pm
Friday	9/14	Zeeland West	Away	7 pm
Friday	9/21	FHN	Home	7 pm
Friday	9/28	Ottawa Hills	Away	7 pm
Friday	10/5	Cedar Springs	Away	7 pm
Friday	10/12	FHC	Home	7 pm
Friday	10/19	Northview	Home	7 pm

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PINK ARROW PRIDE 2018

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, August 30, 2018
Lowell hosts Rockford High School



Annual arts programs end in expo at Impact Church

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Local artisans, educators, crafters and builders congregated at Lowell's Impact Church last week to educate and inspire area youth during the church's annual summer arts program "Exploration of the Arts" also known as "Summer Arts Explosion."

Headed up and organized by Impact Church family member and Lowell Middle School teacher, Andrea Struckmeyer and a staff of dedicated volunteers, the summer day camp lasts four days and ends with an expo style showcase of the work created. Kids from first through ninth grade were able to select from a wide range of classes that allowed them to experience the arts first-hand.

The hands-on classes featured several options in woodworking, dance and painting, as well as unique alternatives like Silly Science, Rock Band, Stage Combat and Tie Dye. Local affiliated arts teachers, like Christy Spaulding, has been teaching each summer since the camp began. Calling teaching art to children "her jam," Spaulding said her participation each year has been a great one. "I have been working at arts explosion since the very beginning, might be 9-10 years now. My overall experience was great as always. The kids are amazing!"

Also utilizing her experience teaching Tots on Track for School (TOTS),



Members of the Summer Arts Explosion rock band practice on the Impact stage. (Photo by Taylor Lacic)

Spaulding led sessions of mixed media acrylic painting and messy art, passing on her love and enjoyment of the arts along with her knowledge and learning something from the students along the way. "I learn something new every year. Be it something easy, like using art materials in a new way or something more complex and personal," explained Spaulding. "The kids are helpful to each other and tolerant of others who may learn differently or have different behaviors than themselves. I love this!"

The low cost camp included a daily lunch. Photography, guerilla art, vocal and percussion ensemble, gardening, graphic design and movie making were offered as well.

At the camp's finale expo on Thursday evening students got the opportunity to show off their accomplishments. Complimentary rootbeer floats welcomed friends and family to view the works gallery style in the church's hallways and performances were given inside the main worship space.

This summer opportunity allows youth to dabble in the arts. It is focused on helping each person find the artistic gifts already inside them. They follow up with weekly sessions over the fall and winter depending on age group. These classes are for more in-depth learning and end in a dressed performance. Further information about these upcoming public classes will be available soon.



Art teacher Christy Spaulding introduces "Messy Art" at the summer day camp. (Photo by Avery Szymanski)

Bird hunting this fall? Plan now to try a new location

While you might be thinking about your next visit to the beach right now, with bird hunting season just around the corner, it's a great time to plan your fall hunting trip.

"Preseason planning for your fall bird hunt can really pay off," said Michigan Department of Natural Resources upland game bird specialist Al Stewart. "Michigan has millions of acres of huntable public land with excellent young forests that have made northern Michigan a destination for many."

You can find tools to get started on planning your fall bird hunting trip right on your mobile device. GEMS and Mi-HUNT are two DNR-developed programs to help you build a public-land hunting itinerary.

Nineteen GEMS (Grouse Enhanced Management Sites) in the northern Lower Peninsula and Upper Peninsula will be available to explore this fall. GEMS are large blocks of land managed for young forests,

with winding hunter walking trails that provide added comfort to those unfamiliar with an area or those with mobility challenges.

Visit michigan.gov/gems for an interactive map, information about individual GEMS, custom maps and information about local businesses showing support by offering discounts.

Pick out a GEMS location or two you want to visit and use the GPS points or general directions and a county atlas to get a feel for the area.

Print off the detailed GEMS maps or save them to your phone for later use.

Drive to the informational parking area and get your bearings. At the kiosk, read about grouse and woodcock, timber activity and the acres of land outside the GEMS that you also could hunt later. Note the businesses (listed on the kiosk) that offer a great discount to GEMS hunters.

Start exploring!

Mi-HUNT is another option for hunters who already know the general

area they'd like to hunt but want specific stand and road information. Visit michigan.gov/mihunt to watch the tutorials that can help you use the mapping system to its full potential.

Michigan's grouse season runs Sept. 15 to Nov. 14 and Dec. 1 to Jan. 1. Woodcock, a migratory bird, have an abbreviated season, Sept. 22 to Nov. 5. To hunt grouse and woodcock in Michigan, hunters only need a base license. To target woodcock, a free woodcock stamp is required. Licenses and stamps may be purchased online at E-License or at one of the many license agents across the state.

Past ruffed grouse and small game surveys and reports are available to review.

Business owners interested in offering discounts to GEMS hunters may contact KEENK1@michigan.gov to find out how to become a GEMS business partner.

For more information, contact Katie Keen at 989-385-0336.

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Hunters enjoy ruffed grouse season at the LeeGrande Ranch GEMS location.



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Accidental shooting

On July 29, 2018, the Kent County Sheriff's Office responded to an accidental shooting at Boulder Ridge Wild Animal Park in Bowne Township. The victim, a current CPL holder, accidentally discharged a pistol striking himself in the leg. The incident was isolated to a single victim and no additional injuries were reported. The victim was transported to Butterworth Hospital by ambulance for treatment and his condition is unknown at the time of this release. The sheriff's office will forward the information to the prosecutor's office for review upon completion of the investigation.

obituaries

COOPER

Joyce Marlene Cooper, age 83 of Lowell, passed away Wednesday, July 25, 2018. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Douglas Cook; parents Alfred and Leonor Faulkner; and brothers Roger and Larry Faulkner. Joyce will be sadly missed by her husband of 38 years, Richard "Dick" Cooper; children Cathy (Bruce) Russ, Steve (Lori) Cook, Chris (Kevin)



Kennedy, Cindy Scoby, Laura (John) Brower, Leonard (Sherrie) Cook, Richard (Denise) Cooper Jr., Timothy Cooper, Melissa (Dennis) Burl; 24 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren. She was an avid gardener, quilter, camper and baker. Joyce retired from Forest Hills Public Schools Transportation Department after more than 30 years of employment. She also worked at Boulder Creek Golf Course and the Detroit Tigers Spring Training Camp in Lakeland, FL. A visitation was held Sunday, July 29; and a funeral Monday, July 30, at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Fred and Lena Meijer Heart Center, C/O Spectrum Health Foundation, 100 Michigan Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.



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Inspiration comes of working every day.

~ Charles Baudelaire (1821-1867)

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Artwork from the ocean brings awareness to pollution

by Tim McAllister
 lead reporter

Tons of humanity's garbage is floating around Earth's oceans, disrupting wildlife and polluting the water. To get the word out about this problem, Harald Reichenbach, an artist from Sweden, is sailing around the world, collecting sea trash and making unique artwork called "G-Cubes" out of it.

"When plastic waste gets in the sea it has many negative effect on the environment," Reichenbach said in a press release. "Plastic cannot be broken down in the sea. Instead, it is transported by wind, waves and currents over long distances and can be found today from the Arctic to the Antarctic, in all parts of the ocean and on nearly all the world's beaches. This waste debris, traveling over long distances, also threatens plants, animals and distant ecosystems. Over time the debris will either sink to the seabed or disintegrate into smaller and smaller pieces called micro-plastic. This waste affects countless fish and bird species and also sea mammals, which get tangled up in floating fishing nets, so called ghost nets, as well as ingesting debris with their food intake. Micro-plastic does not only set dangerous substances free inherent in the manufacturing process but is also a binder for other environmental poisons, e.g. from agricultural usage. These substances via the

plastic then get into the food chain and therefore pose a health risk to humans. This growing accumulation of waste in the sea not only has devastating effects on the environment and the human health, [but] fishing, shipping, beach tourism and, last but not least, the population as a whole suffer from the consequences. Most waste comes from land and gets into the sea via rivers or wind. People are the key to the solution of the problem. The [G-Cubes project] can contribute by educating and supporting in the fight against pollution."

Reichenbach spent 15 months in his sailboat "O'deline," his workshop

from an original context and into its conservation in the new form of a G-Cube, the trash is compressed into art and becomes a sculpture. Each G-Cube removes trash from a different location and this place will be photographically recorded. In the end the combination of the collected G-Cubes will stand as one big cube out of many small ones. The photographs tell the story of the individual G-Cubes and show the waste in its original context."

To make a G-Cube, first, Reichenbach collects some garbage from the ocean. It is compressed into cubes and stored on the ship in a drying container. When dry,



and living quarters making G-Cubes, which is short for "Garbage Cubes."

"G-Cubes is a conceptual art project which concerns itself with the subject of daily waste production and disposal," Reichenbach said. "Through the return of the waste to the waste producer, we want to achieve wider awareness of this problem. By removing the garbage

a plaque is affixed to the bottom with a photo and the geographical coordinates of the garbage. The cube is then doused in synthetic resin, which takes four days to dry completely. When released from the mold, the cube is polished smooth until it measures ten centimeters on all sides.

"Washed up garbage will be collected and compressed

into a cube using a mobile compactor," Reichenbach said. "The crude waste cube will be conserved by casting it into a cube of resin. The result being a G-Cube, which is classified and cataloged by an engraved plaque which is cast together with the cube. Each G-Cube is a handmade, unique item. On our way we will produce and offer 400 cubes for sale during the 15 months of sailing. 1,000 cubes will be compressed and sent back to Switzerland for the final exhibition and casting into resin cubes."

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"We bring the waste back to its origins, back to the city," Reichenbach said. "Half of the revenue raised will be invested in projects which, in collaboration with the local population, will promote long-term and sustainable waste disposal."

If you're looking for a more direct way to help rid the water of trash, International Coastal Cleanup Day is Saturday, Sept. 15. That event was started by the nonprofit environmental organization Ocean Conservancy in 1986 as the "Texas

Coastal Cleanup." Since then nearly 600,000 volunteers have cleared nine millions of pounds of trash from thousands of miles of waterways. The two closest sites scheduled for cleanup this year are Snug Harbor in Muskegon and P.J. Hoffmaster State Park near Grand Haven. For more information about International Coastal Cleanup Day, visit oceanconservancy.org/trash-free-seas/international-coastal-cleanup

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MOVIE MATINEE - Aug. 2, 9, 16 & 23, 10 am - noon. Free popcorn & water. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

DOT MANDALA PAINTING WORKSHOP - Wed., Aug. 15, 6 pm. **Pre-registration required.** Create & take home a dot mandala painted rock or artist board. Learn how to paint in color tints & patterns. You will apply dots using special tools & learn to layer paint dots for a 3D effect. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

CODING CLUB - Aug. 9, 10 am - noon. For ages 9-14 yrs. old. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

50th ANNUAL FALLSBURG ARTS FESTIVAL - featuring over 100 unique, fine art & fine crafts booths, food booths & a children's craft area. Timeless craft demonstrations, live music. Sat. & Sun., Sept. 15 & 16, 10 am - 5 pm. Free admission, 1124 Fallasburg Park Dr NE, Lowell. www.lowellartsmi.org

CODING CLUB - Aug. 16, 10 am - noon. For ages 9-14 yrs. old. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

BOWNETOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY - meets the second Monday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Historical Museum at 84th/Alden Nash.

LOWELL SHOWBOAT GARDEN CLUB - will be holding their meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Englehardt Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell at 6:30 pm.

WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY - meets every Monday, 7-8 p.m. at Bowne Center United Methodist Church, fellowship hall, 12051 84th St., corner of Alden Nash. Call Sue at 868-6219 or www.womenforsobriety.org

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WOMEN OF THE MOOSE - third Monday at 7:30 p.m. for business meeting.

ALTO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Alto American Legion Post.

V.F.W. POST #8303 - meets the first Monday at 7 p.m. at 3116 Alden Nash S.E.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 102 - every Monday, 7-8:30 p.m. during school year in Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. Ages 11 and up or completing 5th grade. Call Scoutmaster Clay VanderWarf, 616-485-3429 or Del Rockwell at 897-6814.

VERGENNES CLUB MEETS - at 1 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month March thru Nov. Meeting at Schneider Manor Community Room. Program & refreshments. Guests welcome.

TECH HELP - Thursdays by appointment from 1-3 p.m. Help with internet searching, computer basics, Facebook, ereaders, library downloadable books, etc. Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

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CUBSCOUT PACK 3188 - meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main.

QUA-KE-ZIK SPORTSMANS CLUB - meets second and third Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at 8731 West Riverside Dr. Go to www.qua-ke-zik.org for information. New members welcome.

LOWELL LIONS CLUB - meets third Tuesday at noon at Lowell City Hall.

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THE LOWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION - second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building, 300 High St., Lowell.

FLAT RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL - Meets 3rd Monday of each month at the Main Street Inn in Lowell at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit our web page at flatriverwatershed.org

BABY PANTRY OF LOWELL - (formerly St. Mary's Pregnancy Center) is now located inside Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) at 11535 Fulton St. E. We are open Monday 5:30-7:30 p.m. & Thursday 2-4:30 p.m. to serve pregnant woman & families of small children in need of diapers, wipes & other baby supplies. We are non-denominational & serve families in the Lowell area. For more information, call Michele at 616-322-5957.

NEW CLASSES FOR EVERYONE - children - adults at Christian Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash SE, Lowell. Every Wednesday 7-8 p.m. Bible-centered classes for children through 5th grade, youth group for 6th grade thru high school & adult prayer & Bible study. Everyone is invited to attend.

FREE ALL VETS COFFEE HOUR - Third Thurs. of each month. Bring a friend. Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash, Lowell. Call 868-7426 or 897-8303 for more information.

STORYTIME - Thursdays, 10 a.m. with Ms. Sheila at Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

MOTHERS WHO HAVE OR HAVE HAD - sons/daughters serving in the military. We are meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. For more info call Sally 616-761-2042.

FREE WILL astrology

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Aries (March 21-April 19)

I predict that August will be a Golden Age for you. That's most likely very good. Golden opportunities will arise and you'll come into possession of lead that can be transmuted into gold. But it's also important to be prudent about your dealings with gold. Consider the fable of the golden goose. The bird's owner grew impatient because it laid only one gold egg per day; he foolishly slaughtered his prize animal to get all the gold immediately. That didn't work out well. Or consider the fact that to the ancient Aztecs, the word *teocuitlatl* referred to gold, even though its literal translation was "excrement of the gods." Moral of the story: If handled with care and integrity, gold can be a blessing.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Taurus socialite Stephen Tennant (1906-1987) was such an interesting luminary that three major novelists created fictional

characters modeled after him. As a boy, when he was asked what he'd like to be when he grew up, he replied, "I want to be a great beauty." I'd love to hear those words spill out of your mouth, Taurus. What? You say you're already all grown up? I doubt it. In my opinion, you've still got a lot of stretching and expansion and transformation to accomplish during the coming decades. So yes: I hope you can find it in your wild heart to proclaim, "When I grow up, I want to be a great beauty." (P.S. Your ability to become increasingly beautiful will be at a peak during the next fourteen months.)

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

"Manage with bread and butter until God sends the honey," advises a Moroccan proverb. Let's analyze how this advice might apply to you. First thing I want to know is, have you been managing well with bread and butter? Have you refrained from whining about your simple provisions, resting content and grateful? If you haven't, I doubt that any honey will arrive, either from God or

any other source. But if you have been celebrating your modest gifts, feeling free of greed and displeasure, then I expect at least some honey will show up soon.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Don't worry your beautiful head about praying to the gods of luck and fate. I'll take care of that for you. Your job is to propitiate the gods of fluid discipline and hard but smart work. To win the favor of these divine helpers, act on the assumption that you now have the power and the right to ask for more of their assistance than you have before. Proceed with the understanding that they are willing to provide you with the stamina, persistence and attention to detail you will need to accomplish your next breakthrough.

Leo (July 23-August 22)

"Sometimes, I feel the past and the future pressing so hard on either side that there's no room for the present at all." A

character named Julia says that in Evelyn Waugh's novel *Brideshead Revisited*. I bring it to your attention as an inspiring irritant, as a prod to get you motivated. I hope it will mobilize you to rise up and refuse to allow your past and your future to press so hard on either side that there's no room for the present. It's a favorable time for you to fully claim the glory of being right here, right now.

Virgo (August 23-September 22)

I'm not an ascetic who believes all our valuable lessons emerge from suffering. Nor am I a pop nihilist who sneers at pretty flowers, smiling children and sunny days. On the contrary: I'm devoted to the hypothesis that life is usually at least 51 percent wonderful. But I dance the rain dance when there's an emotional drought in my personal life and I dance the pain dance when it's time to deal with difficulties I've ignored. How about you, Virgo? I suspect that now is one of those times when you need to have compassionate heart-to-heart conversations with your fears, struggles and aches.

Libra (September 23-October 22)

Do you absolutely need orchids, sweet elixirs, dark chocolate, alluring new music, dances on soft grass, sensual massages, nine hours of sleep per

night and a steady stream of soulful conversations? No. Not really. In the coming days, life will be a good ride for you even if you fail to procure those indulgences. But here are further questions and answers: Do you *deserve* the orchids, elixirs and the rest? My answer is yes, definitely. And would the arrival of these delights spur you to come up with imaginative solutions to your top two riddles? I'm pretty sure it would. So I conclude this horoscope by recommending that you do indeed arrange to revel in your equivalent of the delights I named.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

"Don't try to steer the river," writes Deepak Chopra. Most of the time, I agree with that idea. It's arrogant to think that we have the power to control the forces of nature or the flow of destiny or the song of creation. Our goal should be to get an intuitive read on the crazy-making miracle of life and adapt ourselves ingeniously to its ever-shifting patterns and rhythms. But wait! Set aside everything I just said. An exception to the usual rule has arrived. Sometimes, when your personal power is extra flexible and robust -- like now, for you -- you may indeed be able to steer the river a bit.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

"Dear Astrologer: Recently I've been weirdly obsessed with wondering how to increase my levels of generosity and compassion. Not just because I know it's the right thing to do, but also because I know it will make me healthy and honest and unflappable. Do you have any sage advice?" -Ambitious Sagittarius." Dear Ambitious: I've noticed that many Sagittarians are feeling an unprecedented curiosity about how to enhance their lives by boosting the benevolence they express. Here's a tip from astrologer Chani Nicholas: "Source your sense of self from your integrity in every interaction." Here's another tip from Anais Nin: "The worse the state of the world grows, the more intensely I try for inner perfection and power. I fight for a small world of humanity and tenderness."

Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

Time does not necessarily heal all wounds. If you wait around passively, hoping that the mere passage of months will magically fix your twists and smooth out your tweaks, you're shirking your responsibility. The truth is, you need to be fully engaged in the process. You've got to feel deeply and think hard about how to diminish your pain and then take practical action when your wisdom shows you what will actually work. Now is an excellent time to upgrade your commitment to this sacred quest.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18)

These questions you've been asking aren't bad or wrong. But they're not exactly relevant or helpful, either. That's why the answers you've been receiving aren't of maximum use. Try these questions instead. 1. What experience or information would you need to heal your divided sense of loyalty? 2. How can you attract an influence that would motivate you to make changes you can't quite accomplish under your own power? 3. Can you ignore or even dismiss the 95 percent of your fear that's imaginary so you'll be able to focus on the five percent that's truly worth meditating on? 4. If I assured you that you have the intelligence to beautify an ugly part of your world, how would you begin?

Pisces (February 19-March 20)

A scuffle you've been waging turns out to be the wrong scuffle. It has distracted you from giving your full attention to a more winnable and worthwhile tussle. My advice? Don't waste energy feeling remorse about the energy you've wasted. In fact, be grateful for the training you've received. The skills you've been honing while wrestling with the misleading complication will serve you well when you switch your focus to the more important issue. So are you ready to shift gears? Start mobilizing your crusade to engage with the more winnable and worthwhile tussle.

NEWS OF THE weird

Bold Move

Faith Pugh of Memphis, Tennessee, had a date to remember on July 14 with Kelton Griffin. Her casual acquaintance from high school "just out of the blue texted me and asked me to go out," Pugh told WREG-TV. They took her car and stopped at a gas station, where Griffin asked Pugh to go inside and buy him a cigar. But while she was inside, "He drove off. I came outside and my car was gone," Pugh said. Shortly, Pugh received a text from her godsister, telling her Griffin had just asked her out on a date. He picked up the godsister in Pugh's car and headed to a drive-in movie. "He didn't even have any money," Pugh said. "She actually paid their way to get in the drive-in just so I could get my car back." Pugh alerted the police to the car's location and they arrested Griffin for theft of property. "I hope he's in jail for a long time," Pugh said.

Bright Idea

It's time once again for minor league baseball promotion fun and games! This time, however, the Montgomery (Alabama) Biscuits managed to tick off a whole generation of baseball fans. The Biscuits announced Millennial Night on July 21, featuring participation ribbons just for showing

up, a napping area, selfie stations and lots of avocados, reported Fox News. While some Twitter users thought the promotion was insensitive, others were more philosophical. Dallas Godshall, 21, said, "More than targeting millennials, it's sort of targeting older generations who like to make fun of millennials." Pitcher Benton Ross weighed in: "If it's insensitive, maybe they should just have thicker skin."

Revenge, Texas-Style

The Austin American-Statesman reported that on June 17, RV park neighbors and longtime adversaries Ryan Felton Sauter, 39 and Keith Monroe got into a heated dispute about an undisclosed subject. Later that day, Monroe saw Sauter leaving Monroe's RV and asked him why he had gone in without permission, to which Sauter replied, "You'll see why." Going inside, Monroe soon spotted a three-foot-long rattlesnake. "I freaked out," he said. He used a machete to kill the snake, which strangely was missing its rattles. Turns out Sauter had bitten off the snake's tail, with its signature warning sound. Sauter has been charged with deadly conduct and criminal trespass.

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Online POLL QUESTION

If you could travel to one of these countries for free, which one would you choose?



- Iceland
- Botswana
- Madagascar
- Nepal
- Bolivia

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LAST WEEK'S ONLINE POLL RESULTS

Do you ever resist or back away from stating your true opinion about something on social media because you are afraid of what all your friends will think?

YES, It is not worth the consequences 0%
NO, It is important to have an open dialogue 0%

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

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While Supplies Last
FREE KID'S ACTIVITIES!
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DEMAND**
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