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Pink Arrow Pride game day is here!



The eleventh annual Pink Arrow Pride charity football game will be at Bob Perry Field at Lowell High School on Thursday, Aug. 30. Admission to the event is free if you're wearing an "Arrow Force IX" T-shirt, available for \$15 at Fans in the Stands, Springrove Variety, Heidi's Farmstand and MI Hometown Furnishings.

Last year's proceeds were distributed to Gilda's Club of Lowell, Lowell Community Wellness, the Dr. Donald Gerard Scholarship, the Kathy Talus Scholarship and the Lowell Community Wellness Education Fund.

Look for full coverage in next week's Lowell Ledger.

Artifacts from 1800s Burroughs mill found

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

A story about Vergennes Twp pioneers James and Rosetta Burroughs was featured in the Aug. 1, 2018 Lowell Ledger. After the story was published, the Ledger was contacted by Ed Van Timmeren, who lives at 12795 Burroughs St., the former site of the James C. Burroughs farmhouse and grist mill. When their family purchased the house back in the 1960s, his father-in-law Tom Meines discovered "chunks" of J.C. Burroughs' grist mill in the Flat River about a mile south of Fallasburg Park. The family has been using them as lawn ornaments for over 50 years.

"My best guess to when he pulled them out would be sometime in the late 60s or early 70s," Van Timmeren said. "They were in the Flat River right in front of the house. There is supposed to be other stuff

in there. The Johnsons who built our house pulled some of the timbers from the mill out of there. Having fished the river for years and years, if you wade the river in front of the house, it's quite obvious where

the foundation of that mill sat. It's in the river. You can sense it as you wade in the river. It's kind of intriguing. I know there are more pieces down there, I just haven't made the effort to go diving and try

and figure out if anything else is salvageable. There's a hole that's maybe 6 feet deep or so, depending on how much water is coming over the spillway."

James and Rosetta

Burroughs' ancestors include two different men named William S. Burroughs, one the inventor of the adding

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This 19th century hitching post has been integrated into the family's landscaping.

Results in from Pink Arrow blood drive

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The results are in for the blood drive that took place on the Riverwalk during Pink Arrow Community Day on Thursday, Aug. 16.

A total of 98 people registered to give blood, 13 of whom were first time donors. From the 98 people registered, 93 pints were collected, so Michigan Blood donated \$1,250 to Gilda's Club.

"Special recognition to our 13 first time donors," said Michigan Blood employee Kyle Graham. "This is how we keep helping our participation which in turns helps us hit goal. It's people like you and your organization that help us in our mission of saving lives and I can't thank you enough for the life saving blood drive."

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Married couple start new business in Saranac

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Walnut Grove Septic Services is a business that opened recently in Saranac. The company is owned by a married couple, Tim and Tonja Kempf. They went to high school together in California where they knew each other but were not good friends. They reconnected at their 20th class reunion, fell in love and got married. Until earlier this year, the Kempfs lived in Owasso, OK, near Tulsa. Since Tim's brother Travis Gemmell owns Walnut Grove Excavating, it made sense to them for business and personal reasons to move to West Michigan.

"We moved out here in May and got our new truck in June," said Tonja Kempf. "It's just me and my husband right now. So far, so good. Word of mouth has been phenomenal. Our customers have been excellent about

telling people about us and just giving us complete support."

Tonja is a native of Phelan, CA, a small town in the Mojave Desert. Tim is originally from the Lowell area; when he was a teenager he moved to Phelan with his father.

"In high school we were just friends, we did our separate things," Kempf said. "We re-met at our 20 year high school class reunion. My favorite part of this is that I can do it with my husband. We both had other careers before, now we're doing this together. Tim's son, Jordan Kempf, is also here and once we get going enough he plans to join us."

As a septic services company, they're trained to deal with any gross mess you can think of. They can also install new equipment and perform routine maintenance on existing equipment.

Their specialty, however, is inspections.

"We're doing septic services, but our heavier focus is on well and septic inspections," Kempf said. "There is a definite need there for more inspectors in that realm. We're hoping to get a few more trucks and really do this on a larger scale."

For more information or to engage their services, find them on Facebook or Instagram, visit walnutgroveseptic.com or call 616-207-9295.

"We can fulfill all of your septic needs," Kempf said. "We can do anything, repairs, installations... We can pretty much do it all. We're committed to personalized customer care and giving the customer a good experience. We're nothing without our customers, so putting our customers first and foremost is how we're approaching this."



Tim and Tonja Kempf own and operate Walnut Grove Septic Services, a new business in Saranac.

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machine, the other a legendary Beat Generation novelist and counterculture figure. Locally, the Burroughs name remains on Burroughs St., on Burroughs Dam and on J.C. Burroughs' gravestone in Fox's Corner Cemetery. The Burroughs Dam still exists, it's near the Fallasburg Powerhouse, but it is inaccessible by land.



"The spillway up the river from me, which you can't get to anymore, is what they deem the Burroughs Dam," Van Timmeren said. "There's a cut that comes

out of the pond created by the Burroughs Dam, which is no more than a spillway. That's the backwater to the pond, the cut goes through and you've got the

powerhouse right on M-91 there."

The artifacts they've been

using as lawn ornaments used to be the mechanisms of J.C. Burroughs' grist mill, which burned down around 1865.

"That is half of the grist mill that they ground the grain with, the round thing with the square in the middle of it," Van Timmeren said. "It's now part of our landscaping. The other pieces, one was the paddlewheel that drove the huge gear, which drove some more gears that turned the grist mill to grind the grain. We also have a stone hitching post that was here when my father-in-law bought the place."

Construction on the current house was completed in 1937. According to the self-published article "The Farm and Building the Stone House at Lowell" by Dana Humphrey Johnson and Priscilla Charlotte Johnson, the Johnson family moved to 12795



These rusty gears were part of the J.C. Burroughs grist mill in the 1800s. They've been used as lawn ornaments since they were fished out of the Flat River about 50 years ago. (Photos by Ed Van Timmeren)

Burroughs from Grand Rapids in the 1930s and demolished all remnants of the old Burroughs house. The historic home had been neglected for many years, its most recent use was as an outhouse for cows.

"Supposedly there was

a village here back when that mill was around," Van Timmeren said. "There was a house on the property

that the Johnsons bought. They tore that down. Mrs. Johnson actually did a lot

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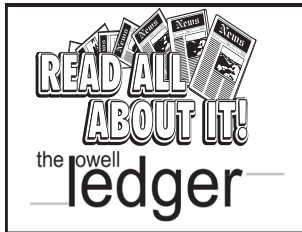
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You can read more about the Ticket to Work program in the publication titled "Working While Disabled: How We Can Help" at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10095.pdf.

Part of securing today and tomorrow is giving you the tools to create a fulfilling life. Getting back to work might be part of that. We're here with a ticket to a secure tomorrow.

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



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from the Sears Roebuck catalog."

"The old house had really been an attractive one in its time; but for the past ten years it [has] had a hard time. When we arrived there was not a window or a door left," the article by the Johnsons said. "A neighboring farmer had pastured his cows (illegally) there and used the house as a barn. We shoveled out a lot of manure. The squatter threatened dad on one visit. He didn't carry through, maybe because we had brought along our lawyer, a family friend. I began tearing the house down in January, 1937 and

floor in a numbed state by the bushel. [...] When the house was down two basements showed up. One was filled with the accumulated junk of the ages with enough barbed wire to equip one fair-sized No Man's Land.

(I've never found a reason for it), one filled cistern and one filled well. They were not small cobbles either but huge stones, with one stone which was broken into four pieces, each weighing 100 to 175 pounds."



was I glad when we got started that we had not waited until spring for between the outer walls and the lath, the flies and wasps dropped to the

[...] The old stone walls proved to be stone mines with walls sometimes five feet thick, ramps that had been filled with stones, an old underground wall

"It's kind of a fascinating place to live," Van Timmeren said.

Crafters hit with tariffs

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Crafters were on the front lines of the president's trade war on Tuesday, Aug. 21 when Joann Fabrics CEO Jill Soltau asked her customers to sign a "Made In America Tax" petition.

"Your ability to continue creating at an affordable cost is in jeopardy," Soltau said in a press release. "Proposed tariffs on many of the items we sell will inadvertently place a tax on the 'Made in America' products you make, which will hurt millions of individual crafters

along with charitable organizations and small businesses. Together, we can make a difference by encouraging Washington, D.C. to stop these tariffs before they take effect. Today, we, as a company, joined a campaign to support makers across America in speaking out. I hope you will also support this cause."

Starting in January 2018, the US has imposed high "Trump tariffs" on imports of various products and raw materials from Mexico, China, Canada and the European Union, sparking a trade war. These countries retaliated by placing

similar tariffs on US products. Individuals, small businesses and charitable organizations use items purchased at stores like Joann Fabrics to create various products that they sell online, at farmers markets, etc. Most of these products are imported from China. During an appearance on the Fox Business Channel, Soltau said that more than 20 percent of the store's clientele are small business owners.

To learn more about the Joann Fabrics petition, visit www.MadeinAmericaTax.com.

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You can work to become a better investor

Next week, we observe Labor Day, a holiday to honor all the hard-working people in this country. As one of them, keep in mind that your efforts can have positive results. Famed film producer Samuel Goldwyn once said: "The harder I work, the luckier I get." And this same philosophy can apply to your investing, too – because you can indeed work to become a better investor.

Consider these steps:
Work to understand your goals and risk tolerance. Self-knowledge is important in all phases of life – and it's certainly essential to you when you invest. For one thing, you need to know your goals. How long do you plan to work? What would you like to do when you retire? If you have children, do you expect to help pay for their college educations? You'll also need to know your risk tolerance to help determine your investment choices. Investors with a high tolerance for risk typically can overlook the day-to-day fluctuations in the financial markets, and may be comfortable

investing more aggressively. But those with a low risk tolerance may be more inclined to focus on investments that offer greater preservation of principal, even if this means sacrificing some growth potential.

Work to learn all you can about your investments. Here's a bit of advice that will always be valid: Don't invest in what you don't understand. The more you know about your investments and what you can expect from them, the less likely that you will be surprised at their performance and their impact on your financial strategy. When you invest in stocks, you hope their value will appreciate over time, but you shouldn't be shocked over short-term price fluctuations. Conversely, when you purchase a fixed-rate vehicle, such as a Certificate of Deposit (CD), you expect regular interest payments and a return of your principal when the CD matures. But do not anticipate much, if any, growth in the value of your investment.

Work to develop

good investment habits. Developing good habits often pays off. For example, if you exercise regularly, don't smoke and follow a sensible diet, you will likely help your long-term health. And you can follow good investment habits, too, such as contributing regularly to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. You'll also want to avoid bad habits, such as overreacting to a sharp drop in the financial markets. In an effort to cut your losses, you might respond to this downturn by immediately selling investments whose fundamentals are still strong and whose prospects still may be positive.

Work to get the assistance you need. Investing can be complex, so you may want to work with a financial professional. But investing is just one part of your overall financial picture, so working with an attorney can help with your estate plans. And a tax professional can advise you on the tax-related consequences of various financial moves. There aren't many guarantees in the investment world – but the harder you work at becoming a good investor, the better your chances of reaching your ultimate objectives.

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NEWSPAPERS Outperform Billboards in Michigan

the lowell ledger

Newspapers are more engaging than billboards.

16 minutes
 average time spent reading a newspaper each day¹

7 seconds
 average time spent viewing a billboard²

Newspaper ads result in more purchases than billboards.

79% Eight in ten newspaper readers took action as a result of reading a newspaper ad in the past 30 days³

2.3% 2.3% of adults made a purchase in the last 90 days as the result of a billboard ad⁴

Newspaper ads have more staying power

Saving the ad for future reference is one of the top-rated newspaper reader actions.¹

The newspaper is often passed along to someone else who sees the ad. Daily/Sunday newspapers average 1.9 readers per copy⁴

People simply scan billboards as they drive by.

Newspapers ads provide more flexibility

Based on the length and complexity of the advertising message, retailers can choose from a variety of newspaper ad sizes – from smaller units up to full-page and two-page spreads.

Billboard ads should contain only three basic elements – an image, a copy line, and a company name or logo. Copy should be kept to nine words.²

Newspaper ads can be placed, and changed when necessary, within a day or two. Billboard creative is often posted for 30 days.

Sources: ¹eMarketer; ²Lamar Advertising; ³Triad/Coda Ventures - The Newspaper Generation Study; ⁴Pulse of America 2018; ⁵NAA

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IN THE CLASSIFIEDS!

viewpoint

to the editor

To the Editor,
There are precious few absolutes in life because circumstances alter cases.
In our current political environment it is important to remember how we make decisions. Guilt, fear, judgment and hate seems to be the source of much divisiveness leading to the mass hysteria we are currently experiencing. Education, forgiveness,

love and faith should be the model successfully employed by leaders such as Jerry Ford and Desmond Tutu.
I pray we choose to exercise the lessons of the latter rather than the hatred of the former.
*Jack Misner
Vergennes Township*

Dear Editor:

I am saddened by diatribes of fear and hate-mongering, masquerading as letters to the editor, such as those recently published in the Ledger. I know it is probably useless to reply to the authors of them, but I spent many years in two professions which required a good deal of "tilting at windmills;" I guess I just can't help myself.
The writers seem to enjoy looking backward, preferring to cite dead people (e.g. Marx, Khrushchev, Krauthammer). Perhaps, then, they would enjoy

reading *The Wealth of Nations*, by Adam Smith, in which the brilliant creator of the notion of capitalism warned, all those years ago, of the dangers of excesses caused by unbridled greed, and the necessity of government providing measures to distribute wealth fairly, so that prosperity would be shared by all. No communist, he! Nor were Theodore Roosevelt, FDR, and LBJ, great presidents who led our country from crisis and chaos to new frontiers of economics and civil rights because they believed in the possibility of

using government to make the lives of ALL Americans better.
Yes, I am speaking of PROGRESS, and I guess that means I like to think of myself as a progressive person. I've gotten old now, and I know how uncertain life is for all of us. But, I believe there is one certainty with which we all must live; this Creation of which we are a part is relentlessly ongoing. And, our frequent human desires to call "timeout" and declare that nothing should change, only the old ways are right, or only people just like ourselves in belief or language or skin color

are worthy of cancer, is the worst kind of faithless blasphemy.
Finally, I would like to leave the writers with a challenge. Consider leaving behind the very human, but cowardly, ways of fear and hate, and being courageous, moving forward in hope and love, to truly push the limits of human possibility. There are many of us who have been, and are still trying, this wonderful, difficult, exasperating and unbelievably rewarding way of life, and we are always open to new fellow-travelers.
*Rev. Dr. J. Richard
Sherlock
Lowell*



125 years ago Lowell Journal August 30, 1893

A new telephone switch board has been placed in the central office and on the state line along a distance transmitter, making conversation with Detroit comparatively easy.

Martin N. Hine came very near dying from a dose of muriatic acid, taken through mistake. He had been suffering from a cold and had had some medicine put up; accidentally he took a dose from the bottle of acid instead of cough mixture. For a couple of days it was a question whether he would recover or not, but he is all right now.

Night Police Blakeslee arrested Wm. Proctor last Monday night for disorderly conduct, but in making the arrest he had no royal picnic for when the jail was reached and the prisoner locked up Blakeslee presented a sorry spectacle his clothes were torn and he had a beautiful black eye. Proctor was taken before Justice Hicks who assessed him \$15 and costs amounting to \$19.75.

100 years The Lowell Ledger August 29, 1918

Word has been received here that James Graham, formerly of this place, was killed in action August 9. He moved with his parents to Canada a few years ago and was in the Canadian army. We extend our sympathy to his loved ones.

Spontaneous combustion is supposed to have caused the burning of two barns and the house on the farm of Will Thomas. The contents of the house were saved; also the garage with part of his grain, the rest being in O. R. Fountain's barn. Two valuable horses were burned.

Will C. Doyle is home on a week's furlough from the officers' training school at Camp Lee, Virginia, with a lieutenant's commission in his pocket. He reports the hottest summer ever known in Virginia, with many hospital cases from the heat. He kept well and is looking "fine and dandy."

While razing the old drug store, a bottle labeled Old Crow was found but owing to the continued dry spell the contents had evaporated.

All tales of graft or grumbling about food and war restrictions are quickly squelched in this neck o' woods. Such talk has been called "German Pip," a disease subject to a form of quarantine.

75 years The Lowell Ledger September 2, 1943

The gigantic Third War Loan Drive will get under way in Lowell and surrounding townships on Wednesday, Sept. 8. Township chairmen, committee members and salespeople will meet in the high school to get instructions from Louis A. Well, Jr., County Chairman, and from L.V. Mulnix, Sr., and Henry Schantz, co-chairmen of the County Division. It is possible that W.J. Wade, Executive Manager of the War Finance Committee will also be in attendance. Kent county must sell over \$19,000,000 and Lowell's share is \$240,000.

Ensign Carlton H. Runciman has completed his officers' training at Quonset Point, R.I., and will begin active duty at Pensacola, Fla., after a 12-day furlough which he is now spending with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Runciman.

Folks along Main street were interested spectators Wednesday afternoon as a steeplejack slowly pulled himself to the top of the 85-ft. flag pole in front of the City Hall and applied a shiny new coat of aluminum paint. The painter was M.F. Mulligan of South Haven and he also painted the flag poles at Recreation Park, on Reservoir Hill and the Lowell high school building.

We hear good results from Lowell's community victory gardens. In spite of late plantings, growth is said to have been rapid, due to rich soil, rain and sunshine, with the result that many varieties of vegetables are being canned for next winter's table.

50 years The Lowell Ledger August 29, 1968

Petitions calling for a recount loomed as a distinct possibility today in the wake of a razor-thin decision by Lowell Area District voters to approve an additional 3.3 mills for one year for operating expenses. The measure was approved by a single vote, 458-457, in Monday's special election. Three ballots were declared spoiled, one of which was both "x-ed" and checking, causing election workers to debate its legality.

Preliminary figures indicate that Lowell Showboat for 1968 was a financial....as well as an artistic..... success.

Construction for the new Lowell State Savings Bank drive-in branch office at West Main and Valley Vista Drive was launched Monday with groundbreaking ceremonies. When completed, it will mark the first time in the bank's long history that all of its services will be under less than one roof.

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health

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- screening for osteoporosis

Bones are constantly being broken down and rebuilt throughout life. As people get older, the rate of bone thinning starts to overtake the rate of bone building. Over time, this can lead to osteoporosis (severe low bone density). People with osteoporosis are more likely to have fractures. Hip fractures in particular can lead to lifelong problems such as disability, chronic pain, and decreased quality of life. In women, the decrease in estrogen levels that occurs during menopause leads to increased bone breakdown. This is why postmenopausal women have a greater risk for osteoporosis. Other risk factors for osteoporosis include smoking, excess alcohol use, low body weight, and a history of hip fracture in a parent.

The most commonly used test for screening osteoporosis is a special type of x-ray that measures bone mineral density, called dual-energy x-ray absorptiometry (DXA). The US Preventive Services

Task Force (USPSTF) has recommendations on screening for osteoporosis to prevent bone fractures. The goal of screening for osteoporosis is finding and treating the condition to ultimately prevent fractures. There is evidence that DXA tests are accurate in finding osteoporosis and also that treating osteoporosis is effective in preventing fractures. Potential harms of screening are small, as DXA testing is non-invasive and accurate with minimal side effects.

For all women older than 65 years and for postmenopausal women younger than 65 years who have increased risk of osteoporosis (as determined by a risk calculator tool), the USPSTF concludes with moderate certainty that the potential benefits of screening for the osteoporosis outweigh the potential harms. For men, there is not enough evidence to assess the balance of benefit and harm.

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

May Erlewine echoed the voice of a sweet songbird last Thursday night as she and her supporting band The Motivations took the stage for the eleventh and final installment of the 2018 Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert Series.

Born in Michigan Erlewine is known for her joy invoking vocals. A gifted and uplifting songwriter, Erlewine is highly praised for her lyricism having written for other performers. An instrumentalists playing the guitar, fiddle, viola, piano and more, Erlewine considers her shows with The Motivations to be dance parties crossing genres from folk to country to soul seamlessly, evoking a familiar kinship with those within earshot.

Erlewine's ability to connect with the crowd was the perfect compliment to the celebratory mood of the seasons final concert. Presented by LowellArts and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce the popular and free outdoor concert series is a staple event of community drawing out residents and those from nearby communities to the weekly Thursday shows and likewise the downtown shopping district.

Lowell resident Elizabeth Watson and children Faith and Noah were among the series regulars this season experiencing all but one concert on the lineup. "Our favorites are Soul Syndicate, The MainStays and May Erlewine. We can't decide which ones we like more," said Watson, who despite

living in the community for some time is a newcomer to the event. "This was the first year that we have been regular attendants. We walk downtown from our home and continue to marvel at the lovely view of Lowell in the summertime. We enjoy the events put on by the chamber and so appreciate the free, fun, family and quality entertainment provided. We have developed an appreciation for live music,

been addressed before on her fabulous dancing skills. Faith was honored and awed by being recognized. She said, "Mom, this is the best night of my life! I love May and want to grow up and become a singer like her. She told us women that we need to 'find our voice'. I'm going to do just that," said Watson of the one on one experience that took place between Erlewine at the series finale.

"My son Noah, who is on



Siblings Faith and Noah enjoying a dance during the free outdoor concert.

happy birthday



AUGUST 29

Donna Jean Hathaway, Kenney Vickers.

AUGUST 30

Jim Austin, Herb Swan, Jordan Cloud.

AUGUST 31

Amy Vezino, Scott Wolfe, Morgan Nelson.

SEPTEMBER 1

Jerry Bellah, Todd Mahalic, Chuck Myers.

SEPTEMBER 2

Eric Elzinga, Whitey Tubergen, Virginia Conner, John Stevens, Bryant Sloan-Johnson.

SEPTEMBER 3

Bailey Allen, Fay Johnson.

SEPTEMBER 4

Ashlie Hathaway, Mark Smith, Ron Merriman, Theresa Engle, Ethan Riddle.

especially with the Flat River and the Showboat as the backdrop. It makes for a lively and unique atmosphere."

Taking the weekly experience from fun and enjoyable to also meaningful Watson said both of her children have been personally impacted by the series. Faith newly inspired and Noah in some way freed. "Faith was addressed by the artist May on stage. She called her out on Faith's unique cat ears and Faith had

the autism spectrum, dances with his sister even though he isn't fond of dancing, but does so Faith isn't alone." Watson went on to explain, "I'm very grateful that I live in a community that allows my children freedom of expression as they enjoy their time by "the stage." It makes my heart so glad."

The Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert Series will return next June with a fresh list of performers to be announced in 2019.



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Juanita Hunt, Lowell
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Kyle Albert, Belding
"I enjoy walking the Frederick Meijer trails around the area. Those are great, they take great care of them."



Steve Evans, Grand Rapids
"My favorites are drinking beer and watching leaves fall."



Lori Ingraham
"I like color tours and football."

CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTIONS B, C, D AND E OF SECTION 19.03, "PARKING AREA APPLICATION AND DESIGN," AMENDING SUBSECTIONS D, G AND K OF SECTION 19.04, "PARKING RESTRICTIONS," DELETING SUBSECTION J OF SECTION 19.04, "PARKING RESTRICTIONS," ADDING SUBSECTIONS L AND M TO SECTION 19.04, "PARKING RESTRICTIONS," AMENDING SECTION 19.05, "NONRESIDENTIAL PARKING DEFERMENT," AMENDING SECTION 19.06, "PARKING LOT LANDSCAPING," AND AMENDING SECTION 19.07, "TABLE OF OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 19, "OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING," OF APPENDIX A, "ZONING," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-04 on August 20, 2018, amending Section 19.02, "Location of parking," amending subsections B, C, D and E of Section 19.03, "Parking area application and design," amending subsections D, G and K of Section 19.04, "Parking restrictions," deleting subsection J of Section 19.04, "Parking restrictions," adding subsection L and M to Section 19.04, "Parking restrictions," amending Section 19.05, "Nonresidential parking deferment," amending Section 19.06, "Parking lot landscaping," and amending Section 19.07, "Table of off-street parking requirements," of Chapter 19, "Off-Street Parking and Loading," of Appendix A, "Zoning," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell. Ordinance No. 18-04 amends provisions related to parking uses in residential and nonresidential zone districts, parking area application and design, parking restrictions, deferment of the construction of required parking spaces and various parking requirements. A copy of Ordinance No. 18-04 is available for inspection at City Hall, 301 East Main Street in the City during regular business hours of the City.

Ordinance No. 18-04 is effective 10 days after this publication.



Susan Ullery
City Clerk

Vergennes United Methodist Church to unveil mural

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The Vergennes United Methodist Church, 10411 Bailey Dr., is celebrating its 175th anniversary in October by unveiling a mural painted by local artist Gary Eldridge. A specific date in October for the mural's debut has not been set yet, but it will most likely take place on a Sunday after their regular services.

"We'll get together, have some cake and have a chance to gather, chat and reflect on the fact that this church has been in ministry for 175 years," said Thomas Fifer, the new, young pastor who just joined them eight weeks ago. "That's a very long time, we don't have many things that old in Michigan that we have a record of. We'll have some time to reflect on where we've been, part of that will be unveiling the mural, as well as where we're going, where God is leading us. There won't be a long ceremony or anything, it's just a chance to share

what's going on, unveil the mural and thank everyone for being a part of it."

The mural will be located on a wall inside the church and will offer a graphic representation of their long history. The Vergennes United Methodist congregation was founded in the spring of 1843 when a group of families from around the Vergennes Township area gathered to worship in the log home of Anthony Yerkes, about a mile east of the current location. The first members of the congregation were the Yerkes family, Charles Collar, Joseph Wright, Mrs. Amos Hodges, Mrs. Anna Van Deusen, and Ebenezer Smith; a Rev. Bush preached the first sermon. They've been in their current building at the NE corner of Bailey and Parnell since 1864. When the current church building was constructed, the congregants were the Fairchilds, Kerrs, McPhersons, Odells, Bieris and Andersons. They have updated and added onto the building over the years

and have more updates planned, but the property retains many of the original 19th century features like an ornate tin ceiling. The church was named an official historical site by the state of Michigan in 1978 and a historical marker was placed there in 1986.

"Some of [the mural] is a timeline of landmark events," Fifer said. "Mac McPherson and Roger Odell have been working really hard on capturing the story of our church and getting a lot of those landmark dates and things that have happened. It's really a chance for us to remember those significant moments and for us to be able to tell the story of our church. We get to beautifully present that on the wall in our gathering place."

"Gary Eldridge is doing the artwork and it will be very nice," McPherson said.

For more information about Vergennes United Methodist Church, visit vergeneschurch.org or call 616-897-6141.



Vergennes United Methodist Church at the corner of Parnell and Bailey is celebrating its 175th anniversary in October.



Pastor Thomas Fifer started leading the church eight weeks ago.


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Lowell graduate receives Reynolds & Sons Athlete of the Year Award and Scholarship

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Recent Lowell graduate and volleyball all-star Jill Fidler added one more high school accolade before her first game at Alma College this August, receiving the prestigious Reynolds & Sons Athlete of the Year Award and Scholarship.

Fidler began playing volleyball in the fourth grade as part of a kids training camp. Later trying out for her middle school team and joining an eighth grade club team her seriousness about the sport began to grow, "It was more competitive and a little more serious than a middle school team." she explained, "I started to fall in love with the game and the competition and I knew I wanted to compete at higher levels in high school."

Doing just that she made the varsity squad as a sophomore at Greenville before making the transfer to Lowell where she played two years varsity as a Red Arrow as well as running track and cross country and playing tennis. Guided by her parents Jeff and Kimberly Fidler and Karen Corey and with the support of brother Breckin, Fidler became a highly decorated and respected member of the volleyball team breaking the school record for digs and earning some titles along the way.

Playing the back row her entire athletic career due to

her height Fidler worked hard to earn the libero position at both of her high schools and in Lowell altered the path of the entire program according to former Lowell head coach Julie Quist who worked with Fidler during her time as a Red Arrow, "Jill was absolutely the hardest worker on our team. She lead her team by her example and work ethic. Jill changed the culture of our program. She was not afraid to give it all she was capable of to make her team successful."

Fidler had similar praise for Quist whom she said she had one of the strongest player-coach bonds with thus far, "She pushed me during the season and wanted me to achieve great things and she helped me get recognized. Not only was she a great coach during season but during off season you would see her at almost every tournament watching us girls play during club season. She wanted to see us get better and she cared."

Calling it the "finishing touch" on her high school career Fidler said she won the Reynolds & Sons Athlete of the Month award in February of this year before receiving the yearly title and scholarship award, "I was so excited to win the annual title. I called all my friends and family and told them the news. I was honored to be able to receive the title."

Moving into her future and toward collegiate volleyball and track careers along with a Pre-Med degree Fidler said she will take much of what she learned from Quist, her teammates and the school community along with her, "One lesson learned that I will always carry forward with me is that sports, school and life in general are a process. It's not about the complete outcome or where you end up in a few years. It's about how you got there and enjoying things in the moment. I learned to fall in love with the process and not be so worried about the outcome. I also learned to be persistent and never let the ball touch the floor." she concluded with a laugh.

Offering final words of advice to her friends and former teammates as they embark on the fall season Fidler had these wise words to say, "Work hard and be humble. Enjoy the season as it is and fall in love with the process. You don't have to be perfect. We all make mistake, it helps us grow."

Quist, who left her position with the Red Arrows just this season, said she is sure that Fidler will make as big an impact at Alma as she did at Lowell, "I believe she will bring that same kind of dedication, determination and leadership to contribute at the college level."



2018 Lowell graduate Jill Fidler was recently named the Reynolds & Sons Athlete of the Year. (Photo provided by Quist)

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Red Arrow

- GOLF

SPORTS

Season off to a perfect start for varsity golf team

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Armed with a new coach and a roster half filled with senior experience the Lady Arrow varsity golf team continued a perfect season last week winning a pair of non-conference duels both at home and on the road.

First year coach Josh Bruwer has never formally led a team before but brings experience to the course as an avid golfer who also happens to own Arrowhead Golf Course just north of Lowell. Owned by his family since 1989

and run by him and his wife, Kristen, since 2004, Arrowhead has served as the girls varsity teams home course for the past six seasons under former coach Kim Stevens who suggested to Bruwer he should look into the position. "When coach Stevens, who built the program to its current level, decided to step down he suggested to me that I should look into it," explained Bruwer. "A couple of other parents suggested that I would be a good fit and it got my imagination running. After

a long conversation with my daughter, who is on the golf team, I decided to give it a go."

Working closely with now elected team captain senior Kenzie Uhen during his transition Bruwer began working with the team over the summer in preparation for the season. "Kenzi is a four year varsity player and will go down as one of the most decorated golfers in school history - male or female. I have personally relied heavily on Kenzi to help me transition into the job and get the girls

organized and involved over the summer. She has also recruited many girls to give golf a try, many of which are on this year's team. She has been absolutely amazing at getting girls involved."

Along with Uhen, Bruwer said the team will look to senior Tristan Fogerty-Thomas and junior Mary Jo Buechler for leadership and strength on the course this season. The trio led the teams pair of wins last week proving that expectation true. Tuesday versus Kenowa Hills at home the ladies

claimed a 190-208 victory with Uhen leading the Lowell pack with a 42. Buechler followed with a 47. Sophomore Addison Bruwer rounded out top finishers with a 54.

Thursday at Lakewood, Buechler claimed the top finish for the Arrows tallying a 39 for the second time this season. Uhen and Fogerty-Thomas both carded a 44 to earn the second spot while sophomore, Amiya Schaefer, rounded out scoring with a 54, earning the team a 181-209 win.

Winning all duels

and earning first at their debut tournament, the team is performing up to expectations according to Bruwer, "I expected big things from this group and so far they have delivered. A great team effort to this point with a lot of ambitious goals. I have really admired the kids effort to this point."

On slate this week is Wyoming High School on the road and their first challenge of the OK White Jamboree season on Wednesday at Thousand Oaks Golf Course beginning at 3:30 pm.

Football team loses in season opener

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

It was the beginning of a new era last week Thursday when newly appointed varsity football head coach Juston Miller took the field with the Red Arrows at John Adams High School in South Bend, Indiana.

At a slight statistical advantage heading into the game both coming off a superior previous season record and averaging eight points more per game, Lowell looked to open the season with a bang despite the big change in ranks and an unusually shallow bench of returning starters. After graduating several key players following last season only senior center Zach Post

and senior tight end Jordan Dent return of offense and senior defensive back Avry Mutschler and junior corner back Andy Anschutz return of defense.

Anschutz is credited with the seasons inaugural score which brought the game score to just 21-6 after a field goal attempt from senior Sairge Saldivar was blocked.

A little more than thirty seconds later a 78 yard touchdown pass from the Eagles of John Adams put Lowell back at a 21 point deficit at the half. Big moves in the second half from senior John Russell in the form of a sack and

a ball recovery and some big passes from Spanbauer, who took his first snap as a varsity player that night,

were still not enough for the Arrows to gain ground eventually falling 33-6.



Junior Cade Solomonson makes strides toward the endzone against a formidable John Adams team. (Photo by LHS Athletics)



Fans traveled more than two hours to South Bend, Indiana to watch the Red Arrows break in the season. (Photo by LHS Athletics)



Sports Summaries

BOYS TENNIS

Adding a second perfect victory to their early season tally the Lowell Red Arrow varsity golf team welcomed non-conference competitor Coopersville to the courts last Monday afternoon. Their 8-0 victory was achieved in straight sets during the quick match up. This week the team will face two other non-league rivals Unity Christian and Wyoming. The team will meet the Cedar Springs Red Hawks at home on September 5 at 4:15 pm.

BOYS SOCCER

Two ties and a loss were the competition tally for the Lowell boys varsity soccer team last week when they faced Rockford, Forest Hills Central and several northern teams at the annual Sunrise Tournament in Alpena. Versus Rockford at home on Tuesday the team rallied back from a two goal deficit to earn a tied 3-3 finish with goals coming from freshman Nate Ryan and Ben Mika and junior Braiden Hamilton. Their efforts were assisted by Mika, junior Ezra Stadt and junior Evan Groeneweg. Thursday on the road against OK White rival Forest Hills Central the squad settled for a second tie with each team scoring two goals per

period. The 4-4 finish was earned through a pair of goals from Groeneweg and one each from Ryan and Hamilton. Assists were added by Ryan and senior Connor Cater. Senior goalkeeper Nate VanDeWeert had seven saves in the box. The boys claimed no victories at the Alpena Sunrise Tournament. This week the team will jump back into conference action taking on Forest Hills Northern on Tuesday and Northview on Thursday as part of the eleventh Pink Arrow celebration.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Lowell/Caledonia and South Christian swimmers gathered together for their first two meets of the season last week falling twice in a in a three way meet and placing eighth at the Northview Invitational. At the Tri-Meet hosted by Calvin College the team left with no hardware but did earn a collection of top finishes and needed experience for the season. Highlights included six top three finishes including a first place swim from Riley Keegstra (SC) in the 500 freestyle with a time of 6.08.71. Thursday at the Northview Invitational the ladies placed eighth in a field of 11 with a points tally of 82. Best finish of the night went to

Maggie Sova (CAL) who placed third in the 50 breaststroke with a time of 33.28. The team will next compete this Thursday at the East Kentwood Quad which is scheduled to begin at 5 pm.

VOLLEYBALL

Finishing third at the West Michigan Volleyball Officials Association Tournament held last Saturday, the Red Arrow varsity volleyball team scored 4-1-1 in tournament competition. Their finishes included two wins over East Grand Rapids (27-26, 25-14), two more over Traverse City West (25-11, 25-12) and another sweep over Unity Christian (25-11, 25-8) as well as a tie against Hudsonville (25-22, 22-25) in pool play. Advancing to the gold bracket with their 2-1-1 pool tally the girls then went 2-1 over Coopersville (20-25, 25-22, 15-8) to advance to the semis where they fell to Lakewood (25-17, 19-25, 14-16). Participating in the Pink Arrow event on Thursday the team will next face Rockford at 3:30 in a special outdoor match hosted at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium. They will also take part in the Oiler Tournament this Saturday in Mt. Pleasant.

Red Arrow

- CROSS COUNTRY

SPORTS

Cross county teams place first in tournament

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Competing last Wednesday at the Hesperia Baker Woods Invitational, the girls and boys Red Arrow varsity cross country teams claimed first place

This is the fourth consecutive win at the competition for the girls team and a bump from their second place finish last year for the boys.

Dominating the competition the Lady

Landing in sixth place with a 23:46 was junior Audrey Conrad followed by junior Jada Milhisler who finished seventh (24:02), senior Lauren Aud in ninth (24:34), junior Ashley Boer in eleventh (25:27), junior Jennifer Cooper in fourteenth (25:37) and sophomore Theresa Judd who placed fifteenth (25:53).

Other medal earning finishes were earned by junior Alexis Haines,

Also placing in the top ten were junior Ben Kinnucan in sixth with an 18:56 and junior Lucas Cossar who placed eighth with a 19:09. Earning medal worthy finishes for the boys were junior Nigel Mika (20:10), senior Calvin Simmet (20:17), junior Zach Swart (20:29) and sophomore John Lothian (20:58).

With the Lady Red Arrows now holding first and sixth place finishes in their first two competitions



Arrows added up only 31 points on the tough Baker Woods course defeating their closest competitor Big Rapids by 18. Each of the seven scoring runners placed within the top 15 led by senior Haley Nieuwkoop who finished with a 22:48 which earned her a second place finish.

freshman Lauren Swain, senior Marlie Fowler, freshman Canaan McKinney, sophomore Tamaki Hinata and junior Anna Gaskin.

The first place boys team tallied 52 points in their finish led by junior Caleb Swart who placed fourth with a time of 18:27.

and the guys a first and a second the team will take advantage of a schedule gap to fully prepare for their first OK White outing of the season to be hosted at home on September 5 with a start time of 5:15 pm.



Both the boys and girls Lowell varsity cross country team earned first place finishes at last weeks Hesperia Baker Woods Invitational. (Photos provided by Lowell Cross Country)

Red Arrow Fall SPORTS SCHEDULES

GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

* Denotes a home game

9/8 at 8:30 am Oiler Invite at Mt. Pleasant High School

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium

9/4 at 6:45 pm Ottawa Hills*

9/6 at 6:45 pm at Greenville



BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL

* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium

9/7 at 7 pm at Greenville

9/14 at 7 pm at Zeeland West



GIRLS VARSITY GOLF

* Denotes a game at Arrowhead Golf Course

9/5 at 3:30 pm OK White Jamboree #2*

9/6 at 3:30 pm Caledonia at Broadmoor Golf Course

BOYS VARSITY TENNIS

* Denotes a home game at LHS

9/4 at 4:15 pm at Caledonia

9/5 at 4:15 pm Cedar Springs*



BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

* Denotes a meet at LHS

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Sandy Snow Dykhuizen. Having lived a life of passion and creativity, Sandy passed away August 22, 2018. She is survived by son, Jeff (Akiko) Dykhuizen; daughters, Anne (Steve) Parks and Jennifer (Jim) Bold; and seven grandchildren whom she adored. She was preceded in death by her beloved oldest son, Scott. Also surviving are her sister, Kay (John) Arehart; and former husband, Charles (Barb) Dykhuizen. Sandy lived an authentic life. She had a keen wit, an infectious laugh, and greeted those she loved with a squeal of delight. She championed underdogs and took in strays. She was compassionate, caring, and loving to people and animals, friends and strangers alike. And she certainly spoke her mind. If you'd like to honor her memory, please donate to or volunteer at your local animal shelter. Additional information at <https://remembered.com/biography/sandysnowdykhuizen>



Mysterious FOIAs asks local MI clerks for all 2016 ballots

Potentially every local clerk who administers elections in Michigan has received a request for a copy of every ballot cast in the 2016 presidential election from a mysterious out-of-state requestor identified only as "Emily" from an enigmatic New York outfit called the "United Impact Group."

The massive request is expected to cost at least hundreds of thousands of dollars in copying charges and staff time. And, based on preliminary information, "Emily" is willing to cough up checks to cover the costs.

Lansing Clerk Chris Swope said a "hundred or more" of his fellow local clerks on a listserv have said they've gotten the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, adding, "I'm assuming every clerk in the state got it. Nobody's said they didn't get it."

Secretary of State (SOS) spokesperson Fred Woodhams said "dozens and dozens of clerks have received it" and that it "appears that it could be statewide based on what we're hearing."

There are at least 276 cities and 1,240 townships in Michigan, according to Dan Kasunic, the clerk of Kentwood in Kent County, president of the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, and also a recipient of a similar FOIA request.

The FOIA request sent to local clerks -- of which MIRS has obtained samples -- asks them for copies of all ballots cast and counted on Election Day for the presidential election in 2016, for all precincts in the clerk's jurisdiction. The letter is dated Aug. 13 of this year on MIRS' copies of the FOIA request.

The FOIA also asks for ballots cast on Election Day that were not counted, along with the reason why they weren't counted. It also asks for any and all records "containing information regarding rejected or spoiled ballots, including copies of such ballots."

The letter also asks for absentee ballots -- counted or not counted. The requestor wants copies of all absentee ballot envelopes, stipulating that the copies "should include a visible image of the space for the voter's signature." The requestor also wants the names of all individuals who requested absentee ballots.

The request is rounded out with a similar ask about provisional ballots, or the ballots provided to voters who said they were registered but didn't appear on the list. The FOIA asked for names of all individuals who cast a provisional ballot and why they weren't allowed to cast a regular ballot.

The letter is signed by someone identified only as "Emily."

The clerks were directed to send copies of all responsive records to United Impact Group, LLC, with an address listed at P.O. Box #5765, 2268 31st Street, Astoria, New York 11105.

The P.O. box appears to belong to a post office in New York City's Queens borough. An online search at the state of New York's corporate entity database returned no results for "United Impact Group."

The letter also directs questions about the FOIA request to an email, mifoia2018@gmail.com, and a phone number, (734) 489-9487.

MIRS tried both the email and phone but didn't receive a response Thursday. The phone number did ring several

times and the voicemail message said it belonged to a Google subscriber.

MIRS paid for a reverse email search on the mifoia2018@gmail.com address and couldn't come up with any useful information on its owner.

Cast ballots are public records. Emily's FOIA request pointed this out, citing an Attorney General opinion from 2010. Woodhams said ballots are anonymous and wouldn't have any identifiable information about the person who filled out the ballot.

But local clerks told MIRS that FOIA requests for ballots cast from past elections are uncommon. And the clerks MIRS talked to Thursday said they haven't seen requests like this, particularly of this magnitude.

Clerks said they don't need to start pulling files and making copies until the requestor has put down a 50 percent deposit.

"Everybody's saying the same thing, they want 50 percent down before they begin . . . physically begin getting into this and making copies," said Debbie Sewers, clerk of Dorr Township in Allegan County, referencing the conversations she's been having with other clerks.

If Emily does come through with the money, however, clerks said the work is going to be expensive and take some time, based on their initial estimates.

Swope, the Lansing clerk, estimated 275 hours of staff time and a cost of \$12,300.

Sewers, the Dorr Township clerk, also estimated 200-plus hours of staff time to copy the estimated 5,000 ballots from the 2016 election. She's going to ask for an extension.

And Siegrist, the Canton Township clerk, said the estimated scope of work is based on two employees working for four weeks, five days a week, eight hours a day, without any breaks, with a cost of more than \$75,000. He's also going to ask for an extension.

"If this hits close to the November election, it creates an enormous burden on us to get this done while we're trying to administer the other election," said Kasunic, the Kentwood clerk.

Allegan County Clerk Bob Genetski said he's also gotten similar mail from "Emily" -- the request he received was for a pollbook from the county's Lee Township.

Genetski said he produced an estimate for this request -- \$26.26 - and got a check back from Emily's United Impact Group, but with the address blacked out with a sharpie.

"When I looked through the sharpie . . . it was somewhere in North Carolina, the address was," Genetski said, adding that he couldn't tell much more about that.

Some clerks did reference the partial recount of the 2016 presidential election that commenced in Michigan, made at the request of Green Party candidate Jill Stein. Ultimately, the courts shut the recount down before it finished.

Swope also said these 2016 ballots are "pretty close" to the end of federal retention requirements of 22 months, so "if they hadn't done this request now, many communities would've started destroying them," he said.

"There's been a lot of conversations . . . a lot of clerks on a lot of newsfeeds . . . a lot of people are just talking, you know, 'What do you think?' 'What have you heard?' 'What do you know?' Everybody is reaching out to everybody," she said.

For Genetski, he said he thinks Emily "needs to give a last name and a home address if she's going to be requesting all this stuff in my mind.

"I'm a big fan of FOIA, I believe in open government, but Emily's not giving us enough for all that she's trying to get from us," Genetski said.

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**Older men declare war.
 But it is youth that
 must fight and die.**
 — Herbert Hoover

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Looking Back, continued

A Lowell man, was among 32 Department of State Highway employees scheduled to be honored at a service award luncheon held Wednesday. John L. Doane, Lowellview Ave, was to receive an award for his 20 years with the department from Richard F. Vander Veen, member of the four-man State Highway Commission. Doane is a highway construction aide.

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Lowell students will literally be asked to go the extra mile so that they can catch their bus ride to school in 1993-94. With seven less busses on the road and five less drivers, Lowell bus drivers went further and stopped less Tuesday as the new school year commenced.

The sewer line for the new High School is facing a delay until a re-zoning public hearing is held Sept. 22 in Vergennes Township. The delay comes because Lowell Township wants the line to run across Dick

Cooper's property, the problem comes in the route the line should take across his property.

Poor water pressure on High Street between James and Grove Street, caused by a two-inch water main, will soon be a problem of the past. Lowell's City Council okayed the go-ahead to replace the two-inch line with at least a six-inch line and, if necessary, an eight-inch line.

While it may have been kick-started by the Lowell Jaycees, Tina Phillips emphasizes the project is the community's. With that in mind, Phillips and other members of the Jaycees, are looking for adults to fill committee roles for the proposed new \$50,000 playground at Creekside Park. Provided the monies have been collected, the construction is scheduled for next spring.

Lowell Showboat Band Jam coordinator, Dale Triplett, was still humming some of the rock'n tunes from Saturday night's event, Monday morning. The Band Jam marked the first time in approximately 10 years that a rock-type event was held at the amphitheatre. A modest crowd of 200-250 people attended the Band Jam.

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misc.

GOTTA GET IT DONE WORKSHOP - is starting up again. Confirm dates Oct. 27, Nov. 10 & 24, Jan 12. Come join us and bring your projects; knitting, crochet, Swedish weaving, quilting and hand embroidery. Knowledgeable people on hand. \$5 per day and a dish to pass. Contact Bobbie Miller, 897-7037.

LOWELL AREA FARMERS' MARKET - every Thursday noon to 5 pm downtown Lowell in the Veteran's Memorial Parking lot across from the Riverwalk Plaza. Cinnamin Piggott, Market Master, 616-916-9193/ www.discoverlowell.org

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card of thanks

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Community Calendar

September

AND ONGOING EVENTS

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FOOD COMMODITIES - Sept. 5-7 at FROM during regular Food Pantry hours.

BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY: UNDERSTANDING THE OPIOID CRISIS - Sun., Sept. 9, 3-4:30 pm. An open dialogue surrounding the Opioid Crisis and how we can work to overcome the epidemic. Featured presentation with Dr. Cara Poland, Q&A session, expert panel (FAN, Lowell Police, network 180). Lowell United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main, Lowell.

SENIOR FOOD COMMODITIES - Sept. 12-14 at FROM during regular Food Pantry hours.

PAPER QUILTING - Sept. 12, 2-5 pm, hosted by the Clarksville Area Library. Class size is limited for this adult craft. Call Clarksville Area Library, 616-693-1001 to register.

DON'T LET THE PIGEON ATTEND THIS PROGRAM! - Sept. 13 at 10 am. Celebrate the works of author Mo Willems. Featuring crafts, books & activities. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

PAPER QUILTING - Sept. 13, 4-7 pm, hosted by the Saranac Public Library. Class size is limited for this adult craft. Call to register. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

FOODMOBILE - Sat., Sept. 15 at 10 am at the fairgrounds.

FREE MOVIE NIGHT AT IMPACT CHURCH - Thurs., Sept. 13, 6-9 pm at 1070 Hudson, Lowell. Watch the movie Home Run & enjoy free popcorn & beverage. No child care available. Brought to you by Celebrate Recovery.

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 Fallsburg Park Dr NE, Lowell, www.lowellartsmi.org

TWEENY BOPPER BOOK TO MOVIE CLUB - Sept. 19, 4-6 pm, showing the movie Holes and book discussion to follow. Clarksville Area Library, 165 N. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

TWEENY BOPPER BOOK TO MOVIE CLUB - Sept. 20, 3:15 - 5:15 pm, showing the movie Holes and book discussion to follow. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

STEM ACTIVITY - Sept. 25, 3:30 - 4:30 pm for ages 8 & up. Sponsored by Ionia County Great Start. Class size is limited to 20 - call to register. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

STEM ACTIVITY - Sept. 26, 4-5 pm for ages 8 & up. Sponsored by Ionia County Great Start. Class size is limited to 20 - call to register. Clarksville Area Library, 165 N. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

GETTING STARTED WRITING YOUR NOVEL WORKSHOP - Sept. 27, 3:30 - 4:30 pm. Author Beth Rodgers presenting. This workshop is open to all ages. Clarksville Area Library, 165 N. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

GETTING STARTED WRITING YOUR NOVEL WORKSHOP - Sept. 27, 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Author Beth Rodgers presenting. This workshop is open to all ages. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

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

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

NEEDLERS - Meet the second & fourth Wednesday of the month from, 5 to 8 pm at Englehardt Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell.

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

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

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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. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

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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.

KNITTING GROUP - Tuesdays 10 a.m. - noon. Meets at the Village Hall. Beginning to advanced knitters welcome. Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

LOWELL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - Open Radio Room Thursdays, 7 pm at Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 Fulton St. E. General meeting 3rd Thursday. www.w8lrc.org 145.27 MHz.

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES TREASURE'S THRIFT SHOP HOURS - Tues - Fri. 10 - 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 - 2 p.m. at 11535 Fulton St. E. Thrift Shop, 897-8260; Resource Center, 897-8260.

TECH HELP - Wednesdays by appointment from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Help with internet searching, computer basics, Facebook, ereaders, library downloadable books, etc. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

FREE WILL

astrology

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Aries

(March 21-April 19)

In Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, our heroine encounters a talking caterpillar as he smokes a hookah on top of a tall mushroom. "Who are you?" he asks her. Alice is honest: "I know who I was when I got up this morning, but I think I must have been changed several times since then." She says this with uneasiness. In the last few hours, she has twice been shrunk down to a tiny size and twice grown as big as a giant. All these transformations have unnerved her. In contrast to Alice, I'm hoping you'll have a positive attitude about your upcoming shifts and mutations, Aries. From what I can tell, your journey through the Season of Metamorphosis should be mostly fun and educational.

Taurus

(April 20-May 20)

Juan Villarino has hitchhiked over 2,350 times in 90 countries. His free rides have carried him over 100,000 miles. He has kept detailed records, so he's able to say with confidence that Iraq is the best place to catch a lift. Average wait time there

is seven minutes. Jordan and Romania are good, too, with nine and twelve minute waits, respectively. In telling you about his success, I don't mean to suggest that now is a favorable time to hitchhike. But I do want you to know that the coming weeks will be prime time to solicit favors, garner gifts, and make yourself available for metaphorical equivalents of free rides. You're extra magnetic and attractive. How could anyone resist providing you with the blessings you need and deserve?

Gemini

(May 21-June 20)

One of the big stories of 2018 concerns your effort to escape from a star-crossed trick of fate to fix a long-running tweak that has subtly undermined your lust for life. How successful will you be in this heroic quest? That will hinge in part on your faith in the new power you've been developing. Another factor that will determine the outcome is your ability to identify and gain access to a resource that is virtually magical even though it appears nondescript. I bring this to your attention, Gemini, because I suspect that a key plot twist in this story will soon unfold.

Cancer

(June 21-July 22)



Potential new allies are seeking entrance to your domain. Existing allies aspire to be closer to you. I'm worried you may be a bit overwhelmed; that you might not exercise sufficient discrimination. I therefore urge you to ask yourself these questions about each candidate. 1. Does this person understand what it means to respect your boundaries? 2. What are his or her motivations for wanting contact with you? 3. Do you truly value and need the gifts each person has to give you? 4. Everyone in the world has a dark side. Can you intuit the nature of each person's dark side? Is it tolerable? Is it interesting?

Leo

(July 23-August 22)



While a young man, the future Roman leader Julius Caesar was kidnapped by Sicilian pirates. They proposed a ransom of 620 kilograms of silver. Caesar was incensed at the small size of the ransom. He believed he was worth more and demanded that his captors raise the sum to 1,550 kilograms. I'd love to see you unleash that kind

of bravado in the coming weeks, Leo. Preferably without getting yourself kidnapped. In my opinion, it's crucial that you know how valuable you are, and make sure everyone else knows, as well.

Virgo

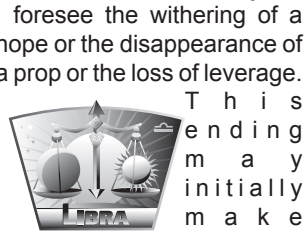
(August 23-September 22)



Romanian philosopher Emil Cioran loved the music of Johann Sebastian Bach. "Without Bach, God would be a complete second-rate figure," he testified, adding, "Bach's music is the only argument proving the creation of the Universe cannot be regarded as a complete failure." I invite you to emulate Cioran's passionate clarity, Virgo. From an astrological perspective, now is an excellent time to identify people and things that consistently invigorate your excitement about your destiny. Maybe you have just one shining exemplar, like Cioran, or maybe you have more. Home in on the phenomena that in your mind embody the glory of creation.

Libra

(September 23-October 22)



I foresee the withering of a hope or the disappearance of a prop or the loss of leverage. This ending may initially make you feel melancholy, but I bet it will ultimately prove beneficent and maybe lead you to resources that were previously unavailable. Here are rituals you could perform

that may help you catalyze the specific kind of relief and release you need: 1. Wander around a graveyard and sing songs you love. 2. Tie one end of a string around your ankle and the other end around an object that symbolizes an influence you want to banish from your life. Then cut the string and bury the object. 3. Say this ten times: "The end makes the beginning possible."

Scorpio

(October 23-November 21)



"If a man treats a life artistically, his brain is his heart," wrote Oscar Wilde. I'll translate that into a more complete version: "If a person of any gender treats life artistically, their brain is their heart." This truth will be especially applicable for you in the coming weeks. You'll be wise to treat your life artistically. You'll thrive by using your heart as your brain. So I advise you to wield your intelligence with love. Understand that your most incisive insights will come when you're feeling empathy and seeking intimacy. As you crystallize clear visions about the future, make sure they are generously suffused with ideas about how you and your people can enhance your joie de vivre.

Sagittarius

(November 22-December 21)



"My tastes are simple," testified Sagittarian politician Winston Churchill. "I am easily satisfied with the best." I propose that we make that your motto for now. While it may not be a sound idea to demand only the finest of everything all the time, I think it will be wise for you to do so during the next three weeks. You will have a mandate to resist trifles and insist on excellence. Luckily, this should motivate you to raise your own standards and expect the very best from yourself.

Capricorn

(December 22-January 19)

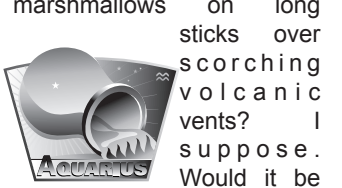


Russian playwright Anton Chekhov articulated a

principle he felt was essential to telling a good story: If you say early in your tale that there's a rifle hanging on the wall, that rifle must eventually be used. "If it's not going to be fired, it shouldn't be hanging there," declared Chekhov. We might wish that real life unfolded with such clear dramatic purpose. To have our future so well-foreshadowed would make it easier to plan our actions. But that's not often the case. Many elements pop up in our personal stories that ultimately serve no purpose. Except now, that is, for you Capricorns. I suspect that in the next six weeks, plot twists will be telegraphed in advance.

Aquarius

(January 20-February 18)



Would it be fun to roast marshmallows on long sticks over scorching volcanic vents? I suppose. Would it be safe? No! Aside from the possibility that you could get burned, the sulfuric acid in the vapors would make the cooked marshmallows taste terrible, and might cause them to explode. So I advise you to refrain from adventures like that. On the other hand, I will love it if you cultivate a playful spirit as you contemplate serious decisions. I'm in favor of you keeping a blithe attitude as you navigate your way through tricky maneuvers. I hope you'll be jaunty in the midst of rumbling commotions.

Pisces

(February 19-March 20)



People will be thinking about you more than usual, and with greater intensity. Allies and acquaintances will be revising their opinions and understandings about you, mostly in favorable ways, although not always. Loved ones and not-so-loved ones will also be reworking their images of you, coming to altered conclusions about what you mean to them and what your purpose is. Given these developments, I suggest that you be proactive about expressing your best intentions and displaying your finest attributes.

NEWS OF THE

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Mmm, Tastes Like Chicken

In Plymouth, Massachusetts, on Aug. 17, a friendly game at Southerns Marsh Golf Club turned ugly when Derek Harkins, 46, and an unnamed 57-year-old man got into a brawl on the 18th hole. But you gotta hand it to Harkins: The Patriot Ledger reported that he pointedly ended the fight by biting off the other man's finger up to the knuckle, according to Plymouth Police Chief Michael Botieri. The victim, from Marshfield, was taken to the hospital, but his finger could not be reattached. Harkins was arrested at the scene and charged with assault and battery, mayhem and disturbing the peace.

Undignified Death

The happiest place on Earth couldn't work its magic on Aug. 15 when a worker at nearby Harvest Power fell into a vat of oil and grease from Walt Disney World. The plant in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, recycles the resort's food waste, then converts it into renewable energy and fertilizer. John Korody, 61, and another worker were emptying the contents of a semitruck into a vat when Korody slipped on a grate and fell into the vat. His co-worker tried to pull him out, but the fumes overtook them both, and Korody slid farther in, according to The Washington Post. The Reedy Creek Fire Department responded, but Korody was pronounced dead at the scene.

Smooth Reaction

Debbie L. McCulley, 57, of Salem, Virginia, has been banned from all future Floyd County High School sporting events but, on the bright side, her indecent exposure case may eventually be dropped, following an incident area lawyers are calling "moon over Floyd." McCulley's husband, Mark, is the JV softball coach for Glenvar High School, and the charges resulted from Debbie's unusual reaction to her husband's team's loss to Floyd County in May. She "stood on or close to the pitcher's mound and pulled down her pants with her right hand to expose her right butt cheek," according to Floyd County Sheriff's Deputy G.H. Scott. But Debbie told the

officer that her husband had confronted the opposing coach after the game, and she was afraid he would be "attacked," so she was trying to divert attention from the two men. The Roanoke Times reported that Debbie wrote a letter of apology and will be performing community service. Chris Robinson of the Virginia High School League noted that crowd behavior at games is "probably leaning a little bit in the wrong direction."

Weird Science

United Press International reported that a 42-year-old British woman saw her eye doctor after experiencing swelling and drooping of her eyelid earlier this year. After performing an MRI, doctors discovered a cyst and performed surgery, during which they found a hard contact lens embedded in the eyelid. It turns out that the patient had suffered a blow to the eye 28 years ago and had assumed the lens fell out. She experienced no symptoms until the recent discomfort.

Annoying

A pothole in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, got a new life as a vegetable garden this summer after area residents grew weary of waiting for the city to repair it. The hole, which is several feet deep, had been expanding for months, neighbors said. So they filled it with tomato plants, which are now ripening and getting so tall they require wire cages for support. Now, "It's sort of, like, become the community garden," resident Bryan Link told CBC Radio. Finally, Mayor John Tory has agreed to not only fill the pothole, but to move the tomato plants to a community garden.

Inexplicable

On an Aug. 17 flight between Chicago and Narita International Airport in Tokyo, a 24-year-old American man, who was reportedly unprovoked, urinated on a 50-year-old Japanese man sitting two rows behind him. The younger man had consumed at least four glasses of champagne and one cup of sake before the incident, police told Japan Today, and claimed

not to remember what he had done. He was restrained aboard the remainder of the flight and turned over to police in Tokyo.

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After one look at this planet any visitor from outer space would say, 'I want to see the manager.'

~ William S. Burroughs (1914-1997)

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THEME: SCIENCE FICTION

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- 1. Flora's partner
- 6. Café alternative
- 9. Alpine lift
- 13. European blackbird
- 14. Owned
- 15. Reflecting light
- 16. _____ estate deal
- 17. He was the greatest?
- 18. Main artery in the body
- 19. *"The War of the Worlds" invader
- 21. *Typical temporal setting
- 23. Shape with an ax
- 24. Combustible heap
- 25. Fleur-de-_____
- 28. *Scully's first name in "The X Files"
- 30. Huey, Dewey or Louie to Donald Duck
- 35. Crematorium jars
- 37. Ponies at a party
- 39. #30 Across' sister
- 40. _____ of arms
- 41. Mideast V.I.P.
- 43. Military no-show
- 44. *"Buffy the Vampire Slayer" spin-off
- 46. Hippocrates' promise, e.g.
- 47. *David Bowie in "The Man Who _____ to Earth"
- 48. *The Dagobah _____ in "The Empire Strikes Back"
- 50. Lack of guile
- 52. Bad-mouth
- 53. Form of arthritis
- 55. National Institute of Health
- 57. *"Foundation" series author
- 60. *Stanislaw Lem's famous novel
- 64. Single-cell protozoan
- 65. Famous Dolly, e.g.
- 67. Absurd
- 68. West African country

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- 69. "Eureka!"
- 70. Neil Diamond's "Beautiful _____"
- 71. They're marching one by one
- 72. Auction set
- 73. Young sows

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- mattress
- 2. Certain something
- 3. _____-friendly
- 4. Poet's "below"
- 5. Like U.S. and U.S.S.R. in WWII
- 6. Conjunction in comparatives
- 7. *Heuristically programmed algorithmic computer, for short
- 8. Enlighten
- 9. Biblical pronoun
- 10. Ethiopian currency
- 11. Initial stake, as in poker
- 12. Swedish shag rug
- 15. Shiny cotton
- 20. Not asleep
- 22. One of #35 Across
- 24. "Miss America" contest, e.g.
- 25. *"Star Wars" creator
- 26. Shoemaker without shoes, e.g.
- 27. Hose woes
- 29. *Captain of Nautilus

- 31. "La Vie en rose" singer
- 32. #23 Across, past tense
- 33. Cause for food recall
- 34. *One of the "fathers of science fiction"
- 36. Proofreader's mark
- 38. "_____ good example"
- 42. It's black or white and lives in Africa
- 45. Office errand boy
- 49. Barn sound
- 51. Bureaucratic task
- 54. Relating to uvea
- 56. Capital of Vietnam
- 57. So be it
- 58. Dispatched
- 59. Avian wader
- 60. Center of authority
- 61. Iron horse track
- 62. Research facil.
- 63. Visually perceives
- 64. Bar association
- 66. *"Doctor _____"

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LAST WEEK'S ONLINE POLL RESULTS

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NEWS OF THE

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John Ball Zoo is free for teachers Labor Day Weekend

Compelling Explanation

Near Mason City, Iowa, on Aug. 20, the Iowa State Patrol pulled over a Ferrari 488 Spider that was clocked going 137 mph during a rainstorm. "Not a great idea to drive this fast in the rain," the trooper posted on Facebook with a photo of the radar readout. The unnamed driver, however, wasn't fazed; she thought she was going "around 100." Fox News reported that if ticketed in a 70-mph zone (the highest speed limit in Iowa), her fine would be \$335.

Superpowers

Phoenix teenager Josiah Wiedman, 13, was walking home through a park in early August with a friend when he was struck by lightning, "sending me 9 feet into the air, making me bounce on my head and then flip over to my back," he told ABC News. Afterward, doctors put Josiah into a medically induced coma for three days, and when he came to, he made a speedy recovery. His mother, who didn't expect her son to survive, dubbed him "Superman" -- and indeed, Josiah said he's waiting for his special powers to kick in. "I haven't felt my powers yet, but I will soon," he said.

Moses Lanham, 57, fell 18 feet from a rope in gym class when he was 14 years old. As a result, the Michigan man is now known as "Mr. Elastic." Lanham has double cartilage and extra tissue in his knee joints, hips and ankles, which makes it possible for him to turn his feet 180 degrees backward and walk. In fact, he tells Metro News, walking with his feet pointed behind him is more comfortable than walking normally. "I've heard one other (person) can turn his feet, but not walk," Lanham said of his fame. "When I perform this in front of people, I love the reactions," he said. "One time, I actually had a person throw up after I turned my feet around."

Questionable Judgment

Angelique Sanchez, 26, of Denver was asked to provide a urine sample for a prospective employer on May 3, so, of course, she stopped off at a 7-Eleven store in Aurora to apply the final touch: She put the urine-filled bottle in a microwave and turned it on, whereupon the sample blew up. A 7-Eleven clerk, who observed a "yellow liquid ... and the smell was unquestionably urine" dripping from the microwave, confronted Sanchez, who wiped the liquid out of the microwave and onto the floor,



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then walked out. KUSA TV reported that police caught up with her at a nearby clinic and issued a summons for damaged property. Medical expert Comilla Sasson guessed that Sanchez was trying to restore the sample to body temperature.

Ooohhhh-kkkaaayyy

Visitors to New York's Fort Ticonderoga were in for a

special treat as locks of hair from Revolutionary War general turned traitor Benedict Arnold and his first wife, Margaret, were put on display during the season's opening weekend of May 5-6. Curator Matthew Keagle told The Associated Press Arnold's hair was recently rediscovered in the museum's collections and had been preserved by the family. The private historical site obtained the hair in the 1950s. Saving a lock of a deceased family member's hair was a common practice during the 1700s. Arnold helped capture Fort Ticonderoga from the British during the opening weeks of the Revolutionary War.

Weird Cliche

Drivers along I-70 outside of Indianapolis thought it was raining money for them May 2 as \$600,000 in cash tumbled out the back doors of a Brinks truck and onto the highway, the Indianapolis Star reported. State police spokesman Sgt. John Perrine said an undetermined amount of cash has not been accounted for, as "people were jumping over fences and crawling on the ground" to pick up loose bills flying around. In a tweet, he warned: "Finding a large sum of money is no different than other property. If a brand-new car fell off a semi, would the 1st person to find it get to keep it? It belongs to someone else."

Inexplicable

Toronto police determined pranksters might have been behind their discovery on May 2 of a blue Honda Civic hanging from a rope under the Millwood Overpass Bridge, missing its windows, windshield and engine. Originally officials thought the burned-out car might be part of a movie shoot, but further research didn't turn up any authorized filming in Toronto. "I've never seen anything like that before," a passing cyclist told CTV News. "This is hilarious." However, officers warned that if caught, the culprits could face charges.



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