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City orders end to Help Yourself Garden; council meeting dominated by discussion

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The Lowell city council had their latest meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 4. Although it was not on the agenda, the meeting was full of people there to complain about the city's recent attempt to close the popular "Help Yourself Garden" at the corner of Main and Grove.

The meeting began with a brief statement about the garden read aloud by city councilor Greg Canfield.

"The Help Yourself Garden is not on the agenda for discussion tonight and has only recently come to the attention of the city council," Canfield said. "Personally, I think the concept is great, but we have complaints from the neighbors that we need to respond to and investigate. I spent about an hour yesterday on Labor Day talking with Laura [Huth-Rhodes] and Tom [Rhodes] who run the garden and I knocked on the door of all five occupied homes on the street. I was only able to speak with one homeowner who had traffic concerns. [The city is] trying to find a

solution that could be worked out. If there are determined to be zoning or ordinance violations, hopefully we can find a workable solution for all parties involved."

More than 30 citizens attended the meeting, 13 of whom spoke out about the garden. Two citizens made statements against it.

First up was Joshua Webb, a Grove St. neighbor of the garden who made one of the three complaints the city received about the garden. He was one of two speakers who had negative comments about the garden.

"Our biggest thing is the fact that we have three-year-old and six-year-old little girls," Webb said. "Out playing, there has been increased traffic. We're for the garden, we just don't believe the location is ideal. [...] With the traffic that's happening, the strangers... We don't know these people. We're just concerned for the safety of our children. Maybe we can find a different location for the garden."

The other anti-garden commenter spoke out against



Joshua Webb (left) was one of two local residents who spoke out against the Help Yourself Garden, located at the home of Tom Rhodes (right).

the garden's location rather than the garden itself.

"It's not aesthetically appealing to everyone," said Krystin Ryder. "I think it's great to have a community garden, but why not have it in a place where more people can be a part of it?"

The remainder of the public comments were in favor of the garden.

"With local volunteers and the Girl Scouts, the garden has always looked in really great shape," said Vergennes Twp resident Kevin Vezino. "Several times when we've stopped by, we were the only ones there. I usually park on Main St. as it's easier to get out to go back home. We feel the accusations of 'unkept garden' and 'excessive traffic' are

completely unfounded because we've never seen it anytime that we've been there."

Rachel Osburn's daughter Ada spent her summer vacation volunteering as the garden's 'head weeder.' Osburn shared a letter about Ada written by Cherry Creek Elementary principal Shelli Otten.

"The garden project was
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Amway co-founder Richard DeVos dies



"SELLING AMERICA"



by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Amway co-founder Richard M. DeVos died at home of complications from an infection on Thursday, Sept. 6 at the age of 92. Not content to simply run Amway and accumulate vast wealth, DeVos was a major philanthropist, a sports team owner (the Orlando Magic), a political activist and the author of three books. According to Forbes Magazine, DeVos was worth about \$5.5 billion when he died and was the 379th richest person in the world.

"It is fun to be Rich DeVos. It's great fun," he said in a May 2009 interview with the Grand Rapids Press.

The Richard and Helen DeVos Foundation, established in 1970, has donated millions of dollars to various charitable, religious and political organizations such as the Inner City Christian Federation, the Literacy Center of West Michigan, the Heritage Foundation, the American Enterprise Institute, the State Policy Network, FreedomWorks, the

Federalist Society, the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, the Media Research Center, the Free Congress Foundation, the Young America's Foundation, the Alliance for Children Everywhere; Prison Fellowship Ministries, the Haggai Institute, the Luis Palau Evangelistic Association, Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, Focus on the Family, the Foundation for Traditional Values, the Family Research Council, the Acton Institute, Bethany Christian Services, Focus on the Family and the ministry of D. James Kennedy.

"I would like to have [people] think I'm a life-enricher," DeVos said in a May 2009 interview with the Grand Rapids Press. "That I'm a guy who, while I made a lot of money, I spent my life helping other people do better, helping other people accomplish their goals."

DeVos was very active in Republican politics and was an outspoken right wing Christian conservative. He

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School board meets new staff

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education had their regular monthly meeting at 7 pm on Monday, Sept. 10.

A group of new staff members from around the district were introduced to the board by Lowell Area Schools human resources director Dustin Cichocki.

“While some have many years experience and are new to Lowell, we have some teachers that are brand new,” Cichocki said.

The board will use grant money to convert parking light lights to the more energy efficient LED type of bulbs.

“We are completing a Michigan State Police grant, we’ll have that sent out this Thursday,” said Lowell Area Schools chief financial officer John Zielinski. “We are looking at potentially using some grant funds to re-do parking lot lights. We’ll re-do all the lights with LED structures. Those are the lights that tend to be on the most, and by converting about 70 to 75 poles to LED we will have a significant savings.”

Lowell kindergarten students will be trying out a brand new state assessment test this year, the Michigan Kindergarten Entry Observation.

“It’s going to be completed by Oct. 26,” said Lowell Area Schools director of curriculum Nate Fowler. “There are four main elements. There’s literacy, numeracy, a social/emotional component and then physical development, both gross and fine motor

skills. In each of those four categories there are specific elements that they’re assessing. [...] Some of the math and literacy elements, kids are using an iPad for, but others are observational. The teachers are taking notes and entering that information into the system. The idea is to get the whole picture of those students.”

The board will hold three meetings to gather public input on “facility planning.” The meetings will take place in the middle school cafeteria on Tuesday, Sept. 12, Wednesday, Oct. 17 and Wednesday, Nov. 7 from 7 pm until 8:30 pm.

“There is no new building in the plans or works, but you’ll be able to stop in, talk, listen and see what we’re looking at for the next several years,” said Lowell Area Schools superintendent Greg Pratt. “The reality is that we’re growing and we may continue to grow over time but there is a lot of need that we already have in our current buildings. We want to maintain them. It’s a great opportunity for input.”

There was one public comment from Kim Lum who suggested hiring full time employees to maintain school facilities, particularly keeping the restrooms tidy.

“People who work full time put a little more of their heart and soul into the work they do,” Lum said.

The school board’s next regular meeting will be in the Runciman Building, 300 High St., at 7 pm on Monday, Oct. 8. They will also have a work session meeting in the same location at 6 pm on Monday, Oct. 22.



New staff members [standing] were introduced to the board.



Student council representative Kelly Kroll (far left) informed the board about recent and upcoming events at Lowell High School.

Fallasburg Fest correction

The article about the Fallasburg Arts Festival on page four of last week’s Ledger, published, Sept. 5, contained an error. The correct dates for the event are Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15 and 16, not Sept. 16 and 17.



Bluegrass fest at fairgrounds

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The West Michigan Bluegrass Music Association’s FallFest Camp & Jam returns to the Kent County Fairgrounds on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 14 and 15. There will be camping, jamming, a 50/50 raffle and ice cream. Unlike most music festivals, the entertainment for this one is totally up to the audience. Since there is free admission, they’re hoping that lots of people show up ready to jam with their guitars, banjos, washboards etc.

“We will have a stage set up in the Reath barn and we’ll have people sign up to do either open mic or open stage,” said event coordinator Dave Simmonds. “Open mic might be one, two or three people who just get up and play. Open stage might be where a bunch of the individual campers just got together, form an ad hoc band and get up on stage and play a set. We’re there all day Friday and all day Saturday, so my best guess

would be that that kind of activity will probably take place on Saturday afternoon or Saturday evening. Maybe some local folks that live in the Lowell area will come and bring their instrument, they are certainly welcome, whether they play bluegrass or... I don’t care what they play! They’re able to join in, provide entertainment and have a good time. Other than that, there will not be a lot of organized activities. It’s more a party than anything else. It’s not structured, we don’t have bands that we’re hiring.”

Camping is \$27 a night, including electricity and access to shower and bathroom facilities.

For more information check out the event website at wmbma.org. To sign up early for a spot on stage, email president@wmbma.org or call 517-740-5901.

“It’s a really laid back, free good time,” said former WMBMA president Lee Strassberger. “It’s just a fun weekend.”



Audience members jamming together at a past WMBMA “Camp & Jam” event.

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Fallasburg Village Bazaar set for this weekend

September and October are visitor favorites for fall color viewing in the Fallasburg pioneer village located three miles northeast of Lowell. Autumn rolls out its colorful carpet of golds and reds. Venture across the Fallasburg Covered Bridge from the 50th Fallasburg Fall Festival of the Arts this weekend in the adjacent Fallasburg Park to get a little history and a step back in time in this 1850s village founded by John W. Fallas.

The Fallasburg Historical Society Bazaar offers self-guided walking tours of the historic village with free admission to all the museums; the Schoolhouse, the Fallas House, and the Misner House, then come browse the old-fashioned bazaar of artisans and their

crafts under tent. Enjoy food and refreshments. There will be a variety of vendors stationed along the Covered Bridge Road. You will find your unique treasure among them; everything from bird houses, soaps, fudge, jewelry to fashionable bags, stone art and more.

“We love the historic setting and it is not as crowded here,” said Sandy Van Dyke of Sandy’s Fudge.

“It has a lot of potential,” said Larry Rosland of Birdhouse Enterprises.

“We love the bazaar and the village,” said Doug Alkema of Rock Art.

The Alkemas have been a mainstay of the event ever since the beginning of the bazaar in 2014.

The hours on both days, Sept. 15 and Sept. 16 are

from 10 am to 5 pm

For more information on the Fallasburg Historical Society, and the Bazaar: www.fallasburg.org

On Saturday, September 15 only, the Fallasburgh Flats, the 1860’s Vintage Base Ball Club will culminate their season by hosting their annual Fall Finale, The John Wesley Fallas Invitational Vintage Base Ball Tournament in Fallas Field across from the Fallasburg Schoolhouse. Admission is free. Preliminary games begin at 10:00 am with semi-final and final games in the afternoon followed by an awards ceremony around 5 pm. For more information on the Fallasburgh Flats, and their regular season schedule go to: fallasburghflats@gmail.com.



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was friends with Presidents Ford, Clinton and both Bushes, and for a time he served as finance chairman of the Republican National Committee.

“The positive impact Rich had on our state is truly immeasurable,” said Gov. Rick Snyder. “Through successful business ventures and charitable endeavors, he created endless opportunities for residents of many different ages and backgrounds.”

“Mr. DeVos was positive, kind, and generous, and he embodied the American spirit,” said Rep. Justin Amash. “I admired him very much and will miss him. May his memory be eternal.”

“Through his philanthropic activities, Rich led by example, created new opportunities for countless West Michigan residents, and strived to make our community an even greater place to call home,” said Rep. Bill Huizenga.

“Today is a sad day for our community,” said Grand Rapids mayor Rosalynn Bliss. “Richard DeVos

was a kind, generous and relentlessly positive man. His belief in Grand Rapids, our people and our potential were infectious. While he impacted lives around the world, I am particularly grateful for his leadership, vision and commitment right here in Grand Rapids. Rich DeVos literally changed the landscape and future of our city for the better. My thoughts and prayers are with his family as we all mourn the loss of a true legend and friend of Grand Rapids.”

“He embodied the very best of America: enterprise, strength of family and faith in God,” said Republican gubernatorial candidate Bill Schuette. “Rich had an unparalleled belief in the power of entrepreneurship. His positive approach to solving problems, meeting challenges head on and his deep commitment to the responsibility of giving back to your community is a model of American citizenship.”

Richard Marvin DeVos Sr. was born in Grand Rapids on March 4, 1926. His father Simon was an electrician, his

mother Ethel (Dekker) was a homemaker.

“I was born on the east end of Grand Rapids near Diamond and Fulton on Helen St. in a little dinky house in 1926,” DeVos said in an Aug. 2009 interview with the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation. “I was born in ‘26 and the Depression hit in ‘29. From four years on, you’re growing up in that period. My father and mother had to move out of their home that they had built, out of probably a \$4,000 house in those days, but they couldn’t afford the \$25 a month payments and had to rent the house to save the house, which they did. We stayed out of that house for five or more years. My father was unemployed for many of those years. We lived back on Helen St., the street I was born on, with my grandparents in an attic upstairs. [...] We lived upstairs in an attic and got along. They were tough days but they were good days. From a kid’s standpoint, you didn’t know the difference. Everybody around was in the same state.”

DeVos graduated from Grand Rapids Christian High School in 1944 and continued his education at Calvin College where he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. He served in the US Army Air Corps from 1944 to 1946 and married Helen (Van Wesep) in 1953, she died on Oct. 18, 2017. The couple had four children: Dick, Dan, Cheri and Doug DeVos. Jay Van Anel was his school chum and next door neighbor; the pair started various businesses together including a hamburger stand, an air charter service and a sailing business. They became Nutrilite food supplement salesmen in 1949. Nutrilite was a multi-level marketing scheme, meaning that in addition to profits on products sold, commissions were paid to distributors on sales made by new distributors they brought into the company. By 1958, DeVos and Van Anel had more than 5,000 distributors under them, so in April 1959 they formed the Amway Corp., which has generated billions in profits over the decades. Amway is short for “the American Way.”

They took over Nutrilite in 1972 and finally bought the company in 1994.

Amway has not existed without controversy, mostly relating to the allegation that the company is a pyramid scheme. According to the “Skeptic’s Dictionary,” 54 percent of Amway recruits make \$0 and the rest earn an average of \$65 a month. The company was officially designated “not a pyramid scheme” by the US government after a 1979 Federal Trade Commission investigation, although the FTC did find the company guilty of price fixing. In 1982 DeVos, Van Anel and Amway VP William Discher were indicted in Canada for underreporting the value of imported products, thus defrauding the Canadian government of more than \$28 million. The company settled that case in 1989 for \$45 million. Another Canadian class action case in 2009 was rejected by their courts. In 2010, Amway agreed to settle a class action judgement in California by paying \$56 million. In that case, the company and its top distributors were accused

of fraud, racketeering and operating an illegal pyramid scheme. Amway of India was shut down repeatedly between 2006 and 2018; four of the company’s executives have been jailed, its products have been confiscated, the offices have been sealed and Amway has been banned from advertising in India since 2008.

“I’ve always been greedy, but never to the point where I corrupted the system,” DeVos said in a May 2009 interview with the Grand Rapids Press. “The normal desire to make money is always there, but it was never so powerful in the building of the business that it overcame those things.”

In lieu of flowers, the DeVos family has asked that memorial contributions be made to the Grand Rapids Christian School Association, Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital, LaGrave Avenue Christian Reformed Church or Prison Fellowship Ministries.



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a fantastic experience for [Ada],” the letter from Otten read. “I wish we could offer the same type of experience at school for others.”

“[Ada] is involved, she is learning that it’s more about helping one another and being a true community and what it means to give and take,” Osburn said. “Even though there’s imperfections about other peoples’ opinions about what’s going on, overall the generosity, the overflow and the giving and taking are very acceptable, are very appropriate.”

“[Lowell] is a wonderful place to move to and this garden adds to that,” said Nicole Ranks. “New people are not a scary thing. Unfortunately, with living on a public road, you can’t always control the traffic that comes down it. There are plenty of private drives and HOAs [homeowner associations] that are available for you if you guys don’t enjoy that type of environment. But the city is a place where people are going to come to and it’s not necessarily a bad thing. And I think that, after reviewing the zoning ordinance, there is just not a violation here.”

“I am very appalled that we have to go through this,” said Jessica Miles. “I believe it’s a very great asset to Lowell.”

“If you’ve ever tried to diet, trying to make diet food not taste like cardboard is not always easy,” said Kathy Hembree. “But with the herbs and the vegetables and the things that I have learned from Tom and Laura about what to cook and how to cook it, [my husband and I] each lost over 40 pounds this year.”

“I think that this garden is exactly what Lowell is,” said Brianna Furlong.

“I am appalled that we are even having this conversation,” said Liz Sparks. “The people that are complaining about this and every one of you at the table [the city council members] should be ashamed of yourselves, because Lowell is a great place to live and we are better than this.”

The couple whose home hosts the Help Yourself Garden, Laura Huth-Rhodes and Tom Rhodes, also each took a turn at the podium.

“Laura and I, when we first started this out, we reached out to the city,” Tom Rhodes said “We looked at the city ordinance and it actually mentions right in that that it supports a garden in the area, so we feel we weren’t doing anything wrong. All we were trying to do and all we want to do is be there to help the community, get to know the community and bring the community together by doing this, and I think we’ve done that. It’s hard for me to come up here and speak about this without showing some anger because it’s very offensive what’s going on here. We’d like to continue doing this. I don’t see why it can’t happen. There is nothing that’s been shown to me on anything and I don’t think a lawyer would see anything. I don’t

want it to come to that, but unfortunately we were pushed. We are standing behind this and we will take it as far we need. We hope the city doesn’t make us go that route. That’s what we’re here to ask, is please don’t push us. We just want to be there, support this community and give them fresh food.”

“The reason this garden is happening here is because it is allowed by law,” said Laura Huth-Rhodes. “The city code of ordinances allows this garden to be exactly where it is and to be grown exactly how it is. That is the fact, that is the law. It is not unkempt, it is not dangerous and it also causes maybe four, maybe five extra cars every day. [...] We said early on that we were interested in helping to replicate this project across the community. I’m all for that. What I’m not for is being told with a heavy hand that we need to remove this garden because it is unkempt when city ordinance supports that we have it there. [...] I will not take this garden out unless you can show me city code that supports unequivocally that we need to do that. [...] The city has been invited down multiple times to see what’s going on. When we opened the project up, not long after we invited you down to see what it was and talk you through what it was we were doing. Maybe somebody drove by at some point, but never stopped to talk. I think that needs to change. I know that some of you [from the city] still don’t know what this is and haven’t seen it. [...] So please, let’s back off with the heavy-handed behavior. This garden is an allowed use by right. Let it continue and let’s replicate it across the community. If we want Lowell to be ‘the next best place to be,’ this is one of the ways that we can make that happen.”

The council did not reply to any of the commenters. When asked to comment further after the meeting, city manager Michael Burns provided a printed statement. The city’s position seems to be that the farmstand recently built and donated by local Girl Scouts constitutes an illegal building. “The location of this garden and the stand it supports have given rise to a number of complaints,” the statement read. “The homeowner was allowed to place traditional ground cover in the city-owned right-of-way instead of grass, not establish a community garden. Neighbors have complained about the increase in the number and speed of cars traveling by 906 E. Main each day to view the garden. We have also had complaints about the structure, which is out of character with the residential neighborhood. Specifically, the community garden violates chapter seven of the city’s R2 residential zoning ordinances as it is not a use permitted by right nor is it eligible for a special land use within this district of the city. The farmstand violates section 4.08 of our

zoning ordinances in that it is an accessory building that doesn’t comply with our code. The farmstand also violates section 4.10 in that it didn’t get prior zoning approval before being built. As a community, we have developed ordinances and regulations to foster good relationships between residents, businesses, nonprofits and other organizations. Lowell has long taken the approach that we do not go looking for code violations. We do respond to alleged violations after we receive a complaint, which is what we are doing in this case.”

The city’s statement also proposed some potential fixes for the problem.

“We propose leaving the garden and farmstand in place through the end of September, which is about the end of our growing season,” the statement read. “[We propose] exploring a new location for the garden and farmstand for the 2019 season. We have had preliminary talks with our Kent District Library branch, which is interested in learning more and perhaps hosting both the garden and the stand next summer. We could also look at expanding our current community garden in Creekside Park and adding the farmstand to support both gardens. Both the Lowell library and the Creekside community garden have more and better parking as well as higher foot traffic, meet appropriate zoning requirements and would broaden the garden exchange and make it available to more residents, and isn’t that the idea? We could also look to make room for a second community garden at another location on city-owned property that would also offer better parking and access. [We propose] returning the right-of-way in front of 906 E. Main to either grass or low groundcover after the garden is removed.”

Other citizen comments were from Roger Gillespie about “incessant speeding” on Hudson St. and from Perry Beachum who suggested putting up a fence to stop trash from accumulating in the NW corner of Oakwood Cemetery. In other business, the city hired Dan Sorek as water/sewer distribution plant supervisor to take over for Jeff VanSetters who recently submitted his resignation, and they approved a request from Larkin’s Restaurant to block off the street on Oct. 13 for a chili cook-off to benefit the Lowell Showboat.

Lowell city council’s next regular meeting will be at city hall at 7 pm on Monday, Sept. 17. They will also have a “Coffee with Council” event in the Chamber of Commerce building on the Riverwalk from 8 until 10 am on Saturday, Oct. 6.



viewpoint

to the editor

Dear Editor:

Last week's letter to the editor by J. Richard Sherlock was interesting. Actually its content was very predictable, seeing as it's the same old broken record when it comes to the left-wing Democrats. If you criticize them, you are engaging in hate speech or you are a racist, sexist, homophobe, etc., the sound bite labels go on and on.

I find it hypocritical when he tries to criticize Ron and Karen Thomure's letters as "fear and hate mongering," and then links Republicans, the Conservative Right and President Trump with hate. Remember during the 2016 Presidential campaign when there were violent protests by people on the left at Trump rallies, which then resulted in Trump supporters being assaulted? Can't anyone have their own opinions any longer? Just look at the recent violent protests happening with our historical monuments being

torn down around the country just because the monument in some way supposedly represented slavery or the Civil War - like it or not, slavery and the Civil War are part of our history and always will be. Here's a thought - maybe these protesters should tear down the Democratic party instead; after all, they were the dominant ruling party of the south at the time. Did you know that the Democrat party fought tooth-and-nail to keep slavery during the Civil War? What about that it was ALL Democrats who owned slaves, but not even one Republican did? Or that when they lost the Civil War they established and ran the Klu Klux Klan, didn't want to desegregation and then later tried to keep blacks (and women) from gaining the right to vote? Not the Republicans, rather the Democrats did all this and proudly so for their own selfish interests - which are to stay in power via your vote and then do absolutely nothing for you term after term and decade after decade. I am being completely serious here - so please do research these facts for yourself in history books and on legit websites, because the Democrats don't want you to know about their sordid history and hateful narrative which continues to this day.

The modern Democratic party is NOT the party of your father or grandfather anymore! I think if they had their way, they would control every aspect of our lives. Communism,

Socialism, Democratic Socialism, the Democratic Party and their new sugarcoated word "Progressive" - would someone please tell me the difference? Mr. Sherlock tries to link capitalism and greed together, which doesn't come close to the greed of government. Currently the average American worker gives half of their annual income to the government through all taxes and fees charged. This is and never will be enough - Democrats will always want more. When President Trump gave us a much needed tax cut to get the economy moving and so our companies could compete on the world stage: Nancy Pelosi complained that the tax cuts were "bread crumbs," and vowed that if Democrats become the majority in Congress again she would take away the Trump tax cuts. Please Nancy, let me keep my "bread crumbs!" When everyone goes to the voting booth on Tuesday, November 6th, I hope they remember that there wasn't a single Democrat that voted for the Trump tax cuts. Not ONE.

*Philip Schreur
Vergennes Township*

Dear Editor:

An article in the August 22 Lowell Ledger said the city council voted to pay \$9,750 to do a study to determine the pros and cons of a city income tax. The article also noted that the money generated by the tax would pay for road improvement.

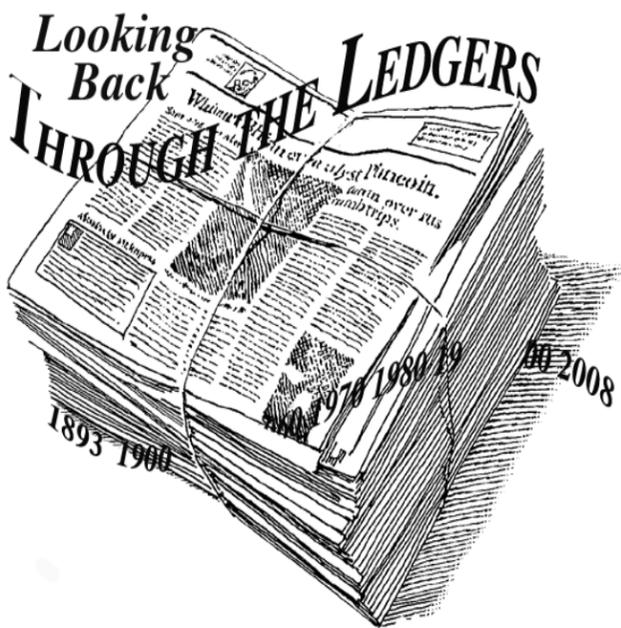
There's been talk of a city income tax for over a year. I believe the study is just part of a sales gimmick to convince the constituents that a city income tax is the way to go. I see a city income tax not as a way to fix city roads but as an open door to spending on whatever project that comes along. Any new taxation at this time is not the answer.

It was reported recently that more than half of Americans are having trouble paying for basic needs such as food and housing, even though unemployment is near a two decade low. For years wages haven't kept up with inflation. It's been reported that if you account for inflation, the typical American worker now has the same purchasing power as she or he did 40 years ago.

The public has had to make cuts in their lifestyle because of a lack of revenue and it shouldn't be any different when it comes to the way the city handles their lack of revenue. The city council should be looking at ways to make changes and cuts in the way the city is run.

All the yearly interest from the Lowell Cable TV Fund could go towards fixing city roads. The DDA Downtown Development Authority could pay a sizable share of the cost

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125 years ago Lowell Ledger September 16, 1893

Patrick Curley, one of Bowne Center's all-around solid farmers was in Lowell doing business, Wednesday. Joshia Plainliver, of Greenville, was an old schoolmate of Patrick's and the latter says he wants to keep posted on that old coon's prank's, and so subscribed for the Ledger, which will do the business for him.

Jimmie Crawford is once more seen on our streets. He has been doing the cooking at the county poor farm.

Carl S. English started for Chicago Tuesday evening to further investigate electricity.

These are bad times for leaving money lying around loose. Mrs. H. Silsby left her purse containing about \$3 on the organ, near the front door. Someone looked in, took the money but kindly left the purse - very considerate. A tramp was seen in the vicinity that morning, and the theft is laid to him, "Alas, for the poor old tramp."

100 years The Lowell Ledger September 12, 1918

Today, Thursday, September 12, is military registration day and all men from 18 to 45, inclusive,

who have not already registered must do so at this time. The law requires it, duty demands it and serious trouble will be the consequences to any who fail to comply. In Lowell, registration headquarters will be in the vacant store of the King block with D.G. Look in charge.

As the result of an accident at Smyrna Monday afternoon Engineer James A. Robertson is dead and Fireman Claire Harnden is seriously injured. The train, which left Lowell about 2 o'clock, struck an open switch about 50 feet west of Smyrna depot and the engine after running on the ties for several rods, turned over.

The farmers of this neighborhood are busy preparing their wheat ground, some having sown, and some are filling silos.

The gasless Sunday was well observed as we do not think there were more than a half dozen cars passed all day including the church autos, and this is one of the most traveled roads into town. We cannot see why it would not be a good plan to have the gasoline put on a card system the same as sugar and each one be allowed so much per week.

75 years The Lowell Ledger September 16, 1943

Howard H. Peckham curator of manuscripts at the William L. Clements Library at the U. of M., Ann Arbor, was appointed to the newly created post of University war historian, by members of the board of regents at a recent meeting.

Canning of tomatoes has been proceeding at a steady pace at the L.W. Rutherford and Sons factory, except for a day or two the first of the week when operations were temporarily halted because of Monday's rain. Mr. Rutherford states that the light front last week caused no material damage to the crop.

There are 419 names on the Service Men's Honor Roll at the Lowell City Hall, all of whom are from the Lowell area. That means 419 reasons why we should back the attack of our own boys by investing in Third Ward Loan E. bonds which will return \$100 for every \$75 invested. Kent county has a total of 24,000 men fighting for their country.

Two Kent County soldiers, one Tech. Jacob A. Young of Alto, had the honor to serve Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt on her recent visit in Australia. The other soldier Sgt., Ralph C. Strand of Grand Rapids chatted with the first lady. We imagine Mrs. Roosevelt is very kind and gracious.

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We love to hear from you!

The Lowell Ledger welcomes letters to the editor from readers, but there are a few conditions that must be met before they will be published.

The requirements are:

- All letters must be signed by the writer, with address and phone number provided for verification. All that will be printed is the writer's name and community of residence. We do not publish anonymous letters, and names will be withheld at the editor's discretion for compelling reasons only.
- Letters that contain statements that are libelous or slanderous will not be published.
- All letters are subject to editing for style, grammar and sense.
- Letters that serve as testimonials for or criticisms of businesses will not be accepted.
- Letters serving the function of "cards of thanks" will not be accepted unless there is a compelling public interest, which will be determined by the editor.
- Letters that include attacks of a personal nature will not be published or will be edited heavily.
- "Crossfire" letters between the same two people on one issue will be limited to one for each writer.
- In an effort to keep opinions varied, there is a limit of one letter per person per month.
- We prefer letters to be printed legibly or typed, double-spaced.

health

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

- molluscum

Molluscum contagiosum is a common skin disease, similar to warts, that is also caused by a virus. It most commonly affects children, but can also affect adults. It causes small pink or flesh-colored bumps with a dimple in the center. These bumps are smooth and firm and can appear anywhere on the body. They may become sore, red and swollen, but are usually painless. These bumps normally disappear within six to 12 months without treatment.

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

Sometimes molluscum can also be transmitted sexually.

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

Treatment is typically not necessary as the bumps will usually disappear within six to 12 months spontaneously. Some treatments do exist for those cases where the bumps do not resolve, become painful or spread rapidly. Some of the treatments currently available include cryotherapy and a prescription cream. If you have a new rash and suspect it's molluscum, you should see your healthcare provider to get an accurate diagnosis.

Alto Harvest Festival & Car Show

If you have not enjoyed a real small town festival lately this will be a good family time that should not be missed. Come celebrate the beginning of fall Saturday, September 15 at the 38th annual Alto Harvest Festival & Car Show, hosted by the Alto Harvest Festival committee.

Begin your day with a pancake breakfast sponsored by the Alto/Bowne Township Fire Department at the Alto Fire Station, 6260 Bancroft beginning at 7 am and ending at 10 am. Golf cart shuttles will be available to and from the breakfast. The Alto American Legion color guard will have a formal flag raising ceremony at 10 am in Veterans Park. Alto's Person of the Year, Janet VanWyck will be presented after the flag raising ceremony.

During the festival visitors will find arts and crafts vendors and independent consultants at their new location in Veteran's Park, on the corners of Kirby and Linfield streets from 9 am to 3 pm.

The Classic Car Show keeps growing in popularity. Between 150-200 cars make the trip to Alto. Make plans to take a trip down memory lane to view street rods and muscle cars along with classic cars that will line the streets of downtown. Goodie bags and dash plaques for the first 150 entries, top 50 awards and many quality door prizes handed out throughout the day. Registration is \$10 and starts at 7:30 am. Awards at 3 pm. There will also be a grocery guess for registered participants.

There is a contest for everyone including the Blue-Ribbon Baking Contest that brings in tasty treats every year. One lucky entry will be chosen from the adult and the youth divisions. A grand champion will be chosen and awarded a cash prize of \$25. Categories include any and all desserts, cookies/bars, candies and yeast/quick breads.

Bingo will be hosted by the Alto American Legion, Post #528 from 11 am to 6 pm. They will be holding a membership drive, as well as, serving half BBQ chicken with sides. The Legion will be open to the public.

The ever-popular pie-eating contest will be located at the center of town on the corners of Kirby and Linfield at 11:30 am. \$10 cash, a trophy and more pie will be awarded to the winner of the adult and kid's divisions. The fun begins at 11:30 am.

Returning contest favorite, Baking Bingo, is a new twist on an old game. Instead of prize money you can win baked goods and baking essentials. This is a true harvest festival original. A scavenger children's hunt will also be held. If you can figure out the clues you will find a sweet treat awaiting you when you turn in your hunt sheet. The Alto Library will host their gently used book sale.

The First Baptist Church of Alto will host kids zone. Among the activities, located on the green will be the inflatable slide and bounce house, Cheek to Cheek face painting, petting zoo, emergency vehicle activities including

a smokehouse, marble painting and a matchbox derby car race, where prizes will be awarded.

New this year on the green is Lifesize Hungry Hippo. While attached to a bungee-cord, player's race to the center to capture the treasure in the center. Players do this one at a time, proceed back to the wall, place the balls in a mesh bag and go back for more treasure. The player with the most treasures wins.

Food is always on everyone's mind and a variety of items will be on hand to choose from. The Alto American Legion will be serving BBQ chicken with all the fixings; the Alto Bar will be serving brats,

brisket and pulled pork all day long; the Lowell Robotics Team will be serving up walking tacos and other goodies; Faith Bible Church will serve hot dogs, polish sausage, chips and beverage and Lions Club will pass out trail mix.

Alto is not hard to find: it is located just off I-96 at exit 52. After exiting I-96 go south on M-50 following it to 60th Street. Turn west on 60th St. When you come to the stop sign at Bancroft you have arrived in Alto. Parking is available on the street.

Like us on Facebook Alto Harvest Festival & Car Show and Alto Craft Show Event.

college news

Kelsey M. Stickney, from Lowell, received a degree from Michigan Technological University in August, one of 88 students completing their degrees this summer. A total of 48 bachelor's and 40 graduate degrees were conferred. Stickney graduated from Lowell High School and earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering.

Michigan Technological University is a public research university, home to more than 7,000

students from 54 countries. Founded in 1885, the University offers more than 120 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in science and technology, engineering, forestry, business and economics, health professions, humanities, mathematics, and social sciences. Our campus in Michigan's Upper Peninsula overlooks the Keweenaw Waterway and is just a few miles from Lake Superior.

happy birthday



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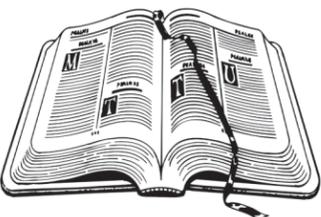
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Letters, continued

of maintaining the police department. The police department could cut their driving time in half. Those ideas are all feasible, the city council just needs to find the fortitude to make them happen. Of course, its much easier for the city council to have a city income tax, then they don't have to make any hard decisions. They can keep in voting for every project that's brought in front of them.

*Jim Howard
Lowell Township*

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regard to the letter from Rev. Dr. J. Richard Sherlock in the Ledger edition of August 29th.

He states that letters of opposing views are somehow "masquerading" as letters to the editor. He cites "diatribes of fear and hate mongering," yet gives no specifics. I've read the letters, one of which may be referring to me. I'm not certain what he feels is fearful or hateful. He says that he feels it's useless to talk to those of opposing views. That, right there, is the problem! When two sides feel they cannot have a civil debate, we lose the opportunity for real solutions.

He says that we enjoy looking backward and citing "dead people." Reminders of the past are not bad things, as he would want you to believe. This is to keep us from future mistakes. He goes on to speak of the necessity of government to "distribute wealth fairly." I have yet to see the fruits of a socialist country, but would be willing to hear what he has to say about it.

Finally, calling those that oppose his views as cowardly, fearful and hateful, I find appalling. He fails to specifically state what is cowardly, fearful and hateful about the previous letters, which in my opinion were just as thoughtful as his letter.

*Nancy Stroosnyder
Lowell Township*

To the Editor,

It's been so great the past years to have our own Farmer's Market and local community gardens. What a blessing. Then a few weeks ago the Lowell Ledger alerted us to a new development—the little garden on the east end of town with free access to their wonderful vegetables and herbs. I've gleaned from them several times. Having grown up with fresh garden produce, it's so fun to again pick my own fresh right off the vine.

Now I'm so excited to see their new addition—allowing others to share their excess as well with those of us who don't grow our own. And huge kudos to the Girl Scouts who took the time and effort to build such a beautiful structure for the distribution of this wonderful shared bounty.

I still enjoy the cool little book distribution "homes" for book exchange that popped up around town a few years ago built by a local Boy Scout. That was such an ingenious way to support sharing of books. Now the Girl Scouts are encouraging the community to share their produce.

Won't it be wonderful if this garden sharing continues not only where it is but maybe even expands to other locations! Lowell is so wonderfully focused on neighbors helping neighbors with FROM, Pink Arrow, Neighbor to Neighbor and all the other wonderful church and community programs available. This is just one more sterling example of what Lowell is all about.

*Peggy Covert
Lowell*

To Ron Thomure,

Immigrants, not Americans, must adapt? Wow!! The only real Americans are the native Americans and we never adapted to their ways. No we slaughtered them, they only had bows and arrows, and we immigrants had guns and cannons. We took everything away from them. If we had adapted to their ways America would still be pristine, but we Americans took care of that, everything on this land is polluted. That should make us proud. Because our motto is "in God we Trust" doesn't make us believers. What happened to "love your neighbor as yourself?" It doesn't mean the people next door - it means everyone we come in contact with. Before you start judging people, please look for some good deed you could do to help someone who needs help you'll feel better.

*Eva Cappa
Lowell*

To the Editor of the Lowell Ledger,

A year ago our daughter Laura and her husband Tom moved to Lowell. The historic look and small-town feel made us believe they had made the right choice. Although

the house they bought needed a lot of work, when spring dawned, they sought to make a contribution to their community - a help-yourself garden.

At first the City of Lowell was not in favor of using the parkway in this manner, but then reversed itself and the garden got underway. As it grew, the word of it spread and the garden was not only accepted, it was embraced. It got publicity and TV coverage, and other like-minded sharers brought produce from their gardens to add to the available produce.

Now, amidst this wide acceptance and obvious need, suddenly the city of Lowell has reversed itself again and ordered the garden and stand removed (within 20 days!). Can there be too much of a good thing? The claim is it's unkempt. It's fully weeded, signs mark each plant and the new custom-made stand houses the donated goods. Unkempt does not apply, but beyond any question of looks, does not the fact that the needy are being served, with other citizens sharing, mean anything?

Good citizens of Lowell, let your city government know they are off track and out of touch. Just a quick call or e-mail will help keep this community asset. You've got a lot to be proud of in Lowell - keep the help-yourself garden!

*Mike Huth
Allegan*

Letter to the Editor,

I am writing in response to the letters written by Richard Sherlock and Jack Misner in the Aug. 19 issue. The Rev. Dr. is "saddened by diatribes of fear and hate mongering, masquerading as letters to the editor." Jack also expresses "guilt, fear, judgment and hate" from our letters.

It is not "useless to reply" to MY letters. My purpose is to educate the public to both sides hopefully, enabling them to make an informed decision. Thank you, Rev.Dr. for opening up a dialogue for your beliefs. However, your emotional introduction with name calling does not fit with your signature. Jack's wording goes along with his usual contributions.

Over 20 years ago I read "The Naked Communist" by W. Cleon Skousen, Salt Lake City, Utah. Teachers did not want to read the 45 ways to upset capitalism. Everyone should also read "Rules for Radicals" by Saul Alinsky (Lowell Library). He is a community organizer and mentor to Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton. He teaches how to get your message out and how to deal with nonbelievers.

I am aware that you are "tilting at windmills." I read Cervantes in Spanish. What are you fearing from my stated facts? Quotes are factual. We study history to LEARN from the past so maybe we will not make the same mistakes and learn what works and what doesn't. Are you saying we should ignore history and not teach it because it is about dead people?

I agree (imagine that?) capitalism can be dangerous! John Adams (a dead person) stated that capitalism can only survive and benefit a MORAL society. Our Constitution was written under the guidance of God. Where is our society going if we take God out of everything?

You talk about the "necessity of government providing measures to distribute wealth fairly so that prosperity would be shared by all." That sounds SO good, so why is this not working in the socialist countries

I have received many positive comments from my letters including one letter sent to me.

"Thank you for your letter in the 8-15-18 Ledger. I wish I had your courage, but fear activists.

Bless your heart! And your patriotism! We are so blessed to live in this great U. S. of A!"

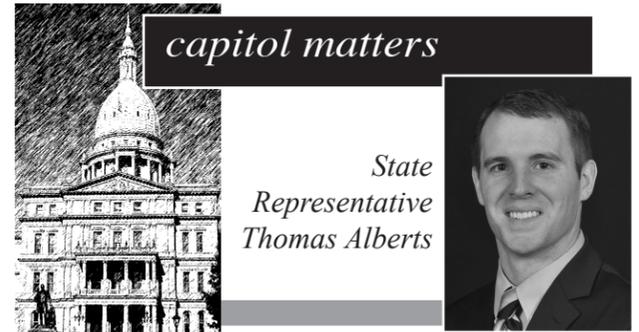
There are a lot of people out there who are concerned with the rhetoric going on right now.

We need more people to speak up and say what they believe. It is not right that people are afraid to speak up. This is a fact!

You believe in what you say. I believe in what I am saying. It is good to have a common ground between the two opinions and discuss our beliefs without being called fear and hate mongers! The left preaches tolerance but only accepts the beliefs on their side. We are IN-tolerant because we do not think the same. Rev.Dr. would you be upset if a member of your persuasion stated that they needed to infiltrate YOUR church from the inside and change your beliefs?

Your side needs to open up more to others' ideas and stop the ugly rhetoric. Our friend is wearing a t-shirt today which reads "Without God There is no country." Change is not always good—you must work toward GOOD change! Benjamin Franklin believed that our Constitution was as close to perfection as human beings could achieve. Our life style as we know it is disappearing! Stand up and be aware! Also, speak up!

*M. Karen Thomure
Lowell*



Continued vigilance is key to Michigan's PFAS response

The recent identification of chemical contamination in a number of community water sources throughout west Michigan is eye-opening and deeply concerning, and I want to assure people in our community that I am closely monitoring the situation.

Over the past year, the Legislature has taken a number of proactive measures to help address contamination from perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances. This group of chemicals, known collectively as PFAS, has been widely used in a variety of products since the 1950s. We now know the chemicals easily transfer through soil into groundwater, and some studies suggest consuming water or food contaminated with PFAS could be harmful to your health.

This year, Michigan went above and beyond the federal guidelines – which only require municipal water systems that service more than 10,000 people to test for PFAS. As a proactive measure, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality was instructed to test every municipal water supply in the state, as well as the drinking water at all public schools. This statewide PFAS study is believed to be the first of its kind in the nation.

It was this vigilance that led to the recent identification of PFAS in drinking water at Alto Elementary School and EightCAP's Ionia County Outreach Office, which houses the Orleans Head Start Center, as well as groundwater in Cascade Township near the Gerald R. Ford International Airport.

While the results are worrisome, I'm confident the pre-emptive measures I supported over the past year put us in a good position to respond quickly and effectively. The Legislature has already budgeted \$60 million in funds to search for PFAS contamination in

Michigan, root out its sources and help families affected by the contamination.

Included in the funding is approximately \$1.5 million dedicated to improving the Michigan DEQ's water testing laboratory, which was not previously equipped to test for PFAS. Water samples are currently being shipped out of state for analysis, leaving Michigan families waiting eight weeks or more to hear the outcome. Upgrading the state's lab will ensure timelier, reliable results.

In addition, a Michigan PFAS Action Response Team (MPART) has been formed to bring experts from various state departments together, so they can work cohesively to address PFAS concerns in communities all across the state.

The Legislature also adopted a resolution that calls for the creation of an advisory committee, made up of experts, who will help MPART focus on the scientific aspects of this issue, and provide non-biased recommendations to help guide our efforts to combat PFAS in Michigan.

I have little doubt PFAS contamination is going to be a widespread problem communities across the nation will be dealing with for many years to come. While many states are taking a wait-and-see approach, Michigan is making the right move by being proactive. We must continue to work together to protect our residents, drive down exposure levels and go after polluters.

Thomas Albert lives in Lowell. He is chair of the House Financial Liability Reform Committee and served as an investor for the State of Michigan Retirement Systems before his election to the Legislature. Background on the PFAS issue and Michigan's response is available at www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse.

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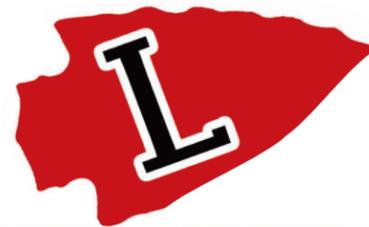


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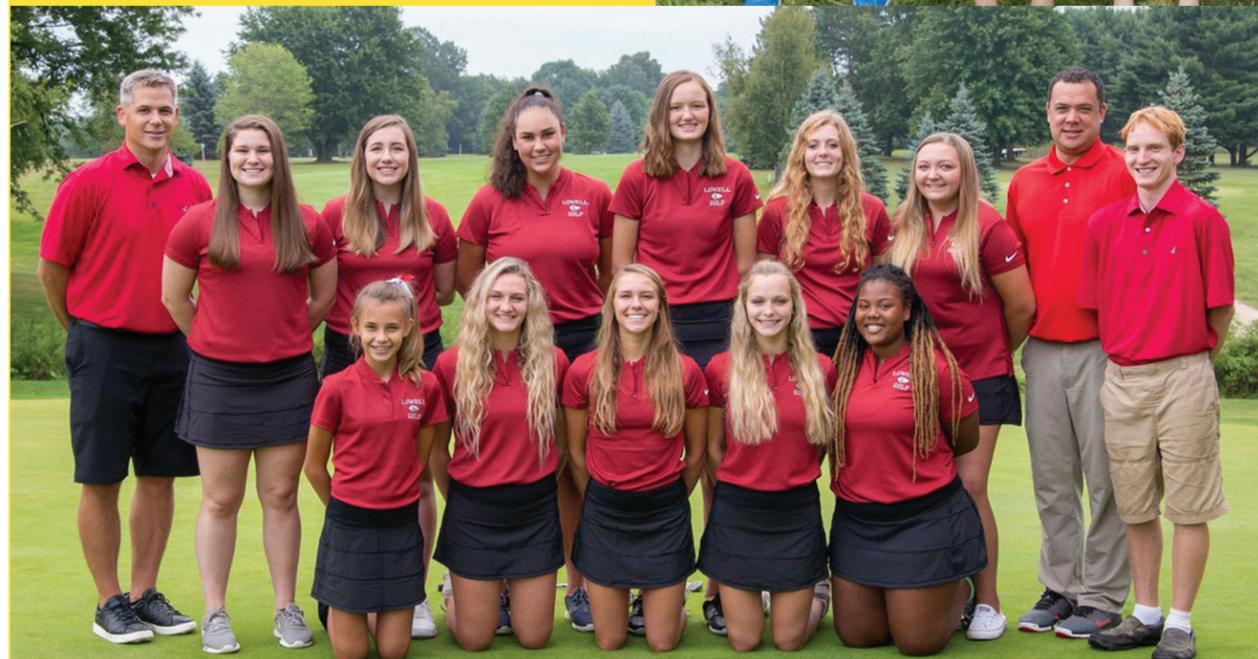
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First row, left to right: Blake Bennett, Dominik Peplinski, Evan Klain, Lucas Cossar, and Alex Weber, second row, left to right: Nigel Mika, Gage Snarski, Lucas Sherman, Jared Lardie, Caleb Swart, John Lothian, and Caden Kaufman; third row, left to right: Karsen Hagen, Keegan Cater, Mason Winters, Ben Kinnucan, Will Kuhns, Zach Swart, Brandon Baker, and Calvin Simmet.



GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

First row, left to right: Hinata Tamaki, Autumn Serylo, Kaylee Byrne, Jada Millhisler, and Ashley Boehr; second row, left to right: Canaan McKinney, Lilly Mattausch, Theresa Judd, Alexis Hainer, Lauren Aud, and Anna Gaskin; third row, left to right: Lauren Swain, Ginevra Moretti, Haley Nieuwkoop, Marlie Fowler, Audrey Conrad, and Jennifer Cooper.



GOLF

First row, left to right: Addison Bruwer, Maddie Melle, Mya Kaywood, Olivia Decator, and Amiya Schaefer; second row, left to right: Ashleigh Jarrard, Graysen Nauta, Mary Jo Buechler, Kenzi Uhen, Tristan Fogarty-Thomas, and Lexy Kapcia. Coaches: Josh Bruwer, Jason Pyard and Todd Hovey.



SOCCER

First row, left to right: Nate Ryan, Ezra Stadt, Sebastian Szymanski, Carlos Campos, Ben Mika, Bernie Diekevers, Braiden Hamilton, Justin Wade, Ben Thompson, and Coach Jared Sweet; second row, left to right: Coach Jake Sweet, Rohan Dixon, Nick Struckmeyer, Brett Evink, Connor Cater, Nathan VanDeWeert, Alex Taylor, Evan Groeneweg, Brennan Conlan, Jonas Thompson, Coach Joe Woodruff, and Coach Dan Lipon.



Pink Arrow Quiver was held last Saturday

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Pink Arrow Pride completed its run through the community last Saturday morning with the fundraising Pink Arrow Quiver 5K Run and Family Walk where 144 runners strapped on their sneakers in support of Gilda's Club of Lowell.

The charitable race began at 8:30 am near the Riverwalk on Avery Street. Cheered on by Lowell High School cheerleaders along the downtown route, runners made a loop through the residential neighborhood returning back to Avery Street for the finish line.

The timed race welcomed participants of all ability levels breaking the competition into age groups ranging from ten and under to 65 and older. Medals were awarded to the top three finishers in each age group with a prize going to each first place male and female per division. The race also offered a \$100 cash purse to the top overall male and female finishers which were awarded to Nick Liversedge of Ada who clocked a 16:44 and was the first runner to cross

the finish line and MaKala Gerard of Greenville who finished in 22:36 placing her tenth overall.

Other runners filling out the top ten in the mens overall division included Ryan Wittenbach of Lowell (17:54), Bryan Deeren of Ionia (19:33), Josh Rose of Alto (19:44), Scott West of Allendale (20:50), Brandon Barber of Lowell (22:08), Chris Ferguson of Lowell (22:15), Robert Williams of Greenville (22:22), Andy Johnston of Lowell (22:38) and Jeff Ballard of Wayland (22:49).

Following Gerard in the women's top ten were Clara Deeren of Ionia (23:07), Karen Charles of Longmont, Colorado (23:54), Annika Sandman of Lowell (24:38), Emma Thompson of Middleville (26:12), Jenna Ries of Ada (26:30), Lois Wilber of Belding (27:33), Andrea Harwood of Lowell (28:33), Jaime Girvin of Ionia (28:32) and Keira Sandman of Lowell (28:43).

Pink Arrow Quiver is the first of a trio of races in the Lowell community dubbed the Triple Crown. The Harvest Hustle will take place as part of the



Fundraising runners take off from the starting line at the Pink Arrow Quiver 5K last Saturday morning.

annual Lowell Harvest Celebration on October 13 and the Turkey Trot will take place on November 10 at the Wittenbach

Wege Center located on Vergennes. Participants in all three races receive a runner discount as well as a free wicking style t-shirt

graced with the Triple Crown logo.

More information and registration links for

either of the remaining individual events or the race trio is available online at runsignup.com.

Sports Summaries

BOYS TENNIS

Improving their season record to 6-0 last week the Lowell boys varsity tennis team continued their winning streak with victories over non-conference competitor the Caledonia Scots and OK White rival the Cedar Springs Red Hawks. Tuesday on the road at Caledonia the squad earned a 6-2 win over the Scots in straight sets. Wednesday back at home versus the Cedar Springs the Red Arrows earned another 8-0 win, their fourth shut out of the season. Earning individual wins over the Red Hawks for Lowell were sophomore Will DeVest at first singles, junior Collier Kaufman at second singles, junior Miles Droski at third singles and senior Phil Thompson at fourth singles. Winning in doubles competition for the team were seniors Nate Bush and Gavin Hoffman at first doubles, junior Aiden Kelley and senior Eric Mooney at second doubles, freshmen Ty Knottnerus and Winton Garrelts

at third doubles, sophomore Terrick Stewart and junior Brad Baas at fourth doubles and freshman Sam VandenHout and junior Connor Kleinedler at fifth doubles. The Arrows will look to extend their stellar season this week participating in the Sailor Invite hosted by South Christian High School on Saturday beginning at 8:30 am.

BOYS SOCCER

Picking up two consecutive OK White wins last week the Red Arrow boys varsity soccer team topped both the Ottawa Hills Bengals and the Greenville Yellow Jackets in competition. Tuesday at home versus Ottawa Hills the team earned three goals per period to end the match with a 6-1 victory. Senior kicker Connor Cater led the winning effort finding the back of the net twice in the game. Single goals were earned by freshman Nate Ryan and juniors Evan Groeneweg, Braiden Hamilton and Bernie Diekevers. Assists were credited to junior Carlos Campos, Jonas Thompson, Ryan and Groeneweg. Thursday on the road in Greenville Ryan earned a hat trick to lead an 8-0 shut out win over the Yellow Jackets. Ben Mika rallied for two goals while the scoreboard balance was earned by Cater, Thompson and Hamilton. Lowell assists were earned by junior Brett Evink, Ryan, Cater, Hamilton and Sebastian Szymanski. Goalkeeper Nathan VanDeWeert had four saves in the box. The Lowell team has a trio of competition on slate for this week including home matches on Tuesday at 6:30 against Cedar Springs and Saturday at noon against Caledonia. They will also travel to East Grand Rapids on Thursday with a kickoff time of 6:45 pm.

GIRLS GOLF

Tallying a third place finish and a duel loss the Lowell girls varsity golf team participated in the second OK White Jamboree of the season and did one on one battle with non-conference Caledonia Scots last week. Welcoming all of the OK White to Arrowhead Golf Course on Wednesday the Lady Arrows earned a combined card tally of 199 to earn a second consecutive third place conference finish. Leading the Lowell effort was senior Kenzi Uhen who carded a 44. Teammates senior Tristan Fogerty-Thomas (48), junior Mary Jo Buechler (51) and sophomore Addison Bruwer (56) followed her top performance. Thursday on the road at the Broadmoor Country Club the Scots put on a top level performance that nearly busted their own school record to top the Arrows 161-185. Buechler led the Lowell pack in the loss shooting a 40 followed by Uhen with a 41 and Fogerty-Thomas and Bruwer who both came in at 52. On tap this week for the team is a pair of OK White Jamborees on the road taking place early in the week on Monday and Wednesday.

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Synopsis of Minutes
August 13, 2018

Discussion:

1. ZBA Member failing to complete course requirements.
2. Kehoe residents - Ann St. road vacation and possible lake walk vacation.
3. Township Hall water quality.
4. PFAS concerns of Big Pine Island residents in regard to Cowan Lake.
5. Cowan Lake sewer bid openings

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Synopsis of Minutes
August 27, 2018

Motions Approved:

1. Motion to award engineering of Cowan Lake sewer project to Fleis & Vandenbrink.
2. Motion to approve Resolution 2018-021 Determination to Proceed.
3. Motion to approve Resolution 2018-022 Acknowledgement of Filing and Presentation of the Special Assessment Roll to the Township Board.

Our next Regular Board Meeting
September 10 at 7:00pm.

The approved minutes may be reviewed
on our website at
www.grattantownship.org

Red Arrow Fall SPORTS SCHEDULES

GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

* Denotes a home game

9/18 at 6 pm at Forest Hills Northern
9/20 at 6 pm at Greenville



BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium

9/15 at noon Caledonia*
9/18 at 6:45 pm at Forest Hills Central
9/20 at 6:45 pm Forest Hills Northern*

BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL

* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium

9/14 at 7 pm at Zeeland West
9/21 at 7 pm Forest Hills Northern*



GIRLS VARSITY GOLF

* Denotes a game at Arrowhead Golf Course

9/17 at 3:30 pm OK White Jamboree #5
at Cedar Chase Golf Course
9/18 at 3:30 pm OK White Jamboree #6
at Watermark Golf Course
9/20 at 3:30 pm Portland*

BOYS VARSITY TENNIS

* Denotes a home game at LHS

9/15 at 8:30 am Sailor Invite
9/17 at 4:15 pm at Forest Hills Northern
9/19 at 4:15 pm at Greenville



BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

* Denotes a meet at LHS

9/22 at 9 am Bob Perry Memorial Invitational*
9/29 at noon Allendale Invite

Red Arrow

- CROSS COUNTRY

SPORTS

Red Arrows host first OK White Jamboree of the season

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

The Red Arrow girls and boys varsity cross country teams hosted the first OK White Jamboree of the season last Wednesday and traveled to West Ottawa High School over the weekend for the Bredeweg Invitational.

Wednesday at Lowell High School the Arrows welcomed all of the OK White conference for the first league battle of the season earning third and fourth place finishes for the boys and girls teams

respectively. The boys team earned their third place finish with a point total of 70. Top placement for the team went to junior Caleb Swart who finished seventh overall with a time of 18:53. Swart has been the top finisher at every competition this season.

Following Swart at the finish line for the Red Arrows was junior Lucas Cossar in ninth place with a 19:10, junior Nigel Mika who placed thirteenth with a time of 19:41, senior Calvin Simmet in sixteenth with a

time of 19:50 and freshman Keegan Cater who placed 26th with a final time of 20:32.

Leading in the ladies 94 point fourth place finish was senior Haley Nieuwkoop who has led the pack all season. She placed seventh with a time of 21:45 and was followed by teammate junior Jada Millhisler in twelfth with a time of 22:27. Also finishing in scoring position for Lowell in the 25th position or lower were junior Audrey Conrad (23:47), freshman Lauren

Swain (23:57), senior Lauren Aud (24:04), junior Jennifer Cooper (24:27) and junior Alexis Haines (24:41).

On Saturday, Ottawa Hills hosted Bredeweg Invitational. The boys team placed fifth with a total point tally of 170. Swart led the pack and placed fifth with a time of 16:38. Rounding out the scoring field for the Arrows was junior Ben Kinnucan who placed 28th with a time of 17:07, Cossar in 36th with a time of 17:21, Mika in

47th with a time of 17:32 and Simmet in 54th with a 17:43.

Finishing eighth in the large field with a point total of 195, the ladies ran at about the middle of the pack in their finish but exited the competition with each runner achieving their best time of the season. Leading the field was Nieuwkoop

who placed thirteenth with a season best time of 19:48. Also achieving their personal bests in their scoring finishes were Conrad in 24th with a 20:21, Millhisler in 33rd with a 20:42, Aud in 47th with a 21:10 and Haines in 78th with a 22:15 who rounded out the top five.

The teams will compete in the Sparta Invitational on Saturday. The competition will take place at 475 W. Spartan Drive in Sparta with a start time of 8:00 am.

Varsity volleyball season off to great start under new leadership

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Continuing their tournament dominance last Saturday the Red Arrow varsity volleyball team earned their third consecutive first place finish at the Oiler Invite under the direction of newly appointed head coach Josh Drake.

Coming off of top honors at both the Grand Haven Lakeshore Classic and the West Michigan Volleyball Officials Association Tournament, the Lady Arrows were already flying high when they headed to Mt. Pleasant. Replacing long time head coach Julie Quist, Drake was approached with the opportunity to take the reigns this past spring, "I was approached by our athletic director Dee Crowley about the opportunity to be the varsity volleyball coach at Lowell. I had a good conversation with Dee about some expectations for the program and she told me about the girls and how they were wanting a coach who would come in and push them and challenge them to the next level. I went through an interview with a committee and was lucky enough to be named the head coach a few weeks later," explained Drake of the changing of guard for the volleyball program.

A 2012 Lowell graduate Drake went on to graduate from Grand Valley State University (GVSU) with majors in education and mathematics and was hired to teach sixth grade math here in Lowell. He brings to the court his experience from GVSU where he played a year of men's club volleyball during a season that the team reached 19th place in Division 1 competition. He

parlayed that to a coaching position at FarOut Volleyball Club where he learned under the direction of Joe Steenhuisen, "I learned a lot from being in the gym with Joe and all of the other national level coaches in the gym. I owe a lot of my knowledge to them."

While the transition to head volleyball coach has been a lot to take in according to Drake the varsity team he coaches has shown no signs

performance with another 2-0 win scored 25-14 and 25-17.

Along with Drake, the team is also supported by its captains senior Carly Hoekstra and Joslynn Battle who along with senior Emily Stump are the strong core of the relatively young team. "Carly is a fantastic competitor and vocal leader on the floor for us. Emily is one of our hardest workers and will do anything that is asked of her. Emily's passing

is the strongest part of her game with good defensive skills as well. Joslynn has stepped up to the challenge of being our six rotation setter this year and continues to get better every time she steps on the floor. Her calm demeanor is great for our team in tough situations," said Drake of his senior members.

The upperclassmen trio is also joined by junior talents Meghan Meyer, and Ryleigh Blough who Drake called

naturally gifted athletes who pose a "lethal" threat offensively and in the middle defensively due to their height. "Also, look for junior right side hitter, Kambry Kloosterman, to make a strong contribution in the front row for us this year," said Drake.

Drake also expects some impact from some of the teams younger members, "Two sophomores, outside hitter, Jenna Reitsma, and defensive specialist/right side hitter, Emma Hall, will make significant contributions this year. Jenna is a player with a special gift to be able to terminate the ball anywhere

she is on the floor. Emma will provide depth in the back row for us defensively with her strong desire to never let the ball hit the floor."

Setting forth on the teams lofty goal of earning the programs first conference championship this week, the squad faced their first OK White competitor of the season in the Cedar Springs Red Hawks earlier in the week and will face fellow league members Greenville and Forest Hills Central in Tuesday and Thursday contests next week on the road. Both match ups are scheduled to begin at 6 pm.



Red Arrow varsity volleyball celebrates their third consecutive tournament victory of the season last week. Provided by Lowell Volleyball

of distress at the change with the nabbing of their third tournament victory on Saturday. Shutting out all of their pool opponents the Red Arrows topped St. Louis High School 2-0 (26-24, 25-12), Grandville High School 2-0 (25-14, 25-19), Laingsburg High School 2-0 (25-10, 25-20) and Houghton Lake High School 2-0 (25-18, 25-12).

Their perfect finish propelled them to the gold bracket semi-finals where they faced Grandville for the second time, claiming a 2-0 victory with tallies of 25-23 and 25-17 moving them into the finals round. Facing the hosting Mt. Pleasant Oilers in their namesake tournament for the competition crown, Lowell completed a perfect

2018 HOMECOMING PARADE

Calling all Lowell clubs, organizations, community groups or school sports teams that would like to participate in the Homecoming Parade.

Friday, October 12th, 2018!

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
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NOTICE TO
CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 18-203942-DE

Estate of ROBERT CEIL
MORGAN JR. Date of
birth: June 13, 1974.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Robert Ceil Morgan Jr, died August 12, 2018.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless

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August 27, 2018

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616-942-0020

Jaimie L. Morgan
12433 Woodland Park Dr. NE
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obituaries

MAY

Marvin Henry May, age 83, of Lowell, MI, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018. He was preceded in death by his wife, Norma May; his son, Marvin May Jr.; three brothers; and one sister. Marvin is survived by his daughter, Tracey (Bruce) Elliott; son, Jay (Oranda) May; three granddaughters, Lisa Murray, Tara Tesimu, Tabitha (Dan) Lyon; and six great-grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial was held September 7, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Lowell. Rev. Aaron Ferris presided. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Michigan Parkinson's Foundation. More information can be found at <http://www.parkinsonsmi.org>.



MCKAY

Roger Andrew McKay of Cascade, was born April 27, 1935 in Owosso, Michigan, and passed away Tuesday, September 4, 2018 in Lowell Township.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew Martin McKay and Mae Anjerome Crawford; son Mickey Andrew McKay; and sister Dorothy (Wes) McMillan. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Rosalie McKay; children, Kathy Ann (James) Clark, Gary Thomas (John) McKay, Roger Allen McKay; brothers, William (Dorothy) McKay, Richard (Pauline) McKay, David (Sara) McKay; grandchildren, Derek Allen, Taylor (Jeff) Laning, Austin (Melissa) McKay, Mason McKay, Jamie (Matthew) VanEns, Brittany Clark; great-grandchildren Skyler, Peyton, Jacob, Avery, Miles, Quinn, Wilder, Rainey, Chaplin, Elijah; and long-time friend, Jack Crouter. Roger served in the Army. He was an Amway Distributer, and the first Amway tour guide; he went on to start both the Ada and Cascade Mobile Auto Washes. Roger loved sports and was an avid golfer. Funeral was held September 8 at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell. Rev. Ron Tuinstra of South Boston Bible Church officiated. Interment Cascade Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter, 25200 Telegraph Rd., Ste 100, Southfield, MI 48033-7443.



Looking Back, continued

50 years The Lowell Ledger September 12, 1968

There is little likelihood that the Lowell Area School District Board of Education will challenge the last week's recount decision of the Kent County Board of Canvassers that declared the August 26 operating millage election as "no vote." The county board, upon petition of 174 district voters, declared four of the 918 votes cast as invalid, thus forcing a 457-457 tie. Local election workers had found only three spoiled ballots in what was an apparent one-vote majority decision to approve a 3.3-mill levy for one year.

Irate residents of the Lowell Area School District turned out in full force Monday night to demand a change in bus transportation policies. The board recently established a transportation policy designed to eliminate several routes and many stops in order to reduce transportation costs.

New procedures will be instituted at the Lowell sanitary landfill, better known as the city dump, for residents and non-residents alike commencing next Monday (September 16). This change in operating procedure has been installed by the City Council in an effort to update local dump operation in accordance with Act No. 87 passed by the State Legislature in 1965. As a result of the new regulations, the landfill operation should be self-supporting. There will be an attendant on duty during hours when the landfill is open and refuse will be unloaded per his instructions.

A local membership drive has been implemented by the Clark-Ellis Post 152 of the American Legion following a decision by the Legion membership at the national convention to raise dues one dollar per year.

A farm owned by Wilbur M. Young of 10555 W. Portland Road, Clarksville has been designated as a Centennial Farm by the Michigan Historical Commission. The farm located in Boston Township, Ionia County, has been in the possession of the family since 1868. It was originally acquired on April 9, 1868 by Wayne Young, grandfather of the present owner, from the State of Michigan.

25 years The Lowell Ledger September 15, 1993

It's a game of chicken between local television stations and cable television outlets. The game was initiated through the passage of the 1992 Cable Act. The Act states that broadcasters must give permission to be carried on cable systems and have the right to request compensation. Local broadcasters will have until Oct. 6 to reach agreement with cable companies on the issue of "retransmission consent."

In this time of pushy salesman the Lowell Township board was shocked and appalled at an ad than ran in last week's Lowell's Buyers Guide questioning the spending of Lowell tax dollars. The ad was run by Gordon Lyons, a sales representative of the Municipal and Industrial Equipment Company. The ad was in regards to the new water tower that is needed for the new High School. Municipal and Industrial sells a water tank known as Aqua Store, which claims to be more economical than the tank the township has chosen to build.

It's not every day the government gives money back to people, but Harold Zeigler Ford will soon receive \$3,000 from the Lowell Township Board. The board approved the refund because the money, which was to be down payment for a metering device, was not needed by the township.

Lowell's golf team, with the exception of its match against Zeeland and Northview, has played well in the early going of the 1993 season.

Hard work and determination were not enough for the Lowell Red Arrow football team to overcome penalties and turnovers in a 14-0 loss to the Northview Wildcats. Lowell coach Phil Christensen not only was proud of the effort given by his team, he also saw his club "grow and mature to a new level."

Lowell Township accepted a bid for \$469,100 from CDI Na-Con, Inc (Chicago Bridge and Iron) for the construction of the water tower needed to serve the new high school.

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CITY OF LOWELL

PUBLIC NOTICE

Look Memorial Fund Board in now accepting grant applications for 2018. Applications are available at Lowell City Hall.

Grant applications should be submitted to Susan Ullery, City Clerk, 301 East Street, Lowell, MI 49331. The deadline for submitting 2018 applications is 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 26, 2018.

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 And looked the work, and descended,
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 Robert Frost
 Remembering you and missing you on your birthday, September 10.
 Your brother & his family

Community Calendar

September

AND ONGOING EVENTS

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Aries (March 21-April 19)

Author Anne Carson describes part of her creative process in this way: "Sometimes I dream a sentence and write it down. It's usually nonsense, but sometimes it seems a key to another world." I suspect you might be able to benefit from using a comparable trick in the coming days. That's why you should monitor any odd dreams, seemingly irrational impulses, or weird fantasies that arise in you. Although they may not be of any practical value in themselves, they could spur a train of thought that leads you to interesting breakthroughs.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

"The idea of liberation through the suppression of desire is the greatest foolishness ever conceived by the human mind," wrote philosopher E. M. Cioran. I agree that trying to deny or stifle or ignore our desires can't emancipate us. In fact, I'm inclined to believe that freedom is only possible if we celebrate and honor our desires, marvel at their enigmas, and respect their power. Only then can we hope to refine them. Only then can we craft them into beautiful, useful forces that serve us rather than confuse and undermine us. The coming weeks will be an excellent time for you to engage in this spiritual practice, Taurus.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

"Remember that sometimes not getting what you want is a wonderful stroke of luck," says the Dalai Lama. Ain't that the truth! When I was 22 years old, there were two different women I desperately yearned for as if they were the Muse Queens of Heaven who would transform me into a great artist and quench my infinite passion. Fortunately, they both rejected me. They decisively set me free of my bondage to them. Later, when I was older and wiser, I realized that blending my fortunes with either of them would have led me away from my true destiny. I got lucky! In a similar but less melodramatic way, Gemini, I suspect you will also get lucky sometime soon.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Don'ts for Boys or Errors of Conduct Corrected was an advice book for boys published in 1902. Among many other strictures and warnings, it offered this advice: "Don't giggle. For the love of decency, never giggle." There was additional counsel in the same vein: "Don't be noisy. The guffaw evinces less enjoyment than the quiet smile." Another exhortation: "Don't tease. Be witty, but impersonal." In accordance with astrological omens, I

hereby proclaim that all those instructions are utterly wrong for you right now. To sweetly align yourself with cosmic rhythms, you should giggle and guffaw and tease freely. If you're witty—and I hope you will be—it'll serve you well to be affectionate and personable.

Leo (July 23-August 22)

"Simplicity is about subtracting the obvious and adding the meaningful," writes designer John Maeda. "The ability to simplify means to eliminate the unnecessary so that the necessary may speak," says artist Hans Hofmann. "Simplicity strips away the superfluous to reveal the essence," declares a blogger named Cheo. I hope these quotes provide you with helpful pointers, Leo. You now have the opportunity to cultivate a masterful version of simplicity.

Virgo (August 23-September 22)

Your keynote is the Japanese word shizuka. According to photographer Masao Yamamoto, it means "cleansed, pure, clear, and untainted." One of his artistic practices is to wander around forests looking in the soil for "treasures" that emanate shizuka. So in his definition, the term isn't about being scrubbed or sanitized. Rather, he's interested in pristine natural phenomena

that are unspoiled by civilization. He regards them as food for his soul. I mention this, Virgo, because now is an excellent time for you to get big doses of people and places and things that are cleansed, pure, clear, and untainted.

Libra (September 23-October 22)

Libran blogger Ana-Sofia Cardelle writes candidly about her relationship with herself. She keeps us up to date with the ever-shifting self-images that float through her awareness. Here's one of her bulletins: "Stage 1. me: I'm the cutest thing in the world. Stage 2. me, two seconds later: no, I'm a freaking goblin. Stage 3. me, two seconds after that: I'm the cutest goblin in the world." I'm guessing that many of you Libras have reached the end of your own personal version of Stage 2. You've either already slipped into Stage 3, or soon will. No later than October 1, you'll be preparing to glide back into Stage 1 again.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

"There's no such thing as love," said Scorpio painter Pablo Picasso, "there are only proofs of love." I'm tempted to believe that's true, especially as I contemplate the current chapter of your life story. The evidence seems clear: you will thrive by engaging in practical demonstrations of how much you care. You'll be wise to tangibly help and support and encourage and inspire everyone and everything you love. To do so will make you eligible for blessings that are, as of this moment, still

hidden or unavailable.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

According to a Pew Research Study, nearly 75 percent of Americans say they talk to God, but only 30 percent get a reply. I'm guessing the latter figure will rise dramatically for Sagittarian Americans in the next three weeks, however. Why? Because the astrological indicators suggest that authorities of all kinds will be more responsive than usual to Sagittarians of all nationalities. Help from higher powers is likely to be both more palpable and more forthcoming. Any communications you initiate with honchos, directors, and leaders have a better-than-normal chance of being well-received.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

One day in October 1926, author Virginia Woolf inscribed in her diary, "I am the usual battlefield of emotions." It was a complaint, but also a brag. In fact, she drew on this constant turmoil to fuel her substantial output of creative writing. But the fact is that not all of us thrive on such ongoing uproar. As perversely glamorous and appealing as it might seem to certain people, many of us can do fine without it. According to my analysis, that will be true for you in the coming weeks. If you have a diary, you might justifiably write, "Hallelujah! I am NOT a battlefield of emotions right now!"

Aquarius (January 20-February 18)
Anthropologist Margaret

Mead had definite ideas about "the ways to get insight." She named them as follows: "to study infants; to study animals; to study indigenous people; to be psychoanalyzed; to have a religious conversion and get over it; to have a psychotic episode and get over it." I have my own list of ways to spur insight and inspiration, which includes: to do walking meditations in the woods on a regular basis, no matter what the weather; to spend a few hours reviewing in detail your entire life history; to dance to music you adore for as long as you can before you collapse from delighted exhaustion. What about you, Aquarius? What are your reliable ways to get insight? I suggest you engage in some of them, and also discover a new one. You're in the Flood of Radical Fresh Insights Phase of your astrological cycle.

Pisces (February 19-March 20)

Stanley Kubrick made masterful films, but most of them bore me. I regard John Ashbery as a clever and innovative poet, but I've never been excited by his work. As for painter Mark Rothko, I recognize his talent and intelligence, but his art leaves me empty. The music of Norah Jones is pretty and technically impeccable, but it doesn't move me. In the coming weeks, Pisces, I invite you to make the kinds of fine distinctions I'm describing here. It will be important for you to be faithful to your subjective responses to things, even as you maintain an objective perspective about them and treat them with respect.

NEWS OF THE

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Rude Awakening

Former English soccer star Gary Mabbutt, 57, traveled to South Africa in July to visit his daughter, who works at Kruger National Park, but it wasn't the exotic big game that left the most lasting impression on him. While he was sleeping, he later told the BBC, "... a rat has come into the bedroom, climbed into the bed and has decided to chew on my foot," which Mabbutt couldn't feel because he suffers from Type 1 diabetes and has little feeling in his foot. The rat "made quite a big hole in my toe, going down to the bone, and ate underneath my foot." Mabbutt was finally alerted to the rodent's presence when it bit his thumb and he saw his bloody foot. He flew back to the United Kingdom, where he underwent surgery and spent a week in the hospital. "All the opponents that I've played against," he said, "and I finally get taken out by a rat."

Bright Ideas

The animal rights group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals in Maine is seeking state permission to construct a permanent memorial to the 4,500 or so lobsters that perished on Aug. 22 when a truck carrying them crashed in Brunswick. The monument, a 5-foot-tall granite tombstone, would "remind everyone that the best way to prevent such tragedies is to go vegan," said Danielle Katz, director of PETA. The proposed wording for the stone is: "In memory of the lobsters who suffered and died at this spot August 2018, Try Vegan, PETA" and would include a graphic of a lobster. Of course, Maine residents are possibly the least sympathetic about their crustacean counterparts: The Portland Press Herald reports that in 2017, 110 million pounds of lobster were harvested in the state.

Harsh

Lifelong New York Knicks fan Evan Perlmutter, 33, finally hit the wall with his team. Fed up that the Knicks had been promising a better future for a decade, he told Bleacher Report, Perlmutter posted a listing on eBay to sell his

fandom. In the description, he promised to root for the team of the auction winner's choosing and "burn no less than three articles of Knicks memorabilia." Sure enough, he got a bite: James Riedel, 23, of Orange County, California, paid \$3,500 for Perlmutter's fandom on Aug. 24, converting Perlmutter into a Los Angeles Lakers fan. Perlmutter plans to attend a few Lakers games with Riedel and record his destruction of his Knicks gear for Riedel's YouTube channel.

Awwwwwww!

A first date spent surfing in Santa Cruz, California, last October ended in an unconventional first kiss when 56-year-old Max Montgomery collapsed from a heart attack on the beach. His date, Andi Traynor, a 45-year-old anesthesiologist, leaped into action, performing CPR until paramedics arrived. Montgomery underwent bypass surgery the next day, and he assured Traynor that she was under no obligation to keep seeing him. "Who wants to date someone who just had a heart attack? But she told me she was not going anywhere," he told The Daily Mail on Aug. 29, and in fact, the two are still together, having sealed their relationship with a "real" kiss.

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53. Sacred
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60. *Outerwear pullover
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24. Insurance industry statistician
25. *a.k.a. Prince of Prints
26. *Designer Mizrahi
27. Tragedy or comedy or satire
29. Frog's friend, according to Lobel
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33. *Salvatore Ferragamo's home country
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36. Balkan native
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45. Name of God in the Old Testament
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54. Deviating from truth
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Museum to offer Oakwood Cemetery tours Sept. 22

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The Lowell Area Historical Museum will offer tours of Oakwood Cemetery, 325 Fremont, on Saturday, Sept. 22 between 2 and 4 pm. Tourists will learn all about the many fascinating but obscure people buried there.

"It's free of charge, although donations are accepted," said Lisa Plank, the museum's executive director. "We'll have an entry booth at the entrance on Monroe, then we're going to have six museum volunteers stationed throughout the cemetery in different spots as guides. They'll have two main people that they're telling

about, then around 10 other people they know about in that area of the cemetery. We'll have balloons up in each area and people can go throughout the cemetery at their own pace, stopping



This picture of Howard Clare Gibson from his 1908 funeral postcard is one of the few photos of him in existence.

at each guide to learn about the people in that area. We're hoping to tell some of the stories about the interesting people in the cemetery. The guides will have pictures of some of the people or of their businesses, things like that. There are so many interesting stories out there in the cemetery."

"There are a lot of people here that are very interesting," said Luanne Kaeb, director of education and programming at the Lowell Area Historical Museum. "We wanted to do the Robert Graham family specifically, because they lived in the house where the museum is located today."

"He built our building, so he was significant to us in that respect, but he was also a local businessman and mason," Plank said. "He

also built the building that is now the North Country Trail headquarters. It looks like he also helped build the old post office in town, the one that's now the Lowell Serenity Club. We're currently doing research for an exhibit on him."

"Civil War Corporal Benjamin Morse is probably the most famous one," Kaeb said.

"There are quite a few Civil War veterans buried in the cemetery," Plank said.

The team at the museum was researching a young boy's untimely death when a man walked in with a rare photo of the boy printed on a commemorative funeral postcard.

"On July 4, 1908, when he was 14 years old, Howard Clare Gibson and his friends built a homemade pipe bomb or cannon, we're not sure which, on Main St.," Kaeb said. "They hid behind a building and set it off... except it didn't go off. Howard peeked around the corner, got struck in the face by shrapnel and died. Last week a man named Jon Muth brought an artifact in. His grandmother was Ruth Gibson and this boy, Howard Clare Gibson, was her brother. We never had a picture of him until he brought this in. This is going to be one of the first ones on the tour."

"It was very timely," Plank said. "She was in the middle of researching this, then all of a sudden, out of the blue this guy walks in with a photograph of someone that we didn't have any photographs of."

For information about everything going on at the museum, visit them on the Internet at lowellmuseum.org, find them on Facebook, call them at 616-897-7688, email them at history@lowellmuseum.org or visit them in person at 325 W. Main.

LOWELL BOY DIES.

Young Boy is Victim of Fourth of July Accident.

Howard Clare Gibson, fourteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gibson, died Saturday night July 4, 1908, as the result of injuries received in an explosion of powder in a gas-pipe cannon. The accident occurred Friday evening about eight o'clock on the corner just east of the mill on East Main street. Clare and two other boys had loaded the toy cannon with powder and lighted it, and then retreated out of danger, but Clare peered around the corner expecting it would discharge below him and when it exploded a piece of the pipe struck him in the head inflicting terrible injury to his face and brain. He was taken to Dr. Greene's office and cared for and then carried to his home where, after lingering a little more than twenty-four hours, he passed away Saturday night at eleven-thirty. The funeral service was held at the Methodist church Monday afternoon at two o'clock conducted by Rev. Russell H. Bready and interment was made at Oakwood cemetery.

Howard Clare Gibson was born in Lowell April 17, 1894, and was one of nine children. He had spent his entire life in Lowell, attending our public school and finishing the seventh grade the past June with highest honors, having ranked at the head of his class. He was known in school as a bright student, in the neighborhood where he lived as a boy of good habits, and thoughtful and faithful to his mother. The entire town mourn his death.

The story about Howard Clare Gibson's fatal accident in the July 9, 1908 Lowell Ledger.

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