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Exceptional weather for 50th Fallasburg Festival causes increase in attendance

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

They couldn't have planned better weather for the 50th annual Fallasburg Arts Festival last weekend. The event took place on Saturday and Sunday in the bright sunshine with cool breezes and temperatures fluctuating between the high 70s and low 80s. The pleasant weather caused a noticeable increase in attendance.

"We are at capacity. We actually were running out of parking at the covered bridge parking lot and the one here," said LowellArts executive director Lorain Smalligan. "For a while people had to wait for someone to leave in order to get a parking spot. The weather has been helpful. It might be a little on the warm and muggy side, but I think the nice weather brings people out. Plus it's such a beautiful park."

"I think it's a great, great opportunity for everybody," said Sandy Liu, one of the

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This year's quilt raffle was won by Michon Wiessen from Greenville.

Community Cleanup Day coming to fairgrounds

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Next week is your chance to get rid of all the old junk you'd normally have a hard time getting rid of.

From 8 am until 11 am on Sept. 29, volunteers from Timpson Transport, Lowell Light & Power, Comprenew, the Boy Scouts, Padnos, Roth Construction, LHS Interact Club and the Lowell Rotary Club will accept bulky, awkward and dangerous trash and recycling, items such as tires, furniture, carpet, ammunition, sheet metal, car engines, refrigerators, air conditioners, computers, batteries, boom boxes, oil, pesticides, lawn mowers, mattresses and just about anything you can name. The only refuse they won't take are latex paint, expired medicine, needles and fireworks.

"Our focus is to work collaboratively together for the good of the community," said Liz Baker from the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. "Organizing a cleanup day for our community is great way to see our focus at work and at the same time we are keeping our community clean."

Participation could have an effect your energy bill.

"Lowell Light & Power customers can recycle refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers and room air conditioning units," said LL&P general manager Steve

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City council report

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell city council had their latest regular meeting at city hall on Monday, Sept. 17. The meeting lasted 34 minutes and was attended by 15 citizens.

Three citizens spoke during public comment, each about the "Help Yourself Garden" at the corner of Main and Grove, recently ordered by the city to cease operating by the end of the month.

Joshua Webb, a Grove St. neighbor of the garden who spoke out against it at the last council meeting, said he has been bullied on social media ever since going public with his opposition.

"Ever since anybody that's been opposed to it has voiced their opinion, we've been criticized, we've been ridiculed, we've been ostracized from the community," Webb said. "It's the opposite of their intention of bringing the community together. They attacked my religious beliefs, my views, because I said that I go to church and I give there."

Webb also said that users of the garden that he has observed did not appear sufficiently needy to him. He suggested home gardeners donate their surplus produce to Flat River Outreach Ministries rather than leaving it at the garden's farmstand.

"They [the garden's owners] say their purpose is to feed the ones in need," Webb said. "Well, the majority of the people that we've witnessed utilizing the garden, they all have vehicles. They all drive to

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Paula Mierendorf suggested creating a community garden committee.

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Joshua Webb suggested bringing extra vegetables to FROM instead of the Help Yourself Garden farmstand.

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the garden. Those that that are truly in need, they don't have a vehicle."

Another Grove St. resident, Sally Hayden, said she felt afraid to speak out against the garden.

"It really disappoints me that we were not considered when the garden was created," Hayden said. "It directly impacts us and to not even be consulted, it's disappointing. I was and I still am afraid to speak up about this because, like Josh said, just to voice your concerns gets your house described on Facebook, people telling you that they're taking pictures of your house, it's nerve-racking. I'm still nervous to say that I'm worried about the traffic on my road, which is sad. We've been shamed, like Josh said, on Facebook for worrying about the traffic at our home."

Paula Mierendorf proposed creating a task force with citizens interested in maintaining the garden, city officials and local residents opposed to independent community gardens.

"Maybe now is a good time to put all of this on hold and maybe get together this winter," Mierendorf said. "I would be willing to be part of a committee or a group of people to work with the city to talk about where those lines are and where those rules are. For all we know we have five to 20 more people that are interested in starting a community garden in our areas and that's exciting. That's something we would love to embrace. Maybe what we can do is we can help our city council, and help our people in our neighborhoods make that a little easier so

that everybody understands where those rules are."

Two people who couldn't attend had letters read into the record. The first letter was an anti-garden statement sent in by Webb's sister in law from Pennsylvania, the second was from a local resident who suggested moving the garden near the Englehardt Library.

The council voted to pay Williams and Works \$13,500 for a feasibility study of the future use of Recreation Park once the Kent County Youth Fair moves to Deer Run Golf Course. A definitive timeline for the move has not been set.

"We have requested Williams and Works to approach this study in phases," said city manager Michael Burns. The first phase would be

for background with city administration and other key representatives regarding the property. We would then begin a community outreach phase where we would hold a charrette to show different design and use options. We would also have surveying where we are going to take information from those engagements and utilize [it] towards designing a plan. After this, we would finalize the plan and take steps to begin implementation once the fairgrounds were to leave."

Lowell city council's next regular meeting will be at city hall at 7 pm on Monday, Oct. 1. They will also meet with the public at a Coffee with the Council event at the Chamber of Commerce building on the Riverwalk from 8 until 10 am on Saturday, Oct. 6.

Cleanup, continued

Donkersloot. "When they do so, LL&P customers will receive a rebate. All other items cannot be recycled [by LL&P]."

"Hazardous [waste disposal] is another popular service provided by Kent County Department of Public Works," Baker said. "Our 2017 [event] was at capacity and it was one of their largest events in Kent County."

Electronics are one of the most common things people discard at Community Cleanup Day. At last year's event, they took care of 21,178 pounds of electronics, including 11,323 pounds of CRT TVs, 1,324 pounds of CRT monitors, 611 pounds of LCDs, 1,365 pounds of PCs, 1,021 pounds of

printers and 5,534 pounds of "miscellaneous electronics." This year there will be a fee for certain items, and you'd better hit the ATM on your way because they'll only take cash.

"In the last couple of years, Community Cleanup Day has been able to recycle many electronics and TVs," Baker said. "We hope that trend continues. This year there will be a small charge for CRTs, televisions and monitors depending on their size. Between \$10 and \$20, cash only."

Community Cleanup Day is sponsored by the Greater Lowell Community Vision, a group made up of Lowell Area Schools, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, City of Lowell, Lowell Charter

& Vergennes Township. Their partners in the event are Lowell Light & Power, Comprenew, Kent County Department of Public Works, Timpson Transport, Roth Construction, Lowell Boy Scout Troop 102, Padnos, City of Lowell Department of Public Works, Kent County Youth Fair, Lowell Rotary Club and Lowell High School Interact Club.

"Many people look forward to this event every fall," Donkersloot said. "It's a great way to help the community properly dispose of household appliances, electronics and other hazardous wastes."

"We ask that [you limit yourselves to] one trailer/pickup truck load per household," Baker said. "We have seen a U-Haul come in with trash!"



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LHS grad plans to run from San Fran. to Boston

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Amber Curtis, a 19 year old LHS graduate and current GVSU student, plans to run from San Francisco to Boston next summer to raise \$10,000 for the Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults.

“There are going to be about 30 of us college students from around the country, we’ll split into pairs and it’ll be a relay-style run,” Curtis said. “Two people run for two or three miles, then you get back in the van and the next two people run, then they get back in the van and you run again. You switch partners every day so you get to know everyone. They’re figuring out the exact route we’re doing, so I’m still not sure about that.”

According to Google Maps, San Francisco to Boston is a 3,087 mile trip on foot. Route highlights

will include the Golden Gate Bridge, Grand Teton National Park, Yellowstone National Park, Chicago, Lake Placid and the Adirondack Mountains.

“There are other routes, there’s also San Francisco to Baltimore and San Francisco to New York. I chose the Boston one,” Curtis said. “I looked at the routes that people did last year, and this passed through more national parks, was more scenic and took more stops. I have not been to those areas of the country before, this will be my first time. I love traveling, and running will be a better way to see everything. I hope maybe my friends and family will visit me along the way. I know my dad is bringing me to San Francisco to get started and I’m kind of hoping my mom can pick me up in Boston.”



Curtis' route as calculated by Google Maps.

Curtis is 19 and is majoring in marketing and management, with a minor in Spanish, at Grand Valley State University. Her career goal is “to eventually be able to market around the world.” Cancer is a personal issue for her, so in addition to her education she is also committed to getting sponsors and training for the big run. The longest distance Curtis has previously run was about 12 miles.

“My goal is to raise \$10,000. Right now I’m only at \$385,” Curtis said. “Being a part of the Lowell community, the home of the Pink Arrow Pride project, where everybody is impacted by cancer, I thought it was doable to meet my goal. When I was younger my grandma died of pancreatic cancer. A little later on my mom was diagnosed with malignant melanoma. It has returned before so she has to go back for check-ups once

in a while. There are a lot more. My dad’s best friend was diagnosed with prostate cancer not too long ago, my best friend’s mom had pancreatic cancer as well, the list never ends.”

The Ulman Cancer Fund was founded by Doug Ulman, a Brown University student who was diagnosed with multiple cancers at a young age. According to its website, the fund’s

goal is “to enhance lives by supporting, education, and connecting young adults, their families, and friends who are affected by cancer.” You can help sponsor Curtis by visiting ulman.z2systems.com/amber-curtis

“Besides raising money for cancer, I also want to inspire people to push themselves to greater limits and show them that no challenge is too great to conquer,” Curtis said.



August's LPD statistics

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell Police Department made 30 arrests during the month of August, down from 32 arrests in July. The arrests included two drug law violations, three for drunk driving, five for driving with a suspended license, one alcohol violation, nine for outstanding warrants and 10 that are described in the police department’s statistics as “other arrests.” That adds up to a grand total of 233 people arrested by Lowell Police during the first eight months of the year.

LPD also responded to plenty of misdemeanors during August. There were 10 larceny calls, three disorderly conduct calls, one malicious destruction call and five assaults. Lowell police issued 73 citations and notified eight residents about ordinance violations. They were called for assistance 73 times and were dispatched to 17 accidents. Out of 183 traffic stops in August, they let 139 drivers go with a warning.

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Detroit Free Press article underscores need to reform Michigan's broken, outdated auto no-fault system

Reforms needed to end unscrupulous practices by greedy trial lawyers

A recent report by the Detroit Free Press shines a spotlight on a loophole in Michigan's broken, outdated auto no-fault law that allows lawyers to bilk accident victims out of hundreds of thousands of dollars that would otherwise cover their cost of care.

The Free Press found two instances in which a no-fault attorney took thousands of dollars a month out of a car crash victim's benefits, which ultimately totaled \$1.67 million over 16 years.

"The report by the Detroit Free Press underscores the urgent need to reform Michigan's broken, outdated auto

no-fault system, and stop greedy trial lawyers from taking money from accident victims that should help with their care," said Pete Kuhnmuensch, executive director of the Insurance Alliance of Michigan. "We urge lawmakers to make reforming Michigan's broken, outdated auto no-fault system their number one priority when they return to Lansing."

Michigan's auto no-fault law allows attorneys to take long-term fees from accident victims, amounting to one-third of their benefit check, every month. Attorneys are required to tell their clients that they can obtain no-fault benefits on their own, without legal help. "We want to keep our

rates low for our citizens, and that's not a way to keep our rates low," Kevin Clinton, executive director of the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association, told the Free Press.

House Bill 5013, which fell just shy of passing last fall, would have put an end to this morally reprehensible practice. The bill was ultimately defeated by special interests that benefit from the status quo.

"Michigan's broken, outdated auto no-fault system has long been a golden goose for big medical providers and greedy trial lawyers, and this is just another example of why they want to protect the status quo," Kuhnmuensch said.

Secretary of State hires more staff to prepare for Driver Responsibility Fee Law repeal

Secretary Johnson thanks legislators for funds to boost numbers

In an effort to shorten wait times at offices, Secretary of State Ruth Johnson announced her office is hiring additional staff for offices across the state to address increased transaction numbers when tens of thousands of residents regain eligibility for driver's licenses upon the elimination of the Driver Responsibility Fee Law on Oct. 1.

The Legislature eliminated Driver Responsibility Fees this year and approved \$1 million for Johnson's office to hire more customer-service employees through next year. Johnson also directed that unspent funds her office conserved through cost savings be put toward the hiring effort to make offices more convenient to visit.

"We are adding more clerks to address the expected increase in customer volume," Johnson

said. "I am grateful to lawmakers and Gov. Snyder for eliminating Driver Responsibility Fees and allowing us to add staff to serve the many thousands of people who will be coming in to obtain a new license and a fresh start."

Adding staff will help offices manage the wave of applicants who have had their suspensions lifted due to the elimination of the Driver Responsibility Fee law. The number of transactions also is up at offices due to Michigan's greatly improved economy, Johnson said.

Some positions have been filled with part-time workers and student assistants, and the Secretary of State's Office is seeking candidates for those vacated part-time positions on the state's job openings website. State government jobs also can be found at www.Michigan.gov/jobs.

As a state representative in 2003, Johnson voted against driver responsibility fees. As secretary of state,

she pushed for repealing the burdensome and unfair Driver Responsibility Fee law, successfully advocating for lawmakers to eliminate the most common fees in 2011, to create a community service option for certain fees in 2015 and finally to phase out all fees.

Driver Responsibility Fees were an additional fee automatically charged for various traffic violations on top of regular traffic citation fines and court costs. The fees could be higher than the ticket that caused it. Unlike traditional court fines and fees in which a judge can take into consideration a driver's ability to pay and order alternatives, such as payment plans or community service in lieu of payment, the automatically assessed Driver Responsibility Fees cannot be waived or reduced by a judge. Find out more at michigan.gov/driverresponsibility.

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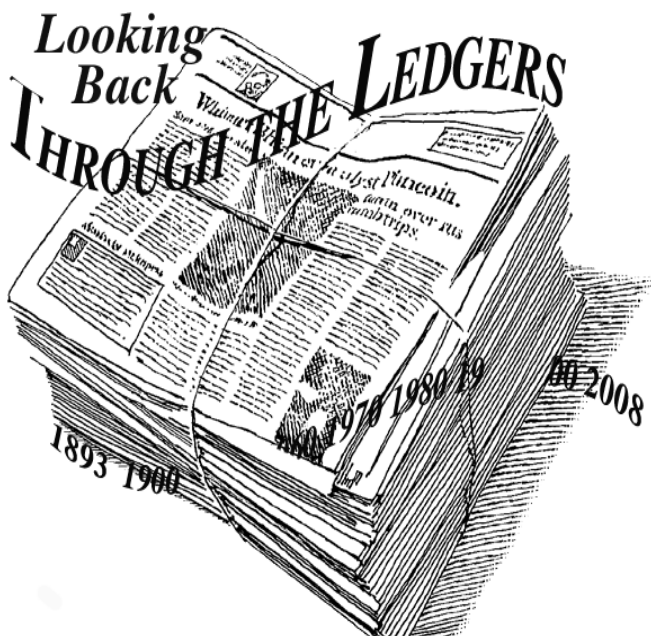
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125 years ago Lowell Journal September 20, 1893

The race on the Fair Assn. track last Saturday netting the Assn. \$7.00.

B.H. Hicks who was arrested some time ago for taking indecent liberties with a little girl was sentenced by Judge Burlingame last Thursday to eight years in Jackson state prison.

Seven gentlemen from Gd. Rapids are camping on Crooked Lake. Sunday one of them went for a row, and when a short distance from shore his gun was accidentally discharged fracturing his arm in a frightful manner. He was taken to the Dr's office and made as comfortable as possible. He begged to be taken home and in the afternoon, he was taken on a bed in an easy carriage by H. Laughlin to the U.B.A. home while on the way the wound bled profusely. He was unconscious when they reached this destination. His recovery is very doubtful.

Mrs. Owen McGee fell down stairs while at the wedding last week, breaking her shoulder. She is doing well.

Elder Mange will not preach here again. Mr. Martin, of Lowell will take his place.

100 years The Lowell Ledger September 19, 1918

There were seventeen entries in The Ledger's missing word contest this week. Mrs. George Lee and Mrs. Ida Denick will divide the first prize and Mrs. Clyde Condon and Miss Leah Pletcher will do the same by the second, ties having been made in each case. Our rules failed to provide for cases of this kind; but this is fair and the rule will be observed during the rest of the contest.

Sat., Sept. 28 and Mon., Sept. 30 are designated as days for volunteer subscriptions for the fourth Liberty loan. Lowell must go over the top. All must do their best. The boys in France are watching - so is the Kaiser. What heartens the boys disheartens the Kaiser. Which do you favor?

If you want to get 54¢ a pound for butterfat this week, take it to Mrs. F.W. Braisted, Lowell and Mrs. Bessie Wilson, Moseley. You will get an absolutely accurate test and weight, as all cream is weighed and tested in the open where you can see it and you can get your pay right away.

A letter has been received by a friend of Paul Judd of Co. K., 126th Inf., saying he was back off the lines after a ten-day chase of the Crown Prince's famous Prussian Guards.

75 years The Lowell Ledger September 23, 1943

Patriotic, public-spirited Lowell business men have contributed over \$300 in prizes, to stimulate the sales of War Bonds at a gigantic mass meeting which is to be held at the high school, next Tuesday night at 7:30. A band concert, the most outstanding movie of the war, and a real live auctioneer to sell bonds, as a part of the big jamboree. Prospective Bond buyers are urged to attend this meeting and have a good time.

A soldier home on furlough says that Germany must be scraping the bottom of the barrel for manpower, as many German prisoners who have arrived at Camp Grant are mere boys, 15 to 17.

"My Friend Flicka," the famous serial story by Mary O'Hara, which has been running in the Ledger for the past several weeks, will be the main feature at the Strand Theatre next Sunday and Monday. The picture will be in technicolor and should be especially interesting to Ledger readers.

Sgt. Ronald Acheson remembered his mother, Mrs. Arthur Acheon, with a birthday wish in the form of a telegram last Wednesday afternoon, sent from the South Pacific where he is stationed.

Some people find fault with newspapers, on the ground that they print too many items of small personal gossip. Where is or that person went on some journey, what friends were entertained, etc. The personal side of news is important. It helps people know what is going on in the community, it obtains recognition for good work, it draws people closer together by letting them know what their friends are doing. The things most emphasized are the news of organizations, business, and local government. These tell the people about social programs, and help all agencies that keep community life going and prosperous.

50 years The Lowell Ledger September 19, 1968

There will no referendum on the November ballot calling for voter opinion on the sale of liquor by the glass in the City of Lowell...but for just a few moments Monday night the City Council almost permitted the issue to reach the polls. The council listened to Chas. Bartlett, local tavern owner, who presented petitions bearing the signatures of the estimated 270 city residents, and upon motion by Councilman Herb Reynolds, moved to place the matter before voters if the city attorney decided it was legal to do so.

Dog owners in Lowell today were warned that permitting their pets to run loose or to bark incessantly could result in citations for violation of the city's nuisance ordinance. Police Chief Avery Block said the department has received numerous complaints in recent days from irate neighbors.

Mayor Arnold Wittenbach has officially proclaimed September 17-23 as "Constitution Week" in the City of Lowell. The local campaign to observe this patriotic project is being conducted under the auspices of the Sophie de Marsac Campau Chapter DAR.

Wolverine Industries of Grand Rapids buys Newell Manufacturing.

Finding no ways to eliminate all budget deficits in the coming year, the school board considers another millage vote.

Traffic counters are installed at the corner of Main and Monroe to check weather a stoplight is needed.

A Battle Creek woman writes to Gov. Romney that Lowell school buses are overloaded. Her figures are incorrect, says Supt. Pace.

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to the editor

To the Editor,

In P.M. Forni's book "Choosing Civility" he quotes Tolstoy: "Happiness does not depend on outward things, but on the way we see them."

It is clear that we as a community are divided along the lines of our nation. It is good to have the discussion yet equally important to listen to and think about opposing views. This is best accomplished by focusing on facts and issues while refraining from personal attacks.

It continues to be difficult for me to embrace the only President ever endorsed by the American Nazi Party and the Klu Klux Klan. His rhetoric regarding jailing political opponents, irrespective of the rule of law, and attacking the First Amendment continue to reinforce those endorsements.

My prayer is that we focus on issues rather than personal attacks to continue the Enlightenment Government envisioned by our Founding Fathers.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Misner

Vergennes Twp.
An Honorably Discharged Veteran from a Well
Regulated Militia

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To the Editor,

Hello Lowell, the Grinch of Lowell has entered and taken away the love of gardening from the people who love to garden and get good free food to enjoy and love.

I myself, a member of Lowell for many, many years, now in my long years, would be very unhappy if I were unable to get and partake of the given something taken away.

Come now Grinch you must give them the chance to find a way to get that dirt in their hands and feel the wonder that God has and some of His people who want to help others can get some of the bounty.

Granny says you should not do that, give them a chance, God is frowning on you.

Lowell Gardener "Lover."
Helen Vezino
Lowell

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.

business matters



Greenridge Realty announced that Joshua McCracken received Sales Person of the Month in August.

This award recognizes McCracken for his outstanding success and achievements.



health

- hepatitis a

Hepatitis A is a contagious viral infection of the liver. The virus causes liver inflammation which can cause liver dysfunction.

The virus spreads by eating or drinking something contaminated with tiny amounts of fecal matter containing the virus. It is not spread by respiratory means. More specifically, it can be spread by eating food prepared by someone who doesn't wash their hands after using the toilet, drinking contaminated water, eating raw shellfish from water polluted by sewage.

Risk factors include: travel to third world

countries, child care center workers, drug use, HIV positive, sexual contact with another person who has hepatitis A.

Symptoms include: fatigue, nausea and vomiting, right upper quadrant abdominal pain, dark urine, fevers, itching, joint pain, and jaundice.

Unlike other types of hepatitis, this form does not cause long term damage or become chronic. In rare cases it can cause liver failure.

Practicing good hygiene by frequently washing hands is the best way to prevent hepatitis A.

outdoors

exploring

Dave Stegehuis

Research is extensive and well documented on how connecting with nature has a positive influence on the physical and emotional well-being of humans. If one accepts this concept and wishes to improve one's quality of life then the next step is to find ways to make or expand this connection in our lives.

Our culture and economy make it difficult for a lot of folks to get out and about in natural settings. The urban and suburban life style is becoming more common and popular. Time spent on digital media is distracting people from having real experiences. Young people are particularly vulnerable.

For those who were raised in a bygone era, it is clear that parenting has become an intense hands on responsibility for modern parents. Management of the time and activities of children to maximize benefits for the child is a priority in most families. If parents or guardians take on this responsibility then they have an obligation to explore opportunities for the growth and development of children and young adults. It is important to introduce children to nature early if possible, but it is better late than never for anybody, no matter what the age he or she may be.

Everybody should get outdoors on a regular schedule for their physical and mental health. A portion of the population goes beyond minimum outdoor exposure to where their involvement with nature is a significant part of their life. In some cases, like my own, it is not just what we do it is who we are.

Hunting and fishing are popular pursuits in Michigan. Either of these activities offer an intimate connection with the natural world but may not be for everyone. Hiking, paddling, golfing, photography, or just regular walks in the woods or on a trail provides time to focus on the greater world around us. Gardening provides a very direct link to the earth and its bounty. In our country we have the freedom and opportunity to take advantage of vast natural resources, so there is always something for everyone.

Whenever the outdoors activity may be, young folks should have meaningful exposure to nature to allow them to make decisions about choosing interests that could provide a better quality of life for them in the future. Give them the opportunity to explore the possibilities.

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Life is not a matter of holding good cards, but of playing a poor hand well.

— Robert Louis Stevenson

Alto Harvest Festival celebrates 38 years

by Kathryn Atwood contributing reporter

A local family tradition for nearly four decades, the Alto Harvest Festival & Car Show celebrated its 38th year in the small community closing down the streets for a day of wholesome family fun.

Organized by volunteers and supported by community sponsors and the Alto Downtown Development Authority, the Alto Harvest Festival & Car Show is a highly anticipated and well-attended event each year. The festival draws many a car enthusiast, as well as, many families to enjoy the low cost and free activities provided.

Events began with a sunrise breakfast at the Bowne Township Fire Department. The fundraising meal featured pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and more. Proceeds raised through donations benefit the first responders who call the station home. Kicking off in the downtown district during the three hour

breakfast was registration for the car show and the delivery of entries to the baking contest, which awards the most delectable dessert and then evolved into a rousing game of baking bingo.

Officially beginning at 9 am, the festival's car show drew more than 200 cars this year spanning all decades, brands and bright paint color. The large show expanded its route this fall moving off Depot Street where it normally resides and expanding to all areas of the festival. Opening ceremonies featuring Alto Person-of-the-Year, Janet Van Wyck, took place at 10 am and were followed by the opening of several activities aimed at entertaining younger attendees. Options for children included a scavenger hunt, several inflatables, a petting zoo and face painting.

Other highlights of the celebration included arts and crafts, food booths, a library book sale, a pie eating contest and traditional bingo inside the Alto American Legion.



Local families watch as classic cars exit town after the Harvest Festival.

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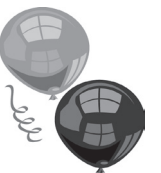
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SEPTEMBER 21

Deanna Anchors, Renee Fox, Rich Briseno, Joseph Scott, Megan Racine, Ethan VanDerWarf, Grayson VanDyke.

SEPTEMBER 22

Rosie Fonger, Jennifer Haan, Tara Thornton, Linda Barnes.

SEPTEMBER 23

Steve VanLaan, Mike Racine.

SEPTEMBER 24

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SEPTEMBER 25

Carolyn Thaler, Sara Swift, Carol Wingeier, Patricia Mull.

Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) offering Neighbor to Neighbor program

Program will help those living in the Lowell Area School District with weatherization projects

Do you need help weatherizing your home before the colder weather comes? Do you know someone who needs insulation or weather stripping to cut down on their energy costs? Flat River Outreach Ministries' Neighbor to Neighbor program (N2N) may be able to help!

This year N2N is teaming up with the Lowell Rotary Club and Impact Church's Love week to provide volunteers to address small weatherization projects for homeowners who live in the Lowell

Area School District. The program matches minor weatherization projects with volunteers who are capable of completing the work at no cost to the homeowner. Individuals in need simply fill out the N2N application for themselves or for someone they know.

Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) will review all the N2N applications and contact the homeowner for additional information and to determine if the work needed fits within the N2N guidelines. If the project is approved, volunteers from Lowell Rotary and Impact Church's Love Week will be assigned and the work being completed on October 20. New this year,

homeowners will be asked to participate in the process in some way.

"This program is unique because it allows volunteers to come together on a project that meets a visible need for our neighbors," says Dawn Broene, executive director at FROM. "This year we are encouraging the homeowner to get involved in the process. We know not everyone has the skills or ability to do the work themselves, but we feel having the homeowner involved in some way, whether working alongside a volunteer or sharing their knowledge and insight, enriches the experience for everyone involved. The program shows what we can do when we work together; neighbor to neighbor."

Examples of projects that will be considered include installing insulation and weather stripping, checking a furnace, wrapping pipes and more. The volunteers plan to complete about eight to ten projects and want homeowners to know that filling out the application does not guarantee the group will be able to take on your project, but all those who submit wishes will be contacted.

This continued success of this program would not be possible without partnerships with The Lowell Ledger, Lowell Rotary, Impact Church's Love Week volunteers and the Lowell community.

Wishes can be

submitted now through October 5, 2018 to Flat River Outreach Ministries (11535 Fulton Street East, Lowell) or by emailing

the completed application to info@fromlowell.org. Submission of wishes does not guarantee that the wishes will be granted.



It's time for Michigan residents to get their flu vaccine

Michigan residents are being urged by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to get flu vaccines to protect themselves from potentially life-threatening influenza amidst the first confirmed cases in the state.

"Now is the time for Michigan residents to get their flu immunization to make sure they are protected from the flu season," said Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive for MDHHS. "The flu should be taken seriously because it can have serious and even deadly consequences."

Three Michigan residents this week tested positive for seasonal influenza – the Influenza A (H1N1) virus. A resident who attended a conference in Grand Rapids and two

family members tested positive for the virus after approximately 120 attendees of the conference reported illnesses. Testing is ongoing in Michigan and in other states, as attendees of the conference were from around the country.

An annual flu vaccination is the best way to prevent getting the flu and its complications.

The flu is a contagious respiratory virus that often causes fever, sore throat, cough, body aches, runny or stuffy nose, headaches and fatigue. People already infected with the flu can spread the virus to others even before they feel sick.

Everyone six months of age and older should receive a flu vaccine every year.

While most people who get influenza recover,

others may develop more serious complications. It is especially important that children, adults ages 65 years and older, persons with chronic health conditions, and pregnant women get vaccinated against the flu. Flu vaccination for pregnant women protects both the mother and the unborn child.

Influenza outbreaks associated with settings where people have close, prolonged contact, such as long-term care facilities, schools, college dorms, and conferences, are not

uncommon during the influenza season and can even occur during times of low influenza virus circulation, such as during the summer.

Influenza testing should be considered when a patient has signs and symptoms, regardless of the season.

With many young people heading to college, it's a good idea to get a flu vaccine before heading to campus.

There is no way to know when flu activity will be widespread in communities,

which is why Michigan residents should get vaccinated against the flu now before they are exposed to a flu virus. It takes about two weeks to be fully protected after vaccination.

For more information about vaccinations in Michigan, visit www.michigan.gov/immunize and www.michigan.gov/flu. To find a vaccine near you, visit <http://vaccine.healthmap.org>

INVITATION TO BID PURCHASE OF 2560 BOWES ROAD

The City of Lowell, Michigan will receive sealed bids at the City Clerk's Office, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331 to purchase the parcel owned by the City located at 2560 Bowes Road until Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 11:00 AM.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at that time in the Flat River Conference Room of the Lowell City Office, 301 East Main St., Lowell Michigan. Bids should be submitted in sealed envelopes plainly marked "Purchase of 2560 Bowes – CITY OF LOWELL."

Bids are being solicited from those interested in owning the property. The Property is currently zoned Industrial. Minimum purchase price for the property is \$20,000. The City will convey the property by quit claim deed and will not provide either a survey, title insurance or an environmental representation with respect to the property.

Proposal forms and specifications are on file for the inspection of bidders at the Lowell City Offices, 301 East Main Street and copies may be obtained by qualified bidders. Bidders can also go to www.ci.lowell.mi.us to receive a copy of the bid.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept any bid, or portion thereof, which, in its opinion, is most advantageous to the City.



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GRATTAN TOWNSHIP Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m. Synopsis of Minutes September 10, 2018

Motions Approved:

1. Weller Consent Judgement.
2. Resolution 2018-025 Swaney Sewer Extension.
3. Firefighter applicant Chelsea Chrisman.
4. Electrical Inspector Jim Thorington.
5. New Fire Truck.
6. Resolution 2018-023 POW Recognition Day.

Our next Township Meetings will be a **PUBLIC HEARING September 24 at 7 p.m. and a regular meeting October 15 at 7 p.m.**

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

Festival, continued



Kim Ensich demonstrating her paper collage method.

volunteers at the Lowell United Methodist food booth. “It’s fun. I love it whenever our community comes together and does things together.”

“It is going amazingly well today,” Susan Stouffer, a volunteer at the Lowell

Women’s Club food booth. “This is the best year we’ve had. It’s sunny but it’s cool. There’s a little breeze, it’s a little cloudy. It’s fairly nice weather.”

“This is my first year as a vendor but I have attended as a customer,” said artist

Mary Bradshaw from Grand Rapids. “Everyone is very nice out here. I like the people the community, the warmth. Being a vendor is more fun because I get to meet everybody and talk to everybody. I’m enjoying myself.”

“The crowd has been amazing, there are a ton of people here,” said artist Kim Ensich from Van Buren Twp., another Fallasburg Festival first-timer. “I haven’t had a chance to walk around too much, but there is some nice artwork here. There are a lot of different things, basket weaving, fine jewelry, paintings, pottery, metal, and lots of stuff to see. It’s a very nice show. I’ve seen many people purchasing things.”

“This is one event I look forward to,” said Paul Geer, who has been selling fragrant plants at the festival for the past 30 years. “It’s the major flower show that I do. This is my 30th year. It’s a juried festival and we feel very lucky to get in every year. We try to stay ahead of the curve without becoming redundant.”



It wasn’t all fine art, you could also get a caricature done.

– then I paint and stain them. When they’re dry I rip, shred and tear them and then I glue them back together to create the collage image. When they’re done I varnish them. Some of them also have different types of fiber in them like silk, wool or cotton.”

Bradshaw had various products like quilts and baskets, all made out of what would otherwise have been discarded fabric scraps.

“I am selling coiled fabric baskets made with remnant fabrics from other quilting projects or fabrics that I found at Goodwill,” Bradshaw said. “I make lots of baskets. Everybody needs a basket. Don’t you have stuff? You need a basket for it!”

All of the live music at the festival was by local bands and artists. On Saturday, the crowd heard the Bruce Matthews Band, Paddy’s Cure, Fauxgrass, Hawks and Owls, Josh Rose and the Founding Fathers.



Missy Berg from Ability Weavers doing a live rug making demonstration.



Acoustic band Hawks & Owls were one of the local groups who played at the festival.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

APPLICANT: Ryan Riebel

REQUEST: Special Land Use to establish a Home-Based Business, specifically a landscape business on a property that contains a single-family dwelling that is owned and occupied by the applicant. The property consists of 10.01 acres and is zoned AG-2, Rural Agricultural.

LOCATION: 1767 Parnell Avenue SE.

PARCEL NUMBER: 41-20-06-426-004

The public is invited to attend this hearing which will be held as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2018

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
LOWELL, MI 49331

The proposed site plan and other materials pertaining to this project are available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Tim Clements, Secretary
Lowell Charter Township
Planning Commission

There were 100 artist booths with evidence of just about every type of creative impulse you can imagine, including jewelry, sculptures, ceramics, glass, fiber, mixed media art, woodworking, paintings, drawings, photography, floral arrangements, basketry, print-making and plenty more.

Geer takes long stalks of vibrantly colored foliage, ties them together and sells them as either decorations or air fresheners.

“Today I am making bundles of Sweet Annie, a fragrant herb,” Geer said. “People put it in their boot closets, in their basements wherever it’s musty. It refreshes the air. I just sit here and make them all day.”

Ensich’s paintings included collages, encaustic artwork and “echo prints” made from her garden plants.

“Most of the paintings that I have here today are layered paper and fiber collage,” Ensich said. “I take all kinds of paper - printmaking paper, watercolor paper, Japanese paper, rice paper



Artisans demonstrated various skills, including woodworking.

Sunday’s live entertainment was by Lighting Matches, Steam Powered Bluegrass, the Cheater Bs and the Adams Family.

“What we really try to do is use as many local musicians as possible,” Smalligan said. “Bruce from Hawks and Owls grew up in Lowell, they’re playing right now. After them is Josh Rose who teaches up at the high school, he’s fantastic.”

Food vendors were Lowell Women’s Club, Lowell First United Methodist Church, First Congregational Church of Lowell, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lowell Historical Museum, Fallasburg Historical Society, Lowell Rotary Club, Alto Lions Club, Lowell Area Fire Department and Lowell Music Boosters. For many of these groups, the food they sell at this festival is one of their major annual fundraisers.

“We have hoagies with peppers, onions and marinara sauce, pepperoni pizza, our members chipped in and made homemade pumpkin pies with whipped cream, and

Festival, continued



There were big crowds at this year's Fallsburg Arts Festival.

we have a choice of drinks," Stouffer said. "The proceeds go toward scholarships for our [LHS] senior girls. It's kind of a competition, they earn 'hours' by participating in events like this. We want

Denise Cadwallader and Shirley Carlson. We started making it on Thursday, it took from noon until ten o'clock at night. On Friday we set up the booth. Today and tomorrow we're here

we've added onto the Sunday school rooms, we have taken a floor loom and taught the ladies how to weave rugs and we've taken sewing machines and taught them how to sew. It's a marvelous thing. They're like family now."

The Fallsburg Village Bazaar up the street was also had increased traffic this year.

"This is great," said Nancy Stroosnyder, treasurer of the Whites Bridge Historical Society. "I don't think I've seen this much traffic since the first year I was here. The article in the Ledger helped. We've seen a lot of people and had a lot more traffic."

Whites Bridge was built across the Flat River in 1869. It was a popular local landmark for 144 years until an arsonist burned it down on July 7, 2013. The perpetrator of this crime has never been caught. If you have any information about the fire, call the Lowell Police Department.

"It's going to be rebuilt next year," Stroosnyder said. "We got all the money and the grants put together last year and we have a contractor. Next week they'll begin work on the fieldstone abutments on either side of the bridge, but I don't think that construction of the



actual bridge will take place until sometime next year. They're working on shop drawings right now. Once those are complete they can order timbers. By that time I think it's going to be too far into the year to begin construction. Hopefully by this time next year we'll have a bridge."

There were also artists and other vendors at the bazaar with products such as birdhouses, soap, fudge, jewelry, bags and stone art.

"I am selling my handmade glass wind chimes, said artist Karen Roden from Belmont. "We get the glass from a vendor in Rockford. All the wood is Lake Superior driftwood. My husband

Steve Roden and I go up and collect it. I mark the glass so Steve knows what length and size I want it, then he cuts it, sands it and drills a hole in it. We cut the wood; I sand it and then treat it with a wood oil so it lasts, so it doesn't get brittle and fall apart. Then I put them together. They're like my kids. Sometimes one will take me all day because I fret over it so bad. If I don't like where a piece is, I have to move it. I come up with the color schemes. It's not random."

More photos on back page!



Paul Geer making yard and home decorations out of flowers and other plants.

them to be involved in the community and involved with us. This is one of the ways they earn points."

"Our church has had a food booth here for generations," Liu said. "We make squash bisque soup from scratch, walking tacos and wraps to order. The food was made by myself, Tamara Brubaker, Chris Myers, Marsha Ray,


selling and it's fun. We have a sister church relationship with a church in Costa Rica. We go on mission trips and this is one of our biggest fundraisers for those trips. We help them by doing a lot of building and construction projects at their church. We helped build a feeding center for their kids, a parsonage,



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Red Arrow

- CROSS COUNTRY

SPORTS

Cross country teams place first and second at Sparta Invitational last Saturday

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Packing a one, two punch at the Sparta Invitational last Saturday, the girls and boys varsity cross country teams enjoyed another successful run that earned the combined teams first and second in their respective divisions.

Claiming the championship spot for the second time this season the Lady Arrows earned their first place finish with 40 points for the long distance runners. Touting six medal finishes the team stuck tightly together on the course with the difference between first and fifth

place finisher at just 1:46. Consistent senior runner Haley Nieuwkoop led Lowell again placing first among her teammates and third overall with a time of 20:30.

Also taking home individual hardware for their finish were sixth place finisher junior Jada

Millhisler who ran a 20:52, seventh place finisher junior Audrey Conrad who clocked a 20:56, freshman Lauren Swain who placed eleventh with a time of 21:55, junior Alexis Haines who placed thirteenth with a time of 22:16 and fourteenth place finisher senior Lauren Aud who crossed the finish line at 22:21. Junior Jennifer Cooper rounded out Lowell scorers placing 21st with a time of 22:36.

Scoring slightly better but placing slightly lower the boys came in with a combined points total of just 37 and finishing in

second place. The team was led by junior Caleb Swart who placed second overall with a time of 16:48 and who, like Nieuwkoop, has led each race this season. His top performance was followed by that of fellow medal winners junior Ben Kinnucan who placed sixth with a time of 17:21, junior Lucas Cossar who placed seventh with a time of 17:25, tenth place finisher junior Nigel Mika who clocked a time of 17:44, senior Calvin Simmet who came in twelfth with a time of 17:48 and freshman Keegan Carter who came in just

under the wire at nineteenth clocking an 18:07.

The team will travel to Cedar Springs High School on Wednesday for the second OK White Jamboree of the season. The gents will kick off the competition at 5 pm followed by the ladies at 5:45. They will then host their second and final home event of the regular season on Saturday when they welcome area teams to the annual Bob Perry Memorial Invitational. Race time will begin at 9 am for this special tribute event.

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Lowell girls varsity cross country team claimed their second championship this season in Sparta. (Photo provided by Lowell Cross Country)

Sports Summaries

GIRLS SWIMMING

Earning their first conference win of the season and a second place invitational finish the co-op Lowell-Caledonia-South Christian girls varsity swim and dive team is off to a hot start this season. Traveling to battle Grand Rapids Union on Thursday the ladies topped their opponent with a score of 134-36. The combined team saw success from Kayla Huyser, Maggie Sova, Lexi Wilcox and Emma Norman in the 200 medley relay along with top individual performances from Norman and Riley Keegstra. On Saturday the team headed to the Spring Lake Invitational where they placed second with a score of 400. Top performances were earned by Wilcox in the 100 butterfly (1:02.53), Norman in the 100 freestyle (57.43), Sova in the 100 breaststroke (1:14.59) and Alex Salinas in diving (269.85). The team will compete against Calvin Christian High School on Thursday at Grandville Middle School with a start time of 6 pm.

BOYS TENNIS

Last week the boys varsity tennis team traveled to South Christian High School for a quad competition. Working their way to a third place finish the gentlemen accumulated 13 points in their finish on the court. Now holding down five duel wins and this top three finish the team will look to continue their season in a trio of road competitions this week. After battling OK White competitor Forest Hills Northern on Monday the team will travel to Greenville on Wednesday and complete their week Thursday at Wyoming High School.

FOOTBALL

Lowell varsity gridiron tallied another loss last Friday falling hard to the Dux of Zeeland West by 46-7. The game was led by Zeeland with the Dux taking a 14-0 lead by the end of the first quarter and after an offensive onslaught 46-0 at the half. The Red Arrows lone score came in the third after a 61-yard touchdown run from junior Andy Anschutz. Now 0-4 on the season the team will face the Huskies of Forest Hills Northern. The game is scheduled for 7 pm this Friday at Red Arrow Stadium. The evening will also serve as youth night for up and coming footballers and cheerleaders.

Red Arrow

- VOLLEYBALL

SPORTS

Volleyball team defeats Cedar Springs in home opener

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Improving their season record to 4-0 with their first OK White win of the season, the girls varsity volleyball team trumped Cedar Springs 3-0 in the teams only competition last week.

Welcoming the Red Hawks for their home opener, the Red Arrows made quick work of their opponents, winning by a large margin in each of their sets. Earning the match victory 25-10, 25-11 and 25-13 the team was led by a strong core of seniors

including Carly Hoekstra, Joslynn Battle and Emily Stump.

Still looking for areas of improvement, despite the fiery start to the season, coach Jordan Drake said there is still work to do if they intend to reach their goal of a run through the post season. “The team has played fairly well so far, but with a young team, we need to get some more game experience in to learn how to finish games. We also will need to pass the ball better as we continue to improve throughout the season.”

The team will aim to maintain their undefeated status with two away games this week against the Forest Hills Northern Huskies and the Greenville Yellow Jackets. The latter will take place this Thursday in Greenville with a match time of 6 pm.

Right: The Lady Arrows exit the court with a 4-0 record after sweeping OK White foe Cedar Springs.



Varsity golf team finishes fourth and fifth last week

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Traveling twice to take part in OK White action the Red Arrow girls varsity golf team exited the week of competition with fourth and fifth place finishes.

Monday at Bowen Lake Golf Course, Lowell met their league foes for the third conference jamboree of the season. Led by senior team captain Kenzi Uhen who shot a 47, the team placed fifth, garnering a combined card total of 211 strokes. Uhen, a leader on and off the field according to head coach Josh Bruwer, has been a consistent scorer for the team and was nominated team captain by her peers, “Kenzi is our leader and has a great

all around game. She has all of the physical tools it takes to be an elite golfer,” said Bruwer of Uhen. “The thing I like about Kenzi the most is that she so deeply cares about not only her personal success but the team as well. It is easy to root for her.”

Also scoring for the Arrows were junior Mary Jo Buechler who carded a 50. “Mary Jo is the ultimate competitor and very savvy. Her approach is very simple and she makes the game look really easy. In our first three matches this season Mary Jo had already flirted with getting the school record twice. The fact that she is only a junior makes that all the more

impressive,” said Bruwer of Buechler. Rounding out Lowell’s top scorers were senior Tristan Fogerty-Thomas who came in at 56 and junior Grace Nauta who came in just behind with a 58.

Looking to improve upon their tail end finish back on the course Wednesday, the Lady Arrows headed to Egypt Valley Golf Course in pursuit of that redemption. Gaining just a bit of traction the girls moved up to a fourth place finish at the competition with a combined card total of 193. Led by Buechler’s 40, the finish was also aided by the performances of Uhen who came in at 46, sophomore

Addison Bruwer who carded a 52 and Fogerty-Thomas who shot a 55 and has another dependable arm of the varsity squad according to Bruwer, “Tristan is a steadying influence on the team and is rock steady on the course. She is recognized as one of our key players yet she is still vastly underrated. She has a great short game and is improving by leaps and bounds daily in practice. I love her focus in practice. Out of all of the girls she is the most focused - by far.”

Also having a good day on the green for the team were senior Maddie Melle who shot a career best 57 and Nauta who rounded out scoring with a 63. The

weeks conference finishes are down from the previous two jamborees where the team earned the third place position.

Now armed with a new goal of bouncing back in the OK White in hopes of a playoff run the Arrows are still steadily taking aim at their established season goals on and off the field. “We want to be recognized as Academic All State. The girls achieved that last year and are hoping to do it again this season,”

explained Bruwer. “On the course we wanted to win an invitational which we have done already. The girls have set their eyes on the team school record of 175.”

Having already competed in the fifth and sixth conference jamboree earlier in the week the team will vie for a duel win on the road against Portland on Thursday at their home course. Arrowhead Golf Course is located at 2170 Alden Nash Ave NE, tee off is scheduled for 3:30 pm.

Boys tie with Cedar Springs, but lose to East Grand Rapids

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Fresh off three consecutive league victories over Northview, Ottawa Hills and Greenville the boys varsity soccer team took a step back in the standings despite positive play on the field settling for a tie and a loss on the week.

Kicking off their scheduled competitions with a home game against Cedar Springs on Tuesday the team struggled in their offense unable to complete several opportunities to

grab the reigns of the game settling for a 4-4 tie after regulation. Holding a 3-2 lead at the half, the Arrows let two late goals slip through from the Red Hawks knotting the score for the teams third duel tie of the season.

Lowell goals were earned by freshman Ben Mika, junior Braiden Hamilton, senior Connor Cater and freshman Nate Ryan. Assists were credited to Hamilton and Bernie Diekevers. Senior goalkeeper Nate

VanDeWeert had seven saves in goal for the team.

Accepting a loss at the hands of the Pioneers of East Grand Rapids two days later, the Arrows competed in non-conference action falling by a margin of 3-2. The Pioneers gave a strong performance that just slightly outmatched the Arrow crew, who saw goals from Hamilton and Ryan and assists from Cater and exchange student Pau Galmes-Nada. VanDeWeert had a stellar showing in the box saving ten attempts

from finding the back of the net.

Now 4-3-3 overall and 3-0-1 in the OK White the team will next face Forest Hills Central and Northern in league competition. The Arrows will travel to take on the Rangers of Forest Hills Central on Tuesday and then conclude their week at home versus the Huskies of Forest Hills Northern on Thursday. Game time is scheduled for 6:45 pm inside Red Arrow Memorial Stadium.

Red Arrow Fall
SPORTS SCHEDULES

GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL
* Denotes a home game
9/25 at 6 pm Forest Hills Central*
9/27 at 6 pm Ottawa Hills*

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER
* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium
9/25 at 6:45 pm at Northview
9/27 at 5:45 pm at Ottawa Hills

BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL
* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium
9/21 at 7 pm Forest Hills Northern* (youth night)
9/28 at 7 pm Ottawa Hills

GIRLS VARSITY GOLF
* Denotes a game at Arrowhead Golf Course
9/24 at 3:30 pm OK White Jamboree #7
at Candlestone Golf Course
9/26 at 3:30 pm OK White Jamboree #8
at Indian Trails Golf Course

BOYS VARSITY TENNIS
* Denotes a home game at LHS
9/24 at 4:15 pm Forest Hills Central*
9/26 at 4:15 pm Ottawa Hills*

BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
* Denotes a meet at LHS
9/22 at 9 am Bob Perry Memorial Invitational*
9/29 at noon Allendale Invite

obituaries

NOWAK

Grace Therese Nowak, age 93 of Lowell, passed away peacefully with her family at her side on Wednesday, September 12, 2018. She was preceded in death by her husband, William John Nowak. She is survived by her children, Richard (Caryn) Nowak, Daniel (Patricia) Nowak, Dennis (Lori) Nowak, Lori (Dr. Kyle) Rasikas; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Grace will be remembered in the Lowell community for her friendly and outgoing personality. She will be deeply missed by her family and all those close to her. A private service has been held. Memorial contributions may be made to Lowell Senior Neighbors, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331; or the Humane Society of West Michigan, 3077 Wilson NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534.



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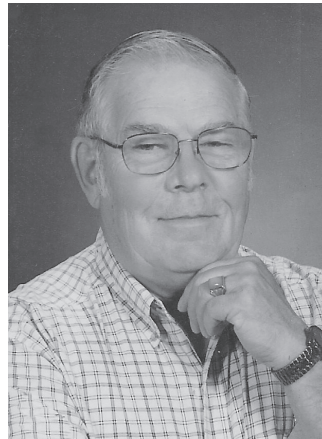
Lloyd George Powell Sr., age 91 of Lowell, passed away after a long illness on Saturday, September 15, 2018. He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Betty Jane Powell (2010); daughters, Shelley Ann Thomas, Fondarae Brown; son-in-law Chris Thomas; sisters Margaret Peckham, Evelyn Elizabeth Powell, Winifred Sneider; and sister-in-law, Fanny Powell. He is survived by three children, Jane Smith, Lewis Powell, Lloyd Powell Jr.; sons-in-law Edward Brown, Bill Youngs; sister, Carmen (Virgil) Roudabush; brother, David (Delores) Powell; nine grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Lloyd served in the Navy and was a WWII veteran. He worked for King Milling Co., retiring after 52 years. He and Betty had five children; and Lloyd loved to spend time with his family and dog, Polly, at the lake. He also loved fishing and traveling. Visitation will be held 2-4:00 p.m. and 6-8:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 19; and 10-11:00 a.m. Thursday, September 20, at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331. Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday, September 20, at the funeral home chapel. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Talons Out Honor Flight Michigan, PO Box 280 Portage, MI 49081; or online: <http://talonsouthonorflight.org/donate-to-talons-out/>.



SMITH



Donald R. Smith, age 78 of Lowell, passed away Friday, September 14, 2018. He was born October 9, 1939 to John and Esther Smith. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Tom (Norma) Smith, Bill (Patricia) Smith; and brother-in-law Bob Crandall. He is survived by his children, Mark (Arlene) Smith, Angela (Fred) Tibbens, Dawn (Hank) Huesing; sister, Alice Crandall; many grandchildren; great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews. Don graduated from St. Francis School in 1957; and served 3 years, from 1968-1971 in the US Army. He moved to the Grand Rapids area and apprenticed in tool and die work, retiring from Delphi Motors in 2002. Don was an avid listener and musician of bluegrass music; playing the mandolin. He was also an artist, carving and painting many beautiful pieces. Notably, he painted six biblical scenes in the Carmelite Monastery Chapel in Parnell, MI. He also carved life-sized statues of Jesus, Mary and St. Anne for St. Anne Catholic Church in Ruskin, FL. A member of AA, he was actively involved in the Lowell Serenity AA Club for 27 years. His sobriety date was February 7, 1971. Don loved living and working in the countryside north of Lowell. A devout practicing Catholic, Don attended St. Mary in Lowell, as well as St. Patrick and the Carmelite Monastery Chapel in Parnell. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, September 17, at St. Mary Catholic Church, Lowell. Rev. Aaron Ferris presided. Interment St. Francis Cemetery, Petoskey, MI. Memorial contributions in Don's name may be made to St. Mary Catholic Church.



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

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FILE NO. 18-203970-DE

Estate of **MARVIN R. WORTHY**. Date of birth: 03/14/1944.

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September 10, 2018

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Aries**(March 21-April 19)**

"The flower doesn't dream of the bee. It blossoms and the bee comes." So says poet and philosopher Mark Nepo in *The Book of Awakening*. Now I'm transmitting his observation to you. I hope it will motivate you to expend less energy fantasizing about what you want and devote more energy to becoming the beautiful, useful, irresistible presence that will attract what you want. The coming weeks will be an excellent time to make plans to produce very specific blossoms.

Taurus**(April 20-May 20)**

Budhi Waseso, the former head of the Indonesian

government's anti-narcotics division, had a radical plan to prevent escapes by people convicted of drug-related crimes. He sought to build detention centers that would be surrounded by moats filled with crocodiles and piranhas. But his replacement, Heru Winarko, has a different approach. He wants addicts and dealers to receive counseling in comfortable rehabilitation centers. I hope that in the coming weeks, as you deal with weaknesses, flaws, and sins—both your own and others'—you'll opt for an approach more like Winarko's than Waseso's.

Gemini**(May 21-June 20)**

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New World Order

Kimberel Eventide, 36, believes her purpose here on Earth is to help other humans become elves, just like herself. A resident of Illinois, Eventide identifies as a Pleiadian Starseed, an Otherkin who first realized she was an elf after reading and watching the "Lord of the Rings" series by J.R.R. Tolkien. She spends her time dressing as an elf in silk, velvet or nature-inspired clothing and pointed elf ears -- but she doesn't wear them all the time because "my own ears have a slight point to them." Eventide's husband supports her elfdom but "he does not understand it and does not watch many of my videos," she said. "I am an Elven spiritual teacher who offers personal Skype online sessions to help individual souls," she explained to the Daily Mail. Her mission, called "ProjectElvenstar," is specifically to help humans transform themselves into High Elves -- "ears are optional but can become a byproduct of becoming extrasensory and hearing better over time."

Easy Marks

Three men in Westborough, Massachusetts, are out \$306,000 after falling victim to a scam, MassLive.com reported on Aug. 29. Joseph Boakye, 31, of Worcester is one of two suspects wanted by Westborough police for allegedly selling 15 kilograms of counterfeit gold dust.



In one sense, a "patron saint" is a Catholic saint who is a heavenly advocate for a person, group, activity, thing, or place. St. Jude is the patron saint of lost causes, for instance. St. Francis of Assisi is the guardian of animal welfare and St. Kentigern is the protector against verbal abusers. "Patron saint" may also be invoked poetically to refer to a person who serves as a special guide or influence. For example, in one of his short stories, Nathaniel Hawthorne refers to a veteran nurse as "the patron saint of young physicians." In accordance with current astrological omens, I invite you to fantasize about persons, groups, activities, things, or places for whom you might be the patron saint. To spur your imagination, here are some appropriate possibilities. You could be the patron saint of the breeze at dawn; of freshly picked figs; of singing humorous love songs in the sunlight; of unpredictable romantic adventures; of life-changing epiphanies while hiking in nature; of soul-stirring music.

Cancer**(June 21-July 22)**

In August 1933, author Virginia Woolf wrote a critical note to her friend, the composer Ethel Smyth, lamenting her lack of emotional subtlety. "For you," Woolf told Smyth, "either things are black, or

they're white; either they're sobs or shouts—whereas, I always glide from semi-tone to semi-tone." In the coming weeks, fellow Cancerian, you may encounter people who act like Smyth. But it will be your sacred duty, both to yourself and to life, to remain loyal and faithful to the rich complexity of your feelings.

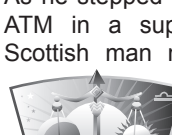
Leo**(July 23-August 22)**

"People think of education as something they can finish," said writer and scientist Isaac Asimov, who wrote or edited over 500 books. His point was that we're wise to be excited about learning new lessons as long as we're on this earth. To cultivate maximum vitality, we should always be engaged in the processes of absorbing new knowledge and mastering new skills and deepening our understanding. Does that sound appealing to you, Leo? I hope so, especially in the coming weeks, when you will have an enhanced ability to see the big picture of your future needs for education.

Virgo**(August 23-September 22)**

Virgo businessman Warren Buffett is among the top five wealthiest people on the planet. In an average year, his company Berkshire Hathaway adds \$36 billion to its already swollen coffers.

But in 2017, thanks to the revision of the U.S. tax code by President Trump and his buddies, Buffett earned \$65 billion—an increase of 83 percent over his usual haul. According to my analysis of the astrological omens, you're entering a year-long phase when your financial chances could have a mild resemblance to Buffett's 2017. I'm not predicting your earnings will increase by 83 percent. But 15 percent isn't unreasonable. So start planning how you'll do it!

Libra**(September 23-October 22)**

As he stepped up to use an ATM in a supermarket, a Scottish man named Colin Banks found £30 (about \$40 U.S.) that the person who used the machine before him had inadvertently neglected to take. But rather than pocketing it, Banks turned it in to a staff member, and eventually the cash was reunited with its proper owner. Shortly after performing his good deed, Bank won £50,000 (about \$64,500 U.S.) in a game of chance. It was instant karma in dramatic action—the positive kind! My analysis of the astrological omens reveals that you're more likely than usual to benefit from expeditious cosmic justice like that. That's why I suggest you intensify your commitment to doing good deeds.

Scorpio**(October 23-November 21)**

As you dive down into your soul's depths in quest

for renewal, remember this testimony from poet Scherezade Siobhan: "I want to dig out what is ancient in me, the mistaken-for-monster . . . and let it teach me how to be unafraid again." Are you brave and brazen enough to do that yourself? It's an excellent time to douse your fear by drawing wild power from the primal sources of your life. To earn the right to soar through the heights in November and December, delve as deep as you can in the coming weeks.

Sagittarius**(November 22-December 21)**

According to author Elizabeth Gilbert, here's "the central question upon which all creative living hinges: do you have the courage to bring forth the treasures that are hidden within you?" When I read that thought, my first response was, why are the treasures hidden? Shouldn't they be completely obvious? My second response was, why do you need courage to bring forth the treasures? Shouldn't that be the easiest and most enjoyable task imaginable? Everything you just read is a perfect riddle for you to contemplate during the next 14 months, Sagittarius.

Capricorn**(December 22-January 19)**

A blogger named Sage Grace offers her readers a list of "cool things to call me besides cute." They include dazzling, alluring, sublime, magnificent, and exquisite. Is it OK if I apply those same adjectives to you, Capricorn? I'd like to add a few more, as well: resplendent, delightful, intriguing, magnetic, and incandescent. I hope that in response you don't flinch with humility or protest that you're not worthy of such

glorification. According to my astrological analysis, now is one of those times when you deserve extra appreciation for your idiosyncratic appeal and intelligence. Tell your allies and loved ones that I said so. Inform them, too, that giving you this treatment could help mobilize one of your half-asleep potentials.

Aquarius**(January 20-February 18)**

Many educated Americans and Europeans think of reincarnation as a loony delusion, even though it's a cornerstone of spiritual belief for over 1.5 billion earthlings. I myself regard it as a hypothesis worthy of intelligent consideration, although I'd need hundreds of pages to explain my version of it. However you imagine it, Aquarius, you now have extra access to knowledge and skills and proclivities you possessed in what we might refer to as your "past lives"—especially in those past lives in which you were an explorer, maverick, outlaw, or pioneer. I bet you'll feel freer and more experimental than usual during the next four weeks.

Pisces**(February 19-March 20)**

"When the winds of change blow," says a Chinese proverb, "some people build walls while others build windmills." Since the light breezes of change may soon evolve into brisk gusts of change in your vicinity, I wanted to bring this thought to your attention. Will you be more inclined to respond by constructing walls or windmills? I don't think it would be foolish for you to favor the walls, but in the long run I suspect that windmills would serve you better.

Oops!

An Orlando, Florida, home will need more than roof repairs after a crane parked outside tipped over on Sept. 4, splitting the house in half so cleanly daylight could be seen through it. United Press International reported the roof was under construction when the machinery fell over, likely because the ground underneath it was wet, said Ivan Fogarty, corporate safety director for crane operator Beyel Brothers Crane & Rigging. No one was inside the home at the time, and no one on the roofing crew was injured, but the house has been declared unlivable.

Fooled Ya!

University of Houston student Jehv M. looked at a blank wall in his local McDonald's and saw opportunity. Hoping to boost Asian representation in the burger chain's advertising, Jehv created a poster featuring himself and a friend touting McDonald's french fries. They bought used McDonald's uniforms at a thrift store as disguises, then boldly hung the poster in a Pearland, Texas, location as customers ordered and ate around them. United Press International reported that 51 days later, the poster still hung on the wall unnoticed, as shown in a photo on Jehv's Twitter feed. As of Sept. 4, it was not clear whether management at McDonald's knew of the poster's origins.

In July, the victims met Boakye and his accomplice at an Extended Stay America hotel and tested the gold dust for authenticity. Apparently satisfied, they paid \$26,000 in cash and transferred \$280,000 into a Bank of America account, after which they received a locked Sentry safe that supposedly held the gold dust. Boakye told them they would get the combination to the safe after the transfer cleared. But two days later, when they were unable to open the safe, the victims called a locksmith. Inside -- shocking! -- was counterfeit gold.

Least Competent Criminals

Thieves in Roanoke County, Virginia, hit the same shoe store twice in July and August, according to the Roanoke Times, stealing shirts, hoodies, jackets -- and right shoes. Thirteen shoes meant for a right foot were taken from Clean Soles, where store operator Rob Wickham said he typically displays right shoes and keeps the mates behind the counter. They're "not much good unless you have two right feet," said Wickham. A 17-year-old suspect has been charged with the July break-in.

A homeowner in Toluca Lake, California, looked at video from his surveillance camera late on Aug. 29 and saw a person on the property, but it wasn't until the next day, when he looked around for any damage, that a man was discovered stuck between a wall and a garage. KCAL TV reported that it took firefighters more than an hour to free the unnamed man, a suspect wanted in connection with a burglary the night before. Los Angeles police arrested him for trespassing as he was transported to the hospital with minor injuries.

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THEME: CIVIL WAR

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- 1. Rodeo garb
- 6. Prefix for prior
- 9. a.k.a. leaf cabbage
- 13. Conversation starter
- 14. "___ the land of the free ..."
- 15. Drunks
- 16. Tree in Latin
- 17. Exec's degree
- 18. Full of emotion, in slang
- 19. *Meeting at Appomattox Court House
- 21. *Major Civil War issue
- 23. Sun in Mexico
- 24. Recover
- 25. *It was split during the Civil War
- 28. ___ book
- 30. Be in the right place
- 35. Botticelli's Venus, e.g.
- 37. Soccer ____, pl.
- 39. Excessive sternness
- 40. Orthodox artwork
- 41. Homeless cat's home
- 43. Presented at customs
- 44. Galactic path
- 46. Desperate
- 47. Like never-losing Steven
- 48. Vital
- 50. Grannies
- 52. "C' ___ la vie!"
- 53. "At ____, soldier"
- 55. Casual attire
- 57. *Spielberg's 2012 movie
- 61. *"American Nightingale"
- 64. Remote in manner
- 65. Between Fla. and Miss.
- 67. IRS' threat
- 69. Middle Eastern rice dish
- 70. Hi-___ graphics

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Looking Back, continued

**25 years
The Lowell Ledger
September 22, 1993**

"The community of Lowell has a level of care that I believe is unlike most others," said Ray Quada, the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce's 1993 Person of the Year. Quada, the eight recipient to have the honor bestowed upon him, was honored Saturday night at the Showboat Amphitheatre. As irony would have it, he was commended for the level of care and dedication he has served Lowell with since his arrival as Lowell City Manager in 1976.

A proposed archery range along 28th street has been met with much opposition from Lowell Township residents. Several residents were on hand at a public hearing held by the Lowell Township Planning Commission, to discuss the request of a special use permit by Rudy Smith and Robert and Carlinda Boyd at 14034 28th St. Citizens voiced concerns over the increased traffic and safety in the area.

Vergennes Township has agreed to donate \$3,000 to the Rockford Ambulance Company for the upcoming year. The donation is given to the ambulance company for services rendered. Although the township didn't have to give the money, it felt it was in the best interest to help support the company.

Tom Heintzleman, a 1974 Lowell High School graduate, is slated to make his formal announcement later this week that he too, will run for the U.S. Congress 3rd Congressional District, previously held by the late Paul Henry. the seat has jurisdiction over Kent, Ionia and part of Barry County.

With the shortfall of class hours and the limited number of credits available to students due to program cut, Lowell's School Board approved reducing needed credits for graduation from 22 to 21 for the 1993-94 school year.

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- 71. Part of a whole
 - 72. ___ Mall, in London
 - 73. Cry of horror in comics
 - 74. Ruhr's industrial center
- DOWN**
- 1. Repeated Cuban dance step

- 2. Flavor-giving plant
- 3. "Fantastic Four" star
- 4. Land chunks
- 5. Somewhat
- 6. Fleshy fruit
- 7. *Johnny's other nickname
- 8. Clear the chalkboard
- 9. Chicken ___
- 10. Initial stake
- 11. Displeasure on one's face
- 12. Grammy of sports
- 15. Melville's "Pequod," e.g.
- 20. "Is Your Mama a ___?"
- 22. Dr. Frankenstein's workplace
- 24. Bottom of a dress
- 25. *Divided, it cannot stand
- 26. Sugar in Paris
- 27. PDF reader
- 29. *"___ Mountain," Charles Frazier's novel
- 31. Like SNL
- 32. Nose of a missile
- 33. Olfactory organs

- 34. *General and post-Civil War President
- 36. Children's author ___ Blyton
- 38. "Will be" in Doris Day song
- 42. Busybody, in Yiddish
- 45. Start a hole
- 49. Indian restaurant staple
- 51. Colorful Mexican wrap
- 54. Animal catcher
- 56. Lady's pocketbooks
- 57. Nordic native
- 58. Pelvic parts
- 59. Steelers's Chuck
- 60. * ___ Torpedo, used by Confederacy against steam engines
- 61. Lounge, like in the sun
- 62. Words from Wordsworth
- 63. French Riviera city
- 66. *Commander of the Confederate States Army
- 68. Base of the decimal system

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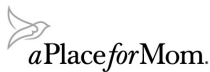
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Festival, continued



Mary Bradshaw (above) makes beautiful products from discarded fabric.



What is Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N)?

N2N grew out of the Rotary Club of Lowell's partnership with FROM to help winterize homes for families facing hardship. In 2012 the partnership expanded to include the *Lowell Ledger*. In 2018, Impact Church's Love Week volunteers will also assist as FROM provides winterization-related assistance (insulation, check furnace, cover pipes, weather stripping, plastic on windows, etc.) in partnership with the homeowner.

How Does it Work?

You can submit a wish for your own home, or on behalf of another individual (with their permission) who is in need of weatherization related assistance (installing insulation, checking furnace, covering pipes, installing weather stripping, placing plastic on windows, etc.). FROM's goal is that the homeowner would be willing to partner with the volunteers.

FROM will contact each household for a pre-qualification phone interview and to determine if the homeowner is willing/able to assist the volunteer team in some way.

Your application does not guarantee that the wish will be fulfilled. FROM will work with the Lowell Rotary Club and Impact Church's Love Week to fulfill a limited number of wishes. The program is available only to those living in the Lowell School District.

For questions please contact FROM at 897-8260 or email at info@fromlowell.org.

Completed applications must be emailed or dropped off to FROM by October 5.



Neighbor to Neighbor Application

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Address: _____

Application submitted by: _____

Phone: _____

A brief description of the work needed & why you need assistance – tell us your story:

