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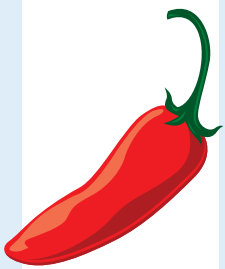
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## Oakwood Cemetery beautification project

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

There are several large, unattractive piles of dirt, rocks and other debris in the NW corner of Oakwood Cemetery. Local resident Perry Beachum is spearheading an effort to put up a fence to hide this unsightly mess.

"It's a necessity of the cemetery," Beachum said. "When you're digging graves and bringing up big rocks and earth, you need someplace for it to go. I would like this area to be more presentable. I don't consider it a 'dumping ground,' they just need to have a place for that. Typically every cemetery has something like that. My idea is just to enclose this area with a privacy fence. I'm thinking of white plastic panels, that would be low-maintenance. The cemetery needs a working area to be able to function,

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It seems disrespectful to the residents of the cemetery and their survivors to have giant piles of dirt and debris directly next to their graves.

## Help Yourself Garden is closed

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

The Help Yourself Garden at the corner of Main and Grove has officially ceased to exist. According to a Sept. 25 letter from Lowell city attorney Dick Wendt to Charissa Huang, the attorney for homeowners Laura Huth-Rhoades and Tom Rhoades, "The owner and occupant of the property, Laura Huth-Rhoades, agreed to remove the sign whiteboard on the property on September 20, to remove the farmstand on the property no later than October 1 and to no longer operate or provide a community garden," Wendt's letter said. "In return, I agree, on behalf of the city, to withdraw the letter related to the property to Ms. Huth-Rhoades from Lowell police chief Steven Bukala dated August 30, 2018."

The Aug. 30 letter from Bukala to Huth-Rhodes referred to by Wendt was an "order to abate" giving the homeowners 20 days to close the garden.

"The matter pertaining to 906 E. Main is resolved," said Lowell city manager Michael Burns in an email to the Ledger. "The city has nothing further to add at this time."

Tom Rhoades and Laura Huth-Rhoades declined the opportunity to comment but shared that they are considering whether or not to remain living in Lowell.

Tom Rhoades and Laura Huth-Rhoades moved to Lowell from Champaign/Urbana, IL last year and immediately set about turning the grassy area between the sidewalk and the street into a small community garden. They planted a long list of vegetables and herbs and let anybody who wanted to take it for free. The "Help Yourself Garden" became popular quickly. Home gardeners began bringing their excess produce by, compounding the food-sharing. A local Girl Scout troop built a rustic farmstand to hold any loose produce. Laura and Tom were friendly hosts; if they were home they would usually come out and share recipes and gardening tips or just shoot the breeze with their new neighbors.

Not all of the new neighbors were happy about the garden, however. Some of the other residents of Grove St. complained to the police about increased foot and vehicle traffic. A couple of them showed up at the last two city council meetings to voice their complaints. However, the overwhelming majority of the comments about the garden at the council meetings were positive.

## Lowell Harvest Celebration Oct. 13

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Saturday, Oct. 13 is the annual Lowell Harvest Celebration with special events around town all day and into the night.

A few steps up Broadway from Larkin's Restaurant's chili cook-off, a benefit for the Rebuild the Lowell Showboat committee, you'll find Lowell Light & Power's open house. There you can enjoy cornhole games, free hot dogs and chips and take a tour of their building. From 11 am until 1 pm, the Lowell Area Fire Department will also have an open house with snacks, fire truck rides and giveaways. From 8 am until 11 am there will be a pancake breakfast at the Wittenbach W e g e C e n t e r . They will also offer tours of the facility and have an apple tasting from 9 am until noon.

Kent County Youth Fair's Autumn Marketplace will be at the fairgrounds from 11 am until 4 pm. There will be live music and vendors selling handmade crafts, food and antiques. There will also be a bird and small animal swap at the fairgrounds from 6 am until noon, or until the animals are gone, whichever happens first.

One of the most popular aspects of Harvest Festival is the Harvest Hustle 5K race.

"The goal of our event is to promote an opportunity for families and individuals to get outside and enjoy the health benefits of movement," said last year's event organizer Kenda Haines. "We work to create an environment that is family friendly and we have a variety of participants each year, students, adults, runners and walkers. The course is mostly flat with one hill. We have to have a little bit of a challenge in there but overall the course is very friendly to participants of all levels. It is stroller friendly also in order for families to participate. Cardio activity and fresh air are both

positive aspects of a healthy lifestyle. They are both known to be great way to alleviate stress and to promote heart health. This event is important to me because it's a low-cost opportunity for people to be active and we get to highlight our beautiful city. It's an opportunity for all fitness levels to participate in an event that is fun and without judgment."

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# Scarecrow Building Hoedown at Harvest Celebration

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

One of the most fun highlights of the Lowell Harvest Celebration is the “Scarecrow Building Hoedown” at the fairgrounds, where they let you create your own scarecrow with clothing, straw and other materials. This year the booth will be run by the Ada Alpaca Club and the money raised will be used to build an alpaca barn at the new fairgrounds.

“Ada Alpaca Amigos will be volunteering at this event,” said club leader Natasha Ohlman. “We have 12 kids on the team and a handful of parents. They will be assisting kids with the process of making scarecrows and collect the

looking forward to seeing the creativeness that comes to the table!”

The scarecrows are made possible through donations from many local businesses and organizations.

“One of our KCYF board members, Bruce Doll, is working on putting together the stick figures that are used for the scarecrow’s frame,” Ohlman said. “Flat River Ministries is donating fabric, clothing and yarn for hair. Red Barn Market is donating yarn as well. Lowe’s sells us the furring strips at cost. Toby Jones donates the straw to LowellArts for Fallasburg Festival and then it comes



The Scarecrow Hoedown is always one of the most popular events at the Lowell Harvest Celebration.



\$5 fee for ‘Build your own Scarecrow’. That money will go into the alpaca department account to go towards the alpaca barn at the new fairgrounds. This is our group’s first year doing this, so we are

to the fairgrounds for scarecrows.”

Ohlman said that, for her, the scarecrow is a pleasant reminder of one of her all-time favorite movies, the 1939 classic “Wizard of Oz.” In that

movie, Ray Bolger played the Scarecrow, who claims not to have a brain but earns a college diploma by the end of the film.

“Scarecrows just go with fall. Fall is about celebrating the harvest and scarecrows have been long-time occupants of farmers’ fields. Since the Scarecrow came to life on the big screen in ‘The Wizard of Oz,’ I’m sure their popularity has grown. It went from being this

kind of creepy thing in a field to something human-like with feelings, a sweet, caring personality and [he was] funny, which made it relatable. It’s kind of hard to not love the underdog. It pulls at your heartstrings. Of course, this is just my opinion. This is one of those movies I grew up watching around this time every year, as I’m sure so many others have as well.”

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**Just because people throw it out and don't have any use for it doesn't mean it's garbage.**

~ Andy Warhol (1928-1987)

## Celebration, continued

Finally, LowellArts will present a traditional Irish music concert by the Grand Rapids group Paddy’s Cure from 6 pm until 9 pm with seasonal beverages from New Union Brewery and Painted Turtle Hard Cider.

The National Weather Service forecast for Saturday is cloudy with a high of 74 and a chance of showers. For more information and a complete schedule of events, visit [lowellharvestcelebration.org](http://lowellharvestcelebration.org).



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# Oakwood Cemetery, continued

but it doesn't have to be so evident."

The piles of dirt and debris are out in the open only a few feet away from the headstones.

"For a lot of people it's 'out of sight, out of mind,' Beachum said. "If your relatives are on the south side of the cemetery, you probably never even noticed it. That's why I'm taking on this project. My father resides here, one set of my grandparents reside here and so do a lot of my parents' friends and people that I know. It's not a necessity, I just think it's something we can do. That's the way I viewed it with the city. The city has more important issues that they need to deal with. As a private citizen, this is something that I decided to see if it would go anywhere, if it would gain any kind of momentum. I met with the city council and they said it sounds great and to move forward with it."

The timeline for completion of the Oakwood Cemetery fence project depends on the weather and how quickly

they're able to raise the money, but the goal is to have a fence in place before next Memorial Day.

"As we get older, we're not as patient," Beachum said. "Depending on the weather, I certainly would like to be able to accomplish this in early November. If not, definitely in the spring. By next Memorial Day we would like to be able to have this all enclosed and be aesthetically pleasing. With volunteers from throughout the community we're going to take a weekend or two and erect it."

The project is estimated to cost between \$4,000 and \$6,000. The suggested donation is \$100, but any amount will be accepted.

"What I'm asking for is for people to donate to buy a section of fence," Beachum said. "We estimate the total cost to be between \$4,000 and \$6,000, depending on how big an area we do. We've approximated the cost of each section with a post, fencing, concrete and other materials at approximately \$100. If somebody in the

community has somebody here and feels the way I do, they may want to donate to that, and there might be companies, there might be other people who are capable of donating even more. To donate, send in the form in the Ledger, write the check to the 'City of Lowell, Oakwood Fence,' and mail it to my address, 924 Riverside Dr. It's important for the check to be made out to the city of Lowell. The account will be kept at the city. Having it come to my house just makes it easier for me to keep track of where we are, figure out the logistics and move forward. That way your check to the city doesn't get lost in the shuffle or whatever the case may be. We're going to make it happen. I've had casual conversations with people who said to count them in, they'd be glad to help or donate. Our goal is to find between 40 and 60 people who feel that it's important and will donate \$100. Then it'll happen."



The mess in Oakwood Cemetery is even visible from outer space (upper left corner)

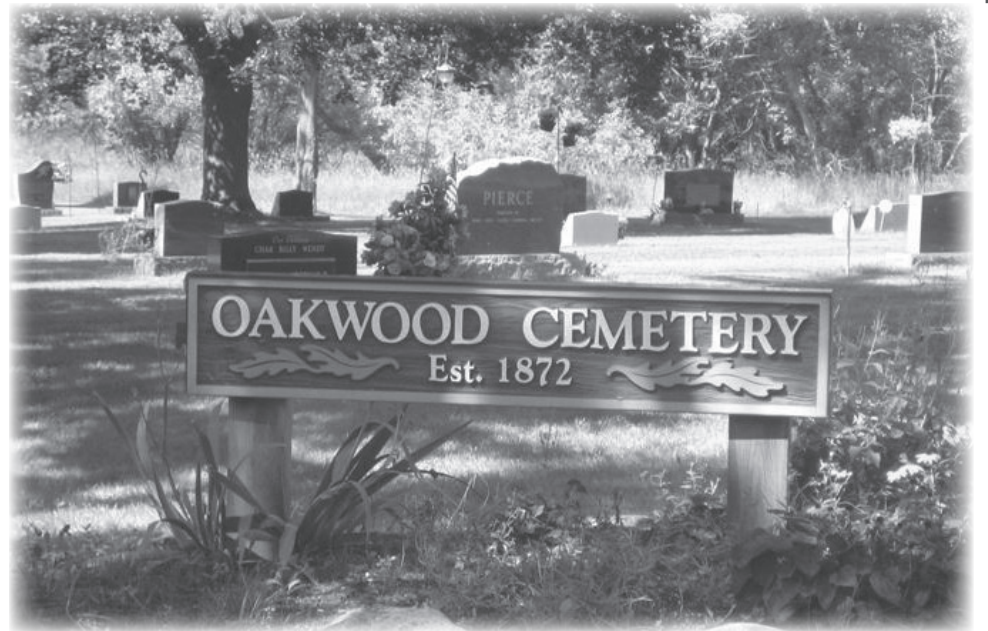
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## “Chili Madness” charity cook-off at Larkin’s

by Tim McAllister  
 lead reporter

For the last 17 years, Larkin’s Restaurant has taken over N. Broadway during the Harvest Celebration to put on their “Chili Madness” chili cook-off. The event always benefits a local charity. This year, once again they’re donating the proceeds to the Rebuild the Lowell Showboat Committee. This is a “rain or shine” event; last year it was rain so participation was way down but they still managed to donate a couple thousand dollars to the Showboat committee.

“Last year we had 19 teams and it rained all day,” said restaurant owner Mike Larkin. “If you’re a good chili maker, you’ll come no matter what. We raised about \$2,200, which is low for us. We chose the Showboat again because of that. People think the Showboat has a lot of money, but there’s a lot of upkeep to pay for once it’s finally finished. They’re going to need some back-up for their ongoing costs like repainting and fixing things.”

There will be live music from 1 pm until 5 pm.

“The band is the Leprechauns, an authentic Irish band from around the area,” Larkin said.

Team sign-ups are still open and will remain so until Monday, Oct. 8. They expect about 20 teams to participate, possibly more. Each team will make about five gallons of chili. Cooking starts at 11 am and tasting begins at 3 pm.

“Depending on how many people are here, the chili could run out pretty quick,” Larkin said.

For more information or to sign up to participate, visit thelarkinsrestaurant.com or call 616-897-5977.

“It’s very crowded,” Larkin said. “We work hard, but sometimes you might have to wait a couple minutes to get a drink!”



Chili Madness is coming to N. Broadway on Saturday, Oct. 13.

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# viewpoint

## outdoors

the long season

Dave Stegehuis

Hunting seasons for the majority of game birds and animals occurs during the fall of the year. Wildlife has had the opportunity to raise their young and are in top condition before facing the rigors of a long cold winter.

Deer hunters look forward to opening day as if it were a holiday. Upland game hunters and their dogs have been waiting all year for a chance to experience

the sights and smells of the fall north woods—the sudden whirl of beating wings never gets old. Others long to hear the sounds of bellowing beagles on the trail of a cottontail in an abandoned orchard or jack rabbit in a cedar swamp.

There is plenty going on behind the scenes in the hunting community. Bagging game is only a part of the overall experience.

Preparation begins weeks or months before the season. That is why hunting is more than an activity but a life style for many people.

Deer hunters especially spend time scouting potential hunting areas and just as important reading the signs left by the presence of deer. Landowners and lessees plant food plots to draw deer to the area as well as enhancing natural habitat to accommodate the animals.

For hunters who hunt with dogs, the hunt is all about the dog. Upland

hunters spend hours training their dogs to locate and retrieve game. I have owned beagles for over fifty years and listening to a hound baying on a track is the best part of the hunt. Bear dogs provide the same excitement and joy to their owners. Dogs do require a long term commitment.

Many hunts demand a high level of physical effort, so keeping fit is important. Archery hunters have the responsibility to maintain the skills to make a clean kill if the opportunity arises. This involves hand, eye,

and muscle coordination developed through hours of practice.

Hunters rely on an assortment of equipment while in the field. Technology, which affects our everyday lives, has also found its way into aspen thickets and duck blinds. Basics like boots and firearms are not your grandpa's gear. Acquiring and maintaining this equipment takes time and effort.

For hunters who bring wild game home, transporting, processing,

and cooking high protein, chemical free, wild game creates another set of tasks.

Hunters are reminded to check the website for Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger to get details on sharing venison with others.

Hunting is much more than the kill. Year around involvement provides experiences which contribute to a more balanced life style. We need to protect our wildlife and the places they live to insure we and our children can continue the tradition.



### 125 years ago Lowell Ledger October 7, 1893

This issue of the Ledger has been delayed in order to give the fair as full a write up as possible. But bad weather has spoiled the fair and all our calculations. What might have been all through the fair may be seen by what was written on Thursday. On that day there were 4,000 people on the ground and about 14,00 entries had been made.

John Bryne, a young farmer of Grattan, was held up by masked men a half mile from his home Thursday night and nearly beaten to death. He was returning home about 9 o'clock and while driving through a clump of woods the men jumped out. Rumor ways that Mr. Bryne was simply drunk and fell from his wagon and received some injuries and that no robbery or assault was committed.

Quite a flurry of excitement was created Wednesday morning by the clanging of the fire bell, and the fire department was quickly on its way to the Lowell cutter factory where a blaze had started in the blow-pipes. It was smothered out with little or no damage except by water to the extent of from \$50 to \$100.

### 100 years The Lowell Ledger October 3, 1918

Lowell township volunteered nearly twice its quota on the first two days of the Fourth Liberty Loan drive, buying \$82,800 worth of bonds Saturday and Monday without solicitation of any sort, when the amount apportioned the township was \$42,500.

It still seems hard for some people to understand or comprehend that gasless Sundays are to their own best interests.

A slight accident occurred on Main street Saturday afternoon when the car driven by Doris Coles and a horse and buggy driven by Margaret Haskin of Saranac came together. Neither party was to blame. Miss Haskins could not control the horse and Miss Coles could not stop the car. One wheel was torn off the buggy.

Some of our advertisers are getting negligent about getting copy in early. This week nine came in Wednesday, six for The Ledger and three for The Solo; and several of them were large ones, requiring much time. Please be kind to the printer and get your copy in early, early.

### 75 years The Lowell Ledger October 7, 1943

Kent county rural school children are asked to join in gathering milkweed flom for use in making life jackets for service men.

Among the callers to the Ledger office on Tuesday was David W. Krider of Lowell, who has four sons and two grandsons serving in the present war. Mr. Krider himself served in the Spanish War, the Philippine insurrection and in WWI, and today carries five pieces of shell and two bullets in his body, having received a total of 26 wounds in all. He is 68 years old and has offered his services in this present conflict but they won't take him, in spite of the fact that he is still keen of eye and hard as nails.

The football fortunes of Lowell's red-clad warriors took an upward swing when they defeated Greenville 20 to 6 on the latter's field last Friday evening.

Rationing facts at a glance. No. 8 stamps in the new 'A' book good to Nov. 21. 'B' and 'C' stamps which bear the words "mileage ration" good for 2 gallons until used.

Alto is getting a brand new building in a new storage, 50 by 66 feet, being built by Bergy Brothers. the roof of this building is constructed of laminated rafters, half round in shape. Bergy's plan some day to raise it 6 or 8 feet and have storage underneath.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hoover of Lowell, may well be proud of their contribution to their country's war effort. To give five sons is a privilege that falls to but few families, but there are five of the Hoover boys now in uniform.

### 50 years The Lowell Ledger October 3, 1968

The tax rate for Lowell Area Schools ranks 14th among 19 districts in the Kent Intermediate District, according to figures made public this week. A total of 24.6 mills are levied against property in the district, of which 17.1 are for operating and 7.5 for debt retirement.

Plans for a city-owned cemetery in Vergennes

Township suffered an apparent setback Monday night. While no decision was giving by the township's three-man Zoning Board of Appeals, it appeared the panel would follow the wishes of residents in spurning the request by the City of Lowell that sought to have a 39-acre tract rezoned to permit eventual development of the cemetery site.

Members of the Kent County Civil Defense Unit last week stocked three area fallout shelters with provisions enough to care for a total of 540 persons. The shelters, located in the King Milling Company and the Junior High School in Lowell and the new elementary school in Ada, were provisioned with sufficient biscuits and carbohydrate supplement, water drums, sanitation, medical and radiation kits to last for a two-week period.

An employee of the Premier Casket Company of Lima, OH, Robert Bishop, was delivering caskets in the Grand Rapids area and had received order from his company to drop two coffins off at Sheets Funeral Home in Lowell. The only problem: there is no such funeral home in Lowell, Michigan. The caskets should have been delivered to Lowell, Indiana.

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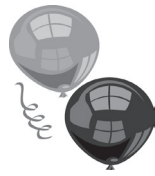
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Maxwell Stormzand, Jeremy Darby, Abigail Kastanek, Kelsay Myers, Chris Borton, Andrew Abel.

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Bradley Kiczenski, Allen Reynolds, Zachary Willard.

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Jerrid Uzarski, Cameron Kiczenski, Ralph Clouser, Patricia Andelkovic.

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# Looking Back, continued

## 25 years The Lowell Ledger October 6, 1993

In a unanimous decision the Lowell Township Board has given Township Supervisor John Timpson the right to condemn a portion of the Dick Cooper property, if necessary. The Cooper property, located on Alden Nash and Foreman Rd., has been under much discussion, because the township would like to run a new sewer line for the high school across this property.

Ed and Barbara Mueller gave their grandson, Brandon, a 150 pound Connecticut pumpkin. The pumpkin was grown in the Mueller garden.

The Western Michigan Radio Flyers Association flies model airplanes on property owned by Robert VanStrien on Grand River Dr. Their fun seems to be rubbing neighbors the wrong way, prompting three of them to appear at a township meeting to ask them to stop the noise coming from the property.

Starting Feb. 1, 1994 Lowell will become the first city in Kent County to provide curb side recycling.

As of midnight on Tuesday, Oct. 5, Lowell Cable residents watched at Channel 3 faded to black. It will remain black until an agreement is reached between Lowell Cable and TV-3.

Concerns regarding location, a beacon light and concealment of an 80-foot communications tower adjacent to the reservoir on Shepard Dr. were laid to rest and thus, provided impetus for approval of an agreement between the City of Lowell and RAM/BSE Paging Company. The 10-year agreement states that RAM is solely responsible for the maintenance of the new tower, at no charge to the city.

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Conservatorship File  
No. 18-204,124-CA

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Appointment of a  
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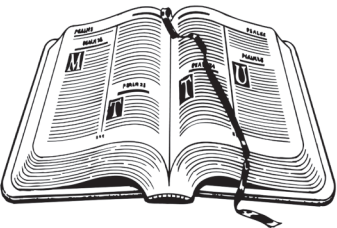
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# City council approves new wayfinding signage

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Lowell city council had their latest regular meeting at city hall on Monday, Oct. 1. Twelve people attended the 45 minute meeting, none spoke during public comment.

A delegation from the Kent District Library delivered the organization's 2017 report to the board. KDL board trustee Caitie Oliver, director of branch operations Lindsey Dorfman and Englehardt branch manager Heather Wood-Gramza highlighted many of the events and services that took place in the library system as a whole and at the Englehardt Branch in Lowell.

"We've increased the amount of WiFi hotspots that we're checking out now," Wood-Gramza said. "We have 36 hotspots at this location. They are utilized really well. We had a wait list of about six months before the increase. That's how much demand there is."

The council voted to spend \$19,770 of a \$53,500 grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund on 12 wayfinding signs. The remainder of the grant will be returned to the fund. The work will be completed by Universal Sign Systems, a Grand Rapids company.

"In October 2012 the city was awarded a grant in the amount of

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Southbound Hudson St @ Bowes St



An example of one of the 12 new wayfinding signs that are going to be placed around town.

\$53,500 from the Lowell Area Community Fund to develop a consistent directional and wayfinding signage plan that incorporates the city's logo," said city manager Michael Burns. "Wayfinding signage has the added benefit of creating a cohesive signage plan, community branding elements and will eliminate sign clutter in the downtown area. Approximately one year ago, city council approved hiring Williams & Works to facilitate the development of the wayfinding signage standards and specifications and an ad hoc committee was formed to guide the process. With Williams & Works' assistance, the committee selected a design that incorporated MDOT standards and approved 12 placement locations throughout the city."

Burns gave an informational PowerPoint presentation about the Proposal 1 on the Nov. 6 ballot. If it passes, Proposal 1 will legalize recreational marijuana use in the state.

This city council meeting and many of their previous meetings are archived on the city's YouTube channel.

The council's next meeting will be at city hall on Monday, Oct. 15 at 7 pm. They will be available to converse with their constituents at a

'Coffee with Council' event at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce on the Riverwalk from 8 am until 10 am on Saturday, Oct. 6.

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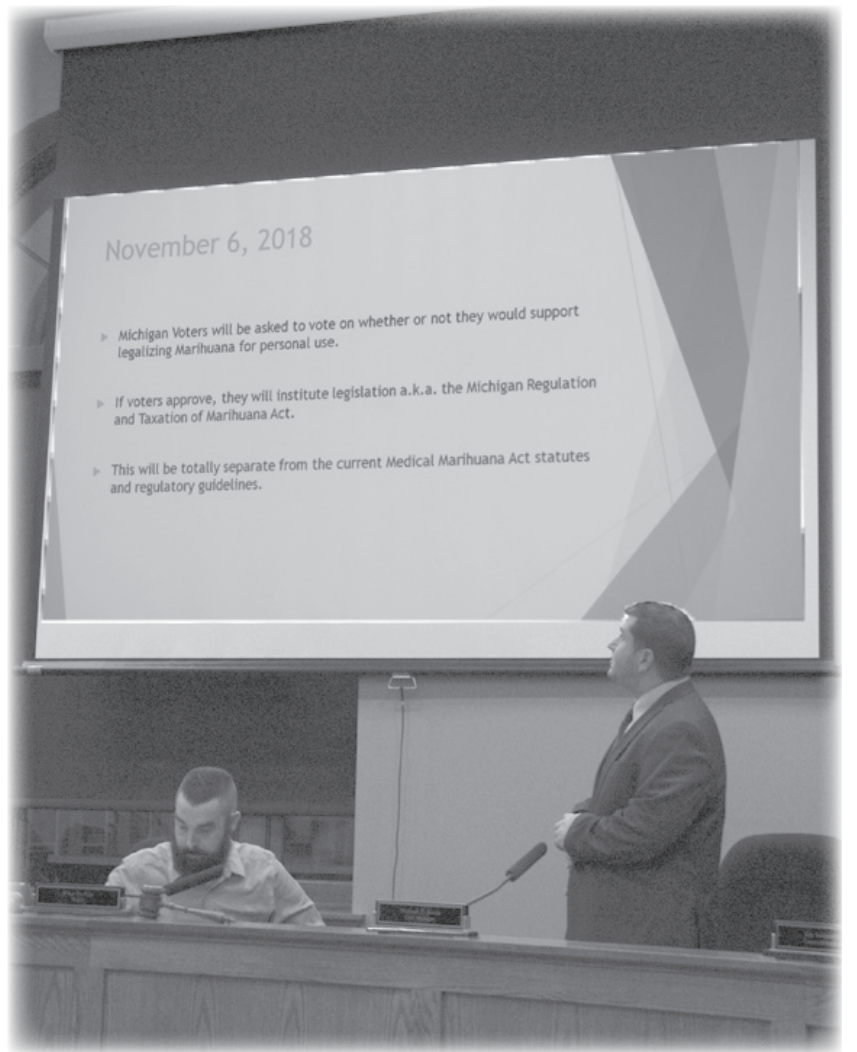
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Englehardt Library branch manager Heather Wood-Gramza updated the council about the activities at the library.



City manager Michael Burns (right) explaining Proposal 1 to the council.

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Celebrated each October since 2013, the Buy Nearby campaign is the Michigan Retailers Association's local shopping initiative. The goal is to educate consumers on the importance of keeping their shopping dollars in Michigan, specifically in their local towns.

In addition to promoting the value of shopping at Michigan retail businesses, the Buy Nearby campaign is designed to be an economic driver for the state. In 2017, Michiganders sent \$18.5 billion out of state. That's money that could have made a big difference in creating jobs and other benefits for

communities in the state. There are 116,000 retail stores in Michigan, with about 877,000 workers who are paid \$21.6 billion in wages each year. If Michigan consumers switched just one in 10 of their purchases from out-of-state merchants to Michigan businesses, our state would gain more than \$1.2 billion in increased economic activity and 10,600 new jobs. Wages would increase by more than \$350 million.

"Shopping local will boost the local economy by providing jobs and recycling a larger share of their revenue back into the economy," said

Liz Baker, executive director of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. "This in turn enriches the whole community. Shopping local preserves our one-of-a-kind businesses and encourages product diversity. It fuels entrepreneurship and creativity. Shop local, spend local, eat local and enjoy local!"

Here in Lowell there are dozens of independent businesses, retailers and restaurants. The owners are friendly, local people whose lives depend on the success of their business. On the surface, it might seem more convenient or cost-effective to head out to some big store, but this doesn't take into account the myriad other benefits local businesses bring to the community. A locally-owned business has the ability to tailor their goods and services to what the local community wants and needs. They create jobs, they add money to the local economy, and you're statistically more likely to be satisfied by a local shopping experience. Plus, not only do Lowell stores have most of the same stuff you can get at the mall, they also have better, interesting, more unique options, and shopping locally directly benefits local residents.

"It keeps money in the community," said Bernard's Ace Hardware owner Matthew Bernard. "There are a lot of choices in the marketplace nowadays. Our prices are on par with Lowe's and Home Depot and the other places like that. You don't get the service in those places as you get in a small business. You can get in and get out without having to walk five miles trying to find somebody that will help you."

"Lowell is a great place to do business because this is where I live and this is where my people are," said Jultara Salon owner Julie Heimer. "Keeping your shopping local supports our local community, first of all. It keeps all of us in business. It keeps that money here in our small, little town. We'd be a ghost town if we didn't have people supporting each other. We all just support each other and make it work."

Earlier this year April McClure and her sister Misty McClure-Anderson took over the clothing store at 207 E. Main and rebranded it as Fans in the Stands. McClure previously owned her own salon and has also worked for Station Salon and

Springrove Variety, so she knows a thing or two about "buying nearby."

"It's important, because by shopping locally you're giving back to your community and keeping the local people in business," McClure said. "It keeps money in this community, so Lowell is going to thrive and bring even more people to town. All of the events that we have bring tons of people here. They might not know much about Lowell, then they come here and shop, spend their money here, and could recommend Lowell to their friends."

McClure said she eschews chain stores and the city, instead she chooses to shop either in Lowell or other area small towns.

"I can't tell you the last time I went to Grand Rapids," McClure said. "I'd rather go to a small town and see what they have. They're going to have more unique stuff. I sell all the Lowell gear, which you're probably not going to find that in Grand Rapids. Small towns have more boutiques and stuff like that. They're not going to have the same cookie cutter stuff that they have at the malls. For example, I also like going to Rockford's downtown."

When local citizens spend their money locally, that money remains in the local economy rather than enriching some far away corporation. Not only that, but unlike most huge corporations, local businesses give back to the

to give back to the people who give to us. We are constantly collecting things for Flat River Outreach Ministries and Pink Arrow Pride, and we are part of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and participate in their activities."

Like many business owners, the New Union crew makes a point of becoming involved in a lot of community events and charities.

"We get involved in the community quite a bit," co-owner Tyler Velting said. "When we started out, I didn't know there would be as much of that as there is. We try to stay connected with the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, we

the little community it is, in my opinion. The Chamber of Commerce does a heck of a job and the merchants do too. I try to promote the Lowell area. More participation will benefit the community."

"Local businesses do so much for the community," Bernard said. "We participate in charity events, we make donations to all sorts of endeavors, we support many local charities and school activities. The money that you put back into those local businesses ends up feeding the community and providing lots of benefit and goodwill."

"The best part about buying local is you're helping your community," said Ronda Auto Centers

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try to do events that other local business are trying to put on, we do a couple yoga events, we've done some events with Tap House Bo, we've done some stuff with the Kent County Youth Fair, Pink Arrow Pride and many, many, many charity events and sponsorships. The list

owner Dan Ronda. "All the money and dollars stay here, you're not shipping it to Detroit or California or Akron or wherever. Plus all four of our employees are local, so you're also feeding the economy here that way. We also support the Kids Food Basket with a special promotion, the Lowell equestrian team, the Moose Lodge, Relay for Life and more."

Ability Weavers owners Beryl and Eric Bartkus said that Lowell has been incredibly supportive to them, and they are very glad they opened their business here.

"It has been great," Beryl Bartkus said. "The community has been really supportive. Because we are an integrated work site for adults who have autism and other developmental disabilities, we bring in a lot of people from elsewhere that have an interest in what we do. Lowell has been really supportive of that and shown a lot of interest in what we do."

Arctic Heating & Cooling owners Evert and Catharina Bek are originally from the Netherlands. They fell in love with Lowell immediately upon moving to West Michigan in the 70s. Today they donate time and



community and participate in community events. Among the organizations local businesses support financially or through volunteering goods, services and labor are Flat River Outreach Ministries, Lowell Rotary, Pink Arrow Pride, the Downtown Development Authority, the Lowell High School sports teams, Kent County Youth Fair and many others.

"We have a lot of community involvement," Heimer said. "It's important

of these is very long. We try to donate to as many as we can. It's hard to pick, to be honest. We just try to spread the wealth."

D'Agostino Construction owner Lou D'Agostino suggested that Lowell businesses should participate in community events as often as they can.

"Lowell is a unique community, a nice community, and we have to build around that, we have to offer unique things," D'Agostino said. "If you look, Lowell offers a lot for



**New Union Brewery co-owner Tyler Velting**



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money to various groups and activities around town.

“When we came over from the Netherlands in 1977, Lowell looked like a fun community, and it still is,” Evert Bek said. “Property rates were cheaper than in Grand Rapids, and we were on a limited budget. We wanted to live out in the country, so we built a house here in Lowell.”

“We are heavily involved with the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, the local baseball team, helping Flat River Outreach Ministries with people in need, we’re Rotary members and we donate time and equipment to needy customers,” Catharina Bek said.

Based in Alto, D’Agostino Construction has been one of the Lowell area’s most trusted contractors for over 30 years. Owner Lou D’Agostino has also served the local community in many capacities over the years, including time on city boards and commissions. He is currently the chair of the Rebuild the Lowell Showboat committee. He said it’s important to support Lowell’s Main Street businesses because of the unique challenges they must face.

“I think it’s very important to shop locally and support your community,” D’Agostino said. “The majority of our business district is on Main Street, which is M-21. Because it’s also M-21, the big highway, it’s hard for businesses to survive on Main Street in Lowell. Other communities of the same size you’d compare Lowell to, they don’t have a main state highway going through them. Lowell does, and that’s a struggle. The city

the parking was better, the merchants would prosper. Nobody has to hear that because it’s pretty obvious. It’s a difficult situation for merchants, in my eyes. To buy a piece of property and build another parking lot, that could be very expensive.”

Since they opened nearly two years ago, the bar is almost always packed at New Union Brewery, 400 W. Main. Owner Tyler Velting said they use as many locally-sourced ingredients as possible in the beer they brew on site.

“We try to source a good number of our ingredients for our beer locally as much as we can,” Velting said. “It’s just part of the culture. A lot of our customers are local, so we try to reciprocate and use local products. It definitely



has an economic effect on the local community. If we use local ingredients, we get those same people to shop at our place. We can’t get everything locally, but if there are some ingredients or products that we can use locally, we try to. Sometimes it can be more expensive, but as long as the quality is high, we try to make a little sacrifice for price. That’s not always a bad thing. We simply price things according to what it costs us.”

The US Small Business Association has estimated that 30 percent of new businesses fail during their first two years of operation, 50 percent during their first five years and 66 percent during their first ten years. As Lowell continues to grow, more companies will probably open up in town despite the risks involved.

“I would for sure recommend opening a business here,” said Lennon & Willow Boutique owner Tenneile Petersen. “It’s risky to start a new business, but you’ve got to have faith. It’s been super fun for me. It’s been exciting to watch the business grow. It’s going really well. Lowell is growing. There is a lot coming to town and I can see

it growing as the months go on.”

Many owners said that shopping at an independent, local retailer is more fun than going to some antiseptic chain store, plus you’ll most likely get better, more personalized customer service.

“You walk into my store and you’re going to hear retro music, you’re going to smell a candle, you’re going to interact with people on a one-to-one basis and I’m going to teach you about the history of things,” said North Star Antiques owner Tonia North. “You get information about the products you’re buying. That’s true here or if you walk into some place like Bernard’s Ace Hardware. They’re going to hand you the item and tell you how

you can use it. When you buy online you’re paying for shipping, too. Whether it says ‘free shipping’ or not, you’re factoring that into the cost of it. You have to. It’s the way of the world. There’s always a cost.”

Village Floral West, 1004 W. Main, opened in January, 2016. It’s the “sister store” of the original Village Floral, located in Saranac. Owner Mindy Free said that it makes sense to shop locally for financial reasons, plus you don’t have to waste a bunch of time driving all the way out to Grand Rapids.

“I think it’s important to shop in your town,” Free said. “Shopping local helps support your community and also helps support the members of your community who are offering services of convenience for you, rather than making you travel.”

In her personal life, Free strives to use as many local vendors as possible, although she did express the wish that somebody would open a non-chain grocery store in Lowell.

“We spend as much of our hard-earned money here in Lowell as we can,” Free said. “Those people also come and shop with us, so I try to shop as local as possible. I frequent

restaurants here in Lowell, I frequent the clothing stores, we go to Gary’s Meats, I use Canfield Plumbing & Heating when things happen here at the store or at my home. Unfortunately, I have to support Meijer since they’re the only grocery store in town. I would support a locally-owned family business if there was a grocery store like that here.”

“Customer service is our priority,” Bernard said. “Our service sets us apart. People come to our store to find someone that can help them right away. They can get in and out without a long wait. We’re more convenient.”

Fans in the Stands carries city of Lowell and Lowell Red Arrows merchandise, plus apparel customization services, such as embroidery and vinyl.

“We offer fan gear, embroidery and screen printing,” McClure said. “But it’s not just a retail outlet. We also do custom shirts, hats and coats for a lot of the businesses in town, which a lot of people don’t know. I use Kaleidoscope Laser [218 E. Main] for some special items. J&K Towing are one of our biggest clients, we do all their shirts and jackets. Walnut Grove Excavating is another one, we do all of theirs.”

D’Agostino said that, as a local businessman, he makes a special effort to shop locally.

“I stand behind this community because this community provides my livelihood,” D’Agostino said. “I work within a 15 to 30 mile radius around Lowell. Everybody that lives in Lowell, Lowell Township, Vergennes Township and so on, they’ve helped me become who I am. I try to shop as locally as I can. My business leads me to Tractor Supply, to Bernard’s Ace Hardware, just because they have what I need for my business. I also try to shop locally for my personal needs the best I can.”

Showboat Automotive faces stiff competition from two big chains that have locations on Main Street, Autozone and Napa Auto Parts.

“We’re the only locally owned and operated one [in Lowell],” said owner Kirk Collins. “Lowell businesses are going to put money back into the community. Places in Grand Rapids or companies that are owned outside of the city aren’t going to. They don’t invest



Lou D’Agostino, owner of D’Agostino Construction

in the city. Sometimes bigger is just bigger, not better.”

Station Salon owner Nancy DeBoer said that it’s important to preserve Lowell’s downtown businesses.

“I think it’s a good idea to support your hometown and keep money in your hometown instead of going to big box stores in the big city to shop,” said Station Salon owner Nancy DeBoer. “We need to keep our small towns alive.”

DeBoer said that Station Salon offers the exact same

services as the bigger salons but without requiring you to drive out of town.

“We have a trendy big town look but a small town feel,” DeBoer said.

The key to a good local business is good customer service.

“Bigger is not always better,” DeBoer said. “Usually with small businesses you get more personal attention.”

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has changed the parking a couple times on Main Street to overcome some of those obstacles and make it easier for the patrons to shop and the business people to survive. The American people like parking close. At a big box store, you can park close. People don’t want to park a block away. I think the merchants realize that. They just haven’t solved the problem yet. In a nutshell, if



Mindy Free owns Village Floral West in Lowell

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## SPORTS

## Lowell football chalks up their first win of the season

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Picking up their first season win last week at Grand Rapids Houseman Field, the Red Arrow varsity football team bested Ottawa Hills 28-14 in OK White action Friday night.

In a prime showing for the young team, the Arrows took an early lead after an action-packed first quarter that saw several great plays from Lowell. Starting from midfield in their first attempt of the game, after a unsuccessful six yard progression from Ottawa Hills, the Arrows earned their first touchdown after a long run from sophomore quarterback Brett Spanbauer and a pass to senior Trevor Petroelje.

After a successful extra

point kick from senior Saige Saldivar and stalled drives from both teams, Ottawa Hills earned their first score after blocking a punt return and making it to the end zone. Following a failed extra point attempt from Ottawa, the Red Arrows fumbled a ball and recovered a fumble before the end of the first quarter, which ended in their advantage 7-6.

In the second quarter Ottawa Hills fumbled the ball and Lowell recovered, which led to their second touchdown, bringing the score to 14-6.

The third ended with just one touchdown earned for the Red Arrows. Moving the chain into the end zone himself, Spanbauer picked up the score which led to

a 20-14 Lowell advantage. Growing in confidence with every game the young quarterback is a driven athlete and an upstanding young man according to head coach Juston Miller. "Brett is a young man who consistently seeks to get better. He has demonstrated unselfishness by always doing anything to help his teammates. Brett has great character. He makes the right choices on and off the field which makes him a good role model like many of these other Red Arrows."

Other highlights of the third included a solid sack from sophomore Doak Dean, making his presense known in his second varsity game, and a hefty punt return from junior Cade Solomonson. Completing

their final score in the fourth quarter, Spanbauer got the ball into the hands of Dent for a 45-yard touchdown through an army of Ottawa Hills defenders. Opting for the two-point conversion, the Arrows went up to 28-14.

Held down by the Arrow defense for the seven remaining minutes on the clock, Ottawa Hills was unable to come back - punting away all their attempts as their final drive was thwarted by an interception earned by Red Arrow senior Gavin Coxon keeping the Arrow lead intact. Strong all night, the defense also included several forced turnovers and limited scoring opportunities for

Ottawa Hills. A credit to their former defensive coach and first season head coach Miller, the "Team D" exhibits both an efficient and intelligent toughness and a generosity of football spirit. "Our team defense is lead by defensive linemen who unselfishly obtain blocks so a linebacker can secure the glory of an uncontested hit," said Miller continuing, "Our defensive and offensive linemen are always special to me because to be a good one you have to consistently do your job while others get the recognition. Not everyone can do that, so our lines are what make us."

With only three games remaining on their regular season, all against OK White competitors, the

team will move forward, looking to expound upon their current strengths. "Team strength right now is our development and chemistry among the guys. They are really starting to enjoy playing for each other within each play," explained Miller.

The team will head to Cedar Springs to take on formidable running back Ryan Ringler and the Red Hawks this Friday evening, with a 7 pm kickoff. Next Friday, October 12, the Arrows will host Forest Hills Central for their homecoming game, which will follow the downtown parade and begin shortly at 7:30 pm.



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## Volleyball continues their winning streak

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Maintaining their flawless league record with wins over Forest Hills Central and Ottawa Hills, the Lowell Red Arrow varsity volleyball team continued their streak, moving to 9-0 overall and 5-0 in conference play.

Welcoming both OK White teams to their home court, the Arrows held dominance in both competitions winning by margins of 3-0. The Arrows triumphed over the Rangers on Tuesday evening by just two points in their first set 26-24, widening the gap in the next two, winning 25-15 and 25-20. Thursday evening Lowell outscored Ottawa Hills, making quick work of the match with scores of 25-5, 25-5 and 25-6 for another 3-0 victory.

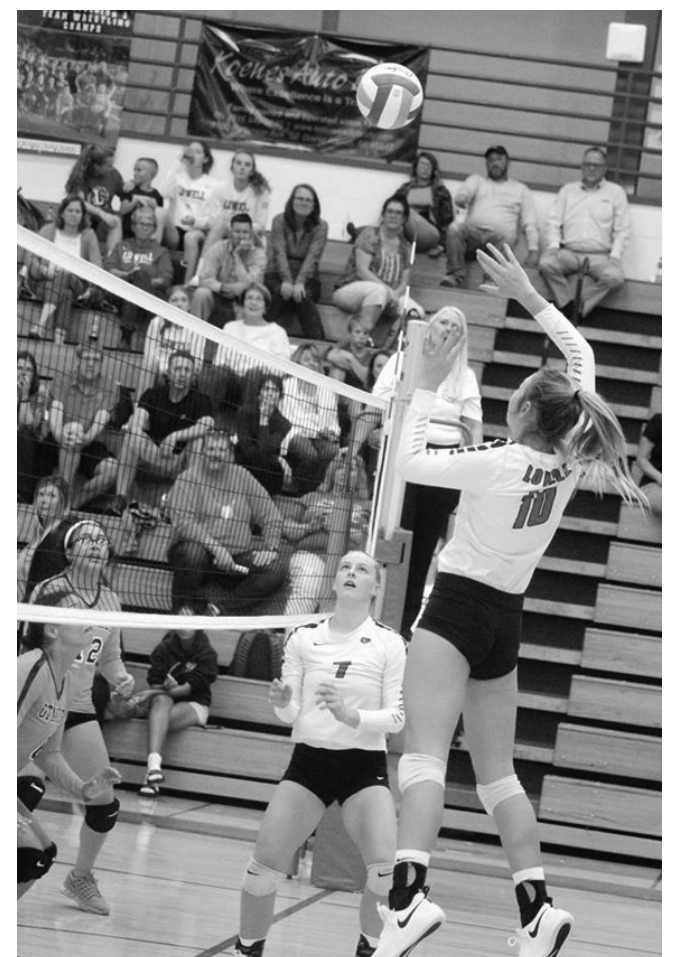
"All of these girls have a strong on-court presence that is contagious to all on the floor," said first year head coach Jordan Drake. "A lot of these girls are vocal leaders for us with great experience playing multiple years at the varsity level."

Among those seasoned team veterans are this year's elected team captains, seniors Carly Hoekstra and Joslynn Battle. Hoekstra, a vocal stats leader, is complemented by the

quiet ferocity of Battle, who Drake said has been another key to their success. "Joslynn Battle has also done an extremely good job for us this year as a senior, being our six rotation setter. Her decision-making improves for us every game and she puts us in the best situation to get a win."

Wrapping up their schedule in East Grand Rapids on Saturday, the team placed in the Pioneer Invitational last week, going 2-1 in the bracket-style competition. Starting off the day against Forest Hills Eastern and Coldwater High School to go 2-0 in

Volleyball, continued, page 15



Junior Ryleigh Blough flies high for the Arrows against Ottawa Hills last week.

Red Arrow

- CROSS COUNTRY

# SPORTS

## Cross country teams place at Allendale Falcon Invitational

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Earning fourth and sixth place finishes, the Lowell varsity boys and girls cross country teams had strong showings at the Allendale Falcon Invitational.

Placing fourth with a score of 89, the boys left the meet with three medals and a new school record. Placing in the competition were junior Caleb Swart who finished first for the Red Arrows and eighth overall with a time of 16:24, junior Ben Kinnucan who placed second for Lowell and tenth overall with a time of 16:28 and junior Lucas Cossar who placed third for Lowell and 15th overall clocking a 16:44.

Rounding out scoring were junior Nigel Mika in at 17:04 and senior Calvin Simmet in at 17:13.

The team's tight spread between first and fifth position helped to garner them their fourth place finish and the record for fastest average time for the top five runners with a combined average of 16:48.6. The new school record bests the previous mark, set one year ago, by more than twenty seconds. The team also saw personal best times from nearly all team members.

The ladies placed sixth with a score of 141, led by powerhouse senior Haley Nieuwkoop. An asset to the team on and off the course according to head coach Paul Judd, Nieuwkoop

is highly driven to give her best performance in everything she does, "Quiet, determination best describes Haley. She is a very busy person as she is involved with 4H, which is really a full time event and also manages to work on a local farm," explained Judd. "So the challenge for this coach is to make sure that we can get mileage in with balancing the other activities and some rest! Haley loves to race and hates to lose. She is her harshest critic, but allows me to chime in when she needs to know things are okay or even great. I believe Haley's best running is ahead of her and we will have to look hard for a school that provides

her an opportunity to run and pursue her passion for agriculture."

Nieuwkoop captured her team's only medal finish, placing first for her team and eleventh overall with a time of 19:36. Her performance was followed by that of junior Audrey Conrad, who came in at 20:16, junior Jada Millhisler who clocked a 20:24, freshman Lauren Swain who came in at 20:48 and senior Lauren Aud who rounded out the top five with a 21:25. Ashley Boehr and senior Marlie Fowler also had strong finishes coming across the finish line at 21:50 and 21:56, respectively. The teams 1-5 spread also broke into the schools record books with

their average time of 20:29, placing sixth on the leader board.

The names in that top list are not new to the season, as the top finishers all year have been the same nine competitors with a variety making up the top five. "It has been a total team effort picking each other up meet after meet," said Judd of the consistent pack of runners, "Audrey Conrad has been money, as she is consistently in the top three, as well as Jada Millhisler and Lauren Aud."

The team has seen much success from novice high school runner Lauren Swain, who Judd sees as a competitor with great

potential, "It has been fun watching Lauren Swain transition from the two mile middle school race to the high school distance. She will continue to get faster as she grows in confidence and as a runner," commented Judd.

Both placed mid-pack in the OK White. The team will look to improve their position at their third conference jamboree, hosted by Greenville on Wednesday before traveling to Allegan for their annual invitational at the county fairground on Saturday morning at 8 am. Last season, the girls claimed the championship at the competition while the boys came in second.

## Lowell equestrian team adds another championship

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

After walloping the district-level competition, the Lowell equestrian team headed to the Region E Championship, which took place at the Ingham County Fairgrounds this past weekend, where they won the championship trophy.

The self-funded equestrian team collected their first district and state titles back in 1987, and have been racking up the wins ever since, including additional state titles earned in 2000, 2002, 2003 and 2007, as well as a slew of top ten state-level appearances and district and regional championships. The key to this success, according to the team's head coach Holli Melton, is the rider's willingness to give it their

all. "Showing horses is unlike any other sport, as the skill and coordination of controlling a one-thousand-pound animal with a mind of its own with only your legs, seat and hands can be quite complicated," said Melton, "Add full-time school, plus some college classes, taking care of their athletic partner - their horse, along with hauling to practice four nights a week, it can get pretty stressful."

This year's team consists of Bridgette Clay, Mary Ricards, Ellie Sandman, Lena Shleintz, Emma Hancock, Kyleigh Rau, Isabelle Misner, Ella Limbers, Olivia Miller, Eliot Raimer, McKenna Grody, Molly Fredrickson, Riley Taylor and Lauren King. Taylor and Sandman were

elected captains by their teammates and do a good job in their roles according to Melton. "They do a great job as role models and they help riders that are new to the team. This is not usually a team sport, so our captains encourage other riders to try new disciplines of riding for the good of the team. Our captains help keep our team unified, working together toward victory."

Melton went on to explain the nature of the equestrian team, which asks members to step outside of their comfort zone for the good of the whole. "Our team has to fill 63 slots over 17 classes, with restrictions on the number of riders per class. So our riders are placed where the team needs them, not necessarily in



The 2018 District and Regional Championship Red Arrow varsity equestrian team.

classes they would normally show in on their own."

This helps breed a sense of camaraderie within the group and increases the team's overall effectiveness. "They all work extremely well together, sharing their

knowledge and experience with each other whenever another rider is struggling with a maneuver or pattern," says Melton.

The team has a little more than a week to prepare

for the state championship at the Midland County Fairgrounds, October 11-14, in pursuit of another notch in their horse hitches, in the form of a 2018 championship.

## Sports Summaries

### GIRLS GOLF

Competing in their seventh OK White jamboree of the season last week Monday, the Lowell girls varsity golf team placed third of seven teams, scoring a combined card tally of 190 strokes. Hosted by the recently renamed Belding Black Nights, the contest took place at the Candlestone Golf Course in Belding. The Red Arrows third-place finish was led by senior Kenzi Uhen who carded 42 on the course. Junior Mary Jo Buechler came in at 47, sophomore Lexy Kapcia tallied 50 and senior Tristan Fogerty-Thomas came in just one stroke behind at 51.

### BOYS TENNIS

Taking to the court for three matches last week, the Red Arrow boys varsity tennis team went 2-1 with victories over Ottawa Hills and Wyoming High Schools and a loss to Forest Hills Central (FHC). The team fell to FHC Monday at home with a score of 6-2. Picking up points for the team were juniors

Miles Droski at third singles and Collier Kaufman at second singles. Turning the tables in their Wednesday and Thursday competitions, the team accomplished their seventh shutout of the season over Ottawa Hills Wednesday at home and their eighth over Wyoming High School on the road, with both competitions ending quickly with 8-0 scores. The team will finish their regular conference season on Friday at Forest Hills Northern.

### BOYS SOCCER

A win and two losses were the results of the Lowell Red Arrow boys varsity soccer teams busy schedule last week. The games took place on the road, starting with a 2-1 loss to the Wildcats of Northview. A sluggish start for Lowell ultimately cost them the game, ending with a single goal earned by senior Connor Cater. Fellow senior and team goalkeeper Nathan VanDeWeert had seven saves. The team's win came Thursday against Ottawa Hills, with a score of 8-1. The offensive onslaught featured a hat trick from junior Evan Groeneweg and

additional goals from senior Nick Struckmeyer, freshman Nate Ryan, junior Bernie Diekevers and Cater. Assists were provided by junior Carlos Campos, sophomore Justin Wade, Diekevers, Groeneweg, Ryan and Cater. On Saturday, Lowell took their second loss of the week against Forest Hills Northern. The 7-0 loss was highlighted by 12 saves in goal by VanDeWeert. The team will host Greenville Tuesday and travel to Cedar Springs on Thursday.

### GIRLS SWIM AND DIVE

An excellent week in the pool for the Lowell/Caledonia/South Christian co-op girls varsity swim and dive team added up to a win over Mona Shores and a second place invitational finish. Facing Mona Shores on Thursday, the team rallied for a 96-87 victory in a down-to-the-wire meet. The team saw five first place finishes as well as consistent top five placings. Saturday at the Hudsonville Invitational, the team was one of eight competing. They placed second with a score of 105 points.

# obituaries

### BISHOP

Flora J. Bishop, age 89, of Lowell, MI, passed away peacefully on September 28, 2018, two weeks prior to her 90th birthday. She was preceded in death by her husband, Foster, and son-in-law, Karl Kusmierski. She is survived by her children, Beth Kusmierski, Kris Bishop (Nel Belding), Brian (Dana) Bishop and Phillip Bishop; grandchildren, Joe, Christopher, Foster and Brianne; and five great-grandchildren. Flora was born and raised in Lowell, Michigan. She married Foster Bishop from Cascade, Michigan in 1948 where they raised their family. They were long time members of Cascade Christian Church. She was known as "friendly Flo" and was a friend to everyone. Visitation will be Thursday, October



4, from 4-7 PM at O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst Chapel, 3980 Cascade Rd SE, Grand Rapids. A funeral service will be held Friday, October 5, at 11 AM at O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst Chapel. Rev. Jill Forton officiating. Interment Cascade Cemetery. Memorial contributions in Flora's name may be made to Cascade Christian Church/Kyle Patterson Fund, 2829 Thornapple River Dr SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.



### ROZMAN

Donna Jean Rozman, age 71 of Lowell, passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones on Sunday, September 23, 2018. She met the love of her life, Russell; and they married in 1979. The marriage brought their three daughters together; and Donna and Russ added to their family, having three more children together. They became foster parents as well, taking in many children over the years that they cared for as their own. Adopting three more children through the foster care process, they realized that their



family was still not complete. Gathering and caring for children and adults as their own family throughout the years was central to their lives, and only recently had slowed down. Donna is lovingly survived by her husband, Russell; children, Traci (Wayne) Racine, Carla Rozman, Toni Miller, Kathy Rozman, Jill (Brian) Gilson, Susan Rozman, Christopher (Katy) Rozman, Joseph Rozman, Kait Rozman; sisters Nancy Kidd, Audie Chavez; brother Don (Lori) Murphy; 14 grandchildren, Mike, James, Megan, Aaron, Makayla, Leslie, Alyssa, Salena, Ashleigh, Briana, Lyla, Clayton, Lucy, Grace; 5 great-grandchildren; several brothers- and sisters-in-law; and many nieces, nephews and friends. Funeral was held Friday, September 28, at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell. Rev. Gordon Barry officiated. Memorial contributions may be made in Donna's name to Faith Hospice, 2100 Raybrook SE Suite 300, Grand Rapids, MI 49546-5783.



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

In the matter of **DIANNE LAPE** Guardianship File No. 18-204,095-GA

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(616) 260-5649

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

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A public accuracy test of the voting equipment to be used in the November 6, 2018 General Election will be held on Monday, October 8, 2018 at 4:30 pm in the Vergennes Township Board room located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, MI 49331

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- 47. Pleasant gentle accent
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**Volleyball,  
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pool play. The girls faced-off against Rockford in the later game, as well as the quarterfinals where the Arrows went in fourth seed. Lowell fell to the Rams on both occasions with a final tally of 16-25, 25-22 and 12-15 in the quarterfinals.

The strong showing among some of the area's elite was yet another sign that the success this season might hold for the team. With just Northview remaining on their first OK White rotation, the team will have to forge through the conference again in the coming weeks before taking their shot at the postseason. "This team has been motivated from the start of the season and the goal is to finish our conference play strong and head into the postseason with some momentum to make a run at it," explained Drake. "This group wants to leave their impact on Lowell volleyball and create a tradition of success for future years to come."

Lowell will compete in the St. Johns Invitational on Saturday at 8 am.

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- 20. Gold unit
- 22. Omega of electrical resistance
- 24. Perform a surgery
- 25. \*Talker and Oscar, Grammy and Emmy host
- 26. Muralist Rivera
- 27. "\_\_\_ County" with Streep
- 29. Mosque V.I.P.
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- 32. \*Kelly's ex
- 33. Convex molding
- 34. Adam and Mae
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- 49. \*Where some James Corden segments are set
- 51. \*Former "Weekend Update" host
- 54. \*Appliance on Rachael Ray' Show set
- 56. "\_\_\_ me, then who?"
- 57. Pointy part of a tooth
- 58. Nobel Peace Prize capital
- 59. Hula feast
- 60. Quilter's stuffing
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# LHS Students of the Month for Sept.

Lowell High School has announced that Kelly Kroll, 12th grade, and Meghan Meyer, 11th grade, are the Lowell High School September Students of the Month. In order to be eligible for this honor a student must be nominated

eligible for nomination, so this is quite an accomplishment for Kelly and Meghan. The students receive a \$20 movie gift card and a certificate.

Kroll was nominated by Chaye Klomprens and Tammi Dent and they write, "Kelly is a LHS rockstar! Not only is she our hard working senior class president, she is also a member of Youth Advisory Council, NHS, and Interact. Kelly truly believes in making her school and the Lowell community a better place. On top of that she is an amazing Spanish student. Kelly is currently taking AP Spanish

with her classmates and her enthusiasm just helps motivate all her peers."

Jon Bieneman nominated Meyer and he writes, "Meghan is a young lady that I have had the opportunity to see in the classroom, around the school building and on the athletic court. It doesn't matter where you happen to run into Meghan; what you will see is the true definition of a Lowell Red Arrow. She is a tireless worker who excels in the classroom, as well as outside of it. I routinely found her doing extra work above and beyond the requirements to make sure she is prepared. Her attitude and demeanor is always upbeat and positive leading her peers to feel comfortable asking for help and following her leadership. I cannot tell you how many times I have witnessed her working together with students in the classroom in a very positive and productive way. Outside of the classroom, I have seen Meghan helping other students get round our building, being a great teammate and being a positive ambassador for our school and district.

Meghan is an outstanding person who is a valuable part of our school community. She is very deserving of the title 'LHS Student of the Month'."



Meghan Meyer



Kelly Kroll

by a department. All the nomination forms for the month are then reviewed and voted on at the monthly department chair meeting. Students are selected based on academic achievement, character, and work ethic. There are 1,200 students

where she shines as a leader in the classroom. She took advantage of several opportunities this summer to connect with the Spanish language and culture in our area and her confidence shines when she is communicating completely in Spanish



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TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of the City of Lowell, County of Kent, Michigan, who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the City of Lowell (301 E. Main Street), the office of the County Clerk, office of the Secretary of State or at the office of a designated State Agency during their regular business hours. To register by mail, call your County Clerk or Local Clerk. This is a General Election.

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