

## Prop. 1 discussed at city council meeting

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Lowell city council had their latest regular meeting at city hall on Monday, Oct. 15. About seven people attended the 32 minute meeting, one spoke during public comment.

First, Perry Beachum updated the council about his Oakwood Cemetery fencing project. Beachum is collecting funds to purchase and install a fence that will keep the cemetery's work area out of sight. So far about \$1,500 of the required \$4,000 to \$6,000 has been raised. Beachum said work could begin as early as this fall with a completion goal of next Memorial Day.

"We'll at least get the posts in and start from there," Beachum said. "I encourage the community to pony up and we'll get it done."

To contribute, make a check or money orders out to City of Lowell, Oakwood Fence and mail it to Perry Beachum, 924 Riverside Dr., Lowell MI 49331.

The council continued their discussion of Proposal 1. If approved by voters, the proposal would legalize recreational marijuana use in Michigan. Adults 21 and older could grow up to 12 plants in their house and possess up to 10 ounces of marijuana at a time. It would be taxed at 10 percent. The tax money generated would be dedicated to "implementation costs, clinical trials, schools, roads and municipalities where marijuana businesses are located." The proposal gives local municipalities ten days after the election is finalized to opt out of allowing marijuana businesses within their borders.

City manager Michael Burns said that some communities plan to opt out, set the rules for their town, then opt back in.

"If you opt out, you could opt in later if you choose," Burns said. "Even if you do opt in, in that ten day window you do have the

opportunity to start setting certain standards as to what types of facilities you'd want and what areas you'd want them in. Obviously, you'd have to re-amend some of your zoning ordinances to allow for it. [...] Even if this got elected on Election Day, ten days after the election has got certified, you're not going to have recreational pot dispensaries opening up on Thanksgiving. It's just not going to happen. It's going to be a period of time."

The topic of marijuana brought Dr. Jim Reagan to the podium. Dr. Reagan urged the council to opt out of allowing recreational marijuana businesses.

"I didn't know that as a municipality you could opt out ahead of time," Reagan said. "I do know that California has a number of municipalities that opted out of their recreational marijuana too. I really encourage you to consider that ahead of time."

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Dr. Jim Reagan encouraged the council to opt out of allowing recreational marijuana businesses in Lowell.



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## Ghost hunters coming to Fallasburg Village

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Michigan Paranormal Alliance is leading a ghost walk through Fallasburg Village on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 7 until 9 pm. A team of eight ghost hunters will explore the schoolhouse, the Misner house, the Fallas house and the Fallasburg cemetery, searching for signs of the paranormal.

MPA psychic Rosemary Lelieveld said that if she could publicly share her list of Lowell-area haunted locations, Fallasburg Village would be on it. The group did an investigation of the village two years ago.

"Sometimes the schoolhouse creeps me out," said Fallasburg Historical Society vice president Tina

Cadwallader. "It's creepy and it's ice cold all summer long. The Misner house door slams by itself and the Fallas house curtains are always messed up. At least one of the window's curtains do not remain perfectly straight like I left them."

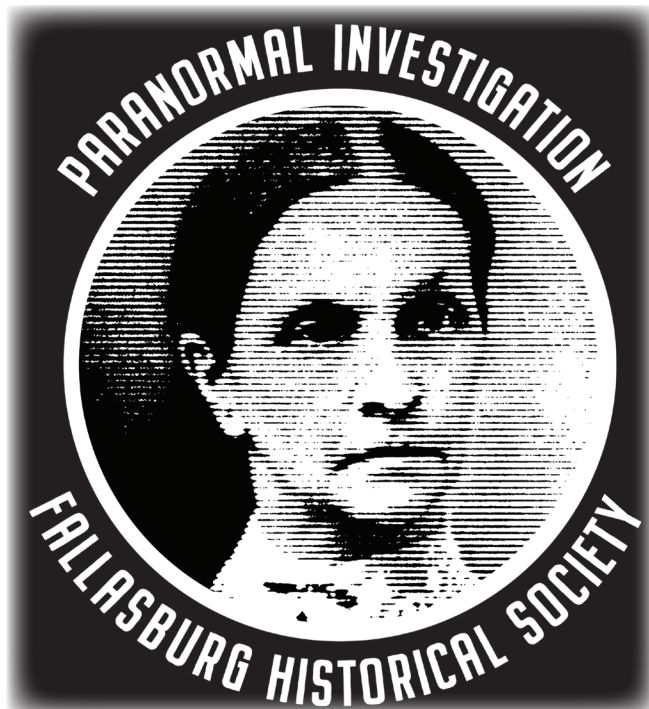
The team from MPA, Rosemary Lelieveld, Edwin

Lelieveld, David Matson, Lisa Sekeet, Lil Kotecki, Jason Kotecki, Peggy Kotecki and Sue Nielsen, say they found evidence of paranormal activity in the village during their earlier investigation.

"I had psychic communication with a man," Lelieveld said. "He was

there from way back when the village was established. I can't remember if he was an employee, but he was there and he told us that now he was like the guardian, he oversaw everything there. He would push away any vandals, make it scary if people like that come in. He

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Original village resident Phoebe Brown Fallas could be among the spirits encountered on the Saturday, Oct. 27 ghost walk.

## Development at Unity School



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Developers Jerry Zandstra and Todd Schaal have unveiled their plans to build 10 residential condos overlooking the Flat River in the old Unity School building. The full story will be in next week's Lowell Ledger.

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# KCRC unveils 2018 fall color tour maps

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Last week the Kent County Road Commission announced that they have restored and updated versions of old fashioned color tours. The new color tours go right past Lowell, one even comes right up to the city limits.

Back in olden times when gas was cheap, cars were comfortable and roads were new, people used to enjoy driving around and looking at the scenery. One popular activity was to drive around Michigan's vast forests and observe the natural beauty of leaves changing color. The culture may have changed, but there are still a lot of colorful leaves to look at in Michigan.

"During the summer of 2016, KCRC's engineering division located old color tour maps in our archives that dated back as early as the 1950s," said Maura Lamoreaux, KCRC communications manager. "Back in the 1950s, 60s and 70s, the color tour was overseen by the Kent County Road Commission's forestry and parks departments. Around the mid-1970s, forestry efforts were absorbed into our maintenance division and in the early 2000s the parks department became a department of Kent County, rather than

of the Kent County Road Commission. Together with our maintenance division, engineering reviewed the old maps and used them as the blueprint on which to edit and expand. Last year we offered eight routes that encompassed 237 miles of local roads. This year we expanded to provide nine routes and over 274 total miles of road. The routes may be connected for longer trips or driven individually for shorter outings."

Most of the routes will roll you through, past or close to some of our local parks, including Fallsburg Park and Vergennes Township.

"The routes not only celebrate the colors of the fall but also the beautiful parks throughout the county," Lamoreaux said. "We hope that motorists enjoy one or more of the Kent County or township parks along their travels. Each open park with an entrance along the route is identified with an icon on the map. One of the simplest pleasures in Kent County is taking in the beauty of fall. Our hope is that these tours encourage day trippers to venture into an area of the county that they have not yet enjoyed."

Since you're probably going to be taking pictures, they'd like you to show them any cool photos you manage to capture.



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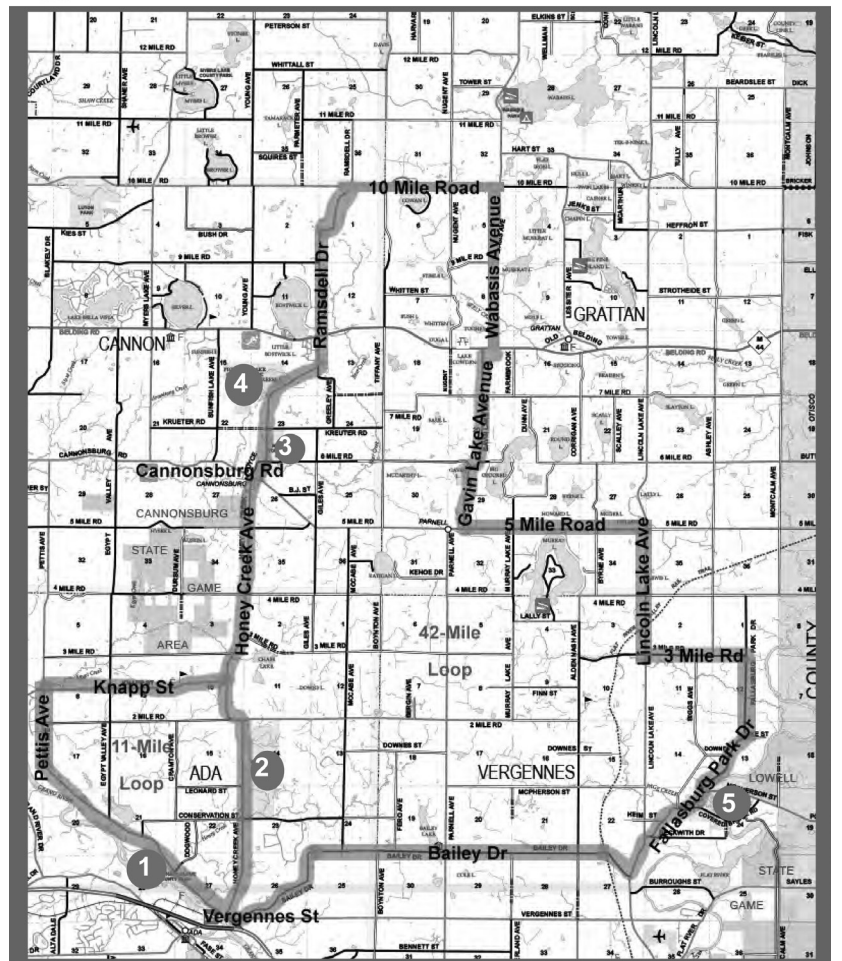


The southeast color tour (left) takes Alden Nash right up to the Lowell city limits.

"KCRC encourages people to #LoveFallRoads and share their favorite photos from stops along the color tour. Photos may be emailed to mlamoreaux@kentcountyoroads.net, posted to facebook.com/MIKCRC or tweeted to @MIKCRC," Lamoreaux said.



The east color tour (right) goes through Vergennes Township, Fallsburg Park and Grattan Township.



1. Chief Lazy Cloud Park 2. Seidman Park 3. Townsend Park 4. Pickeral Lake Park & Fred Meijer Nature Preserve 5. Fallsburg Park



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The council approved a 25 year memorandum of understanding about trail maintenance between the city, the Lowell Area Recreation Authority and Lowell Area Schools. Certain parties will be responsible for maintenance of certain sections. For example, the schools will maintain the trail on Foreman St. from River Valley Rail Trail to Gee Dr.; the city will maintain the section that goes through Stoney Lakeside Park and LARA will take care of Alden Nash from Main St. to the Alden Nash West subdivision.

The council voted to approve a resolution “supporting the legal actions of communities objecting to the [Michigan Department of Environmental Quality]’s water rules.”

“There are basically three problems with [the MEDQ’s] rule changes,” Burns said. “The first one is that they are not complete and are being implemented piecemeal with the expectation that

communities will just follow their direction with each stage whenever the DEQ provides another set of answers. [...] Second, the costs are unnecessarily excessive. The city of Lowell has not exceeded lead and copper levels, nor will it exceed the new lower levels. However, under the new rules, the city would still have to proceed with replacing numerous service lines possibly that never had any lead issue. [...] [The third problem is] funding. Where is the money for the proposed mandate? How will it be paid for? Why are not all communities eligible to receive the same funding Flint and a few other communities have already been provided to start this process?”

The council voted to appoint Lowell resident Michael Bryan to the Local Officers’ Compensation Commission, a five member body that meets every odd numbered year to determine the salary for a city councilor. Currently, each city council is paid



Perry Beachum updated the council on his Oakwood Cemetery beautification project.

\$100 a year. The mayor gets an extra \$50. They may also be reimbursed for related expenses.

The council’s next meeting will be at city hall on Monday, Nov. 5 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, Nov. 3.

## September police stats

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Lowell Police Department made 24 arrests during the month of September, down from 30 arrests in August. The arrests included one drug law violation, two for drunk driving, two for driving with a suspended license, 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 257 people arrested by Lowell Police during the first nine months of the year.

LPD also responded to plenty of misdemeanors during September. There were three larceny calls, one dog/animal complaint, four disorderly conduct calls, one breaking and entering complaint and four assaults. Lowell police issued 73 citations and notified eight residents about ordinance violations. They were called for assistance 68 times and were dispatched to 15 accidents. Out of 169 traffic stops in September, they let 115 drivers go with a warning.

# Lowell Light & Power board meeting

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

The Lowell Light & Power board had their latest regular meeting on Thursday, Oct. 11.

The meeting lasted three hours and three minutes. There were two action items on the agenda, the fiscal year 2018 audit presentation and acceptance and the purchase of office furniture.

According to a LL&P memo by Megay Keyser dated Oct. 5, the utility was audited by Grand Rapids accounting firm Vredeveld Haefner.

“LL&P has received a clean audit this year, the highest opinion that can be received,” Keyser’s memo said.

The Vredeveld Haefner audit is available to read on the LL&P website.

The board voted to buy \$40,291.86 worth of office furniture from Enwork.

“We asked Enwork to submit two quotes, one at a level with standard laminate finishes and the other with special laminate finishes,” said an Oct. 5 LL&P memo by Keyser. “Their standard

quote came in at \$146,578 and their special quote came in at \$175,182. Don’t be too shocked by the price, though; they are offering LL&P a 77% discount! With that discount, the standard quote is \$33,712.94 and the special quote is \$40,291.86. The quote from Interphase Interiors, a dealer for Haworth, is pretty straightforward. It came in at \$60,388.16. We are also receiving a large discount on Haworth’s products due to LL&P being eligible for the MiDEAL program.

This allows us to buy goods and services at a State of Michigan discount rate.”

The board also listened to data updates from Donkersloot on a variety of topics and projects. Complete recordings of this and past LL&P meetings are available on Lowell Light & Power’s YouTube channel.

The Lowell Light & Power board will have their next meeting at their 127 N. Broadway headquarters at 6 pm on Thursday, Oct. 11.



The Lowell Light & Power board in discussion during last week’s meeting.

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## Ghosts, continued

had a story to tell because he came from adverse times. He was a black man and back then it was, unfortunately, so horrible for people of color. He shared some of that with us. We also captured some EVPs [electronic voice phenomenon, alleged recordings of ghost voices]. In the schoolhouse we came into contact with an older woman and we felt that maybe she had lived in that area. We could feel her presence. There was a cold spot which coincided with our communication. We asked her to move the temperature up or down and she was able to do that. That was interesting. In one of the homes we heard noises. Then when we asked for a noise we would get a noise and when we asked for a knock we would get a knock.”

There is indeed a list of haunted houses and businesses in and around Lowell. The team from MPA has investigated several but refused to reveal exactly where.

“Yes, there are haunted locations within the city of Lowell, both business and residential locations, and there are some outdoor areas that have had a little activity,” Lelieveld said. “Our group has confidentiality, so I cannot reveal those to you. There are a few in town, there are also a few outside of town and there are a few public outdoor areas. I can’t reveal exactly where those are because we have confidentiality.”

The idea of a public ghost walk came about when Cadwallader had a chance counter with an MPA member and described her unnerving experiences on the village grounds.

“We had a paranormal investigation in the village two years ago,” Cadwallader said. “I met one of the members of this group just by chance and I asked them if they would be interested in checking on our schoolhouse. The conversation came around about ‘ghost researches’ they have done and attended. I thought that was interesting and the group said that this could be a fundraiser for us.”

We may never know who or what is happening at Fallasburg Village, but Cadwallader offered some contenders, including Phoebe Brown Fallas, the wife of village founder John Fallas. Phoebe is pictured on the t-shirt that is included with your ticket to the event.

“John Wesley Fallas and his wife, Phoebe Brown Fallas, lived in the house their entire lives,” Cadwallader said. “The lady that’s on the t-shirt is none other than Phoebe Brown Fallas. She was John’s wife, [he was] the founder of Fallasburg Village. John and Phoebe lived in the Fallas house since John founded Fallasburg Village in the 1830s. The artist for the Historical Society is Liam Kelly. He is a Lowell High school Alumni. He graduated from Grand Valley State University this past spring and is busy doing design work for the Grand

members at each spot, then a couple extra around to answer questions. We try to approach every investigation scientifically. We don’t just go in and say ‘Oh, you have a ghost!’ We want to have proof of that haunting so we always look for a rational explanation first. Even though I’m a psychic medium, I don’t just walk in and say, ‘Yes, you’re haunted! You have a ghost!’ That’s just not how it works, not for our group. If I feel something, I share it with our team. We have been a group for almost 20 years and our oldest member is in her 70s so we have a lot of experience as a group. We take our job very seriously. We’re not just thrill seekers, we’re out to actually help people understand p a r a n o r m a l experiences. We want souls to reside in peace in this life and in the next. Our mission is also to educate and empower people. We will be using EMF meters, audio and



Rapids Hoops. Recently, Fallasburg Historical Society designs are by Liam Kelly.”

Before the MPA group shows up at an investigation site, they research the location to see if anything out of the ordinary ever went on there. Lelieveld, however, prefers to rely on her psychic abilities, so she does not look at any of the research.

“Normally, one of the things that we would do is, one of our case managers will go to the town’s library and do a little research,” Lelieveld said. “They’ll look up facts to find out who lived there, when it was built, see if there was any kind of death in that building or nearby. I don’t get involved in any of that. When we do an investigation, normally I go in blind. People like it when the psychic is blind and they don’t know anything ahead of time because then there’s validation and confirmation.”

On the night of the event, the team will set up electronic equipment in various locations around the village. They’ll collect readings and make recordings, then they’ll share the results on their website later. The team uses the equipment and its data to try and find rational explanations for the phenomena. Often, they find that ungrounded electrical wiring is the culprit.

“We’ll be in a few different locations around the village,” Lelieveld said. “We’ll have team

video devices, a spirit box and a Mel Meter. A Mel Meter can detect movement, temperature, pressure and humidity. A spirit box is a radio that is designed to scan the radio frequencies. It goes up and down the channels, so you hear a ‘ch-ch-ch’ sound. The idea of that is by creating white noise or having that radio frequency, that a ghost can use that to communicate. They can manipulate that white noise to form words. Personally, I don’t like to use the spirit box much because it gives me a headache. That constant ‘ch-ch-ch,’ I just can’t stand it. The theory is that ghosts can use our human energy and the electronic energy to manifest, kind of like a conduit. EMF fields have also been known to create the feeling of paranormal activity in people that are really sensitive. It’s always important to have good electrical grounding in your house. We’ve gone into houses where the EMF fields are crazy, and we always encourage people to have an electrician come in and check to make sure it’s safe, that it meets regulation. Unfortunately, there are even new buildings that have issues with wires that are not grounded properly.”

Lelieveld listed a few potential warning signs you could look for if you suspect either ghostly activity or bad wiring.

“Cold spots, unexplained smells like perfume

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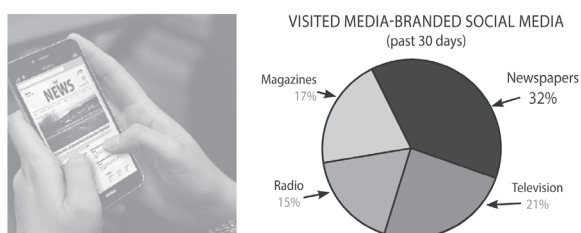
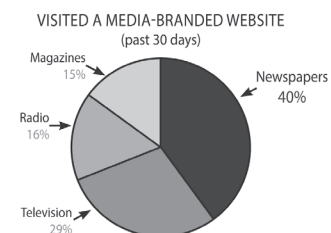
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# viewpoint

## to the editor

Dear Ledger,  
Two years ago I had reason to contemplate the boundaries of our district for State Representative. The district looked as if drawn by a drunk or a thimble-rig. (Impossible to be both.)  
Vote "yes" on Prop. 2. When people allegedly view American politics as "rigged" -- actually true -

Prop. 2 is a decent partial cure for Michigan. I learned about gerrymandering in the 8th or 9th grade, and even know who Gerry was. This political chicanery has reached diseased proportions in America, cf. Maryland, Illinois, and Pennsylvania. In the last-mentioned, the Commonwealth's high court

declared the whole fraud unconstitutional.

I was astounded to hear that the Michigan Chamber of Commerce had joined the Republican Party in a suit to keep the matter off the ballot. The G.O.P. as the new populism? Do tell. But the business class! My Tory dad opined the business class stood for probity, rationality, good government. At university, the campus Republicans I befriended said the same thing. But not now. In pursuing this matter to

our Supreme Court, the Chamber has behaved as duplicitous ward bosses. I was good enough to point out his revelation in a hand delivered letter to their toney new h.q. In Lansing, implying they have made me a Marxist.

If they get wind of this down the road at the Acton Institute, faces will darken. No, Toto, we are not at Caro anymore. *Regardez* smelly state politics.

G. M. Ross  
Lowell

## outdoors

### deer camp

Dave Stegehuis

The tradition of deer camp has been passed down through generations of Michigan families and friends. As the world quickly changes around us, the experience of waking up in the deer woods on opening morning is as exciting for millennials as it is for those of the greatest generation.

Fortunately, the sun still comes up, rain falls, tress grow, and deer don't watch the news, so in the woods, not much has changed. Not much has changed regarding the enthusiasm of folks who head for deer camp every fall. It may be the only time when friends and family get together all year.

After greetings and catching up with what went on in life between deer seasons, the conversation shifts to talk of deer and hunting. From this time, until everyone returns to civilization, the cares and concerns of daily life fade with attention focused on fellow campers and the hunt. On the eve of opening day, plans are made for who will occupy which stand or blind location. More often, it is assumed that senior camp members will return

to the same spot they have claimed for many years.

As daylight fades, hunters straggle in to deal with camp chores and recount the day's adventures. After dinner it's time to relax, play cards, or sit around the campfire and tell stories of seasons past; stories about wily bucks, missed opportunities and remembering those who finally ran out of time on this earth and won't return.

There may or may not be deer on the buck pole. Dinner may be canned beef stew or with some luck, venison back straps. It doesn't matter because deer camp is much more than killing deer. It is important because it draws people together with a common purpose and comradery around the possibility of harvesting a deer.

Everyone will leave camp with memories that will turn into campfire stories for next year. For those who are fortunate to have the opportunity to experience deer camp, life may be richer knowing that there is another world in the north woods where nothing much changes.



### 125 years ago Lowell Ledger October 21, 1893

While on her way to school last Saturday morning, Bertha McArthur who teaches the Sweet school in South Lowell, was overturned in her buggy by her frightened horse, but escaped injury to herself, though she required another buggy to get to school with.

Wood taken on subscription at the Ledger office.  
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Those old muzzle-loading guns that rust in the garret all summer, but are brought out after harvest to shoot squirrels, are about as dangerous at one end as the other.

### 100 years The Lowell Ledger October 17, 1918

The home of Rev. and Mrs. H. Bank, who are to leave Lowell this week, was the scene of a very pleasant gathering on Friday afternoon. Seventeen ladies of the neighborhood, knowing the extra work to be done in the parsonage, dropped in with thimbles and needles in one hand and packages that went direct to the kitchen in the other.

The local Red Cross has received another donation of \$10.25 the amount obtained from the contest conducted by E.J. Nash.

Ira Herriman, a Civil war veteran, celebrated his 85th birthday anniversary Sunday by entertaining his daughter and family from away.

John Leo Driscoll of Lowell is reported among the seriously wounded by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces.

Pool lights and low power on the Lowell lines lately is explained by the fact that some needed replanking is being done on the dam. Superintendent McMahon felt that the work should be done before cold weather sets in, as working in the water is not a snap at any time. All the available men that could be secured were working there Sunday; two who had been brought to the plant from Belding took one look at the job and then took the back track on foot. There are times when the job has to seep the man, so let's not be too critical.

### 75 years The Lowell Ledger October 14, 1943

Boy Scouts of Lowell will sponsor another collection of waste, particularly magazines, newspapers, carton boxes and rages, and the like on Thursday, Oct. 21. The city will help by providing city trucks for the collection.

It is with dismay that Alto community see the busy Alto Garage closed. These boys, Lawrence Richardson and Richard Fairchild, have worked faithfully together for eight years, working nearly every night until 11 o'clock. Now these boys are willing to go where Uncle Sam needs them the most, but the farmers, who are short-handed, are worried how they can keep their tractors services, however, petition, etc. have been of no avail and this community feels the board has made a big mistake.

Gloom was cast over the community again Sunday when Edward Pace, 15 years of age, accidentally shot himself while duck hunting on the Ted Welton farm. A schoolmate, Bernard Hodges was with him at the time of the accident.

The Lowell Redbirds and the Lee Rebels battled to a scoreless tie under the lights of Recreation Park last Friday evening.

### 50 years The Lowell Ledger October 17, 1968

Plans for a sewer to service the northwest end of the city, including the new Root-Lowell manufacturing facility, were formally approved by the City Council in a special meeting Saturday.

Pat Bambrick, Lowell Police and several others spot an unidentified flying object over Eastern Kent County on Friday night.

The school board borrows \$150,000 to pay personnel until state aid advance payments come or a millage vote passes.

## 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.*

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# anniversaries

## DeYoung



In 1968 these crazy kids (ages 17 and 19) decided to get hitched and after 50 years, three kids and two grandkids they are still together.

Martin and Cheryl (Hannah) DeYoung of Saranac formerly of Lowell, were married on October 19, 1968 in Grand

Rapids. The couple have three children: Tammy and Brad Janowiak, of Lowell, Karrie DeYoung of Grand Rapids and Martin DeYoung of Saranac and two granddaughters: Hayleigh Borton and Calihan Janowiak.

A celebration is in the works for October 21.



## At Your Local Library

Kent District Library programs at Englehardt Branch, 200 N. Monroe St. For additional information call 616-784-2007.

**Fall Fest** - Celebrate the season with autumn crafts, games and *process art* activities that focus more on the *process* and less on the final product. For children and families. Thurs., Oct 25 at 10 am.

## business matters

Greenridge Realty announces that Ryan Hesche has received Salesperson of the Month for September. This recognizes Hesche for a great month of success and achievements.



## school news

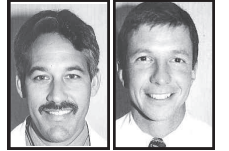
Lowell High School has announced that a Lowell High School student has been named Student of the Month at Kent Transition Center. Christian Teachworth, 11th grade, is enrolled in the retail marketing program.



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# HEALTH



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

## - cirrhosis

Your liver has many important jobs. It cleans our blood and makes vital nutrients.

Cirrhosis is the name given to severe scarring of the liver. Many diseases and other health conditions can cause damage to the liver. The most common causes are alcohol abuse, fatty infiltration of the liver and chronic hepatitis B and C infections. There are many other rarer problems like hemochromatosis, genetic disorders, autoimmune disorders, and certain medications.

Each time the liver is injured, it repairs itself which causes scarring. As more scarring accumulates, the liver has problems

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Symptoms of liver failure include:

- Easy bruising and bleeding
- Jaundice
- Itching all over
- Fluid build up in the abdomen and legs
- Confusion and drowsiness

Other problems associated with cirrhosis include infections, malnutrition, bone disease, and liver cancer. These symptoms do not show up until liver damage is severe.

You can prevent liver damage by limiting alcohol, keeping a healthy weight, do not inject drugs, or have

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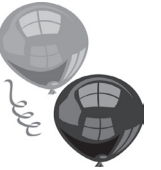
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Collin Kaeb, Kurt Telman, Jason Nearing.

### OCTOBER 21

Andrew Mercer, Madison Hacker, Jessica Alberts.

### OCTOBER 18

Mary Ellen Rivers Barber, Brian Willmarth, Brian Scott Kunard, Hayden Andrews Snyder.

### OCTOBER 22

Troy Abel, Aamir Ismail, Donna Potter, Devin Falk.

### OCTOBER 19

Lydia Brenk, Nancy Brenk, Zachary Lee, Ty Stanford.

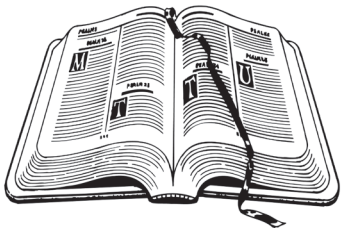
### OCTOBER 23

Bill Stouffer, Melody Kastanek, Lyle Morrison, Rachael McIntyre.

### OCTOBER 20

Bob Hildenbrand, Michael V. Johnson.

# area churches



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# Lowell business owner/veteran John Vanderwilp injured in motorcycle accident

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

John Vanderwilp, a local business owner and former post commander of the VFW, is recovering in Butterworth Hospital after suffering two broken legs in an accident while riding his motorcycle on M-21 in Ada. Local resident Perry Beachum arrived on the scene soon after the accident.

“It happened at the traffic light on M-21 in Ada right across from the Riverbend Bar and Grill,” Beachum said. “I did not witness it, I didn’t see the accident at all. I was heading back to Lowell. All of a sudden I saw a

car that had stopped and another car that looked like it had been in an accident. As I got closer, I saw the motorcycle, then I saw John laying facedown on the pavement. He was wearing a helmet. I quickly found the first turnaround and returned. I pulled my vehicle into the roadway to block any other vehicles.”

Beachum, who used to work as an EMT, tended to Vanderwilp during the few minutes before the paramedics arrived.

“There were some cuts and some road rash here and there, but both of

John’s legs were deformed and he was in pain,” Beachum said. “His right thigh and his left tibia and fibula had compound fractures. There was another gentleman with me. We kept John calm and didn’t move him. We held his neck in place, kept him immobile, talked to him, kept him calm and waited for the rescue units to get there and handle him properly. It took three to five minutes. He was conscious through the whole episode.”

Vanderwilp is the owner of John Wayne Construction. He has two

sons and two daughters. He moved to Lowell in the mid-70s after marrying Renee Vanderwilt. He won a Bronze Star for his service during the Vietnam War and later joined the Lowell VFW. His Army unit, the First Cavalry Division, suffered more casualties than any other during Vietnam, with 5,444 soldiers killed in action and 26,592 wounded in action.

“The First Cavalry were stationed at Bearcat Base not too far north of Saigon,” said VFW post commander Herm Weststrate. “They went

out and patrolled along the Cambodian border up to the center highlands. John told me he would be out for over a month at a time. Their uniforms would be literally falling off them from rot. Going through the swamps, every night they would have to strip down and pick the leeches off. John was a grunt. It was not pleasant. He humped an M-60 machine gun. That’s the term grunts use when they have to carry an M-60, they ‘hump’ it. Those guns weigh about 12 pounds. It was a crew weapon [meaning

it requires more than one person to operate]. He was the machine gunner and there were probably about four or five other soldiers who helped carry his ammunition. Once he put that M-60 up, he would be the choice target of the enemy. He got a bronze star with a ‘V’ for ‘valor.’ I’m not sure how, but he probably earned it in more than one engagement.”

## Ghosts, continued

or coffee, sounds like knocking or whispering,” Lelieveld said.

When she isn’t investigating haunted locations, Lelieveld works out of her home in Dorr as a psychic medium. Visit her website, soulsistercreations.org/rosemary, to learn more about these services.

“I am a paranormal researcher and investigator,” Lelieveld said. “I am also a psychic medium and I work as the psychic medium for MPA. I use my abilities to communicate with spirits.

Being a psychic medium, that means I have the ability to communicate with ghosts, spirits, peoples’ loved ones that have passed over, angels and spirit guides. The psychic part of what I do is, I have the ability to tap into situations or things that are going on. I cannot give you the winning lottery numbers or things like that. Personally, I believe that everybody has psychic awareness or psychic ability, some people just don’t embrace it. Some people are open to that idea. There are other people that are maybe

religious and they think that anything you come in contact with is bad or demonic. That’s not the case. We’re all humans. We all have a soul. A ghost could stay earthbound for many different reasons. It could be because they have unfinished business, they could have an affinity for the location they’re at or maybe they feel they’re a guardian. Sometimes they just want to have their story told and once their story is told, they leave. Sometimes they just need to be heard. Initially, some might be frightened

because they come across as evil or angry. Maybe that’s because they’re making noise or moving things, or they’ve seen an apparition. But really, that’s the only way they know how to get attention. Not only that, but if you were cranky in life, just because you die doesn’t mean you become harmonious and ‘one with the world’ now. We still maintain some of those characteristics. If they’ve been there for a while and they’ve got something to say but nobody’s paying attention, they get testy. When we do

an investigation, we try to cross them over. We try to make them aware of the other side, whatever you want to call it. We believe there’s a better place for them than roaming around unseen and unheard.”

The Fallasburg Village ghost walk is from 6:30 until 9 pm on Saturday, Oct. 27. Tickets are \$40 and include the investigation, a t-shirt, beverages and snacks. Call 616-560-9109 or visit fallasburg.org to buy tickets or for more information. This event is not recommended for those under age 16.

“I absolutely love my job because I have the ability to help people heal,” Lelieveld said. “Maybe sometimes they need a message from their loved one who crossed, to understand something that happened before they left, maybe they feel like they didn’t get to say something and sometimes people maybe just need a little clarity on some of the struggles they’re facing in their lifetime.”

## Pancake breakfast at Wittenbach Wege Center

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Maple syrup-covered pancakes and educational autumn walks were on tap at the Wittenbach Wege Agriculture and Environmental Education Center (WWC) last Saturday morning from 8-11 am to help kick off the Lowell Harvest Celebration.

Hosted by the Lowell chapter of the Future Farmers of America (FFA), the breakfast featured flapjacks with all the traditional breakfast fixings. Breakfast fees will be utilized to assist the plant and animal science work that takes place at the WWC, including their new Prairie and Pollinator Restoration Project.

An apple tasting featuring an abundance of varieties donated by local farms, markets and orchards, a tantalizing bake sale, open house and tours of the unique facility were also

offered at the fundraising event. Destinations within the facility include the animal barn, greenhouse,

community garden, hydroponic house and a newly installed pond. The center’s trails were also

open and featured a variety of experiences for the eyes and ears.

The WWC’s trails and

many of its other features are open to the public every day of the year during daylight hours. The

center is located just north of Lowell and adjacent to Lowell High School at 11715 Vergennes Street.



Lowell FFA members sophomore Madelyn Wester and senior Abigail Wester greet attendees at the annual breakfast.

## GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

**Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
Synopsis of Minutes  
September 24, 2018**

**Motions Approved:**

1. Election Source to perform Preliminary and Public Accuracy Test for the 2018 General Election.
2. Resolution 2018-024 Confirmation Of Special Assessment Roll; Lien; Payment And Collection Of Special Assessments.

Our next Township Meeting  
will be a regular meeting  
**October 15 at 7 p.m.**

The approved minutes may be reviewed  
on our website at [www.grattantownship.org](http://www.grattantownship.org)

## Red Arrow

- HOMECOMING

## SPORTS

## Pleasant weather for annual Homecoming Parade

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Downtown Lowell came alive with school spirit last Friday evening as the Red Arrows took over the town for the annual Homecoming Parade.

Led by parade Grand Marshall and recently retired elementary teacher Kim Lum, 2018 Teacher of the Year Wendy Tenney and 2018 Support Person of the Year Renay Bouwhuis, the procession was big on Red Arrow pride. Community members lined the streets for the six o'clock event

kickoff decked out in their school apparel and enjoying the pleasant conditions. The parade began with the traditional first respondents and military representatives followed by a line of teams and groups representing Lowell Area Schools.

Participants included the Lowell football and cheer programs, girls varsity lacrosse team, co-op varsity hockey team, Future Farmers of America, Cherry Creek Elementary Early Act Club, Lowell

Middle School Interact Club, members of the 2018 Homecoming Court as well as the Lowell High and Middle School bands.

The parade was part of the school's week long homecoming celebration which began with spirit days, pep assemblies and a Powder Puff game and closed with a 7:30 pm football game featuring the crowning of the 2018 Homecoming King and Queen and the Saturday night Homecoming Dance.



Lowell High School Band provided the music for the downtown procession.



Young Red Arrows gather along the street to catch a glimpse of their hometown heroes.



Future generations of gridiron men represent Lowell Football in the spirited parade.



Lowell Middle School band members representing along the parade route.

## Red Arrows fall to Forest Hills Central

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

After a weeklong championing school spirit for the Lowell Red Arrows, the varsity football team took the field for their annual homecoming game. Taking on the Forest Hills Rangers in OK White action, falling 35-10, moved their OK White record to 1-7 on the season.

Shut down offensively for the first half of the game, the Red Arrows struggled to keep their end defensively,

allowing the Rangers to rack up 28 points by the half time buzzer. The Arrows closest scoring opportunity came from junior Austin Boone who crossed the ball into the red zone during the second quarter of play.

At halftime Lowell fans greeted the 2018 Homecoming Court on the field alongside their parents. A pair of representatives from the freshman, sophomore and junior courts

along with an expanded senior court were presented during the ceremony which also featured music from the Lowell High School Marching Band. After introductions, previously-named king Ivan Reynolds took his spot next to newly named queen Regan Coxon, who accepted the crown and flowers from the 2017 royal couple Nikki Nugent and Garrett Pratt.

Fairing only marginally better in the second half, the Arrows returned to the field to a slowed offensive pace from the Rangers that they took advantage of, adding nine points to the scoreboard. The first success came from a successful field goal attempt from reliable senior kicker Sairge Saldivar. Sophomore Doak Dean scored his first varsity touchdown with a four yard run in the fourth. Coupled with another notch for Saldivar in the form of an extra point the Arrows ended the evening with a ten point balance, while their opponent netted seven more to cement the win 35-10.

Lowell will finalize their regular season this week Friday when they welcome OK White opponent the Northview Wildcats to Bob Perry Memorial Stadium for a 7 pm kickoff.



Lowell's 2018 Homecoming King and Queen Ivan Reynolds and Regan Coxon.



The Lowell Red Arrows enter the field for their battle against the Rangers.



The Red Arrows did battle with the Forest Hills to the tune of a 35-10 homecoming night loss.



# Harvest Hustle 5k run, chili cook-off and Autumn Marketplace events took place downtown Saturday

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Closing out the 2018 Triple Crown of Lowell-based races, the Harvest Hustle 5K took place last Saturday morning. Runners strapped on their shoes for a brisk 8:30 am run, launching from Avery street, in support of encouraging a healthy lifestyle and in conjunction with the annual Lowell Harvest Festival.

Growing to be a staple of the community's autumn celebration, the Harvest Hustle 5K drew 86 runners

to this year's event, ranging in age from ten and under to 65 and older. Participants were able to walk, jog or run on the family-friendly course which meandered from the Lowell Police Department, through the Lowell residential community and then along the Flat River back to their finish line on Avery.

Prize money and medals were awarded following the race, which was officially timed for the second year in a row. A cash purse of \$100

each were awarded to the male and female winners. This year's female winner was Nikki Liversedge of Ada clocking a 19:55.5. Grabbing first place for the men for the second year in a row was Nick Liversedge also of Ada coming in at 16:54.91, about three seconds better than last years finish.

Also placing in the top five overall for the gentlemen runners were Ryan Wittenbach of Lowell (17:28.61), Bryan Deeren

of Ionia (20:02.12), Jake Rottier of Hudsonville (20:47.73) and Scott West of Allendale (20:00.94). The top five female competitors were Diana Candela of Rockford (21:29.61), Clara Deeren of Ionia (22:23.64), Annika Sandman of Lowell (24:12.45) and Abby Sandberg of Chicago (24:32.92). Medals were awarded to the top three finishers in each individual age group.

Funds raised outside of purses by way of entry fees

and sponsorships will help fund the programs of Lowell Community Wellness, a non-profit organization whose mission: "Inspiring and educating the greater Lowell community to attain a healthier lifestyle." Their initiatives have included events such as Tai Chi and Yoga by the River, a green cleaning workshop and larger efforts, like a survey taken to help gain a better understanding of the needs of the community in regards to healthy living.

Community sponsors for the event included Northern Physical Therapy, Grand River Orthodontics, Portland Federal Credit Union, Station Salon, The Laurels of Kent, Jared's Team, Showboat Automotive, Red Creek Waste Services, Rockin' Party DJ, Swislane Farms, United Dairy Industry of Michigan, Lowell Family Chiropractic, King Milling and FanDangled Custom Apparel & Gifts.



Back to back race champ Nick Liversedge of Ada approaching the finish line at the Saturday morning event.



Harvest Hustle 5K overall female winner for 2018 Nikki Liversedge of Ada.



Thirteen-year-old Clara Deeren of Ionia placed third overall among females and first in her age group.

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Lowell Harvest Celebration events around town on Saturday,

Oct. 13 included the autumn marketplace at the fairgrounds and the chili cook-off at Larkin's Restaurant.

There were 19 entrants in the Larkin's Restaurant chili cook-off. The event raised \$2,821 for the Rebuild the Lowell Showboat Committee.

"It went really good, without rain, and it was a nice day," said Larkin's Restaurant owner Mike Larkin. "The Irish band was good, they went over well, people liked them."

First place in the red chili category went to Bill Bennett's "Hatch Batch" team, second place was Mark Todd and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce team and Ed Roth's "Fat Kidd's" team won both third place and the people's choice award. The winner for white chili was the Ada Pour House and their head cook Lance Barber.

"We've been here all day and we're having a blast," said Mark Schmaltz from the 'Big C Chili' team. Schmaltz helped create the event. "It's a great event with great people for a great charity. We're doing it for the showboat. I started this 17 years ago, to see how far

it's come, what Larkin's has done, it's fantastic. We have a lot of people here raising a lot of money and having a good time. Every year it just gets a little better. Mike Larkin and Deb Apol have done so much. I can't say enough about how good it's become."

"It's a good turnout. It's for a good cause, for the showboat, so it's awesome," said Evert Bek from the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce 'Three Amigos' team. It was their 14th time participating in the contest.

"A good recipe and a good cook, that's all it takes to make good chili," Bek said. "You can't just open a can."

"It's really good weather so we've had a really good turnout," said Angie Fonger from Larkin's. "I tried a couple of the chilis. They're good, all of them are good. I think we're going to raise quite a bit of money this year."

The autumn marketplace at the fairgrounds had live music, tacos, honey, crafts, antiques, toys and dozens of items for sale or to eat.

Lori Howard, a crafter from Stanton, had homemade crocheted items and handpainted wooden signs, baby blankets, ponchos, pillows and fall décor.

"Normally, I take a board, I paint it and then I use a Cricut machine to print out the lettering," Howard said. "You can put anything you want on them. It takes me about a day to crochet a poncho."

She said she makes the items with skills she learned from her grandmother decades ago.

"My grandma, Bernice Kasper, crocheted that same stitch years ago and they're still selling," Howard said. "My grandma taught me everything, how to cook, how to sew, how to crochet. She babysat me, so we spent a lot of time together. It was wonderful. And I'm trying to teach it to my grandchildren right now, to pass it on."

It was Howard's first time selling crafts at an event in Lowell.

"Other than the fact that it was a little cold, it's been pretty good," Howard said.

"There have been a lot of people, it's been busy constantly so I really like it."

Elwin Bender from Hastings was burning wood in a steam engine to send loose hay down a chute where it's compressed into small, football-sized bales of hay. Bender built the steam engine himself out of steel.

"This is a third-scale steam engine with a straw bailer," Bender said. "It's a third the size of a real one. They sit down there and make straw bales. We make about 20 small bales out of a big one."

Alexis, a 12-year-old painter from Saranac, had abstract artwork for sale, plus drawings of various animals and figures.

"I've been painting a lot longer, but I've been selling artwork for four to five months," Alexis said. "I started off with Pokemon, I do unicorns, dogs, birds. It's pretty fun. I've sold a lot of paintings today."

For more information about special events in Lowell, visit [discoverlowell.org](http://discoverlowell.org).



Red Arrow

- GOLF

## SPORTS

## Girls varsity golf team finishes third in OK White

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Finishing up their successful team season last week, the Red Arrow girls varsity golfers hit the course for their regional meet and participated in the Ernie Popiel Invitational hosted by the Forest Hills Northern (FHN) Huskies.

The Red Arrows went into their final week of competition fresh off a third place finish in the OK White, behind perennial powerhouses Forest Hills Northern and Forest Hills Central who perpetually dominate in the league. "You never get too excited about finishing third but when you consider how tough our conference is, that is an acceptable finish," said Red Arrow head coach Josh Bruwer who took over the girls golf program this season. "We have the

number one and number six ranked teams in the state in our conference so for us to be just behind them, it shows the girls battled all season long."

Getting in one more round of battle prior to their regional bid, the ladies headed to the FHN hosted Ernie Popiel Invitational. The memorial event took place at Egypt Valley Golf Course. Junior Mary Jo Buechler led the team at the competition carding a 93. Sophomore Lexy Kapcia and senior Kenzie Uhen followed her, both coming in at 97, while junior Olivia Decator rounded out scoring with a 102. Their combined card tally of 389 will give them the opportunity to fine-tune their games before their next postseason competition. According to Bruwer, "We finished eighth and did not play our best but

it was invaluable experience to play against the best teams in the state to prep us for our regional tournament. The biggest focus was the fact that there was some big time talent there and it was an 18 hole event. It was great to put ourselves in the mix with the best high school golfers in the state."

That practice paid off two days later at Thornapple Pointe, when the team scored a school record for lowest 18-hole round for a team. "We played our best golf of the season and really the best round that our school has ever posted," said Bruwer of the results which placed the ladies just out of state range in the fourth position. "I was extremely proud of the girls. I know it's a cliché, but our kids did everything they could to get to states. We just need to tip

our cap to the other schools because they are very, very good."

Besides their top finishes in both of their postseason efforts and their new mark in the record books, the team also exits the season with a first place invitational trophy for their winning bid in Sparta as well as three All-Conference honorees: Uhen, Buechler and Fogerty-Thomas.

Uhen collected the honor for the fourth time in as many years on the course for the Arrows, "Kenzi has grown a tremendous amount this season as a golfer and a person. I am very proud of her and thrilled about the season she has had." She is the only member of her team who qualified for an opportunity to compete as an individual at the state competition, "I



State qualifier and four year All-Conference honoree Kenzi Uhen on the course for the Red Arrows. (Photo provided by Lowell Athletics)

am extremely happy for Kenzi. She has worked very hard for this her entire career." Explained Bruwer, "Kenzi had a career best 82 which was the number one individual qualifying score. She has been the heart and soul of girls golf in Lowell

for a long time and she will be deeply missed next year."

Uhen will compete in the state event this weekend October 19-20 at Forest Akers, the home course of the Michigan State Spartans.

## LHS boys soccer begins district competition this week

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Wrapping up their regular season with an explosive senior-led win over OK White nemesis the Forest Hills Central Rangers, the Red Arrow boys varsity soccer team collected a 2-1 victory bringing their season tally to 7-8-3 overall and 6-5-1 in conference.

Not reflective of the talent contained on the team according to Lowell head coach Dan Lipon, the record came after an unfortunate series of injuries, "We have played conference matches

with only three subs, and sometimes up to five players out with injuries. We have really been unfortunate all season. Whether it's injuries or simple mistakes, the boys didn't catch many breaks this season."

Without the setbacks Lipon said he is confident that their team would have ranked among the best. "Fully healthy, our midfield would arguably be one of the best in the state. Our midfield controlled the tempo of many games. We have frustrated teams with

our defensive shape, and many times this season the boys have demonstrated quality over the ball." explained Lipon.

Their win over the Rangers last Thursday night was preceded by a Senior Night celebration which honored the contributions of senior members Connor Cater, Nick Struckmeyer, Brenan Conlan, Nate VanDeWeert, Jonas Thompson, and Alex Taylor. "Our senior class has been essential to our success this season," said Lipon

of the group, "The seniors experience and athleticism has kept us in many matches this fall. Our season hasn't been easy, and due to the seniors leadership, the team stayed together."

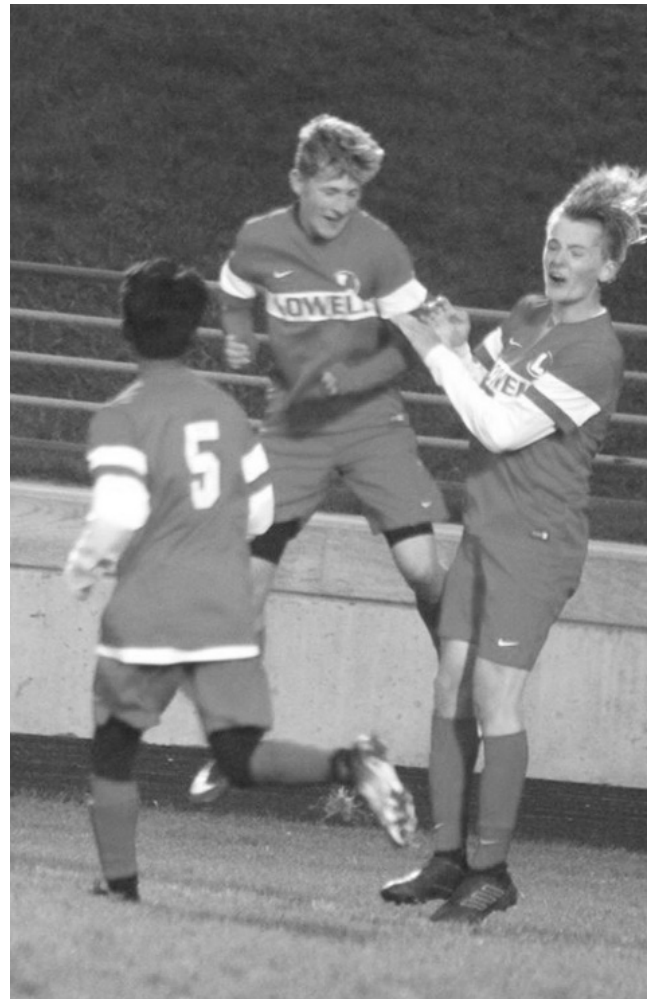
The upperclassmen also led on the field with slick assists coming from junior Braiden Hamilton and senior Brenan Conlan as junior Evan Groeneweg scored the team's two goals. They also saw ten saves in goal from fellow senior goalkeeper Nate VanDeWeert.

"From back to front, the boys were well organized, and really limited the Rangers' opportunities," said Lipon of the win. "Nate VanDeWeert made some terrific saves in goal. Offensively, our midfield was really creative and combined with Evan Groeneweg for our two goals. It was an overall great performance, against a great program."

Finishing fourth overall in the conference Lipon said he is pleased with the result considering the hardships encountered by the team, "The OK White is one of the top soccer conferences in the state. It's hard to have high expectations with all our injuries, but I've been pleased with how the boys have battled all season."

The team began their pursuit for postseason glory earlier this week, drawing the undefeated Forest Hills Northern Huskies for their

first round of district competition, "Our goal is to win, and we are excited for the opportunity," said Lipon.



Junior kicker Evan Groeneweg celebrates with teammates after one of his two goals over the Rangers.

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- VOLLEYBALL

# SPORTS

## Varsity volleyball adds another two wins last week

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Now in prime position to earn their place in Lowell athletics history with the program's first ever OK White Conference title, the Lady Arrows topped powerhouse non-conference foe the Lakewood Vikings and league competitor the Forest Hills Northern Huskies, in another week of success on the court.

Garnering both wins by a margin of 3-0 the team started off their week Monday at home versus Lakewood. Opening the match with a 25-14 set win, followed by two closer sets of 25-22 and 25-20 Lowell was led in stats by sophomore Jenna Reitsma who produced eleven kills, four blocks, two aces and nine digs in the win. Also contributing with big numbers in the win were junior Meghan Meyer who put up eight kills and five blocks and sophomore

Emma Hall who logged eleven digs and two aces.

Margins were tight again on Thursday versus the Huskies in OK White action. Welcoming their opponent with a 25-14 first set victory Lowell went on to persevere through two sets of back and forth points that had fans and players on the edge of their seats. The final tallies for each were 26-24 and 25-20, another perfect victory from the Red Arrows. "The girls do a great job of playing together on the court and celebrating each other's successes," said head coach Jordan Drake.

Reitsma led in stats for the team once again, collecting 14 kills, four aces and 13 digs for the squad. Senior Carly Hoekstra chipped in eight kills and seven digs while fellow seniors Emily Stump and Battle earned three aces and eight digs and two aces

and 28 assists respectively. Blough made her mark with four kills and four blocks in the victory, the team fourteenth consecutive.

Currently ranked seventh in the state by the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association and first among their OK White peers, the team must win just one more of their remaining games to clinch a share of the conference title. In order to win it outright, they will need to win just two. Having already rotated through the conference once, gathering 3-0 wins against each of their opponents, the team would appear to be a shoo-in, but according to Drake the team is not getting ahead of itself, "The girls have maintained level heads and focus by taking each game as a challenge and taking things one game at a time. We put a great deal of focus



Sophomore Jenna Reitsma, junior Emily Stump and senior Carly Hoekstra on the court for the Red Arrows.

in that knowing that we are going to get everybody's best effort any time we step on the court."

Completing half of their

remaining regular season schedule this week the Lady Arrows will host the Greenville Yellow Jackets Tuesday night, and travel to

face the Forest Hills Central Rangers on Thursday. Both are scheduled to begin at 6 pm.

## Sideline cheer and football is a Friday night tradition

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

As sure as the Red Arrow varsity football team will hit the field each Friday night of the fall season, so too will the Lowell varsity sideline cheer team. A staple of school spirit, the squad of nearly twenty student athletes works alongside the enthusiastic fans and talented marching band utilizing their voices, tumbling and stunt skills to keep Red Arrow Nation fired up.

The cheer team came together behind their season goals according to head coach and Lowell alumnus Dayna Crumback, "My goal for this season was to have fun and work together and I believe we achieved these goals. The spirit and the 'we are team' feeling always comes together at the first game and carries throughout the season. This team is remarkable at adapting to changes, and I am so proud to be out there every Friday with them."

Change has been the word of the season for the varsity football team this season, so that adaptability has paid off. With a new head coach, new offensive and defensive lines and a new quarterback, the historically successful Arrows have had an off year. According to

Crumback, though it may alter small things like the chant lineup for the evening, it never changes the ferocity with which they root on their team, "We are here to support them. We continue to cheer them on no matter what the outcome. We appreciate all the coaches and players that have been working hard and continuing to break through barriers this season. We are all Red Arrows, and we are in this together."

Leading the team's consistent efforts on the sideline are this season's elected co-captains, seniors Deijah Gissendanner and Harlie Gerth-McMullin. The duo shine as both athletes and students according to Crumback, "They both have every leadership quality a team needs in their captains. They are approachable so the team isn't afraid to ask them for help. Even with the busy cheer schedule, both Harlie and Deijah both take AP classes and keep their GPA's up. They are what it means to be a student athlete."

The pair is among six seniors who will graduate from the team this season, "Each senior is very unique," said Crumback of the talented six pack which also includes A'maya Hansen, Morgan Cremer,

Riley Frazer, and Megan Houghtaling. "They all bring something different whether it's high tumbling skills, stunting skills, or jumps. They all have incredible school spirit and amazing personalities. It's going to be hard to let them go."

Besides the sometimes physically grueling work put in at practices and their equally challenging duties on the sideline, the team is always on the lookout for other opportunities to serve their school and community. "One of our favorite things

we do is cheer on the runners at the Quiver run 5K," said Crumback of their extra efforts, "I ran it this year, and I always run faster when my girls are there because I push them to be the best, and they also push me."

The team also participates in the annual Pink Arrow event honoring people in their own lives who have battled cancer. Another part of their regular season is learning about Lowell football by way of trivia. "I want the girls to

know what is happening on the field, so they know exactly what cheers to do," explained Crumback. "Trivia includes football positions, terms, and Lowell football history. It's one of my favorite practices because the girls really study up on the Lowell football stats and how the game is played. It's always a lot of fun."

As their season comes to a close, Crumback feels confident that her athletes, especially her seniors, gained lessons needed

through their participation in the sport, "It helps them learn time management and team work. Cheer is a complete team sport because you are trusting your teammates with your life when it comes to stunting. A lot of the seniors are looking to cheer in college, but even if they don't, I know from working with this team they will do very well in anything they pursue because of their determination and focus."

## Sports Summaries

### GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Racing their way to a second place finish, the Red Arrow girls varsity cross-country team took part in the Kent Ottawa Invite last Saturday at the Grand Rapids Christian Gainey Athletic Complex. With a first place finish for the Arrows and a second place finish overall, senior Haley Nieuwkoop clocked a 20:18. The 105 point finish line tally was aided by the top five finishes of junior Jada Millhisler (21:05), junior Audrey Conrad (21:24), senior Lauren Aud and freshman Lauren Swain both coming in at 22:14. Only the fourth OK White Jamboree remains on the team's regular season schedule, which also serves as their conference final. That will take place this Wednesday at Riverside Park in Grand Rapids with a race time of 5:15 pm.

### BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Competing in their final invitational of the season, the Lowell boys varsity cross-country team placed fourth last Saturday at the Kent Ottawa Classic. Combining their top five finishes for a total of 108, the team was led by junior Caleb Swart who placed eleventh overall, with a time of 17:12. Rounding out scoring were junior Ben Kinnucan (17:18), junior Lucas Cossar (17:23), freshman Cole Weston (17:55) and senior Calvin Simmet (18:15). The team will next compete in the OK White Conference final hosted at Riverside Park in Grand Rapids this Wednesday at 4:30 pm.

# obituaries

## HOEKSTRA

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is calling” - Come Home - Come Home. Henry your “weary” is over. It’s time for you to come home for behold I have prepared a place for you. In the early hours of September 15, 2018 Henry R. Hoekstra willingly answered his Lord’s invitation. Henry was born in Chicago, Illinois on June 8, 1925. He was welcomed into this world by his parents Louis and Janet Hoekstra and his older brother, Robert (Bob) Hoekstra and then two years later another brother, Louis (Louie) was born thus filling the third slot of “The Three Musketeers,” as they were called. In 1934 a fourth son, Eugene, was born and in 1937 a fifth boy, Burton, was born. Even though living was tough in the early 30s, that was exactly the catalyst that bound the family together. The highlight of the summer was packing up the old Reo and heading for a fishing hole or a trip to Brooks Lake near Newaygo, Michigan. All through their youth the three older boys were inseparable. Only World War II could separate them. Henry enlisted in the “Air Corp” and after basic training he was reassigned to West Point. At West Point he entered into officer’s training and upon his completion of the officer’s training program he was awarded his “wings” and a Second Lieutenant commission. He was assigned as a navigator and co-pilot of the P-61 “Black Widow” night fighter. This squadron was to be deployed for duty in the Pacific. The dropping of the two atom bombs changed all the deployments and soon afterwards Henry was honorably discharged and was released from active duty. Henry enrolled at Calvin College where he enjoyed college life, studying and sports. How he loved to play baseball for Calvin and softball on the church team. He had a passion for fishing with his dad and brothers. He graduated from Calvin College with a BA degree and then continued his studies at Wayne State University. For financial reasons he put his studies on hold. That was just about the time of “Duck and Cover” when the cold war created fear about mass destruction from an atomic bomb attack. So, he started building bomb shelters. That need was short lived. He then contracted to renovate commercial buildings. However, he still had the forms for the bomb shelter construction so he tried to find a use for those. In 1956 he started Michigan Pool Co. and utilized the surplus forms in the construction of cement swimming pools. That was the start of a fifty-year career in the swimming pool industry. In 1965 he found the “love of his life,” Beatrice Meeuwse Newell and on January 14, 1967 they were married. In a few years they had enough of the cold Michigan weather



and escaped to the hot and sunny city of San Antonio, Texas. They enjoyed sending weather reports to their freezing friends up north. Along with his “BeaBea,” they established Quality Pools of San Antonio. This successful business constructed swimming pools well into the 2000s. Then they both retired and had the freedom to spend time together. Unexpectedly his precious “BeaBea” died on April 13, 2015. That was a sad day for all of us, but especially for Henry. He lost his closest friend, companion and the “love of his life.” It was very hard for him, but his faith in God and the support of his friends helped him through those rough times. Due to Henry’s failing health and the resulting need for 24-hour care, Henry returned to Grand Rapids in March 2017. He was fortunate to find a loving place for the last year and a half of his life at the Christian Rest Home, in Grand Rapids. We are so thankful for their loving care and the concern they showed for Henry’s welfare. He spent many hours in conversation and prayer with he staff. Also, we can’t express our thanks enough for the respectful and loving concern given to Henry and family from Faith Hospice. Henry was such an open and honest person who bonded with whomever he met. If you met Henry, you would not forget him. We fondly remember the memories we made and those we shared together. We thank God that we were blessed with his friendship and that we will always take his legacy with us. He was preceded in death by his wife, Beatrice Hoekstra; parents, Louise S. and Janet (Huyser) Hoekstra; siblings, S. Robert Hoekstra, Louis Hoekstra Jr and wife Doris Hoekstra, Eugene R., Hoekstra. He will be greatly missed by his surviving sibling, Burton Hoekstra and wife Jodi; stepson, Stephen Newell and family; sisters-in-law, Ruth Hoekstra, Dorthey (Toots) Hoekstra, Esther Newell, Ruth Wood and family; special friends, Marj Harding and Elaine Hoekstra; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. A celebration of his life will be held at The First Congregational United Church of Christ, 865 Lincoln Lake Ave. SE, Lowell, MI on Saturday, October 27, 2018. Visitation at 10 am, service held at 11 am. Special music by “The Voices of Freedom.” A luncheon will be served after the service. Interment will be at Oakwood Cemetery where he will be laid to rest next to his precious “BeaBea.” To those considering a memorial tribute, we suggest donating to Christian Rest Home Assoc., 1000 Edison Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504 or call 616-453-2475.

until her passing in 2005. He married Nancy Norton on January 6, 2007 and they have enjoyed the past 11 years together. David was devoted to his church. He was a member of the Wood Brook Cathedral Church and also attended Nashville Baptist Church. He received his credential of ministry in March of 2010 and was an ordained minister. David provided the jail and prison ministry. He retired from Monarch Hydraulics in Grand Rapids in 2006. David was preceded in death by his parents, Leslie and Rachel Plutschow; first wife, Sharon; brother, Alan Plutschow; sisters, Sharon VanVelzen, and Sheila Plutschow. David is survived by his wife, Nancy Jane Plutschow; daughter, Melissa (William) Holloway; son, Bradley David (Angela) Plutschow; grandchildren, Alexis Drake, Maranda Holloway, Kathryn VanDyke, Meghan Plutschow; great-grandchildren, Anthony Drake and Grayson VanDyke; step-children, Debby (Rick) Schultz, Donna (Jeff) Schaeffer, Rachel (Brian) Hinton; sisters, Linda Hoffman, Joyce (Greg) Knoll, and Carol (Roger) Marr. Respecting David’s wishes, cremation has taken place. A Visitation and Celebration of Life Service will be held at Wood Brook Cathedral Church, 1739 Providence St., NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525, October 20, 2018. Visitation from 1:00 to 2:00 pm, with the service starting at 2:00 pm. Rev J.B. Stutts will officiate the service. A Luncheon will be held at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Wood Brook Cathedral Church. Arrangements by Girrbach Funeral Home in Hastings. To leave an online condolence, visit [www.girrbachfuneralhome.net](http://www.girrbachfuneralhome.net).

## PLUTSCHOUW

David L. Plutschow, age 74 of Hastings, passed away Friday, October 12, 2018. David was born November 22, 1943 in Grand Rapids, the son of Leslie and Rachel (Idsinga) Plutschow. He attended Western Michigan Christian High School, graduating in 1962. David married Sharon McNitt on October 27, 1967 and they were married 38 years,



# Looking Back, continued

Hugh Linkfield, Herby Keyser, Chuck Barlett (Tiger fans) and Frank Smith (Cardinals fan) luck out on getting tickets to a Tiger win in St. Louise for the unforgettable World Series. Area postmasters reminded postal customers that higher parcel post and catalog rate will go into effect on Saturday, October 19. The rate increase will average 10.5 percent and in most cases will mean an additional ten cents postage per parcel.

## 25 years The Lowell Ledger October 20, 1993

Citing rising costs in the Kent County Library system Vergennes Township decided to drop out of the system starting Jan. 1. The cost of running the Vergennes branch has more than tripled since 1992. In 1992, the payment for Vergennes was \$4,854 and the scheduled payment for the 1994 year is \$14,797, that figure could rise by the first of the year.

The time frame for the completion of a sidewalk improvement plan will eventually come down to how much the Lowell City Council is willing to spend and over what period of time.

Lowell students wishing to gain an understanding of local government and be involved in a non-voting capacity, will have an opportunity, through a Kent County program. The County offers an organized student representative program to offer high school juniors an opportunity to participate in local government.

Friday night, in its final home game of the year, against Forest Hills Central, Red Arrow football history will turn the page on the historic Burch Field. Burch Field has been the home to Lowell football since its inaugural year in 1900, although its name has changed. In that first season, some 93 years ago, it was called Train’s Field.

# PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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# Proposal 1 pros and cons

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Proposal 1 is “a proposed initiated law to authorize and legalize possession, use and cultivation of marijuana products by individuals who are at least 21 years of age and older and commercial sales of marijuana through state-licensed retailers.”

According to the polls, the proposal will most likely pass. If it does, Michigan would join Alaska, California, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Nevada, Oregon, Vermont, Washington and the District of Columbia. The issue is also on the ballot in South Dakota.

If passed, the law would allow individuals 21 and older to purchase, possess and use marijuana and marijuana-infused edibles and grow up to 12 marijuana plants for personal consumption; it would impose a 10-ounce limit for marijuana kept

at residences and require amounts over 2.5 ounces be secured in locked containers; it would create a state licensing system for marijuana businesses and allow municipalities to ban or restrict them; it would permit retail sales of marijuana and edibles subject to a 10 percent tax, dedicated to implementation costs, clinical trials, schools, roads and municipalities where marijuana businesses are located and it would change several current violations from crimes to civil infractions.

Critics of Proposal 1 say the ten percent sales tax is not high enough. In California, for example, the sales tax on marijuana is 45 percent in some jurisdictions. Critics say that the sale of products such as edibles, THC-infused sodas and marijuana candy encourages teens

and children to try marijuana. Marijuana can have a negative effect on those prone to mental illness, especially among adolescents. Stoned drivers are another potential concern. There is currently no roadside test for marijuana. It can be difficult for law enforcement officers or employers to detect if a driver or worker is under the influence of marijuana. Many employers are also concerned they will no longer be able to find workers who can pass a drug test.

Lowell dentist Dr. Jim Reagan is an outspoken opponent of marijuana. He has taken out ads and spoken out at public meetings against marijuana.

“There is nothing good about pot,” said Lowell dentist Dr. Jim Reagan. “It is not healthy for you. It’s a drug. It is addictive

in up to 50 percent of users, according to a 2016 World Health Organization report. It does not make you a better mother, father, employer, driver or teacher. It dulls your reaction time. Unlike cigarettes, pot also intoxicates you, so you cannot smoke and drive, just like alcohol.”

Proponents of the proposal say that decriminalization would lower arrest rates, keeping people in the workforce rather than in jail for petty offenses. The passage of the proposal could bring a variety of new business opportunities to Michigan. Medical marijuana patients would have easier access to their medicine. Marijuana is used to treat maladies such as nausea, chronic pain, glaucoma, muscle spasms, insomnia, migraine, anorexia, arthritis and post-traumatic stress disorder. Although

medical marijuana is legal, dispensaries are sparse. The closest one to Lowell is in Lansing.

Washington and Colorado gained millions of dollars in additional taxes after they legalized recreational pot. Last year in Colorado, their 30 percent sales tax on marijuana generated \$247 million in tax revenue. Washington has a 37 percent tax, in 2017 they raised \$315 million from marijuana sales taxes. It’s estimated that Michigan could make 100 million to 200 million dollars a year from the proposed ten percent marijuana sales tax.

US Rep. Justin Amash, MI Sen. Dave Hildenbrand and MI Rep. Thomas Albert did not respond to questions about various aspects of the issue. Both of Michigan’s senators are in favor of the proposal.

“It’s time to decriminalize marijuana,”

said US Senator Debbie Stabenow. “However, it’s also important to move forward thoughtfully and work closely with law enforcement, public health officials, business leaders and communities to ensure we get this right and avoid unintended consequences.”

“Michiganders have the right to decide this important issue and I support the ballot initiative effort to legalize marijuana for recreational use,” said US Senator Gary Peters. “I believe this change will generate desperately needed tax revenue to support Michigan’s deteriorating schools and aging roads and bridges. If Michigan voters approve the proposal, it will be critical for communities to work closely with law enforcement and health officials to ensure these changes are carefully implemented.”

# Vergennes United Methodist Church unveils mural

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

The Gary Eldridge mural inside of Vergennes United Methodist Church, 10411 Bailey Dr., was unveiled on Sunday, Oct. 14. The mural is a graphic representation of the church’s 175 year history.

“It started over a year ago,” Eldridge said. “It’s not a painting, it’s a photo collage created digitally. It was quite a project. They gave me images that showed the history of the church, then we had numerous meetings to try to find the highlights of what has happened over the years at the church. There was a lot of text that was also included. This is a timeline mural. It begins at the beginning and tells the story through today. It was exciting to do. I’ve worked on other historical projects before and I really enjoyed learning about the church’s history. I didn’t know that much about Vergennes

United Methodist Church and how their history went and I’ve lived in Lowell since 1974. I know a lot about Lowell, but I had no idea about some of the things that happened here, so it was a fun learning experience for me.”

“The mural is beautiful,” said VUMC pastor Thomas Fifer. “Gary did awesome work. It really captured the story of our church. It was a cool team effort as well. Mac McPherson and a bunch of other people gathered a lot of pictures and artifacts and they’re captured on the timeline really beautifully.”

The team behind the mural is currently working on a book with a lot more detail about the church’s long history. For more information about Vergennes United Methodist Church, visit [vergeneschurch.org](http://vergeneschurch.org) or call 616-897-6141.



Lowell artist Gary Eldridge condensed 175 years of Vergennes United Methodist Church history into the mural pictured above. It was revealed to the public on Sunday, Oct. 14.



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- Yes ..... 50%
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- Undecided ..... 8%
- Can't/Won't Vote ..... 0%

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# 2018 Lowell Harvest Celebration



The Leprecons from Grand Rapids played Irish music at Larkin's chili cook-off.



Stanton crafter Lori Howard.



Alexis, a 12-year-old painter from Saranac, had abstract artwork for sale,



Above: the Big C Chili team: Mark Schmaltz, Gene Dryer and Tim Kurzhals.



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