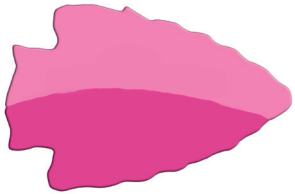


## Stories of Perseverance



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## Pink Arrow Pride photographer



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# Wind topples trees in Oakwood Cemetery

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Severe weather last weekend severely damaged one and uprooted another massive old tree in Oakwood Cemetery.

Lowell sexton Don DeJong said one of the trees, the one that snapped in half, was at least 75 years old, probably older. The other one, the one that fell down near the veterans memorial, DeJong estimated was between 40 and 60 years old.

"It's so amazing that a tree that old could get blown over," DeJong said. "Roots and all! Right out of the ground! That's going to be a huge loss. A strong gust of wind must have come through here."

Early in the morning of Saturday, July 20, a severe storm tore through lower Michigan. Winds blew up to 80 miles per hour and there was 10 inches of rain, so many roads were flooded. The worst damage was in Muskegon, Ottawa, Ionia and Kent Counties. By morning, 250,000 customers were without power, 50,000 of them in Kent County.



After more storms Saturday afternoon, DTE Energy reported that 375,000 of their customers were without power.

At Oakwood Cemetery, a couple grave markers and

an ornamental wall near the veterans memorial were damaged or shoved around, but the Civil War cannon, statue and flagpole are intact. Other gravestones are covered by tree branches, but are unharmed.

"It didn't harm the cannon or the statue, thankfully," DeJong said.

Clean-up could take a few days. DeJong said that Lowell Light & Power might assist or lend equipment.

There are also limbs and branches from other trees, and a dead spruce tree in a different part of the cemetery was also damaged.

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## Pink Arrow Pride hair drive

by Patrick Misner  
contributing reporter

On Saturday, Sept. 13, the Lowell Red Arrow football team will be hosting the Greenville Yellow Jackets for the 12th annual Pink Arrow Pride game. These games, which started in 2008, have raised over \$2 million for various cancer charities. In 2009, it also helped renovate the Senior Neighbors building that is now also home to Lowell's Gilda's Club.

The event has slowly added on components besides the football game including other sporting events and a 5k run. This year, there will be a hair drive for the Children with Hair Loss organization. Easton Dressander, currently entering first grade at Murray Lake Elementary, is credited with championing the idea with the help of his mom Erin Dressander.



Easton Dressander

"[Easton] came home one day and stated that he wanted to do a hair drive," Erin Dressander explained. "And then he kept bugging me for about three months. I finally reached out to Pink Arrow Pride to see if they would be interested."

"I wanted the people/kids that have cancer

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## JetBeats brought their Beatlemania to Lowell

by Patrick Misner  
contributing reporter

The sweltering weekend temperatures had not begun, but it was still plenty warm enough at the JetBeats Thursday night performance as part of the Sizzlin' Summer Concert Series. The band started around 7 pm and played a variety of original songs along with covers of hits from the 1960s.

The four-piece band made up of Morgan May Moellemian on vocals and guitar, Ben Erhart on bass and vocals, AJ Dunning on guitar and vocals and DJ McCoy on drums, put on a high-energy show. Moellemian, who is the main songwriter for the group, sang nearly all lead vocals throughout the performance, but he was often backed by Beatlesque harmonies from Dunning and Erhart.

The band played an assortment of tunes from their three EPs "Sonic Boom Boom," "March '64" and "High Times." They also played some cover songs from various British Invasion

songs, the Who, Gerry and the Pacemakers, a bunch of those kind of bands," Moellemian said.

The band typically only plays a few outdoor concerts over the summer,

but this year they are doing around ten. During and after the show, the band noted the heat on stage. Fans greeted Moellemian after the show and were purchasing the bands EPs.

"Our new record is available online as a digital download, so go buy it," Moellemian commented.

Grand Rapids-based two-piece rock and roll outfit Jesse Ray and the Carolina Catfish will be continuing the Sizzlin' Summer Concert series this Thursday starting at 7 pm.



groups, most prominently The Beatles.

"We cover a lot of British Invasion bands like the Searchers, the Beatles, the Kinks, you know we do a couple [Rolling Stones]

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# Grow your own produce at community garden

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Established in 2013, the Creekside Community Garden can be found in the western corner of Creekside Park by the soccer fields.

For a small annual fee, gardeners are assigned a patch of land where they can grow any type of edible or decorative plants they want. There are plots available, but they're going fast. You don't have to be a Lowell resident to use the garden.



"This garden brings a lot of joy, but we haven't done a great job advertising it," said garden coordinator Paula Mierendorf (pictured above). "It's in a weird spot, people don't drive by and it's hard to know that it's here, but we're very thankful for it. The city has been super supportive by giving us the space and providing the water for free."

Volunteers recently used grant money from Pink Arrow Pride and Lowell Community Wellness to pay for raised, wooden garden beds and soaker hoses, which were built and installed by volunteers. They have planted foliage that attracts helpful insects and there is talk of adding a bee hive at some point in the future.

"You can't have vegetables or fruits without the bees that pollinate them," Mierendorf said. "This is an organic garden, so all of these flowers and the wild section are designed to provide food and shade for the predator insects. They work very hard to keep bugs off of our plants. If you spend a little time here quietly watching, you'll see like a little grub or a little worm trying to eat a plant. Then you'll see a wasp come in, walk all around, grab it and eat it or fly off with it. It's a war out here!"

Volunteers maintaining the garden include Girl Scouts from Troops 4129 and 4694. The Scouts built and decorated a farmstand for the "Help Yourself Garden" last summer, but the stand has since been in storage. Now they plan to park it at a local church to distribute surplus produce from the garden, plus any produce the Scouts grow.

"We had it out last year and there was some controversy about it, so we're going to put it at the Lowell United Methodist Church [621 E. Main]," said troop leader Lou Jean Stickney. "I work there and our Girl Scouts are

affiliated with it, so we asked the trustees at the church if we could maybe move it there. So it will still be out there and available for the people who need it."



Stickney said that the farmstand will be safer and more easily accessible now than it was last summer when it was sitting outside of a private residence on a busy street corner.

"It's very convenient for community members to use," Stickney said "There's parking available and there's a playground for the kids that

we just put in. We thought it would kind of help with all the parking issues, make it visible and still be on that end of town. FROM is on this end of town, and that end of town is a little farther away. That was kind of why we had the idea to put it down there in the first place. Anyone who is affiliated with us or the church who has extra vegetables is welcome to put anything there."

The produce the Girl Scouts donate to the farmstand will be grown by them at Creekside Community Garden.



our own plot. Weeding it, taking care of it, planting it all of those things. It's a bigger commitment than just paying \$20 for a little plot. We have criteria to meet. We're in charge of keeping weeds down, making sure there are no pesticides and it's all natural. It's good for the girls and we like helping others."

The Scouts also help to decorate and maintain the garden.

"We also helped Paula kind of do some of the start-up this year with gardening, laying out plots," Stickney said "We did all the little

garden signs this year to label all the plots, and this fall we'll be here to help tear down the garden and add the cardboard and leaves and things as they become available."

"There are so many communities in the world where people would give anything to have some space to grow some food," Mierendorf said. "That's part of why this is a passion for me."

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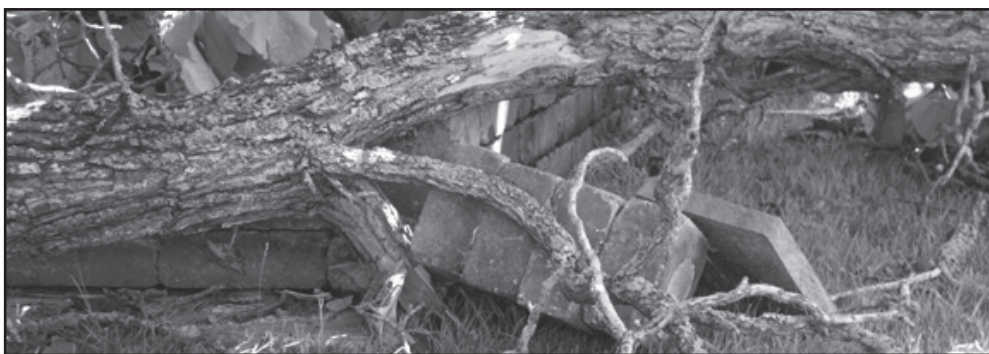
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# Trees, continued

## More photos of the storm damage in Oakwood Cemetery



## June LPD stats

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Lowell Police Department made 10 arrests during the month of June, down from 12 arrests in May. The arrests included one for drunk driving, one for driving with a suspended license, four for outstanding warrants and four that are described in the police department's statistics as "other arrests." That adds up to a total of 86 arrests made by Lowell Police during the first five months of the year.

LPD also responded to plenty of misdemeanors during June. There were nine larceny calls, three breaking and entering complaints, four dog/animal complaints, two malicious destructions, three disorderly conduct calls and seven assaults. Lowell police issued 17 citations and notified eight residents about ordinance violations. Out of 88 traffic stops in June, they let 77 drivers go with a warning.

Lowell police were called to assist other law enforcement agencies 13 times and called other agencies for assistance 18 times in June. They were also called for assistance by citizens and motorists 26 times.

Lowell police were dispatched to six accidents during June, none with injuries.

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## Pink Arrow, continued

to feel happy because they would have hair again and feel like a regular person, like they did before" Easton Dressander said. "And the people/kids that have hair wouldn't have to be sad because they did."

A few local businesses and a local church are helping out with the hair drive too. Donors can go to Station Salon on Main St. to get their hair cut for the drive. The salon already collects donations for the same Children with Hair Loss

their hair cut for donation at Pink Arrow Community Day at Impact Church on Friday, August 23.

Dressander explained that the hair drive and the organization they are working with fit closely with Pink Arrow Pride's goals.

# STATION SALON

*Jultara salon*  
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a way that people could go and help. Easton's idea may have been inspired by seeing his mom donate her hair previously.

"My oldest was five years old at the time," Erin Dressander said. "I came to pick him up after school, and he wouldn't look at me or talk to me the whole way home because he was angry I cut my hair. It was a big change. But his kindergarten teacher actually pulled me aside that day to express her gratitude for donating my hair because she was a breast cancer survivor who did actually utilize wigs during her treatment and recovery, which just made my day! It took him a whole day, but he got over it."

organization the Pink Arrow hair drive is donating to, and Dressander credits the owner Nancy DeBoer for helping develop Easton's original idea into a reality.

Jultara Salon, also on Main St., is a drop station for hair donations as well. The cause hits close to home with the owner, Julie Heimer. She initially got involved with the project after discussing it with Erin Dressander during a physical therapy stint for cancer complications of her own. Her daughter, who passed away in a car accident in 2010, was also very involved with previous Pink Arrow projects, as her biological mother had passed away from cancer. Participants can also get

"The hair will be donated to the Children with Hair Loss organization," said Erin Dressander. "It is a national chapter with a local division in Rockford. It was selected for many reasons. First, it is a way to help locally, which is what Pink Arrow Pride really embodies. There is no charge for the purchasing of the wigs. The recipients receive the wigs at no cost and they can continue to receive wigs until they are 18. I also felt this fit with my son's original request. He was a child who wanted to help other children, and the organization just doesn't stop at children with cancer. It helps any child with hair loss conditions. They also have less restrictive hair donation requirements."

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# viewpoint

## to the editor

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to express my enthusiastic support for Jake Davenport to be the next City Councilman of Lowell. I believe that the City of Lowell would greatly benefit from Jake's younger perspective, bringing a balance of age to council. I speak from experience as I am one of the youngest elected officials in Michigan currently serving on my local School Board. Jake Davenport is out each and every day talking to the voters and listening to their concerns. Jake Davenport

understands the needs facing the City including lowering the taxes, maintaining police protection, keeping a balanced budget, and fixing our crumbling roads. I ask that when you vote this election that you pass the torch to a new generation of leadership. Vote Jake Davenport; the best choice for Council!

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### 125 years ago Lowell Ledger August 1, 1894

Lewis Covert was drawing an empty shell from his revolver when by some means a load was discharged while holding it sideways. The ball passed through the waistband of the trousers and powderburned his hands. A narrow escape from a more serious accident. Last Thursday afternoon Ward Proctor had a horse drop dead in the harness from heat and over driving. Perhaps Ward has never read that passage of Scripture which says, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."

Secretary of State Gardner has submitted to Gov. Rich the result of the first count of the recent census. The total population of the state June 1 was 2,239,374, as compared with 2,093,889 in 1890 and 1,853,568 in 1884. The increase in four years has been 145,485 or 6.95 per cent. Since 1884 it has been 385,716, or 20.81 per cent.

### 100 years The Lowell Ledger July 24, 1919

Although postal service to Germany has been reopened money orders as yet cannot be sent to any of the unsettled European nations, including

Germany, Austria, Russia and Bulgaria, according to A. A. Weston, superintendent of finance at the Grand Rapids post office.

Thousands of Grand Rapids and Kent county motorists are filling out drivers licenses required under the new state automobile laws effective Aug. 14, and are going to superintendent of Police A. A. Carroll and Sheriff Peter Viergever for the official signatures which will permit them to operate motor vehicles after the 14th of next month.

Jacob Ruegsegger's barn on Titus farm in Keene was totally destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon, with all its contents, including harnesses, manure spreader, silo, all this season's wheat and hay and seven hogs. All of the outbuildings including corn crib, hen coop, and sheep shed were burned also, and at one time it was feared that the house would go too and all the furniture was removed. But by the hard work of friends the home and its furnishings were saved for which the family is very thankful.

### 75 years The Lowell Ledger July 27, 1944

Ensign Harriet C. Grote of the Navy nurses corps, who has returned home for a 30-day convalescent leave after more than a year of service in the south Pacific, formerly lived near Alto and is a graduate of Lowell High School, class of 1936. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grote, now live in Fennville.

"We, the people, fight tuberculosis" is the title of one of the new pamphlets available for free distribution to the public by the Grand Rapids (Kent County) Anti-tuberculosis Society. "The battle against tuberculosis is not a doctor's affair, it belongs to the entire public" is quoted by Sir William Osler, one of the world's foremost teachers of medicine.

Mechanical berry pickers may again be used this season on state-owned lands because of the war-occasioned shortage of labor, the conservation commission has ruled. The commission lifted the ban for the first time last season for the same reason.

### 50 years The Lowell Ledger July 24, 1969

Fire officials continued to sift through charred remains early this week to determine the cause of an explosion and blaze that caused damage estimated at between \$500,000 and \$750,000 at Amway Corporation in Ada.

The man who delighted audiences in the millions during the pioneer days of television provided the Lowell Showboat with some of its most memorable moments this week. Milton Berle gave 3,500 opening night fans a rousing send-off to the six-night performance of Showboat.

The voice of Lowell's "Hello Girl" has been stilled forever. Death came Monday evening, at age 92, to Miss Mary Agnes Perry, the last remaining descendant of a once-prominent Lowell family.

### 25 years The Lowell Ledger July 27, 1994

Lowell Township has won the first of what could be several battles over its sign ordinance which doesn't allow political signs to be posted on township property. At a hearing last week Circuit Judge Sarah Smolensky found Lowell Township resident G.M. Ross guilty of violating the township's sign ordinance.

It's finally a done deal. Vergennes and Grattan Townships have agreed to operate the Grattan-Vergennes Sewer System as a team. The Vergennes Township Board signed a 10 year agreement after Grattan signed it authorizing the joint effort.

## outdoors

### shooting sports

Dave Stegehuis

Firearms have been used for taking game starting from the time when guns were invented. Because the conservation of game species is now a priority, bag limits are imposed to insure healthy breeding populations. Therefore, hunting does not afford an opportunity to do a lot of shooting. Guns are fun to shoot, so games were invented to make shooting competitive as well as fun. Shooting competitions are included in the summer and winter Olympic games with participants from countries around the world.

Trap, skeet, and sporting clays are the popular shotgun shooting sports. Each activity requires equipment to launch 5-inch clay disks in different flight patterns. Trap and skeet ranges have fixed positions for shooters and clay pigeons are thrown from sheds or what are called houses. Sporting clays are shot on a course set up on a series of stations in natural surroundings. The targets can come from anywhere including on the ground which represents a running rabbit.

Rifle and pistol target shooting involves stationary targets as well as action competitions where the

shooter advances through a variety of target scenarios from different positions. Air rifles have technically advanced a long way in recent years and are used in competition shooting.

Archery is done with traditional wood straight bows, laminated recurves, or state of the art compound bows. Finding a place to shoot a bow is much easier than locating a safe place to discharge a firearm which typically is an established commercial or club shooting range.

Shooting sports are taken seriously and are extremely challenging for participants. Those involved with competitions are focused and determined and work hard at achieving their goals. Practice for the purpose of hunting game must also be a serious effort, because ethical hunting demands an efficient and humane kill.

Any of these sports can be just plain fun. Shooting as an enjoyable recreational activity is a good way to get started and then see where it leads. Find a nearby range where there should be someone willing to provide advice and answer questions. Of course, there is the internet. You won't know until you try.

## We love to hear from you!

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

The requirements are:

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

# college news

Ben Meyers, of Ada, was among the students who have been named to the St. Olaf College dean's list for the spring 2019 semester.

The dean's list recognizes students with a semester grade point average of 3.75 or higher on a 4-point scale.

On May 19, 2019, Meaghan Kathleen Race, of Ada, graduated from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut. Race earned an M.A. with honors in graduate scholarship in Neuroscience.

Central Michigan University has announced the students who have been named to the spring 2019 honors list. Local students are: **Ada:** Natalie Grace Belsito, John Clancy, Bridget E Lally, Elise Paige Marshall, Maggie Christine Obermeyer, and Eric Michael Terwilliger;

**Alto:** Riley Grace DeWitt, Jacob Rollin Gorton, Rachael Erin Gorton, Kathryn Dell Lemon, and Karli Ann Wormmeester;

**Lowell:** Matthew James Beachler, Alexis R Cook, Madison McKenna Emelander, Isabelle Candice Fleszar, Kamryn Renee Gaines, Haley Godbold, Corah Kaufman, Montana M Launer, Kyle James Mankel, Alyssa Nicole McIntire, Anna Mae Reynolds, and Roman Charles Rozell.

Central Michigan University has announced the spring 2019 graduation list. Local students are: **Ada:** Brianna Leach, BS; Jessica Rowland, BSED; Samrath Singh, MD; Johanna Starkie, BAA; Anthony Sutliff, MS; and Eric Terwilliger, BAA;

**Alto:** Karli Wormmeester, BAA;

**Lowell:** Kristin Bouwhuis, AuD; Montana

Launer, BS; Alexander McIntire, BAA; Tessa Pattison, BSED; Rossemery Salinas, MSA; and David Wiltse, BS.

More than 3,200 Grand Valley State University students participated in commencement ceremonies this past April at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids.

Students who graduated at the conclusion of the Winter 2019 semester in April include: **Ada:** Cullen D. Beaufait, Bachelor of Business Administration; Michael R. Bova, Bachelor of Business Administration; Christina A. Byl, Bachelor of Science; Sarah G. Davis, BS; Benjamin J. DeVries, Bachelor of Business Administration; Austin D. Erdman, Bachelor of Science; Spencer P. Erdman, Bachelor of Science; Rachel M. Fredricks, Bachelor of Science; Adam J. Heiss, MS; Nicholas J. Jansen, Bachelor of Business Administration; Rebecca V. Karl, Bachelor of Science; Cody J. Nisenbaum, Bachelor of

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# HEALTH



With Drs.  
Wayne A. Christenson III,  
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## - heat stroke

Heat stroke is a condition which results from prolonged exposure to high temperatures or physical exertion in high temperatures. The most serious is when your body temperature rises to 104 degrees or higher. This condition requires emergency treatment, as this can cause damage to your heart, brain, kidneys, and muscles. It can result in death.

Signs of heat stroke include:

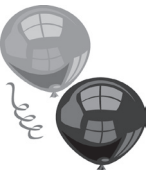
- Body core temp of 104 degrees or higher
- Mental status changes such as slurred speech, confusion, delirium, and seizures
- Nausea and vomiting
- Flushed, dry skin
- Headache
- Rapid heart rate and breathing

The very young and old are at increased risk. Certain medications can also increase the risk of heat stroke, including stimulants. Medical conditions such as heart and lung disease also increase risk.

Prevention is key. Protect against sunburn and drink plenty of water. Never leave anyone in a parked car, the temperature inside the car can rise 20 degrees in 10 minutes. Exercise in the early morning or evening to avoid the hottest part of the day.

Treatment centers around cooling your core body temperature, immersion in cool water is the quickest way. A cooling blanket and ice packs applied to the neck, arm pits, and groin is also effective.

# happy birthday



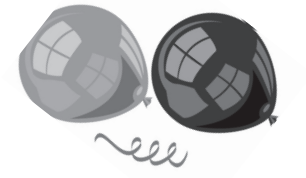
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Nathan Bush, Mike Lally.

**JULY 29**  
Rachael Vegter, Mary Fox, Matt Lee.

**JULY 26**  
Elaine Gregersen, Eric Baird, Josh Geldersma, Ellen Dilly.

**JULY 30**  
Patricia Smith, Scott Kooistra, Jodi Mohr, Kimberly DeBold, Paige Rash.

**JULY 27**  
Kyle Hendrick, Mike Shalander, Jason Spencer, Paige Wilson.



**JULY 28**  
Tom Speerstra, Rachel Shanne Smith, Bobby Wright, Tiffany Hunt, Alexander Barr.

# Doris (McCaul) (Myers) Canfield will turn 100 on Fri., Aug. 2!



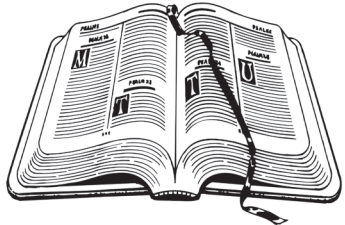
We're giving her a card shower and want her to know how many people are thinking of her on her special day.

Doris owned a beauty shop in Lowell for many years, so if you were ever a client of hers, please drop her a line! She would LOVE to hear from you!

Please send your card to:  
Doris Canfield,  
120 S. Division, Lowell, MI 49331



# area churches



## CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL

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Pastor Ryan Landt  
1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI  
Morning Worship.....10:00 AM  
Sunday School.....11:20 AM  
Evening Worship.....6:00 PM  
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## GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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www.goodshepherdlowell.org

Worship Service..... Sunday - 10:30 AM  
Sunday School..... 9:15 AM

Joseph Fremer, Pastor 897-8307  
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LIFE GROUPS.....11:00 AM (Nursery-Adult)  
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## A community fighting cancer

Throughout July the Lowell Ledger and the Buyer's Guide & News will once again highlight the stories of area cancer survivors and those who are dealing with grief. Each writer will convey, in their own words, their experiences as they walk through the many phases of their personal journey.

~ All photos courtesy of Heather Eveland Photography

### Betsy Davidson

My name is Betsy (Dommer) Davidson and I am 47 years old. I wanted to share my story with you about my cancer journey to help you or someone you know battling cancer. Cancer has been a life-changing experience for me, and I want to help others who are battling cancer move forward.

I grew up in Lowell, graduated from Lowell High School in 1990, and Central Michigan University in 1994. In July, my husband, Matt, and I will be celebrating 25 years of marriage. Growing up, I was very active in school, running cross country and track, and continued running over the years. In 2017, I ran the 5k Fifth Third River Bank Run and a few other races. I was working out and feeling pretty good. I have always been very active in Lowell, volunteering with many organizations, and I've had a business here for the past 20 years. I was awarded the Lowell Chamber's Person of the Year Award in February 2018. My business and volunteer projects were going very well. What was to happen next was a shock to my family, friends and me.

In March of 2018, I started having back problems. I thought for sure it was from a new workout machine I'd just started using. March turned into April with continuing back problems, which were progressively getting worse. I started seeing a chiropractor and then a physical therapist, thinking it was a muscle or a disc issue in my back.

In May, we went to my local doctor and the first step was to get an MRI on my back. The results were in, the doctor said there was a lesion on my



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L3 vertebrae, and we would need to do a biopsy. This was the first time we heard that it could be cancer, along with a couple of other potential possibilities. This wasn't the first time, however, I had been met with health challenges. I was diagnosed with

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) in 2000 and thought this might be related. MS is a demyelinating disease in which the insulating covers of nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord are damaged which causes lesions.

I was scheduled for a biopsy of the

lesion in June. I met with the nurses on that day, and they couldn't believe I was walking after looking at the MRI. I am pretty stubborn! We found out the following week that it was cancer. I was diagnosed with metastatic

Betsy's story, continued, page 10

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Supporting Pink Arrow and our neighbors on their journey

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920-7783

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## A community fighting cancer

### Jennifer Sobie

I married my husband Dave when I was 17 and he 18. He was a handsome, daring rebel who became my knight in shining armor and my closest friend. And for the 43 years I was blessed to have him as my husband, for me his armor barely tarnished. He held a firm belief in God and Christ as our Savior that showed itself in his whole-hearted compassion for others no matter their station or mistakes. He quietly took time to counsel others and support them both in their times of need and their day-to-day lives. But he also possessed a fiery and truly competitive fierceness for living, coupled with an uncanny ability to assess a situation; he was always on top of everything. He never slowed down, except in the evening when it was just us two. My core belief was pretty much that he would live forever, and I never spared a thought for life without Dave. But on January 16, 2017, up by his factory in Greenville, Dave suffered massive heart failure and died almost instantly. I remember vividly the moment I learned he was dead: the sudden and shattering, black, suffocating feeling that blotted out everything else.

Dave's death was emotionally overwhelming for me. I'm a retired neuroscientist with a PhD in behavioral psychology, but I never



Missing from photo is Jennifer's oldest grandson, Caleb Sobie. Caleb is in the Coast Guard.

truly understood mental anguish until Dave died. I had never experienced it; had never faced the horror and desperation of wanting something that could never again be, of needing someone who could never again comfort you. I had never faced life alone, had never dealt with anything painful or scary without him by my side and holding me up.

Dave and I have three married children who together have given us 11 precious grandchildren, and we all live in Lowell and are very close. I relied heavily on them, and they were amazing—particularly considering their own tragic loss. But grief is continuous, taking no breaks, and the kids have lives and jobs and responsibilities. I found a grief support group through our church, and the pastor was pretty great (I couldn't have navigated those days without our Lord!), but the feeling of being alone, the heavy weight and darkness of the loss, was constant.

To my great fortune I was having lunch with a friend who suggested

I attend Gilda's Club Grief Group. Dave and I and all our family had participated in Pink Arrow since its inception—our granddaughter Quinne Duhr had honored my mother and her cancer journey as a Pink Arrow athlete—but my knowledge of Gilda's Club was limited to cancer

roller coaster of emotions, people who needed no explanations and offered no judgement. In Gilda's I found people who spoke my feelings, sometimes better than I myself could manage, and people who comforted me.

Even simply being witness to the

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~ Jennifer Sobie

support. I had no idea Gilda's had a Grief Support Group. They do, and it's a wonderful, helping place.

Gilda's Grief Group, beginning with Gilda's caring staff and the compassionate insight offered by the group facilitator, has provided me a safe place to express my pain, and members' common shared experiences have grown me supportive friendships. In Gilda's I found people who understood my despair and grief's uncontrollable

generous outpouring of support by our community each week in providing meals for Gilda's has helped lighten my heart. Our community's continued involvement in the Gilda's building upkeep and improvements is a wondrous thing. I cannot express how blessed I feel in having been shepherded to Gilda's, and blessed that my family and I are part of the Lowell community.



### Lowell Program

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# PINK ARROW PRIDE 2019

## SAVE THE DATE

Friday, September 13, 2019

Lowell hosts Greenville High School



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## A community fighting cancer

### Amy Hill

My name is Amy Hill. I grew up in Lowell and graduated from high school in 1985. I currently live in the house I grew up in. I have two older sisters and two older brothers.

After living in Ann Arbor, Dallas, and Chicago after graduation, I returned home. I lived once again in the house where I spent my childhood to help take care of my father. Nine years later I helped take care of my mother. Then seven years after that my brothers and sisters took care of me. All within the walls of the same home. I came to appreciate why Lowell was so special after living in other places. Lowell is home and I love where I live.

In November 2016 I started to feel intense lower back pain that was getting worse. The next month I started seeing blood in my stool. I was 49 and had not had a colonoscopy. In mid-January I had a colonoscopy with my two sisters by my side. As I was in the recovery room, the doctor had to keep telling me that a large

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~ Amy Hill

mass was found on the left side of my colon. I was so groggy I didn't comprehend it.

Surgery was scheduled soon after. I was diagnosed with Stage 3C colon cancer (very close to stage 4) and I started chemo two weeks later that lasted for six months. I had a very strong chemo and would leave the infusions with a chemo pump that I would wear for two days. The treatment left me with neuropathy which causes pain in my hands and feet but also a numbness and tingling at times. I have bone pain too.

Two years later, I still have neuropathy in my hands and feet. I cut my fingers frequently because the nerves do not allow me to feel

properly and have to be more careful. I have also had to work on my balance. Therapy and medication has helped some but I will likely be left with neuropathy for the rest of my life. I still have scans every six months to keep an eye on a couple of spots to make sure they aren't growing or spreading.

I have my own pet-sitting business but have had to cut back on my days and number of clients I can care for. I've had to reduce the number of hours I work as I get tired easily.

Many days I didn't want to go on and still have those days. But my

family, friends, a support group, and pets let me know that I'm strong and need to go on. I have been going to Gilda's Club in Grand Rapids and Lowell. The Grand Rapids location has a colorectal cancer support group and I attend a general support group in Lowell. Both have been helpful in having a place to talk about cancer and the effects of medication with others. I have been able to find support as well as offer it to others as we can all relate. I appreciate the dinners the volunteers prepare for us. I cannot cook for myself like I

used to and the good food and good company strengthens me.

I hope that those reading this will take time to get colon screenings. It isn't a fun or pleasant experience but it's a way to possibly catch cancer in an earlier stage. I have thought about the what-ifs had I been screened earlier or later. I'm thankful for Pink Arrow. Their support helped at times when I needed it the most. Colorectal cancer ribbons and support colors are blue, but I'm a big fan of pink too. Friends, clients, my family, Gilda's Club, and Pink Arrow are all helping me make it through each day.



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FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2019

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## A community fighting cancer

### Betsy's story, continued

adenocarcinoma, which was coming from my lungs but needed more testing.

July, August and September were really just a blur. We started meeting with my oncologist, Dr. Zakem. I often refer to him as my Quarterback, because he was orchestrating all the doctors we had lined up from the neurosurgeon to the radiologist, and all the doctors in between who were reviewing my case. The cancer had eaten away more than half of my L3 vertebrae, and I was on bed rest because of the high risk of further damage to my vertebrae. I had to stop my MS medicine, so it wouldn't interfere with the immediate treatment of the cancer. I was also going through multiple brain MRIs, CT scans, and a PET scan to see where else the cancer had metastasized besides my back. Dr. Zakem also ordered genomic testing done from the biopsy in June, the results of which would take some time. We were meeting with the neurosurgeon about the surgery plan to remove the mass in my back as well.

We had multiple appointments with Dr. Zakem before I was to have the surgery done at the end of July. Up until this point, there were a lot of unknowns and uncertainty until our last appointment before surgery. At that final appointment, Dr. Zakem bounded in the room with a big smile on his face. We found out the cancer had spread to my back, brain and hip,

but there was no cancer in my lungs. The cancer started in my lungs but it was absorbed. He was very excited about my treatment options with the results from the genomic testing. He said I had metastatic non-small-cell lung carcinoma (NSCLC) stage 4 lung cancer. The biomarker showed, from the genomic testing, that there was a targeted therapy to treat it.

I set daily goals for the challenges I am faced with and focus on getting stronger to fight my next battle. It has been an amazing year with the support I have received from family and friends.

~ Betsy Davidson

This was great news! Looking back on that day, it's clear I hit the jackpot!

I had a type of lung cancer that was treatable with a targeted therapy pill which I would take daily. Dr. Zakem said there was a very high response rate to this medicine. We were making a plan on how to attack the cancer, but had to focus on the vertebrae, and couldn't start any treatment until after surgery and recovery.

At the end of July, I had two surgeries within a week of each other. In the first surgery, the most amazing neurosurgeon, Dr. Vogel, removed the tumor and replaced almost the entire L3 vertebrae with a cage, called a corpectomy, along with a spinal fusion of the L2, L3 and L4. The second surgery was for the

laminectomy and decompression on the L3. Total time spent in the surgeries equaled about 12 hours.

In August, after the scars were healed enough, I got the green light from the neurosurgeon to start radiation for about a month on my back, brain and hip. Apparently, we had wait to radiate the existing cancer before I started the targeted therapy.

In September, I was focusing on getting strong enough to walk and recover by doing physical therapy. It takes about 1 ½ years to recover from the back surgery. After the scar healed for my back, the radiation appointments were daily on a few targeted areas in my brain, my back and hip to finish out September and celebrate the 2018 Pink Arrow Football game. The good news was radiation cleared up almost all of the remaining cancer.

In October, I started the targeted therapy daily pill, Tagrisso. This is a newer lung cancer medication on the market that is specific to my age, gender, having never smoked, and to people who have certain types of EGFR genes. Targeted therapies

work on specific cancer genes to block the growth and spread of cancer cells. I also started new MS medicine, which is a shot three times a week. I had PET scans in December and April. There were no signs of cancer, and I am considered in remission. This is wonderful news! I will continue with regular PET scans to verify that the drug is still effective. We will look at other options if the cancer comes back.

Fast forward to today! I look back at the past 1 ½ years overwhelmed with how I have grown through this journey. I really try my best every day to stay positive and be thankful for the blessings. God has played an increased role in my life. I set daily goals for the challenges I am faced with and focus on getting stronger to fight my next battle. It has been an amazing year with the support I have received from family and friends.

My motto comes from a story about my older brother, Tony, who loved to pick on me growing up. He would put me in wrestling moves and tried to get me to say "Uncle" so that he would win. I would never say "Uncle" as much as he tried. (Have I mentioned before that I am stubborn?) We have always joked about it over the years, but today it has taken on real meaning to us. The story, as in my life now, is that I will never give up, never give in, and I will never say "Uncle."

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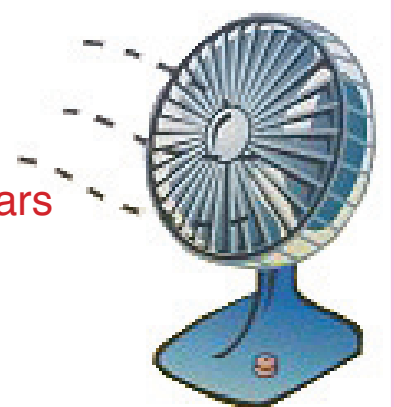


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NEW EVENT FOR 2019  
LOWELL PINK ARROW PRIDE COMMUNITY DAY  
HAIR DRIVE

Friday, August 23, 2019 • 10 am to 2 pm

Located in the entrance of Impact Church or  
see a local stylist at Station Salon or Jultara Salon  
Hair needs to be a minimum of 8 inches long in length,  
clean, dry in a ponytail or braid.



## At Your Local Library

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

### Englehardt Cookbook Club

Join us for an informal discussion about cookbooks and sample delectable examples, potluck style. Call or stop by the branch for more details. Monday, July 29 at 6:30 p.m. For adults. "Smitten Kitchen (collection) by Debra Perelman.

### Teen Paint a Mug!

It's simple to create your own unique mug with Sharpie oil markers! Take home and bake instructions will be included. No registration; however seating is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 30 minutes before the program begins. For tweens and teens grades 5-12. Tuesday, July 30 at 1:00 p.m.

### Uno, Dos, Tres Andrés!

Christina surprises Andrés when she suggests that everyone dance. Dance?! Andrés is too shy and embarrassed to do that! But with a few simple steps, Christina helps him realize he was a dancer all along. This story explores empathy, self-esteem and promotes self-expression through dance and movement. The whole family will dance with this 123 Andrés show. For all ages. Wednesday, July 31 at 1:00 p.m.

### Storytime Picnic!

Let's celebrate summer with a special picnic storytime! We'll read fun summertime stories, create crafts and sing songs about picnics. Watch out for the picnic ants! For ages 6 and under. Wednesday, Aug. 1 at 10:00 a.m.

### Minecraft Club

Get your Minecraft fix and show off your world-building skills. The library has a limited number of computers and licenses for Minecraft. First come, first served. No registration required. If you are able, bring a laptop with Wi-Fi capabilities and Minecraft installed and join us! For children ages 6 and older. Monday, Aug. 5 at 4:30 p.m.

### Night Owls Adult Book Discussion

Join us for a lively book discussion. Wednesday, Aug. 7 at 6:30 p.m. "The Living Great Lakes" by Jerry Dennis.

### Science Fiction Book Club

Join us for an informal book discussion where we will talk about science fiction titles, as well as speculative fiction, fantasy, and dystopian selections. Monday, Aug. 12 at 6:30 p.m. For adults. "American War" by Omar El Akkad.

# First load of wheat arrives at King Milling



The first load of new crop wheat for 2019 arrived at the King Milling Company on Monday, July 15. The load was good quality Soft Red Winter Wheat with a 58 test-weight. This wheat was grown by Joe Jablonski of Wayland for CHS and delivered by Kurtis VanAlst (pictured center right). The wheat was unloaded by King Milling employees (pictured left to right) Collin Kryger, Grant Peterson and Dave Kryger. Harvest is a little later this year than normal due to the cool, wet spring experienced by most of Michigan. In 2018, the first load of wheat was delivered on July 9.

## NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES CAMEL LAKE COUNTY DRAIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on Thursday, the 22nd day of August, 2019, at the Kent County Drain Commissioner's Office, 1500 Scribner Ave NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49504, the Kent County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries, from 8:30am until 4:30pm, to hear the proofs and allegations, and to carefully reconsider and review the description of lands comprising the Camel Lake County Drain Drainage District. The Drain Commissioner shall determine whether the addition and/or deletion of lands will more accurately define the boundaries of the land benefitted by the Drain, located and established in the Township of Bowne and the Charter Township of Caledonia, County of Kent, and whether such addition and/or deletion of lands is just and equitable pursuant to Section 197 of Act No 40, PA 1956, as amended.

the meeting should contact the County Drain Commissioner at (616) 632-7910, or through the Michigan Relay Center at 1-800-649-3777 (TDD), at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

A map depicting the proposed revisions to the Camel Lake County Drain Drainage District, as recommended by a licensed professional engineer or surveyor, is enclosed with this Notice.

**YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED,** that persons aggrieved by the decision of the Drain Commissioner may seek judicial review in the Circuit Court, for the County of Kent, within ten (10) days of the determination.

Dated this 26th day of July, 2019.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in Kenneth J Yonker, Kent County Drain Commissioner

## LEGAL NOTICE

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

**In the matter of Adella Badgley Guardianship File No. 19-205,794-GA**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including her brother, David Badgley and any other unknown children and heirs, whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:**

**TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on August 07, 2019, at 1:30 P.M. at Kent Co. Probate**

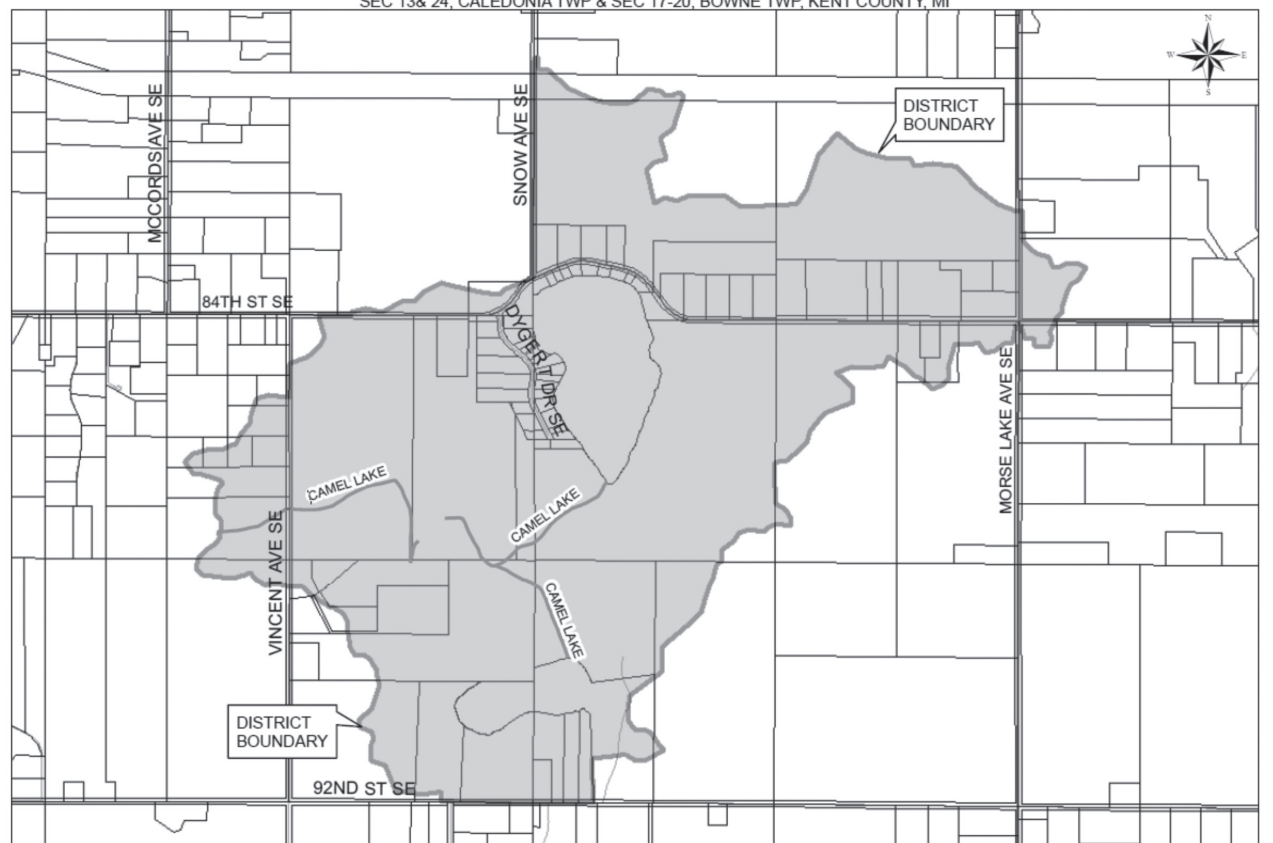
**Court, 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: Appointment of a Guardian.**

**Dated: July 22, 2019**

**Adult Protective Services, DHHS, Petitioner 121 Franklin St. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49507 (616) 285-1182**

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

CAMEL LAKE DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT SEC 13& 24, CALEDONIA TWP & SEC 17-20, BOWNE TWP, KENT COUNTY, MI



Office of the Kent County Drain Commissioner, Kenneth Yonker

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## obituaries

### KICZENSKI

Andrew Jordan Kiczenski, age 24, of Lowell passed away unexpectedly in his sleep on July 17, 2019. He was united with his savior Jesus. Andrew is survived by his parents, Joe and Carrie Kiczenski; brothers, Bradley (Katie) Kiczenski and Cameron Kiczenski. He also leaves behind two grandmothers, MaeDean Alexander and MaryBeth Harwood; aunt and uncle Mary and Bob Ford; his loving and faithful dog Bailey and many close friends that loved him and now reunited with his friends Micah Niemeir and Joe Kargl. Andrew was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Jim Alexander and Clare Harwood; his uncle, Don Alexander; and aunt, Cheryl Alexander. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 23 from 3:30 pm – 6 pm at Impact Church, 11840 Fulton Street E, Lowell, MI 49331. Funeral service will be held at 6:30 pm also at the church, Joe Martino and Jason Holdridge officiating. Andrew would prefer casual dress. A light dessert to follow at 8 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Impact Church to help the family with expenses.



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### STAUFFER

Jesusita "Hezzie" Stauffer, age 97 of Lowell, died Friday, July 19, 2019. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lester E. Stauffer; parents, Carlos and Angelita Herrera; daughter, Ardist Merritt; stepson, Robert (Sandy) Stauffer; son-in-law, Andrew Klein; several brothers and sisters. Hezzie is survived by her children, Arva Stauffer, Ardelle Klein, Shirley Stauffer, Karen (David) Torres, Roger Stauffer; stepson, Lee (Gladys) Stauffer; stepdaughter, Janice (Pete) Bosanic; son-in-law, Michael Merritt; brother, Alonzo Herrera; 20 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and "adopted children", Judy Hakala and Karen Knapp. Hezzie was a great cook and homemaker specializing in homemade noodles, fried chicken and Spanish rice. She also raised countless chickens. She was an avid bird watcher and a charter member of the Mid-Michigan Bird Association, a Lowell VFW member, "Royal Squares" Square Dancing Club. She was a very kind hearted and generous person with friends across the country. She was loved by all. The Herrera family was one of the original families that came across on the Chihuahua trail, settling in Alamito, Texas. The homestead is designated with a Texas historical marker. Mass of Christian Burial was offered Tuesday, July 23 at St. Alphonsus Church, Grand Rapids, Rev. Patrick Grile, CSSR, presiding. Interment Oakwood Cemetery.



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## Sign up for Medicare and estimate Medicare costs

Affordable medical coverage is something everyone wants, especially as people age. Luckily, our nation has safeguards for workers as they get older. Millions of people rely on Medicare, and it can be part of your health insurance plan when you retire.

Medicare is available for people age 65 or older, as well as younger people who have received Social Security disability benefits for 24 months, and people with certain specific diseases. Two parts of Medicare are

Part B premiums for every year-long period you're eligible for coverage but don't enroll. You may not have to pay the penalty if you qualify for a special enrollment period (SEP). If you are 65 or older and covered under a group health plan, either from your own or your spouse's current employment, you may have a special enrollment period during which you can sign up for Medicare Part B. This means that you may delay enrolling in Part B without



Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Part B (Medicare Insurance). You are eligible for premium-free Part A if you are age 65 or older and you or your spouse worked and paid Medicare taxes for at least 10 years. Part B usually requires a monthly premium payment.

You can apply online for Medicare even if you are not ready to retire. Use our online application to sign up. It takes less than 10 minutes. In most cases, once your application is submitted electronically, you're done. There are no forms to sign and usually no documentation is required. Social Security will process your application and contact you if we need more information. Otherwise, you'll receive your Medicare card in the mail.

You can sign up for Medicare at [www.socialsecurity.gov/benefits/medicare](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/benefits/medicare).

If you don't sign up for Medicare during your initial enrollment window that begins three months before the birthday that you reach age 65 and ends three months after that birthday, you'll face a 10 percent increase in your

having to wait for a general enrollment period and without paying the lifetime penalty for late enrollment. Additional rules and limits apply, so if you think a special enrollment period may apply to you, read our Medicare publication at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/), and visit the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services at [Medicare.gov](http://Medicare.gov) for more information.

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Keeping your healthcare costs down allows you to use your retirement income on other things that you can enjoy. Social Security is here to help you plan a long and happy retirement at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

*Vonda VanTil is the Public Affairs Specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 3045 Knapp NE, Grand Rapids MI 49525 or via email at [vonda.vantil@ssa.gov](mailto:vonda.vantil@ssa.gov).*

## In Memory of Bob Perry

March 26, 1926 - July 23, 2005

*So many things have happened,  
Since you were called away,  
So many things to share with you,  
Had you been left to stay,  
Every day in some small way,  
Memories of you come our way,  
Though absent, you are ever near  
Still missed, loved, and always dear.*

*Loved and Missed by  
Wife, Velma Perry,  
Children, Bert & Ruby Baker and Ron & Ann Wittenbach  
Grandchildren and many Great-grandchildren*



## LEGAL NOTICE

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

In the matter of Lee Burge Guardianship File No. 19-205,777-GA Conservatorship File: 19-205778-CA

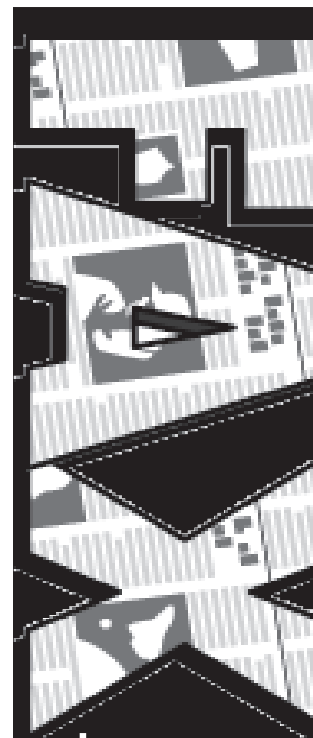
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including children: Sara Rollegghen and Joseph Burge and any other unknown

children and heirs, whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following: TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on August 07, 2019, at 1:30 P.M. at Kent Co. Probate Court, 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: Appointment of a Guardian, Appointment of a Conservator.

Dated: July 22, 2019

Adult Protective Services, DHHS, Petitioner 121 Franklin St. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49507 (616) 690-7176

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



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The family of Garry G. McCaul would like to express sincere thanks to all who called, prayed, visited and supported us during his illness and passing. We appreciated every gesture. The memories that were shared at his memorial will be cherished. We offer a special "Thank you" to Faith Hospice, the Kent County Veterans Honor Guard, Pastor Bob Roush, Jan Scheeringa, Sandee Johnston and the surrounding neighbors for all of their love, help and support.

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## memorials

In memory of my friend, **Jim Fahrni**, July 23, 1940 - April 15, 2011 So many memories. So many good times. Thanks Old Friend. Miss you Buddy, Tom

In loving memory of our son & brother **MARK TAYLOR KROPF** July 21, 1965 - June 18, 1970 He shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not worry him, nor the years condemn, At the going down of the sun and in the morning. We will remember him. Your family

# Community Calendar July AND ONGOING EVENTS

PLEASE NOTE - Coming Events are for non-profit organizations. If you are charging admission for an event - it is considered an advertisement. Coming events are on a space available basis & ARE NOT GUARANTEED. If you would like to make sure your event is placed in the paper, please call our office & place it as a classified ad. We will not accept ANY Garage or sales (including fundraisers) as a coming event. All Coming Events or changes to coming events should be submitted by fax: 897-4809, email: classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com, by mail: PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or in person: 105 N. Broadway.

ATTENTION SENIORS - Every Friday evening seniors get together for conversation, food, dancing and music. Cunningham Acre, 4980 W. Pepper Lake Rd. on route M-50, 1 1/4 miles W. of Lake Odessa. For more information contact Betty at 616-374-7512.

SUMMER READING AT KDL - Through Aug. 10. Englehardt Branch, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell and Alto Branch Library, 6051 Linfield Ave., Alto. Join the fun at the library. There is a summer reading program for all ages - babies, kids, teens and adults. All programs are free and open to the public. For more information call 616-784-2007 or visit www.kdl.org

MAHJONGG AT THE LIBRARY - Through - Aug. 30, every Friday, 1 pm. American Mahjongg: a game of skill, strategy and calculation. All skill levels welcome. Bring your own mahjongg set or borrow ours. Seating is limited. For adults. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell. 616-784-2007, www.kdl.org

FAMILY YOGA SATURDAYS - Now - Aug. 24, Every Saturday, 11 am. Family yoga is an all-ages activity with a focus on the benefits of mindfulness. Together we will engage in fun poses, learn how to breathe, be creative with yoga activities/games and relax. For ages 6 and up with a caregiver. Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 30 minutes before the program begins. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell. 616-784-2007, www.kdl.org

TECH SESSIONS - 3-5 pm by appointment. One-on-one assistance with basic computer skills, tablets, smart phones, downloadable material using the free library platforms, etc. Please inform library staff with detailed information on what assistance is needed when scheduling the appointment at 616-633-1001. Clarksville Area Library, 165 N. Main, Clarksville.

WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY - meets every Monday, 7-8 p.m. at Bowne Center United Methodist Church, fellowship hall, 12051 84th St., corner of Alden Nash. Call Sue at 868-6219 or www.womenforsobriety.org

CELEBRATE RECOVERY - a Christ-centered, Biblically-based 12 step program for people with hurts, hang-ups and habits. Meets every Thursday from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at Impact, 11840 Fulton St., Lowell. Open to all who are 18 years or older. Fourth Thursday of each month is Chip Night when we celebrate a meal together starting at 6 pm.

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

NEEDLERS - Meet the second & fourth Tuesday of the month from, 5 to 8 pm at Franciscan Life Processing Center, 11650 Downes St. NE, Lowell.

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

ALTO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Alto American Legion Post.

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 102 - every Monday, 7-8:30 p.m. during school year in Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. Ages 11 and up or completing 5th grade. Call Scoutmaster Clay VanderWarf, 616-485-3429 or Del Rockwell at 897-6814.

VERGENNES CLUB MEETS - at 1 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month March thru Nov. Meeting at Schneider Manor Community Room. Program & refreshments. Guests welcome.

AMERICAN LEGION #152 MEETING - fourth Monday of the month, 7 pm. Lowell Veteran's Center, 3116 Alden Nash SE, Lowell.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY TOPS MI #372 - every Tuesday, weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m. in the activity room at Schneider Manor.

TECH SESSIONS - 9 am - 1 pm by appointment on Wednesdays. One-on-one assistance with basic computer skills, tablets, smart phones, downloadable material using the free library platforms, etc. Please inform library staff with detailed information on what assistance is needed when scheduling the appointment. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

CUB SCOUT PACK 3188 - meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main.

QUA-KE-ZIK SPORTSMANS CLUB - meets second and third Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at 8731 West Riverside Dr. Go to www.qua-ke-zik.org for information. New members welcome.

MINECRAFT - 1st Monday of the month at 4:30 pm. Get your Minecraft fix & show off your world-building skills. The library has a limited number of computers & licenses for Minecraft. First come, first served. No registration required. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

TECH SAVY SENIORS - 3rd Wednesday of the month, 1-2 pm. For older people in a digital world, it's easy to become overwhelmed or feel intimidated by all the new technology around us. Join us to discuss current tech topics & gain the skills and confidence to access information & services online. No registration required. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

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

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

ALPHA FAMILY CENTER OF LOWELL - 519 E. Main. Hours: Mon. & Wed. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Tues. & Thurs. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Diapers, formula, clothing & free ultrasounds & pregnancy testing available. www.afclowell.org

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Mon. & Sat., 9:30-1:30 p.m.; Tues. & Wed., 12 - 8 p.m.; Thurs., 1-6 p.m.; Fri. 9:30-6 p.m. Info., call 784-2007.

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LOWELL ARTS GALLERY HOURS - Tues. - Fri., 10 - 6 p.m.; Sat., 10-5 p.m. 225 W. Main St., Lowell. Visit www.lowellartsmi.org or call 897-8545.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM - open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday: 1-4 p.m. Families: \$10; individual \$3; ages 5-17 \$1.50; members free. 897-7688.

LEGOS AT THE LIBRARY - Second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. Kids ages 5-11 are invited to join. Bring your imagination & be ready to build! (The library will provide the LEGOs) No registration required. Alvah N. Belding Library, 302 E. Main, Belding, 616-794-1450.

THE LOWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION - second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building, 300 High St., Lowell.

FLAT RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL - Meets 3rd Monday of each month at the Main Street Inn in Lowell at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit our web page at flatriverwatershed.org



capitol matters

State Representative Thomas Albert



Marijuana use while pregnant is increasing: warning labels needed

A recent study found that 1 in 14 women acknowledged they used marijuana while pregnant. This number has increased from 1 in 20 in recent years. This upward trend of marijuana usage by pregnant and breastfeeding mothers has drawn the attention of public health groups such as the U.S.

Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG). These groups cite that some studies have linked marijuana use during pregnancy and breastfeeding with low birthweight and developmental issues. In 2017, ACOG officially began to tell their doctors that they should be warning mothers against marijuana usage and its potential harms to their babies.

I first learned about this staggering trend when a Michigan physician sent a letter to my office.

He expressed concern regarding the number of pregnant mothers who are using marijuana and the low perception of harm of Medical Marijuana specifically. He stated that he advises mothers against use and informs them of the potential issues with brain development, birth weight and the long-term health of their babies. Due to lack of perceived harm, these mothers simply do not fully understand the potential risks of these products.

The issue became increasingly clear to me when I found the results of a 2016 study based in

Colorado. 400 randomly selected marijuana dispensaries were called and asked about using marijuana to help with morning sickness. About seven in 10 dispensaries recommended using marijuana to treat morning sickness. Roughly a third of the respondents said marijuana was safe during pregnancy. It is clear that the perception of harm of marijuana to infants seems to be shockingly low, and I would contend that this is significant concern to public health.

Because of this I have introduced a plan that would require marijuana products in Michigan have a warning label informing pregnant and breastfeeding

mothers of the potential dangers of using these products. These bills will not penalize mothers who choose to use marijuana, but simply inform them of risks they may not have previously considered. With the passage of Proposal 1 in 2018, marijuana usage and ease of access in Michigan will continue to grow. It is crucial that consumers, pregnant mothers specifically, know about the health risks associated with what many perceive as a harmless substance. Michigan should follow other states like Oregon, California and Nevada who require similar labels on marijuana products.

NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENT CAMEL LAKE COUNTY DRAIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on Thursday, the 22nd day of August, 2019, at the Kent County Drain Commissioner's Office, 1500 Scribner Ave NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49504, County of Kent, or such place and time, I, Kenneth J Yonker, Kent County Drain Commissioner, may adjourn, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the Camel Lake County Drain Drainage District, and the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities in the Drainage District, will be subject to review on the above specified date only, from 8:30am until 4:30pm. Also on this date, the computation of cost for said drain will be open for inspection by any interested parties. You may also review your apportionments by phone at (616) 632-7910.

WHEREAS, you are further advised that, pursuant to Section 154 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, drain assessments against land will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. In addition, if drain assessments against land are collected by installment, the land owner may pay the assessments in full, with any interest to date, at any time and thereby avoid further interest charges.

WHEREAS, you are further advised that, pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, any owner of land within the Camel Lake County Drain Drainage District or any city, village, township, district or county, feeling aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits made by the Drain Commissioner, may appeal the apportionment within ten (10) days after the "Day of Review of Apportionment" by making an application to the Kent County Probate Court for the appointment of a Board of Review. If there is no appeal, the roll will be confirmed ten (10) days after the "Day of Review

Government units and Parcel Numbers of land being assessed:

- 412313400-004 412324400-003 thru 005 412418351-019 thru 024 412419101-023
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The Township of Bowne and the Charter Township of Caledonia at large and the County of Kent on account of roads.

of Apportionment". The confirmed roll may be slightly different from the roll presented at the Day of Review, due to arguments made at the Day of Review.

AS A PROPERTY OWNER WITHIN THE DISTRICT, YOU ARE SUBJECT TO A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR A PORTION OF THE COST OF THIS PROJECT.

The government units and permanent parcel numbers of the parcels of land within the Special Assessment District of said drain being assessed are located on the reverse side of this notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, all unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons interested in the above described lands, and you: Randy Wilcox (Bowne Township Supervisor), Bryan Harrison (Caledonia Charter Township Supervisor), Lisa Posthumus Lyons (Kent County Clerk), and Steve Warren (Managing Director of the Kent County Road Commission) that at such time and place, as stated above, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the Camel Lake County Drain Special Assessment District will be subject to review.

AND EACH OF YOU, owners and persons interested in the above referenced parcels of land, are hereby given the opportunity to appear, at the time and place noted above, to review the apportionments and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interests in relation to them, if you so desire.

Dated this 26th day of July, 2019.

Kenneth J Yonker,

19th annual tea party held



Tuesday, July 9, Dot Lacic and "Neva" the welcoming mannequin welcomed guest for fun, food, and beautiful hats, and this year, hot cars. Yes, there were a few.

Lacic turned 92 on the fourth of July and still loves a party. She's been doing her annual tea party for 19 years.

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# SPORTS

## Douglas Kelly and the Drop-In Soccer Club

by Patrick Misner  
contributing reporter

A score of individuals slowly congregated with their cleats and shin pads on at Lowell's Creekside Park this past Tuesday starting around 6:00 pm. The group, which on Facebook is known as Lowell Drop-In Soccer, has been meeting regularly over the summer, weather permitting, for about seven years now. Douglas Kelly is one of the founding members of the group.

As it gets closer to 6:30 pm, Kelly calls in all the players and passes out colored jerseys to mark teams. A few more people are still expected to show up, but the game begins.

Kelly, who has been playing soccer for 40 years and coaching for over 30 years, wanted a place for younger players to keep up their skills over the summer and for veterans that wanted to continue playing the game they love. LASSO similarly has pick up games over the summer, but participation is limited to players on LASSO teams. Many of the younger people that come out to play are former players on teams that he has coached.

"Since I'm a coach and have coached both in Forest Hills and Lowell, and my kids have played at PASS, LASSO and Rapids FC," Kelly commented. "We see players from all over the greater Grand Rapids area, but mostly Lowell and Forest Hills. We also have a couple people that live or work in GR that know other players and periodically they will show up too."

He started coaching soccer when he was living in Colorado, and his coaching experience is extensive.

"I coached at Rapids FC, a travel club based in Forest Hills," Kelly said. "I've coached here at the YMCA,



I am the head coach and board member for a new organization called Lowell Youth Soccer that a bunch of parents and myself started so that middle school girls could play. Just [to] give another way, a cheaper way, to play soccer. There's volleyball at the middle school, there's track and field, cross country

and basketball, but there's no soccer."

Kelly is a Lowell High School alumni and was on the first soccer team the school ever had in the late 1980s. He joined the Air Force after high school and played soccer with his base team during his tenure. He eventually moved back

to Lowell, and he and his family have been involved with Lowell soccer ever since. Kelly will be playing in the upcoming alumni vs. high school team game. After all of these years, he still loves the game.

"I love the beautiful game," Kelly remarked. "It's generally on the TV

over the weekend. I love its intricacies, the finesse of the players, the team aspects including camaraderie, and how some incredible things can be done without using one's hand to get the ball past other players and shoot a ball."

He says it is a special opportunity to be able to play

with many former players he coached although it can be tough keeping up.

"I love playing with kids that I taught how to play the game I enjoy," Kelly said. "I also enjoy playing with some of the older people that come out. We kind of commiserate about the speed of the kids."

He also enjoys following the English Premier League and roots for Chelsea. He thinks the television coverage given to soccer has brought more interest to the sport generally, but he does not see more involvement at pick-up games specifically during World Cup tournaments.

"I think there is more interest in soccer since 1999 when the Women's National Team won their second World Cup final," Kelly commented. "Definitely since 2011, when many games were on network television. We now have men's and women's semi-professional soccer teams in Grand Rapids. If you mean more coming out to play when World Cup is on, not really. I would say people go to several watering holes more when the World Cup is on though."

More information on the group can be found on their Facebook group at facebook.com/LowellDropInSoccer, and people are invited to show up at Creekside Park on Faith Dr. SE on Tuesdays at 6 pm.



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# Pink Arrow photographer loves to help community

by Brendan A. Sanders  
contributing reporter

Only in Lowell for three years, photographer Heather Eveland is already making her mark on the community.

Working as the main photographer for Pink Arrow Pride, Heather Eveland has captured the most magical moments from the event over the last three years. From taking photographs on a helicopter circling Bob Perry Field as students made the legendary pink arrow to the survivor walks, Eveland has captured it all.

Originally from the Chicago area, Heather Eveland went to college in Arizona. There, she met her husband. They both went into teaching physical education for years before having children. After the children were born, the Evelands moved to Michigan so Heather could stay at home and raise her kids while her husband got a job teaching health at Lowell Middle School. This allowed Eveland to further pursue her passion for photography.

"I went to college to become a photographer," Eveland said. "However, I had to switch because I realized I needed to be able to make more money, so I went into teaching. I started doing photography again after I had all of my children. I could still help give us a little added income while my husband worked and I stayed home taking care of the children. I could still have flexible hours."

Photography has been a passion for Eveland her entire life. One important moment growing up was



Heather Eveland, Pink Arrow Pride's official photographer.

getting a camera from her father.

"My dad gave me his camera that he had way back, I think, in 1979," Eveland said. "A little Minolta film camera. So I learned on that first when I went to college, I had to learn to develop my own film. Nowadays it's all digital, so it's definitely a lot easier."

It's the little things in photography that make this line of work so joyful for Eveland.

"I just love people," Eveland said. "I love capturing their natural beauty and seeing them, not being forceful. I especially

love photographing little kids, just getting their little personalities are so cute and I love it so much."

Pursuing this passion, Eveland has been running her own private photography company that she runs off of her own values.

"My photography business is what I would want if I were to get pictures done," Eveland said. "It's how I want to give back to the community. I think affordable photography is my thing along with capturing the true essence of the child or a family or a wedding. I don't charge an arm and a leg for kids'

pictures. It's very low cost but it's still very fun. A kids' session is like \$75 and it's 20 minutes. That's the perfect amount of time for a child to sit. I think I'm a little bit different in the aspect that I give all the photos that I take to my client. So, you might get 60 to 70 pictures instead of 10 to 20. They're all yours, you can download them for free. I don't charge you to print, you can print anywhere you want. That's my way of giving back. I still need to make some money, but I don't want you to break the bank as a family to get a beautiful family picture for your Christmas cards or your wall."

Eveland also does senior pictures for her clients.

"It's good for people in Lowell who don't want to spend \$400 on senior pictures," Eveland said. "I usually charge around \$175. I just did one and she got 65 pictures and went, 'What, this is amazing!'. Some kids, like boys, may not want two-hour photography sessions, so I'm like, 'Half hour, here we go!' and they're just so excited."

Another passion the Eveland family has is to work in the community

"Wherever we teach we put ourselves 100 percent into the community," Eveland said. "So we like to live there, we like to volunteer, we like to serve others the best we can. That's really important to our kids, we want to show them it's not just about us, it's about everyone around us."

By pushing herself to be a part of the community, Heather Eveland was able to begin volunteering for Pink Arrow Pride.

"First year, moving here we came upon community day here in Lowell, we were out enjoying the community," Eveland said. "My husband ended up talking to this lady, and I was like, 'Wow, he's talking to her for a long time.' So I walk over to them, and she introduces herself as Teresa Beachum. She asked about my photography before telling me all about Pink Arrow and what it means to her and the community, and that they would love to have a photographer. I told her I would love to donate my time and help out with that. At first, I only did game day photography, and that was awesome. Fast forward to the second year, I then did perseverance stories for Pink Arrow for the summer, then I also did game day. Last year, I was asked to help coordinate all the volunteers, to help with selling t-shirts."

She's volunteered more and more with Pink Arrow Pride to help everyone else carry a little less weight on their shoulders.

"I added one more role because I asked what more can I do," Eveland said. "You know, if I could take one more thing off their backs, that would be awesome, they do so much for the community. The group of people that do it are so amazing, and they work so hard all year long, I just want to make at least one more thing easier for them. So now I'm a photographer for perseverance stories,

game day, and I also now volunteer to coordinate the t-shirt sales.

Getting started in 2016, Heather Eveland has been able to photograph some of the best moments that Pink Arrow Pride has had to offer.

"I think that every year that I've shot it, my favorite moments are the survivor walk, walking through it is so emotional," Eveland said. "Also, when the players and who they are honoring walk across that field... I'm getting goosebumps right now just talking about it because I know what's coming. I'm behind that camera and I don't know their story, but I am a hot mess, I'm crying, I'm trying to get them to smile at the same time and it's so emotional. That's why we do it though, the game is the game, the reason we are there is to honor everybody."

Eveland is happy to be a part of the Lowell community and hopes to be a part of it for a long time. Her job as a physical education teacher at Cherry Creek will definitely help.

"I'd like to do it just to do it," Eveland said. "I didn't start to make my business grow, I don't ever want to be a huge photography business. I like keeping it in Lowell, I rarely will go outside of Lowell for anything. Most of the things I do are just for our community. It's just so important for not only me, but my husband and my family. We just dove 100 percent right into it. We feel so blessed and lucky to be here."

You can find Heather Eveland on her website [www.heathereveland.com](http://www.heathereveland.com) or on her Facebook page at Heather Eveland Photography.

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