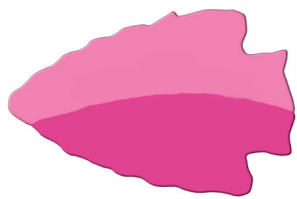


**Pink Arrow  
Pride: Arrow  
Force XII**

**Bob Perry Field  
Friday, Sept. 13**



The gates at Bob Perry Field will open at 2:30 pm for the Pink Arrow Pride: Arrow Force XII charity football game, Lowell's biggest annual event.

The concessions will open at 3 pm, choices on "Restaurant Row" this year include the Ice Cream Cabus, the Cannonsburg Grist Mill, Main St. BBQ, Keiser's Kitchen and Big Boiler Brewing.

Two of the three sports events, a volleyball game pitting Lowell against Grand Rapids Christian and a soccer game against Forest Hills Central, will begin at 3:30 pm.

Don't miss the survivor walk at 6 pm, followed by honoree introductions at 6:35 pm. The main event, a football game against the Greenville Yellow Jackets, will begin at 7:10 pm.

Admission to the stadium is free for anyone wearing this year's t-shirt, available for \$15 from Fans in the Stands, Springrove Variety, Heidi's Farmstand and MI Hometown Furnishings. All proceeds from the event support Pink Arrow Pride, an organization that directly helps those on a cancer journey and supports Gilda's Club, Lowell Community Wellness, the Kathy Talus scholarship and the Dr. Donald Gerard scholarship.



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## City council discusses "Riverview Flats" condo development at Sept. 3 meeting

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Lowell city council had their latest regular meeting at city hall on Tuesday, Sept. 3. The meeting lasted about one hour and 48 minutes (including a 10 minute break) and was attended by a packed house of over 50 local residents.

The majority of the meeting was dedicated to a public hearing about the proposed "Riverview Flats" condominium "planned unit" development at the old Unity School site.

To start the discussion, developer Todd Schaal spoke briefly.

"Jerry [Zandstra] and I are excited to be taking that building, two buildings that have been in disrepair for over 15 years and doing something cool with them," Schaal said. "Landscaping, putting our best foot forward there and adding to the tax base. [...] One of the positions that we like to take is that we'll add a significant amount of money to Lowell's coffers through that project."

Following that, urban planner Andy Moore from Williams and Works spent nearly 40 minutes reading from a memorandum about



Lowell city council in discussion at their Tuesday, Sept. 3 meeting. Council members all wore their "Pink Arrow Pride: Arrow Force XII" t-shirts to the meeting. This year's Pink Arrow Pride events will take place on Friday, Sept. 13 starting at 2:30 pm.

the project that he wrote for the city and answering the council's questions. Moore said the project would take place in three stages. Phase one "would convert the former bus

garage on the western portion of the site into 14 residential condominiums," phase two is the renovation of the actual Unity School building into 16 residential units and phase three would

involve construction of new buildings at the site for 14 further units. Moore said the first phase is expected to take about one year to complete and cost about \$2.1 million, and subsequent phases could

take a very, very long time. "It's important to think of this as a long term project," Moore said. "Phase two might not occur for several years. It totally depends on  
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## Alto Harvest Festival & Car Show Sept. 21

The small town of Alto will celebrate their 39th annual Alto Harvest Festival & Car Show on Saturday, September 21, 2019, with activities for all ages.

They say that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, so start it off right

at the Alto/Bowne Township Firefighters Pancake breakfast from 7 am to 10 am at the Alto fire station, 6260 Bancroft. Golf cart shuttles will be available to and from the breakfast.

Bernie and Donna Boelema will be presented with Alto Persons of the Year Award after the flag raising ceremony.

The craft and vendor show will be set up in Veterans Park at the corner of Kirby & Linfield from 9 am to 3 pm. The Alto Library will have their gently used book sale at the library.

The ever-growing car

show will feature between 175-200 cars. Take a stroll down memory lane and view street, muscle, antique, classic cars and trucks. Goodie bags and dash plaques for the first 150 entries, top 50 awards will be presented. Registration begins at 7:30 am. For registered participants there will be many quality door prizes handed out throughout the day, as well as a grocery guess.

At 10 am the Alto American Legion Color Guard will celebrate the service of all United States military veterans by holding a formal flag raising ceremony at Veterans Park. The legion will host bingo from 12 pm to 6 pm, hold a membership drive with the intention to reach out to eligible veterans in our community and be open to the public throughout the day.

There are contests for everyone, including the

Blue-Ribbon Baking Contest that brings in tasty treats every year. One entry will be chosen from the Adult and Youth Divisions. A Grand Champion will be awarded a cash prize of \$25. Categories include any and all desserts, cookies/bars, candies, yeast/quick breads. The pie-eating contest begins at 11:30 am. Winners of the adult and kids divisions will receive \$10 cash, a trophy and more pie.

Returning favorite, Baking Bingo is a new twist on an old game. Instead of prize money you win baked goods and baking essentials. This is a true Alto Harvest Festival original. A children's scavenger hunt will award a sweet treat to all of those who figure out the clues and turn in their hunt sheet.

The First Baptist Church of Alto will be hosting the Kids Zone, located on the green. Activities include inflatable slide, Cheek

to Cheek face painting, petting zoo, emergency vehicles, matchbox derby, arts and crafts, and the life size Hungry Hippo Game. Making their first appearance at the festival is Ninja On The Move, an event sponsored by Wee-Land Farms and Dougherty Farms.

Food is always on everyone's mind and a variety of items will be on hand to choose from. The American Legion is serving grilled burgers, ribs, potato salad and chips. The Alto Bar will be serving brats, smoked brisket, homemade beans and coleslaw. Other offerings include walking tacos, pizza, ice cream and nachos, just to name a few.

Alto is located off I-96, exit 52. South on M-50 following it to 60th street, turn west on 60th street.

Parking is available on streets and First Baptist Church of Alto.



# Interesting events at Lowell Area Historical Museum

The Lowell Area Historical Museum is preparing for two special events, one that is free for anybody to attend and one to raise money for the museum's efforts to preserve and display local history, particularly for Lowell youths.

First, the museum is hosting guided tours of Oakwood Cemetery, 325 Fremont, on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 2 pm until 4 pm. Many legendary persons from the Lowell area are buried there, including architect Robert Graham and Civil War corporal Benjamin Morse.

"John Kopf is one of the many people that will be featured on this year's cemetery tour," said museum executive director Lisa Plank. "He operated a furniture factory on the south bank of the Grand River [where] he specialized in chairs. In the beginning, his wife and daughters did the cane work on the chairs. Later, his chairs were sold in a storefront on Main St.

Their house, built 1857, remains in place today."

The second event is ongoing and will culminate during the holiday season. This summer, the Literacy Legacy Fund of Michigan has been sponsoring a fundraiser for the Lowell Area Historical Museum. They have been selling caramel corn and chocolate bars in the shape of the Upper Peninsula at the museum's food booth during the Thursday night Sizzlin' Summer Concerts. The Literacy Legacy Fund fundraiser is in support of the museum immersion program. The Literacy Legacy Fund was also a sponsor for the 2018-2019 immersion program. This program is offered to third grade classrooms in Lowell Area Schools. These classes attend the museum and use the exhibits and resources of the museum to enhance their curriculum. The chocolates and caramel corn will also be sold at the museum this year during Christmas Through Lowell in mid-November.



"At Christmas Through Lowell, we will have four different books on the history of Lowell, 2020 calendars with historic pictures of Lowell, books on Oakwood Cemetery, mugs and stocking stuffers," Plank said. "We

will also have artists in each of the museum galleries at Christmas Through Lowell selling a variety of other items too." The museum is currently looking for more volunteers.

"We have a wide variety of volunteer opportunities including working special events like Christmas Through Lowell, research projects and welcoming guests to the museum," Plank said. "We have a

very flexible schedule and ask for an average of three hours per month. Anyone interested in learning about our volunteer opportunities can call or email the Museum at 616-897-7688 or history@lowellmuseum.org."

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# Gilda's Club of Grand Rapids celebrating 10th anniversary with open house on Tuesday, Sept. 17

This September, Gilda's Club Grand Rapids is celebrating 10 years of serving the Lowell community with cancer and grief support. The Gilda's Club Lowell program will host an open house event in honor of its 10th anniversary on Tuesday, Sept. 17.

In 2009, funds raised through the Pink Arrow Pride sports game helped pay for the renovation of the Senior Neighbors building on Hudson Street. The Lowell Senior Center then also became home to the Gilda's Club Lowell program. Gilda's Club has utilized the space to provide its free programs and activities to individuals and families who are on a cancer or grief journey for any reason. The community celebrated with a grand opening of Gilda's Club Lowell on Sept. 13, 2009.

For the past 10 years, Gilda's Club Lowell has become an annual beneficiary of Lowell Pink Arrow Pride, and partnered with community organizations, including Lowell Community Wellness and Senior Neighbors. Its Tuesday evening programs feature all the elements of its Grand Rapids program: support groups for children and adults, educational lectures and workshops and, true to its namesake Gilda Radner, plenty of fun activities for all ages.

"It has been wonderful to be part of and serve the Lowell community these past 10 years," said Gilda's Club Grand Rapids president Wendy Wigger. "We are beyond thankful to the residents of Lowell and the goodwill of their inspiring Pink Arrow Pride games to help us provide

support for those in the community affected by cancer."

Stop by Gilda's Club Lowell, to celebrate their anniversary with an open-house style celebration on Tuesday, Sept. 17 from 7:15 - 8 pm. The Lowell Clubhouse is located at 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.



Gilda's Club is named after "Saturday Night Live" actress Gilda Radner, who passed away from ovarian cancer in 1989.



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- 7:30 am Car Show Registration begins
- 9:00 am Baking Contest  
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- 9:00-1:30 pm Library Book Sale
- 9:00-3:00 pm Car Show, Arts & Crafts, and Food Booths
- 10:00 am Opening Ceremonies (Flag raising, Announcement of Person -of-the-Year - Donna & Bernie Boelema)
- 10:00-2:00 pm Scavenger Hunt (*Available for kids at the festival booth*)
- 10:00-3:00 pm Inflatables (Baptist Green), Matchbox Derby, Car Races, Kids' Crafts
- 11:00-3:00 pm Petting Zoo & Cheek to Cheek Face Painting  
Ninjas on the Move (Baptist Green)
- 11:30 am Pie-eating Contest (on Linfield)
- 12:00-6:00 pm American Legion Bingo in the Legion Building  
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- 12:30-3:00 pm Emergency Vehicles Display and Activities (Baptist Green)
- 2:00-3:00 pm Baking Bingo (Library)  
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## Financial Focus

With Christopher C. Godbold  
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### What can a financial advisor do for you?

What does investing mean to you? If the word makes you think of transactions – buying or selling stocks and bonds – you're looking at just part of the picture. To work toward all your goals, such as a comfortable retirement, you need a comprehensive financial strategy. And for that, you might need to work with a personal financial advisor. But what, specifically, can this type of professional do for you?

Here are some of the key services a financial advisor can provide:

to college someday, you need to save and invest early and often. A financial advisor can suggest appropriate college savings vehicles and strategies.

- Help make sure you're well-protected – If something were to happen to you, could your family maintain its standard of living? Or if you someday needed some type of long-term care, such as an extended stay in a nursing home, would you be able to maintain your financial independence, or would you be forced to rely on

change course, when, in his or her professional opinion, you might be tempted to overreact to some event or other.

While a financial advisor can help you in many ways, you'll need, above all else, to feel comfortable with whomever you choose. Ultimately, you'll want to pick someone who understands what's important to you, and who will follow an established process to create personalized strategies and recommend specific actions needed to help



- Help you invest for your retirement – An experienced financial advisor can look at all the relevant factors – your current and projected income, age at which you'd like to retire, desired retirement lifestyle – to help you determine how much you need to invest, and in which investment vehicles, to help you reach your retirement goals. To cite just one example, a financial advisor can review your employer-sponsored retirement plan and help you determine how to use it to your greatest advantage.
- Help you save for college – Higher education is expensive, and costs are rising every year. If you'd like to help your children – or grandchildren – go

- your adult children for help? A financial advisor can recommend and possibly provide suitable protection products and services for your needs.
- Help you adjust your financial strategy – Not much will stay constant in your life – and that includes your financial strategy. Any number of events – a new child, a new job, a new retirement destination – can cause you to adjust your investment moves, as will some of the factors influencing the financial markets – economic downturns, changing interest rates, new tax laws, and more. A financial advisor can help you change course as needed – and sometimes encourage you not to

achieve your goals. And you'll want someone who will be with you in the long run – someone who will revisit your objectives and risk tolerance and who can adjust your strategies in response to changes in your life.

A financial advisor can make a big difference in your life. So, work diligently to find the right one – and take full advantage of the help you'll receive as you move toward your important goals.

*This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.*

# viewpoint

## to the editor

To the Editor,  
I can only say:  
Yay Walmart!  
Peace and love,  
*Marge Rehl*  
Lowell Township

Dear Editor,  
After the latest tragedies involving assault style weapons, I am compelled to offer some observations

and comments. When the 2nd amendment passed in 1791, muskets and pistols with one bullet were the only guns available. An extremely skilled person could get off 2-3 shots per minute. A responsible citizen should have the right to own a gun designed for hunting or sport: just not a military style weapon.

Now, the general public can purchase an assault style weapon, with bullets being much more destructive than the single ball shot back in 1791, and having the capacity of 30-100 bullets in a magazine capable of unleashing 600 rounds per minute!!! I can not come up with a single rationale reason that anyone other than the military should have access to such a weapon. Our legislature did pass in 1994 a very weak ban of assault style weapons, but it was for a limited number of years and has since expired.

Now there is discussion of better background checks. In my humble opinion a simpler solution would be to just plain ban them. How about a buy back to get what is out there out of the hands of potential shooters? (For a perspective on gun control, suggest reading: GUNS DOWN by Igor Volsky, available @ KDL) It also appears to me that groups like the NRA are "controlling", via monetary support, our representatives in Washington. What I could find was the NRA contributed over 5 million

dollars to candidates and lobbyist in 2018. This leads to my next subject that I have been discussing with my children and now grandchildren...how to get the money out of politics. I don't think our founders ever considered we would be where we are today. Is there a reasonably simple solution? I think so. Canada and many European countries have a limit on the time prior to an election candidates can campaign (find some 10-12 weeks), and how much money they can spend. I'm suggesting that we somehow, maybe via social media, get this on the ballot and let us the US citizens decide how our elections are conducted. Can our voice force a constitutional amendment? One would hope so. If you concur with these thoughts, let your representatives in Washington know.

member of the local museum and the Lowell Showboat Garden Club. Two of the many organizations hoping to improve our community. Both of these organizations are non-profit. All donations and proceeds that we collect go right back into the community. The museum sponsors many local programs and activities. The garden club provides flowers for the Riverwalk, flowers for the Showboat (when it is on the Riverwalk), and this year through a grant, we planted bulbs in the new park behind Walgreens.

All volunteers for our local organizations put in long hours working on projects, volunteering our time, providing many of our own materials at our cost. As you stroll through the grounds enjoying the festival, remember we do much of this for the community. Many of our local churches work very hard to also make this a success.

Have a great time, hope for nice weather, please don't garage sale us. Make it a great festival. Let's stay an amazing festival and help support the wonderful community of Lowell.

*Janet Twesten Lowell*

Thanks for listening,  
*Ed Van Timmeren*  
Vergennes Township  
To the Editor,



### 125 years ago Lowell Ledger September 19, 1894

Frank Moon fell from a step ladder one day last week, striking on and dislocating his shoulder blade.

Andrew Bee, a member of the celebrated Fourth Michigan cavalry, which captured Jefferson Davis, died in Martin, Allegan county, late Saturday night. To Mr. Bee belonged the honor of being the first man to penetrate the disguise of Davis as he emerged from his tent, and, calling Gen. Pritchard's attention to the fleeing president, was the first to bring him to a halt.

Three men entered the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad station at Bronson, Mich., and bound and gagged T. L. Warne, the agent. The safe was then pillaged, but it is believed the robbers secured but little. Warne lost all his money and a gold watch. The robbers did not molest the ticket case.

### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 11, 1919

The school week has opened with 116 pupils in Senior High. This is the largest enrollment on record. Problem: How to seat 116 people in 110 single seats. Junior High has 120 pupils enrolled for this year, an increase of nine, and no vacant seats.

Walter Gibson had a narrow escape from death Sunday morning on a Keene township sand hill, when a truck wheel passed over his groin. He was attended by Dr. Greene assisted by Dr. Gottfredsen and is mending favorably at the Holcomb sanitarium. He with some friends had stated on a fishing trip and had been walking and pushing the truck up hill. The accident

happened when he attempted to jump on the truck for the down hill ride and fell under the truck.

Cannon and Oakfield townships are the first in Kent county to consider the advantages offered the consolidation, of their schools under the new state law. In each of these townships a movement is under way to consolidate all the schools and to erect one building to accomodate all the school children and thus do away with the rural schools scattered everywhere and difficulties in hiring competent teachers. One consolidated school would give children the advantages of a city school.

### 75 years The Lowell Ledger September 14, 1944

A government contract for 12 million pounds of navy beans for the armed forces was awarded this week to the C. H. Runciman company of Lowell. This is one of the largest orders of beans ever made in this country. These beans must be packed in 50-lb. waterproof packages for overseas shipment and it will take 240,000 bags to fill the 150 freight cars needed to haul them away. They are to be shipped by December 31st. Growers are urged to market their beans as soon as possible in order that the needs of the armed forces be taken care of.

Ralph's Tire and Sporting Goods store was entered some time Sunday evening, a .22 caliber Remington automatic rifle, with telescopic sights, and a Smith and Wesson .32 caliber revolver being taken, along with a quantity of ammunition and money.

What Rube Goldberg dared only to dream and draw about, a Los Angeles company has blueprinted and produced—a machine to take the fuzz off peaches. The Food Machinery Corp., which specialized in postwar innovations, has revealed details of the "defuzzer," which promises to be a boon to peach growers. Without whiskers, the peaches will command premium prices in eastern markets.

### 50 years The Lowell Ledger September 11, 1969

Joe Green, who for the past 26 years has been shunting school buses over the Lowell Area school routes, has gone into retirement at age 65. As he steps down from his bus, however, Joe leaves some sort of record—he has never had an accident.

Last Saturday morning at about 11 o'clock a small group of pedestrians waited at the corner of Main and Monroe Streets for a break in traffic to allow them to cross the highway in safety. They had a long wait, so much so that one woman, on the senior citizen side, exclaimed: "This is ridiculous, something ought to be done about this!"

Newly-appointed City Manager Blaine Bacon, in

This year another terrific Fallasburg Festival is planned. Many local artists and organizations, as well as traveling venues have planned for us to have a good time.

I am a volunteer and

his first major move since assuming office on August 18, announced this week that Avery Block has been relieved of his duties as police chief for the city of Lowell.

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## We love to hear from you!

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

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- 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.
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- We prefer letters to be printed legibly or typed, double-spaced.

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## area births

### Wirgau



Celia Diane Wirgau

Andrea and Dustin Wirgau are pleased to announce the birth of their fifth child, Celia Diane. Born on Friday, June 28, she weighed 9 lbs., 12 oz. and measured 22 inches long. Welcomed by older siblings, Gabe, Nora, Kaitlin and Ellis, Celia is the sixth grandchild for Barb and John Wirgau of Posen and the 25th grandchild of the late Diane and Jerrold Richmond of Lowell.

# Looking Back, continued

## 25 years The Lowell Ledger September 14, 1994

It looks like an unassuming building on the corner of Ottawa and Hudson, but to West Michigan artists it is one of the most respected art galleries in Kent County. Nine years ago King Milling gave the building to the Lowell Area Arts Council in order to give the group a permanent home. The idea was not only you give the community a gallery, but also to give local artists the exposure they dearly needed.

The final piece to the school administrative puzzle was put in place Monday night as the Lowell School Board approved the employment of Dale Folkert as its new business manager.

Six-year-old Kirby Siek was on his way to play at the newly constructed Creekside Kingdom. After darting 10 yards out in front of his parents, he looked back and yelled, "This is the best playground I've seen in my life."

### - melanoma

Melanoma is the most serious type of skin cancer. Unless it is found early and treated properly, melanoma can metastasize to other areas of the body resulting in serious consequences including death. Melanoma arises from pigmented skin cells called melanocytes that have transformed into cancerous cells.

Risk factors for developing melanoma are prolonged exposure to UV light, family history of melanoma, being fair skinned, and people that have a large number of abnormally shaped moles called dysplastic nevi.

Melanomas usually do not cause symptoms and are frequently discovered during routine physical or skin exams. They appear as very dark or black irregular moles. Doctors talk about the ABCDE pattern as a mnemonic for suspicious moles.

A = asymmetric appearance

B = borders of the moles are irregular

C = color that varies in different parts of the mole

D = diameter 6mm or more

E = evolving or changing size, color or shape over a period of time

Sometimes melanomas will bleed or itch.

Diagnoses of melanomas is made by examining the skin and performing a skin biopsy. If melanoma is diagnosed by skin biopsy the entire lesion needs to be excised. X-rays or other imaging tests are done to exclude the possibility of metastasis. If discovered early enough melanomas can usually be cured by complete surgical excision. Once metastasis has occurred survival is usually shortened. Treatment of metastatic melanoma includes chemotherapy, radiation, immunotherapy and further surgery.

The risk of developing melanoma can be reduced by limiting your exposure to UV light. Wear sun protective clothing if you will be out in the sun for prolonged periods and always use sunscreen that protects against UVA and UVB light with SPF of 30 or more. The American Cancer Society recommends skin examination by a doctor every three years for people between the age of 20 to 40 and annually for people over age 40. People at higher risk should perform a self examination monthly.

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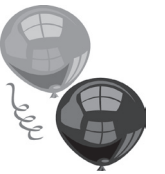
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### SEPTEMBER 11

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### SEPTEMBER 13

Randy McIntyre, Gloria Ossewaarde, Haley Briggs.

### SEPTEMBER 14

Christian Barnes, Dan VanDyke, Michael Timmers, Missy Ossewaarde, Megan Gee, Robert Alan Lind.

### SEPTEMBER 15

Brandi Phillips, Mark Trierweiler, Nick Baker, Bryan Bitterman.

### SEPTEMBER 16

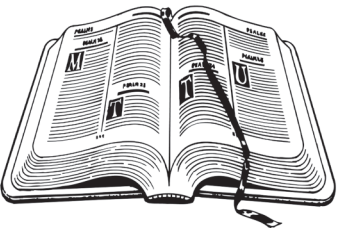
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### SEPTEMBER 17

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## business matters



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

This award recognizes McCracken for his outstanding success and achievements.



In what year was it that Michigan held its first U S presidential primary election?

A: In 1910.

What is the Michigan State stone?

A: Petoskey Stone.

# Today: Sept. 11, 2019

*Sept. 11 is the 254th day of the year.*

*There are 12 more days of summer left and 111 days remain in 2019.*

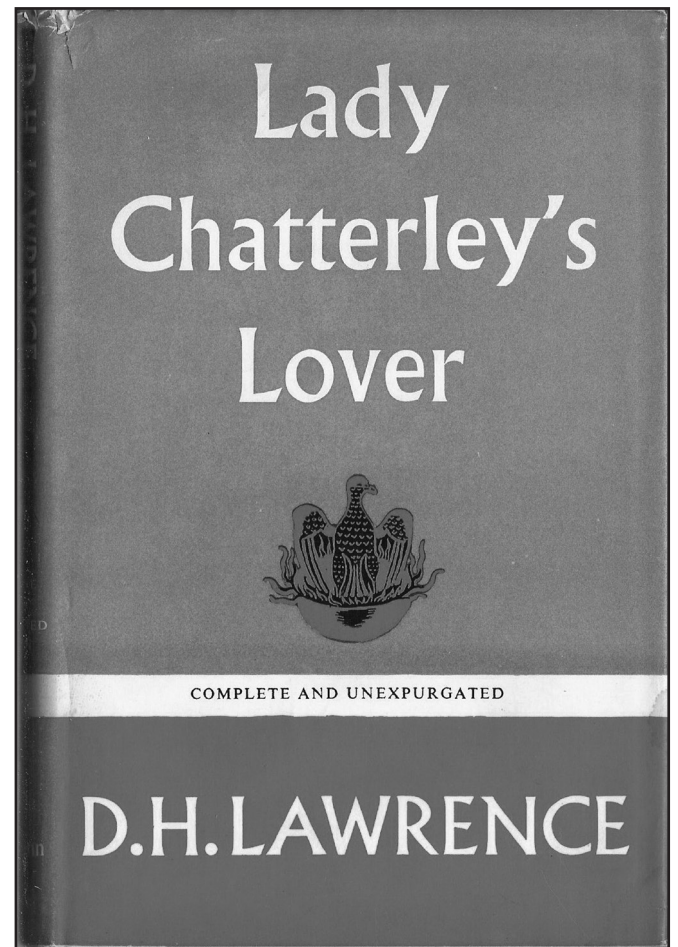
## Historical Events

9: End of the Battle of the Teutoburg Forest, the greatest defeat suffered by the Roman Empire.  
 1297: Scots led by William Wallace and Andrew Moray defeat the English at the Battle of Stirling Bridge.  
 1541: Between 8,000 and 20,000 indigenous warriors, led by Chief Michimalonco, destroy Santiago, Chile.  
 1609: Henry Hudson “discovers” the island of Manhattan.  
 1775: Benedict Arnold departs from Cambridge, MA for an expedition to explore Quebec.  
 1776: British/American peace conference on Staten Island fails.  
 1789: Alexander Hamilton is appointed first US Secretary of the Treasury.  
 1792: The Hope Diamond is stolen.  
 1802: France annexes the Kingdom of Piedmont.  
 1813: British troops arrive in Mount Vernon and prepare to invade Washington, D.C.  
 1851: In Christiana, PA, escaped slaves take arms against their former owner.  
 1922: Founding of the Sun News-Pictorial newspaper in Melbourne, Australia.  
 1944: The Western Allied invasion of Germany begins near the city of Aachen.  
 1944: 11,500 are killed in a RAF bombing raid on Darmstadt, Germany.  
 1945: Liberation of Batu Lintang, a Japanese POW internment camp on the island of Borneo.  
 1950: President Harry S. Truman approves military operations in Korea north of the 38th parallel.  
 1971: Ratification of the Egyptian constitution.  
 1973: Chilean president Salvador Allende is ousted in a coup headed by General Augusto Pinochet, who remained that country’s dictator until 1990.  
 1976: NYPD officer Brian Murray is killed in Grand Central Terminal trying to defuse a bomb planted by a Croatian terrorist Zvonko Bušić.  
 1978: Janet Parker is the last known person to die from smallpox.  
 1985: Pete Rose of the Cincinnati Reds gets his 4,192nd base hit, breaking Detroit Tiger center fielder Ty Cobb’s 1928 record. Rose eventually made 4,256 hits by the end of his career in 1986, a record that still stands.  
 1997: NASA’s Mars Global Surveyor reaches the planet Mars.  
 2001: 2,996 innocent people are killed in New York, Virginia and Pennsylvania when four airplanes are hijacked and crashed by al-Qaeda terrorists (see page 16).  
 2003: Launch of Steam, a digital video game distribution platform.  
 2007: Russia successfully tests “the Father of All Bombs,” the largest non-nuclear weapon ever created.  
 2011: The National September 11 Memorial and Museum opens in New York City.  
 2012: Four people are killed when the US embassy in Benghazi, Libya is attacked.

## Birthdays

1465: Bernardo Accolti, poet  
 1524: Pierre de Ronsard, poet  
 1700: James Thomson, poet  
 1762: Joanna Baillie, poet  
 1816: Carl Zeiss, lens maker  
 1862: O. Henry, short story writer  
 1885: D.H. Lawrence, novelist, poet  
 1899: Jimmie Davis, singer-songwriter (“You Are My Sunshine”), former governor of Louisiana  
 1913: Paul “Bear” Bryant, football player, coach  
 1917: Ferdinand Marcos, former president of the Philippines  
 1924: Tom Landry, football player, coach  
 1928: Earl Holliman, actor  
 1932: Bob Packwood, disgraced former politician  
 1935: Arvo Pärt, composer  
 1937: Robert Crippen, Space Shuttle astronaut  
 1940: Brian DePalma, film director (“Carrie,” “Scarface,” etc.)  
 1942: Lola Falana, actor, singer, dancer  
 1943: Jack Ely, The Kingsmen singer, guitarist  
 1943: Mickey Hart, Grateful Dead drummer  
 1945: Leo Kottke, singer-songwriter  
 1946: Dennis Tufano, The Buckingham’s singer  
 1948: John Martyn, singer-songwriter  
 1950: Amy Madigan, actor  
 1953: Tommy Shaw, Styx singer-songwriter  
 1957: Jon Moss, Culture Club drummer  
 1961: Elizabeth Daily, actor  
 1961: Virginia Madsen, actor  
 1962: Kristy McNichol, actor  
 1965: Moby, singer-songwriter, DJ  
 1967: Harry Connick Jr., singer-songwriter, actor  
 1970: Taraji P. Henson, actor  
 1970: Ted Leo, singer-songwriter  
 1971: Richard Ashcroft, The Verve singer-songwriter  
 1977: Christopher “Ludacris” Bridges, rapper, actor  
 1978: Ben Lee, singer-songwriter  
 1992: J.C. Caylen, YouTube personality  
 1993: Farrah Moan, drag queen

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**Born Sept. 11, 1885, D.H. Lawrence's novel 1929 "Lady Chatterly's Lover" was banned in the US for 30 years. The ban was lifted in 1959 after a court case.**

**In 1930, Sen. Reed Smoot (R-Utah) said the book was "written by a man with a diseased mind and a soul so black that he would obscure even the darkness of hell!"**


## CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at Lowell City Hall, located at 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 7:00 PM concerning the potential addition of a new chapter in the City's code of ordinances to address adult use, recreational marihuana establishments. The purpose of the public hearing is to invite and consider public comment and input. The following provides a summary of the proposed ordinance and its regulatory effect:

The proposed ordinance would authorize the establishment of recreational marihuana establishments in the City of Lowell, provided that special land use approval is also given by the City planning commission. The proposed ordinance would provide a means to regulate and control the commercial production and distribution of marihuana as permitted by the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (MTRMA). The ordinance will contain definitions, specify a process for obtaining and maintaining a license, and provide for fees to defray and recover the costs to the City of the administrative and enforcement costs associated with marihuana establishments. The ordinance also would provide general standards for the application, establishment, operation, and maintenance of marihuana establishments in the City consistent with the MTRMA and other applicable laws.

At the above time and place, all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard. Written comments concerning the issue may be mailed or delivered to the Lowell City Clerk, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 up to the date of the public hearing. Copies of the proposed ordinance may be viewed at City Hall at the address noted above during normal business hours.

The City will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to those with disabilities planning to attend upon three (3) days' notice to the City Clerk. Individuals who require such services should contact the City at the address listed above or by telephone at 616-897-8457.



Susan Ullery  
City Clerk



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**Effective on or after October 15, 2019, the following channels will no longer be available on Digi Tier 2/Spectrum TV Gold & Sports View: FCS Atlantic on channel 213; FCS Central on channel 214; FCS Pacific on channel 215; ESPN Classic on channel 208.**

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# Council, continued

what the marketplace is. We saw with a lot of our clients during the recession of 2008 that there were PUDs that phase one and phase two was not touched for ten years. That's possible [with this project] because we don't know how things are going to go."

During public comment, six local residents spoke, three were in favor and three said they were opposed.

"We applaud the idea of further developing that," said Lowell resident Ronald Janowski, who said he used to own a building in Lowell that was successfully redeveloped by Schall and Zandstra. "You're concerned about a blight? I guarantee you these guys will not leave a blight."

"That property has been in the public sphere for as long as any of us can remember," said Lowell resident John Wenger, who was concerned about parking and space for crowds at big riverfront events like the Sizzlin' Summer Concerts. "The boaters, kayakers, fishermen and concert enthusiasts are all going to see reduced usages of that area because of this project, and I just don't feel it's worth it."

City clerk Sue Ullery said that four letters were received from citizens - two in favor, one opposed and one that was disregarded as redundant because it was sent by somebody who already spoke during public comment.

"I also have approximately 30 emails that came in to the Riverview Flats support forum, they all were in support of it," Ullery said.

At the end of the meeting, the council went into a closed session "to discuss a legal opinion subject to attorney/client privilege" and "to discuss pending litigation."



Urban planner Andy Moore from Williams and Works read from a report he wrote and answered the council's questions.



Riverview Flats developer Todd Schaal made a few brief remarks at the meeting.



Local residents Ronald Janowski (left) and John Wenger (right) were among the six who expressed their opinions about the Riverview Flats condo project. The city also received over 30 emails on the subject.



The council returned from that closed session with a few tasks for city staff to complete.

"City staff was directed by the city council to prepare an ordinance approving the planned unit development for 219 High St.," city manager Michael Burns said in an email to the Ledger a few days after the meeting. "At the Aug. 12, 2019 planning commission [meeting], they made a recommendation to approve the planned unit development with 11 conditions. The city council directed us to prepare the ordinance with 10 of those conditions. The one they removed was the requirement that there be 18 parking spaces located on 238 High St. being dedicated to parking for the planned unit development. The city will not require them to do this. In addition, the city council directed staff to prepare the ordinance requiring the applicant to place curb and gutter on the north side of High St., along with sidewalk going across their property along High St. from Monroe St. to the river."

Lowell city council's next regular meeting will be at 7 pm on Monday, Sept. 16. The council will meet with the public at a "Coffee with the Council" event at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce on the Riverwalk from 8 am until 10 am on Saturday, Oct. 5. City leaders also plan to hold "informational meetings" about the proposed city income tax at city hall on Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 6 pm, Tuesday, Oct. 1 at 10 am and Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 6 pm.

To watch various city council, board and commission meetings from the recent past, visit the "City of Lowell" or "Lowell Light and Power" channels on YouTube.

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# Lowell Public Works sign repainted by expert artists

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

The wooden sign outside of the Public Works building on Hudson St. was recently repainted by Alexis Ader, owner of the Rockford-based company Signs with Design.

Ader said she spent about 80 hours applying 15 different colored paints to the sign, which hadn't been repainted for about 10 years.

"Whoever designed and made the original signs did an amazing job and I hope that we helped add many more years to the life of those gorgeous signs," Ader said.

First, a crew from the DPW removed the sign and brought it to the workshop in Rockford.

"We have quite a bit of prep time," Ader said. "We power wash the sign then sand and scrape the loose paint. Then the entire sign is primed with multiple sprayed layers. The sign is then sprayed with the background color which was blue in the case of this sign. After

use sign enamel paints and hand mix them to get the desired color. The very detailed paintings in the circles were the most challenging. I am more of a production artist so I had my very talented friend Connie Kuhnle do that part. She spent almost 40 hours painting the three images on each side of the sign. She also wanted to improve on the image and did research to make the Showboat look like the actual boat."

Ader has repainted signs or created new signs for dozens of businesses and organizations around the Grand Rapids area, including a few prominent ones in Lowell.

"We've been in business for 19 years and have done a lot of them," Ader said. "We've done new sandblasted wood signs for Peterson Funeral Home and Cakabakery, just to mention a couple. We also do restorations like we've done with many of the Lowell signs.



that the letters and borders are painted with their appropriate color with two to four coats or until the color is vibrant. That sign had roughly 15 colors. We

The 'Welcome to Lowell' signs were the first that we restored for the city of Lowell, along with the city hall sign."

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The Lowell Charter Township Board will consider adoption of an Ordinance # 02-2019 to regulate fill materials, as defined in the proposed ordinance, being brought into a property from an off-site location and being placed, stockpiled, discarded or spread on that same property. The proposed ordinance would among other things define regulated fill activities, require that a license be obtained from the Planning Commission for new and existing fill operations, set forth the licensing procedures, operational requirements for fill operations, approval standards, enforcement actions and penalties for violations.

**WHEN: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019**  
**TIME: 7:00 P.M.**  
**WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL**  
**2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE**  
**LOWELL, MI. 49331**

Information on the proposed ordinance is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township Offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, MI. 49331 or by calling 897-7600 and on the website: [www.twp.lowell.mi.us](http://www.twp.lowell.mi.us).

TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE  
LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Red Arrow

FOOTBALL

# SPORTS

## Red Arrows play Rockford tough

by Justin Scott  
contributing reporter

The scoreline of Friday night's varsity football game at Rockford's Ted Carlson Stadium did not tell the whole story this time. That's because the Red Arrows, who were on the losing end of a 24-7 game, played the Rams much closer than the final score suggested.

Coming off a 1-8 season, Lowell wasn't

given much of a chance by outsiders against a Rockford team recently ranked number one in the Grand Rapids area. Lowell, however, was very much in the game throughout.

The first quarter was scoreless to start, thanks in large part to Lowell senior Cade Solomonson. Solomonson came off the right edge to block a

Rockford field goal attempt which was recovered by Andy Anschutz. Both defenses held strong until Rockford broke through on a 70-yard touchdown run with 5:50 left in the first quarter. The Ram scoring drive started at their own 20 after a 61-yard punt by Lowell's Brett Spanbauer.

The hosts were on the verge of scoring again

with 4:43 left in the second quarter until being intercepted by Red Arrow Sam Lixie deep in Red Arrow territory. Rockford was able to add one more touchdown as time expired to make it 14-0 at the half.

A big crowd of Red Arrow fans were on their feet to start the third quarter as Lowell quickly moved the ball down the field, including a 47-yard

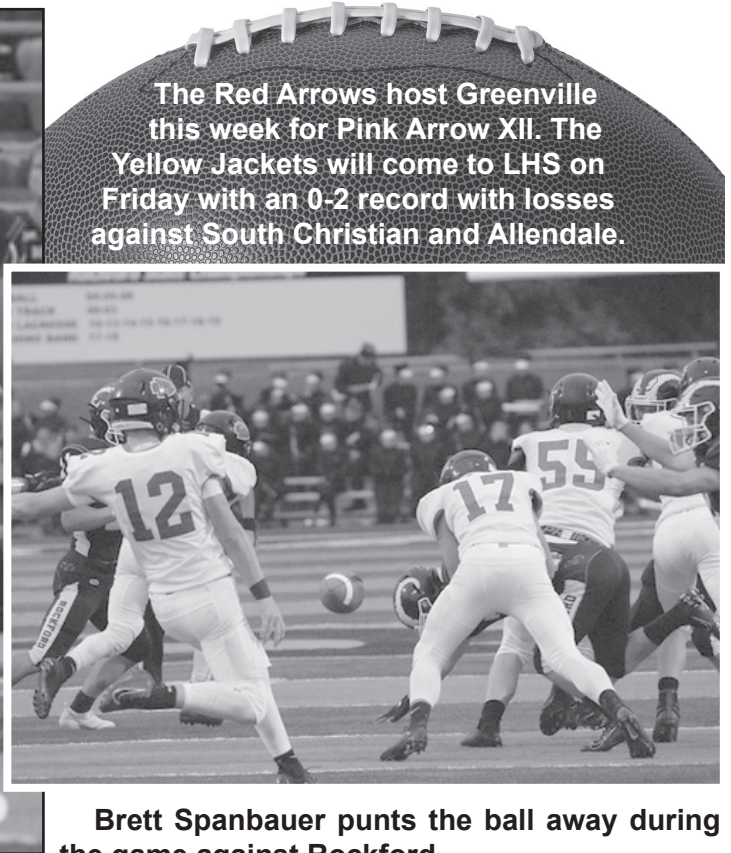
reception by Andy Anschutz and a one-yard touchdown run by Spanbauer to cut the lead to 14-7. Lowell utilized a pair of QBs during the game, Spanbauer and Doak Dean who had 80 rushing yards during the game. After a defensive stand, both teams traded field goal attempts with a Rockford make and a Lowell miss to make it 17-7 Rams. A late

touchdown by Rockford with a minute remaining would seal the deal, and a 24-7 loss for LHS.

The loss moves Lowell to 1-1 on the season. Lowell does still hold a 34-26-5 record historically against the Rams, with Rockford being the opponent Lowell has faced the 4th most often behind East Grand Rapids, Greenville, and Ionia.



Cade Solomonson blocking a Rockford field goal in the first quarter of Friday's 24-7 loss.



Brett Spanbauer punts the ball away during the game against Rockford.

The Red Arrows host Greenville this week for Pink Arrow XII. The Yellow Jackets will come to LHS on Friday with an 0-2 record with losses against South Christian and Allendale.

## Girls golf hosts conference jamboree

by Justin Scott  
contributing reporter

The Lowell varsity girls golf team hosted their OK White conference jamboree at Arrowhead and traveled to Centennial Acres for the Lakewood Invitational last week.

Jamborees were first introduced in 2012. Instead of dual matches, each conference team for golf hosts all their conference opponents at once in what are called jamborees. Lowell hosted theirs last Wednesday at Arrowhead

Golf Course, the Red Arrows' home course.

LHS finished in fourth with Lexy Kaptcia's 43 leading the way. Teammate Mary Jo Buechler had a 44.

At Lakewood, Lowell junior Addison Bruwer medaled with an 87 for 18 holes, her career best. This would end up as the sixth best score overall in the tournament, and helped lead LHS to a fourth place finish. Lowell was aided by Amiya Schaefer, Katy Hock, and Stephanie Spinella.

This year, the girls team has been able to shoot their second best 9-hole team round in school history with a 172 in a dual with Kenowa Hills. Kaptcia led the way in that match with a 39. They also captured the Sparta Invitational championship earlier this year.

The ladies compete in the fifth OK White Jamboree at 3:30 on Mon., Sept. 16 at Cedar Chase Golf Course.



Addison Bruwer's 87 led LHS at the Lakewood Invitational.



Keep up on LHS Sports



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# SPORTS

## Two clean sheets for Lowell soccer last week

by Justin Scott  
contributing reporter

The Red Arrow varsity boys soccer team was able to pick up two conference wins last week without conceding a single goal.

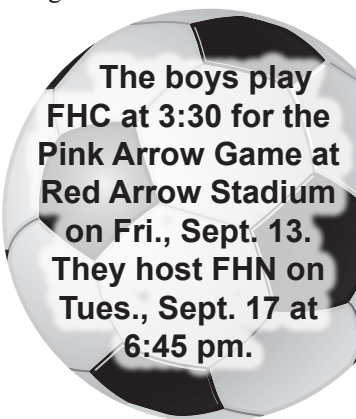
On Tuesday night, Lowell hosted Greenville. The Yellow Jackets played very well with their goalkeeper producing some great saves to keep Greenville in the game. Lowell opened the scoring early in just the second minute of play as Nate Ryan scored a goal. He would also add another just before half to make it 2-0 at halftime.

While the shots on goal were fairly one-sided in favor of the Red Arrows, Lowell goalkeeper Sebastian Szymanski produced an excellent save in the 68th minute to preserve the clean sheet. Szymanski, along with the

back four of Rohan Dixon, Ben Thompson, Brett Evink, and Justin Wade were all excellent last week in the two shutouts.

Ezra Stadt would score the final goal for the Red Arrows to finish up a 3-0 victory.

On Wednesday, Lowell defeated Cedar Springs 2-0 on the road. Goals were scored by Nate Ryan and Braiden Hamilton. Szymanski earned the win in goal.



Rohan Dixon (center) and the Lowell defense conceded no goals in last week's two conference wins

## Boys cross-country team continues strong season

The Lowell boys cross-country team finished last week with a second place and a first place under their belts.

The Red Arrows finished second at the first OK White Jamboree last Tuesday. Winning the race was Caleb Swart with a time of 16.48. Completing the score for Lowell was Lucas Cossar placing eighth with a time of 17.30; Ben Kinnucan placing tenth with a time of 17.36; Cole Westen placing sixth with a

score of 17.59 and Sawyer Fowler 17th with a time of 17.59.

The harriers competed in the Bredeweg Invite at West Ottawa on Saturday and took home first place with 81 points. Medaling in the top twenty for the Red Arrows were: Swart, fifth place with a time of 16.30; Kinnucan, 11th with a time of 17.03 and Cossar 13th with a time of 17.05. Completing the score were Cole Weston, placing 24th with a time of 17.30 and

Fowler placing 28th with a time of 17.36. Finishing the varsity race were Keegan Cater, 43rd with a time of 17.54 and John Lothian, 55th with a time of 18.15.

The JV boys team won the JV race with 69 points. Scoring were Jackson Fowler, fourth place with a time of 18.22, Nigel Mika, sixth place with 18.33, Ben Bromley, seventh with

18.37, Levi Mills 15th with 18.54 and Zach Swart, 38th with 19.30.

Lowell will travel to compete in the Sparta Invite on Saturday, Sept. 14.



## Ladies finish fourth at OK White Jamboree

The lady harriers tackled their home course as they hosted the OK White conference in the initial cross-country jamboree of the season.

Senior Audrey Conrad continued to lead the charge as she finished sixth overall with a time of 21:11 while grabbing some valuable all-conference points. Lauren Swain finished 26th with a time of 23:43; Canaan McKinney placed 34th with 24:02; Theresa Judd placed 45th with 24:40 and newcomer Annika

Sandman placed 49th in 24:51. Rounding out the top seven for the Arrows were Alexis Haines and Clara Ericsson placing 51st and 60th respectively.

The team travels to Sparta on Saturday, September 14 to compete in the Sparta Invite.



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

**Friday, October 4th, 2019!**

If interested, please reserve your spot by contacting Nick at the Lowell High School.

Phone: 616-987-2994

Email: nblough@lowellschools.com

### FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

**BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**  
\* Denotes a meet at LHS  
9/14 at 8 pm Sparta Invitational  
9/18 girls at 4:30 & boys at 5:15  
OK White Jamboree #2 at Cedar View Elementary

**BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL**  
\* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium  
9/13 at 7 pm Greenville\* (Pink Arrow Game)  
9/20 at 7 pm Zealand West\*

**GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL**  
\* Denotes a home game  
9/13 GR Christian\* (Pink Arrow Game)  
9/14 at 9 am Mercy Invitational at Blue Water Sports  
9/17 at 6 pm Northview\*  
9/19 at 6 pm Ottawa Hills\*

**BOYS VARSITY SOCCER**  
\* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium  
9/13 at 3:30 pm FHC\* (Pink Arrow Game)  
9/17 at 6:45 pm FHN\*  
9/19 at 6:45 pm at Northview

**GIRLS VARSITY GOLF**  
\* Denotes a game at Arrowhead Golf Course  
9/12 at 9:30 am St. Johns Invite  
9/16 at 3:30 pm OK White Jamboree #5 at Cedar Chase Golf Course  
9/18 at 3:30 pm OK White Jamboree #6 at Watermark

**BOYS VARSITY TENNIS**  
\* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium  
9/12 at 4:15 pm at Calvin Christian  
9/16 at 4:15 pm FHN\*  
9/18 at 4:15 pm Greenville\*

**SWIM & DIVE**  
9/12 at 6 pm at GR Union  
9/19 at 6 pm Calvin Christian

# obituaries

## BALL

Rosamond Alma Ball, age 88 of Lowell, went to be with her Heavenly Father on Friday, September 6, 2019, surrounded by her family. She was preceded in death by her husband of 68 years, Harold Ball; parents, Maurice and Zelma Vroman; brothers, Leo Vroman, Albert Vroman, George Vroman; son-in-law Glenn Kenney; and grandson Joshua Ford. Rose will be lovingly remembered by her children, Cynthia Kenney-Ball, Colleen (Dar) LaLone, James (Kim) Ball, Gregory Ball, and Patrick Ball. She



was also the proud grandmother of 11 grandchildren, as well as 8 great-grandchildren. Rose was a floral designer throughout her life and started Ball Floral in Lowell. She also worked side by side with her husband Harold refurbishing houses into homes. In 1971 they opened Ball Softee Crème also in Lowell, known for its lavish flower gardens. Rose and Harold were both world travelers; they loved to go on cruises and would spend the winter months in Puerto Rico. The family would like to send a special thank you to everyone who helped care for Rose. Services were held at St. Mary Catholic Church, 402 Amity St., Lowell, MI 49331 Tuesday, September 10, 2019. Rev. Aaron Ferris presiding. Interment Oakwood Cemetery, Lowell. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Faith Hospice, 2100 Raybrook SE Ste. 300, Grand Rapids, MI 49546 or Pink Arrow Pride, P.O. Box 246, Lowell, MI 49331.

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Eva Coppa Cain  
January 8, 1928-September 4, 2019  
Eva was the third of six children of Michele and Filomena Coppa, immigrants from Pronza, Italy. Although the family had little money, they always ate well from the fruits, vegetables, rabbits and chickens raised on a city lot in Detroit. The Italian tradition of a bountiful table was continued by Eva and passed on to her children. After graduation from Pershing High School, Eva went to work at Michigan Bell Telephone Company where she met and married Albert Cain. She then devoted her energies to raising her three children. When her children grew up, she returned to school and earned an associate degree in art from Northwestern Michigan College. Volunteering and charitable work were important to Eva. She donated hand-made knitted hats, quilted baby blankets, sewed dresses for little girls and their dolls at Christmas and much more. She said that this was her way of paying back kindnesses she had received as a child. The faith that Eva shared with her fellow worshippers at The Church of Jesus Christ\* sustained her and was a comfort and joy to her. Amongst the papers she had left for her family was the following. "I, Eva Cain give thanks to my heavenly father for his love and care throughout my life. Thanks to all my brothers and sisters in Christ for their many prayers. My love and greetings to those who have predeceased me: My husband, Albert Cain; my parents and in-laws; my brothers and sister; my son-in-law, Robert Zehr; and my grandson, Robert Lilly. My love forever to those I leave: My daughter, Linda (George) Lilly; my son, Brian (Alice) Cain; my daughter, Judy (William) Doot; my grandson Clayton (Heather) Lilly; and my great-grandchildren, Ben, Lauren and Evan Lilly; my granddaughter, Erika (Jeromey) Doot; and all my cousins; nieces; nephews; and dear friends. May God bless you and keep you in his care." Services were held Saturday, September 7, 2019 at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson St. Lowell, MI 49331. Memorial contributions in Eva's name may be made to The Church of Jesus Christ, Branch 2 Renovation Fund, c/o Joyce Vargo, 16366 Windemere Circle, Southgate, MI 48195.



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savings. A woman who is 65 years old today can expect to live, on average, until about 87, while a 65-year-old man can expect to live, on average, until about 84. Second, women often have lower lifetime earnings than men, which usually means they receive lower benefits. And, third, women may reach retirement with smaller pensions and other assets than men. Share this page with someone who needs this information and may need help planning.



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## PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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With electric school buses, children's exposure to harmful diesel exhaust fumes and particles drops to zero. In addition, no fumes from buses idling near opening and closing doors are drawn inside the school building, where children spend most of their day. Diesel emissions from older buses are not only immediately harmful to Michigan's children, but also impact climate and contribute to long term damage to the environment.

Contaminants from diesel exhaust include more than 40 substances listed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as either hazardous air pollutants or criteria pollutants (or precursors to criteria pollutants, such as nitric oxides and nitrogen dioxide, both components of oxides of nitrogen). Both hazardous air pollutants and criteria pollutants have known adverse health impacts on humans.

Funding for the Fuel Transformation Program comes from Michigan's allocation from a nationwide settlement after Volkswagen was fined for installing emission control defeat devices on many of its diesel vehicles.

Upcoming grants from the Fuel Transformation Program will include reimbursements to replace older diesel vehicles and equipment, including:

School buses (with propane, clean diesel or hybrid models).

Local freight vehicles: medium and large trucks and port drayage trucks.

Shuttle and transit buses.

Freight switchers.

Airport ground support equipment.

Ferries and tugs.

Marine shore power.

Port cargo handling equipment and forklifts.

Light duty zero emission supply equipment.

The Fuel Transformation Program provides grant resources and technical support to businesses and communities. Sustainable Development Goals highlighted in the Electric School Bus project are:

Good health and wellbeing.

Affordable and clean energy.

Economic growth.

Sustainable cities and communities.

Responsible consumption and production.

Climate action.

### MPSC orders \$333 million returned to DTE Gas customers from lower federal corporate tax

The Michigan Public Service Commission approved monthly decreases for DTE Gas Co. customers to reflect the impact lower federal corporate tax rates have on the company's long-term investments.

A total of \$333 million will be returned to customers, or \$12.7 million annually. A residential customer who uses 10,000 cubic feet of natural gas a month will receive a 58-cent monthly credit on their bill beginning in September (Case No. U-20298).

"The Commission has been a strong advocate for utility ratepayer savings ever since the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act went into effect," MPSC Chairman Sally Talberg said. "Our Staff continues its important lead role in making sure every dollar of savings from the tax law changes is passed on to ratepayers in a timely manner."

This is the third round of bill adjustments as a result of the TCJA, which lowered corporate tax rates from 35 percent to 21 percent. After the law was enacted in December 2017, the MPSC swiftly ordered investor-owned utilities (DTE, Consumers Energy Co., Indiana Michigan Power Co., Alpena Power Co., Upper Peninsula Power Co., Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corp., Northern States Power Co., SEMCO Energy Gas Co., and Michigan Gas Utility Corp.) to calculate their tax savings and it set forth a multi-step process to pass on to ratepayers the immediate and long-term savings under the new law.

This final step known as Calculation C, captures long-term impacts of the change. The monthly rate adjustments will be in effect until the next time an utility implements new rates, which will be calculated using the 21 percent tax. In the first round of refunds, known as Credit A, the Commission approved approximately \$380 million in credits for Michigan utility customers. In the second round, known as Credit B, the MPSC approved roughly \$232 million in refunds.

The Commission approved Credit A refunds of \$2.12 a month for DTE Gas residential customers in May 2018 and Credit B refunds of \$2.21 a month in October 2018.

### Michigan's first electric school buses to be unveiled in Lansing Sept. 12

Seven Michigan school districts are slated to receive 17 electric buses under a diesel bus replacement project financed in part by a Volkswagen Mitigation Settlement allocation through the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's Fuel Transformation Program.

A bus that will be part of the project will be at the Capitol for demonstration rides at the rollout event at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 12 on the East Lawn of the Capitol Building in Lansing. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer will be among those attending the event, along with EGLE Director Liesl Clark; school district and utility representatives; lawmakers; and Eric Marquis, Quebec's assistant deputy minister of International Affairs and Francophonie.

With the support of EGLE's Materials Management Division, the Michigan Association for Pupil Transportation developed the project and convened stakeholders who worked collaboratively toward a healthier environment for years to come, for children and communities. Zeeland Public Schools is the project manager for the Fuel Transformation Program grant, and the electric buses

### AG Nessel and 49 Other Attorneys General Open Antitrust Investigation of Google

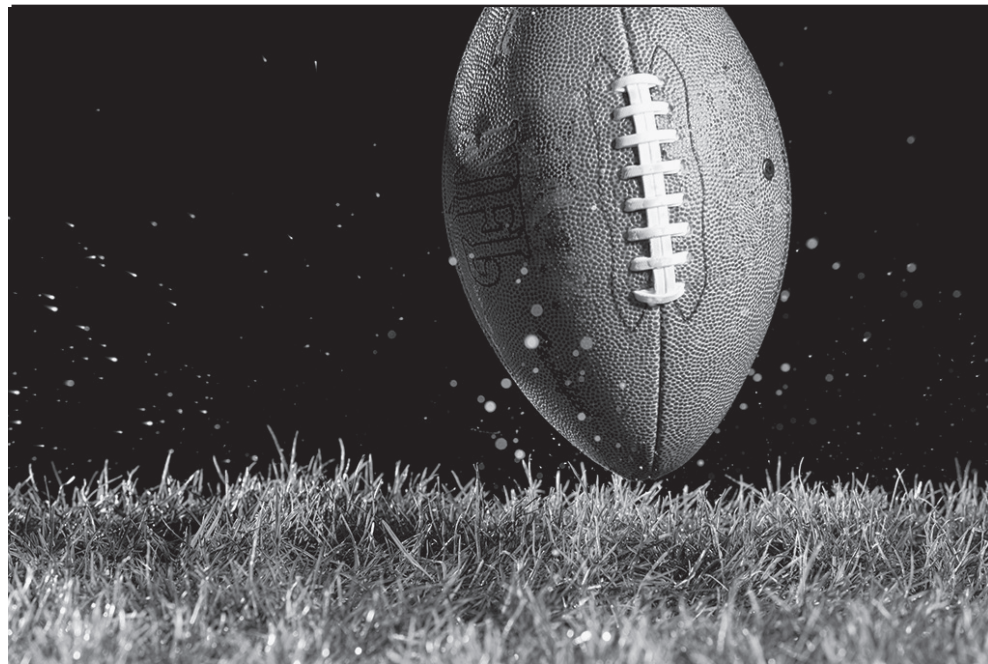
Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel today joined 49 other Attorneys General in a multi-state antitrust investigation of the conduct of tech giant, Google.

The bipartisan alliance of Attorneys General announced plans to investigate Google's overarching control of online advertising markets, search traffic and whether it engages in anticompetitive behavior that harms the public. Antitrust enforcement officials from each state will work in cooperation with federal authorities to assess competitive conditions for online services and ensure that Americans have access to free and open digital markets.

"Google plays a critical role in our online economy as the biggest and most powerful advertising and search engine company in the country. It is illegal for a business to use its market power to engage in anticompetitive conduct specifically to protect its status as a virtual monopoly," said Nessel. "Our personal data is the biggest commodity in today's online economy. When a giant like Google makes 90 percent of its revenue from utilizing our personal data in its advertising business while undermining consumer choice, stifling innovation, violating our privacy, and controlling the flow and exchange of information, it is essential that we take a closer look. We will go where the facts lead us to both protect our consumers and to ensure a free and competitive market."

Past investigations of Google uncovered violations ranging from advertising illegal drugs in the United States to three antitrust actions brought by the European Commission. None of these previous investigations, however, fully addressed the source of Google's sustained market power and its ability to engage in serial and repeated business practices intended to protect and maintain that power.

Michigan joins the Attorneys General of Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming in launching this investigation.



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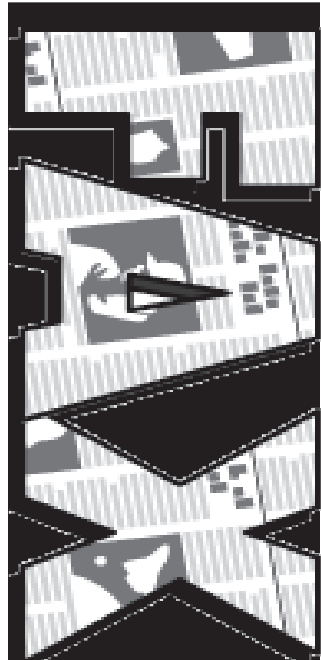
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Level: Intermediate

### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

A F G N I R R A B D X H R K N O P D P S  
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

Puzzle solutions on page 12

POULTRY WORD SEARCH

BANDING  
 BARBICELS  
 BARRING  
 BEAK  
 BIDDY  
 BIRD  
 BOOTED

BROILER  
 CAPON  
 CARUNCLE  
 CHICK  
 CHICKEN  
 CLUTCH  
 DUCK

EGG  
 FEATHER  
 HATCHED  
 HEN  
 POULTRY  
 TURKEY

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 ANTIBIOTIC  
 AVIARY  
 AVICULTURE

## Guess Who?

I am an athlete born in Brazil on September 18, 1976. I led my country to a World Cup title in 1994. I once held the record for most World Cup play goals.

Answer: Ronaldo Nazario de Lima

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to chicken.

I C P R S

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Answer: Crisp

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### CLUES ACROSS

- Babies' eating accessories
- Charge on a coat of arms
- Set of five
- California town
- One who cites
- Elected official
- Japanese delicacy
- Couldn't be happier
- Enormous
- Hunter's tool
- Georgia rockers
- Cold wind
- Beginner
- Where you sleep
- Without
- We all have them
- Spoiled
- Platform
- Drama and horror are two
- In abundance
- Turf
- Inventor Musk
- Negative answers
- French river
- Saps of energy

### CLUES DOWN

- Type of sandwich
- Sets apart again
- Engage in a contest
- Sufferings
- Freestanding sculpture
- Digs into
- Fish have them
- Speaks
- Storage unit
- Got rid of
- Shortly
- Confer
- Monies given as support
- German electric car
- Objects of an earlier time
- Flat-bottomed boats
- Small waterbird
- Willingness to please others
- Military actions
- Brooklyn hoopsters
- Took to the seas
- Romanian city
- What the sun eventually does
- Titans' DC Dean
- Resentful longing
- Ceases to live
- Pouches
- Humbug

# Today, continued



Born on this date in 1943, Kingsmen vocalist Jack Ely's singing on "Louie Louie" was so incoherent the FBI spent 31 months investigating the band for possible obscenity, eventually determining the record was "unintelligible at any speed."

# Sept. 11 terror attacks took place 18 years ago



The terrorist attacks in New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia on Sept. 11, 2001 killed 2,977 people and injured more than 6,000 others. It was the deadliest terrorist attack ever and the first foreign attack on the US since Pearl Harbor in 1941.

The Sept. 11 attacks permanently altered American society, plunged the US into decades of war and caused myriad physical and mental health problems for witnesses and rescue workers. Many are still dealing with cancer, PTSD and other illnesses.

It is estimated that 18,000 additional people developed serious illnesses because they were exposed to the massive amount of toxic dust that was released when the buildings collapsed in New York City.

The James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act, named after a NYPD officer who passed away in 2006 from causes related to breathing in toxins at Ground Zero, had a long, contentious history in the federal legislature.

The bill was finally introduced in 2009, but was nearly killed by a Republican-led filibuster. After outcry in popular media led by "Daily Show" host Jon Stewart, the bill was passed by the Congress and Senate, then signed into law by President Obama in 2011. The law expired in 2015 but was renewed, then earlier this year the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund almost ran out of money. Stewart returned to Congress and demanded that lawmakers permanently reauthorize the fund. Unfortunately, only a few members of Congress showed up to listen to his testimony.

"I'm sorry if I sound angry and undiplomatic," Stewart said. "But I'm angry, and you should be too, and they're all angry as well and they have every justification to be that way. There is not a person here, there is not an empty chair on that stage that didn't tweet out 'Never Forget the heroes of 9/11. Never forget their bravery. Never forget what they did, what they gave to this country.' Well, here they are. And where are they? And it would be one thing if their callous indifference and rank hypocrisy were benign, but it's not. Your indifference cost these men and women their most valuable commodity: time. It's the one thing they're running out of."

The fund was permanently reauthorized the next day.

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