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Pink Arrow Pride brings Lowell community together once again

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

There was some early morning rain, but the weather was gorgeous by the start of the “Pink Arrow Pride: Arrow Force XII” event at Bob Perry Field on Friday, Sept. 13. Admission to the stadium was free for anyone wearing this year’s t-shirt.

“I am just rejoicing tonight,” said event organizer Teresa Beachum. “The weather has been a roller coaster, but look at it! And look at all those pink shirts, how this community continues to support this program. It is amazing to me. We are thankful for every t-shirt that’s out there and the supporters in this community touch our hearts.”

“This is one of my favorite events of the year,” said Lowell mayor Michael DeVore. “I like to watch the way our community comes together and how people come in and see all the cool stuff we can accomplish when we work together.”

All proceeds from the event will support



Pink Arrow Pride, an organization that directly helps Lowellians who find themselves on a cancer journey, and also supports Gilda’s Club, Lowell Community Wellness, the

Kathy Talus scholarship and the Dr. Donald Gerard scholarship.

“I think it’s awesome that we have the community behind us,” said Gerard scholarship recipient Jeremy

Wodarek. Wodarek said he is attending the CMU College of Medicine to study orthopedic surgery. “If you go to medical school, you have to take out a lot of loans, so it’s good to have

this kind of support.”

Vendors on “Restaurant Row” included the Ice Cream Cabus, the Cannonsburg Grist Mill, Main St. BBQ, **Pink Arrow, continued, page 7**

Heavy storm rips through West Michigan

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

It wasn’t a tornado, but the National Weather Service estimated wind speeds were as high as 100 mph during the violent storm that tore through West Michigan around 8 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 11.

The NWS said that Ada, Grand Rapids, Walker and Lake Odessa suffered the most property damage, but there were no injuries or deaths. According to Consumers Energy, about 57,000 of their customers lost electricity. Lowell Light & Power had nearly all of its customers restored by 10 am on Thursday, Sept. 12.



Wooden power poles like this one on Bailey Dr. were no match for the 100 mph winds. Many local residents lost power during the frightening storm.



A trampoline wrapped around a telephone pole on Vergennes Rd.

Lowell water gets “best tasting” award at 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 four minutes and was attended by 23 local residents.

Lowell’s municipal water plant won the “best tasting water in Michigan” award from the American Water Works Association on Thursday, Sept. 12. Aaron Davenport, a representative from the AWWA, was on hand to present the award to water plant superintendent Brian VanVeelen, water plant operator Todd Phillips and utility supervisor Ralph Brecken. Lowell’s water has repeatedly won the regional best tasting award, but never the statewide award.

“If you think bottled water is better, just remember this is the best in the state,” Davenport said. “A 20 ounce bottle of Dasani, you can get 320 of them for the same cost of the city water. It’s safe and tested every day, certified and verified the best in the state.”

The next step is a trip to Orlando, FL where Lowell’s water will compete for the international award.

The council discussed a new 15-year street asset

management plan. According to Lowell public works director Dan Czarnecki, 91 percent of city streets have a PASER [Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating] score of fair or poor and therefore need to be replaced. Where such work is required, the city also plans to repair the utilities under the streets. The city is counting on voters passing the city income tax to pay for all this.

“We have taken our entire street system and developed a street asset management program,” Czarnecki said in a Sept 12 memo to Lowell city manager Michael Burns. “The program has been combined with our sanitary sewer asset management plan and our water asset management plan to develop an overall 15 year infrastructure management plan. The plan takes into account making the necessary underground repairs at the same time sections of streets are improved. Because of the included underground work, the number of streets to be resurfaced varies each year. [...] Without a large funding source, our infrastructure improvement plan will need to be significantly revised and altered.”



Lowell won the “best tasting water in Michigan” award from the American Water Works Association. Pictured are Ralph Brecken, Todd Phillips and Brian VanVeelen.

The council voted unanimously to approve the Unity School/Riverview Flats “planned unit development.” About half an hour later, at the end of the meeting, the council went into a closed session to discuss pending litigation

against Unity School Investors.

Lowell city council’s next regular meeting will be at 7 pm on Monday, Oct. 7. The council will also 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.

Bluegrass festival returns Sept. 21-22

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The West Michigan Bluegrass Music Association’s FallFest Camp & Jam returns to the Kent County Fairgrounds on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 21 and 22. There will be

camping, jamming, a 50/50 raffle and more fun. Unlike most music festivals, the entertainment for this one is totally up to the audience. And since the event is free unless you’re camping they’re hoping that lots of

people show up ready to jam with their guitars, banjos, washboards, etc.

“We will have a stage set up in the Reath barn and we’ll have people sign up to do either open mic or open stage,” said event coordinator Dave Simmonds in a 2018 interview. “Open mic might be one, two or three people who just get up and play. Open stage

might be where a bunch of the individual campers just together, form an ad hoc band and get up on stage and play a set. We’re there all day Friday and all day Saturday, so my best guess would be that that kind of activity will probably take place on Saturday afternoon or Saturday evening. Maybe some local folks that live in the Lowell area will come

and bring their instrument, they are certainly welcome, whether they play bluegrass or... I don’t care what they play! They’re able to join in, provide entertainment and have a good time. Other than that, there will not be a lot of organized activities. It’s more a party than anything else. It’s not structured, we don’t have bands that we’re hiring.”

Camping is \$25 a night, including electricity and access to shower and bathroom facilities.

For more information check out the event website at wmbma.org. To sign up early for a spot on stage, email president@wmbma.org or call 517-740-5901.

“It’s a really laid back, free good time,” said former WMBMA president Lee Strassberger. “It’s just a fun weekend.”



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Fill ordinance scrapped after residents, businesses, and board all raise concerns

by Cindy M. Cranmer
contributing reporter

Juggling residents' concerns with businesses' needs is not always an easy task and the Lowell Charter Township Board members decided Monday night that forming a committee was the best way to get everyone's input before enacting some type of ordinance.

Both concerned residents and business owners expressed their feelings during a lengthy discussion resulting from the second reading and consideration of a fill ordinance at the monthly township meeting. It became clear that the fill ordinance was only part of figuring how to balance businesses' needs and residents' needs related to businesses primarily operated by John Timpson, a long-time area business owner.

Township Board members also felt the wording did not resolve anything and getting a committee together to develop a compromise, or at least to gather community input, was the best solution.

"This ordinance the way it is written now stinks," said Trustee Carlton Blough. "There are so many things people won't be able to do with this ordinance."

Trustees raised concerns residents would need to come to the board for basic things and be forced to endure extra expenses, public hearings, and other things for projects ranging from driveways to plowing dirt around a garage.

"I have concerns," said Trustee Steve VanderZiel. "If I built my pond today, I couldn't do it legally with this."

The purpose of the proposed ordinance was to meet several needs by regulating filling and stockpiling activities. This was done in an attempt to lessen impacts to existing drainage patterns and land

topography, to monitor the amount and type of fill being hauled into the township including preventing hazardous conditions and stopping nuisances from activities, and preventing conflict related to future developments, future underground public utilities, and area residential uses.

Opposition to the current wording of the attempt to resolve issues was made from those working in excavating and other related businesses, those who use Timpson's property to dump fill from projects, several area residents, and the township board itself.

Township Attorney Cliff Bloom suggested there could be a tiered system of when certain things could happen without public hearings, but rather through the zoning administrator.

"It's a catch 22," VanderZiel said about trying to resolve issues. "We have a very reasonable board here...but there may be a day when the board might not be."

According to Township Supervisor Jerry Hale, some new ordinances and special use ordinances were developed to help with controlling business hours of operations, usage, and to give the township some control. That was where this ordinance would have developed

"We need to remember this is for the entire township," said Trustee Mark Anderson.

Concerns were raised that the ordinance was looking at current complaints, but this would enact an ordinance governing all projects in the township both now and well into the future.

"I don't know how we do it, but I don't like this document," VanderZiel said.

He suggested getting input from residents that might live next to businesses along

with those working in certain business industries.

"I am not against progress. There just has to be a limit on what is done," said area resident Carol Venneman. The sand pit and fill ordinance are two different issues, she said, with one falling under the special use ordinances already approved.

"There are no regulations for fill in the township," she said. Area residents voiced concerns about the hours and noise level of business operations such as at Timpson Transport.

The fourth-generation owned and operated business offers several services on the property including specializing in hauling oversized loads and transporting specialized products, operating a fully operational sand pit, and completing sand and topsoil deliveries, their website stated.

An employee from KNR explained how businesses often have tight deadlines, such as a contract with the state, to complete projects. Working on Saturdays is a way to meet deadlines established years before and an ordinance limiting Saturdays would be costly to the township, the local economy, and to businesses. "I can't even imagine the economic cost of this," he said. "This ordinance is clearly a response to the activity at John's property."

Al Matthews, of Tip Top Gravel and an area resident for 62 years, said the ordinance was too much. "This is way overkill. We are concerned about our neighbors. We live here," he said. "I think this thing is a joke and you need to go back to day one and redo this." Matthews volunteered himself or his brother, Steve, to serve on the committee.

Nearby residential

residents expressed they do not want to impact businesses or hinder progress, but there has to be something done to balance residential concerns.

Kathleen Zerilli, a resident of Missy's Way, said her family is deeply in debt living in a half-million dollar home, but she cannot enjoy spending time on the patio with her four children or having a conversation over a pancake breakfast because of the noise on Saturday mornings.

Zerilli said they moved there recently and anticipates the noise could be worse from other parts of her property. While they like living in the area, they need to be able to enjoy their residence.

Her voice quivering, she stated something has to be done, which was echoed by other nearby neighbors. "There has to be respect to residential," she stated.

VanderZiel said he took decibel readings and would share the findings with concerned residents. "I was shocked how low the decibel readings were compared to normal, everyday things."

"This is definitely not everyday levels," Zerilli said. Area residents raised concerns that it was not always a consistent volume, but the banging that was so loud.

Hale said it appeared that there were definitely some issues to resolve and suggested a committee meet because answers were not going to be determined Monday.

Bloom recommended a committee that included a township board member and a limit of six to seven other members from businesses and the neighborhood. The committee would be subject to the open meetings act so others would be able to attend.

Hale said anyone who wants to serve on the committee needs to put their

name in for consideration. "We'll try to work out a solution that works for everyone," Hale said.

Bloom stated special use permits resolve a high percentage of things already, but the committee will be able to look at the concerns of both businesses and residents.

John Timpson stated many concerns about his business amount to truck tailgates slamming. "It's a problem everywhere," he said. He has looked into solutions, but has not been able to find one and

the best efforts of employees are not working. Timpson said the trucks pull ahead and the tailgates are slamming after dealing with the fill. Depending on what direction the fill is being dumped, the noise can carry in different directions making it louder for area residents.

"I wish I knew a solution," he said.

As discussion started to occur between business owners and residents, Hale redirected the focus to the meeting. "There will be more discussion about this on the committee."

KCYF golf scramble at Deer Run

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The Kent County Youth Fair is having a golf event called "the FAIRwell Scramble" at Deer Run Golf Club, 13955 Cascade Rd. SE, at noon on Sunday, Sept. 29. The event will include 18 holes of golf, a prime rib dinner and a silent auction. It will be one of the public's last opportunities to golf at Deer Run before the site becomes the new location of the Kent County Fairgrounds.

"The course is open at least through the end of October, so this is one of the last golf outings that I'm aware of," said KCYF director John Schut. "After this one it's getting down to like four or five weeks."

To avoid congestion on the links during this golf "scramble" event, the golfers will start at different holes and work their way around until they complete all 18 holes. Then there will be a prime rib dinner and a silent auction.

"The auction will be during the dinner after the golfing is done," Schut said. "Chambers Hog Farm is donating some pigs that kids can buy for the Fair next year, our family is donating a freezer lamb, we have a freezer goat and more cool things."


If any skilled golfers out there are in need of an expensive new toy, they may want to register and get a hole-in-one.

"There will be a hole-in-one contest, and the winner will win a side-by-side ATV," Schut said. "That is through our insurance agent and Burnips Equipment. The value on that is about \$13,000, so if someone can land a hole-in-one, that will be a very good day for them!"

The KCYF suggests registering for the event by Sept. 20 so they can properly prepare. More information and the registration form can be found online at kcyf.org/raising-barns.

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Richard Parker, Lowell's resident BBQ champion



Richard Parker (far right), Brandy Parker (far left) and their children Cash, Madilyn and Abigail at a recent barbecue competition.

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell resident Richard Parker's online shop, the BBQ Super Store, has over 600 barbecue-related products for sale, including more than 100 different sauces, spice rubs, equipment and lots of other fun, interesting, unique items.

"Our goal is to be one-stop-shopping for barbecue products," Parker said. "It'll be seven years this October that we've been open. I just added a bunch more products over the past few days."

Parker's passion is taking part in barbecue competitions all over the Midwest. He has won "grand champion" 21 times out of approximately 150 competitions he has participated in. His most notable victory was in 2014 when his team "iBQ'n@TheBBQSuperStore.com" won the \$52,100 grand prize at the Sam's Club National BBQ Tour event.

"I started competing in 2010," Parker said. "I think I cook pretty good. When I first started, I did about six or eight competitions a year, then it went up to around 20. I would say I do anywhere between 15 and 20 a year. Last year I did 16 and this year I'll do about 18. I've done eight weekends in a row before. I like to pretty much stay in our region, around Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Ohio, but I do venture over to Iowa, Arkansas, Georgia, Florida, quite a ways."

At a barbecue competition, teams prepare beef brisket, pork shoulder, pork ribs and chicken, which, one at a time, they present to a panel of judges who assess the flavor and appearance of the meats.

"The most challenging part is making sure all of your meat is done on time," Parker said. "You only have a half hour window when they call for them. The equipment you use is not really that important. It doesn't matter how you get there, just that you get there."

Quite often, barbecue mavens will argue about what style is the best: Carolina, Texas, Kansas City, etc. Parker eschews this attitude, contending that the best result comes when a cook takes bits and pieces from all of them to create their own unique recipe.

"I think really good barbecue is kind of a mix between all of the styles," Parker said. "For example, my brisket isn't necessarily Texas-style. I've been in Texas and tasted a lot of different brisket. A lot of them are dry with a crusty bark and it's pretty much just salt and pepper. My brisket is more of a Kansas City-style, which is less salty and a little more savory, but mine is sweeter and I use a little paprika to make a better bark. We use a hotter, paprika-based seasoning. For example, our 'Executioner,' available on the site, is what you'd call

a sweet heat. It has sugar, paprika and some different peppers for the heat in the back. We reduced the black pepper and replaced it with white pepper to give it a different heat. It fits better into the style that I like to cook with, rather than what everybody else uses. For wood, we use predominantly hickory and white oak. It's a lot easier to find white oak in our area. Hickory is really hard to find in our area. You should never use cedar or pine, and don't focus too much on the temperature of the grill. It doesn't have to be a consistent 200 degrees the whole time. I run 325, sometimes 400 degrees. Focus on tenderness, that's the most important thing. Just make sure you pull the meat off when it's done cooking. 'Fall off the bone' actually means your ribs are overdone. It should have some integrity."

Parker said he got into barbecuing in 2007 after he watched a program about the competitions on the Food Network. Then he took a barbecue class in Chicago and was hooked.

"I was the only one in the class who had never competed before," Parker said. "When I left I called my wife and said, 'I'm doing this.' She said, 'You're crazy!' but I said, 'No, I'm doing this!' I spent about \$200 on making an ugly, homemade drum smoker. There are definitely more elaborate ones, we sell some on our website, that are very quiet and efficient. They'll run darn near all day. What I use now is called an Outlaw barbecue smoker. It's the best flavor you're going to get."

Look for the BBQ Super Store online at thebbqsuperstore.com and like the "iBQ'n" page on Facebook to follow Parker's competitive exploits.

"There aren't a lot of opportunities for a big guy like me to go out and win trophies except with something like barbecue," Parker said. "You can get a little recognition and some cool, unique trophies."

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viewpoint

to the editor

Dear Editor,

In last week's Buyers Guide I was glad to see someone extending an invitation to friends and neighbors to a picnic to talk about current issues and concerns, but I had to wonder why just democrats and "independent thinkers"? Of course, "independent thinkers" come in all varieties; democrats, republicans, libertarians, etc. Why not invite everyone in the community that may want to talk about current issues and ways to work together to resolve them? How can anyone expect to find common ground when you openly exclude your neighbors that may have different opinions and ideas? You'd be surprised at just how much we have in

common, but how will we ever know if we can't get together and simply talk? I think there are many more of us locally that are in the center than the extreme right or left. Let's talk!

*Nancy Stroosnyder
Lowell Township*

Dear Editor,

I have said it before and I will say it again. If you have Lowell Light & Power as your homes electrical source, you are one of the lucky ones. On Tuesday (9/10) prior to 5:00 am, my home lost all power. I

called LL&P and talked to their on-call person. They advised that they would forward my problem to be handled. A very short time later the LL&P truck was in my driveway. The LL&P crew did their magic in the early morning darkness and restored power to my home. This is the kind of outstanding service that a local company can provide and I am grateful for it. Thank you Lowell Light & Power.

*Dave Simmonds
Lowell*

outdoors

time to hunt

Dave Stegehuis

Summer is barely behind us and fall activities are about to begin. The fall season in Michigan brings comfortable weather packed with festivals, celebrations, and a variety of hunting seasons. Hunting seasons may be relatively short, but involvement in related activities can take place year around.

Consistent practice with archery equipment and firearms is necessary to develop and maintain skills required to humanely and ethically harvest game. Range practice is also a lot of fun.

If you have been looking at advertising flyers in the mail from retailers of hunting gear, you have some idea of the staggering amount of products to choose from. Buying new equipment is time consuming in order to make good choices but is also fun. Federal taxes on this stuff as well as hunting license fees fund wildlife conservation in the state.

Planning trips and general hunting strategy can consume a lot of time and research on-line and on the ground. Hunting can take one to new places and new people or to familiar places with friends and family. Scouting new hunting areas gets one into the woods,

fields, and wetlands well before season. The woods outside our R.V. is getting dark now, but we will be setting up blinds in the morning. The preparation activity is also fun and interesting.

If the plan comes together during the season and someone takes a deer, the real work begins. The animal must be properly field dressed and transported to a location where the meat will be safe from spoilage before being processed. Processing ones own high protein, low fat, chemical free meat is for many a major part of the hunt. The possibility of fresh deer liver and onions keeps me on stand for many hours.

Hunting is not for everyone. One must come to grips with taking the life of a wild creature which is a very serious matter and a heavy responsibility. The point of this article is that hunting is much more than harvesting an animal. It can be a significant part of one's life and define to some extent who we are. It affords an opportunity to connect intimately with nature and be part of the natural cycle of life. Hunting is a way to have meaningful real experiences in an increasingly artificial world.



125 years ago Lowell Ledger September 22, 1894

On Sunday last, while returning from Sabbath school, Maurice, son of James H. Ward and wife of Ada, was thrown from his horse and one foot catching in the stirrup, he was dragged for some distance and so badly injured that he died in a few moments. He was seventeen years of age. Funeral services were held at the Bailey church Tuesday Afternoon.

The next re-union of the Grand Army will be held south of Mason & Dixon's line. The eloquent invitation of Henry Watterson, an ex-con federate colonel prevailed and the people of Louisville, Kentucky, will entertain the boys in blue at their next encampment.

According to a unanimous wish of the members and friends of the M. E. church, and citizens generally, Rev. A. P. Moors has been returned to this charge for another year. Mr. Moors is a patriotic, scholarly gentleman who makes friends everywhere he goes. We wish for him a successful year in his church work and paid up salary at its close.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 18, 1919

The trial of Webster Dick charged with larceny of watermelons from Otto Cook and Elmer H. Blow, was held in Justice Anderson court, of Muir. Dick paid costs and a fine which amounted to \$9.60. Floyd Pritchard, who was charged with the same offense, paid \$12.45.

F. A. Gould has taken the Overland agency for Lowell and has rented the east store of the King block, where late next week, will be opened and up-to-date

automobile and supply store and battery shop with a 24-hour service. A full line of parts for Ford cars, trucks and tractors will be handled and the business will be run in connection with Mr. Gould's near-by Dodge garage.

Joseph Lauzon, 33 years old, an "ethical" daylight burglar with a college education, was arrested by Detectives, Lauzon is said to have confessed that he is the man who robbed 150 homes of valuables worth, according to his own estimates, a minimum of \$30,000. The police say the value is nearer \$45,000. He pawned jewelry he took here, he is alleged to have said because he needed money to pay the big bill of a lawyer who got him off with a sentence of only 90 days in Milwaukee, where he operated last

75 years The Lowell Ledger September 21, 1944

Workmen for the Bell telephone company have finished several weeks' work along Main street, installing ducts for cables which will be put in place as a postwar improvement, which, it is understood, will include the construction of a central office building north of the library, fronting on Hudson St., and the installing of the dial system.

First meeting for the County Area division in the Kent County War Chest campaign to be held in mid-October was held in Grand Rapids September 11, with regional chairmen meeting with the division and campaign to discuss organization details. C. H. Runciman of Lowell is chairman for region seven comprising this area. Mr. Runciman is also a member of the War Chest board of directors and was regional chairman in the first and second War Chest campaigns.

Agents of the U.S. treasury are making the rounds in order to find out who, among the operating car owners, have purchased and are displaying the \$5 "use" stamp for their automobiles, and how many cars are found in the streets with no stamps. Just purchasing the stamps is not enough—they must be displayed on the windshield.

50 years The Lowell Ledger September 18, 1969

Former Police Chief Avery Block, who last week was denied re-instatement to his post by City Manager Blaine Bacon, claims he has about \$2,000 coming for back compensatory time, sick leave, vacation pay and some department equipment.

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Looking Back, continued

A group of homeowners from the Valley Vista area showed up at the Lowell City Council meeting Monday night to protest against a ban imposed on the use of 55-gallon garbage cans.

The Lowell City Council, at its regular session Monday night, voted to drop a plan to seal-coat certain streets scheduled for 1969. Instead, the city legislators voted to pave a portion of Gee Drive and authorized City Manager Blaine Bacon to negotiate a contract for the paving job.

25 years

The Lowell Ledger September 21, 1994

Lowell Township's water project is completed. Or is it? The mains are running, Eastgate is on line and the school has water. A closer look shows that there is one very important entity that needs a service. That entity would be Lowell Township.

From her days as a physical education teacher to her intense efforts with the Fallasburg Historical Society, Priscilla Lussmyer has always exuded a special energy that has set her apart. Lowell's Chamber of Commerce honored Lussmyer Thursday night at Dari's with the ninth annual "Person-of-the-Year" award.

While many of his peers frolicked at the beach, Lowell High School graduate Micah Skidmore spent his summer before college interning in Senate Majority Leader Dick Posthumus' (R-Alto) legislative and constituent relations offices in Lansing.

- constipation

Constipation is very common and for some people, especially older adults, can be an ongoing concern. People often think that constipation means not having a bowel movement every day. But it is normal to have bowel movements at intervals ranging from three times a day to once every three days. It is important to remember that constipation is a symptom, not a disease.

There are several signs and symptoms of constipation. It is important to seek care from your doctor if you have any of the following symptoms for more than three months in a row: fewer than three bowel movements a week; straining; lumpy or hard stools, feeling that you need to have a bowel movement but can't, or feeling you cannot fully empty your bowels.

The main causes of constipation are diet and lack of exercise. Other causes include travel, pregnancy, revisiting the urge to use the

toilet, overusing laxatives. Many medications, especially narcotic pain meds, antidepressants, iron and calcium supplements, and blood pressure meds can cause constipation. Several medical conditions, including stroke, diabetes, intestinal blockage, and thyroid disorders can contribute to constipation.

Constipation often responds to lifestyle changes. One way to improve constipation is to increase fluids and fiber in your diet. This includes eating more food with fiber, such as whole grains, beans, and fruits and vegetables. It is important to keep as active as possible and increase exercise if possible. If diet and exercise do not help, there are a number of medications to try. Most are available without a prescription. These medications all act in different ways on the bowel. Discuss which medications might be right for you with your physician.



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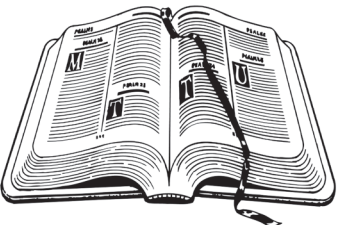
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Pink Arrow, continued

Keiser's Kitchen and Big Boiler Brewing.

The survivor walk was at 6 pm, followed by honoree introductions at 6:35 pm. The main event, a football game against the Greenville Yellow Jackets, began at 7:10 pm.

LHS student McKenna Grody, the Lowell High School choir and LHS teacher Nathan Masterson performed songs at the event. Masterson has done so for the past two years and chose the material: "Beautiful" by Christina Aguilera, "I Won't Give Up" by Jason Mraz and "Fight Song" by Rachel Platten.

"I feel like we did okay. We gave something to the community that they wouldn't have had without us performing tonight," Masterson said. "The music

that I chose for myself and the student performer was something that was much more involved than what I thought it was going to be. I wanted to have a piece of music that would remind people that regardless of what they're going through, regardless of what this journey has done to them physically, they are still beautiful. They are strong themselves, but they are stronger within the community."

Volunteer Brian VanderMeulen was very busy selling tickets for a 50/50 raffle during the football game.

"Everybody around here is very generous, there are a lot of people selling raffle tickets," VanderMeulen said. "I first came to this event about five years ago, and

when they read the names I was shocked by how many people I knew who were affected by cancer. It makes me super proud that I live here and I'm thankful that people are getting the support they need. I don't think there are many communities that have the support that we enjoy. I feel lucky to live here."

Pink Arrow volunteer Brian Brenner was grilling burgers and hot dogs during the event.

"To me, this event means a potential cure for all the patients that have yet to come through and a remembrance for all the people that have passed on," Brenner said.

"It's about community and just bringing everybody together," said concession stand volunteer Sherri Royer. "Even outside of

Lowell, everyone is aware of the Pink Arrow game and comes over to support it."

"This is a significant event to support the community and everyone that has fought cancer, won cancer or passed from cancer," said attendee Kathy Swanson. "My mom is a survivor, so it's very emotional. It's just amazing that all of these people come together for this game, specifically to represent cancer. It's an honor and a privilege to support it."

"This event is a big deal for Gilda's Club and for Versiti," said Kyle Graham from the Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, formerly known as "Michigan Blood." "We saved over 400 lives with a blood drive that they did, then, in turn, we help Gilda's Club by providing them funding as well."

"This event means everything to our company and its owner," said volunteer Juli Bernock from All Weather Seal. "This is a big event and it's really close to our hearts. We are pleased to be here having a great time every year."

"This is a way a lot of people represent the people they have lost or have supported through cancer or a loss," said volunteer Janel Badder from Meijer. "It's wonderful to see how many people turn out to support it. It's more of an emotional game."

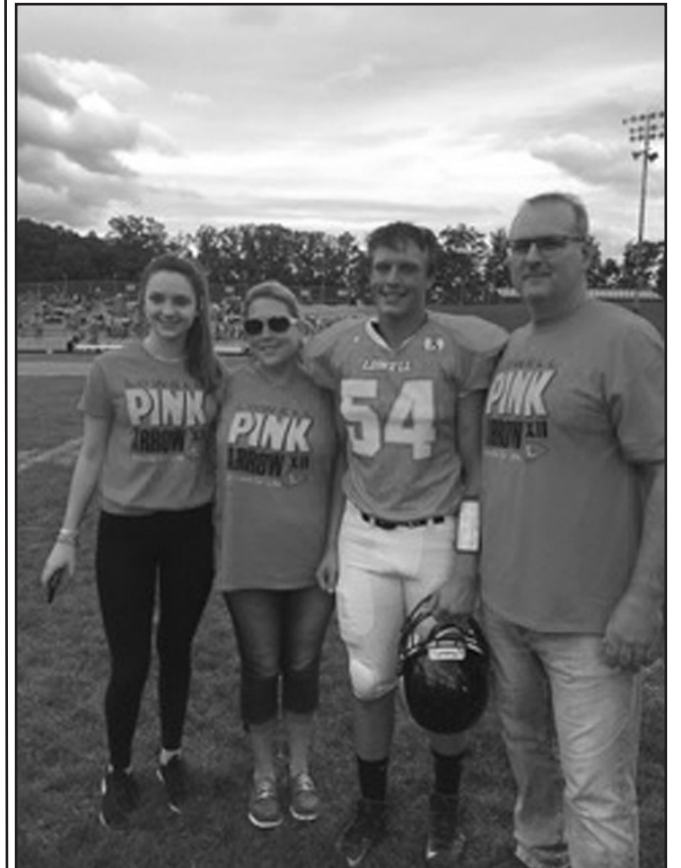
"This event means a lot," said volunteer Devra Keller, who said she lives outside of Jackson, MI. "Last year was my first year here, and we love it. It's huge, it gets

the word out and it supports a good cause. Look at all the people, it's wonderful. We've had many family members who were affected by cancer. My brother died 10 years ago, my husband William Keller had it but he's a survivor."

"This event, in general, is one of the most incredible things that I've seen in any community," Masterson said. "It really joins everybody in a way that you do not experience unless you are here."

The Lowell High School football team beat Greenville's team 40-0; for more information about the competitive aspects of the event check out the sports page.

More Pink Arrow Pride on pages 8-9!



Lowell Women's Club has first annual meeting

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell Women's Club had their first meeting of the year at First Congregational Church, 865 Lincoln Lake, on Wednesday, Sept. 11. The meeting was pink-themed in honor of the Pink Arrow Pride event that took place later that week.

Including Lowell High School students, there are 75 members in the club. Last year, LWC members spent 8,070 hours volunteering in the community and raised \$9,750 for scholarships for the student members.

"Everything that we do works toward the scholarships for our 10 student members," said LWC president Jan Thompson. "We give 80 percent of the money we raise to the scholarships, the rest goes to various charitable organizations in Lowell, different ones every year. We volunteer at every event we can find, and the

girls are encouraged to do everything they can in the community. They just have to be willing to work very hard, to volunteer. We don't just sit around. We welcome everybody, no matter how old or young you are."

The club's longest-standing member, Marj Harding, joined in 1976.

"In 1976 they had a silver tea service that somebody would pour, and it would say in the Ledger who poured it," Harding said. "We didn't do a lunch, we'd just have cookies or something. And it was a much smaller club then and I was, by far, the youngest member. Quite often we had book reviews and different things like that. It was nice, I really enjoyed it. Now we have lunch, the club is much larger, and we didn't have high school girls then. There are still a lot of nice people in the club, making friends."



Marj Harding has been a member of the Lowell Women's Club for 43 years. The club's next longest-standing member, Betty Yeiter, joined in 1984.

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Look Memorial Fund Board is now accepting grant applications for 2019. Applications are available at Lowell City Hall.

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Red Arrow

- SOCCER

SPORTS

Soccer digs deep to get Pink Arrow win

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

"Now is the time to find out what you're made of." That was Lowell varsity boys soccer coach Dan Lipon's message to his players after falling behind in Friday's Pink Arrow game against FHC.

The team was able to respond, shutting out the Rangers from that point and scoring two goals to turn a 2-1 deficit into a 3-2 win.

Lowell started the scoring with a goal

from Evan Groeneweg just minutes in. Like the football team, the soccer team wears special pink jerseys each year with the name of a loved one on the back impacted by cancer. FHC joined in this year by wearing pink warmup shirts and headbands.

The Pink Arrow game is always one of the biggest crowds for the team. This year was certainly no exception as the stormy weather from earlier in the

morning had long moved past.

The Rangers struck second and brought the game into halftime 1-1. Lowell found themselves down 2-1 after another Ranger goal to start the second half. Moments later, it was nearly 3-1 in favor of the Rangers. Sammy Postlewait (FHC) had gotten the ball around goalkeeper Sebastian Szymanski and had a wide open net just to his right. LHS defender Benjamin



Benjamin Thompson clearing the ball off the line to prevent an FHC goal.



The Pink Arrows huddle before the start of the game.

Thompson slid in at the last moment preventing the ball from going in the net and clearing it away.

The Pink Arrows tied the game in the 54th minute thanks to the efforts of Ben Mika. Mika sent a shot from a tough angle into the net just under the diving FHC goalkeeper. Lowell with momentum were able to grab the game-winning

goal when a cross from Ezra Stadt was deflected in the penalty box. Senior Braiden Hamilton was able to come up with the ball and score, sending the team into celebration mode.

Lowell was able to see the game out defensively and hang on to a 3-2 win. Earlier in the week, Lowell defeated East Grand Rapids 3-1 in a lightning delayed

game. Goals in that game were scored by Nate Ryan, Stadt, and Groeneweg. Bernie Diekevers and Hamilton (2) recorded the assists. Szymanski had seven saves in goal.

The team is now 6-3-1 on the season and will face state-ranked Forest Hills Northern as well as Northview this week.

Boys win at the Sparta Invite

Lowell boys cross-country won the Blue Division of the Sparta Invite this past Saturday at the Fruit Ridge Hayrides Center in Kent City.

Medaling for the Arrows were Caleb Swart, who placed first with a time of 17:04; Ben Kinnucan, second place with a time of 17:04; Cole Weston, fourth

with 17:13; Lucas Cossar, fifth with 17:14; Sawyer Fowler, ninth with 17:51; Nigel Mika, 12th with 17:58 and John Lothian, 19th with 18:17.

Lowell won with 21 points, followed by West Ottawa with 71 and Rockford with 98.

The JV boys won the Blue Reserve race with 39

points followed by Rockford with 52 points and Jenison with 66 points. Medaling for the JV team were Keegan Cater who placed second with a time of 17:51; Jackson Fowler, third with 18:08; Ben Bromley, seventh with 18:56; Levi Mills, eighth with 18:57 and Blake Bennett 19th with 19:31.

The boys compete

Wednesday in Cedar Springs in the second OK White Jamboree and host the Bob Perry Memorial Invite this coming Saturday.



Ladies place third

The Lady Arrows traveled to Sparta where they were able to capture a third-place finish behind Byron Center and Rockford. Audrey Conrad continued a great season as she earned runner-up honors with a time of 20:45. In addition to Conrad, Lowell had two medalists, with Lauren Swain taking 17th with 23:03 and Canaan McKinney earning 19th

with 23:26. Rounding out the scoring for the Arrows was Clara Eriksson in 23rd with 24:05 and Alexis Haines in 24th with 24:11. Completing the varsity was Theresa Judd (26th) and Anna Gaskins (29th). The third-place finish combined with the boy's first-place finish allowed Lowell to win the co-ed championship trophy for their division.

Boys beat Lakewood

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

The Red Arrow varsity tennis team made quick work of Lakewood last week, beating the Vikings 8-0.

Collier Kaufman, Miles Droski, Will Devoest, and Ty Knottnerus all won their singles matches in straight sets.

The doubles teams of Aiden Kelley-Winton Garrelts, Terrick Stewart-Patrick Devoest, Max Del Rosario-Tyler Spinella, and

Mason Thomas-Connor Kleindler all also won in straight sets.



FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

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BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
** Denotes a meet at LHS*
9/21 at 9 am Bob Perry Memorial Invitational*
9/28 at 9 am Allendale Invite

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BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL
** Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium*
9/20 at 7 pm Zeeland West*
9/27 at 7 pm FHN

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GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL
** Denotes a home game*
9/19 at 6 pm Ottawa Hills*
9/24 at 6 pm FHN*
9/26 at 6 pm Cedar Springs

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BOYS VARSITY SOCCER
** Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium*
9/19 at 6:45 pm at Northview
9/24 at 6:45 pm Ottawa Hills*
9/26 at 6:45 pm at Greenville

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GIRLS VARSITY GOLF
** Denotes a game at Arrowhead Golf Course*
9/23 at 3:30 pm OK White Jamboree #7 at Candlestone
9/25 at 3:30 pm OK White Jamboree #8 at Thousand Oaks

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BOYS VARSITY TENNIS
** Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium*
9/21 at 8 am Sailor Invite
9/25 at 4:15 pm Ottawa Hills

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SWIM & DIVE
9/19 at 6 pm Calvin Christian
9/21 at 10 am at Grandville
9/26 at 6 pm at Mona Shores

Red Arrow

- FOOTBALL

SPORTS

Pink Arrow football shuts out Greenville

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

The Lowell football team went pink for the 12th straight year on Friday night. Always an emotional night, the Pink Arrows were dominant on the field defeating Greenville 40-0 to improve to 2-1 on the season.

Lowell started the game off quickly, with Brett Spanbauer running into the endzone to make it 7-0 after Tyler Vroman's extra point. That capped off the 63-yard scoring drive.

Ideal weather made for a beautiful night at Red Arrow Stadium with the soccer game and volleyball scrimmage before the football game, along with the survivor walk. The honoree presentation before the game was powerful as the football players and cheerleaders were announced along with those they were competing and cheering for. The names of the loved ones they were playing for were on the back of each player/cheerleader's jersey.

The Pink Arrow defense was dominant throughout the game, barely allowing Greenville to move the ball. The Yellow Jackets were only able to gain 119 yards total the entire game. Lowell nearly outgained the Yellow Jackets by 200 yards in the first half. Grady McDonald and Doak Dean each had short rushing touchdowns in the first half to make the score 21-0 at halftime.

Lowell started the second half fast with a 55 yard touchdown pass from Spanbauer to Andy Anschutz. Justin Wade, who just participated in the Pink Arrow soccer game, came on to make the extra point which was made five yards longer by a false start penalty.

The final touchdown of the game was a special one being scored by Grant Pratt. Pratt, a Lowell senior linebacker, was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia in 8th grade. That cancer is now in remission, and Pratt has been a huge part of a dominant Red



Brennan Pawloski fights for a few more yards in the Pink Arrow Game last Friday.

Arrow defense this season. The final score was 40-0 in favor of Lowell.

There were no

interceptions or fumble recoveries by either team on Friday night. Lowell outgained Greenville

436-119 in terms of yards and had 20 first downs to Greenville's 7. The Red Arrows are now 49-26-2

against Greenville all-time. Those 49 victories are the most Lowell has against a single opponent.

LHS will host Zeeland West on Friday at 7 pm at Bob Perry Field.

Lowell volleyball defeats top ranked division 1 team

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

The Red Arrow varsity volleyball team traveled east to compete with some of the state's best teams and won the Farmington Hills Mercy Invitational this past weekend. That included a straight set win over the hosts, who are ranked first in the state of Michigan.

LHS came into the tournament ranked third in the state in the latest Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches

Association rankings. They came out strong in pool play earning wins over Utica Eisenhower (25-13, 27-25), Grand Blanc (25-19, 25-11) and Livonia Churchill (25-11, 25-9).

That 3-0 pool play record put the Red Arrows in the single elimination gold bracket of the tournament. In the quarterfinals, Lowell defeated Bloomfield Hills 2-0 (25-16, 25-21).

The Red Arrows would have to face the defending state champions, Lake

Orion, in the semifinals. Like with all other opponents on the day, Lowell swept the Dragons in straight sets 25-20, 25-14.

That would set Lowell up for the finals against the hosts Farmington Hills Mercy. The Marlins came in as the state's top-ranked team in Division 1. Lowell not only would beat Mercy, they did so in straight sets by a score of 25-14, 25-14 to finish off an impressive weekend.

Lowell is now 18-2 on the season. Their two losses have both come to Hudsonville, ranked second in the state in Division 1. The teams have played three matches this year, with Lowell going 1-2 in those matches.

Lowell also participated in a scrimmage against Grand Rapids Christian during Pink Arrow festivities. Due to weather, the scrimmage was held indoors this year. The Red Arrows started a three game home stretch Tuesday, Sept. 17 against Northview, host Ottawa Hills on Thursday, Sept. 19, and host Forest Hills Northern next Tuesday, Sept. 24. All varsity



Lowell volleyball team photo after winning the Mercy Invitational. (Photo courtesy Lowell Volleyball)

matches start at 6:00 pm in the high school gymnasium.

Stat Leaders From The Mercy Invitational:

Kills: Jenna Reitsma: 60, Meghan Meyer: 42, Kambry Kloosterman: 18

Digs: Emma Hall: 53, Reitsma: 37, Meyer: 27

Blocks: Ryleigh Blough: 11, Reitsma: 11, Meyer: 9, Emily Struckmeyer: 7

Aces: Hall: 10, Mattie Torline: 8, Sophie Powell: 6

Assists: Powell: 129

The ladies will host Ottawa Hills on Sept. 19 and FHN on Sept. 24 both competitions begin at 6 pm.



Jenna Reitsma (left) prepares to hit the ball in Friday's Pink Arrow scrimmage against Grand Rapids Christian.

obituaries

COURTER

Eloise May Courter, age 90 of Elmdale, went to be with her Lord on Sunday, September 15, 2019. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Courter; and great-granddaughter, Lainey Renee Saylor. Eloise is survived by her children, Jerri and Alan Teelander, Steve and Pam Courter, Rick and Aleta Courter, Maryann Courter; brother, Howard and Helen Hobbs; sisters, Estelle and Harvey Stark, Evelyn Courter; grandchildren, Keith, Jacquie, Ryan, Shane, Mike, Bob, Brad, Kaylyn; seven great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Eloise graduated from Lowell HS and attended Comptometer training. She worked in accounting, enjoying more than 30 years at Sears Woodland Mall. She married James Courter on June 18, 1949 and they raised 4 children together. Jim and Eloise made their home in nearby Elmdale, MI. For more than 65 years she was an active member of the Elmdale Church of the Nazarene. The church was her second family where she wore many hats including bulletin, Sunday school teacher, treasurer and board member. Bowling was her sport; she was on three leagues for many years. Eloise had numerous self-taught hobbies including quilting, upholstery, cake decorating, knitting and sewing. Those were only a few of the skills she mastered. Mom was the rock that held us together, the unconditional love that taught us how to love, and the faithful Christ like servant that helps us know that she is with Jim again in Heaven. Visitation will be Wednesday, September 18, from 6-8 PM, at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331. Funeral services will be Thursday, September 19, at 11 AM, with visitation one hour prior. Reverend Nate Gray, officiating. Interment Bowne Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Elmdale Church of the Nazarene, 11830 Drew Rd, Alto, MI 49302 or American Cancer Society, 129 Jefferson SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.



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MARTINEZ

Stephen (Steve) D. Martinez, loving son and brother, passed on to our Lord on Wednesday, September 11, 2019. He leaves to cherish his memory, his mother, Bonnie Kittredge; father, Gregorio Martinez; brother, Greg Martinez; stepsisters, Kim (Chuck) Mannion, Judy (David) Phillips; nieces, Kaylie (Chad) Vanderhoff, Emily (Eric) Kruse, Andrea Mannion; nephews, Ian and Connor Mannion; five great nephews and one great niece; many cousins, aunts and uncles. Steve has been a true blessing in our lives. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Elara Caring Hospice, 630 Kenmoor Ave SE #200, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.



POTTER

Byron Joseph Potter passed peacefully away in his home in Dunedin, Florida on August 8, 2019. He was born November 8, 1930 to C. Byron Potter and Euzefa Byrnes Potter in Grand Rapids, where eventually the family moved to Lowell. Joe was a 1949 graduate of Lowell High School and involved in multiple sports under coach Chris Burch. After graduation he served four years in the U.S. Air Force, 1949-1953, during the Korean War as a radar detector. He then went to Michigan State, met his wife Mary (Stirm) and married June 22, 1957. He became the coach for Otto Junior High in East Lansing until retirement. After raising three children, they summered in Charlevoix and wintered in Dunedin, Florida. Joe was preceded in death by his parents, C. Byron Potter and Euzefa Byrnes Potter-Mason; his step-father, Karen Mason; his younger siblings, Dave Potter, Kitty Potter Brenk, and Susan Potter Miesel; his brother-in-laws, Dennis Brenk, Jack Miesel, and George Miles. He is survived by his wife Mary; his daughter, Julie White (husband, Jim Harwell) of Clearwater, Florida; two sons, Mike Potter of Charlevoix and Pat (Carla) Potter of Traverse City; two grandchildren, Spencer Potter and Leah Potter; his brother William Owen Potter (Jan) of Iron Mountain and Dunedin, Florida; Sharon C. Potter Miles of Lowell, Gerarda Potter Francis (Jim) of Lowell; sister-in-law, Sharon (Johnston) Potter of Florida. Joe was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved all sports, especially baseball and swimming. After cremation, he will have a Celebration of Life Mass on November 8, 2019, on his 89th birth date in a Roman Catholic Church in Dunedin, Florida. His headstone resides in St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery in Lowell.



WARD

Lauri Rachelle Ward, age 53, of Grand Rapids, passed away Sunday, September 15, 2019 after her courageous battle with cancer. She was born in Fairbanks, Alaska in 1966 to William and Barbara Ward. Along with her parents, Lauri is survived by her children, Danielle, Kayla, Jacob and Crystal; grandchildren, Harrison and Isiah; sister, Lynn (Mike) Blake; brother, William (Debra) Ward; and her dear companion of 22 years, Johnnie John Johnson. Lauri was a proud graduate of Lowell High School class of 1984. She loved traveling, gardening, sewing and arts/crafts. Relatives and friends are invited to her life celebration gathering on Friday, September 27, 2019 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the Heritage Life Story Funeral Home, Van Strien Creston Chapel, 1833 Plainfield Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505. For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to Saint Alphonsus Parish Food and Clothing Center, 224 Carrier Street NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505. To read more of Lauri's life, share a memory or sign the online register book please visit www.heritagelifestory.com



I wanted a perfect ending. Now I've learned, the hard way, that some poems don't rhyme, and some stories don't have a clear beginning, middle, and end. Life is about not knowing, having to change, taking the moment and making the best of it, without knowing what's going to happen next.

Delicious Ambiguity.
- Gilda Radner

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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Consultant being considered to review fire needs for Lowell Charter Township

by Cindy M. Cranmer
contributing reporter

The Lowell Charter Township Board spent Monday night addressing numerous issues including some possible restructuring of fire services and whether a consultant should review services.

Many residents and business owners packed the township meeting room, but were there for information on one issue. The biggest issue on several township residents' minds and that numerous business owners are concerned with was a line item on the agenda for a second reading and possible adoption of a full ordinance. See related story on this issue.

McGrath Consulting Group submitted a proposal to explore and assess the future staffing of the Lowell Area Fire and Emergency Services Authority and discuss the three municipalities covered.

McGrath Consulting Group, Inc. is proposing conducting a comprehensive fire and rescue assessment including studying methods for future staffing. The consulting team will provide options

for future staffing as considerations of changing from a volunteer or paid on-call to a career department are being reviewed.

Susan Reister, a township resident, who previously was on the fire authority board, is recommending the township board authorize the consultant and pay their share of \$7,000 to hire them. Reister said she believes the cost will be worth it because there are many things involved that are not always considered when looking at full-time positions.

Some things involved in hiring people full time for fire services include the retirement program and buying into it with multipliers, health insurance, the amount of overtime employees would have, shift differentials, and other benefits.

"There are so many things that come into play," Reister said. "There are lots of issues to consider. There is just a lot to full time."

Her opinion is that hiring a professional consultant would help the board look at these issues.

"I never thought of these," said Trustee Steve VanderZiel. "It's a big deal."

VanderZiel asked whether she believed the consultants would review things they have not considered when looking at hiring. Reister believes the consultants would be able to review those issues and give recommendations as well.

Trustee Carlton Blough said it appears there is more to be evaluated than Lowell Area Fire Department Fire Chief Ron Van Overbeck's proposal for full-time staffing.

Trustees want further information on what the consultant is proposing before agreeing to the idea. They tabled the issue until a representative from McGrath can come to the meeting to talk to them.

Additionally, Township Supervisor Jerry Hale said he would like more than just information, but recommendations based on any information the consultant develops. "We need someone to show us how to set this up," he said.

Hale proposed waiting

until they could get more information from McGrath about what they were actually going to do. "I am not in favor of this right now," Hale said stating he needed more information. "Are they going to show us how to do this at the end of the study?"

Reister said she believed a professional would outline those options, but the board decided to get more information before taking action.

In other business, The Lowell Charter Township Board:

- Heard a presentation from Kent District Library staff, who highlighted significant facts from the 2018 impact report. These statistics included usage, services being offered, how the community benefits, and more.

- Approved a proposal for gypsy moth study with Clerk Monica Burt to be included in reviewing where to get the \$8,000 from. Hale stated the money would come from the fund balance if needed.

"Once we started down this path, it doesn't make sense to stop now," said

Trustee William Thompson making the motion to approve the study. It was seconded by Trustee Mark Anderson and approved with VanderZiel voting against the expense.

"We can't afford the \$100,000 to spray so why are we doing the study," he questioned.

Trustee Carlton Blough said he also would be interested in knowing the findings and to go from there. "The answer may come back that we don't need to spray again," he said.

- Approved Twin Oaks Phase Two final preliminary plat. Phase two is the final phase containing 31 lots with the entire Twin Oaks Plat having 73 lots.

- Approved the Stoney Bluff Phase Three Final Preliminary Plat. This phase contains 25 lots and involves the construction of Wales Road in the Stoney Bluff subdivision to connect with the existing Wales Road in the Whispering Pines subdivision.

- Approved a quote for the completion of concrete at North Park.

- Approved the PA 116

application from Jesse and Sara Bladey. Burt stated that the state pays for the reimbursement so there is no impact on the township.

"It doesn't have a negative effect on the township. I don't see a problem with us approving it," VanderZiel said about the request.

- Discussed putting together documentation on the public safety ballot proposal. "You have to have an informed voter," VanderZiel said. Township Attorney Cliff Bloom will help in preparing the documentation.

- Set a public hearing for the next meeting on Oct. 21 regarding the Eastgate Streetlight assessment. Burt explained any time there is a change of more than 10 percent there needs to be a hearing for those impacted. That hearing will take place about the assessment at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Lowell Charter Township Board will take place at 7 p.m. on Oct. 21, 2019.

What is Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N)?

N2N grew out of the Rotary Club of Lowell's partnership with FROM to help winterize homes for families facing hardship. In 2012 the partnership expanded to include the *Lowell Ledger*. In 2019, Impact Church and community volunteers will also assist as FROM provides winterization and fall clean-up assistance (insulation, check furnace, cover pipes, weather stripping, plastic on windows, raking leaves, cleaning gutters, etc.) in partnership with homeowners in need.

How Does it Work?

You can submit a wish for your own home, or on behalf of another individual (with their permission) who is in need of winterization and fall clean-up assistance (insulation, check furnace, cover pipes, weather stripping, plastic on windows, raking leaves, cleaning gutters, etc.) FROM's goal is that the homeowner would be willing to partner with the volunteers.

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

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

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

Completed applications must be emailed or dropped off to FROM by October 12, 2019.



Neighbor to Neighbor Application

(due to FROM by Oct 12, 2019)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Application submitted by: _____

Phone: _____

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



**FLAT RIVER
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES**



FUN PAGE

SUDOKO

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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!

D F S V Z P L S S C Z C N G I T W R V H
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 R U V W R A N A O C S A H H C P I A I N

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

Puzzle solutions on page 12

AUTUMN WORD SEARCH

COOL CRISP CROPS

LEAF BLOWER SCARECROW

LEAVES MAZE

SCARVES SCHOOL

APPLES

EQUINOX

OCTOBER

SEPTEMBER

AUTUMN

FOOTBALL

PUMPKIN

SQUIRREL

CIDER

GOURDS

RAKE

TREES

CINNAMON

HARVEST

ROAD TRIP

Guess Who?

I am a comedic actor born in New York on September 9, 1966. I developed my comic skills at New York University and on "Saturday Night Live" before moving on to films. My production company is named after two of my movie characters.

Answer: Adam Sandler

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to autumn.

N R O A C

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Answer: Acorn

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CLUES ACROSS

- Study of sight
- Becomes less intense
- Juicy, soft fruit
- A great ape
- All-time NY Giants great
- Big Apple native
- Home of the Flyers (abbr.)
- People stand in them
- Automotive legend Iacocca
- Influential linguist
- ___ and Andy, TV show
- Wives (law)
- Discriminating
- Star Wars hero Solo
- Married woman
- A digital tape recording of sound
- Chinese dialect
- Angolan monetary unit
- A type of sheen
- "Ash Wednesday" poet
- Nobel Prize-winning chemist
- Spoke angrily
- Separated with a tool
- Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- Actors' group
- A type of ship (abbr.)
- Bar bill
- Romanian city

CLUES DOWN

- Popular mid-size Kia
- Image management (abbr.)
- Prongs
- Cools
- It produces milk
- Trends
- Concurred
- Chinese cabbage ___ choy
- Greek war god
- Straits along the Red Sea
- Railway
- Washing with water
- Supreme being
- Ductless gland
- Parts producer (abbr.)
- Not arranged in a straight line
- Greek sorceress
- Small water bird
- Tropical Asian plants
- "Unforgettable" singer
- Belonging to a bottom layer
- Potato state
- A toy that spins
- "A-Team" character
- Ornamental molding
- Covers again
- Poets write them
- Appear
- Red sweet peppers
- Famed protest yacht
- Drain
- Distributes
- Small, savory dishes
- Web of Things (abbr.)
- Defunct aerospace company
- Lacking consistency
- Type of retriever
- Barrier
- Senior officer
- Categories
- Call it a career
- Suitable for growing crops
- High jumping legend Iolanda
- Hairy
- Dish made with lentils
- TNT broadcaster Craig
- Used to align parts
- Cold, dry Swiss wind
- Water in the solid state
- A great play
- Atomic #45 (abbr.)
- Big shot lawyer (abbr.)

The loudest cheers: The Pink Arrow student section

by Sierra Hieshetter
contributing reporter

Pink Arrow is a time of community. It is a time for our entire town to show their support for community members who are struggling, and cheer them on through difficult parts of their lives. At the Pink Arrow game on September 13th, the home team bleachers were full of that community, cheering their loudest for the Lowell Pink Arrows.

But there was one part of the stands that was cheering the loudest, on their feet the longest, and radiating the most excitement throughout the stadium. The Lowell Pink Arrow student section was filled to the brim with enthusiastic high schoolers, all happy to be cheering for their team and their community.

Student section leaders Jenna Perry and Ezra Stadt are definitely up there with the loudest voices heard in the section. According to Perry, the student section is “a group of students who

come together to support the players...watch them do the thing that they love most.” Stadt added that, “we just try to cheer on the players so they have the mentality that their fellow students are supporting them.”

It is a powerful environment to be in, the students are all one voice, cheering on their fellow classmates and friends. It is such a positive and encouraging environment, the section can only hope their enthusiasm reaches the players on the field.

Varsity player Brennan Pawloski had an answer to those hopes. “It’s been pretty great,” he stated. “It definitely helps get people more locked in and focused on our jobs.”

The student section is one big mass of energy and support, things that the players appreciate during big games like the Pink Arrow game.

At the Pink Arrow game,



the student section was cheering for more than just their classmates. Perry stated, “we’re not only cheering for something like a game for our conference, but we’re battling something bigger than us.” The positive energy of the section was directed at the players, of course, but the support was also for the members of our community

they can all fight for. And the student section does something similar.

Perry finished our interview by saying, “The people that go to the student section, they feel included with everyone, even though they are from all different groups, we all come together cheering for the same thing.”

It doesn’t matter if they



struggling on their cancer journey. “We turn a football game into more than that and help the community. It’s not just about athletics, it’s about people, it’s about this cause that the community is fighting for,” Stadt said.

No one shows their love for Pink Arrow quite like the spectators from the students section. “It’s all about community and being united!” said senior Samantha Peterson, one of the many spectators on Friday night. “We are all cheering for the same thing.”

Pink Arrow is special because it gathers an entire community around one singular cause. It brings together so many different types of people and rallies them around something

had a bad day at school or work, when the Lowell High School students get to the stadium on Friday night, they become something bigger than themselves. It is hard to get high school students to set aside their individual hopes and desires for a greater purpose, but the student section accomplishes just that.

At the Pink Arrow game, everyone is cheering for a great cause, so everyone is cheering as loud as they can. But the loudest cheers came from the LHS student section.

The combined energies of so many students giving their all to support their community creates a positive atmosphere that everyone can appreciate.