

Climate change strike in downtown Lowell



by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

A group of climate change demonstrators gathered at the corner of Main and Hudson for two hours on Friday, Sept. 20. The group was led by Lowellian Nancy Misner, who said they were inspired by 16-year-old environmental activist Greta Thunberg.

“We’re out here because Greta from Sweden asked people to come out and talk about climate change,” Misner said. “It’s the climate strike, people are doing this

all over the world today. We’ll be out here from 11 to 1. We’ll probably do it again if she asks us to, or maybe we’ll do it anyway.”

Thunberg has participated in the school strike for climate since 2018. The strike usually takes place on Fridays in August, when, since 2015, young people across the USA, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, the Netherlands, Germany, Finland, Denmark, Japan, Switzerland and the United

Kingdom have held climate change demonstrations instead of attending their regular Friday classes. The goal of the strike is to inspire their elders, particularly politicians, to do something about climate change right now instead of selfishly enriching themselves in the short term and leaving behind a destroyed planet for the children to clean up someday.

“Our house is falling apart, and we are rapidly

running out of time, and yet basically nothing is happening,” Thunberg said in a speech at the Swedish parliament. “Everyone and everything has to change, so why waste precious time arguing about what and who needs to change first? [...] When I tell politicians to act now, the most common answer is that they can’t do anything drastic because that would be too unpopular among voters. And they are right, of course, since most

people are not even aware of why those changes are required. That is why I keep telling you to unite behind the science. Make the best available science the heart of politics and democracy.”

“You are never too small to make a difference,” Thunberg said in a speech at the UN plenary in Katowice, Poland. “And if a few children can get headlines all over the world just by not going to school, Climate change, continued, page 7



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Iteen accepts plea deal, awaits sentencing

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell resident Madalynne Iteen, a former junior varsity cheerleading coach at Lowell Area Schools, has accepted a plea deal in her child pornography case. Iteen could get a sentence of 15-30 years in prison, have to pay fees and restitution and register as a sex offender. Her sentencing is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 26.

Iteen was arrested on Friday, Feb. 15 for taking sexually explicit photos of an eight-month-old baby at her home in Lowell in July, 2018 and sending them to a person in Ontario, Canada via Snapchat.

According to court documents, Iteen chatted online with an individual who sent her videos of underage girls performing sexual acts with men. When Iteen told the person she was babysitting a baby, she was instructed to take sexually explicit images of the child. Canadian police arrested a person in a child porn investigation and were monitoring the accounts used in that case. One account received a message on Feb. 6, 2019 with links to a folder containing pornographic images of an infant. Investigators identified Iteen as the originator of the images.

Detour after road work begins on Bailey Dr.



The Kent County Road Commission will be replacing five cross tiles and performing a crush and shape of the existing road along a stretch of Bailey Dr. from Boynton Ave. to Parnell Ave. Superior Asphalt will then be applying a new asphalt surface.

The road will be closed to through traffic with a detour posted (see image). The project was scheduled to start on Monday, Sept. 23 and is scheduled for completion on Monday, Oct. 14. More information about KCRC road construction projects can be found at KentCountyRoads.net.

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Whites Bridge replica under construction after arson

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Whites Bridge, the local landmark that was burned by an arsonist six years ago, is finally under reconstruction.

According to a Sept. 11 post on the "Rebuild Whites Bridge" Facebook page, "The [two] trusses 118 feet long will be constructed laying on their side on the road. The road commission has a statutory 66-foot wide right-of-way about the center of the road and the building of the trusses will take up all of it. There is about 15 feet from the right-of-way line to the railing for the access ramp. The roadway is closed before the turnaround but the access will be along the west edge of the road. It will be a bit congested during the workday but there will be sufficient parking along the road nights and weekends."

Whites Bridge was built across the Flat River in 1869. It stood for 144 years until an arsonist burned it down on July 7, 2013. The perpetrator of this crime has never been caught. If you have any information about the fire, call the Lowell Police Department.



This pile of timber will be used to build a replica of Whites Bridge. The project is scheduled for completion in late December.



With the bridge gone, there has been no way to cross the river here anymore without a boat.



File photo of Whites Bridge before it was burned down by an arsonist on July 7, 2013.


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Story of Lowell Ledger founder Frank M. Johnson

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The first edition of the Lowell Ledger was printed 126 years ago on July 8, 1893. The Ledger's founder, Frank M. Johnson, was a lifelong newspaper man who also founded another Michigan newspaper that is still in print.

The first newspaper printed in Lowell was the four page Lowell Weekly Star, published by George S. Spafford on Sept. 12, 1860. The Weekly Star's motto was "Independent, not neutral." It didn't last very

long; it consisted mostly of advertisements, particularly for patent medicines and local businesses.

Civil War veteran Webster Morris founded the Lowell Journal on July 13, 1865. Lowell supported two newspapers for many years until that paper eventually merged with the Ledger.

Johnson's father, James S. Johnson, was a native of Vermont. Orphaned at a young age, in 1849 James traveled to California to seek his fortune in the gold rush.

A few years later, after a brief stint in Mexico, James moved to Almont, MI, in rural Lapeer County, where he worked as a farmer, in the lumber industry and sold real estate. Johnson's mother, Mary Parmlee-Johnson, was also from Vermont. She was a descendant of Gregory Stone, who immigrated to America from England on a ship called "Increase" in 1636. Mary's uncle, Oliver Parmlee, was killed by British troops on Jan. 8, 1815 during the "Battle of



Frank M. Johnson circa 1893, the year he started the Lowell Ledger. [photo courtesy Don DeJong]



The Lowell Ledger's staff in 1919. From left to right, Will Morse, Frank M. Johnson, Edith Kaufman, Frank's daughter Ruth Johnson-Parks and Lou Morse. According to the 2010 book "Images of America: Lowell" authored by Lisa Barker Plank, "The stack of papers in the background, consisting of one copy of every issue printed, was nine feet tall." [photo courtesy Lowell Area Historical Museum]

New Orleans" in the War of 1812.

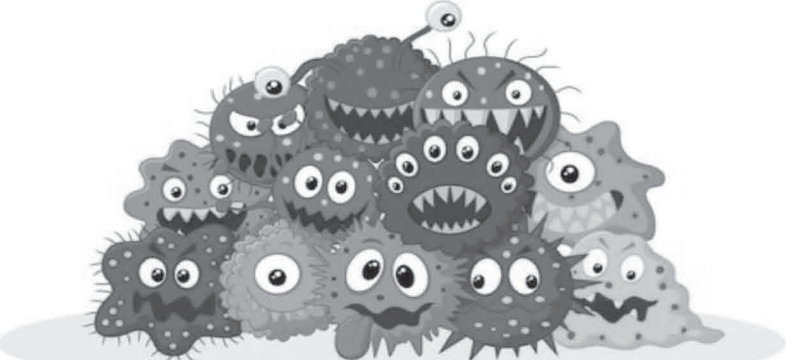
Johnson was born in Almont, MI on Dec. 8, 1860, the fourth of six children. He attended high school in Almont, MI and Flint, MI

and met his wife Myrtilla "Myrtie" Dickerson while they were high school students in Almont.

Myrtilla was born in Almont, MI on Feb. 9, 1861. She worked as a school


teacher. The couple were married on Feb. 2, 1882. The Johnsons eventually had seven children, four who survived to adulthood

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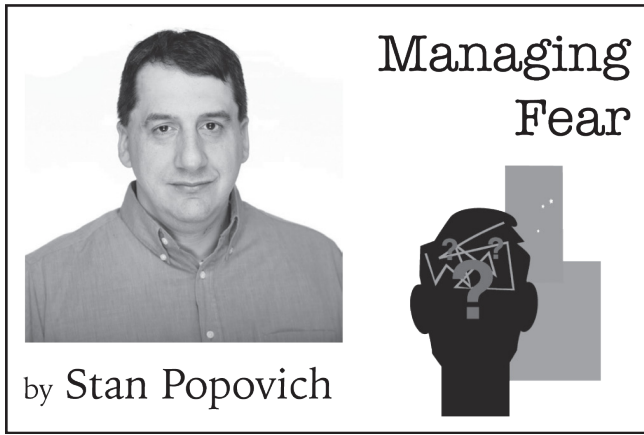
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How I Overcame The Vicious Cycle Of Worry And Fear In My Life

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As the author of a managing fear book, I struggled with fear, anxiety, and stress for over 20 years. Eventually, I was able to overcome the endless cycle of fear and anxiety. Here is a brief summary of what I did to get better.

1. I got advice from the professionals: The first thing I did was to talk to various counselors since they knew how to deal with fear and anxiety. Whenever I talked to the counselors, I would always bring a notebook and take notes so I would not forget the advice that was given to me. I then used their advice to overcome my anxiety issues.

2. I became an expert on dealing with fear and anxiety: I did everything possible to learn as much as I could in how to deal with my fears and anxiety. As a layman, I talked to professionals, read books, joined support groups, and learned from my experiences. I never stopped learning on how to handle my anxieties.

3. I surrounded myself

with helpful people: I made it a habit of surrounding myself with supportive people who understood what I was going through. During some of my anxious times, one of my good friends gave me a hard time and was not very supportive. I tried to explain my situation to him, but he would not listen. One day, I got mad and told him to leave me alone if he was to continue getting on my case. He later apologized and was more understanding.

4. I learned how to manage my fearful thoughts: The key in overcoming the cycle of worry and fear is overcoming your fearful thoughts.

Whenever I would get a negative and fearful thought, I would challenge that thought with positive statements and realistic thinking. I also made it a habit to focus on the facts of my current situation and not on my negative thoughts.

5. I was persistent: There were many times I felt like giving up because my fears and anxieties were so powerful and I didn't know what to do. I worried about what would happen and that just made my fears that much stronger. During those times, I would consult with a professional and I made it a point to learn from my experiences so that I would

be better able to handle these situations in the future.

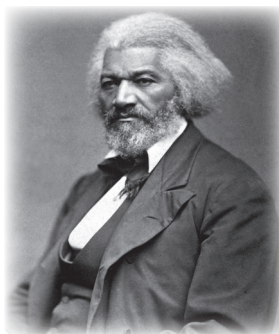
6. I did not make excuses: With a lot of practice, I became very good at dealing with my fears and anxieties. I realized that the answers to my problems were out there, however it was up to me to find those techniques that would get rid of my fears and anxieties. I realized that making excuses for not getting help wasn't going to make things any better.

7. I made the choice to get better: If you struggle with fear and anxiety there is hope, however you need to make the effort in getting better. The answers will not come to you. You have to make the effort to find the answers to overcome your situation. It will not always be easy, but you can overcome the cycle of fear and worry with hard work and a willingness to learn from your every day experiences.

Stan Popovich is the author of "A Layman's Guide to Managing Fear." For more information about Stan and to get some more free mental health advice please visit Stan's website at managingfear.com. Look for Stan's column in upcoming editions of the Lowell Buyer's Guide and News.

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56% of new cord cutters still have children under 18 in their home.⁵

54% of new cord cutters will have household income over \$75,000.⁵



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3. Being nickel and dimed with multiple fees and charges
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State Representative Thomas Albert



Legislature passes school budget, Rep. Albert warns of long-term unsustainability

Rep. Thomas Albert gave the following speech during the Sept. 19 session of the Michigan House of Representatives, explaining his position on the state's next school funding bill. The legislation, House Bill 4242, was approved by Albert and

the Legislature and is headed to the governor:

"Many among us, and throughout the great State of Michigan, will look with favor at what we have accomplished here today. In what at times seems like a constant battle of political

rhetoric, we as a Legislature have come together to find common ground. This accomplishment is both commendable and a breath of fresh air. However, I for one will not be celebrating.

As a legislative body we seem to be wholly incapable of looking at what lies beyond this budget cycle. This is not a partisan issue; however, to my unending frustration, I cannot seem to open people's eyes to the great vulnerabilities that lie ahead for school finance.

About 10 years ago there were substantial structural issues with school aid revenue. Instead of recognizing the problems and avoiding catastrophe, this Legislature ignored reality. In the infinite wisdom

of the federal government, they provided millions of dollars of temporary school funding to keep us afloat. At the end of the day, when extending and pretending was no longer an option we had to face the music.

Fortunately, or unfortunately, the crisis that ensued allowed the state to reform how we collect school revenue. Facing reality was painful in the short term, but as we can see now, at least from a revenue perspective, we are setting records. However, we are now a decade into unprecedented economic growth. I can tell you markets are cyclical, and we cannot keep this pace forever. God help us when we see an economic slowdown. The future costs

are simply going to outpace revenue growth.

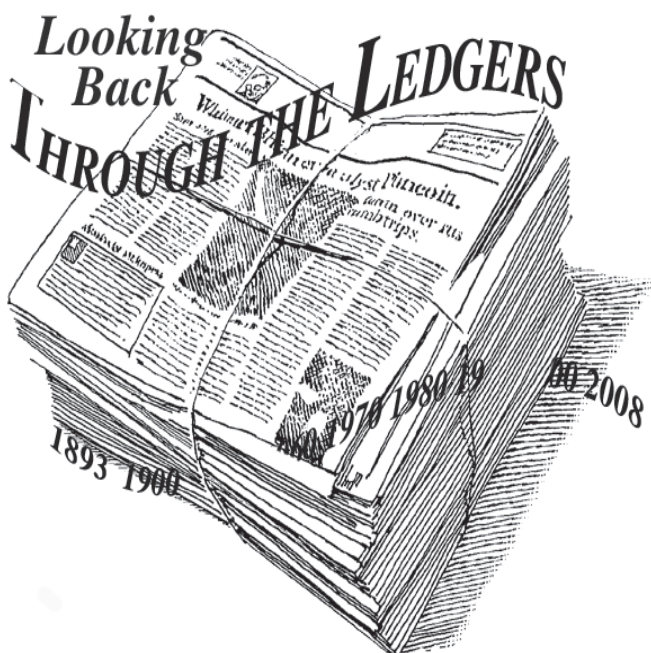
Let this be a warning to those among us who believe we will grow ourselves out of future realities. For years now I have been warning people that our horribly funded pension system is wreaking havoc. We are now spending 26 cents on every dollar of state school aid revenue on the pension system. Unfortunately, our predecessors left us with a plan that has faulty assumptions and defers payments to a later date.

One may ask what all of this means going forward. I can tell you that today it means stagnant wages for teachers. For the future, it is in my humble opinion that we will move from stagnant wages to declining wages. It also means that

structural inequities within school funding mechanisms will persist. Case in point, the statewide underfunding of special education by an estimated \$700 million. As we have seen in the past, these structural problems will persist as long as we fail to fully address them.

Others may celebrate what we have accomplished today, and it is not altogether wrong for them to do so. However, I will not celebrate because I look at what lies ahead and to me it does not merit celebration.

That being said, I will vote to support this budget because failing to provide funding for this school year would have significant and immediate negative consequences. I urge my colleagues to support House Bill 4242."



125 years ago Lowell Ledger September 29, 1894

Last Saturday night the dwelling owned by the estate of Elizabeth Fuller, deceased, was burned. The building was nearly a total loss and was undoubtedly the work of an incendiary. The fire department was quite a while in getting out but did quick work on its arrival.

Some rascals broke into J. C. Train's chicken coop, Wednesday night and cut the heads off fourteen chickens, leaving nothing but the heads to betray their visit. It is a mighty mean piece of business.

At two o'clock Monday morning the people of Lowell were roused from their slumbers by the clanging of the fire bell. Fire had been discovered in the basement of the kitchen of Train's hotel. The department did good work and confined the flames to that part of the building and Landlord Train escapes with a loss of \$600 on building and contents. The insurance on the building was adjusted the same day at \$891. No insurance on goods.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 25, 1919

Norton L. Avery, Lowell's popular photographic

artist, but recently returned from U. S. service overseas, has sold his business to J. P. Hill, of McDonough, New York, who comes highly recommended and has several years of studio experience.

During the severe electric storm Saturday the residence of E. M. Alger, of Vergennes was struck by lightning but fortunately did not catch fire. A commode standing in the corner where the lightning came in upstairs was completely destroyed.

Three Detroit and Toledo bandits held up the Grandville avenue branch of the Grand Rapids Savings bank Friday morning, took nearly \$5,500 and murdered Gerritt Streelam, a huckster and bank customer. The robbery was daring and cold blooded.

75 years The Lowell Ledger September 28, 1944

Hats off to Marie Juhl, pupil in the North Bell school, who brought to the Runciman elevator on Tuesday morning of this week, 61 bags – a whole truckload, of milkweed pods that she had picked herself.

A truck loaded with five gallon cans of honey met with a mishap on Monday morning when the driver failed to put up the tailgate and fourteen of the cans rolled out onto the pavement when the truck went over the Grand Trunk grade near the Andrew Miller home, some of the cans broke open and the others were badly damaged.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Seese received word from their son, Sgt. Orton K Seese, stating he was back in England for a rest after being very busy in France for some time. He is fine and hoping mail would reach him soon.

50 years The Lowell Ledger September 25, 1969

The alertness of a passerby and quick work by Kent County Sheriff's Deputies were credited today with the arrest of four youths just moments after they broke into Kingsland Hardware, 6804 28th Street in Cascade Township, and took off with a load of guns.

The new bridge over Flat River at the north end of Fallasburg Park is expected to be opened to traffic about November 1, Kent County Road Commission engineers said today. When completed, cost of the new bridge will be \$294,000 with the Federal Government

sharing half of the expense with the Kent County Road Commission.

Because the economy of the country was becoming almost chronically torrid and because constituents were beating hot flames decrying inflation down the combined necks of Congress, that body decided to attempt a cooling-off period. A slow-down in the economy, especially in the building trades, was one of the first targets.

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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.

The requirements are:

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Orison Abel, Judy

- jaundice in newborns

Jaundice is the word doctors use when a baby's skin or white part of the eye turns yellow. Jaundice is common in newborn babies and can happen within days of a baby's birth. Babies are usually checked for jaundice for a few days after they are born.

Jaundice happens when a baby has high levels of a substance called bilirubin in the blood. Jaundice is a sign that a doctor needs to do a blood test to check the baby's bilirubin level. Babies can have high bilirubin levels for different reasons. For example, some babies who breastfeed can get jaundiced because they do not get as much breast milk as they need. It is important that a baby gets checked for jaundice, because very high bilirubin levels can lead to brain damage. There is a specific blood test doctors can order to check for jaundice.

Jaundice causes the skin and while parts of the eye to turn yellow. It often happens first in the face, but can spread to the chest, belly, and arms. It spreads to the legs last. Sometimes, jaundice can be severe. A baby with severe jaundice can have orange-yellow skin. The baby might also be hard to wake up, have a high-pitched cry, be unhappy and keep crying, or keep bending his or her body or neck backward.

To help your baby's jaundice get better, you can make sure your baby drinks enough. If you breastfeed, make sure you breastfeed often and in the right way. If you feed your baby formula, make sure your baby drinks enough formula. The most common treatment for jaundice is light therapy. During light therapy, a doctor puts the baby under a special blue light or wraps a light blanket around him or her.

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25 years
The Lowell Ledger
September 28, 1994

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Now that residents in Eastgate Village and the new high school have water, Lowell Township will tie up its loose ends in concluding the project.

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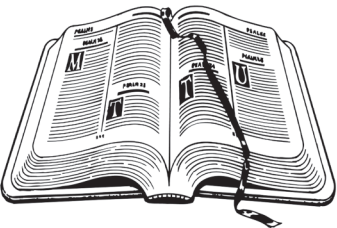
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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 19-206187-DE Estate of RAY V. SHOEN. Date of birth: 5/23/88.

TO ALL CREDITORS: September 20, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Ray Vaughn Shoen, died 8/24/2019.

Karen S. McFadden (P57043) 403 W. Main Belding, MI 48809 616-794-1220

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be

Amie Ziebold 120 Westfield Ranch La Vernia, TX 78121

Climate change, continued

then imagine what we could all do together if we really wanted to. [...] Our civilization is being sacrificed for the opportunity of a very small number of people to continue making enormous amounts of money. Our biosphere is being sacrificed so that rich people in countries like mine can live in luxury. It is the sufferings of the many which pay for the luxuries of the few. [In] the year 2078 I will celebrate my 75th birthday. If I have children, maybe they will spend that day with me. Maybe they will ask me about you. Maybe they will ask why you didn't do anything while there still was time to act. You say you love your children above all else, and yet you are stealing their future in front of their very eyes. Until you start focusing on what needs to be done rather than what is politically possible, there is no hope. We cannot solve a crisis without treating it as a crisis. We need to keep the fossil fuels in the ground and we

need to focus on equity. And if solutions within the system are so impossible to find, then maybe we should change the system itself. We have not come here to beg world leaders to care. You have ignored us in the past and you will ignore us again. We have run out of excuses and we are running out of time. We have come here to let you know that change is coming whether you like it or not. The real power belongs to the people."

This August, Thunberg traveled to the US to speak at this week's United Nations Climate Action Summit in New York City. Her 3,500 mile trip across the Atlantic Ocean on the solar-powered yacht "Malizia II" lasted 15 days. She also plans to address the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Santiago, Chile in December.

"We think that climate change is important for the children, so we're here trying to advance that," Misner said. "It may not make any difference for us, but it's going to make a difference for them."



16-year-old climate change activist Greta Thunberg addressing the UN's Climate Action Summit on Monday, Sept. 23. [NBC News photo]

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Community Cleanup Day Saturday September 28

Cleanup AND Recycling

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Kent County Fairgrounds, Lowell, MI – enter the at the Grand River boat launch and follow the signs!

You must live in the Lowell Area School District. Please present a tax bill or voter's registration card and driver's license. One trailer/pickup truck load per household. Load your items in the following order of stations below.

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There is a recycling fee for all Electronics .50 per pound - Cash Only

Hazardous Waste - Kent County DPW

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For more information on items that are not listed visit reimaginetrash.org for other recycling/disposal questions.

Nominations open for Michigan Teacher of the Year

Do you know an outstanding teacher who goes above and beyond for their students and is active in promoting the teaching profession?

Nominate them for the 2020-2021 Michigan Teacher of the Year (MTOY) program.

The Michigan Teacher of the Year program recognizes outstanding educational leaders across the state for their work to elevate the teaching profession. The Michigan Teacher of the Year program is an opportunity for communities around the state to nominate

outstanding educators so they can share their knowledge and expertise with policymakers and other educators.

“Michigan is fortunate to have teachers who dedicate themselves each day to raising up their students and elevating the educator profession,” said State Superintendent Dr. Michael F. Rice. “We want nominations that reflect racial and cultural diversity, and a wide range of classroom experiences, from which to select the next Michigan Teacher of the Year.”

Nominations can be

made using the online recommendation form between now and Sunday, October 6, 2019, at 11:59 pm. Anyone can nominate a teacher, provided the nominee meets the following requirements:

- Holds a current Michigan teaching certificate
- Has at least five years of successful teaching experience in Michigan
- Works directly with students in their current role

Teachers from all Michigan schools who meet these requirements are eligible to apply. Every

teacher eligible to apply will receive an email inviting them to complete Part A of the MTOY application process. Part A of the application process will be due by November 17, 2019.

Each completed Part A application will be reviewed by a group of educational stakeholders from among each of 10 regions across Michigan and select regional semifinalists. Those semifinalists then will complete Part B of the MTOY application. The scores assigned to applicants' respective Part B submissions will

determine the Regional Teachers of the Year (RTOYs). Each RTOY will then be interviewed by a panel of state-wide educational leaders to determine the Michigan Teacher of the Year.

Each teacher named as an RTOY will become a member of the Michigan Teacher Leadership Advisory Council (MTLAC). The MTLAC meets four times during their appointed year and provides RTOYs with an opportunity to learn more about statewide educational initiatives and provide feedback on those initiatives.

Each month, the MTOY and a RTOY attend and present at the State Board of Education meetings and, through the partnership with the Meemic Education Foundation, receive funding to support travel around the state. The MTOY is also able to attend events involving other state's Teachers of the Year.

For more information about the MTOY program, please contact program coordinator Josh Roesner at either roesnerj1@michigan.gov or (517) 335-5236.

Motorcycle crash

At 9:23 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 18, the Kent County sheriff's office, Lowell police department and Lowell fire department responded to a crash in the 2700 block of Alden Nash Ave. in Lowell Township.

A 37-year-old male

from Lowell Township was traveling on a motorcycle southbound on Alden Nash, and while passing a southbound vehicle, he crashed into a northbound 2015 Ford Edge driven by a 67-year-old male from Lowell.

The driver of the motorcycle was

pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the Ford Edge was transported to the hospital with minor injuries.

The crash remains under investigation. Contributing factors are unknown at this time. The driver of the motorcycle was wearing a helmet.

Communities fighting Social Security fraud

Older people are at a greater risk of fraud and other forms of financial exploitation. The United States Postal Service has seen an increase in mail fraud and is promoting community strength and fraud awareness as a way to prevent abuse. Social Security agrees. You can help your more vulnerable loved ones fight fraud.

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It's important that you report any and all fraud. This can only strengthen our communities and your family. You can report Social Security fraud at oig.ssa.gov/report.

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

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 19-01 BOWNE TOWNSHIP

At a regular meeting of the Bowne Township Board held on September 16, 2019 Ordinance No. 19-01 was adopted. The ordinance amended the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance. A summary of this Ordinance is as follows:

1. Section 3.02 of the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance contains regulations for accessory structures and uses; language is proposed as follows:

Define when an accessory structure is part of the principal building; amend the requirements for front yard setbacks of accessory structures in all zoning districts; amend the requirements for side and rear yard setbacks of accessory structures in all zoning districts; add a maximum lot coverage of 35% in the R-3 Urban Residential District; amend the requirements for setbacks for non-farm accessory buildings housing non-house pets.

2. Amend Section 2.34a to include the definition of Farm Building.
3. Amend Section 4.08 Schedule of Regulations to delete certain footnotes.
4. Amend Section 3.45 to include lots of ten acres or less when requesting an exception to the required width to depth ratio;
5. Amend Section 14.01 to add and delete certain special land uses.

This Ordinance shall become effective seven days after publication.

Ordinance No. 19-01 is available for review at the Bowne Township offices, 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Alto, Michigan, 49302 during normal office hours on Wednesday & Thursday from 9 AM to Noon and 1 PM to 3 PM and on Friday from 9 AM to Noon or by calling 616-868-6846.

Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk
Bowne Township

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m. Synopsis of Minutes September 9, 2019

Motions Approved:

1. Approved 3 new Fire Fighter Candidates. Micaiah Ford, Bronce Johnson and Timothy Frazier.
2. Appointed Doug Rappley (as an alternate), Cyndi Dalga, Lisa Hansen, and Larry Nyquist for a three year term ending in September 2021 as an Alternate for the Sewer Advisory Committee.
3. Approved Resolution Number 2019-018, a Resolution for Grattan Township to waive the per diem penalty for failure to notify of a transfer of property ownership with the local unit of government assessor.
4. Approved Resolution Number 2019-019 A Resolution by the Grattan Township Board to Establish a Miscellaneous User Fee for the sewer systems as amended.
5. Approved the Noordyk Maintenance Agreement for the Minolta printer.

Our next Township Meeting will be
October 7 at 7 p.m.

The approved minutes may be reviewed on our website at www.grattantownship.org

Lowell cemetery sexton Don DeJong retires after over two decades of service to the local community

by Alantha Owen
copy editor/reporter

Lowell's long-time Sexton, Don DeJong, retired at the end of August after 24 years with the city. DeJong was responsible for overseeing the grounds at Oakwood Cemetery, as well as maintaining the landscaping downtown. His dedication to perfection and attention to detail will be missed by the community. "I treated everything downtown like it was mine to take care of," said DeJong.

DeJong, who has a degree in social work, never expected to make a career of working for the city. Before arriving in Lowell, he worked with juveniles in Montana and Kansas, as well as developmentally disabled adults in Minnesota. "I came to Michigan in 1985, to work in a children's home outside of Lowell. I did that for seven years until it folded because of lack of money. There are still juvenile problems in this state, as well as every state, but the funding was always kind of tricky. I did handyman jobs for two years until my wife saw these ads in the Lowell paper for two positions with the city of Lowell. I looked at it and thought, 'I think I can do that one.' I thought it was a temp job. I never imagined that I would feel so fulfilled and so blessed to have a career digging graves." In 24 years, DeJong says that he has buried more than 900 people at Oakwood cemetery.

Of course, for DeJong, the position of sexton was much more than merely digging graves. He embraced the opportunity to work with grieving families. "I have a caretaker's heart. It just became so meaningful, the little details to honor people. Everyone who is buried up there is precious to someone. It wasn't a job, it was really a ministry, caring for individuals and doing those extra things. It's a part of our lives, the reality that we're all going to die, but the care for the place is valuable. It's important to give honor [to those who have passed]."

Over the course of his tenure, DeJong also became a local history expert. Oakwood Cemetery was established in 1872 and DeJong is credited with connecting older headstones to the history of the individuals buried there. He has written a number of books on the history of Lowell and its notable residents. He came to know the stories of everyone in the cemetery so well, he could imagine their faces while he was trimming weeds around the headstones. DeJong plans to continue his efforts to bolster the legacy of former Lowell residents through writing and has two additional books in the works. Included in these upcoming volumes will be stories of Lowell icons like Ivan Blough, Don Beachum and Bob Perry.

This past weekend, DeJong had the opportunity to share some of these stories as he led people on a tour of the cemetery sponsored by the Lowell Area Historical Museum. But to him, it's more than just a story. He reminds us that these were real people who had unique experiences. "You can't look at their lives through our prism of the twentieth century. You need to explore what it must have been like for them at that with what they knew. That makes it more intriguing. One of the stories is about a woman who came over from Europe. She only spoke German and French, she didn't speak English at all. She had read stories of the wild of America she arrived in Battle Creek at 1:00 am in a snowstorm. She arrived

at a log inn and was too afraid to go to either of the rooms. She thought it was a trap – a den of thieves would get her and she would be murdered. It's hard to imagine what she was experiencing, what she was feeling. She was 28 years old. She had left her husband, expecting him to come and one year later he died and she never saw him again. She eventually made her way up to Vergennes, where she found her brother who had arrived 18 years earlier." His empathy and compassion are evident as he tells this story, putting himself into the shoes of a young immigrant woman, "We can't imagine what that would have been like for her, not knowing the language and only having heard these stories."

In retirement, DeJong plans to devote more time

to his hobbies, including creating quotes on his antique letterpress printer. You may have seen some of his cards displayed at various businesses around town. Letterpress is a method of relief printing that DeJong learned from his grandfather, "he had two cabinets of 10 drawers each, of different size fonts." Every weekend, he tries to print three quotes to share. "They're reminders. We get busy in life and we forget."

However, his first priority as he moves into this new phase of life is his family. He has been married to his wife, Marianne, for 42 years. They have three children and six grandchildren. He is looking forward to spending more time with his family and tackling some projects at home. "I'm kind of amazed at

how much I've ignored my own property because I've spent so much time in town," he laughs. "I've got lots of to-dos of my own. It's been good to make this adjustment, it really has."

One thing is for sure, DeJong has absolutely no intentions of slowing down, "I'm a worker bee," he laughs. "It's how God wired me." While he is excited about having more time to do the things he enjoys, he will certainly miss serving as sexton. "It wasn't a job, it was something I enjoyed. I never saw it coming. I couldn't have scripted it. I wouldn't have known. And that's the way it is sometimes in life and jobs. I'll miss the opportunities that I had, especially touching families. I'm just grateful -- really, really grateful."

After 24 years of hard work for the City of Lowell...

Don DeJong is retiring

Time to Celebrate

October 1st, 4:00 – 6:30 PM
Lowell Area Chamber-Commerce
113 Riverwalk Plz, Lowell





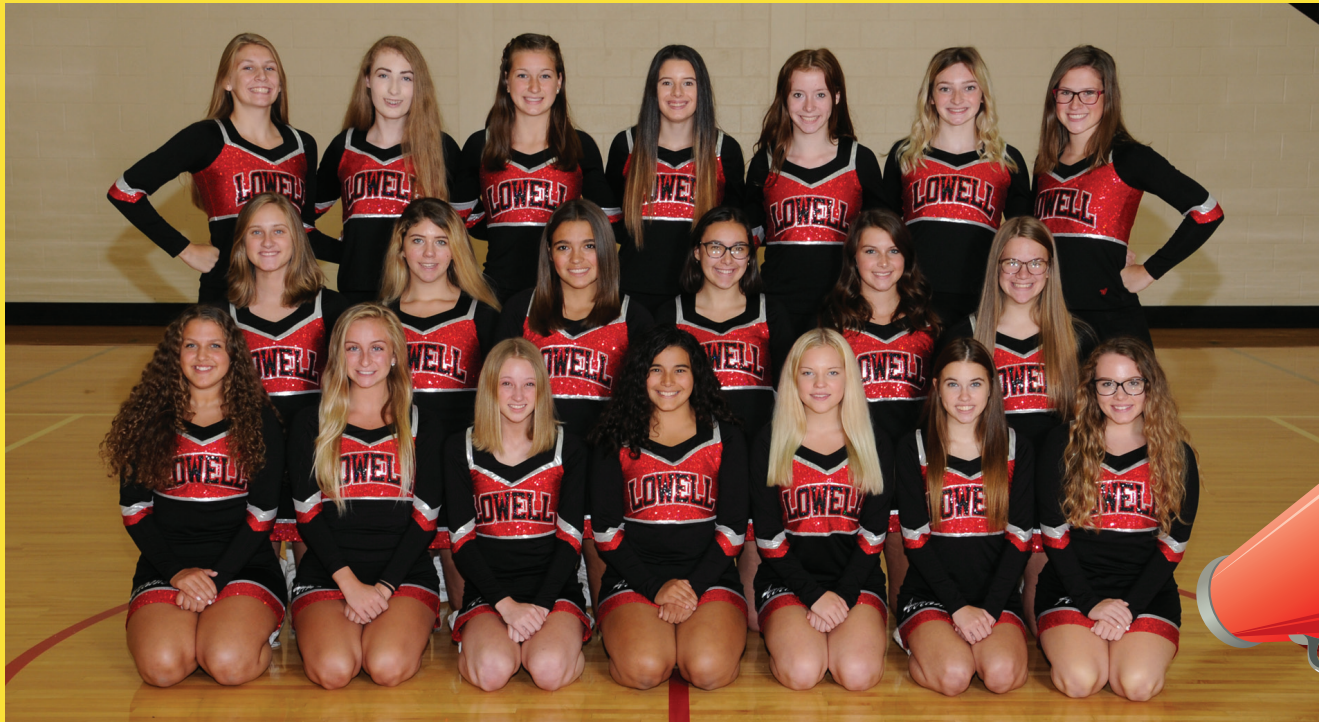
LHS VARSITY FALL SPORTS TEAMS

FOOTBALL



Raven Jake Adamczak, Anderson Anschutz, Joshua Beke, Ricky Braman Jr., Zachary Cardis, Cameron Cheney, Nathaniel Clark, Doak Dean, Caden Engle, Landon Grant, Zander Hamilton, Cole Huisman, Jacob Kanoza, Kenneth Kropf, Keegan Laux, Jacob Lee, Samuel Lixie, Grant Lupton, Grady McDonald, Keegan Nugent, Cameron Parker, Brennan Pawloski, Cameron Pawloski, Grant Pratt, Joshua Rau, Carter Sherman, Cade Solomonson, Brett Spanbauer, Isaiah Speelman, Donald Staley, Matthew Stephens, Zachary Treadwell, Justin Wade, Zachary White.

CHEERLEADING



Neely Bardwell, Delaney Beimers, Ashlyn Fryers, lyleighsha Hopkins, Sydney Hults, Nora Jannenga, Sophia Katsul, Mikayla Keller, Kara Korcek, Phoebe Looman, Alyssa Miles, Olivia Outman, Lexi Reedy, Skyler Ripmaster, Izabel Rutz, ShiLeigh Shepard, Shi Steinberg, Kayla Vanoosten, Olivia Winn, Faith Worsley.



TENNIS

Patrick De Voest, William De Voest, Richard Del Rosario, Miles Droski, Winton Garrelts, Collier Kaufman, Aidan Kelley, Alexander Kleinedler, Connor Kleinedler, Ty Knottnerus, Tyler Spinella, Terrick Stewart.



VOLLEYBALL

Lexi Barry-Coulier, Ryleigh Blough, Emma Hall, Kambry Kloosterman, Meghan Meyer, Aubriegh Oswald, Sophia Powell, Jenna Reitsma, Emily Struckmeyer, Matelyn Torline, Sydney Zandstra.





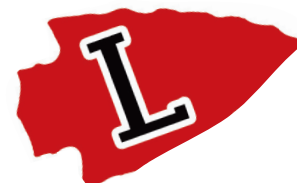
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BOYS

CROSS COUNTRY

Brandon Baker, Landon Battle, Blake Bennett, Benjamin Bromley, Keegan Cater, Lucas Cossar, Jackson Fowler, Sawyer Fowler, Caeden Kaufman, Benjamin Kinnucan, Evan Klein, William Kuhns, John Lothian, Nigel Mika, Levi Mills, Dominik Peplinski, Rhys Sandman, Dannon Simmet, Austin Smith, Hunter Stepanovich, Noah Sternisha, Caleb Swart, Zachary Swart, Alexander Weber, Cole Weston, Luke Wolters.



GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Kaylee Byrne, Liva Clausen, Audrey Conrad, Clara Eriksson, Anna Gaskin, Alexis Haines, Jaymie Johnson, Theresa Judd, Canaan McKinney, Annika Sandman, Katrina Sandman, Keira Sandman, Autumn Serylo, Sara Simoes, Lauren Swain.



GOLF

Lauren Booth, Addison Bruwer, Mary Buechler, Caroline Cooper, Olivia DeCator, Kathryn Hock, Emma Hollern, Tressa Huizinga, Alexis Kapcia, Mya Kaywood, Graysen Nauta, Amiya Schaefer, Sydney Spanbauer.



SOCCER

Aaron Bomia, Carlos Campos, Victor Carpio Barillas, Bernie Diekevers, Rohan Dixon, Brett Evink, Evan Groeneweg, Braiden Hamilton, Gavin Kelly, Ethan LaMore, Chase L e v e r e n c e , Ben Mika, Ian O' Strander, Nathan Ryan, Nolan Smith, Ezra Stadt, Sebastian Szymanski, Benjamin Thompson, Justin Wade, Jaden Young.



Red Arrow

- CHEER

SPORTS

Sideline cheer leaving a legacy

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

On the sidelines during football games, you'll find a talented group of cheerleaders this season. The Lowell varsity sideline cheerleading team has 10 seniors which make up half the team. Their leadership has been a big part of the program over the last four years. "Since most of our seniors started with us at the beginning of high school, I have been able

to see the progress they have made with the culture of our program and the progress within themselves as athletes, students, and young adults," varsity head coach Dayna Crumback said.

One thing going well for Lowell cheerleading is their youth program, which has the coaches excited for the future. The program currently has 103 participants, and the

program is working hard to blend the youth program with the high school program.

"Varsity assistant coach, Michele Schilling, runs the youth program and is incredible at it. Our varsity team, youth parents, and some of our alumni help support the program by coaching all of our different levels. We wouldn't be where we are today without Coach Michele Schilling," added Coach Crumback.

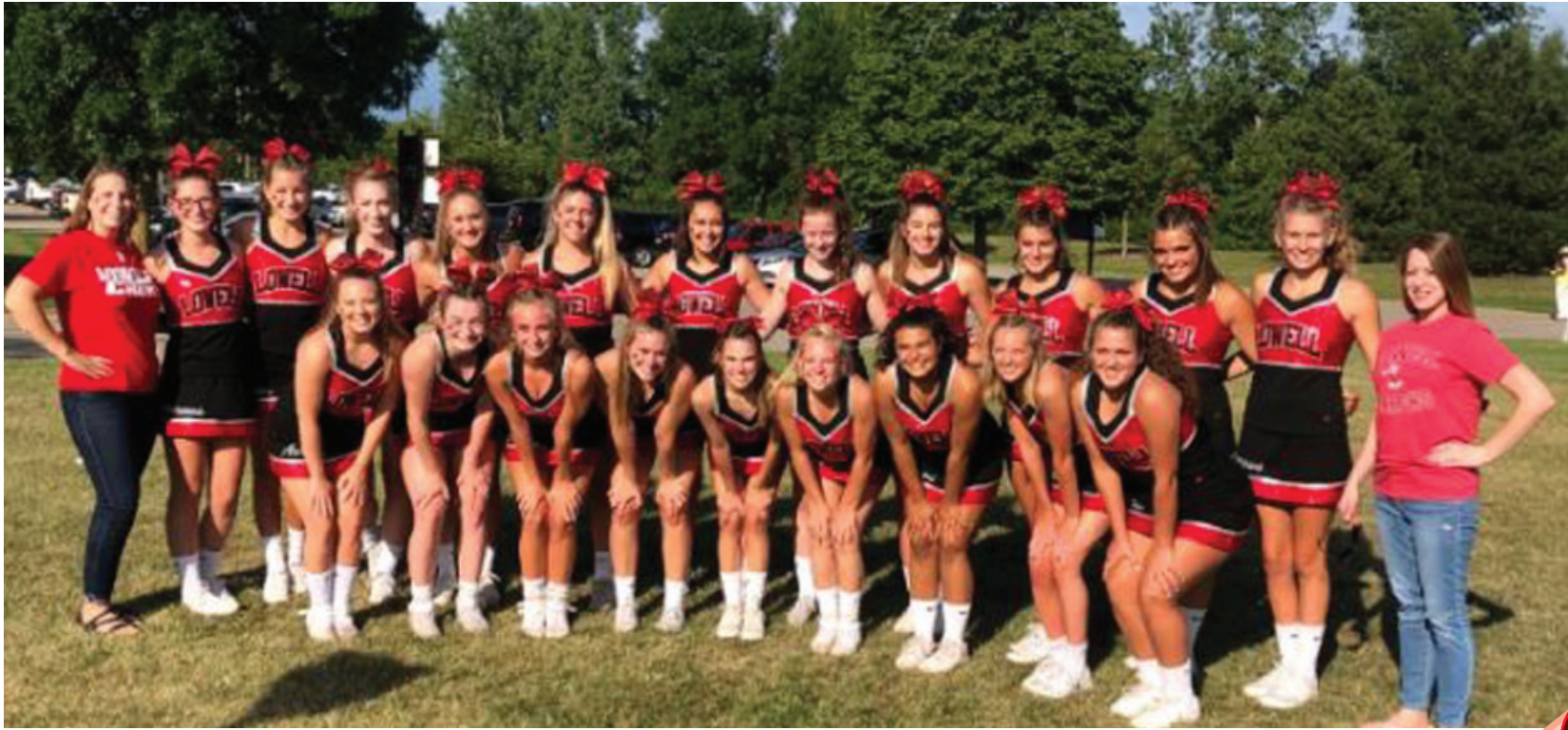
The youth program success has already made an impact on the high school teams. "It's really awesome to have athletes coming up to the high school already knowing the chants, fight song, and stunting techniques." During last week's varsity football game, the youth cheerleaders were able to join their high school counterparts by leading the crowd in chants on the sideline.

The cheerleading program has been busy this year. The team has been out cheering on not only football, but cross-country as well. They decorated the school lockers with signs as well as put up banners throughout the school. Certainly one of the more fun sports teams on social media, the cheerleading team has also hosted themed practices, honored their seniors

each Sunday through a #SeniorSunday series, and they've performed at the West Michigan Whitecaps minor league baseball game back on August 14th. Their varsity theme this season is "Arrow Legacy", an homage to the successful last few years of Red Arrow cheer.

The 10 seniors have been a big part of the Lowell program's growth in the last four years. "These seniors will be leaving behind their legacy as our program has blossomed into what coaches dream about with their help and determination. Thank you, seniors, for paving the way for future Red Arrow cheerleaders," added Coach Crumback. This year's seniors are Alyssa Miles, Kara Korcek, Kayla VanOosten, Phoebe Looman, Neely Bardwell, Lyleighsha Hopkins, Shi Steinberg, ShiLeigh Shepard, Lexi Reedy, and Sophia Katsul.

Coach Crumback spoke highly of the underclassmen on this year's team as well. "The level of talent from our underclassmen is incredible, and there will



The Lowell Cheer team before their performance at The West Michigan Whitecaps game on August 14.

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Go Red Arrows

Lowell football hangs tough with Dux

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

A challenging non-conference schedule continued for the Lowell Red Arrows varsity football team as Zeeland West came into town last Friday. The Dux brought in their powerful Wing-T offense and an unbeaten record on the season. They have become a well-known area power over the last decade amassing a 137-32 record since their first season in 2005. For comparison, Lowell is 137-36 in that same span.

Zeeland West started the game strong going up 16-0. The Red Arrow defense held Zeeland West off for much of the game, but lengthy run plays would help the Dux out of several lengthy third-down situations.

The Red Arrow offense responded after going down. Lowell dug into their

bag of tricks with Cade Solomonson taking a hand-off, then throwing a 34-yard pass to Sam Lixie. LHS scored moments later as Andy Anschutz ran the ball for 21 yards around the left side diving over the pylon to get the Arrows on the board. Anschutz also had 71 receiving yards on the day for the Lowell offense.

Late in the second quarter, Anschutz struck again with a big play returning a kickoff down to the 42-yard line. Brett Spanbauer would score on a quarterback keeper to finish off the scoring drive. It was 24-12 in favor of the Dux entering halftime. Two-point conversions played a significant part in the game as Zeeland West made all three of theirs in the first half and Lowell failed to convert theirs. While the Dux had three touchdowns to Lowell's two, the two-

point conversion swing made it a two-score game.

The Dux and Red Arrows would continue

to trade scores in the third quarter. Zeeland West scored first, then Nate Clark would be on the

receiving end of Spanbauer midway through the third quarter. Lowell closed the Zeeland West gap to 32-

19. The gap would again be extended to 40-19 in the fourth quarter, but the Red

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Coach Henige and staff have the Red Arrows playing good football.

Red Arrow

- SOCCER

SPORTS

Soccer team gives third-ranked FHN a battle

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

The Red Arrow soccer team turned in a gem of a performance, but was not able to overcome a talented Huskies soccer team. Lowell fell to the team ranked third in the state, FHN by a score of 2-1 last week. In the loss Nate Ryan recorded the LHS goal, assisted by Rohan Dixon.

Last week, the team also picked up a 1-0 away victory over Northview.

Nate Ryan scored the game-winner assisted by Victor Carpio-Barillas. Sebastian Szymanski earned the clean sheet in goal. LHS hosted Ottawa Hills on Tuesday, travel to Greenville on Thursday, Sept. 26, and have a rare Saturday game at noon at Caledonia, Sept. 28. Next Tuesday, Oct. 1 is senior night at home against Cedar Springs. The Arrows are 7-4-1 on the season.



Victor Carpio-Barillas assisted the game-winning goal for Lowell soccer over Northview.

Lady harriers finish the week strong

The lady Arrows took advantage of their number one runner then mixed in some key places to grab a third-place finish at the second OK White Jamboree hosted by Cedar Springs.

Audrey Conrad took 7th in 21:02 which was 10 places ahead of Cedar Springs' first runner. Lauren Swain and Canaan McKinney finished in 32nd with 23:27 and 33rd with 23:27 respectively to keep the Arrows in the lead.

Closing out the scoring

for the Arrows was Alexis Haines in 27th and Annika Sandman in 30th.

Final team scores were FHC, 31; FHN, 32, Lowell, 105, Cedar Springs, 107; Northview, 125; Greenville, 154.

On Saturday the team hosted the Bob Perry Memorial Invitational. The lady harriers used the six-person tie-break to grab the runner-up trophy from Olivet. Hamilton won the meet with 32 points, but on

paper the top three teams were separated by less than 10 points.

Audrey Conrad was the first Arrow to finish, as she captured fourth overall with a time of 21.50. Annika Sandman placed 13th with 24.11 and Alexis Haines earned 14th with 24.17. A group of four rounded out the scoring as Clara Eriksson, 24.52; McKinney, 25.04; Swain, 25.23 and Theresa Judd, 25.36 took 16th through 19th place.

In the JV race, Lowell captured four medals with Katrina Sandman placing third, Keira Sandman placing fourth, Kaylee Byrne placing 12th and Liva Clausen placing 14th.

The team's next event is Saturday, Sept. 28 at the Allendale Falcon Invitational.

DeVoest has great week for Lowell tennis

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

The Lowell varsity tennis team picked up a rare point off state tennis power Forest Hills Northern thanks to Will DeVoest's 6-0, 6-1 win at third singles. The last point earned by Lowell in a dual meet with FHN was in the 2006-2007 season. The Red Arrows lost by a score of 1-7.

DeVoest continued his excellent week by taking first at third singles in the Sailor Invitational

hosted by Grand Rapids South Christian. His points helped Lowell finish fourth overall in the tournament. Miles Droski, Ty Knottnerus, and Collier Kaufman all went 2-1 in their singles matches. The doubles team of Terrick Stewart and Patrick DeVoest also went 2-1 at second doubles to take third.

The team hosts Northview on Monday, Sept. 30, play begins at 4:15 pm.

Football, continued

Arrows battled to the end. An 87-yard touchdown run by Doak Dean brought the team within two scores with under 2:00 to play. Lowell fell 40-26.

There were plenty of positives to take from the performance for LHS which included 12 first downs and 317 yards of offense. Lowell was able to keep it

close with one of the top teams in West Michigan. Lowell's only loss on the season prior to last week was to Rockford, also a very strong team. Spanbauer had a productive day leading

a balanced offense which included being 11 of 14 passing. Justin Wade also made both of his extra point attempts.

Things get a little easier for the Red Arrows in the

coming weeks. They travel to Forest Hills Northern this Friday, Sept. 27 and host Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills on October 4. Both FHN and Ottawa Hills sit at 1-3 on the season.



Cade Solomonson takes the ball down the field

The Arrows travel to Forest Hills Northern this Fri., Sept. 27. The action starts at 7 pm. The team hosts Ottawa Hills on Oct. 4 which is homecoming



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

Red Arrow

- CROSS COUNTRY

SPORTS

Boys win the Bob Perry Memorial Invite

The Lowell boys cross-country team placed third last Wednesday in the second OK White Jamboree. Host Cedar Springs won the competition with 29 points followed by Forest Hills Norther with 65 and Lowell at 65. Lowell lost the sixth man tie-break with FHN.

Scoring for the Red Arrows were Caleb Swart, third with a time of 16.46; Lucas Cossar, 13th with a time of 17.22; Cole Weston, 16th with 17.27; Ben Kinnucan, 17th with 17.30 and Sawyer Fowler, 20th with 17.42. Wrapping up the varsity places were Keegan Cater, 24th with 17.59 and Nigel Mika, 27th with 18.04.

On Saturday the team

hosted the Bob Perry Memorial Invite. Lowell defended their home course by capturing first place, with 20 points. Hamilton placed second with 59 points and Black River Prep followed with 100 points.

Medaling for the Red Arrows were Swart who earned second place with a time of 17.44; Kinnucan, third with 18.08; Weston, fourth with 18.11; Sawyer Fowler, fifth with 18.25; Cater, sixth with 18.30; Lucas Cossar, seventh with 18.48 and Mika, ninth with 18.55.

The JB boys turned in a fine performance as well with 18 Red Arrows medaling in the race.

winning the race with

Jackson Fowler with a time of 19.33 followed by Blake Bennett, with second place, Ben Bromley in third, Zach Swart in fourth, Levi Mills in fifth, Dannon Simmet seventh, Alex Weber eighth, Caeden Kaufman, ninth, Evan Klein, 10th, Luke Wolters, 11th, Brandon Baker, 12th, Dominik Peplinski 13th and Hunter Steponavich 14th.

The harriers travel on Saturday, Sept. 28 to compete in the Allendale Invite.



Cheerleading, continued

be more to come as our youth athletes come into the high school program." The underclassmen on this year's varsity sideline cheer

team are juniors Sydney Hults, Mikayla Keller, Delaney Beimers, Skyler Ripmaster, Ashlyn Fryers, Faith Worsley, Olivia Winn,

Nora Jannenga, Izabel Rutz, as well as sophomore Olivia Outman.



Seniors top row left to right: Alyssa Miles, Kara Korcek, Kayla VanOosten, Phoebe Looman, Neely Bardwell, Lyleighsha Hopkins. Bottom row left to right: Shi Steinberg, ShiLeigh Shepard, Lexi Reedy and Sophia Katsul.

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**



Beautiful day for the Alto Harvest Festival last Saturday



NOTICE
BOWNE TOWNSHIP

THE PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST OF THE ELECTRONIC TABULATOR EQUIPMENT WILL BE HELD ON

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2019
 AT 9:00 A.M.

FOR **SPECIAL ELECTIONS**
 NOVEMBER 5, 2019
 CALEDONIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS &
 THORNAPPLE KELLOGG SCHOOLS

BOWNE TWP. HISTORIC HALL
 8240 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
 ALTO, MICHIGAN 49302


SANDRA L. KOWALCZYK
 BOWNE TOWNSHIP CLERK

CITY OF LOWELL
KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Notice of Ordinance Adoption

At their regular meeting on September 16, 2019, the Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance #19-05, which approved a request to rezone 219 High Street (PPN 41-20-02-260-003) to the Planned Unit Development (PUD) district, and approved a preliminary Planned Unit Development plan for Unity School Investors, LLC. This Ordinance was adopted after receiving a recommendation from the Planning Commission and conducting a public hearing on September 2, 2019. Rezoning of 219 High Street is expressly subject to the conditions and regulations of Ordinance #19-05 and applicable provisions of the City of Lowell Zoning Ordinance.

Copies of Ordinance #19-05 and the proposed PUD plan can be viewed at Lowell City Hall during regular business hours. This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after publication in the *Lowell Ledger*, a newspaper of general circulation in the City.

 Susan Ullery
 Lowell City Clerk

CHARTER TOWNSHIP
OF LOWELL
KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO INCREASE THE STREETLIGHT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT RATE MORE THAN 10%

PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of Lowell Charter Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 21, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall located at 2910 Alden Nash SE, Lowell, Michigan 49331 to review the Eastgate Streetlight Special Assessment beginning in 2019 and to authorize an increase from \$23 per parcel, per year to \$36 per parcel, per year which is more than the 10% increase allowed without notice. The Township Board will hear and consider any written comments or objections thereto.

See the agenda @ www.twp.lowell.mi.us

Ronda Benedict
 Treasurer

obituaries

GLEASON

Janet Eleanor (Scorza) Gleason went to be with the Lord Jesus she loved on Friday, September 20, 2019 at her home in Lowell, Michigan at the age of 92. She departed this life quietly in her sleep and woke up in the presence of the Lord she so looked forward to seeing. Janet was born in Chicago, Illinois on July 11, 1927 the sixth child of Anton and Emilia (Gardella) Scorza. She graduated from Marshall High School in Chicago at age 17 and married Rev. Clare W. Gleason in August of 1945 as he was completing duty in the U.S. Navy near the end of WWII. She skillfully served with her late pastor/husband as pianist, organist, vocal musician and teacher and then after his departure for many more years. She was preceded in her departure from this life by husband, parents, four brothers (Philip, Robert, Arnold and Erving Scorza) and three sisters (Elaine, Lydia, Bernice Beiber), three sons (Matthew, Victor, John) and one daughter (Ruth Ann). Janet is survived by one sister: Ruth Petersen of Orland Park, Il., six sons: Richard (Pat) of Colorado Springs, Co., Clare (Bill) Jr (Carole) of Lowell, MI., Paul (Cathy) of Grand Blanc, MI., Daniel (Laurel) of Phoenix, AZ., David of Paulden, AZ., Philip (Shannon) of Charlotte, NC; and four daughters: Patricia (Nick) Bitakis of Chicago, IL., Katheryn (Mike) McGee of Buena Park, CA., Carole Summers of Poplar Bluff, MO., and Lydia Stone of Livonia, MI, 52 grandchildren and many more great-grandchildren and wider extended family.



Janet is best known among family and friends as one who loved and skillfully blessed their lives with music and used it as a means of communicating Jesus and His love for them. Besides receiving a spiritual/musical legacy from her own family, she also gave a wonderful spiritual and musical legacy to her own family and others she impacted. She will be missed by those who knew her, but her legacy will live on and continue to impact many with the good news that God loves us and made a way to save us from sin through the Lord Jesus Christ. Her funeral will be held in Kinross, Michigan on September 28, 2019 at Fundamental Baptist Church, 3255 West M-80 at 11:00 a.m. with viewing 1 hour before, with Pastor Tim Rader officiating. Burial will be at Bethel Cemetery, Pickford, Michigan. Memorials/contributions may be made to Fundamental Baptist Church to further the good news of Jesus Christ whom she loved.



JOHNSON

Warren Karl Johnson, age 72 of Lowell, died as he lived, quietly and gently passing into the arms of his Savior. He was born May 1, 1947 in Ludington, MI to Erving and Ruth Johnson. Warren was preceded in death by his brother, Morris; and great-grandson, Kaladin. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Elizabeth Barker Johnson; brother, Erving (Katherine) Johnson; sister, Donna Cinko; sisters-in-law, Diane Hamstra, Debra Bartman; brothers-in-law, Jeffrey (Mary) Barker, Steven (Janet) Barker; children, Scott (Brooke) Johnson, Jodi (Ed) Mohr, Jeff (Regan) Johnson, Joshua (Laura) Andrews, Jennifer (Mark) Thrash, Jonathan (Jenn) Andrews, Todd Johnson; 18 grandchildren and spouses; and 5 great-grandchildren. He invested in the lives of his wife, Elizabeth, his children, and grandchildren, as well as the lives of countless kids through Awana Clubs as Mr. J and helped many others through 20 gallons of blood he had donated. He was an employee for the City of Grand Rapids for 35 years. Visitation was Monday, September 23, 2019 from 2-4:00 pm and 6-8:00 pm at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331. Funeral services were held 11:00 am Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at Alton Bible Church, 2780 Lincoln Lake Ave. NE, Lowell, MI 49331, Rev. Ken Ford officiating. Memorial Contributions can be made to Alton Bible Church, 2780 Lincoln Lake Ave. NE, Lowell, MI 49331.



KOSTER

Scott Anthony Koster (Lowell, MI, age 37) was born January 20, 1982 and passed away September 18, 2019 from injuries sustained from a motorcycle accident. He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Anita J. Hanshue; grandfather, Frederick C. Griffeth; grandparents, Marsha & Fred Koster; and uncle Fred Koster. He is survived by his mother, Paula (Doug Burkholder) Griffeth; father, Mike (Roxanne) Koster; brother, Matthew (Robyn Sawyer) Koster; his 2 children, daughter Shane Koster, son Wyatt Koster; and



many loving aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Scott graduated from Lowell High School in 2000 and served in the US Navy from 2001 to 2005, where he served as an Operations Specialist on the U.S.S. Mahan. At the time of his honorable discharge, he was a Petty Officer Second Class, Rank E5. Scott had the most genuine heart, a captivating and magnetic personality. With his generous acts of love and kindness to others, he was considered a guiding light to all that knew him. Scott was a loving father, brother, son and friend. He will be dearly missed by all. Visitation was Sunday, September 22, 2019 at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Funeral services following at 2:00 pm with Rev. Mike Zandstra officiating. Interment at Fort Custer National Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made out to Paula Griffeth to help with funeral expenses.



STERLY

Sally Sterly, loving mother and friend to all passed away on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at the age of 70. She was born on December 28, 1948 in Petoskey, MI to Lewis & Evelyn (Delavergne) Morris. Sally received her teaching degree from Central Michigan University in 1971 and then obtained a master's in education from Michigan State University in 1987. She taught in the Lowell area schools district for 23 years. Sally is the mother of two daughters, Tara (Chad) Geldersma of Howard City, MI, and Lea (Brad) Hileman of Grand Rapids, MI. She had a passion for sewing, dancing, traveling with friends and meeting new people. Sally enjoyed winters in Florida and Texas and summers in Michigan, especially in Harbor Springs. She loved spending time with her 6 grandchildren; Alyssa, Bailey, Damion, Autumn, Eleanor and Eli. Sally was especially pleased to be a great-grandmother to Braxton. She loved teaching and was known for her quick wit, infectious smile and her kind and generous spirit. Sally was preceded in death by her father, Lewis; mother, Evelyn; and brother, Robert. She is survived by her 2 children, Tara and Lea; her brothers, Bill (Kim) Morris, Terry (Karen) Morris; her many grandchildren; and several cousins, nephews and a niece. A funeral service will be held on Friday, September 27, 2019 at the United Methodist Church, 621 E Main St, Lowell, MI 49331 at 11:00 am with visitation one hour prior. Rev. Brad Brillhart officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 129 Jefferson SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49331 or donate books to Lowell Area Schools.



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sales

GARAGE SALE - Sept. 28, 9 - 5 & Sept. 29, 2-6 pm. 6820 McCords, Alto. Misc. household, smoker, furniture, snowblower & more!

BISHOP/WIELAND GARAGE SALE - Fri. & Sat., Sept. 27 & 28, 9-5 pm. 7436 Heather Lane, Saranac. Gas fireplace, light fixtures, punching bag, clothes some NWT, shoes, toys, bedding, pillows, home decor, kitchen items, furniture - indoor/outdoor, mirrors.

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PRICELESS STORAGE - Indoor/outdoor. New Units on Alden Nash, 1 mile South of I96. Call for specials 558-2900. TFN

HALL FOR RENT - Lowell Veteran's Center, 3116 Alden Nash. Newly remodeled, smoke-free, private, great location & great rate! www.VFW8303.org. All Vets Coffee Hour the 3rd Thursday of each month at Keiser's. Bring a friend. Call John at 299-0486 or 897-8303. TFN EDW

STORAGE SPACE FOR RENT - Indoor with cement floor & large overhead door. Could store boat or medium sized trailer. Call 616-897-5898.

WHISTLE STOP MINI STORAGE - 12661 Vergennes, N. of Lowell. Fenced lighted, key code entry. 897-8872.

help wanted

HELP NEEDED WITH HOUSEWORK - excellent references required. \$12 per hour. Call 616-676-0760.

LOOKING FOR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS - to deliver the Grand Rapids Press, 3 days per week, potential \$500 sign-on bonus. Must have reliable transportation, Michigan drivers license and car insurance. Please call John at 616-222-9060.

HELP WANTED - must have landscape & mowing experience, have a valid drivers license & good driving record. Self-motivated & loyal. If you're stuck behind a foreman that just won't give you a break or feels intimidated with your talents come get in on the ground floor to a business looking for a couple of key people. \$12-\$20 available depending on experience. Contact Phil Traver at 616-862-5736.

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services

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POWERWASHING - dirt, mildew, washed away. Call Jim today, 915-1745.

NOREEN K. MYERS, ATTORNEY AT LAW - Compassionate, experienced, effective legal representation. Specialties include: wills & trusts, work related injuries, employment discrimination. 307 E. Main, Lowell, 897-5460.

SNOW PLOW SERVICE - Lowell, Saranac, Alto area. 28 years experience. 10% discount for early signup. Please call 616-808-0276.

services

WORK WANTED - Double D's Bucket Van & Handyman Service. 40' bucket, tree trimming & removal, gutters, window washing, power washing, buildings, barns, homes, decks, etc. Insured. Call Dave Delinsky, 616-212-3008. Free estimates.

HANDY REPAIR SERVICE - All kinds of service work: locks rekeyed, deadbolts installed, screen & window repair. Call Bob Ford, 299-3198. TFN

NEED A DUMPSTER? - Dumpster rental, 10-20 yards. Mention this ad for \$10 to \$20 off. Call or text Doug for estimates at 616-295-6640. TFN

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services

IN THE MARKET FOR THE SERVICES OF A REAL ESTATE AGENT? - Check out Rogers Real Estate, Dale Rogers. Lifelong Lowell resident. Call 616-915-6327, or check out the website at RogersRealEstateGroup.com

TWO BROTHERS AUTO SERVICE - 30 years experience, state certified, licensed & insured. Open Mon - Fri. 8 am - 5 pm. 5400 Ivan Road, Saranac, call for a quote on auto repairs - 642-9180.

SCANNING SERVICE - Do you need something scanned & emailed? The Buyers Guide/Lowell Ledger now offers this service! Mon. - Thurs., 8 - 5 p.m. & Fri., 8-noon. Ph. 897-9555 with any questions.

Community Calendar

September

AND ONGOING EVENTS

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

FAMILY STORY TIME - Now - Nov. 7. Read & sing together. Enjoy stories, music, movement & rhymes that develop early literacy skills and encourage everyone in the family to share their love of reading. For children ages 6 & younger with a caregiver. Siblings are welcome to attend as well. Thursdays at 10 am. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

MAHJONG AT THE LIBRARY - Now - Nov. 29. Join us on Friday afternoons for American Mahjong; a game of skill, strategy & calculation. All skill levels welcome. Bring your own mahjong set or borrow ours. Forteens & adults. Fridays at 1 pm. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

FAMILY YOGA - Now - Nov. 30. Family yoga is an all-ages activity with a focus on the benefits of mindfulness. Together we will engage in fun poses, learn how to breathe, be creative with yoga activities/games and relax. Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 30 minutes prior to the program. For ages 3 and up. Saturdays at 11 am. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

MINECRAFT CLUB - Oct. 7 & Nov. 4. Get your Minecraft fix & show off your world-building skills. The library has a limited number of computers & licenses for Minecraft. First come, first served. No registration required. If you are able, bring a laptop with Wi-Fi capabilities & Minecraft installed

& join us! For ages 6 & older. Mondays at 4:30 pm. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

SENSORY TODDLER TIME - Now - Nov. 12. Nurture your toddler's love of books through music, movement & stories while helping to develop their language, motor & social skills. For children ages 3 & younger with a caregiver. Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

TECH SAVVY SENIORS - Oct. 9 & Nov. 13 at 6:30 pm. For older people in a digital world, it's easy to become overwhelmed or feel intimidated by all the new technology around us. Join us to discuss current tech topics & gain the skills & confidence to access information & services online. For adults. No registration required. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

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

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

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

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

ART LAB - Third Tuesday of the month from 4-6 pm. A monthly art

exploration with a different theme each month for ages 5 and up. Clarksville Area Library, 165 N. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WITTENBACH WEGE CENTER - 11715 Vergennes, Lowell. Trails are open dusk to dawn, 365 days a year.

STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTION? - Lowell Serenity Club is available for all in need of relief and hope. LSC offers 12 step meetings, 365 days a year. Meetings daily 8-9 pm, Mon. - Fri. 12-1 pm, Tues. & Fri. 4:30-5:30 pm and Sat. & Sun. 10-11 am. 101 E. Main St., Lowell, 616-550-6688.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT

GROUP - A monthly support group for those diagnosed with breast cancer to learn and share together. We will meet the first Tuesday of every month from 6-7:30 pm. Gilda's Club, Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

FREE MOVIE NIGHT - Second Monday of each month, 5:30 p.m. Free movie & popcorn at Alvah N. Belding Library, 302 E. Main St., Belding. 616-794-1450.

FRIENDS OF THE FRED MEIJER RIVER VALLEY RAIL-TRAIL - Meets second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Pere Marquette depot, 100 Depot St., Belding. Meetings are broadcast on Google hangouts. FMRVRT.org/Facebook: FMRVRT

TECH SESSIONS - 2 - 4 pm by appointment on Thursdays. One-on-one assistance with basic computer, tablets, smart phones, downloadable library material, etc. Please call to schedule an appointment, Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

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

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

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

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FUN PAGE

SUDOKO

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				4				9	
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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!

Puzzle solutions on page 12

NEWSPRINT WORD SEARCH

L P L B V E E D I T O R O B G I U P V P
 E N U U R T V M A S T H E A D I B R V B
 R O F B P O Y I U E L C D F S C A G T M
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 V S O C E T X A C H N H R Y X M L D E C
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 T C B E C E U E N D B S R I C A P A T L
 I F V D O H A C O P E O T I G O Y D U E
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 A M E E E A C D E E D B T X S Y L I E U
 V T P U R X S N R E H B Y L I N E N L G
 O S D B I H T H C U T L I N E O I E D C

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

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| NEWSPRINT
WORD SEARCH | BROADSHEET
BULLET
BYLINE | EDITION
EDITOR
EXTRA | PUBLICATION
REPORTER
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| ADVERTISEMENT
ASSIGNMENT
BEAT
BODY COPY
BOLD | CIRCULATION
CLASSIFIEDS
COLUMN
COVER
CUTLINE | FEATURE
FILLER
FOLIO
HEADLINE
MASTHEAD | |

Guess Who?

I am an actress born in Mexico on September 2, 1966. I studied international relations before deciding to become an actress. I have been in many movies and garnered critical acclaim for my portrayal of a prominent Mexican painter in 2002.

Answer: Salma Hayek

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to autumn.

N R O A C

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Answer: Acorn

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10		
11				12		13			14				
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	45	46	47										
48					49				50	51	52	53	54
55					56				57				58
59					60				61				
62					63				64				

CLUES ACROSS

- Group of languages
- No seats available
- Helps little firms
- Having a strong sharp smell or taste
- Established by the Treaty of Rome
- Whale ship captain
- Thick
- When you hope to get there
- First capital of Japan
- Cyprinids
- Dry white wine drink
- Witnesses
- Alcohol drinks
- Synthetic resin
- Latin for "very early"
- Bill Clinton plays it
- One-time province of British-India
- Folic and amino are two
- Integrated data processing
- Use to build roads
- 44th US President
- Where school kids eat
- Small New Zealand tree
- Doctors' group
- Civil Rights group
- Swedish rock group
- Baby's dining accessory

CLUES DOWN

- He's honored every June
- Breezed through
- Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- Flat, thin round object
- One looking for knowledge
- Calls it a career
- Egg-shaped wind instrument
- Allied H.Q.
- Reveals
- Greek sophist
- Speedy ballplayer Gordon
- Body that defines computing protocols
- Common Japanese surname
- Eucharist box
- Oil company
- Parts per billion (abbr.)
- A metal-bearing material
- The common gibbon
- Affirmative
- Succulent plants
- Dutch word for "language"
- Polynesian garland of flowers
- Spiritual leader
- Single Lens Reflex
- Baseball stat
- Abba __, Israeli politician
- Writer
- Taxi
- Pioneering journalist Tarbell
- Used to hold back
- Senior officer
- OK to go out with
- First in order
- Defunct phone company
- Southern Ghana inhabitant
- Peninsula in SW Asia
- Political plot
- "Great" Mogul emperor
- Young horse
- Where wrestlers compete
- Swiss river
- Wings
- Baseball legend Ty
- Skipper butterflies
- Immoral act

New front porch on old Fallasburg schoolhouse

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

This summer, the front porch of the schoolhouse at Fallasburg Village, the building they use the most for special events, was remodeled by volunteers.

“The schoolhouse concrete patio, like many things do when they get old, began to sag and settle,” Fallasburg Historical Society president Ken Tamke. “Water was collecting and draining towards the building instead of away from it, threatening foundation timbers and support infrastructure.”

Tamke said that the project was paid for and completed by donors and volunteer labor.

“With the help of volunteer labor, membership and event dollars, as well as some benevolent contractors, we tore off the entire old concrete porch and steps and had a contractor rebuild a new wooden porch and connected it to the concrete wheelchair ramp,” Tamke said. “It looks awesome, all brand new stuff. We had a stone mason in because there’s stone set around the porch, so we had all the stones reset. It looks like new. What’s super neat about it is we didn’t ask for grants on it. We didn’t apply for anything, we did this with membership, event money, donations, volunteerism and that sort of thing to make it happen.”

Volunteers did all of the work on the porch. They were able to retain the wheelchair ramp that was added to the building in the late 1990s.

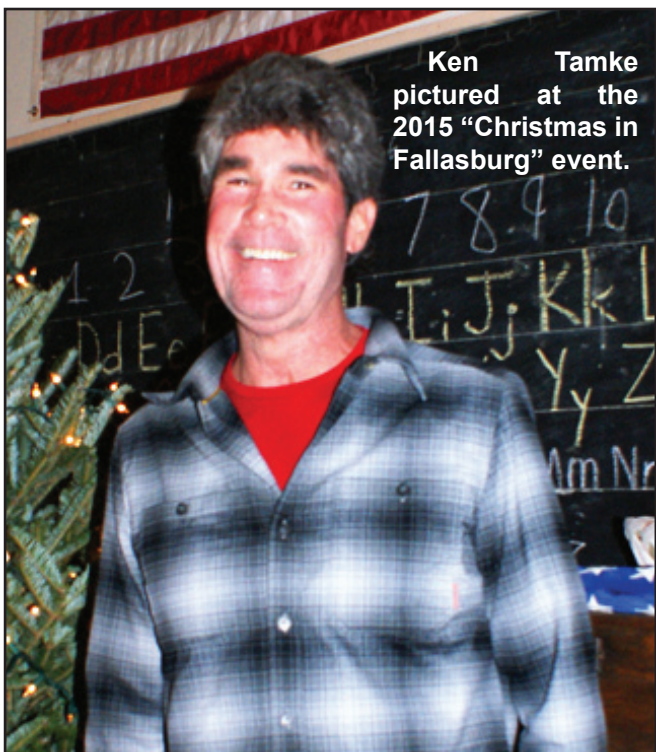
“Adding an exclamation point to the whole project, we were able to keep

our ADA-compliant concrete wheelchair ramp undisturbed and integrate the former central concrete entry steps at the end of the patio,” Tamke said. “Alan Rumbaugh, Fallasburg Historical Society treasurer, has performed magnificently on our behalf. With his contacts and building renovation know-how, he’s guided the work with a steady hand. David Cadwallader and his crew, including wife Tina Cadwallader, Fallasburg Historical Society vice president, spearheaded the removal phase of the old concrete patio, deftly piloting the bobcat and loading the dumpster. Jack Mellema, our stone mason, reconfigured and reset the stone wall to accommodate the carpentry. Ken Rasmus engineered a beautiful new pressure-treated wooden deck and entry stairs while also adding some drainage and foundation water protection features underneath. Villager Ron Dawson expertly undertook the re-welding and retro-fitting of the existing iron railing onto the new patio. Jack-of-all-trades Frank Brechbiel has done a little bit of everything on this along the way, much like he does in the village year-round.”

The Fallasburg Village holiday party “Christmas in Fallasburg” will take place in the schoolhouse starting at 6 pm on Saturday, Dec. 14. That event will include refreshments, live music and a huge bonfire. For more information, visit fallasburg.org or find them on Facebook.



Photos provided by Ken Tamke.



Ken Tamke pictured at the 2015 “Christmas in Fallasburg” event.



Johnson, continued

(James, Rob Roy, Ruth and Ola), and seven grandchildren.

Johnson began his career in journalism while still in high school when he worked as a typographer for the Almont Herald. In March 1884 the family moved to Mayville, MI where Frank founded the Mayville Monitor and worked there for the next seven years. That paper is still in print to this day.

According to an article in the May 31, 1973 edition of the Mayville Monitor, "The Mayville Monitor [was] the first newspaper in the township. Small and hard to read, the four page newspaper was not of very good quality, but it was a godsend to the townspeople who had waited years for a village newspaper."

In addition to his newspaper work, Johnson was a musician, he enjoyed playing baseball and he participated in public debates about the hot issues of the day.

After he left Mayville, Johnson worked at the Bismark Tribune in North Dakota for about three months. Then the family moved to Grand Rapids in 1891, where Johnson was

employed by the Michigan Artisan Publishing Company. Finally, in 1893 they moved to a house at 704 Monroe in Lowell called "Sevenoaks" and founded the Lowell Ledger. Johnson would serve as the Ledger's main reporter, editor and publisher for the next 37 years, until he sold it in 1930.

According to the 1931 book "Lowell: 100 Years of History," Frank and Myrtilla Johnson started the Ledger, "with a Washington hand press, a foot power jobber and a meager outfit of used type backed by an experience in the printing and publishing business of 13 years."

The original Ledger office was on Main St. in what's known as "Old Wooden Row." At some point the office moved to approximately where the Main St. BBQ restaurant sits today. Local readers were initially suspicious of the Ledger, as described in the "100 Years of History" book: "The first issue went out to 150 subscribers, most of who paid but 25 cents for three months, remarking as they parted with the coin that if the paper lasted that long they would pay another quarter."

According to an article about Johnson in the Dec. 12, 1929 edition of the Mayville Monitor, it was because of Myrtilla's "aid in those trying years as compositor, reporter and society editor very much of their moderate success is due."

According to the book "The City of Grand Rapids and Kent County, Mich: Up to Date" published in 1900, "The Ledger office is one of the best equipped in the county, having a Campbell cylinder press capable of printing 1,000 copies per hour and a Champion job press, both run by electric power, and a Reliance paper cutter. The job type is modern in face and embraces fonts of all the desirable styles, and thus Mr. Johnson is prepared to execute work promptly, cheaply and with metropolitan elegance."

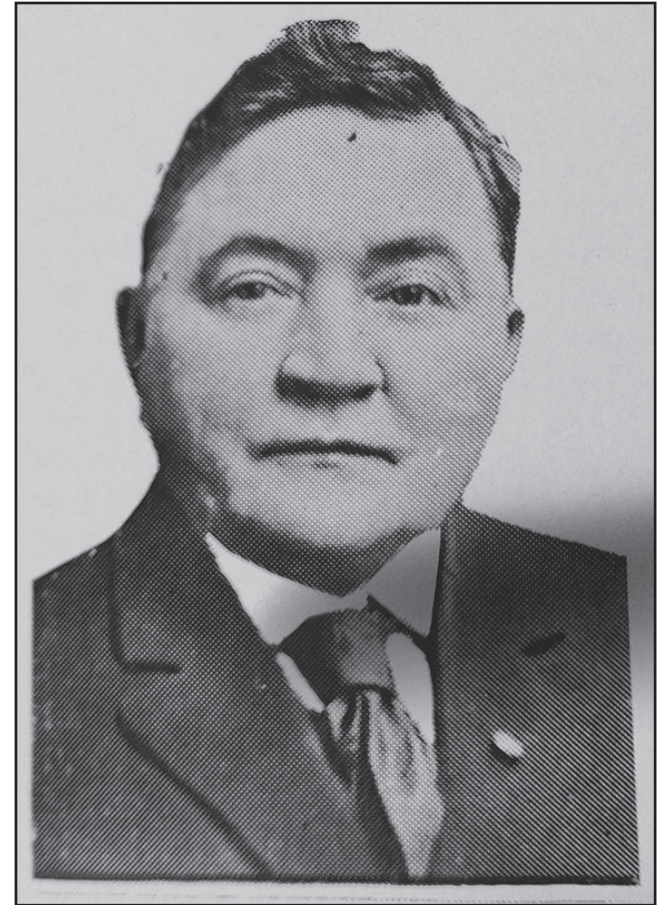
Unfortunately, he suffered several personal tragedies during his final years. On Christmas morning, 1928 his 43-year-old daughter Ola passed away; Myrtilla followed in 1929. In ill health, Johnson sold the newspaper to R.G. Jefferies in 1930 and retired. He passed away in his home "Sevenoaks" at 10:29 pm

on Friday, Feb. 26, 1933, age 72.

"Mr. Johnson had been in poor health for the past several years and three years ago gave up active labor," read the March 2, 1933 edition of the Lowell Ledger. "Within recent weeks heart trouble and other afflictions became more acute and he gradually grew worse until the end. Surrounded by his surviving children and some near friends, death came peacefully and painlessly."

The funeral was held in the home the following Monday by Rev. A.T. Cartland of Lake Odessa and Rev. R.W. Merrill, pastor of the Lowell Methodist Episcopal church. Johnson's remains were interred in the family plot at Oakwood Cemetery.

"The business places of Lowell were closed during the funeral services," read an article in the March 2, 1933 edition of the Lowell Ledger. "In addition to the large number of neighbors and friends who testified their respect and esteem by their attendance at the last rites, there were present a number of members of the newspaper fraternity from various points in the state, including officers



Frank M. Johnson circa 1930, the year he ended his 37 year career with the Lowell Ledger. [photo from the book "Lowell: 100 Years of History"]

of the Michigan Press Association, of which Mr. Johnson had been a loyal member for upwards of a quarter of a century."

"Opinions change but truth cannot be destroyed," Johnson said in 1912 during a speech in Mayville, printed in the July 2, 1964

edition of the Mayville Monitor. "Principles are eternal and liberty is the first and best principle of the American public. [...] Thank God the days of partisan and religious bigotry and intolerance are nearly passed."

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