

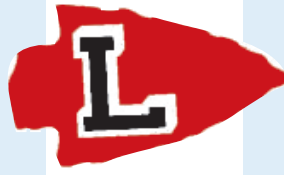
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Oakwood Cemetery Tour takes you back in time

By Emma Palova
contributing writer

Embark on the 5th annual Oakwood Cemetery Tour that will let you discover the stories behind the names, on the headstones, under the big oak trees. In the fall breeze, the oaks whisper the stories of lives that were lived within the dash starting in 1872, when the cemetery was established in Lowell on Fremont Street.

The Lowell Area Historical Museum (LAHM) is doing the tour of the north half, of the second addition of the Oakwood Cemetery, this year. “We picked just one section so people can comfortably walk through,” said Luanne Kaeb, program and education director at LAHM.

The docents will present the stories of the founder



Frank Johnson was the founder and editor of The Lowell Ledger from 1893 to 1930.

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We have entered the Wild Wild West in home entertainment

By Bill Lee
contributing writer

It’s the most wonderful time of the year... No, not Christmas, but football season!

I know I’m not the only one out there who loves this time of the year. Sure, basketball, hockey, and baseball seasons are fine, but September through February is why I bought a big screen television.

But there is a problem and I’m sure you are all experiencing it. How do I watch the college and professional football games this year? What channels do I need to get? The landscape of viewing television has changed a bit since the big three stations (CBS, NBC, and ABC) were in charge. Video-streaming has changed everything, and it seems as though it sort of happened overnight. The wild wild west of television is here, and probably, here to stay. So buckle up and open your wallets, this ain’t going to be pretty.

Do you remember when having cable or satellite was good enough? You could

watch all your favorite shows and sports with one service. For the most part, those days are long gone. Case in point: if you wanted to watch the opening Michigan football game against East Carolina, you had to have Peacock, an NBC streaming service. If you wanted to watch MSU play Central Michigan, you had to have Fubo or Fox Sports 1. If you want to watch any other Big 10 football game, you might not get that with your cable service, so you have to pay extra for the Big 10 Network.

It can all be quite confusing. I’m sure I’m not the only one who is internet-searching for “How do I watch the (insert team name here) game this week?”

Do you remember the time, about ten years ago, when we were all asking, “How do I choose just the shows I want to watch?” Cable gave us access to everything under the sun – too much really. We were paying a lot for hundreds

of channels we never even watched. “Someday, it would be nice to pay for just the shows I want to watch.” Be careful what you ask for as those days are here.

Love Disney shows, all movies, Star Wars, Marvel movies? Then pay them (\$9.99 with ads and Hulu, or \$19.99 without ads) to watch their channels. Want to watch Ted Lasso, The Morning Show, or the Boston Red Sox play on Friday night on Apple TV? \$16.95 a month. Gotta have Netflix because it has many of your favorite shows and movies? Be prepared to shell out about \$15-\$20 a month. Oh, and you’d like to watch sports, especially football games? You probably have to have Fubo for \$74.99, which provides just about every sports channel you need, except Peacock (does carry some big football games), which is \$5.99 with ads, or \$11.99 without ads. You like having Amazon Prime probably too, right?

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TAG Beach brings volleyball tournament to Pink Arrow

Lowell’s Pink Arrow Pride weekend will have a new community event this year: a beach volleyball tournament, hosted by TAG Beach Volleyball Club on Saturday, September 23.

TAG Beach was founded by former professional beach volleyball player, Bill Genovich, a Lowell Township resident. Genovich founded TAG Beach in 2019 to create a place in Lowell for boys and girls, of all ability and experience levels, to learn to play his favorite sport in a fun and safe environment. During the summer, TAG Beach offers youth camps and clinics on weekdays and hosts youth and adult tournaments (men’s, women’s, and co-ed) on weekends, bringing hundreds of athletes to Lowell.

TAG Beach has hosted many professional volleyball players as guest coaches, including former Olympian, John Hyden, and current AVP professionals, Logan Webber, Chase Frishman, and Kim Hildreth. TAG also hosts free one-day youth clinics, which are announced on TAG Beach’s website and social media accounts.

TAG Beach is excited to support Pink Arrow Pride this year. The beach volleyball tournament will be held on September 23, beginning at 10 am, at the Grand River Riverfront Park South, 12570 Grand River Dr SE, Lowell, and all profits will be donated to Pink Arrow Pride. TAG Beach will offer adult and youth divisions for all levels of athletes, from recreational to advanced. The public is welcome to watch; there is no admission fee for spectators. Players can register online at www.tagbeachvolleyballclub.com

Tour, continued

and editor of *The Lowell Ledger*, Frank Johnson, from 1893 to 1930; Donald MacNaughton, printer for *The Lowell Ledger* for 39 years, and his wife Maggie, who worked as a typesetter at the *Ledger*. “They are behind the story of the *Ledger*,” said Kaeb. The first issue, printed on a Washington hand press, went out to 150 subscribers for 25 cents, for a three-month subscription. Then, there’s the story of Charles Jakeway, owner of Jakeway Elevator in Lowell and Mosley. Jakeway, together with his father-in-law, Charles Francisco, were killed by a

train while riding in a car. The elevator was located south of the current King Milling Co. office building. “He bought and sold produce,” Kaeb said. Since no town could exist without clothing shops, the tour features two prominent clothiers: H.L. Weekes, who owned a men’s clothing store, and the Coons family, known for their raccoons symbol above the store windows. They were located next to each other at 219 W. Main and Coons at 217 W. Main. Also on the tour is the story of local deputy sheriff Pat Bowes. Bowes was a tough lawman, serving as

both Kent County Sheriff Deputy and as Village Marshal. He was described as a picturesque character and a man of much physical vigor, according to ABC’s of Lowell history. “The road is named after him,” said Kaeb. “We pick only the ones we have info or pictures so we can do it.” Others include teacher, Anna Mae Roth, and musician, Otto Conrad, who manufactured reeds for clarinets under the name Conrad Reeds. The docents will also present the stories of five Civil War veterans: Petit, Pratt, Knee, Merriman, and Rasch. “We wanted to bring individual

stories to life,” said LAHM Director, Lisa Plank. “It’s a different way of getting some of the history out to the public.” Behind the guided tour, led by docents Dale Kropf, Becky Reagan, Don DeJong, and Luanne Kaeb, are years of research. “It takes an incredible amount of time,” said Plank. Kaeb captured years of research in her notebooks, while DeJong, former Oakwood Cemetery sexton, penned the stories, behind the names on the headstones in his seven



The Coons family headstones.

books; the first three are Historical Walk books, categorized into Civil War Veterans, Early Settlers, and Lowell’s Businessmen.

In his, *If These Oaks Could Only Speak* series, DeJong writes about the lives of Lowell citizens based on articles, tidbits, and obits published in *The Lowell Ledger*. For the oldest obits, he used microfilm on his microfiche reader.

“We hope that people will come out and learn about stories from the past,” said Kaeb.

The tour, offered at no cost, is funded by a grant through the Michigan Historical Society. It gives an opportunity to the public to learn about the people from Lowell’s past, who contributed to the community, according to Plank.

The tour will take place on Sept. 23 from 1 to 3 pm at 1025 N. Washington. There will be four stations with four guides. For more info about LAHM happenings go to www.lowellmuseum.org

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Unfriendly responses to “A Friendly Lawsuit” at council meeting

By Justin Tiemeyer
contributing writer

Because of the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 4, the first city council meeting for the month of September was held on the fifth instead, at 7:00 pm. The council made preparations to comply with early voting requirements for state and federal elections, consolidated the city’s two precincts into one for the upcoming local elections, and adopted a resolution to declare Pink Arrow Pride Days ahead of the festivities, at the end of the month. The meeting was not without contention, however, and the most antagonistic topic was a request from CopperRock Construction for the city, and other stakeholders, to vacate Horatio Street ahead of the RollAway renovation.



CopperRock representative, Greg Taylor, takes responsibility for negative feedback following legal papers sent to neighbors of the old RollAway building.

The city council last entertained the RollAway renovation project on Monday, July 17, when the council voted to approve rezoning of 112 Horatio, 805 East Main, and 825 East Main to mixed-use properties. At face value, the rezoning issue was uncontroversial—RollAway was, essentially, a business in a residential neighborhood already — but because it made way for a construction project that many neighbors are not in favor of, council members, Cliff Yankovich

and Leah Groves, clarified that regardless of whether or not the CopperRock project is approved, these properties should be mixed-use.

The issue returned to the city council’s purview when CopperRock filed a lawsuit, through People’s Elbow, LLC and Schone Afwerking, LLC, against the city, and a number of others, in order to vacate Horatio Street, which lies between the properties that CopperRock intends to turn into 44 rental units and a commercial space. Council member, Yankovich and Mayor Mike DeVore showed immediate distaste for how this was communicated. “You get stuff from lawyers, you get nervous,” Yankovich said.

Whether or not this lawsuit was a formality, DeVore worried that some neighbors may have paid

Patterson explained that, traditionally, a business will hold a community event, where they explain what they are trying to do and what documents community members will receive in the mail. Following a meeting like this, the lawyers involved will file the paperwork, and it will not be a surprise to residents. When the event was not held until over a week after the paperwork was filed, Patterson wondered if the involved parties staged this to eat into the 21-28 days allotted to respond. For example, if a resident waits ten days to have the process explained, then becomes angry and wishes to fight it, they may not have enough time to find a good lawyer and process the required paperwork.

After a number of complaints, Greg Taylor of CopperRock Construction came to the podium to take accountability for the lack of an informational letter, claiming that CopperRock does not vacate streets for a living; they build things for a living. “Blame me. Don’t blame CopperRock Construction, who’s just building this for our clients,” Taylor said. “As our attorneys describe it, if there is such a thing, this is a friendly lawsuit.”

Those present at the meeting saw the actions of CopperRock Construction, through People’s Elbow, LLC and Schone Afwerking, LLC, as anything but friendly. Until this point, the City of Lowell had largely facilitated the CopperRock construction project, helping find solutions to any problems it may create for the populace, but that ended on Tuesday, September 5, when the council voted to object to the lawsuit and file an appearance.

“If there’s so much neighborhood pushback and concern, and there is already a backup plan for 33 units without a restaurant, why are we even talking about vacating Horatio?” Mayor DeVore said, echoing the



Council member, Leah Groves, is not willing to pay for further information that Lowell Township has requested, regarding the water system, so long as the Township remains noncommittal to solutions.

comments of some of the residents.

The council also entertained a letter from Lowell Township attorney, Jeffrey Sluggett, written in response to a letter from City of Lowell attorney, Jessica Wood, on July 26. Regarding Wood’s offer to agree to terminate the current water agreement, Sluggett wrote that the 60 days given to make that decision were not enough time. As for the Wood’s offer, to jointly participate in the improvement of wells servicing the water system, Sluggett wrote that the township would need more information.

Mayor DeVore, council member, Yankovich, and council member, Groves, were concerned about spending more of the city’s money to provide information to the township for something that does not benefit the city. “It would be different if the conversation so far had been, ‘We’ve got our hands in. We’re ready to do work with you,’” Groves said. “The conversation is, ‘We still don’t know.’ What don’t you know? This is not

a problem that just popped up 60 days ago.”

In fact, as Mayor DeVore clarified, the township has had the greater part of three years to come to a conclusion regarding the future of the township and city’s water systems, and three years ago, the response the city received from the township was that the township would just build their own.

The council voted to have City Manager, Mike Burns ,gather estimates for new pumps and a clarifier, which are needed to meet future demand. The pumps will need to be replaced whether or not the township takes action, and council members felt comfortable passing that cost onto the ratepayers, equally. However, the clarifier is only needed to help with the township’s portion, and therefore, a cost agreement would have to be worked out before purchase.

Issues pertaining to CopperRock’s RollAway renovation and the City of Lowell/Lowell Township water debates are certain to be relevant in Lowell’s

upcoming election for city council, but one citizen’s concern had a direct effect on the election. Resident, Perry Beachum, expressed worry that a candidate for city council is floating the idea of selling Lowell Light & Power, the city’s electrical utility that got most people’s power back on, within 24 hours following last week’s big storm. By contrast, many Consumers clients were without power for nearly a week. Council members, DeVore and Salzwedel, both up for re-election in November, were joined by candidates, Eric Bartkus and Jake Davenport, both in attendance, in opposition to the idea of selling Lowell Light & Power.

The next city council meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 18, 2023, at 7:00pm. Those interested in watching the September 5 meeting can find it on the City of Lowell YouTube channel, @cityoflowell. The agenda can be found at the City of Lowell home page, lowellmi.gov.

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Worth the Popcorn?

By Bill Lee

Helen Mirren dissects Golda Meir’s political legacy in *Golda*

Starring: Helen Mirren
Co Starring: Camille Cottin, Liev Schreiber, and Rami Heuberger
Director: Guy Nattiv
Writer: Nicholas Martin
Running Time: 100 minutes

I had heard the name Golda Meir growing up and knew she was a leader in Israel at some point but did not know much more than that. I was intrigued on why someone would want to make a movie about Israel’s first woman Prime Minister and the world’s third woman ever to lead a country. I needed some historical context on Golda Meir before watching the

movie, so where does a lazy person go to find out more? Well, Wikipedia, of course. Born in the Russian Empire to Ukrainian Jewish parents in 1898, her family moved to the United States in 1906. She grew up in the US, went to college in Milwaukee, met her husband, and then emigrated to Israel when she was 23 years old. There, she became a leader in a trade union and worked her way up in the Israeli government, through WWII, and Israel’s Declaration of Independence in 1948, as supported by the United Nations. This new nation-state immediately became the cause of strife and

controversy with Israel’s Arab neighbors: Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Egypt and the Palestinian territories. The hostility between these countries continued up through Golda Meir’s time as Prime Minister from 1969-1974. Meir died four years later, at the age of 80. *Golda* mostly takes us through the Yom Kippur War, a 19-Day war in 1973 between Israel and the coalition of Syria and Egypt, that took Israel by surprise and ultimately defined Meir’s legacy. The movie opens with cigarette smoke wafting around a close-up of the hardened, wrinkled eyes of Meir, as she sits in her car. Outside, the sound of protests gets stronger. She has arrived at an inquiry about the decisions she made throughout the Yom Kippur War, where over 2400 Israeli soldiers died. Mistakes were made - mainly that Meir acted late to defend Israel from Syria and Egypt - and the governing panel wants answers. Her answers become a series of flashbacks that work as the plot of the movie. Overall, it is a solid structure that

takes us back-in-time. The movie reveals the war room of several battles, complete with detailed radio narratives from the leaders on the ground expressing, “We lost the north” and “the whole division is gone.” The loss of life is seen on the faces of the leaders. The main theme of the movie revolves around Meir’s outward show of strength to the public, while privately, she exudes misery, anxiety, and human weakness. It is a conflict that all government leaders must face. Best representing this idea are the scenes involving Meir’s personal secretary, whose son is on the front lines of the war. Meir, played by Oscar winning actress Helen Mirren, cannot hold back her emotion when her secretary receives bad news. From every wrinkle, mole, and facial feature, Mirren’s transformation into Golda Meir is stunning. Throughout the movie, I continued to seek any of Mirren’s facial traits in her character but could not find anything - a credit to prosthetics designer, Suzi Battersby. Mirren, 78, starring in *Excalibur* (1981), *The Madness of King George* (1994), *Gosford Park* (2001), *The Queen* (2007) and as the narrator in *Barbie* (2023,) has performed in dozens of movies throughout her long

career. Her representation of Golda Meir ranks as one of her best performances. Does it deserve Oscar buzz? Absolutely. There are several members of the cast – including Camille Cottin as Meir’s personal assistant, Liev Schreiber as Henry Kissinger, and Rami Heuberger as Moshe Dayan, Israel’s defense minister – who perform well and also transform into their historical characters. But overall, this is Mirren’s movie. Mirren portrays the inner dichotomy that Meir must have felt during her time as a war Prime Minister. There are several times throughout the movie where the audience questions whether Meir is up to the job. She experiences horrific nightmares while sleeping, she suffers from anxiety, and she seems to age on a daily basis, all this while she is also dealing with lymphoma, which ends up taking her life in 1978, the same year that Israel and Egypt signed a peace agreement at Camp David, mediated by US President Jimmy Carter. Through it all, Meir does her best to show strength when leading her ministers and speaking to her people. This is best represented in a scene, where in a phone call, Meir disagrees firmly with US Secretary of State Henry

Kissinger, played solemnly by Liev Schreiber. Her line in the sand changes the outcome of the war, saving Israel. Overall, the writers and director of *Golda* risk a lot to make a movie based on a woman Prime Minister, who led for only five years. But I give director, Guy Nattiv, and screenwriter, Nicholas Martin, credit for taking on a story that needed to be told. Overall, the United States has supported Israel, and its complicated and violent history, since it declared its independence in 1948. *Golda*, even if only presenting a small snippet of Israel’s history, takes the audience deep into the country’s pride and spirit. It is a story worth watching. More than that, Golda lets us know that being a leader is not easy business. At one point she expresses to one of her generals, Ariel Sharon (who will become Prime Minister in 2001), “Just remember, all political careers end in failure.” Every day leaders make life and death decisions that they need to stand by, even if the consequences include their own personal downfall. The weight is heavy and *Golda* reminds us of that. I give *Golda* 3.5 out of 5 popcorn kernels.



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Home entertainment, continued

You get free shipping and a streaming channel to boot. Another \$139.00 a year. Yes, my head is spinning too. In the end, it doesn’t seem fair. What is an entertainment-loving American to do? Well, find another part-time job to pay for all is this of course.

These articles don’t write themselves, you know? Yes, I have to confess. I only write for the *Lowell Ledger* to pay for my streaming services. Thank you, *Ledger*. I wouldn’t be able to watch Big 10 football and Ted Lasso without you. Or I guess, I could make some

decisions on what is essential to me and my family and what is not. Should I let my daughter take the hit and get rid of Disney Plus, or do my wife and I take the hit and get rid of Amazon Prime? Hmm... looks like I’ll keep writing for you all!

Veterans Corner

By Richard Thomas, Commander
American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152

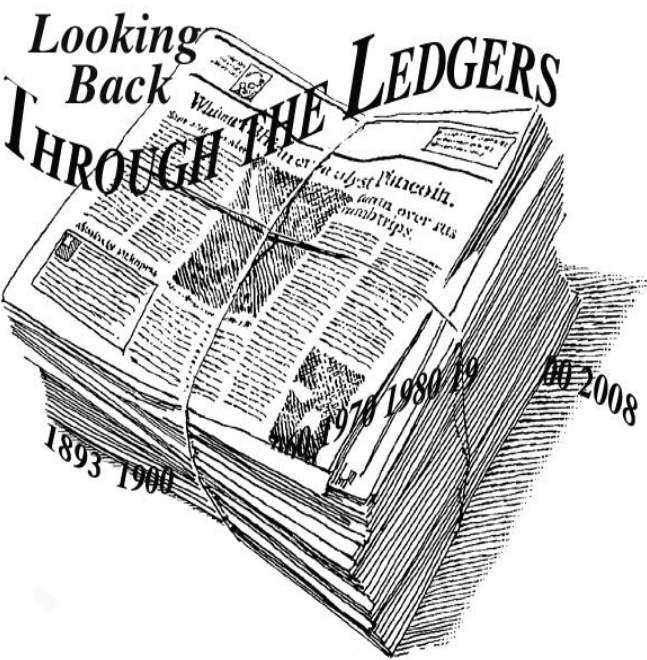
A Time to Remember

By the time this is read, September 11 will have passed. But I hope that the date, September 11, 2001, will never pass in the hearts and minds of each generation. It is easier for my generation to remember that date because we lived it. But what about the generations that did not experience it? Will it just be an insignificant and forgotten event? President George W. Bush, after the tragedy of 9/11, said this, “ Time is passing. Yet, for the United States of America,

there will be no forgetting September the 11th. We will remember every rescuer who died in honor. We will remember every family that lives in grief. We will remember the fire and ash, the last phone calls, the funerals of the children.” — George W. Bush The American Legion is dedicated to helping to keep the memory of that event alive. Personally, I am concerned by some things that are happening in our country and around the world. The things that are possibly eroding our

national defense. Actions by Russian, China, North Korea; the number of known terrorists that have come across our borders; and some of the cultural changes happening in our country; all threaten our ability to keep our country safe. The American Legion is working hard through our legislators and other veteran organizations to keep our country strong and safe. As veterans, we will never forget 9/11 or all that have died preserving our strong heritage. May we continue to teach each generation of the importance of national defense.

viewpoint



150 years ago The Lowell Journal September 10, 1873

In the cool weather, splendid fall apples are selling at 50 cents a bushel.

“Our tall printer says the greatest number of flies he has killed on his nose, at any one time this week, is 13.”

Don’t pay any attention to domestic quarrels this week. Every family man has been putting up his wife’s parlor stove.

Peaches finally came in at four dollars a bushel, and small boys have to have two cents to buy one.

125 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 15, 1898

Twelve of the 16 Ledger correspondents are treated to a tour of Michigan Agricultural College, the Capitol Building and Lansing School for the Blind.

Pat Kelly, in a front-page letter, says his saloon is run within the law, and will not tolerate drunkards.

Anonymous housewife asks the grocers to sell their vegetables up higher on the sidewalks because of the tall dogs in town; when a lady shops for cabbage and beets she doesn’t want peas also.

The K-K-K-K Hardware advertises a “Hot Blast” stove that burns anything, including rubber, without smell or dust.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 13, 1923

The Lowell Sand & Gravel Co., started with high hopes, petitions for the dissolution after large amounts of clay make mining the 331 acres unprofitable.

Kent County rural schools show a 15-50 percent increase in attendance; 25 more teachers are hired.

The Ledger’s Linotype machine is up and running again, so hand-set type is again a thing of the past.

Henry Bank buys a rooming house in Ann Arbor and will move there so their three younger children have the advantage of a university education.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 9, 1948

Although accurate figures are not yet available,

there are indications that the enrollment in Lowell high school will surpass the record of 357.

Lowell public school will have a brand new dual-control car to begin another year of automobile driver-training this fall. Lowell’s car will be among more than 150 dual-control autos being delivered to Michigan high schools this fall, as replacements for cars in-use during the 1947-48 school year, and 100 other schools just starting the course.

Hartman’s Drug Store is the only store in town selling school books; it’s been very busy.

Clark Parsons, 14, exhibits the Grand Champion Angus cow at the Michigan State 4-H Club show in East Lansing.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger Suburban Life August 30, 1973

A multi-purpose senior citizens’ center, administrated by Senior Neighbors, Inc., will open in Lowell soon, according to County Commissioner Arnold Wittenbach.

Mitch McNeal was recently selected as the most outstanding member of the 1972-73 YMCA Jr. Hi-Y Club. Mitch is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard McNeal of Lowell.

By a majority vote of Lowell teachers, a 3-year contract was ratified last Thursday night after an estimated 100 hours of bargaining between the School Board and the teachers negotiating team. Starting salary for a beginning teacher was set at \$8,550, a 4.7 percent increase over last year.

Gary Kropf, local motorcycle enthusiast has won the second-place spot in the nation in the Hare Scramble racing. Gary’s amateur point standings, in the 101cc to 125cc class for the first six months of ’73, gained him the favorable positions, Art Blough, also of Lowell, won second place in the 351 to 500cc class, in the national standings, for ice racing.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 16, 1998

The Lowell School Board of Education extends Superintendent Bert Bleke’s contract into 2000 and will receive a 3.9 percent pay increase.

Nearly 500 bikers, carrying toys, were part of the long procession that rode into Lowell on Sunday as part of the fourth annual motorcycle Toy Run. The toys, collected on Sunday, will be distributed to children in area hospitals on Christmas Day.

The 18th annual Alto Fall Festival was held last Saturday. Bright sunshine highlighted a day of old-fashioned fun, including a blue-ribbon pie contest, tug-of-war, pony rides and a dunk tank.

outdoors

another season Dave Stegehuis

Labor Day signals the end of summer for a lot of people. Days get shorter, nights are cooler, schools are in session, football dominates discussions around the water cooler and stadiums fill with loyal fans.

These things happen in other states, but the fall season, at this latitude, creates a significant change in lifestyle. Cooler temperatures require a wardrobe adjustment. Hats, jackets, long pants, and more substantial footwear are in order. Fields and forests change from green to brown, reds, and yellows. Eventually, the leaves cover the ground exposing the depths of the surrounding woodlands. We never tire of getting out-and-about to experience the sights and smells of the colorful landscape, while taking advantage of the bounty of the fall harvest at roadside stands and visiting local festivals celebrating the season. A series of hunting seasons for small and big game kicks in as the fall season progresses toward winter. Harvesting game is still considered a reflection of Michigan culture.

Fall will eventually give way to winter, which again requires a major lifestyle adjustment. Sporting events will return inside, and the snow-covered landscape will invite outdoor activities not possible in warmer climates, as well as daily challenges staying warm and getting around.

After months of a cold winter, spring is a welcome change. Once again, the landscape comes alive with new life, and we can get outdoors in comfortable conditions to work and recreate.

Summer is not far behind, and in a state with such abundant natural resources and public access, there are opportunities for a great variety of outdoor interests. Visitors from all over the country come to explore and enjoy the water wonderland.

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ABCs of Lowell history

The ABCs of Lowell History is back for another round. This popular series explores a wide variety of topics in Lowell area history in weekly online articles. Information provided by the Lowell Area Historical Museum

P is for Produce Warehouse

Loveland & Hinyan was a wholesale produce company that began in Lowell. When the company was sold in 1920 it had grown to over 40 warehouses and was considered one of the largest produce suppliers in Michigan.

Ralph Loveland began in the grocery business on the west end of Lowell, at 301 West Main, with his partner George Force. Loveland & Force sold the grocery business in 1901 to Price & Covert in order to pursue selling produce wholesale. They began building a warehouse west of the grocery store. In 1902, George Force sold his interest in the company to F.W. Hinyan. The company grew rapidly, and by 1909, Loveland & Hinyan had moved to Grand Rapids.

In 1909, Ralph Loveland died suddenly, at the age of 47. His son Glenn, at only twenty years old, continued the partnership with Hinyan.

The company was recognized as a leader in the field. The news media came to the company to speak on issues. This included speaking out on unsafe practices in other states with chemicals ‘poured over the fruit’. The company sought to educate the public and

proudly proclaimed that Michigan fruit was the best.

When, in 1910, farmers banded together to try and raise the price of potatoes, it was Loveland & Hinyan that the newspapers talked with for information and explanation of the issues. As explained by Hinyan, the farmers’ attempt for higher prices did not work, as supply far outweighed demand at the time.

In 1915, the company suffered a devastating fire that began with an oil stove. Hinyan went into the fire to fight it and sustained burns on his face, and his hair and eyebrows were singed.

Hinyan was well-known in Lowell, Alto, Grand Rapids, and the state, as he served as President of the Michigan Potato Shippers Association and Director of the City State Bank of Lowell. Hinyan was part of a partnership that platted the north side of 60th Street in Alto. Both Hinyan and Ralph Loveland served on the Board of Directors and were original stockholders in the Lowell Specialty Company which later became Root Lowell. Incidentally, the company, was formed by produce growers and farmers who saw the need for insect control.

In August of 1920, it was reported that “Loveland



RALPH B. LOVELAND

Ralph Loveland

& Hinyan Company, one of the largest operators in potatoes, in the state, sold its string of about 40 warehouses and elevators to Carl Reiner and Clyde Dennis. Loveland & Hinyan was established about 20 years ago.” Upon selling the business, Hinyan moved to California, selling his 110-acre farm in Alto to his partner, Glenn Loveland. Loveland went on to farm the land and became

involved in the farming community, serving on the Kent County Dairy Committee.

Today this beautiful house and farm still stands in Alto, and if walls could talk, they would tell the story of a produce company that began in Lowell, moved to Grand Rapids, but made an impression statewide!

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

~ Photos courtesy of Amy Prangley Photography

Eric Schwacha

Hi, I'm Eric Schwacha and here is my story. I'm writing this with help from family, as my memory has been effected by the battle that I'm fighting. I was diagnosed during August, 2020, by pure happenstance. While the pandemic was in full swing, I started having issues with my left wrist. In early August, 2020, after getting up one morning, I couldn't raise my left hand. It was as if my wrist stopped working. My hand flopped like a dead fish. I was very confused by what was going on with my wrist. My doctor eventually referred me to have a MRI, which didn't show anything regarding my wrist, however, it DID show a golf ball-sized tumor was growing in my right frontal lobe. This area controls attention, speech, memory, personality, emotions, motor skills and other things. This was devastating news for me. It did start to explain my ongoing issues with sleep deprivation, memory issues, and headaches that I had been experiencing for a few years. My wrist issue was temporary and finally went away on it's own.

Both my parents and I went to a neurosurgeon at Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids. He explained a surgical procedure for removing my tumor, upon which, it would be sent to pathology to determine the type. I,

along with my parents, didn't feel very comfortable with this and decided to have things looked at elsewhere. Both my parents did research and located a neurosurgeon at U of M, in Ann Arbor. After learning about him, we determined that he was the man for the job. I had a Zoom meeting with him a few times and he wanted his own MRI, so my dad took me to Ann Arbor. I had another MRI and it was determined that I had a possible Oligodendroglioma. The neurosurgeon said that we needed to get it out of my brain. At this point, I'm living day-to-day, wondering what kind of life I will have after surgery. I have a daughter, Adilyn, who was 7 at the time. I was told that my personality could change, among other things. I was scared to death that my little girl wouldn't have her daddy. Or, that her daddy would be a totally different person. I love my daughter so much, and she is who keeps me going.

Surgery was scheduled for February, 2021, and due to the pandemic, only one person could be there with me. My dad, Kim Schwacha, took me to Ann Arbor and stayed the duration, which was a week. My mom (Cathy Huizinga) was caring for my daughter, doing the virtual home-school thing, because LAS open classes were shut-down



due to Covid. The surgery went well and my surgeon said he was able to get as much of it out,as possible (around 95-97%). I had a new scar that was about a foot in length, and curved around the top of my head. With many headaches and pain from this, along with further memory problems, I went home to my dad's. After a few weeks, pathology determined that the tumor was a Diffuse Astrocytoma.

I tried to gain my life back, and tried to muster up energy to work, however, my memory issues and pain wouldn't allow it. I went back to have another MRI in early 2022 and the invasive growth was coming back. I was told another surgery was not possible. So, I was put on a radiation schedule during the summer of 2022, having to go almost every day, for 6 weeks. The top of my head felt like it was on fire and the headaches and memory issues continued to escalate. I had about a month off, before chemo started. That was last October. I started to take chemo treatment pills for 5 days out of every 28 days. This has continued and I will be going through the final month of chemo in September. And as anyone knows,

whose had cancer, the chemo and radiation takes it's toll.

I've always had trouble sleeping and the treatment has increased my lack of sleep, ten-fold. Laying awake, unable to sleep, my mind goes to 'Is this my life? Will I see my daughter grow-up? Will I see her enter high school? Will I see her graduate from LHS? (she is a fourth grader at Cherry Creek)', This happens night after night, on and on. I tend to keep my thoughts to myself and try not to worry my parents. It's been a struggle for me. They've done the best that they can to help me with things. I'm very appreciative of them, and of the Pink Arrow Pride, helping me monetarily. My pain and short-term memory issues, which include not being able to come up with the right words for things, prevent me from working.

I have one more round of chemo treatment and hope that the symptoms from it will subside. I know it can take a few years for that to happen, and I continue to have anxiety over how it will all play out. I will have to have MRI's every 3 months, to check for any new growth, for the rest of my life.



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Shannon Jammal-Hollemans

My father was diagnosed with lung cancer early in 2018. The news was heart-rending. But there was more heart-rending news to come. As my dad was recovering from surgery, to remove a lobe from his right lung, my younger sister learned that she had breast cancer.

I know my family is not alone. Most of us have been touched by cancer in one way or another. Cancer is an indiscriminate predator, attacking the young and the old, the strong and the weak, and everyone in between. Since beginning my job as pastor, here at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Lowell, I have heard stories of the ways that cancer has touched the lives of the people in our congregation—stories of ongoing battles, stories of remission, and far too many stories of family members taken too soon.

I also have a front row seat to the work of Senior Neighbors and Gilda's Club, who share our building here in Lowell. Many of the people who come for Senior Neighbors during the week have stories of how their lives

have been touched by cancer. On Tuesdays nights, Gilda's Club holds support groups for those impacted by a cancer diagnosis and grief. There is so much good being done, even in really challenging times.

I grew up in Grand Rapids, but prior to last year, I had only ever ventured to Lowell for high school sports events. As I get to know Lowell's people, businesses, organizations, and their stories—I am impressed by the ways that this community refuses to give in to despair through the Pink Arrow campaign. There is power when people come together as a community. A community that pulls together every year to support those whose lives are being impacted by cancer, is a beautiful testimony to that power, and the ways that people can work together to provide hope.

My husband's mother was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1993. She was just 44 years old. The cancer took her life three years later, devastating their family. Not only were they left with the void-of-life without a wife and mother, they were



Photos Courtesy of Shannon Jammal-Hollemans.

also left with the burden of medical bills that would take years to pay-off. No one should have to struggle under that burden.

I thank God that people struggling with the burdens imposed by cancer do not have to do so alone, here in Lowell. People are coming together to share resources, to comfort one another, and to offer hope. As a newcomer to Lowell, getting to know people and their stories, their joys and their pains, I am grateful to be making this place my home. I am also eager to be part of the hope-inspiring and life-giving work of Pink Arrow.

My sister, who was diagnosed with cancer, underwent treatment and has been in remission for years now. While my dad's surgery successfully removed the cancer from his lung, a

later scan revealed that his cancer had spread. It was in his lungs, liver, and even his bone. In 2019, he was told his cancer was stage 4, and his oncologist gave him six months to live.

But four years later, my dad is still with us because of an experimental, targeted chemotherapy that worked for him. Yes, my dad still has cancer. But God gave him more time, and for that time, I am so very thankful.

I am also grateful for this community to make my home. As we go into this fall season, I pray that each of us will have the eyes to recognize what we have, with gratitude in our hearts, and to be inspired by the hope of being part of the Pink Arrow campaign, together.

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Charlie West

Hi, my name is Charlie West, and my cancer story is about my mom, Linda's cancer journey from nearly 20 years ago. Even after all these years, there are vivid memories that remain as fresh as yesterday, while others have faded with the passage of time.

Our family's journey with cancer started during my junior year of high school, when my mom started feeling unwell and experienced significant weight loss. After many months of horrible sickness and many doctor's visits, a cancerous tumor was discovered and removed from her stomach.

Following the diagnosis, my mom continued to fight the cancer, but it had spread aggressively and she lost her battle in January 2004. As a junior and senior in high school, I was naïve and did not fully grasp the situation and the impact it would ultimately have on my life.

Throughout my mom's battle with cancer, she displayed remarkable resilience. She never once complained and did her best to shield my brothers and me from the brutal reality of her illness. While I continued with my typical high school life, balancing social activities and academics, everything changed when she passed away in January of my senior year. Fortunately, I had already laid a strong academic foundation by that point in my high school career. However, my focus wavered significantly, and I began pushing the boundaries of what could be considered typical high school mischief. I faced some significant challenges, but ultimately, I refocused, pulled it together, graduated from Denison University four years later, and started my journey with my future wife.

Fast forwarding almost two decades, I have a wonderful wife and



Charlie West and his family. *Photos provided by Charlie West.*



Charlie West with his mother. *Photo provided by Charlie West.*

two beautiful girls. It's 2020, my work had moved us around quite a bit, and my wife and I decided we wanted to find where our kids would grow-up, calling home. That is when Lowell hit our family's radar. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to interview for the General Manager's position at Lowell Light and Power. The night before my interview, I stayed at the Main St. Inn, coincidentally, during the week leading up to the Pink Arrow football game. My introduction to Lowell was powerful, as Main Street was lined with Pink Arrow banners, leaving a lasting impression.

I ultimately accepted the position with LL&P and we are proud to be raising our family in the Lowell

community. Reflecting on the past 20 years, while writing this story, has allowed me to appreciate how our family's cancer journey has influenced my perspective on life, as my wife and I raise our family. Such a life-altering event cannot be neatly summarized; it has become an integral part of my personal narrative and how I perceive the world.

At the end of the day, I hope I have learned to appreciate life and be compassionate. My wife and I frequently pause to savor the various joys that life offers. As an outsider moving to Lowell, we take tremendous pride in the opportunity our family gets to support a great community event like Pink Arrow.

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Amy Van Duinen

My name is Amy Van Duinen. I have lived in Lowell since 2005 and have worked at the Lowell Post Office for 24 years as a window clerk. On December 28, 2021, I noticed changes to the skin on my left breast. It looked red and swollen. I called my primary care doctor and was scheduled to come in on the same day. My doctor made urgent orders for me to have a mammogram and an ultrasound, that very same day. After those exams, I was scheduled for a MRI and a biopsy. The test results confirmed I had HER2-Positive Inflammatory Breast Cancer Stage 3b. Inflammatory Breast Cancer is a "Rare, Aggressive" breast cancer that typically makes a physical appearance rather than a lump, which I didn't know. I was scared and very emotional when I heard I had breast cancer.

On February 3, 2022, I met with the "Multispecialty Breast Cancer Team" at Lemmen-Holton Cancer Center. I was meeting my cancer doctor, my radiation doctor, my breast surgeon, the nurse navigator, a social worker, and the financial coordinator.

It was an all-day appointment, and the care/treatment plan was laid-out

with chemotherapy starting as soon as possible. It seemed we were moving at a fast pace and I barely had any time for it to sink in. It was so overwhelming but reassuring to have a team caring for me.

My first chemo treatment started on February 17, 2022; it was every three weeks, for 6-8 hours a day, for 14 weeks. My head started to feel tingling, and I started losing my hair before my second treatment. I didn't want to shave it. I was afraid to wash or comb it; my hair had always been a part of my identity and I was in denial that it was going to be gone. I started losing clumps of my hair. I learned about "Beautiful You By Profile" - my family saw me struggling about my hair and encouraged me to reach-out. It's a wonderful organization that donate



services. They offer several other beauty services to women going through cancer treatments. The ladies were so caring, respectful of my emotions and grief about losing my hair. They took time to help me come to terms with trimming my hair, so it wasn't so traumatic. They also fitted me for a wig that looked exactly like my own hair.

The chemo treatments took a toll on my body. I ended up in the emergency room more than once. In May, I was in emergency due to critically low magnesium and potassium. In June, I was admitted to the hospital with a temperature of 105 and pneumonia. These setbacks kept lengthening my treatment timeline.

The next step - I had a mastectomy in July and removal of 10 lymph nodes; two of those lymph nodes were cancerous. I had to start another round of chemotherapy treatments. I was so upset and sad to hear that I had to do a second round of treatments. The chemotherapy started August 2022 to May 2023.

When I started radiation treatment, it felt harder then the chemo. The chemo treatments being every three weeks, I had time to overcome sickness and start feeling good again. The radiation was daily and my skin got worse with each treatment. My skin was incredibly tender, red, bleeding and weepy. I had 25 radiation treatments, Monday-Friday for five weeks.

My family was very supportive. They surprised me with a Pre-Chemo Party and made pink T-shirts that said, "I Am A Warrior" and I wore my T-shirt to my chemo appointments. My cousin made "Team Amy" bracelets for everyone to wear until

I completed my treatments. My 18-year-old nephew, Jason (senior at the time), shaved his hair for my cancer journey. My family took turns coming to my chemo treatments and doctor appointments. We were able to cut off our "Team Amy" bracelets at my Celebration Survivor Party in June 2023, after my last chemo treatment.

In 2022, I had over 120 medical appointments. My physical, mental, and emotional health were pushed to the limits. It was the constant letters, calls, cards, gifts, flowers and text messages from Post Office customers, co-workers, family and friends, encouraging me and reminding me to keep fighting. I didn't realize how many people cared and prayed for me.

I am beyond grateful to my doctors, nurses, family and friends! They were all amazing. I felt like at every turn my body was fighting and struggling, as well as my mind and emotions.

I received so much support from Lowell Pink Arrow, Gilda's Club and Beautiful You. The Lowell community also gave me strength to keep going. I am so thankful and grateful to live in a community that cares for each other and cared for ME. I did it!

We did it!

I AM A WARRIOR and a Cancer Survivor.



Photos Courtesy of Amy Van Duinen.

Red Arrow

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SPORTS

Sluss leads Lowell golf in latest record run

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

Records were made to be broken right? The Lowell girls golf team has taken that to heart by breaking the glass ceiling on two records this past week, in a first-place finish at Kenowa Hills.

The Red Arrows broke their own school record set this year, during Friday’s Russ Johnsen Invitational, hosted by Kenowa Hills. The 320 team score surpassed a 333 shot by the team earlier this year at Yankee Springs. Gracewil, the host course, is another of the area’s shorter and more manageable in the West Michigan golf circuit. Some courses are built for length and will have higher scoring averages than others, think a Thousand Oaks or

Quail Ridge. Others, like Gracewil, are a bit more scoring friendly, and with perfect weather conditions, there was no better time for Lowell to go low.

They were led by another record-breaking performance, this time by Elle Sluss. The Lowell junior, who went even par last year over nine holes, nearly matched that feat with a three over par 75. The score broke a near 20-year old school record, a 79 shot in 2006 by Stefanie Stuewe. Sluss didn’t know about the record until after the round, when head coach, Josh Bruwer, told her.

“I was just looking to have fun out here. Gracewil doesn’t have a driving range, so that first tee shot was my first full swing of

the day. I think not going to the range helped me today because I wasn’t thinking about a bad shot before the round. I ended up getting a par on my first hole and got into a groove after that,” Sluss told *The Ledger*. “I still need to work on my putting, but otherwise I felt my game was very good,” she added.

Elsewhere last week, Lowell added a late tournament and swung out to the Emerald Golf Course for the Redwing Invitational, hosted by St. Johns. The Emerald is a tougher course and scores reflected that, as a four-way battle for first didn’t go Lowell’s way.

Okemos (347) won the tournament, followed by Lansing Catholic (348), Williamston (350), and



The Lowell girls golf team, after a first-place finish at Gracewil.

Lowell (352). Those four schools beat out 11 others, mostly from the Lansing area. Sluss again led Lowell, and was close to that 79 with an 80, just one day before she broke the record at Gracewil. Hannah Flickinger (87), Veldman (90), and Leah Krieger (95) rounded-out the scoring for Lowell. Flickinger and Sluss both combined for six birdies on the day.

“This year’s team is very special. We all push each other to be the best golfers and best individuals that we can be. Even if one person has a bad round, there is another person to fill in for them; that’s what’s so neat about our team. We have a very deep team that makes it very hard to pick a number five and six spot but whoever is in

those spots, always steps-up when we need them most! It has already been such a great season and we are only halfway done,” Sluss concluded.

This week the Red Arrows returned to conference action back at Watermark, and then out at the Links of Bowen Lake, before returning home on the 18th for a home jamboree.

Arrows use tough OK White to score PR’s

Submitted by Coach Paul Judd

Cooler temps, and a stacked OK White Conference, greeted the Lady Arrows when they arrived at Riverside Park in Grand Rapids for the first OK White Jamboree. When the race was done, GR Christian showed why they are the top-ranked Division 2 team in the state and why the OK White is one of the deepest conferences in the state. Lowell finished in sixth place with 167 points, which was where they finished on paper, when times were compared prior to the meet.

Lowell took advantage of the fast competition, as half the team set either personal records or season bests in the race. Lowell was led by Claire O ‘Boyle who finished in 27th place in a time of 21:15(SR), she was followed by Audrey Latchaw finishing 37th in a time of 21:53, Evie Deur finishing 39th in a time of 22:07 (SR), Mia Vonderheide finishing 42nd in a PR time of 22:20, and Olivia Lothian finishing 48th in a PR time of 22:55. Completing the varsity finishers were Veronica Tapia in 62nd and Jadyn

Young in 24:20, both hitting PR times.

Two big races in three days were the biggest test the young Arrows have faced in this season’s campaign. Coming off the first OK White Jamboree, the Arrows headed to Holland last Saturday to race against some more of the strongest teams in the state, at the Bredeweg Invitational, hosted by West Ottawa. The field comprised of six teams that will finish amongst the top teams in the state, including the 2022 Division 1 state champion. Lowell had two goals that

they wanted to achieve, as the girls were charged with getting out in the first mile and running people throughout the race. Some of the girls used the goals to set personal bests, as we had six hit new marks.

Lowell was led by Claire O’Boyle as she finished in 42nd with a time of 21:25, Mia Vonderheide finishing 63rd with a time of 22:09 (PR), Audrey Latchaw finishing 72nd with a time of 22:28, Olivia Lothian finishing 78th with a time of 22:36(PR), and Veronica Tapia finishing 23:37 with a time of 23:37 (PR). Jadyn Young and Brooklyn Jackson completed the varsity lineup, finishing in 106th and 139th, respectively.

Lowell will compete on Friday at the Ottawa Hills Invitational at Riverside Park

Harriers continue to set PRs

Submitted by Coach Clay VanderWarf

Lowell Boys cross country began conference play with a sixth place finish, 149 points, at the OK White Jamboree at Riverside Park, last Wednesday afternoon. Grand Rapids Christian took top honors with 41 points, followed by East Grand Rapids, 68 points and Byron Center, 76 points.

Cooper Bryne was the first Red Arrow in at 22nd with a time of 17:10; Cody Bromley and Mason Saylor were next at 32nd and 33rd, 17:55 and 17:56; Drew Swayze and Marshall

Huhn set PRs with times of 18.06 and 18.09, good for 36th and 37th place, which completed the score. Paul Fowler set a PR, as well, with a time of 18.39, followed by Brayden Hekman with a season best of 19.01.

Cool temps and firm grounds greeted the Red Arrows at last Saturday’s Bredeweg Invitational at West Ottawa’s Macatawa Bay Middle School, resulting in several PR’s for the team. Lowell placed 14th in a competitive field of 19 teams. Grand Haven

won the event with 53 points followed by Zeeland West, 113 points and Forest

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CROSS COUNTRY

9/15 at 1 pm Ottawa Hills Inlet at Riverside Park
9/20 at 4:30 pm OK White Jamboree at South Christian Sports Park

GOLF

* Denotes a home meet at Arrowhead Golf Course
9/15 at 9:30 am Greenville Invite at The Links of Bowen Lake
9/18 at 3:30 pm Grand Rapids Christian at Arrowhead
9/19 at 3:30 pm OK White Jamboree at Kent Country Club

BOYS SOCCER

* Denotes a game at LHS North Athletic Complex
9/19 at 6:45 pm at FHN
9/21 at 6:45 pm FHC* Pink Arrow

BOYS TENNIS

* Denotes a home game at LHS tennis courts
9/16 at 8:30 am Sailor Invite
9/18 at 4:15 pm Greenville*

VOLLEYBALL

* Denotes a home game at LHS gym
9/19 at 6 pm at Northview
9/21 at 6 pm Greenville*
9/23 at 10 am Quad at Grand Haven

More information can be found at
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obituaries

RYDER

Alberta Mary Thomas Ryder, age 88 of Lowell, passed away on Friday, September 8, 2023. She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Matilda Thomas; sons, James Thomas Ryder, Robert William Ryder; and sister, Audrey Marie Miller. Alberta is survived by her children, David Allan Ryder, Jack Edward Ryder, Teresa Ann Hansen McCormick (Patrick); grandchildren, Andrew Thomas Hansen, Matthew John Hansen; niece, Deborah Wilson; nephews, Randy Miller, and Scott Miller. Alberta was known for her love of puzzles, word searches, planting flowers, and birds. She had a special fondness for old-time country music, which brought her immense joy. Alberta was a long-time member of the Lowell United Methodist Church and was an active member of the United Methodist Women. Her warm spirit, kind heart, and diverse interests will be dearly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. Services will be held at 11:00am Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at the Roth Gerst Chapel 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, Michigan 49331, with visitation one hour prior. Don Silvis officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Lowell United Methodist Church at, 621 E Main St, Lowell, MI 49331, or Faith Hospice, 2100 Raybrook SE Suite 300 Grand Rapids, MI 49546.



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Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Robert T. Miller Trust Agreement dated February 20, 2018, will be forever banned unless presented to Marcie E. Palmer, Trustee, within four months after the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

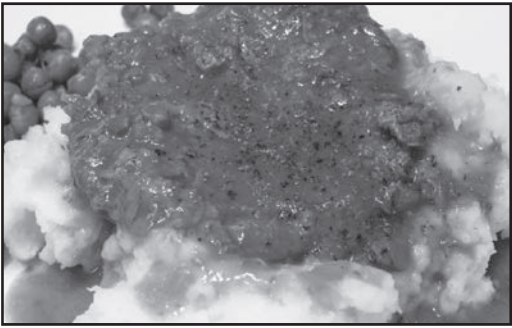
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Red Arrow

- SOCCER

SPORTS

Soccer finding their groove

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

There's something oddly beautiful about a 0-0 scoreline in soccer. Both teams working hard, the defenses and goalkeepers desperately not wanting to let in the first goal. The offenses trying to figure out how to crack the puzzle in front of them and break the game open.

On the shores of Reed Lake last week at East Grand Rapids, neither team found the breakthrough and each team settled for a 0-0 draw in conference action.

It wasn't what the Red Arrows had hoped for. In what was a fairly balanced game, it was Lowell who seemed to have the slight end over the course of 80 minutes. Players like Jackson Liley and Liam Lincolnhol would come close to breaking the deadlock. Goalkeeper Lincoln Homolka and the Lowell defense kept the Pioneers off the scoreboard.

On Thursday, Liley scored four goals to push the Red Arrows past Middleville TK in a 4-2 non-conference victory. It was the perfect swan song for Liley, who played the last game of his short-lived, but memorable, Lowell soccer career. He returned to playing club soccer this past Saturday. Lincolnhol, Jace Dixon, Owen Davis, and Ben Homoka were credited with assists in the away-win.

On Saturday, Lowell tied Northview 1-1. The



Jace Dixon and the Lowell defense held EGR to a 0-0 draw last week.

Red Arrow goal was scored by Todd Parcheta on an assist from Ben Homolka. With two conference draws and an away win, Lowell is now unbeaten in their last five games. They will face Greenville and Byron Center this week, looking to stretch that streak to seven.



LEGAL NOTICE

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The Probate Court for the County of Kent

IN THE MATTER OF: George Mercer, Guardianship File No. 23-213,929-GA, Conservatorship File No. 23-213930-CA.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including his daughter, Emma Mercer and Son, George Mercer, Jr., and any unknown children, siblings, and other heirs whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

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Dated: September 10, 2023

Adult Protective Services, DHHS, Petitioner, 121 Martin Luther King Jr St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507 (616) 258-1182.

VAN ESSEN AND ASSOCIATES PLLC, Attys. for Petitioner by Amanda Van Essen Wirth (P75001) 109 E. Main St. Ste. 11, Zeeland, MI 49464 Phone (616) 633-0196

Cross Country, continued

Hills Central, 137 points. 18.14 and Cody Bromley, 87th, 18.35 completed the course with a time of 16.56, good for 20th place and a new PR; Marshall Huhn was the next Arrow in at 62nd with a new PR of 17.57. He was soon followed by Mason Saylor, 67th, 18.01. Drew Swayze, 76th, 18.42, respectively.

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FUN PAGE

SUDOKU

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Level: Beginner

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!

Guess Who?

I am an actor born in England on September 10, 1960. I lived in England, Nigeria and the U.S. as a child. I am known for “Pride & Prejudice” as well as “Bridget Jones’ Diary.” I won an Oscar for a role about a stuttering monarch.

Answer: Colin Firth

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MOLD & MILDEW WORD SEARCH

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

MOLD & MILDEW WORD SEARCH	ASPERGILLUS ATTIC BASEMENT BATHROOM BIOCIDES BLACK CLEAN	CONTAMINANT DAMP DEHUMIDIFIER FUNGI HUMIDITY HYPERSENSITIVITY MILDEW	MOLD MUSHROOM MYCOTOXIN PATHOGEN REMEDIATE SPORES
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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to mold.

T R W H O G

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Answer: Growth

CLUES ACROSS		
1. Type of crayon	loose stones	20. Human gene
7. Fashion accessory	44. Used to cook	23. Pays no attention to
10. Most cerebral	45. Praises enthusiastically	24. Lowland South American plain
12. Incline from vertical	48. Rooney is a famous one	25. Blood group
13. Dependent on	49. Beekeeper	26. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
14. Broken in	50. Pigpen	29. Atomic #37
15. Strongly desires	51. Potato chip brand	30. Unit of electrical resistance
16. Mounted soldier		31. Jeweled crowns
17. Ad __: when necessary	CLUES DOWN	32. Nastiest
18. Cattle	1. Living quarters	35. Traditional cars need it
19. Ottoman military commanders	2. Horizontal passage	36. Bowler hat
21. __ student, learns healing	3. Attacks	38. Robust
22. Composed in poetic meter	4. Vietnamese offensive	40. Not straight
27. Promotional material	5. Midway between east and southeast	41. Stony waste matter
28. Where people live	6. Confined (abbr.)	42. Have an interest in
33. Sodium	7. Book of Esther antagonist	43. Jacob __, journalist
34. Embarrassing	8. Port in Yemen	44. Maintains possession of
36. Medical man	9. CNN's founder	45. Swiss river
37. Mother of Hermes	10. Type of bulb	46. Average cost of market goods
38. One who saves the day	11. Prepare	47. Spanish soldier: El __
39. Tooth caregiver	12. Promoted	
40. Not clothed	14. Dinner jackets	
41. Slope covered with	17. Partner to cheese	
	18. Nebraska city	

Red Arrow

- FOOTBALL

SPORTS



Big plays doom Red Arrows on the road

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

A clash of two West Michigan football titans on Friday night didn't go the way Red Arrow football fans had hoped for. East Grand Rapids was able to hit big plays when they needed them, taking an early 21-0 lead, and salted away the game en route to a 42-14 victory over Lowell.

Both teams came in 2-0 and feeling good about themselves heading into conference play. Lowell topped Mattawan and Middleville TK while EGR scored a pair of wins over two top-notch teams in South Christian and Cedar Springs.

Heading into Friday night, the game was crowned game of the week by multiple television and radio outlets, and brought back nostalgia of past games where the two programs went back and forth with

the eyes of the state on them. This time was no different. Both teams would fight it out the first few possessions, stymying each other on offense. Lowell would force a Pioneer interception on the first play of the game, a long aired-out pass that was snagged out of the air by Jackson Reisbig. While Lowell's run-heavy offense was being held off well by the Pioneer defense. A clash of styles offensively no doubt.

A senior heavy offensive line will help set the tone for Lowell, especially in the run game. The starters for Lowell on that line of scrimmage were Ari McFarland (LT), Avery Elmhirst (LG), Kenny Kinyon (C), Jacob Graham (RG), and Alex Winter (RT).

East though took advantage of the big play and jumped out to a 21-0 start. On a 4th and 7 with eleven seconds in the first

half, Lowell got a huge momentum swing as QB, Jackson Reisbig, found Ben Gaskin on the sideline for a first down at the 14-yard line with just 3.0 seconds to play. On the final play of the half, Reisbig was forced from the pocket, backpedaled and was hit as he threw the football off his back foot from the 22-yard line. A true hail mary chance as he looked for anything downfield. He threw it to Xavier Young who despite the ball being swatted down would land into the hands of Young and pulled Lowell within 14 to end the half, and swing the momentum back to Lowell.

Lowell, hampered a bit by injury to starting RB Tacho Gonzales, had trouble getting past a tough Pioneer defense. East took a 35-7 lead into the 4th quarter when Lowell responded. Brady Swift received high praise for his work in the



The Lowell defense warms a Pioneer ball carrier.

weight room during the live YouTube broadcast from Michigan-based State Champs! Network, and it was Swift who punched it in for the Red Arrow's second touchdown of the night. Swift also set up the touchdown with a long run of his own, helped set up by a block by full-back TJ Hollern.

The Pioneers added one more touchdown and a final score of 42-14. Todd Parcheta went two-for-two on extra points. LHS heads on the road again next week to face Northview.

Volleyball scores another big win

By Justin Scott
Sports reporter

Lakewood is a volleyball state power. Lowell just knocked them off again. Two facts that show that what Lowell has done to start the season means, they have the ability to make a deep postseason run.

program had their program invitational, where the freshman, JV, and varsity teams would all be able to play together on the same day with teams from around the state. The invitational was held on the east side

of the state, at the UWM Sports Complex, in Pontiac. Results were not immediately available for this week's *Ledger* edition.

LHS is at East Grand Rapids this Thursday for a conference match.



Braxcynn Baker, during last week's tournament. Photo courtesy of Chris German, CTG Photography.

Arrows fall to Grant

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

The Red Arrow tennis team fell 4-3 to Grant High School, on the road last week.

Lowell's three points came from #1 singles Noah LaMore, who won in straight sets 6-0, 6-3. Gavin Stewart, at #2 singles, also came away

victorious by a score of 6-1, 6-0. Jackson Abbott and Eli VanGroningen also scored a point for Lowell by winning at #2 doubles 4-6, 7-5, 10-5 in a come-from-behind victory. Noah Cobb and Wyatt Yantz narrowly fell in a three set loss at #3 singles.

It was only the second time the two schools had

ever met in tennis, with Lowell winning the first matchup last year by a score of 6-2. The Red Arrows face EGR, Northview, and Hastings in what will be a busy week before concluding it this weekend at the South Christian Invitational.

Learners today.
Leaders tomorrow.
Red Arrows for life.

Let's Dream Together!

We warmly invite the community to share their input as we discuss our vision for the future of our learning environments and what students need to thrive. Your thoughts and ideas are invaluable and will help shape our approach. Let's work together to create the best learning experience for all students.

Join us for one or all, of the forums:

Lowell Middle School
09.18.23 | 6:30 p.m.

Cherry Creek Elementary
10.10.23 | 6:30 p.m.

Lowell Middle School
11.07.23 | 6:30 p.m.

Lowell Area Schools | lowellschools.com

PINK ARROW GAME DAY

Fri., Sept. 22 - Lowell Hosts Greenville

PINK SOCCER GAME

Thurs., Sept. 21

at LHS North Athletic Complex

Gate opens at 4:30 for 5 pm JV game
and Varsity to follow

Pink Arrow XVI Shirt is your ticket

SCHEDULE FOR EVENT DAY

SEPT. 22 * approximate times

- 2:30 pm Gates Open
- 3:00 pm Boosters Concessions Open
- 3:30 pm National Anthem presented
Lowell Choir
- 3:30 pm Volleyball introduction & match
Lowell vs. Jenison
- 4:30-5:30 pm... Flag football
- 6:00 pm Survivor and Honoree Tribute
- 6:35 pm Football player, Cheerleader and
Honoree introduction
- 7:00 pm National Anthem presented
Lowell Choir
- 7:10 pm PINK ARROW GAME
Pink Arrows vs Yellow Jackets

PINK ARROW FUNDRAISER



Beach Volleyball Tournament
Sat., Sept. 23 • 10 am

Grand River River Front Park South,
12570 Grand River Dr. SE

Mens, Womens & Youth Divisions
More info at PinkArrowPride.org
Use QR code to register!

CONSESSION TICKETS

All consessions - Athletic Boosters will be accepting PINK TICKETS ONLY in \$1 increments. Selling tickets throughout the concession area. All items will be clearly priced per number of tickets at each booth. This system will speed the process for fast service

Arrow Force XVI Shirts

Purchase your Arrow Ford XVI shirts at:

Old Springrove Building - 123 W. Main

Sept. 11th - 14th & 18th - 21st from 1-7 pm • Sept. 15, 1-6 pm.

Heidi's Farmstand - 11999 Cascade Rd.

Mon. - Fri. 6:30 am - 6 pm; Saturday 7 am - 5 pm • Closed Sun.

Red Barn Market - 3550 Alden Nash NE

Mon. - Thurs. 10 am to 8 pm • Fri. & Sat. 10 am - 9 pm • Sun. 1 - 8 pm

At Noon on Game Day - Shirts at Stadium Only

SHIRTS \$20

LONG SLEEVE - \$25

Extra charge for
2XL-5XL

Your shirt is your ticket to the day's events

PARKING

ALL HIGH SCHOOL EVENT PARKING MUST ENTER
AT VERGENNES ENTRANCE



Lower stadium lot is for
Handicap and Parking Pass only.
(must enter off Alden Nash entrance)

SHUTTLE PARKING

Shuttle Parking is available at Cherry Creek Elementary. Buses will begin to transport to the field at 4:45 pm. Buses will start return trips at the start of the 3rd quarter.

THANK YOU

TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS!

Heidi's Farmstand
Greg Canfield -
for use of old
Springrove Building
& Red Barn Market
for selling our T-Shirts

• Golf Cart Taxi
Volunteer Drivers

• Bus Shuttle
Volunteer Drivers

• Coin Toss Honoree

• Lowell Light & Power
for hanging our banners

• Golf Cart Taxi Sponsors

• To the Volunteers
who painted our field

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

If you would like to pledge a gift to Pink Arrow/Gilda's Club, please visit WWW.PinkArrowPride.org Click donate button and pay with a credit/debit card or mail a check to: Pink Arrow Pride, PO Box 246, Lowell, MI 49331

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