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# September

NEWSLETTER

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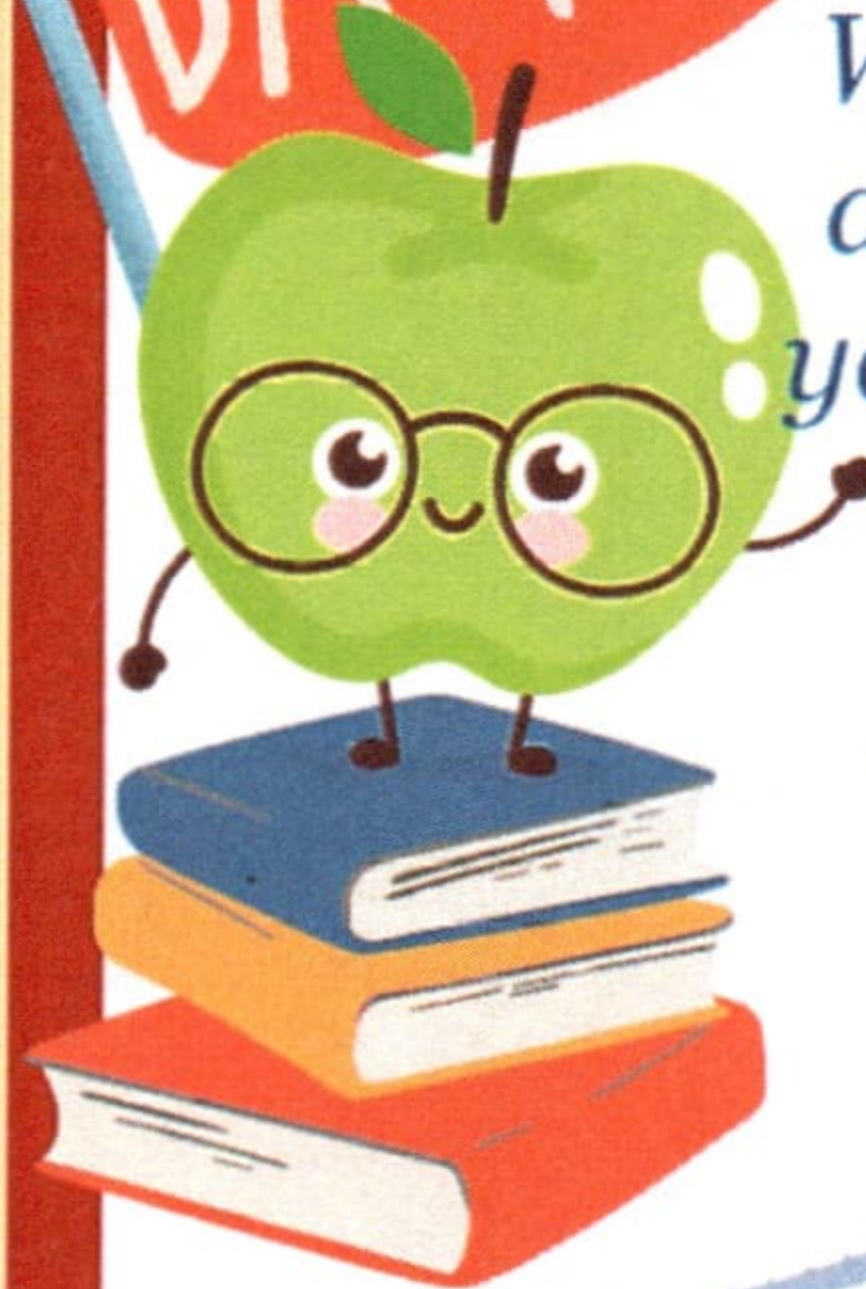
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**BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, Sept. 15**  
**@6:30pm**

BACK TO SCHOOL



*We wish all of our students an exciting and productive school year - and hope you are prepared to start this year with good health and enthusiasm!*

***Best of Luck with your classes!***

DID YOU KNOW



September is known as the Harvest Month because it is the perfect time to gather crops in preparation for winter.

Office will be closed on Monday, September 1st  
in observance of

**LABOR DAY**

★ Enjoy your long holiday weekend ★



***We will begin our annual furnace filter replacement project in October***

***Call the Office (517) 882-0796***

***if you wish to set up a Wednesday appointment.***

***You will have the opportunity to set either an AM or Pm appointment but no specific time can be given.***

***AM appointments = 8 am to 12N***

***PM appointments = 1 pm - 3:30 PM***

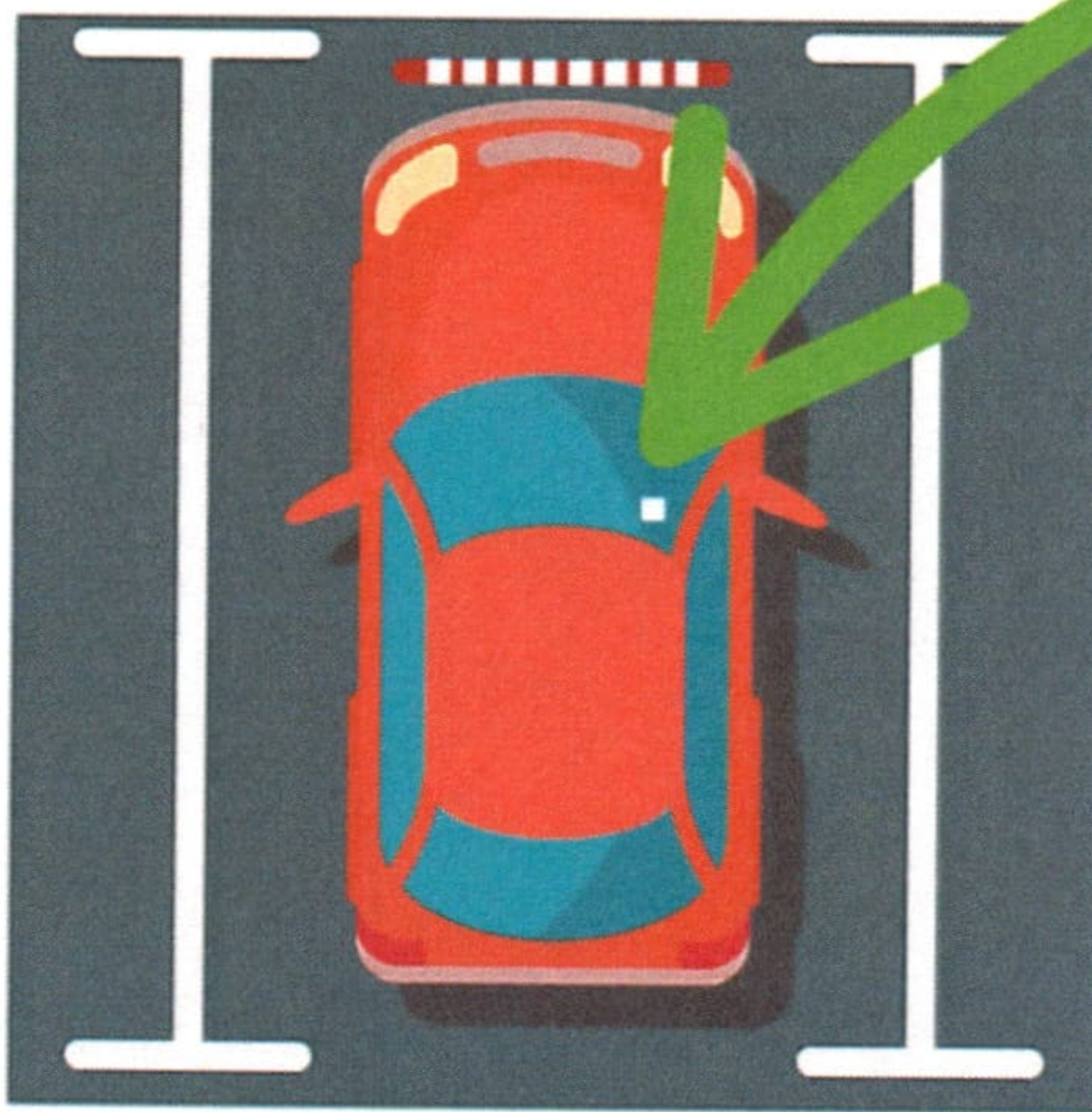
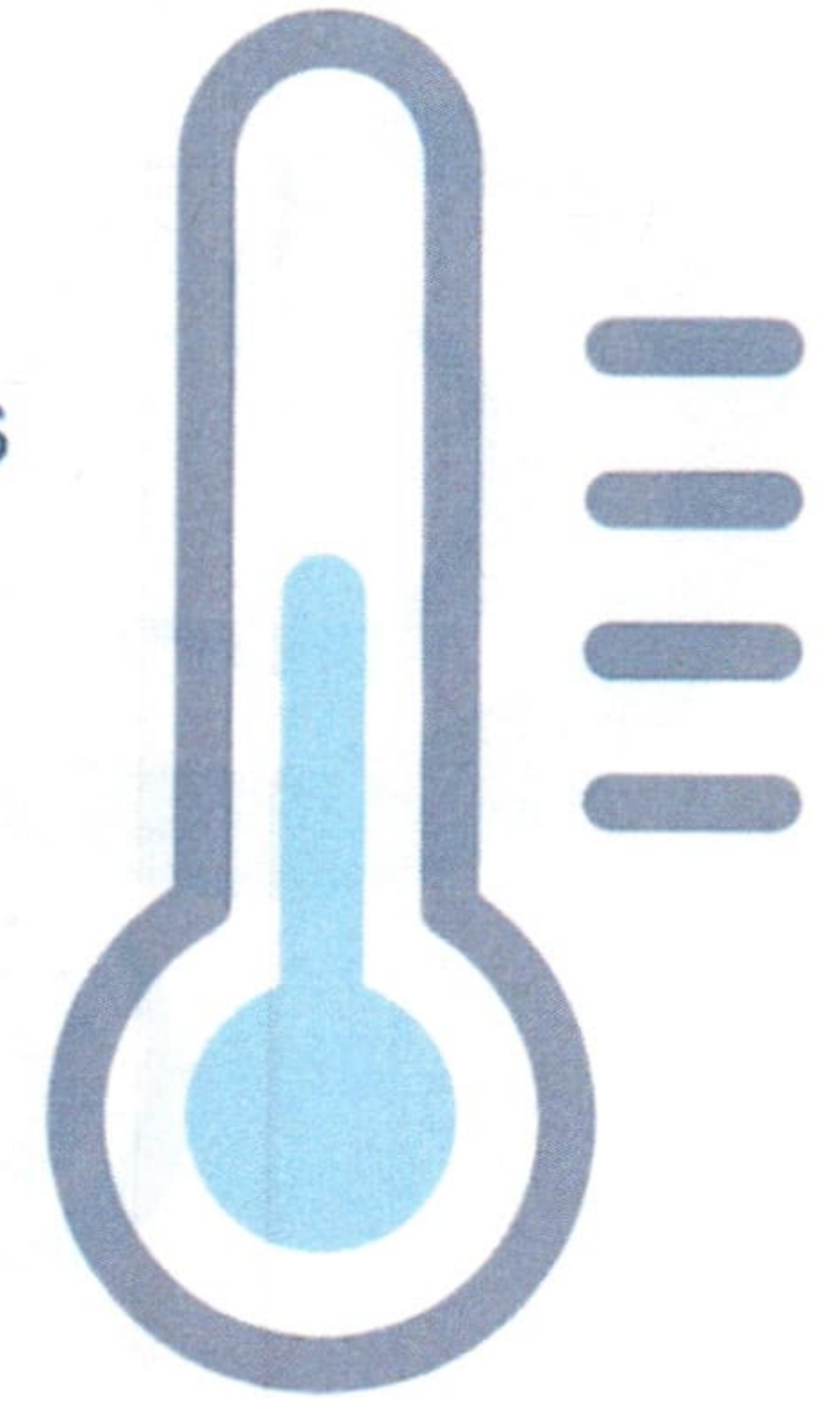
***Once your furnace filter has been replaced, a notice will be left on your counter.***



In September, the Full Moon appears particularly bright and rises early, letting farmers continue harvesting into the night. This year look for the “corn moon” on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>



A reminder as the weather gets cooler, per Highlands' policy, all windows and exterior doors must be kept closed when the temperature is below 40 degrees. If it is verified that you are in violation of this policy, an attempt will be made to notify you that you need to close your door or window. Review the entire policy under Open Doors and Windows for complete details and fines.



put your sticker here

## REMINDER

*YOUR VEHICLE NEEDS A STICKER*  
*It should be placed on the upper passenger side area of your windshield. Please contact the office if your vehicle needs a sticker.*



- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 2 teaspoons grated orange peel
- 2 cups halved seedless grapes (any color)
- 2 cups fresh blueberries
- 2 cups sliced fresh strawberries
- 2 cups fresh raspberries (or blackberries)
- 2 medium apples chopped

For dressing -

Whisk together honey, orange juice, and orange peel in a medium bowl  
In a large serving bowl combine grapes, blueberries, and strawberries.  
Gently stir in dressing. Cover and chill for 2 to 24 hours.  
*Before serving, gently stir in raspberries and apples.*



Check out this delicious recipe for a simple Honey Cake with slivered almonds and a honey glaze

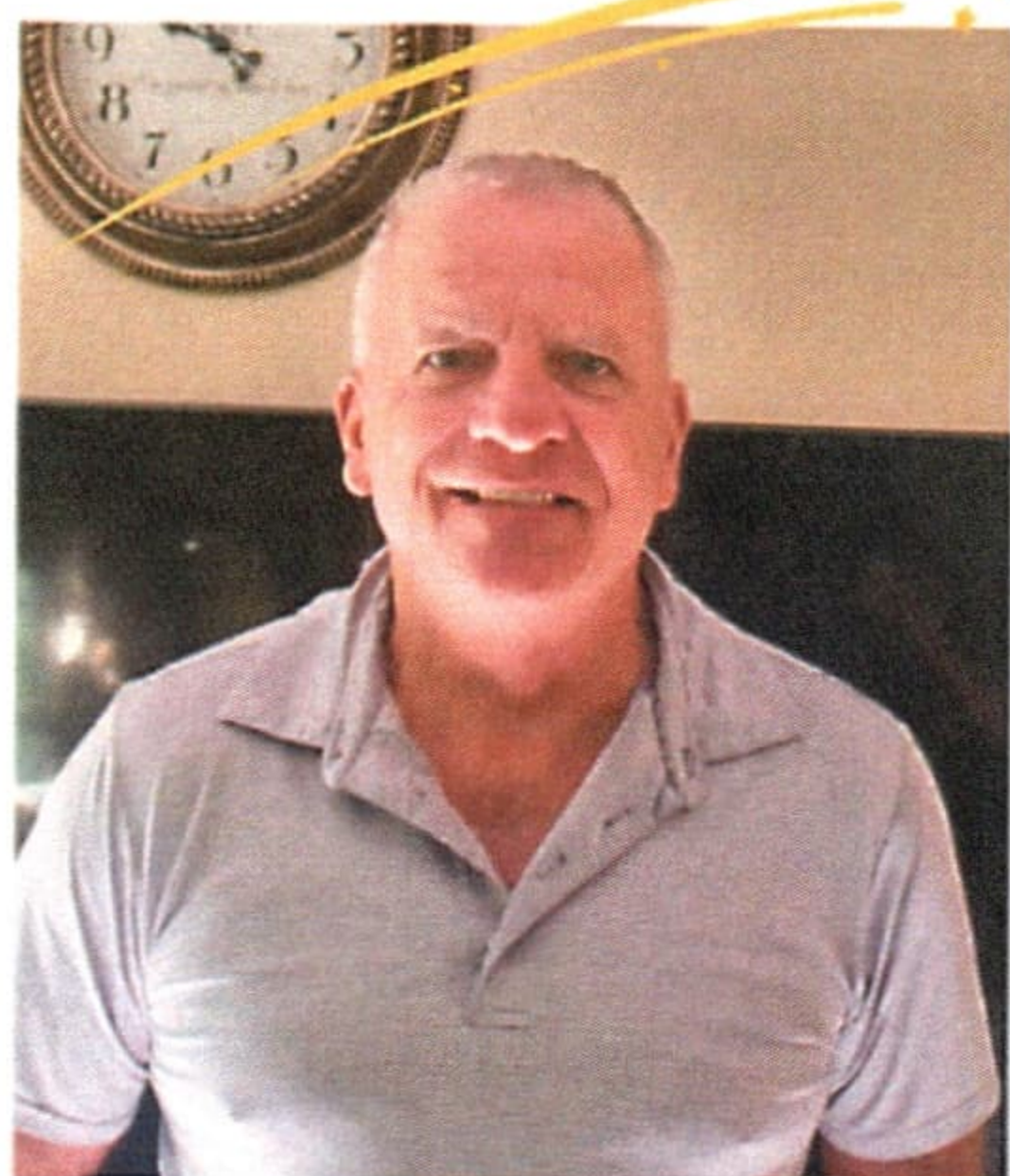
<https://www.recipetineats.com/honey-cake/>



# Get to know your Grounds Crew

Hi, I'm Mark Robert, I have been an employee at Highlands Cooperative in the Ground Department since May 1980. I was promoted to Grounds Supervisor in 1986, In the 45 years working at Highlands I have been voted Maintenance Person of the year three times by my peers. I love serving the Members of Highlands and do not see myself doing anything else.

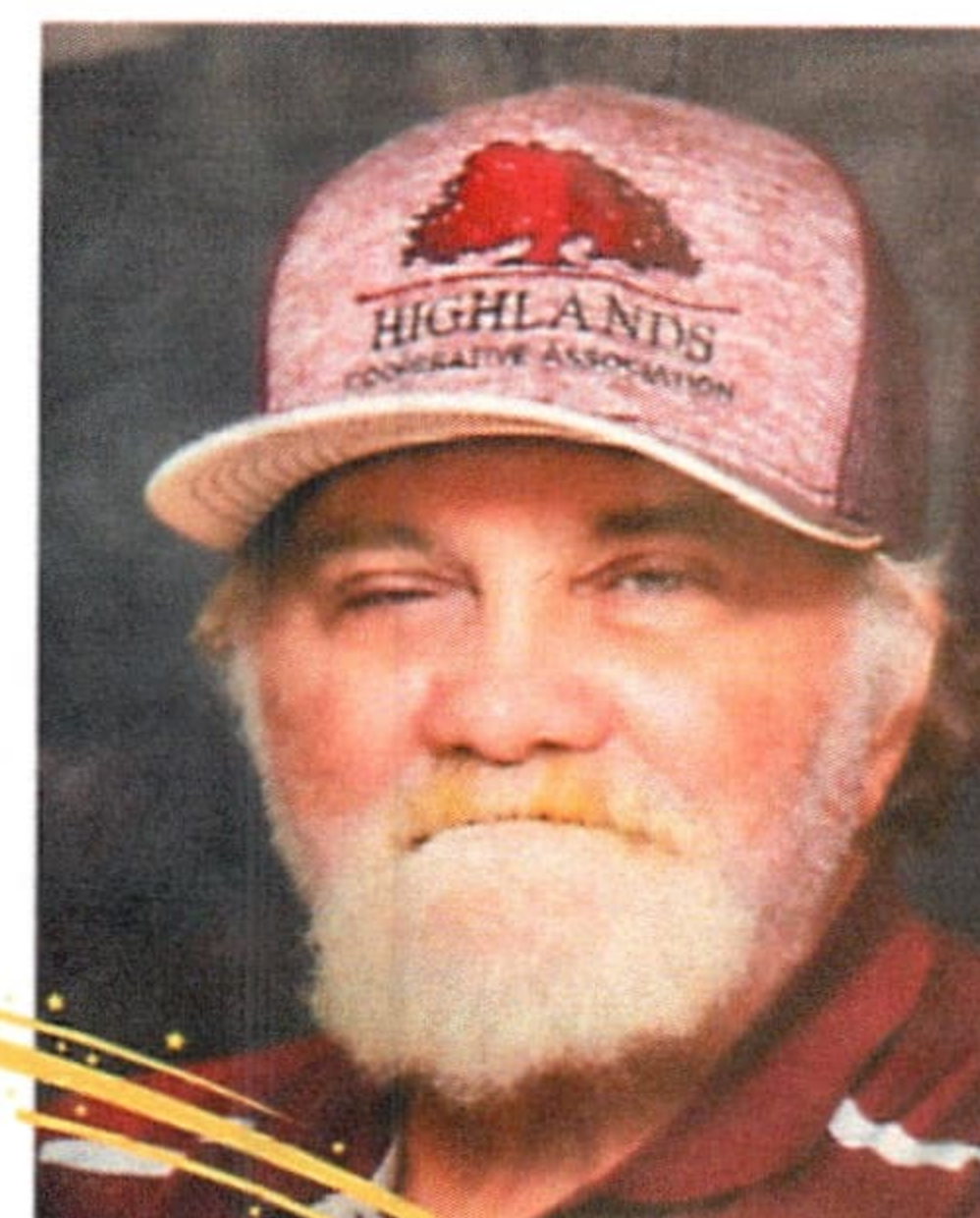
Outside of work, I have been married for 43 years. I have two children and two grand kids. I enjoy spending time with my grand kids, golfing, fishing, and hunting.



My name is Tom Lowe. I have worked for Highlands full time since March of 2013. Started in my 20's as a part time grounds maintenance person. I left Highlands for a few years. In 2013 I heard Highlands was hiring, so I applied and was rehired.

My wife of 45 years and I have 2 adult children and 2 dogs. My wife and I like to work in our yard. We enjoy riding motorcycles, visiting flea markets, and roadside sales.

I'm Bill Meddaugh, I started working in the grounds department in February of 2015. I also help out in the maintenance department when needed. I enjoy my job here and work with a great team of co-workers. I also enjoy looking at all the wonderful work the Members do in their gardens to help our property look beautiful. In my free time I like spending time with my family, golfing, and fishing with my friends.



## FALL PLANT EXCHANGE

At the August Board of Directors Meeting, a Member suggested that we have a Fall Plant Exchange/Giveaway.

If you have any perennial plants that you would like to make available to other members, please notify the Office by

September 22<sup>nd</sup> - and we will provide a list of all Members who have perennial plants they wish to donate, in the October Newsletter.





IMPORTANT NOTICE  
TRASH REMOVAL

This notice explains important changes to our trash disposal procedures, effective **Friday September 5th at 4:00 p.m.** Please read this document carefully to understand how these changes will affect you.

Highlands has been experiencing a significant increase in illegal dumping, both by non-members and by Members granting permission to friends and family to dispose of their trash in Highlands' dumpsters. Some Members mistakenly believe disposing of trash bags and large items like beds or couches in Highlands' dumpsters is free, but it's not; our monthly trash removal costs are based on the amount of trash collected each week and this expense is included in your monthly carrying charges.

To address illegal dumping by non-members and discourage large item disposal by members in the dumpster, we are implementing the following changes:

1. A cable will be installed across the driveway, approximately halfway up from the road.
2. The cable will be in place from 4:00 p.m. Friday until 7:00 a.m. Monday. During this time, trash may be taken to the dumpsters by using a walkway on the right side of the driveway.
3. To dispose of large items you must contact the Office to make arrangements in advance. Members who do not make these arrangements will result in the Member being charged for the disposal of the large items.
4. No trash can be left at the cable. Any items left at the cable will result in a fine to the offending member.

If you observe individuals disposing of large amounts of trash or large items, please report it to the Office as soon as possible during normal office hours. Provide the date and time of the occurrence and the color and type of vehicle. **DO NOT confront individuals, take pictures, or otherwise draw attention to yourself.** With the information you provide, we can review camera footage to gather the necessary details to prosecute offenders.

Illegal dumping will be reported to the Lansing Police Department, and prosecution will be pursued. Offenders are subject to fines ranging from \$1,500 to \$10,000 and/or imprisonment for up to one year, depending on the amount of trash disposed.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our community clean and compliant. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office at (517) 882-0796 or [office@highlandscooperative.com](mailto:office@highlandscooperative.com)