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## Council honors airport manager's service

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

The city council meeting Monday, September 15 was a low-key affair, nearly devoid of conflict. The council discussed Whites Bridge, union negotiations and recognized a long-term employee who is retiring.

Jim Howard of Lowell was the only resident out of the 17 in attendance to use the opportunity for "citizen comment." Howard spoke to the council about the still unresolved union negotiations.

"I believe the city council has failed to do their job as a public servant in the contract negotiations between the city and the

union that represents the employees in the Department of Public Works," Howard said. "City council has used 'closed sessions' as an excuse why they couldn't inform the constituents what was being said in contract negotiations. [...] I believe if the constituents would have been part of the decision-making that a just contract would have been settled long ago. I'm asking the city council now to correct better than two-and-a-half years of misgivings by having a public hearing on the contract negotiations. Councilmember Altoft, do you think there should be a public hearing?"

"We're not going to respond to any questions. You can address the chair here," mayor Jim Hodges said.

"Yes," councilor Jeff Altoft said. "Yes."

As part of the council's 'strategic goals,' they will be holding 'stakeholder meetings' in the coming months to discuss options for traffic and parking management in the city.

"I would ask you to mark your calendars for October 23 and November 20," city manager Mark Howe said. "Those are tentative dates for future 'stakeholder meetings.'"



**Jim Howard addresses city council.**

Nancy Stroosnyder, the treasurer of the Whites Bridge Historical Society, asked the council to approve their request for a "charitable gaming license" and a "general letter of support" from the council. The group needs \$475,000 to rebuild the bridge. They have applied for a \$275,000 grant. To raise the remaining \$200,000 the group plans to hold a raffle. The raffle's grand prize will be two tickets to tour the Mackinac Bridge.

"Two free tours of the Mackinac Bridge, which includes the elevator ride up to overlook," Stroosnyder



**Nancy Stroosnyder.**



**Mayor Hodges presents plaque to Jim Sowle.**

said. "I mean, here's no price you can put on this. They're given away to charitable organizations. Over 1,500 organizations applied for that this year. We were one of 25 that were given this."

The council unanimously approved Stroosnyder's requests.

Matt Mayer, the newest city councilor, was appointed to the Fire Authority board.

After the meeting a ceremony was held to honor Jim Sowle. He has been the manager of Lowell City Airport since 1992.

His retirement is effective Wednesday, October 1.

"I loved every minute of it. I truly did," Sowle said. "I've enjoyed the job. It's been a wonderful experience and the city of Lowell has been wonderful people to work with."

The city council will have their next meeting at 7 pm on Monday, September 29. They also have workshops scheduled at 6 pm on Wednesday, September 17 and Monday, September 29. These worksessions are open to the public.

## Senators announce funding for project to study effects of climate change on the Great Lakes

Senators Debbie Stabenow, vice chair of the Great Lakes Task Force, and Carl Levin, chair of the Great Lakes Task Force, announced today a \$321,448 grant for the University of Michigan's Cooperative Institute for Limnology and Ecosystems Research through the School of Natural Resources and Environment. This support, which comes from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office of Oceanic & Atmospheric Research, will help researchers study the effects of climate change on the Great Lakes' water quantity and quality.

"The Great Lakes are critical to Michigan's economy and our way of life," said Stabenow. "This grant will help University



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## Cleanup day planned at the Fairgrounds for October

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

Lowell will have a "Cleanup Day" at the fairgrounds on October 11 from 9 am until noon.

"We brainstormed and said, 'Let's try this,' because other communities are doing it," said Betsy Davidson, treasurer of the Lowell Area Recreation Authority. "We decided this would be a great project to try to see if it'll fly in Lowell."

"It's the first project for the Community Alliance," said city manager Mark Howe. The Community Alliance consists of Lowell Area Schools, the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, the city of Lowell, Lowell Township and Vergennes Township.

The basic idea of

"Cleanup Day" is for residents to load up all their recyclable junk, bring it down to the fairgrounds and chuck it into dumpsters.

"Basically anybody in the Lowell area school district can come with one truck or trailer full of stuff to throw in dumpsters," Davidson said. "We're going to have about eight dumpsters there."

"It's a trash pick-up, so there are certain trash things that, if you have them, you can bring them and throw them in the dumpster," Howe said.

They'll be taking everything from old tires to scrap metal.

"We'll have the Boy Scouts there doing metal recycling and then we'll

have Comprenew there for technology recycling," Davidson said.

If you have working appliances to recycle you might be able to take home a few bucks.

"We're going to have Lowell Light & Power there recycling light bulbs and appliances. If you bring in working appliances, you can actually get a rebate," Davidson said.

If all goes well, there may be more "Cleanup Days" in the future.

"Our hope is to do this on a regular basis. This is sort of pilot," Howe said. "It really is just a wonderful community event."

"We're excited," Davidson said.



# National POW/MIA Recognition Day honors sacrifices of missing, imprisoned soldiers

For more than 83,000 families there are only questions that have no answers. A loved one went off to serve their country and never returned. They are counted among the Americans missing in action (MIA) from World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War, the Vietnam War and the Gulf War.

National POW/MIA Recognition Day on Sept. 19 honors the brave men and women who were prisoners of war (POW) and those who are still missing in

action. This day, established in 1998 by an Act of Congress, is one of six days that the POW/MIA flag must be flown at the U.S. Capitol.

"This day is set aside to honor the commitment and sacrifices made by this nation's prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action, as well as their families," said Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency Director Jeff Barnes. "The POW/MIA flag serves as a reminder that the members of the armed services who

remain unaccounted for will not be forgotten."

As part of that

remembrance, a Sept. 20 ceremony at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System will pay tribute to former POWs and families of those missing in action. The event will include a POW/MIA table, a symbolic ceremony consisting of:

A small table set for one symbolizing the frailty of prisoners against their oppressors;

A white tablecloth illustrating

the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms;

A single rose in a vase serving as a reminder of the families and loved ones who keep faith awaiting their return;

A red ribbon tied to the vase symbolizing the red ribbon worn by thousands who demand a proper accounting of the missing;

A slice of lemon is on the bread plate, a reminder of their bitter fate;

Salt on the bread plate symbolizes the families' tears as they wait;

An inverted glass is a reminder that they cannot toast with us;

An empty chair is a reminder of those who have not returned.

According to the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO), 83,189 soldiers nationally remain unaccounted for from past conflicts.



## along main street

## Climate change project, continued

of Michigan researchers understand how climate change will affect the Lakes in order to better protect and preserve them for generations to come."

grant to the University of Michigan will contribute to that understanding and aid us in managing this vital resource."

University of Michigan's Cooperative Institute for Limnology and Ecosystems Research and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office of Oceanic & Atmospheric Research aim to promote environmental research and ensure environmental and economic sustainability.

"The Great Lakes are Michigan's greatest natural treasure, and we take seriously our stewardship of the Lakes," said Levin. "Understanding how climate change impacts the Great Lakes is critical to our efforts to protect the Lakes. This research

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The Whites Bridge Historical Society's first annual BridgeFest will be held Fri. and Sat., Oct. 3 and 4 at the Ionia County Fairgrounds. For more information or to purchase tickets go to [www.eventbrite.com/e/bridgefest-tickets-12717122255?aff=es2](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/bridgefest-tickets-12717122255?aff=es2)

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# Michigan agriculture leaders discuss production challenges during two-day Fall Outlook Conference

The Michigan Agri-Business Association (MABA) this weekend hosted its 2014 Fall Outlook Conference, now in its fifth year of bringing agriculture industry leaders together to discuss industry developments. The two-day meeting included updates from state and national leaders on current challenges in agriculture, advancements in the agronomy sector, the growth of renewable fuels, infrastructure access and more.

“Michigan agriculture is a forward-looking industry and the Fall Outlook Conference is an opportunity for our members to retool, and think strategically about the issues they face, and what the future will bring,” said Jim Byrum, president of MABA. “As we do business in a changing

landscape – from rail and logistics, to shifting weather and production patterns, to expanded consumer interest in sustainability – this meeting provides an opportunity to bring industry leaders together and ensure we’re well-positioned to be successful going forward.”

David Geers, president of Michigan Agricultural Commodities, opened the day with a promising outlook for corn, wheat and soybean production in 2014, but also noted a number of unique challenges facing producers – including prices and uncertain rail transportation and logistics to move what may be a record corn and soybean crop.

Agronomy services are changing to meet new challenges, according to Dan Vradenburg, president of Wilbur-Ellis

Company, who highlighted advancements in data and technology that are giving agronomy companies new ways to solve customer concerns. Regulatory issues also remain top of mind for many producers and agribusinesses, including chemical safety and the Food Safety Modernization Act. Vradenburg said that growing customer interest in sustainability also deserves industry attention.

Leonard Gianessi, director of crop protection research at CropLife Foundation, highlighted the use of crop protection technology and innovative agricultural inputs to feed a rapidly changing and growing population. He discussed the benefit of modern herbicides and fungicides to boost yields – an especially important

issue given rising global demand for food.

Ken Nobis, president of Michigan Milk Producers Association, said that Michigan’s dairy industry adds more than \$14 billion annually to Michigan’s economy. He noted the growing efficiency of the industry, with Michigan milk production increasing more than 60 percent since 2000 with just 25 percent more cows. He also emphasized the need to meet consumer interest in food production and sustainability, including documenting sustainability efforts already happening in the production process, especially in a growing Michigan industry.

Jeff Lutt, chief executive officer of POET, emphasized the ongoing growth and innovation within the American biofuels

industry that promises to revolutionize renewable energy in the years ahead. Lutt called for maintaining a strong Renewable Fuel Standard to fuel continued growth and boost American energy independence. Less than two weeks ago, POET launched America’s first cellulosic ethanol refinery, Project LIBERTY, that converts baled corn cobs, leaves, husk and stalk into renewable fuel. At full capacity, it will convert 770 tons of biomass per day to produce ethanol at a rate of 20 million gallons per year, later ramping up to 25 million gallons per year.

Joe Cramer, executive director of the Michigan Bean Commission, and Mike Wenkel, executive director of Potato Growers of Michigan, focused on new opportunities for Michigan’s

potato and dry bean sectors, including movement further north as the growing season changes for these and other crops. Like other speakers throughout the morning, Cramer and Wenkel said that sustainability is a key issue for growers as consumer interest grows in that area.

Dan Wyant, director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, said that while agriculture faces a number of challenges on the horizon, it’s critical that industry leaders continue working together. He emphasized a commitment to partner with Michigan agriculture from DEQ and other state agencies.

Scott Shearer of the Bockorny Group emphasized the

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## Lowell man, juvenile arrested for theft at Wittenbach dealership

On Saturday, Aug. 30, Lowell Police Department received a call regarding a breaking and entering complaint at the Wittenbach GMC dealer on West Main. Management reported that the dealership had been broken into the day before and cash and three vehicles were stolen.

Investigators were able to locate two suspects, 18-year-old Scottie Lee Estes and a juvenile male, both from the Lowell area, allegedly also involved



Scottie Lee Estes is being held at the Kent County Jail.

in the crimes. During the investigation, both subjects were tied to break-ins at the Kent County Youth Fair office where cash was taken, in addition to a break-in at the Lowell Boy Scout Cabin where items were stolen.

Estes was charged with two counts of breaking and entering a building with intent and two counts of unlawful driving away an auto (UDAA). If convicted, Estes could face up to 30

years in prison. The juvenile is facing charges of two counts of UDAA and two counts of breaking and entering. Estes is housed at the Kent County Jail on \$125,000 bond.

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Amendments are proposed in Chapter 4, General and Special Regulations, in section of Off-street parking of motor vehicles, subsection 201.417 (E) and (F). The amendments are to add additional parking space formulas for various commercial and industrial uses. A section referencing barrier free parking is also added.

The complete ordinance amendments can be reviewed at the **Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671 [fax 897-5674]** or on the website at **www.vergennestwp.org**. Written and oral comments will be received from any interested party until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Planning Commission Chairman or the Planning Coordinator at the Township Offices. Comments may be emailed to the Planning Commission at: **zoning@vergennestwp.org**

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## financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

### What's smarter — Paying off debts or investing?

It probably doesn't happen as much as you'd like, but from time to time, you have some extra disposable income. When this happens, how should you use the funds? Assuming you have adequate emergency savings — typically, three to six months' worth of living expenses — should you pay off debts, or fund your IRA or another investment account?

There's no one "correct" answer — and the priority of these options may change, depending on your financial goals. However, your first step may be to consider what type of debt you're thinking of paying down with your extra money. For example, if you have a consumer loan that charges a high rate of interest — and you can't deduct the interest payments from your taxes — you might conclude that

it's a good idea to get rid of this loan as quickly as possible.

Still, if the loan is relatively small, and the payments aren't really impinging on your monthly cash flow that much, you might want to consider putting any extra money you have into an investment that has the potential to offer longer-term benefits. For instance, you might decide to fully fund your IRA for the year before tackling minor debts. (In 2014, you can contribute up to \$5,500 to a traditional or Roth IRA, or \$6,500 if you're 50 or older.)

When it comes to making extra mortgage payments, however, the picture is more complicated. In the first place, mortgage interest is typically tax deductible, which makes your loan less "expensive." Even beyond the issue

of deductibility, you may instinctively feel that it's best to whittle away your mortgage and build as much equity as possible in your home. But is that always a smart move?

Increasing your home equity is a goal of many homeowners — after all, the more equity you have in your home, the more cash you'll get when you sell it. Yet, if your home's value rises — which, admittedly, doesn't always happen — you will still, in effect, be building equity without having to divert funds that could be placed elsewhere, such as in an investment. In this situation, it's important to weigh your options. Do you want to lower your mortgage debts and possibly save on cumulative interest expenses? Or would you be better served to invest that money for potential growth or interest payments?

Here's an additional consideration: If you tied up most of your money in home equity, you may well lose some flexibility and liquidity. If you were to fall ill or lose your job, could you get money out of your home if your emergency savings fund fell short? Possibly, in the form of a home equity line of credit or a second mortgage, but if you were not bringing in any income, a bank might not even approve such a loan — no matter how much equity you have in your house. You may more easily be able to sell stocks, bonds or other investment vehicles to gain access to needed cash.

Getting some extra money once in a while is a nice problem to have. Still, you won't want to waste the opportunity — so, when choosing to pay down debts or put the money into investments, think carefully.

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# viewpoint

## off the cuff

Jeanne Boss

Here's a news flash for parents out there - you are bigger, older, (theoretically) more educated and (theoretically) more mature than your children. Therefore you do not need to hit your children. You SHOULD be able to handle any situation that needs correcting in a less violent manor.

When I heard that Adrian Peterson hit his child with a switch, my first thought was that plenty of people will conjure up a Norman Rockwell image of some "naughty" little boy getting a lickin' from his "Pa."

Well, whether "Ma" or "Pa" is an NFL running back or a 110-pound weakling, you are still bigger than that child. In this case, his four-year-old was being punished for pushing another child. Well where in the heck do you think he learned that?

If your excuse is, "That's how my parents did it and it didn't hurt me," think again. At best you are being loyal to your parents, at worse you are delusional

and dishonest. If you can remember the pain and you still hurt your own child, you are clearly not aware of how much resentment you are suffering from yourself.

Parents slap, hit and yell at their kids, then turn around and threaten them with slapping, hitting and yelling if they slap, hit or yell at anyone.

Children do childish things - acceptable. They deserve, at the very least, to be taught by adults the correct way to deal with others. When disciplined, kids may not get it right the first time or the second time or even the third time but, if a parent turns and slaps them saying, "It's the only way he'll learn," that parent is fooling themselves.

A few will learn (as their parents didn't) that it is painful and ineffective and will vow not to hurt anyone the way they were hurt. But many spend their lives in denial, refusing to learn a better way and continue to mimic their own parent's bad behavior.

Parents do need support.

As a society we do them no favors by ignoring them as they abuse their children. We comfort ourselves by saying trite things like, "oh well, they'll survive" or "it's their kid." But in reality, four children die from child abuse every day in this country.

Parents teach by example. Consider the number of issues teachers and educators need to address every day. Teachers should only be reinforcing values and behaviors. Educators have a job to do and it is not raising our kids.

Of course sometimes, no matter what you do, discipline problems arise. But slapping and hitting the child is no way to teach your child to play nice. By striking them you are teaching them that it is okay to push, punch or hit if they are bigger or run out of patience.

As a society, we need to embrace civility, manners and kindness. We need to promote caring, nurturing and hard work. Parenting is work. Sure there are times when you need to draw a hard line but, if your goal is

to make your child scream and cry, putting them in a corner, taking them out of the playtime or just saying "no" can start up a pretty good screaming fit.

Here's the payoff. Eventually, they'll learn and it won't be as noisy. If your patience wears out and you choose a violent option, the scenario will be repeated over and over and you will be convinced that your child just can't behave. And believe it or not, time flies and they'll grow up - way too fast. So you will have someone your own size to pick on sooner or later.

Now, if your goal is to have your child be afraid of you and what you might do, then you are, at best someone who needs to get help and learn how to behave yourself or at worst, you are a child abuser like the running back and you should be in jail. Ignorance is no defense in a court of law.

Behave and speak to your child at home, the way you would like them to speak and behave in public. They will mimic that behavior also.

## ask kathryn



Kathryn Denhouter Ph.D.

PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder) refers to anxiety that comes from an exposure to an "out of the ordinary" catastrophe. That is why this is considered to be a "normal" disorder. When an experience is a horrible one of huge magnitude, the normal response is to initially have post-traumatic stress. The symptoms include: 1.) intense fear, terror or feelings of helplessness due to a traumatic event, 2.) reliving the experience via upsetting memories, thoughts, dreams and daily life events that trigger the memories of the trauma, 3.) frequent avoidance of the events, objects and situations associated with the trauma, 4.) problems sleeping, irritability, exaggerated startle response, nightmares, difficulty concentrating and hypervigilance.

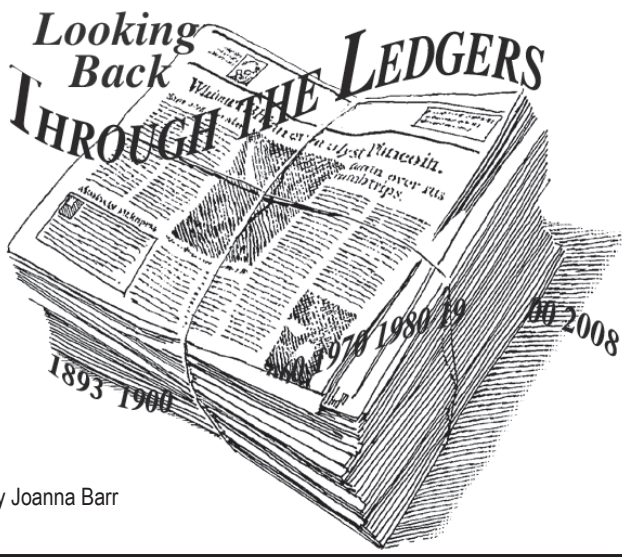
Most people have reactions to tragedies that fade over time, but those with PTSD continue to feel the full impact of the tragedy. What happens next is emotional numbness, detachment and an inability to feel or express feelings. Relationships suffer. Because of avoidance behaviors, their lives become self-protective and fearful.

With children, they often develop a separation anxiety. They might not want to go to school because they don't want their parents out of sight. Children who

normally are well-behaved become loud and aggressive because of the anxiety. What is the best way for parents and teachers to help children deal with PTSD?

As a rule, children are less able than adults to understand and cope with the trauma. As adults, then, we need to stay calm and collected and take time to deal with our own reactions. Encouraging questions and discussions is so important in processing the trauma. Remember that it is a processing and not an instant understanding of the trauma. Use language that he/she understands and within reason, share your own response to the trauma. Comfort the child and reassure him/her that he/she is safe and protected and the likelihood of this happening again is rare. Teach the child that anger and conflicts are best resolved with words and as soon as possible, resume normal activities and routines. Involve the child in finding his/her best ways to cope with fears and anxiety. It is so important to remember that it takes time to process PTSD and impatience by the adult can make the child feel more anxious.

Next month, panic disorder will be discussed. If you have questions about this article or general questions, please feel free to contact me at [kathryndenhouter@gmail.com](mailto:kathryndenhouter@gmail.com)



By Joanna Barr

to time some of the motor fiends who drive through Lowell Main street 'sti-odd miles an hour. It would be well to do it, too, before some one is killed.

Goodyear tires have not advanced in price as the Goodyear Co. purchased nearly all of the world's supply of best para rubber at the beginning of the war. R. D. Stocking, agent.

Will Morse begins to realize that he is no "chicken" in the printing business. About twenty-two years ago he printed wedding invitations for a certain Lowell couple and this week he did similar work for their daughter. However, Will hasn't been marking time in "The art of preservative" all these years; and his growing output at The Ledger office gives evidence of careful study of modern typography and calls forth commendation from our patrons.

### 125 years ago Lowell Journal September 18, 1889

The water company have begun laying pipe up Peck's Hill. A fire hydrant will be placed at the corner of Bridge St. and the street leading up the hill.

George Bradish and Silas Chrisman, of Alton, had a little misunderstanding one day last week. Bradish will need a dentist to supply a couple a couple missing teeth and Chrisman had to have a surgeon.

### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 17, 1914

Autocops in Grand Rapids timed a Grand Trunk train with stop watches and found it running forty miles an hour. With practice the same outfit might be able

### 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 21, 1939

Ray Alexander is now the proprietor of the Standard oil station at the corner of Main and Hudson streets, having purchased the interests of C. K. Mackey, who has operated the station for the past two years.

New 1940 models of various makes of cars are now making their appearance in local sales rooms. Lines announced as already arrived here include new Buicks, Chryslers, Dodges, Plymouths, Hudsons and Pontiacs. The new Ford line and the new Chevrolets are due to be announced in the very near future. The new cars show many mechanical improvements and added refinements.

The Rev. Chas. W. Boman presented the editor with a delicious banana muskmelon one morning this week

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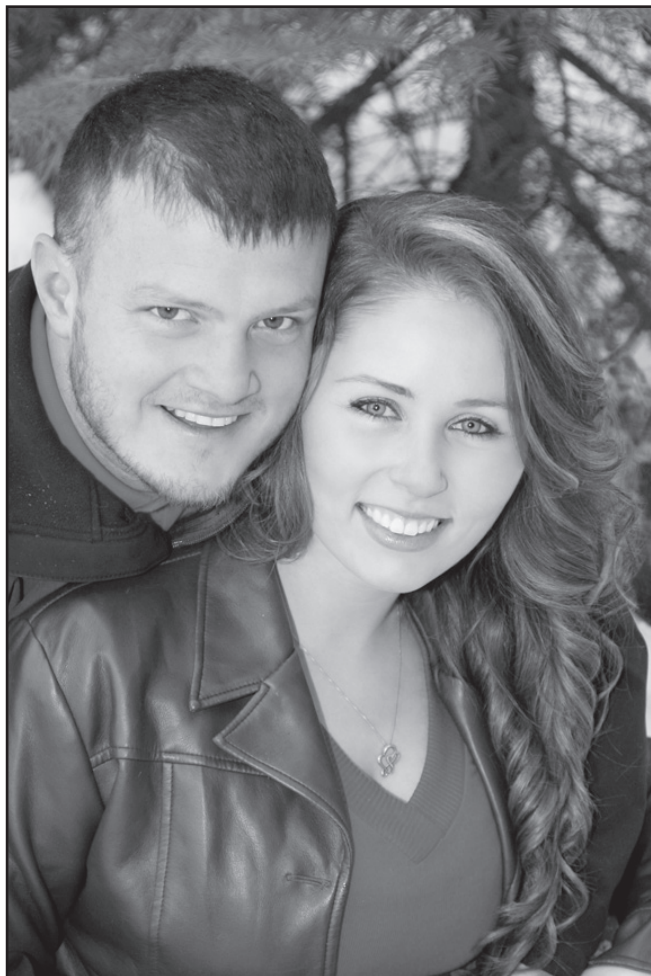
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### vocal cord dysfunction

Vocal cord dysfunction is when the vocal cords partially close while you are breathing. This may cause shortness of breath, tightness in the throat, or a choking sensation. Vocal cord dysfunction can sometimes be mistaken for asthma.

Many things can cause vocal cord dysfunction. It may happen when you breathe in air that has irritants in it. These may include smoke, dust, or ammonia. Other possible causes include acid reflux, stress, anxiety, and exercise. Some people are more sensitive to these triggers than others.

To diagnose vocal cord dysfunction two tests may need to be done. One is a pulmonary function test to see how well the lungs are working. For this test,

you measure the speed and amount of air moving in and out of the lungs. This test is useful in telling the difference between vocal cord issues and asthma.

The second test is a flexible laryngoscopy. A small, flexible tube is passed through the nose to look at the vocal cords while you breathe. This test helps the doctor to know if the vocal cords are not working correctly.

To treat vocal cord dysfunction, you should avoid anything that may be causing your symptoms. The doctor may also prescribe medicine to reduce stomach acid, lower anxiety, or control allergies. Speech therapy may be needed if symptoms continue. Therapists can help teach you how to breathe more easily and help you relax.



## lend a hand

volunteering opportunities

### literacy center seeks tutors

The Literacy Center of West Michigan has scheduled an information session on Thursday, October 2, 2014, for prospective volunteer tutors. This session is held at 6:30 pm and lasts one hour. It allows persons interested in becoming volunteer tutors to find out more about the center and its literacy programs. At the end of the session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training.

The Literacy Center of W. Michigan is a nonprofit, United Way agency devoted to reducing illiteracy in the community. Based on 1990 census figures, at

least 19,000 adults in Kent County cannot read at a functional level. At least 6,000 adults cannot speak or understand English well. By training people to be tutors, the center can offer one-on-one reading help to adults asking for assistance in reading or English as a Second Language (ESL). You do not need to speak another language to tutor ESL.

The information session will be held at the Literacy Center of West Michigan, located at 1120 Monroe Ave., NW, Suite 240, Grand Rapids, MI. Please call 459-5151 (ext. 10) to register.



## happy birthday!

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# Fall LHS SPORTS TEAMS

## Cross Country - Girls



Experience will lead the 2014 girls cross country team as 15 returning runners, including six seniors and eight juniors, will face off in OK White competition this year.

Head coach Paul Judd reports that each competitor has shown progress thus far this season trimming back their race times considerably.

While Grand Rapids Christian is the early favorite

to win the conference, with East Grand Rapids and Forest Hills Central likely to be nipping at their heels, Rudd feels the girls have a decent chance to place well this season. "The girls have the potential to finish in the middle of the conference, but to do so we will need to get our pack out fast in the races and learn to compete every day in practice," said Judd.

First row, left to right: Desiree Striplin, Megan Khodl, Haley Engels, Ahinara Rios Mas, Emily Judd, Elle Coble, and McKare Elliott; second row, left to right: Brianna Raspor, Victoria Hewitt, Mary Leasure, Francesca Robinson, Kayleigh Striplin, and Dawn Kondor; third row, left to right: coach Clay VanderWarf, Taylor Bierling, Esme Misiak, Kathryn Miller, Colleen Cater, Breanna VanLaan, Kyla Dixon, Katrina Droski and coach Paul Judd.

## Cross Country - Boys

Twenty-two long distance runners consisting mostly of seniors and sophomores will represent Lowell in boys cross country competition this season.

Head coach Clay VanderWarf said that the season is off to a good start thus far with his veteran runners shaving one to five

minutes off their previous times in practice and at the Hesperia Invite.

The OK White conference is known as one of the toughest leagues for cross country according to VanderWarf and added that despite that, he feels his team is capable of a nice finish. "I would like to see

us somewhere in the middle of the conference. With

schools like Grand Rapids Christian, East Grand

Rapids and Caledonia it will be tough, but I think the boys

are up for the challenge," VanderWarf concluded.



First row, left to right: Alex Bohr, Keagan Barnes, Chase Miller, Louie Hart, Dan Onan, Aaron Ward, Nick Truba, Kyle Cater, and Evan Johnson; second row, left to right: coach Clay VanderWarf, Zach Diamond, Reece Karns, Riley Nethercott, Nick Higgins, Brayton Grant, Caleb Sobie, Eric Judd, Kenny Stump, and coach Paul Judd.

## Varsity Golf JV Golf



Left to right: coach Kim Stevens, Anna Organek, Caitlyn Gauck, Alainie Thomas, Marta Lopez, Paige Fosburg, Nicole Hewitt, Danielle Krajewski, and assistant coach Carl Bratton.



Left to right: coach Gary Fredline, Abby Green, Taylor Furtaw, Kenzie North, Lucy Wade, McKenna Creighton, Regan Gravitt, and Isabelle Dial.

Five seniors and one sophomore make up this year's varsity girls golf team led by head coach Kim Stevens.

"This is the deepest team that I've had since getting the job in 2010. I started working with these girls four years ago. They have worked hard to get to this level," said Stevens.

He called each of his players talented and said he believes that they have great potential this season, "If they can put everything together, I feel this team could get through the regionals and qualify to play at the state tournament." If that feat is accomplished this season, it will be the first time in LHS history.



# Fall LHS SPORTS TEAMS

## Varsity Football



First row, left to right: Maxwell Dean, Zeth Dean, Christian Rosenfeldt, Nathan Stephens, Matt Cooper, Alex Anschutz, and Sawyer Olesko; second row, left to right: Tanner Barnes, Anthony Alderink, Brady Schaefer, Derek Massey, Duncan Elliott, Koda Barry, Logan Blough, Tyler Ritchie, Ryan Tarchala, and Josh Colegrove; third row, left to right: Andrew McCormick, Austin Hoekstra, Danny Bieri, Nicholas Kloosterman, Max Barber, Karson Murley, Brandon Churches, Evan Mierendorf, John Rogalfe, Reece VanderWarf, and Jason Cazier; fourth row, left to right: Danny Kruse, Collin McGee, Matthew Anderson, Kenneth Duke, Brendan Spencer, Bailey VanAmburgh, Logan Wilcox, Ryan Hessler, Josh Branagan, Robert Madoco, and Tyler Hall.

The 2014 Lowell Red Arrow football team kicked off their season with the school's first international game, the seventh successful Pink Arrow Pride night and now faces a long brewing local rivalry with East Grand Rapids.

Nearly fifty players will run, throw and kick the pigskin this year under the direction of head coach Noel Dean and his talented coaching staff. The team will play a total of nine league and nonleague games on this year's schedule, including five games at Red Arrow Stadium.

Expectations are always high for the team who has claimed three state championships under their current leader, but Dean said that they take it all with stride, "Even if it is unrealistic that we should be good every year, it does put a level of expectation on the kids. For a while there it bothered me, but over the past couple of years I just embraced the idea that if we are supposed to be good at least we are working to be good. It's kind of like a self fulfilling prophecy. So from that standpoint it is exciting."

## JV Football



First row, left to right: Ben Smith, Hayden Barry-Coulier, Sterling Anderson, Garret Taylor, Sam Russell, Sage Solomonson, Colton Churches, Marcus Schussler, and Clayton VandenHout; second row, left to right: Cooper Perry, Eddie Heikkila, George Gonzales, Shane Endres, Joey Schaefer, Mike Doyle, Steven Tripp, John Wade, Seth Salinas, and Jacob Bishop; third row, left to right: Zach Weston, Noah Hawkins, Danton Jennberg, Aron Mierendorf, Max Bishop, Trevor VanDyke, Zach Petroelje, Kyle Liddle, and Nate Hawkins.

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# Fall LHS SPORTS TEAMS

## Varsity Tennis

## JV Tennis



First row, left to right: Tim Buechler, Kyle Bell, Noah Houghtaling, Billy Dickson, Caleb Kaufman, and Jeremy Bergin; second row, left to right: coach Chris Phillips, Carl Noskey, Blake Posthumus, Andrew deVoest, Zack Ritchie, and Josh Buechler; missing: Jared Laux.



Left to right: Jake Hanson, Josh Bush, Jarrett Duimstra, Zach Laux, Clayton Brown, Caleb Pichens, and Geoffrey Fleenor.

Lowell High School's 2014 boys varsity tennis team consists of twelve students competing in both singles and doubles action on the court.

Led by head coach Chris Phillips, who also heads up the girls tennis program in the spring. The boys tennis squad starts their season with seven straight away matches before their official home opener on September 15. The opener is one of five matches to take place this season at LHS, all beginning at 4:15 pm on the school courts.



## Varsity Volleyball JV Volleyball



First row, left to right: Grace Quiggle, Catherine Stump, Tara McQueen, Lydia Tawney, Bethany Kaczanowski, Kelsey Emmanuel, and Elena Bishop; second row, left to right: Bailey Reitsma, Paige Wilson, Ally Frederickson, Katie Bush, Rachel Fox, coach Julie Quist.



First row, left to right: Isabel Lillie, Maddie Burt, Olivia Nurmikko, Maya Williams, Maria DeCator, Darby Fuller, and Sydney VandenHout; second row, left to right: coach Cherie Bowerman, Alyssa Roest, Kendra Wroten, Shannon Hoekstra, Rachel Cole, Abigail Mangus, and Sydney Powell.



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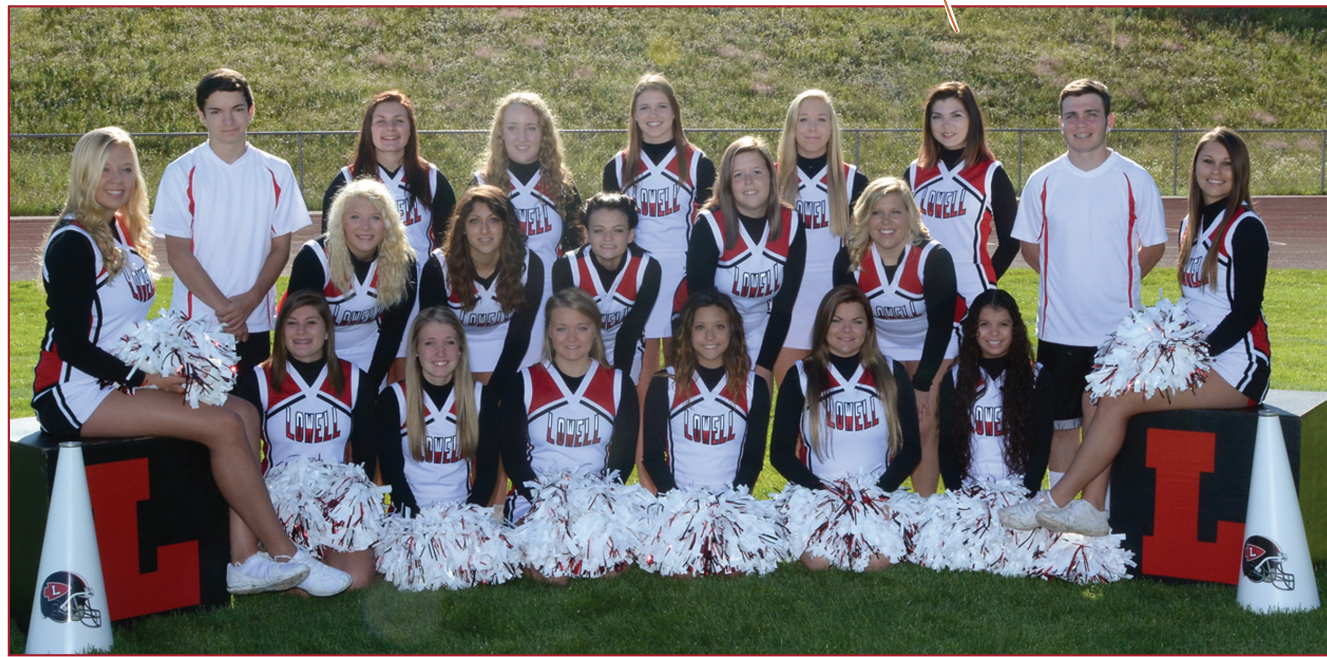
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# Fall LHS SPORTS TEAMS

## Varsity Cheer



First row, left to right: Mallory Koster, Rae Mongar, Taylor Ergang, Kaylee Tucker, Sophia Winn, Madeline Knapp, Sylvia Hawley, and Ciara Cornish; second row, left to right: Tyler Doane, Hunter Kramer, Alexis Martinez, Jocelyn Polinskey, Anna VanOverbeek, Madalynne Iteen, and Gavan Karns; missing: Alexander Chapdelaine, Braylin Conner, Shannon Gorman, Baileigh Ford, and coach Cari Slot.

## JV Cheer

## Varsity Soccer



First row, left to right: Jakob Thompson, Benjamin Noffke, Jay Stadt, Trevor Sherman, Archer Pina, Anthony Pollock, and Robert Dubisky; second row, left to right: Christian Worsley, Curtis Bramble, Jonah Epema, Brandon Cole, Jonny Draigh, Logan Landman, and Collin Bowers; third row, left to right: coach Jon Bell, Jared Brzezniak, Brendan Paulus, Collin Pawlowski, Trevor Roest, Kellen Guinn, and coach Rich O'Keefe; missing: Isaac Henderson.



First row, left to right: Vanessa VanderBoon, Autumn French, Brooklyn Fryers, and Kara Jeffries; second row, left to right: Elizabeth Kuhns, Amber Brown, Lydia Hull, Sydney Carmichael, and Kenzi Kramer; third row, left to right: Kimmie Clouatre, Paige Anes, Marissa Grover, Quinne Duhr, and Sela Bauman.

## JV Soccer

A young boys varsity soccer team will take to the field for LHS this season.

The team, which only has four returning starters, consists of three seniors, six juniors, eight sophomores and three frosh. Some of the younger members will take on key roles for the team. According to head coach Rich O'Keefe, "Our starting

lineup is young but are skilled players with lots of heart and good work ethics on and off the field."

After a tough finish last season O'Keefe said that he will not predict the outcome for his team in the conference, but can say that those who come out will witness the team's tremendous potential for

growth. "I guarantee that we will win more than last year but no promises beyond that. However, I will guarantee that you will see a young team developing before your eyes, working hard at executing their game plans and hopefully surprising a few teams," O'Keefe finished.



First row, left to right: Ryan Noffke, Casey Bramble, Morrison Ismond, Gabe Bendull, Caleb Mast, Zach Phipps, and Tristian Stephens; second row, left to right: Nick VanTil, Austin Pollock, Ryan Pawlowski, Jacob Holmes, Alex Laird, Logan Smith, Mitchell Haff, and Mitchell Eciuk; third row, left to right: coach Jon Bell, Austin Comer, Nick Mason, Riley Coxon, Sam Hofman, Mitchell Brown, Simon Hamacher, and manager Landon Smith.





# Red Arrow - FOOTBALL - SPORTS

## Last minute touchdown seals Red Arrow victory over EGR

Perennial rivals East Grand Rapids Pioneers and the Lowell Red Arrows battled it out on rain-soaked gridiron last Friday night. The Arrows won the classic match 30-25.

Max Dean's fourth touchdown of the night put the Red Arrows ahead for good with only 59 seconds left on the clock.

Stellar defensive play and excellent time management forced East to punt with three minutes remaining in the game.

After watching Lowell take a 16-0 lead, the Red Arrow faithful endured steady rain and an East Grand Rapids comeback.

EGR took the lead, 25-22, on a fourth-quarter field goal.

Down by 3 with no timeouts, Lowell was able to put together the winning drive with Nathan Steven's arm, Dean's legs and the push from the offensive line.

Lowell takes their 3-0 record on the road this week when they play Muskegon Reeths Puffer at 7 pm.

# EARTH TALK™

## Questions & Answers About Our Environment

**Dear EarthTalk:** I thought that putting ethanol in our gas tanks was going help fight climate change, but lately I've heard reports to the contrary. Can you enlighten? -- Bill B., Hershey, PA

Ethanol and similar "biofuels" made from corn and other crops seem like a good idea given their potential for reducing our carbon outputs as well as our reliance on fossil fuels. But recent research has shown that the federal government's push to up production of corn-derived ethanol as a gasoline additive since 2007 has actually expanded our national carbon footprint and contributed to a range of other problems.

U.S. corn producers started ramping up ethanol production in 2007 as a result of President George W. Bush's Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS), which mandated an increase in the volume of renewable fuel to be blended into transportation fuel from nine billion gallons in 2008 to 36 billion by 2022. Ethanol now makes up 10 percent of the gasoline available at filling stations.

But environmentalists now say that the promise of ethanol has turned out to be too good to be true. For one, there is the issue of net energy produced. According to Cornell University ecologist David Pimentel, growing and processing corn into a gallon of ethanol requires 131,000 BTUs of energy, but the resulting ethanol contains only 77,000 BTUs. And since fossil-fuel-powered equipment is used to plant, harvest, process and distribute ethanol, the numbers only get worse.

The non-profit Environmental Working Group (EWG) warns that continued production of corn ethanol is not only "worse for the climate than gasoline" but also bad for farmers, the land and consumers: "It is now clear that the

federal corn ethanol mandate has driven up food prices, strained agricultural markets, increased competition for arable land and promoted conversion of uncultivated land to grow crops."

Additionally, the group reports that previous estimates "dramatically underestimated corn ethanol's greenhouse gas emissions by failing to account for changes in land use," citing a 2012 study documenting the conversion of eight million acres of Midwestern grassland and wetlands to corn fields for ethanol between 2008 and 2011. "These land use changes resulted in annual emissions of 85 million to 236 million metric tons of greenhouse gases," says EWG. "In light of these emissions, many scientists now question the environmental benefit of so-called biofuels produced by converting food crops."

Given the potential negative impacts of so-much corn-based ethanol, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is reportedly weighing a proposal to cut the amount currently required by law to be blended into gasoline by 1.39 billion gallons. If the federal government decides to do this, it could lower U.S. carbon emissions by some three million tons—equivalent to taking 580,000 cars off the roads for a year.

Meanwhile, researchers are trying to develop greener forms of ethanol, but none are ready for market yet. "The lifecycle emissions of ethanol 'from seed to tailpipe' depend on how the ethanol is made and what it is made from," reports the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS). The best ethanol, they say, can produce as much as 90 percent fewer lifecycle emissions than gasoline, but the worst can produce much more. So there still may be room for ethanol in our energy future, but not if we keep doing it the way we are now.

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# obituaries

## CLINTON

Deborah 'Deb' Clinton, age 61 of Lowell, went to be with her Lord while surrounded by her family on Wednesday, September 10, 2014. She was preceded in death by her parents John and Lucy Moraga, father-in-law Robert Clinton, brother-in-law Kevin Clinton, brother-in-law Henry Diaz, and sister-in-law Olga Moraga. She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Robert; children Bob, Dina and David Clinton; brothers Henry (Sara) Moraga, John (Lupita) Moraga, Pete Moraga, Arthur Moraga; sisters Naomi Diaz, Virginia (Jesse) Morales, Emily Quinones, Dina (John) Porras; mother-in-law Barbara Clinton; sister-in-law Annette (Kerry) Walters; and many nieces and nephews. Deb had a genuine heart of love for others and took great joy in serving those around her, especially her family. Her greatest joy, however, was serving her Lord Jesus Christ whom she accepted as her Savior when she was ten years old. Although we will miss her dearly, it is a great blessing and comfort for us to know she is now rejoicing in the presence of the Lord whom she loved so much. A funeral service was held. Interment Freeport Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Wealthy Park Baptist Church, 2233 Michigan Ave. NE, Grand Rapids MI 49503 or Mel Trotter Ministries, 225 Commerce Ave. SW, Grand Rapids MI 49506.



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# Looking Back, continued

and same was very much appreciated. Mr. Boman is interested in growing varieties of fruits and vegetables not so commonly known to most people. He also grew in his garden this summer a "garden lemon" which grows on a vine and is similar in appearance to the citrus lemon but is quite a bit larger.

Postmaster F. J. Hoseley has been notified by the Federal Works Agency, public buildings administration, Washington, D. C., that Alfred Sessler of Milwaukee, Wis., has been selected to decorate the new postoffice building.

## 50 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 17, 1964

Headline: Enrollment reaches 2,095 in Lowell Area School System. Enrollment in Lowell Area Schools reached a new high last week when a total of 2,095 students enrolled. This is an increase of 158 over the 1963 enrollment.

Ivan Blough has joined Walter's Lumber Mart, on West Main Street, as sales manager, Bruce Walter announced this week. Ivan, a well-liked and experienced man in building and hardware materials, is back just in time for the 5th anniversary celebration of the company. A special sale, with loads of bargains, is being conducted this coming week by the firm.

Larry Wittenbach has joined the sales department of Wittenbach Sales and Service after two year's experience in the sales organization of Caterpillar Tractor Company in Peoria, Illinois. Larry is the son of Mrs. Wilbur Wittenbach and the late Wilbur Wittenbach.

## 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 20, 1989

Mike Dumas, a junior cornerback from Alto and Lowell High School graduate, is a member of the 1989 Indiana University football team. Dumas a 6-0, 178-pounder will be playing for Bill Mallory, the 1987 Big Ten Coach of the Year, now in his sixth season with the Hoosiers.

The construction of a six place hangar at the Lowell Airport may yet be completed. The project suffered a serious set back on August 31 when the Vergennes Zoning Board of Appeals denied a city request for a variance to the township zoning ordinance.

The long wait is over and we may again take newspapers and brown (grocery) bags only to our recycle station at 1335 W. Main St. The Grand Rapids Press has increased its use of recycled newsprint and Nu Wool Insulation has agreed to accept up to 40 tons of newsprint each month from Recycle Unlimited.

# Michigan Ag leaders, continued

need for new partnership and coalition building to advance farm legislation in Washington. Shearer highlighted a need for agriculture to take the lead on building these new coalitions, including reaching out to nontraditional partners and building new rural-urban cooperation around key issues. Bipartisanship must play a bigger role than ever in the coming years to maintain agriculture's influence in Washington, he said.

Shasta Duffey, vice president of marketing and sales at WATCO Companies, touched on the current difficulties agriculture has seen regarding rail logistics. Crude oil transit has cut deeply into rail capacity to move what's projected to be a record crop, and frustration is growing regarding reliable access to move grain. Duffey noted ongoing engagement by the federal

Surface Transportation Board and outlined steps shippers are taking to expand rail availability in key agriculture states.

Michael Schweickert of J.P. Morgan Securities gave an overview of banking and finance specifically within the agriculture industry, and emphasized the need to identify lenders with experience on agriculture issues.

Vern Hawkins, president of Syngenta Crop Protection, said the company is pursuing a "good growth" strategy for crop protection, with six commitments to use fewer resources and boost sustainability, while still increasing food production and boosting rural economies. The company is working to establish productivity measures while quantifying efficiency across the board.

Garrick Rochow, vice president of Consumers Energy, focused on

expansion of renewable and energy efficient options for agriculture, as well as natural gas and three-phase electric access in rural Michigan. He said Consumers has undertaken new efforts to reduce upfront costs for agribusiness, including 22 new energy efficiency programs for agriculture, and noted that those who found programs cost prohibitive in the past should consider reapplying.

State Senator Mike Green said that infrastructure investment is particularly critical for the future of agriculture in Michigan - including road, rail and vessel transportation, energy access and more. Green gave an outline on upcoming business in the state House and Senate, expressing concern about potential fertilizer fee

increases that could then be used to subsidize other state government departments.

Byrum closed the meeting with a summary of the issues addressed over the two days of the conference.

"If there's one word you've heard a million times at this conference, it's partnership. This isn't just a one-way street," he said. "From road and rail transportation, to water quality, to meeting new sustainability requirements, we need to work together with folks and tackle these issues head-on. We're focused on the future, and this industry can achieve great things if we continue to look ahead and embrace partnership. We have to lead and we have to engage. If we don't lead, we follow, and we're not used to following here in Michigan."

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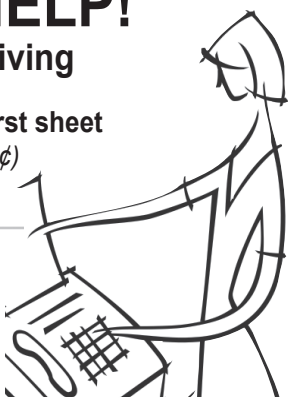
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PERSONS including:  
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Koopmans-Smith,  
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whose interest in the

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or affected by the  
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hearing will be held  
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the following purpose:  
to request the  
appointment of full  
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# classifieds

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**ALTO BEAUTY SHOP CLOSING - OCT 17th.** Equipment for sale. Contact Linda Brooks at 868-6454 or 401-1113.

**2006 27' TRAILMANOR TRAILER FOR SALE** - queen bed, fits in garage, only used 2-3 times/year. \$14,500. Call 616-799-0299.

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**LEAGUE OPENINGS AT ROLLAWAY LANES** - Mondays mixed league & Wednesdays ladies league. Call 897-0001.

**TWIN BED** - Mattress, box spring & frame, (Sealy), \$85 complete. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook.

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**LOCAL LOWELL COMPANY** - Wolverine Water is looking for marketing reps for part time, hourly & commission, full time, salary/comm. & benefits. Must enjoy working w/people. Call 987-8110 for immediate interview.

**WANTED INDEPENDENT DISTRIBUTORS** - Press carriers, Lowell area. Reliable transportation required. Contact Paul at 616-541-0564 or Brian at 616-541-0563.

**COMPOSITECH** a ISG company - Taking applications for Fiberglass fabrication, General shop work, Manual machine operator, CAD operator & Field services. Apply between 9 a.m. & 3 p.m., 683 Lincoln Lake Ave. SE, Lowell, MI 49331. (Lincoln Lake Business Park, across from the airport).

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## sales

**MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE** - 11451 Trent, Lowell. Thurs. & Fri., Sept. 19 & 20. Household items, clothing & much, much more.

**HUGE SALE** - Thurs. - Sun., Sept. 18-21. (Thurs. & Fri., 9-3; Sat. & Sun, 9-5:30) Glassware, antique secretary, crocks, linens, hunting, fishing, target clays, artist festival canopy. Great variety of stuff. Corner of Vergennes/Lincoln Lake.

## sales

**GARAGE SALE** - 1 day only, Sat., Sept. 20, 8-5 p.m. 12345 36th St., Lowell. Recliner, ladies S-M, mens L-XL, blankets, books, siding/soffit, power tools, lawn roller, aerator, plenty of misc. items. Please - no early birds!

**LIL' RED BARN SALE - on the river at 12795 Burroughs.** Fall decor, furniture, primitives, some western & a sale tent. If you are looking to decorate your home, this is the place! 2 miles north of Lowell off Lincoln Lake Rd. Thursday & Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Sat., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**TWO MOVING SALES** - Morrison Lake Condos, 6937 & 6775 Beechwood Dr., Saranac. Thurs. & Fri., 9/18 & 9/19, 9 to 5. Sat., 9/20, 9 to 12. Furniture, clothing, antiques, books, crafts & sewing supplies. No pre-sales, cash only.

**RUMMAGE SALE** - to benefit the Historic Alton Church building on the corner of 3 Mile and Lincoln Lake. September 19 - 20, 9am - 5pm. All items sold by donation. All funds are for upkeep and insurance. This building is a historic site that no longer houses a church congregation, building used for community and historic purposes. Your shopping help is greatly appreciated!

## for rent

**APARTMENT FOR RENT** - in Belding. 2 bedroom. References. Call 616-794-2390.

**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, 3100 Alden Nash. Newly remodeled, smoke-free, private, great location & great rate! [www.VFW8303.org](http://www.VFW8303.org). FREE All Vets Coffee Hour at the center the 3rd Thursday of each month. Bring a friend. Call John at 299-0486 or 897-8303. .TFN

## wanted

**I WANT TO BUY** - Refrigerator, stove, washer, dryer & furniture in good shape. Have cash. 989-584-6818. .TFN

## misc.

**WINNER, WINNER! CHICKEN DINNER!** - Baked chicken w/swiss cheese, mushrooms & onions, roasted potatoes, veggie roll, dessert. Fri., Sept. 19, 5-7:30 p.m. Just \$8. Alto American Legion, 6056 Linfield, Alto

## misc.

**BLUEGRASS MUSIC FESTIVAL - Sept 19 - 20 at Lowell Fairgrounds. Inside Bluegrass music concerts Fri. - Sat. Campground jamming, instrument workshops, slow jams, vendors, bake sale, kids activities. Camping available. For details call 891-8825 or see [www.wmbma.org](http://www.wmbma.org).**

**LOWELL CHEER TEAM FUNDRAISER** - Sept. 20, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. **Scratch for a chance to win a \$50 gift card.** Stop by the following locations, say hi, make a small donation & enter to win a \$50 gift card from that establishment. Bernard's, Gary's Country Meat Market, Huntington, J&H Family Stores, Keiser's Kitchen, Showboat Auto, Springrove Variety, Tractor Supply, Walgreens. **CAN DRIVE** will also be that day too. We will be going door to door in the City of Lowell. You may drop them off at any of the above locations too.

## memorials

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**ALPHA WOMEN'S CENTER** - 517 E. Main. Hours: Mon. 11-3 p.m.; Tues. 12-8 p.m.; Wed. 10-3 p.m.; Thurs. 10-6 p.m. 987-9533. Diapers, formula, clothing & free pregnancy testing available. [www.awclowell.org](http://www.awclowell.org)

**ALTO LIBRARY HOURS:** Tues. & Wed., 12-8 p.m.; Mon. & Sat., 9:30-1:30 p.m.; Thurs., 1-5 p.m. Info., call 784-2007.

**ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS** - Mon.-Wed., noon - 8 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri., 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat., 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 784-2007.

**LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS** - (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs.: 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.; Tues. & Fri.: 12-1, 4:30-5:30 p.m. & 8-9 p.m.; Sat. & Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m. The first step is always the hardest. If your life has become unmanageable due to alcohol, please join us at 101 W. Main. 897-8565.

**3 DOODLER DREAM IT, DRAW IT** - Thurs., Sept. 25, 4 p.m. Drawings come to life with the use of 3Doodler. Pre-registration is required. For all ages. Alto Branch Library, 6071 Linfield Ave., Alto, 784-2007.

**NEW CLASSES FOR EVERYONE** - children - adults at Christian Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash SE, Lowell. Every

Wednesday 7-8 p.m. Bible-centered classes for children through 5th grade, youth group for 6th grade thru high school & adult prayer & Bible study. Everyone is invited to attend.

**FREE ALL VETS COFFEE HOUR** - Third Thurs. of each month. Bring a friend. Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash, Lowell. Call 868-7426 or 897-8303 for more information.

**MOTHERS WHO HAVE OR HAVE HAD** - sons/daughters serving in the military. We are meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. For more info call Sally 616-761-2042.

**LOWELL AREA PRAYER & HEALING ROOMS** - located in the FROM building, 11535 Fulton Street, most Monday evenings, 6-8 p.m. Christian Scripture based. No cost or fees, no appointment necessary, confidentiality respected.

**KENT COUNTY NARFE GROUP** - for retired & current federal employees meet the 2nd Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton, 1/2 mile west of E. Beltline. Potluck at 12:30 p.m. & meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. Call Ed Moore for time, 616-784-6716.

**ALTO LIONS CLUB** - Meets 1st & 3rd Thursday at 7 p.m. at Keiser's Kitchen.

**COFFEE WITH THE COUNCIL** - Come meet & have a cup of coffee with your city councilmembers. First Saturday of each month at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office, 113 Riverwalk Plaza, Lowell. 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

**CIVIL AIR PATROL** - Meets the second & fourth Tues. of the month, 6 p.m., Benz Aviation Building at Ionia Airport, teen/adult programs available, Call Shawna, 616-430-1348 or visit online <http://mi222.miwg-cap.org>

**SECOND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH** - Community Crisis Fund meeting at 7 p.m. at Poppa C's in Clarksville.



# FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

## BOYS & GIRLS

### VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

\* Denotes a game at the high school campus  
 9/20 at 9 a.m. Bob Perry Memorial Invitational\*

### BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL

\* Denotes a game at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium  
 9/19 at 7 p.m. at Reeths Puffer

### BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

\* Denotes a game at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium  
 9/18 at 6:45 p.m. at Caledonia  
 9/20 at 11:30 a.m. Eaton Rapids\*  
 9/22 at 6:45 p.m. at Northview  
 9/23 at 6:45 p.m. Forest Hills Central\*

### GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

\* Denotes a game at Lowell High School  
 9/18 at 7 p.m. GR Christian\*  
 9/20 at 8 a.m. Caledonia Elite Classic  
 9/23 at 7 p.m. at Jenison

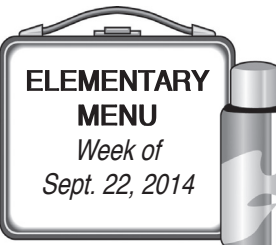
### GIRLS VARSITY GOLF

\* Denotes a meet at Arrowhead Golf Course  
 9/18 at 3:30 p.m. Jamboree at Thousand Oaks  
 9/22 at 3:30 p.m. at Kenowa Hills  
 9/24 at 3:30 p.m. Jamboree at Broadmoor

### BOYS VARSITY TENNIS

\* Denotes a game at the high school tennis courts  
 9/20 at 9 a.m. Sailor Invitational  
 9/24 at 4:15 p.m. at Caledonia

#### LUNCH MENU



**MON:** Beef taco on soft tortilla shell, steamed broccoli, Fruit & Veggie Bar: spinach & romaine side salad, salsa, chilled mixed fruit, chilled sliced pears.

**TUES:** Chicken strips w/ dinner roll, baked beans, Fruit & Veggie Bar: spinach & romaine side salad, cucumber coins, chilled peaches, applesauce.

**WED:** French toast sticks served w/sausage (served w/eggs at Bushnell), hashbrowns, Fruit & Veggie Bar: spinach & romaine side salad, broccoli florets, chilled pineapple, orange juice.

**THURS:** BBQ pork ribbie on bun (chicken nuggets w/dinner roll served at Bushnell), mashed potatoes & gravy, Fruit & Veggie Bar: spinach & romaine side salad, baby carrots, strawberries, chilled peaches.

**FRI:** Tony's pepperoni pizza on WG crust, baby carrots, Fruit & Veggie Bar: spinach & romaine side salad, baby carrots, apple, juice.

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- A record 4 million first-day pre-orders were placed for the new iPhone - double the number for the iPhone 5 two years ago. Demand had outstripped supply of the new iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 plus. Deliveries of pre-orders will begin on Friday and will continue through October.
- After the Vikings decision to reinstate Adrian Peterson, despite his indictment for allegedly abusing his 4-year-old son, the Radisson hotel chain announced it is suspending its sponsorship of the Vikings.



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65. Clinton \_\_\_ Rodham
  67. Japanese animation
  69. Opposites of #41
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70. "\_\_\_ Got the World on a String"
  71. Intro

72. "Guilty," e.g.
73. Listening organ
74. Ram's weapons

1. International Monetary Fund
2. "A \_\_\_ of One's Own"
3. \*Cusco empire
4. Custer's last \_\_\_
5. Greek Sun God
6. Magnesium silicate
7. Anger
8. Resort activity that requires certification
9. De Niro's ride, 1976
10. Czech or Serb
11. Fungal spore sacs
12. Pro \_\_\_
15. White whale
20. Old Irish alphabet
22. \_\_\_-wan kenobi
24. Kid's room object
25. \*Popular South American dance
26. Double-reed instruments
27. Flash

29. Assortment
31. Caspian basin river
32. Computer code
33. Incessantly
34. \*Machu Picchu mountains
36. Great Lake
38. Bleacher feature
42. "The Playboy of the Western World" author
45. Painter's surface
49. Actress \_\_\_ Thompson
51. Angel Gabriel, e.g.
54. "Sesame Street" Muppet
56. Short story writer Alice
57. Protuberance
58. Track shape
59. Like jetsetter's accommodations
60. Hip bones
61. \_\_\_-do-well
62. Christian of fashion
63. End of grace
66. \*a.k.a. Evita
68. Emergency Medical Services

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**LAST WEEK'S  
ONLINE  
POLL  
RESULTS**

**Do you think you are always justified if you shoot and kill intruder in your home?**

- YES - it's my home .....42%
- NO - it depends on the circumstances....33%
- YES - but not always .....17%
- NO- it's always wrong .....8%

**TO VOTE IN THIS WEEK'S ONLINE POLL**

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In subject line put "Stringer"

Include a few writing examples along with your name, address and contact information.





# Why we volunteer ...



Lowell is such a caring and giving community. I am honored to be able to be a part of it.

~ Sylvia Taylor



We volunteer our services to the Neighbor to Neighbor Program because at Flat River Electric we love the work we do and the community we get to do it in! We are blessed to be a part of this community and there is such a rewarding feeling that comes with assisting others in need, that it is obvious serving our community is something we should do. That feeling is a positive reinforcement! Caesar Chaves once said, "We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community...Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own." Caesar Chavez could not be more correct. We as a society today mostly think of our own gain, and we sometimes fail to see that it's the ones in our community that need our help. We believe that we should participate in community service not just for our own benefits, but for the benefits of our community and how we could see dramatic change be done with one minor task. We want to thank the community for your support as well!



~ Mike and Heather Bergeron

We like to volunteer for the Neighbor to Neighbor program so we can give back to the community that has provided a living for us for many years.

It is a great program.

We have referred people to the program also, who would have gone otherwise without heating or other necessities.

It is very rewarding to know that families can get at least a chance to live in better and safer comfort, and have less things to worry about.

~ Catharina and Evert Bek



## NEIGHBOR to NEIGHBOR Wish Application for Home Repairs

Anyone may submit an application to have work done on their residence or a home of someone in need. There are no guarantees that the work listed below will be done. If your application is selected by a group of volunteers, you will be notified through Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM). All contact information will be kept in confidence until you give permission to release it to a group wishing to work on your home.

**A brief description of the work needed:**

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(This description is for publication in the Lowell Ledger - be clear and brief)

**(For Private use by FROM - not to be published)**

Contact Person for Project \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Application Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Submit this application now through October 3, 2014 - later applications have less chance of being chosen by volunteer groups. Submit them to **The Lowell Ledger** (105 North Broadway, Lowell) or to **Flat River Outreach Ministries** (11535 Fulton Street East, Lowell) Applications may be submitted electronically to [intern@fromlowell.org](mailto:intern@fromlowell.org)

**Permission to Conduct Work  
Neighbor to Neighbor**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ agree to allow the undersigned crew from \_\_\_\_\_ to perform the above noted work on my home at \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_, Michigan. In addition, my signature on this form acknowledges that I hold harmless The Lowell Ledger and Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. and give permission for my photo to be used as outlined on page two of this document (sign & date).

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