

## Lowell student wins second rodeo championship

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

For the second consecutive year, Lowell High School junior Austin Grim and his roping partner have claimed the top spot at the Michigan Ropers Association (MRA) State Championship finals as members of the Little Britches Rodeo Association of Michigan.

Grim has qualified three times, to compete for his division in the finals, based on earning wins and points during the regular MRA season. Last year, with partner Curtis Gregg of Fowlerville, Grim was able to rope eight out of ten steers in four rounds of competition. Their accuracy was matched with speed earning the fastest time



Austin Grim and partner David Windon claimed top honors.

of the competition and claiming the top spot.

This year, Grim was able to qualify for two

entries in the finals and found success with fellow Little Britches member David Windon of Zeeland.

The pair had previously roped together in several regular MRA competitions, but were participating in the

finals together for the first time.

With Grim serving as heeler and Windon as header, the duo was able to catch six out of ten of their steers for a total time of 70.04 seconds, earning them three fast round times. Their efforts put them at the top of the mostly adult pack and propelled Grim to his second championship.

"It felt great. It felt like my practicing paid off. David and I enjoy roping together and I was happy to win with him," said Grim of his victory.

Parents Nanette and Scott Grim said that watching their son succeed

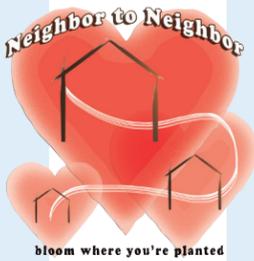
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## New exhibit opens at Lowell Area Historical Museum

The Lowell Area Historical Museum has announced their newest special exhibit "The Sixties a Decade of Change." Opening Oct. 4 the exhibit explores the politics, fashion, music and events that shaped this turbulent decade in our nation's history. It explores what

was happening in Lowell in the 1960s and how national and world events were experienced here.

This exhibit is a distinctive reflection of what life was like in this decade. Even those not yet born in the sixties grew up listening to music from this era and

can recall major events that shaped the decade, like the assassination of Kennedy, the Civil Rights movement and the moon landing. Lowell had direct connections to many of these events and people who helped to develop the decade.

Lowell itself changed dramatically in the 1960s. It went from being a small village to a city. Schools were consolidated, baby boomers entered school and sparked the building of several new schools; the interstate highway came through and the commercial

and residential center of town spread to new suburban areas just west of town. This exhibit has something to interest all ages.

The exhibit will run through August 2016.

## City council holds special work session meeting to discuss upgrade to lift station

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

Lowell City Council held a special 'work session' meeting in a conference room on the second floor of city hall at 6 pm on Monday, September 29. The meeting

lasted over two hours. In addition to city leaders and police officers, the meeting was attended by five members of the public.

The first topic of debate

at the work session was an upgrade to the 'lift station.' Put simply, a lift station is the pump through which raw sewage flows. According to Brian Vilmont, an engineer

with the Grand Rapids company Prein & Newhof, Lowell's current lift station is badly in need of upgrades. These upgrades will be very expensive, but Vilmont said

the pipes are designed to last 75 years.

"If you retrofit the existing station we're looking at \$598,000 of improvements at the station," Vilmont said. "If, then, you go and replace the force main it adds in that extra \$294,000. Theoretically, you might be able to just do the pump station improvements now. That's a matter of what risk is acceptable, to decide when you want to do the force main replacement."

"What's it going to do to rates?" councilor Jeff Altoft asked.

"There's no way I can predict that," city manager Mark Howe replied.

The next topic on the agenda was the wastewater treatment plant.



Lowell city council in discussion at their work session September 29.

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Councilmember Altoft suggested that the city run the plant itself, rather than having the company United Water operate the plant.

"I think we could hire people and train them and do the same thing in-house," Altoft said. "I don't see why not."

"You had said that we could save some money," Howe said. "Do you have some facts or figures or something?"

"I think that the council is going to direct you to get

the facts and figures, because that's your job," Altoft said. "It isn't our job."

Next on the agenda was a discussion about saving some money by cutting police services. The consensus was not to do this because the financial savings would not be enough to justify the reduction in police coverage. The council then turned their attention to winter parking. The council agreed that, in order to make snow plowing easier, they will attempt to

change the city's parking ordinance to an odd/even parking system during the winter. The final agenda item was a discussion of the city's "strategic plan." City

manager Howe read through a nine page list of action items with the council, asking them to rate the tasks in order of importance so he would know which ones

they should spend time working on.

"I hope I've at least given you the impression that we're working on a lot of things," Howe said. "We

have a lot of things on our plate."

The council will have their next regular meeting at city hall on Monday, October 6 at 7 pm.



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#### LHS HOMECOMING TICKETS

The Homecoming varsity football game with Grand Rapids Christian will start at 7:30 pm on Fri., Oct. 3. Tickets will be sold in the high school office on Friday from 7:30 am to 3 pm. Gates will open and ticket sales at the stadium will begin at 6 pm.

#### WHITES BRIDGE FUNDRAISER

Flat River Gallery and Framing Artists have formed a partnership with the Whites Historical Society. A fundraiser will be held at the Ionia Fairgrounds on Fri. and Sat., Oct. 3 and 4. Artist's work along with musical performances, merchant's booths and food.

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Come meet and have a cup of coffee with your city councilmembers on the first Saturday of the month from 8 to 10 am at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office, 113 Riverwalk Plaza.

#### CLEANUP DAY

Lowell's "Cleanup Day" will be held at the fairgrounds on Sat., Oct. 11 from 9 am to noon.

#### RAILS TO TRAILS

The Rails to Trails group (Friends of the Fred Meijer River Valley Rail Trails) meets on the second Monday each month at 7 pm in the Belding Pere Marquette Depot at 100 Depot Street, Belding. Anyone interested in joining or just learning about the program is welcome.

#### GALLERY OPENING

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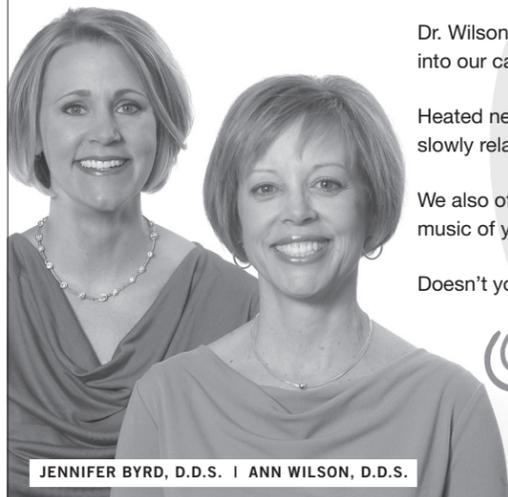
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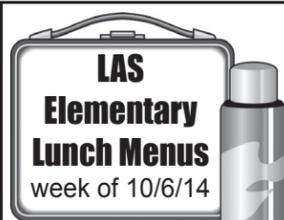
  
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was an exciting and proud moment for them.

“It is fun to watch your child do good at something he loves to do.”

The couple has been actively supporting their son’s love for roping since it began at the age of five when he joined. Little Britches is one of the oldest, volunteer run, junior rodeo associations in the nation. Now competing in

the senior division, Grim said he treasures all of the experiences associated with his participation in the sport, especially the bonds created with other rodeogoers.

“I get to do it with a bunch of great people, including my Dad. Most weekends are spent together as a family and we have become good friends with other families around the state.”

The brag-worthy victory was also a bit bittersweet for Grim and his family coming off the heels of the recent and unexpected death of their competition horse Mouse.

“Mouse [colicked] at the year-end rodeo,” explained Grim’s mother Nanette, “After staying up with him all night and two visits from a vet they

determined that something happened that caused his belly to fill with blood and he was much sicker than we had thought and was in terrible pain. He was a great all-around horse and would do anything you asked him to. It will be hard to replace a horse like him.”

Grim echoed the same sentiment, “He and I

learned to rope together. He did everything I ever asked of him; I grew up on that horse.”

When he won this year on a horse borrowed from family friend Randy Fisk, he did so with a lock of hair clipped from his beloved horse’s mane in his pocket, “I carry it with me for good luck.”

Grim will participate in two more Little Britches rodeos before the sport’s winter break and will also compete in the Michigan Youth Timed Event Championship on Oct. 11-12. He also hopes to qualify once again for the Little Britches national finals to be held next summer in Colorado.

# Residents form new Lions Club in Lowell

The township of Lowell is forming a club with the world’s largest service organization, Lions Clubs International. The Lowell Area Club will strengthen

the ability to provide services in the community along with clubs already in full operation in Alto, Saranac, Belding and Thornapple Valley (serving

Ada/Cascade) plus many others in west Michigan.

The new club is now seeking civic-minded men and women to join them in working together to meet needs within the community.

become leaders in the community.

A one-hour information session is scheduled for Friday, October 10 at 12 noon at the Lowell library for interested community members who want to learn more about Lions and how they can make a difference in their community. Lion leaders will also be visiting local businesses and community leaders to invite them to join the new club.

For more information on becoming a charter member of this new club, contact Diane Wehby at 616-901-8026 or email DianeWMSN@ameritech.net



“Lions are people who want to help, who want to make a difference and who want to have fun while doing it. Lions give a lot to their communities, but they get back something that’s even more valuable – the satisfaction that comes from changing lives,” said Lion Diane Wehby.

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## financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

### When is it time to make portfolio changes?

The kids are back at school and summer vacations are now just fading memories, so it must be autumn. But the seasons don't just move on the calendar — they also change in your life. And, speaking of changes, you'll have to make many of them as you move through the years — and that includes changes to your investment portfolio. But how will you know when it's time to take action?

Just as Mother Nature sends out "signals" to indicate a change in seasons — blooming flowers, falling leaves, warmer or colder temperatures, longer or shorter days, etc. — your portfolio will frequently "tell" you when you need to make adjustments. Here are a couple of indicators you may want to heed:

- *Out-of-balance portfolio* — Even the best stocks can lose value when the overall market is down, but if you only own stocks, you could take a big hit during a downturn — and

if it happens repeatedly, you may find it hard to even stay invested. After all, stocks will always fluctuate in value, and protection of your principal is not guaranteed. Yet you can at least help defend yourself against market volatility by balancing your portfolio with a mix of stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit (CDs) and other investments, with the percentage of each type of asset based on your individual goals, time horizon and risk tolerance.

- *"Overweighting" of individual investments* — Related to the point made above, you can also have too much money kept in a single investment, such as an individual stock or bond. Sometimes, this "overweighting" can happen almost on its own, as when a stock, or stock-based vehicle, has increased so much in value that it now takes on a larger percentage of your portfolio than you had intended — possibly bringing with it more risk

than you had intended, too. As a general rule, no single investment should take up more than a small percentage of your entire portfolio.

Your own life may also send you some messages regarding changes you may need to make to your investment and financial strategies. Here are just a few of the milestones that may trigger necessary moves:

- *New child* — You'll need to review your life insurance to make sure it's sufficient to help provide for a newborn or newly adopted child, should anything happen to you. You may also want to begin investing in a college savings vehicle, such as a 529 plan.

- *New job* — Assuming your new job offers you a retirement plan, such as a 401(k) or similar vehicle, you'll have some choices to make. How much can you afford to contribute? How should you allocate your dollars among the investment choices offered in the plan? How can you best integrate your 401(k) or other plan into your overall investment portfolio to avoid duplication?

- *Impending retirement* — As you enter retirement, you may want to adjust your portfolio to help reduce its short-term fluctuations and to provide more current income opportunities. At the same time, you may still need to invest for growth — you could be retired for two or three decades, and you'll need to stay ahead of inflation.

Pay close attention to the messages coming from your portfolio — and from your life. These "signals" will give you a good idea of when it's time to make the right investment-related moves.

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# viewpoint

## to the editor

### questions need to be answered

Dear Editor,

Due to illness I have only been able to attend a couple of city council meetings this year. Thanks to many friends and the Lowell Ledger I've been kept informed of what is happening in our great little city, especially in our government.

It seems that with the election and appointment of Jeff Altoft and Matt Mayer, respectively, that appropriate questions are finally being asked by these representatives at the meetings, even though answers are slow in coming...if at all... from the city manager.

Now we learn that a special meeting was held on Friday, September 19 at city hall. A notice of this meeting was seen Saturday morning, but no one I talked to saw it

on Friday. According to the Open Meetings Act 267 of 1976, specifically Section 15.264, "public notice of meetings for a rescheduled regular or a special meeting of a public body, a public notice stating the date, time and place of the meeting shall be posted at least 18 hours before the meeting." Several people, myself included, have asked to be put on an email list to receive notices and agendas of meetings of both city council and Lowell Light and Power (LL&P). I did not receive a notice of this meeting.

This meeting was attended by a quorum of the Lowell Light and Power board, the LL&P general manager, the city manager, our mayor, mayor pro tem, as well as the attorney who has been

hired to help the city fight our union employees. When asked about this meeting and if they were invited, both Jeff Altoft and Matt Mayer said, "No."

Our own city charter, Section 5.5 (b) states, "Special meetings of the council may be called by the clerk on the written request of the mayor, city manager or any two members of the council on at least six hours' written notice to each member of the council, designating the time, place and purpose of such meeting and served personally or left at his usual place of residence by the clerk or someone designated by him."

Our Charter 5.5 (d) states, "All regular and special meetings of the council shall be open to the public."

To not notify other councilmembers seems to be a blatant disregard for following the rules and a slap in the face of Lowell's citizens who have spoken with their votes that they want these two members to

represent us. When our city leaders start holding "secret" meetings, behind the back of other councilmembers it is time for the citizens of Lowell to get mad as h\_\_ and not take it anymore. We need you to attend council meetings. You don't have to say anything, just be there to support Altoft and Mayer.

If you can't make it to the meetings, check out the YouTube site links below and watch the city council and Lowell Light and Power meetings at your convenience. Remember the condition of our streets and the thousands and thousands of dollars being spent to fight our loyal workers. Then when these people come up for reelection you will be informed enough to make a difference with your vote.

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### LL&P meeting

Dear Editor,

I just finished watching the Lowell Light & Power (LL&P) monthly board meeting which took place Sept. 18. (Thank you powers that be, we finally can see that meeting.) What became clear to me was Mr. Greg Pierce was not being honest with the board members. The discussion about the underground installation and how they are to be installed per LL&P operating policies was so flawed and deceptive. Mr. Pierce, himself, revised the operating policy in June of 2009 and in this revised policy it stated how deep the underground power 'shall be', it states no less than 36' to the final grade. Period!

It also states "it shall be" (underground conduits) inspected by LL&P. Because it's LL&P's underground wire policy and was to be inspected by LL&P, they are responsible for the wire to the meter socket. In an event someone were to hit it LL&P would be responsible because they did not follow their own policy.

The discussion was more about what are the odds of someone hitting the conduit and it would be someone else's responsibility ie: the contractor or the property owner, not LL&P. This discussion was more about who's liable, who complained, why are people so petty; not, did we inspect the conduit, who inspected it, is it up to our policy? What do we do to remedy the situation before it becomes a problem?

In their discussion Greg Pierce was more concerned about contractor's costs to do the project correctly, not the safety standards LL&P had already mandated. If the project was correctly marked in the first place and inspected when it was first done, it would have been corrected by the contractor then. The fact is someone

has already hit the conduit. We were just lucky there were no injuries or fatalities.

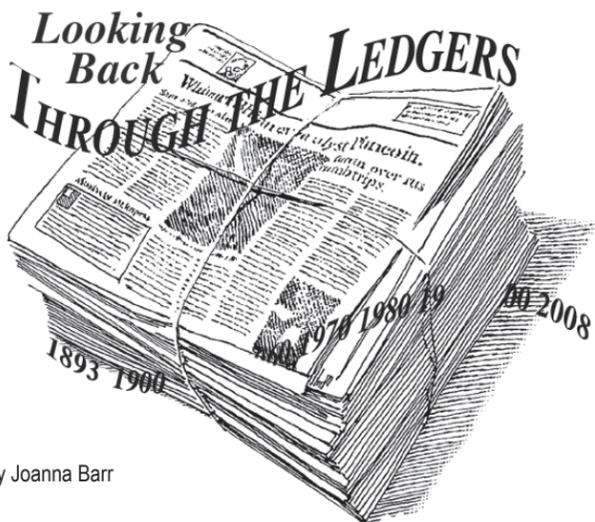
LL&P has a manager who is responsible for implementing the policies the board creates, instead Greg Pierce made excuses and did not inform the board that a mistake was made and blamed the wrong grade on the contractor. The policies the board has made, Greg Pierce is not following. I believe he should be reprimanded for not following the policies and not being honest with the board members. LL&P has made several deviations from their own policies such as:

- A city owned truck being driven home by an employee and not documented.
- The underground not in the right grade conduit.
- The underground not buried deep enough.
- Nobody from LL&P inspected the conduit or the depth prior to the wire being installed and energized.

The underground marking tape was not installed at the appropriate depth for a pre-warning of underground lines.

These are things the average person wouldn't know about. That's why we hire managers who are supposed to know this and ensure the safety of the public. After watching the LL&P board meeting, it was clear the board was counting on Greg Pierce's knowledge of the situation and he only told them partial truths. Now he wants the city lawyer to write contracts that put the liability on the contractors or property owners when they think they built their structures correctly. Why don't we just do it right in the first place? Why do we have managers that don't follow the rules?

Jeff Altoft



By Joanna Barr

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Dexter Look and Joe Yeiter sport a new Safety bicycle and now they feel sure they won't take a header and ruin the streets by plowing them with their noses as we saw Joe doing a couple of weeks ago.

The coopering industry is quite a bit larger than many of us had any idea of. When apple season opened up, Mr. Marshall had on hand over 5,000 barrels, stored all over town. It takes some space to store barrels. He has since made about 1,000 barrels a week; he makes besides these apple barrels, all the flour barrels used in the mills here, at least 250 a day. He has sold over 500 dozen ax helms; 45,000 croquet handles and 300 dozen whiffletree and neckyokes.

Saturday afternoon quite a bit of sport, not down

on the bills, was furnished to the kids, by the arrest of a party who was chock full of baloon juice, kites, or something of that kind, for he was flying high; so high in fact that it required two or three men to keep him on the ground. He was taken before Justice Perry who thought that, on account of his exhilarated condition, it was best to send him home, as he didn't want to consign him to the village bastile over Sunday, even if it had been recently whitewashed.

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Several people have been fined lately under the village ordinance forbidding the running at large of chickens.

Lots of fun and excitement were created by R. J. Merrill's paper balloon flight last Saturday and there must have been a tired crowd of youngsters at night. About 150 balloons carrying tagged envelopes containing orders or checks for merchandise or cash, with a value from 25c to \$10, were sent up from the roof of the Negonce block; and a mob of boys and some girls and men joined in a merry chase and struggle for the prizes. Many were captured in the street near by; and the scramble made fun for the on-lookers. About fifty checks have been returned so far, including several from Keene and Boston townships, one being picked at a distance of six miles. Many landed in the Grand river district between here and Saranac; and one is reported from the latter village, though not yet returned.

Bottled beer took a tumble at the City hall corner Monday, when a Portland motor party after loading up, made a too swift curve there, hurling a dozen or so bottles to the pavement. All but two were smashed to bits, threatening automobiles tires with destruction. Milton Rogers was soon on the job and cleaned up the mess but the smell of booze is still strong in that vicinity.

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# Let's talk about Medicare

Newly eligible Medicare beneficiaries and current beneficiaries who are considering changes to their Medicare Part D (prescription drug coverage) plan, should act now. The Medicare open enrollment period runs from October 15 to December 7.

The Medicare Part D prescription drug plan is

available to all Medicare beneficiaries to help with the costs of medications. Joining a Medicare prescription drug plan is voluntary, and participants pay an additional monthly premium for the prescription drug coverage.

While all Medicare beneficiaries can participate in the Medicare Part D

prescription drug plan, some people with limited income and resources may be eligible for *Extra Help* to pay for monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. The *Extra Help* is estimated to be worth about \$4,000 per year. Many Medicare beneficiaries qualify for these big savings and don't even know it.

To figure out whether you are eligible for the *Extra Help*, Social Security needs to know your income and the value of any savings, investments, and real estate (other than the home you live in). To qualify, you must be receiving Medicare and have:

- Income limited to \$17,235 for an individual or \$23,265 for a married couple living together. Even if your annual income is higher, you still may be able to get some help with monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. Some examples where

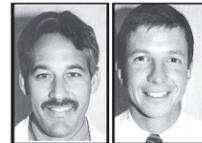
your income may be higher include if you or your spouse:

- Support other family members who live with you;
- Have earnings from work; or
- Live in Alaska or Hawaii; and
- Resources limited to \$13,440 for an individual or \$26,860 for a married couple living together. Resources include such things as bank accounts, stocks, and bonds. We do not count your house or car as resources.

You can complete an easy-to-use online application or get more information by visiting [www.socialsecurity.gov/medicare](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/medicare). To apply by phone or have an application mailed to you, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213.

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

## health



With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang, Wayne A. Christenson III, John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie

### cold sores

Cold sores are due to an infection by the herpes virus. It is spread by contact through kissing or sharing eating utensils or towels. People are most contagious when they have open sores.

Cold sores usually appear on the lips as a cluster of painful blisters. The initial outbreak will usually last about three weeks. Recurrent outbreaks may be preceded by a tingling feeling prior to eruption of the cold sore. Without treatment, these sores will usually resolve in seven to ten days. The number of recurrent outbreaks is variable.

The herpes virus remains in your body between outbreaks. Certain things that may trigger an outbreak include:

- a fever, viral illness or cold;
- stress;
- too much sun exposure; or
- immune system dysfunction.

Cold sores are treated with antiviral medications. The medication works the best if it is started as soon as you feel the cold sore coming on. The medication is usually taken for one day at the onset of the symptoms. This may prevent a full outbreak or lessen the duration and intensity of the outbreak. Creams are also available but they are generally less effective than oral medication. Taking Tylenol or ibuprofen may be used for pain relief.



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# Stabenow announces more than \$183,000 to support local food initiatives in West Michigan

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, Chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, today announced \$183,300 in support for Sprout Urban Farm in Battle Creek and Local First Educational Foundation in Grand Rapids. The grants were awarded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion

Program, which helps expand access to farmers markets and food hubs and develop new opportunities for farmers to sell locally.

"When we grow things here and make things here, we create jobs here in Michigan. Local food hubs and farmers markets connect families and small businesses with local farmers, which makes it easier to buy

Michigan-grown fruits and vegetables," said Stabenow. "Buying local is a win for our economy, a win for Michigan agriculture and a win for consumers who will have better access to local food choices."

Support for the Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Program was greatly expanded in the 2014 Farm Bill, which was authored by Senator

Stabenow and signed into law by President Obama in Michigan earlier this year. The new Farmers Market And Local Food Promotion Program helps improve and expand farmers markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs, agritourism activities, and other direct producer-to-consumer marketing opportunities.

**Project details below:** Sprout Urban Farm in Battle Creek will receive \$89,152 to increase Sprout Food Hub sales to institutions and the public by establishing a market-stand and packaging facility on its farm site.

Local First Educational Foundation in Grand Rapids will receive \$94,148 to develop stronger marketing

and promotion strategies for local Community Supported Agriculture, which allows people to buy into a community farm in return for fruit, vegetables and other agricultural products throughout the growing season.

For more information, please visit <http://www.ams.usda.gov/FMPP>.

## Write Michigan Short Story Contest back

Kent District Library, Schuler Books & Music and Herrick District Library announce the third annual "Write Michigan Short Story Contest," the competition that drew nearly 900 Michigan writers in its second year.

Stories can be submitted at [www.writemichigan.org](http://www.writemichigan.org) through November 30. Writers of all ages can enter, with separate categories for

youth (11 and under), teens (12-17) and adults (18 and up). Details include a 3,000-word maximum length; \$10 entry fee for ages 18 and above, free for 17 and under; Michigan residents only; all entries must be submitted online. Winners are chosen by public vote for the Readers' Choice award and by a panel of judges for the Judges' Choice award. Voters and judges

choose winners from the top ten semi-finalists. The top honor in each category receives a \$250 cash prize. Winning entries will also be published by Chapbook Press.

"Write Michigan is a wonderful opportunity for authors of all ages to get published," said Heidi Nagel, communications manager at Kent District Library. "The young winners are especially excited to see their stories in print."

Winners will be honored during an awards ceremony

taking place on Saturday, March 21 at Schuler Books & Music. Susan Dennard, author of the young adult "Something Strange and Deadly" series, will present the keynote. The ceremony is sponsored by Meijer.

Participating libraries are offering writing workshops for adults, teens and children. Details can be found at [www.writemichigan.org/events.html](http://www.writemichigan.org/events.html)

For more information, visit [www.writemichigan.org](http://www.writemichigan.org)

### REMINDER NOTICE REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT ANY QUALIFIED ELECTOR OF BOWNE TOWNSHIP, LOWELL TOWNSHIP, VERGENNES TOWNSHIP AND THE CITY OF LOWELL, WHO IS NOT ALREADY REGISTERED, MAY REGISTER TO VOTE AT THE CITY OR TOWNSHIP OFFICES, AT ANY SECRETARY OF STATE BRANCH OFFICE, OR OTHER DESIGNATED PLACES FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014.

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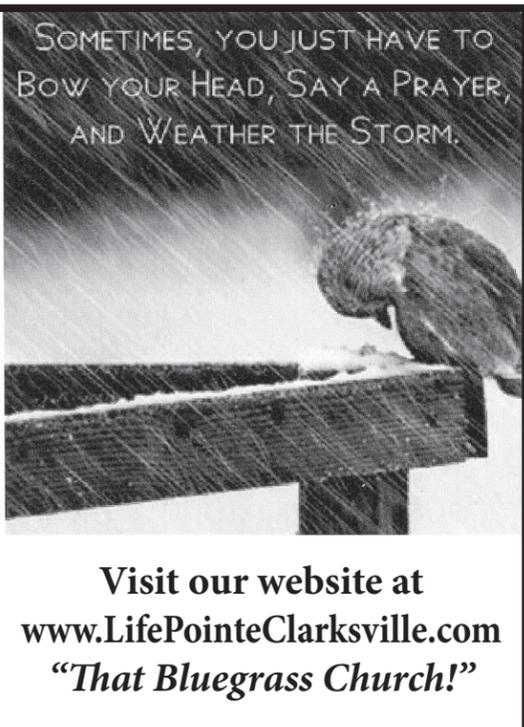
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# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Equestrians win reserve champions at district finals

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Lowell's equestrian team rode their way into regional competition in Midland, last weekend after a successful season of individual and group performances at the district level.

The five team members: sophomore Olivia Hock; juniors Henneh McMillian and Sara Kloosterman; sophomore Andi Reynolds; and senior captain Hannah Draigh.

Team members began training as a group this summer with coaches Jessica Bouman, Holli Melton and assistant coach Kendall Hewitt, but according to Bouman being a part of the group is a much bigger commitment than reflected by the three-meet season.

"There is no defined season for this sport. It requires constant year-round training."

The first district meet of the season was held over two days in Greenville. Lowell came out on top on day one, getting by Forest Hills Central (FHC) by just eight points with a total score of 128.

On day two the girls racked up 149 points to push past second-place finisher Belding by a total of 32 points. Lowell ended the meet in first place overall with a combined score of 277. Belding (224), FHC (220), Grant (195) and Sparta (168) each came in behind the Arrows. Bouman said she was very happy with the girls' first outing of the season.

The team headed back to Greenville two weeks

later to participate in their third and final meet of the season. "Our final meet was very cold which can always make for a more interesting horse show," said Bouman of the competition.

The girls persevered through the chilly temperatures and continued their winning streak picking up 143 points to best second-place finisher Grant by twenty points, solidifying their first-place district finish.

"Winning another district championship is an incredible feeling. The five riders on this team decided early on that they wanted this and worked very hard to improve and be prepared for this competition season. This is my fifth year coaching and this is one of the most exciting teams I have coached. The girls have more than stepped up to the plate," said Bouman.

"We have historically always been very successful. To my knowledge Lowell has been district champions consecutively since at least 1990 and most likely earlier," she added.

Moving on to regional competition in Midland last weekend the riders faced off in a mix of 16 different classes covering Showmanship, Saddle Seat, Hunt Seat, Jumping, Western, Reining, Speed and Trail.

Individually, each of the Arrows performed well with three riders earning wins: Draigh earned a win in Saddle Seat Showmanship; Kloosterman earned a total of four wins in Saddle Seat Pattern, Saddle Seat Bareback, Saddle

Seat Pattern and Western Bareback and McMillian in Saddle Seat Equitation.

"Sophomores Olivia Hock and Andi Reynolds

made significant point contributions with multiple top three and top five placings throughout the weekend," added Bouman.

In total the girls earned 314 points which was enough to earn them the title of Reserve Champions in Division C. Their score

was only 30 points behind Freeland High School who claimed the top spot.



Equestrian team members Olivia Hock, Henneh McMillian, Sara Kloosterman, Andi Reynolds and Hannah Draigh pose with their regional win trophy last weekend in Midland

The top two finishers in each division are invited to participate in the MHA State Championships which will be held in Midland October 9-12.

## Students invited to enter War of 1812 essay contest

The Michigan War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, the Michigan Council for History Education and DTE Energy are sponsoring an essay contest for students in third through 12th grades.

"The Legacy of the War of 1812" contest is open to any Michigan student in public, private, parochial, charter and homeschool settings. Entries will be judged in three grade categories: third through

fifth, sixth to eighth and 9th through 12th grades. All students entering the contest will receive a certificate of participation.

The contest offers three first-place awards of \$500, three second-place awards of \$300, and three third-place awards of \$100. All prize winners will receive three complimentary tickets to the "Commemoration of the 'Grand Pacification Ball'" to be held Saturday, March 28, 2015, from

5 to 9 pm at the Detroit Historical Museum. In addition, Mackinac State Historic Parks will provide a "Family Heritage Pass" for the 2015 season to the three first-place winners.

The postmark entry deadline is Wednesday, Dec. 24, the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty

of Ghent, which, once ratified by both the British (Dec. 27) and the United States (February 16, 1815), marked the official end of the conflict.

Entry forms and contest guidelines are available online at [www.michiganhistoryed.org](http://www.michiganhistoryed.org)

The Lowell Area Fire Department will be hosting our **ANNUAL FIRE PREVENTION OPEN HOUSE** WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8 FROM 6:00 TO 8:00 PM.

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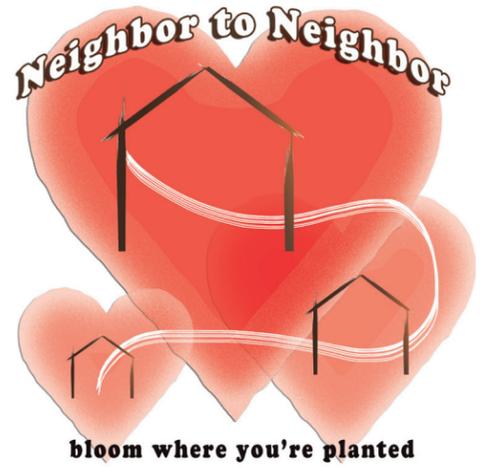


Ask and you shall receive, that includes any or all of us from the Dommer/Davidson Family. We descended upon the Lowell scene about 35 years ago and began volunteering almost immediately at school, church, neighbors and for the community. This was something that always was a part of our lives. Our volunteering doesn't involve just one aspect of service but a multitude of ways to give back so we all can participate in a variety of needs. The youngest ones became involved at early ages and know that it's the right thing to do. We believe in the Flat River Outreach Ministries Neighbor to Neighbor project and the good it is doing for families in the Lowell area. We know that reaching out to anyone in need encourages respect for each other, respect for property and in some cases fosters lifelong friendships. As a family living in Lowell we cherish our time spent together volunteering and helping others and encourage you to do the same.

~ Betsy Davidson

This is our second year participating in the F.R.O.M. Neighbor to Neighbor and it is a pleasure to be involved with such an incredible outreach program. The town of Lowell is a tight-knit community that values the importance of keeping business local. Since we came to Lowell eight years ago, the community has really embraced us. This support has allowed us to grow as a company and because of this, we are in a position where we can give back and help others.

~ All Weather Seal



The Neighbor to Neighbor program gives a structured process to assisting our Lowell neighbors who need a helping hand getting their homes buttoned up before winter. I belong to Rotary, a service club. We not only strive to serve others but to have good fellowship and fun while doing so. Every time I work on a service project I think I am giving.....but.....the reality is, I get so much more. I encourage you to help a neighbor..... You will both benefit.

~ John Gruizenga

## NEIGHBOR 2 NEIGHBOR WISHES

- Single mother needs gutters cleaned. She is physically unable to climb a ladder. Need someone with a tall ladder.
- Senior citizen on social security needs a deck and shed power washed and painted.
- Senior citizen's roof is leaking over a bedroom and bathroom and has done considerable damage to the interior.
- Winter was not kind to the roof of a single lady. Considerable damage has been done and roof needs replacing.
- Window casings on three windows in backroom have rotted and need replacing and a window in the upstairs' bedroom is broken and has leaked and rotted the casing of a single lady who is unable to do this work herself.
- Young couple in need of asbestos removed from attic, screening for porch and plaster walls repaired.
- Young couple with three kids needs ceiling repaired and two new front doors, so energy bills will be reduced.
- Home needs a new roof and insulation in attic. Already have some rolls of insulation.



### 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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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  
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# Red Arrow - FOOTBALL SPORTS

## Red Arrows boost record to 5-0 beating Buccaneers

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

The Red Arrows claimed another victory at home last Friday when they faced nonleague competitors the Grand Haven Buccaneers boosting their season record to 5-0.

Junior quarterback Ryan Stevens connected with fellow junior Gabe Steed for a total of three touchdowns, the first of which was scored on a 64-yard pass down the middle that put the Arrows up early

6-0 after missing the extra point. Stevens threw for 232 yards averaging 30 yards per completion and successfully landed 8 of 16 passes during the game, with Steed on the receiving end of six of them.

Grand Haven recovered

a Max Dean fumble soon after the Arrow score, but were unable to convert that into points turning the ball back over to Lowell. A short one-yard run up the middle and another missed field goal pushed the score to 12-0 in favor of the hosting Arrows.

Steed earned one more touchdown before the end of the first quarter bolting down the field along the right sideline for a crowd pleasing 80-yard touchdown pass. Opting for the conversion this time, the squad successfully earned two points giving the Arrows a 20-0 shutout lead at the buzzer. Grand Haven pushed hard in the second quarter putting up two successful drives for a total of fourteen points, leaving the score 20-14 at the half.

Lowell started the second half with possession and capitalized quickly when Stevens pulled a good fake and was able to walk into the end zone unscathed by the Buccaneer defense.

Now leading 26-14 the Arrows continued to widen the scoring gap when Stevens and Steed made a third connection leading to a 25-yard touchdown run on fourth down. Steed's catches were good for a total of 218 yards.

Grand Haven was unable to muster up any additional points in the second half of the game and the Arrows claimed the win 32-14. Defensive highlights of the game included a sack from senior Josh Colegrove, who played aggressively all night earning seven solo

tackles and assisting three others in just the first half. Derek Massey also put up a strong defense for the squad which is currently ranked number three among the state's division 2 teams.

"I can't believe it! In February I would have given a king's ransom for this record," said head coach Noel Dean of the team's fifth consecutive win. "We take what they give us. We have some good receivers and our quarterback throws a nice ball. We were hoping we could get that done tonight."

While the Arrows are 5-0 overall, they remain just 1-0 in OK White competition with their down to the buzzer win over East Grand Rapids two weeks ago.

**The squad will now move into a four-week run at the conference title starting with Grand Rapids Christian at home this Friday as the school celebrates Homecoming.**



**Kicker Dan Bieri struggled to earn extra points for the squad last Friday, but has performed well on the season overall going 5-5 last week.**

### - GOLF

## Girls have busy week of competition

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Coming off of their first ever OK White conference jamboree, the varsity girls golf team took on a busy week on the course as they faced off against two nonleague competitors and took part in their sixth and final jamboree of the season.

Head coach Kim Stevens said that the team went into the week's competitions still riding high from their earlier jamboree victory, "We have a lot of momentum going into our final weeks. After winning our jamboree the team had the confidence they could compete with anyone."

The afterglow of victory was evident on Monday at the Gracewil Country Club where the ladies teed off against Kenowa Hills High School. The girls played strong claiming the win by five strokes, 197-202. Danielle Krajewski helped lead Lowell to the win leading her teammates with a 43.

Once again on the road Wednesday, the team took part in the sixth and final conference jamboree of the

season against their OK White competitors. "We are the only team to win a jamboree other than Forest Hills Central (FHC)," said Stevens. FHC showed up strong again claiming their fifth victory with a combined score of 179 and the top two individual performers. Grand Rapids Christian placed second with a 184, Caledonia third with a 193 and Lowell placed third coming in at 198. East Grand Rapids and Jenison rounded out the pack earning a 211 and 234 respectively. Alaine Thomas performed best for the Arrows shooting a 47. Krajewski came in just one stroke behind her teammate with a 48.

The finish puts Lowell in third position within the league heading into the 18 hole post conference tournament this Wednesday at Thornapple Point Golf Course, just out of striking distance of front runner FHC. According to Stevens, "We are too far back to take over first so we will be looking to slide ourselves into second.

Thomas and Krajewski will also be solidifying their position in the top ten to make all-conference if they put up their normal good rounds. They are currently placed 7th and 8th."

In their final match of the week, at home on Arrowhead Golf Course, the team faced Cedar Springs. Caitlyn Gauck shot an 11 over par 47, Krajewski carded a 48, Thomas came in at 49 and Anna Organek earned a 54. Lowell ended up losing the match by just four strokes, something that might be different if it were not for a paperwork issue regarding team member Marta Lopez.

Lopez, an exchange student from Spain, has played alongside the team throughout the season and has consistently carded great scores often besting those of her teammates. Unfortunately for Lopez and the team, her scores have not counted due to a

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# Red Arrow - SOCCER SPORTS

## Coach proud of his team

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Varsity boys soccer clashed with conference competitors Forest Hills Central (FHC) and East Grand Rapids (EGR) last week in two tough matches at home.

The Rangers came on strong in the first half of play dominating the flow of the game for the first fifteen minutes of the match up. Freshman Eric Conerty scored early for FHC without an assist, getting by Trevor Sherman who made ten total saves for the Red Arrows during the game.

Going into the second half with a one-point deficit the Arrows looked to create scoring opportunities but continued to come up short.

"We were one pass away from creating something dangerous," said head coach

Rich O'Keefe who credited the FHC defense.

Ranger Conerty put up another unassisted goal late in the second to seal the shutout victory 2-0, the third this season for FHC goalkeeper Jared Ireland.

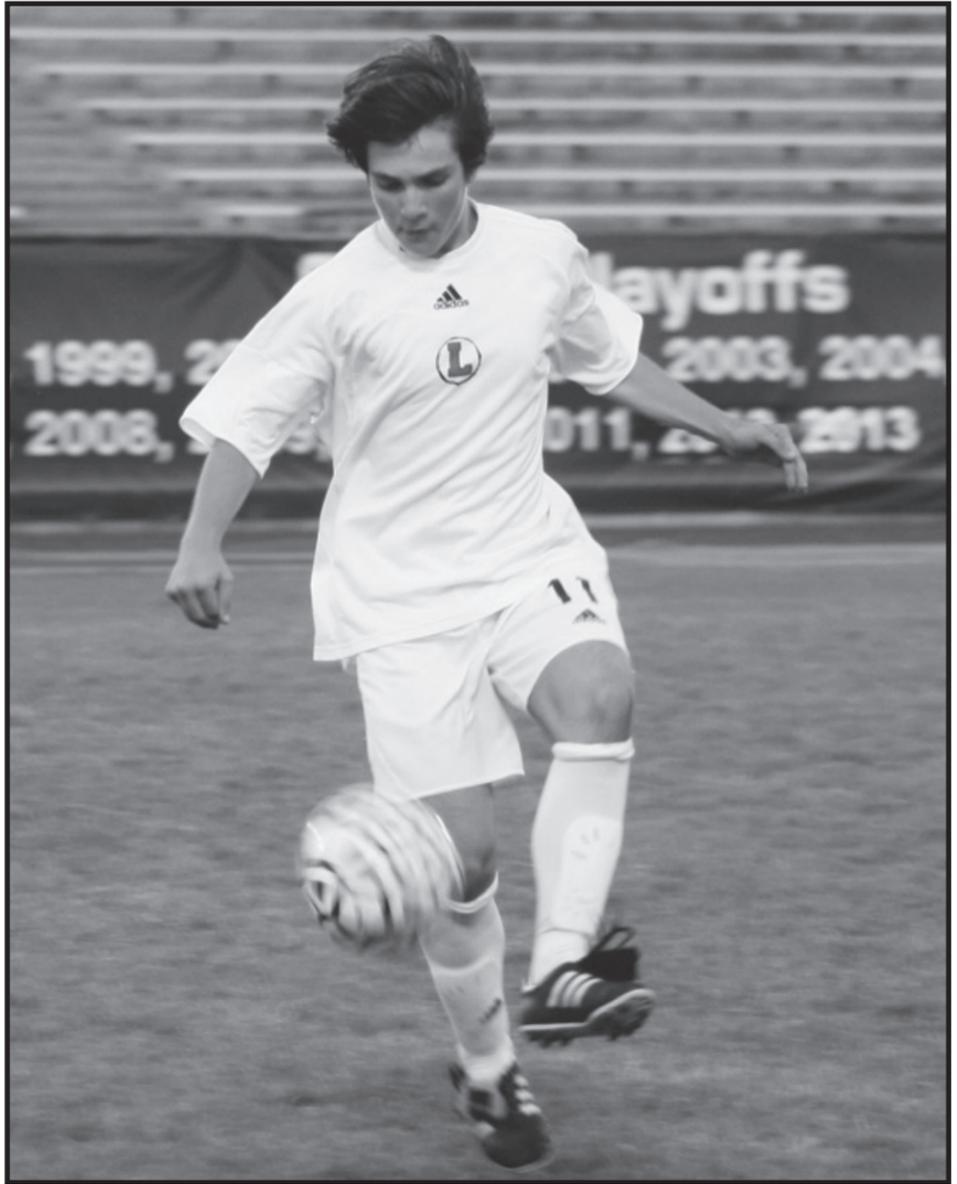
Thursday against EGR five goals were earned between the two squads during the second half of play after a scoreless first that rarely left midfield. Both teams came back onto the field with renewed determination and it showed as three goals were scored in less than two minutes of play. The Pioneers put up 2 and LHS 1 when Brendan Paulus kicked one in with

the assistance of Collin Bowers.

The two teamed up a few minutes later to put up a second goal for the Arrows tying the game at 2-2. Lowell continued to apply pressure to the EGR defense as they fought for the game winner, but it was the Pioneers who produced a third goal and sealed the win with just a little over a minute left in the game.

O'Keefe said that despite the loss he was proud of the performance that his team achieved, "We were able to hold possession well and put a lot of pressure on EGR. I was very pleased with the effort."

**Two more OK White conference match ups are on tap for the team this week as they square off against Grand Rapids Christian and Jenison at home.**



Robbie Dubisky controls the ball during the teams bid against conference competitors East Grand Rapids last week.

## Getting enough relaxation time

Nearly all Americans understand that relaxation time is essential to good health, yet most of us don't spend nearly enough time unwinding during a typical day or week.

While our society acknowledges that kicking back is indispensable, we don't seem to be practicing what we preach. Indeed, 99 percent of Americans think relaxation is important, yet they actually spend less

than 5 percent of their day relaxing, according a new independent research study commissioned by Princess Cruises.

The goal of the research was to better understand the latest trends about how many of us actually relax and how we go about doing it.

Nearly half of Americans report they're more stressed than their

significant other, with a whopping 82 percent of men indicating that their partner is the stressed out one.

Music topped the list of relaxation techniques for those surveyed, with 48 percent reporting music helps them take it easy. Interestingly, only 18 percent find exercise is a good relaxation tool.

The most surprising findings were that relaxation causes 62 percent of parents to feel guilty and that nearly one third of Americans surveyed reported being stressed out simply by the thought of relaxing!

So try to beat the odds and make time to unwind. (StatePoint)

## Girls golf, continued

problem with her exchange status, according to Stevens. "The Michigan High School Athletic Association does not recognize the particular organization that she is exchanging through. Normally foreign students

come here and are able to play right away. The exchange program is trying to get their paperwork around but in the meantime Marta and the rest of the girls are disappointed."

Despite the unfortunate circumstances surrounding Lopez's season, the team will finish well in the conference and is happy overall with their level of success.

**The lady arrows will compete Wednesday in the OK White conference meet and Thursday on the road against nonleague competitor Wyoming.**

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# obituaries

## BISHOP

Thelma Estes Bishop, age 99 of Cascade and Anna Maria Island, FL, passed away Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at Spectrum Hospital after a brief illness. She was preceded in death by her first husband, George Mahlon Estes and second husband, Donald Bishop; and eldest son, Terry. She is survived by her son, Brian (Lynne) Estes of Cascade; daughter, Karen Franchi of Cascade, Leann Kenney of Bradenton, FL; ten grandchildren; eight great grandchildren. Thelma was a member of Cascade Christian Church. As per her wishes cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held Saturday, October 11 at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel of the Cascade Christian Church, 2798 Orange Ave. S.E., with visitation one hour prior to the service.



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## HAMP

Betty Elaine Hamp, age 86 of Lowell, passed away Saturday, September 27, 2014. She was preceded in death by her husband Daryl. She is survived by her children, Len (Linda) Hamp, Randy (Mary) Hamp; grandchildren, Tina (Rich) Brown, Denny Hamp, Heather Stormzand, Mark (Angela) Hamp, Jessica Hamp; also many great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Betty, or "Grandma Kitty" as she was lovingly referred to as, was an avid painter, and lover of birds and her cats. Betty's family would like to extend special thanks to the comforting support of the staff and residents of Laurels of Kent. A graveside service will be held Wednesday 11:00 a.m. at Alton Cemetery, Lincoln Lake and Three Mile, Lowell. Visitation Tuesday 2-4:00 p.m. and 6-8:00 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Pink Arrow Pride, PO Box 246, Lowell, MI 49331.

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## STILES

Robert E. Stiles Jr., age 63, of Lowell, passed away September 26, 2014. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert E. Stiles Sr.; granddaughter, Jacqueline Stiles; son, Stephen Stiles and daughter, Michelle Stiles. He is survived by his mother, Jean (Felix) Stiles; sister and brother-in-law, Dawn and Danny Huff; brother Mike Stiles; children, April Underly, John Stiles, and their mother, Terri Stewart; Robert Stiles III, Jeana Stiles, Melissa Stiles, and their mother, Joanne Fisher; Mackenzie Stiles, Alexander Stiles, and their mother, Kim Doyle; 17 grandchildren, four great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and lifelong friend, Wayne Will. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, October 4th from 1-4pm at the Moose Lodge Rec Hall, 1320 E Main St, Lowell MI. Lunch will be provided. Family and friends are invited to come and reminisce with us.

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## lend a hand

volunteering opportunities

### tutors needed

The Literacy Center of West Michigan has scheduled an information session on Tuesday, Oct. 7, 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.

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Please take notice that the Vergennes Township Board has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held during their regularly scheduled meeting on October 20, 2014. The meeting will be held in the township meeting room, 10381 Bailey Dr., located at the corner of Bailey Dr. and Parnell, Lowell MI 49331.

Dave Buckius has applied for a special exception use permit which is regulated in section 201.402 (D) (2) and (D) (5) of Chapter 4 General and Special Regulations. The applicant has requested to construct an accessory building garage in the front yard area of his property located at 12101 Vergennes St. Lowell.

The complete application can be reviewed at the **Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671 [fax 897-5674]**. 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 Township Clerk at the Township Offices. Comments may also be emailed to: [clerk@vergennestwp.org](mailto:clerk@vergennestwp.org).

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**FLAT RIVER WATERSHED GROUP** - Meets 3rd Monday of each month at the Main Street Inn in Lowell at 6:30 p.m. Our purpose is to protect, enhance & maintain land & water quality & other natural resources surrounding the Flat River Watershed. For more information, call Lloyd at 676-1812. Also, "Like" us on Facebook at the Flat River Watershed Council.

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

**NEEDLERS** - Second & fourth Monday evenings, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Schneider Manor Community Room.

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

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

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

**LOWELL SHOWBOAT GARDEN CLUB** - meets the 3rd Monday in the Church of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall, 211 N. Washington St. at 6:30 p.m.

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# Looking Back, continued

R. B. Boylan sends us from Chilson, Mich., a nice picture of a fine string of fish "caught before breakfast." Bring a sample home, Bob. Let's see if they taste as good as they look.

## 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 5, 1939

About 25 chickens were stolen from the Earl Thomas farm, located a half-mile west of Foxes Corners, during the past week. The loss was discovered last Friday. The chickens were taken in the daytime from the unoccupied farm. Deputy Frank Stephens is investigating the loss.

Through market reports and trade letters this desk understands that the last month of September was one of our best business months of the year. Crop money is being put into circulation and retail

merchants encourage us with reports showing a decided increase in sales. Lowell spirits rise as they tell us the fall and winter season will not let us down. Fall goods are moving in all sections where merchants push them through advertising. And it all sounds good to this editor who furnishes the ink that advertises the merchandise that increases the sales that moves the business that Jack builds.

This week the State Highway Department began the work of black-topping M-66 in the village of Lowell from Main St. to the north village limits. This is a much needed improvement which has long been desired by the residents of Hudson St. The work of putting on the primer coat has been completed and the work of putting on the second coat will probably be under way within a day or two.

The Sparta Sentinel-Leader, H. J. Kurtz, publisher, recently issued a very creditable "New Homes Edition" using cuts of new houses erected in Sparta and Kent

City so far this year. It is high time that similar effort be undertaken in Lowell. Not a week passes but that people come to Lowell only to be disappointed in their quest for modern homes.

## 50 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 1, 1964

Lowell Police are busy marking cars on Main Street, to double check on overparkers. The first day had 5 lucky ticket holders and more are expected. Watch your parking time when you leave your car along Main Street.

The City will again this winter program work to remove and trim trees on City property...City property owners with dead trees or trees in need of trimming will have an opportunity to contract with the company who gets the City contract to have their work done at the same time. A survey of trees on the public right-of-way has revealed that there are 15 trees that must be removed by the outside contractor because of their location near buildings. There are 25 trees that city crews can remove and about 60 trees in need of trimming.

Fifteen-year-old Jill Lawhon, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peckham, billed as America's newest teenage star, has just set records on the east coast with her latest hit recording "Just Like That." The new star has been to Nashville to record for RCA Victor. She also appeared with her sister, Jan, 16, at the Hollywood Paladium. Jill is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Lawhon (nee Dorothy Peckham of Lowell) and resides at Midwest City, Oklahoma. She is the niece of Miss Pearl Peckham of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Marion Claeson of Lowell.

## 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 4, 1989

Headline: Great Lakes Bancorp closing, Oct. 27 - S & L repercussions felt by Lowell employees. The effects of the mismanagement of Savings and Loan institutions that occurred in Texas within the last year, have stretched well beyond the "Lone Star" state. In fact, far enough north, that the repercussions are now being felt locally. Norene Martin, the Lowell Branch Manager for Great Lakes Bancorp - A Federal Savings Bank, learned Monday (Sept. 25), from Grand Rapids' Regional Manager, Sam VanBoven that the decision to close the Lowell branch had been made.

Lowell's football team celebrated the 30th anniversary of the 1959 Red Arrow squad, with an "Ironman" type approach, in its 18-0 Homecoming victory against Northview at Burch Field. Playing with a fire and intensity, that Lowell Coach Phil Christiansen said was so thick you could cut it, the inspired Red Arrows dominated play against the Wildcats for 48 minutes.

The Lowell City Council breezed through Monday's meeting in short order. The first agenda item was a public hearing concerning a request to vacate the Mound St. right of way. The 66 foot right of way runs north from Hill St. on the city's east side. The request originated from Dean and Carol Collins. The Collins are selling their home at 901 N. Jefferson. Potential buyers has expressed concern that the property's value would be diminished if Mound St. were ever developed. All neighbors to the property were notified of the request and none expressed opposition to the vacation.

The \$160,000 Hudson Street Bridge project started on Sept. 13 was originally scheduled to be completed by Oct. 6. That deadline has been pushed back to Oct. 13. The bridge was the responsibility of the City up until last year when a joint agreement to split the cost of repairs by the City and County was reached. The reason for a week's delay in the completion of the project, according to Wayne Harrall, Kent County Road Commission Bridge Project Engineer, is the pumps that provide pressure for the hydro-demolishing went down, making it necessary to bring people in for repairs. The conventional method of scarifying the deck, checking for bad areas and removing them with chipping hammers, has been replaced with the hydro-demolishing method.

# FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

## BOYS & GIRLS

### VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

\* Denotes a game at the high school campus  
10/4 at 10:15 a.m. Allegan Tiger Invitational

### BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL

\* Denotes a game at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium  
10/3 at 7:30 p.m. GR Christian (homecoming)\*  
10/10 at 7 p.m. at Jenison

### BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

\* Denotes a game at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium  
10/6 at 7 p.m. at Forest Hills Central  
10/7 at 6:45 p.m. Caledonia\*

### GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

\* Denotes a game at Lowell High School  
10/9 at 7 p.m. East Grand Rapids\*  
10/16 at 7 p.m. at GR Christian

### GIRLS VARSITY GOLF

\* Denotes a meet at Arrowhead Golf Course  
10/8 Regionals at Reeths Puffer

### BOYS VARSITY TENNIS

\* Denotes a game at the high school tennis courts  
10/2 at 4:15 p.m. Portland\*  
10/4 at 8:30 p.m. Conference Tournament at Caledonia

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MODERN WRITERS**

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- 6. \_\_\_ de Triomphe
- 9. Not much
- 13. African sorcery
- 14. Pigeon sound
- 15. Air freshener product
- 16. Santa Maria's companion
- 17. \*"On \_\_\_ Majesty's Secret Service" by Ian Fleming
- 18. Jimmie Johnson, e.g.
- 19. Short and blunt
- 21. \*Lawyer turned legal thriller author
- 23. Campaigner, for short
- 24. By \_\_\_ of, interchangeable with "means"
- 25. Freight weight
- 28. Like some models
- 30. \*Social science fiction author of "Oryx and Crake"
- 35. A variety of anisette
- 37. Fabled fliers
- 39. Y'all
- 40. Caused by poison ivy
- 41. \*Author of "The Da Vinci Code"
- 43. Relating to the ear
- 44. Make a connection
- 46. Address a deity
- 47. \*Norman Mailer's "The \_\_\_ Park"
- 48. Alex Trebek's forte
- 50. Tangerine grapefruit hybrid
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- 55. "The Lord of the Rings" creature
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**SEPTEMBER 24 • SEPTEMBER 30**

- An Iowa couple gave a waitress a \$100 tip after receiving horrible service. They explained that they hope their example will encourage others to have more compassion and smile more. 
- Thousands of people are involved in pro-democracy protests in Hong Kong in the streets in a massive but peaceful movement of civil resistance to Beijing's plans to screen candidates for the post of the city's leader or chief executive.
- Actor and sworn bachelor, George Clooney marries Amal Alamuddin in Italy. 
- The University of Michigan's football team was having a rough season already, when head coach Brady Hoke allowed quarterback Shane Morris, to stay in the game after taking a hard hit and clearly being woozy. On Monday, Hoke continued to defend his position. 
- Images from NASA's Terra satellite have revealed that Earth's fourth-largest lake is almost completely dry. The Aral Sea in Kazakhstan was once the fourth-largest lake in the world.

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- 29. Small town or hamlet
- 64. Serf
- 72. Quiet attention grabber
- 31. "American Gothic" painter
- 65. Energy unit
- 73. Cracker Jack bonus
- 67. One who does no work
- 74. "\_\_\_ Anatomy"
- 32. Revealed
- 69. In tune
- 70. Naught
- 33. Basketry stick
- 34. Condemn
- 36. Prisoner's weapon
- 38. \_\_\_ and cascade
- 42. Stockings material
- 45. Nighttime lingerie
- 49. "We \_\_\_ Family"
- 51. \*He wrote of the world according to Garp
- 54. Beside, archaic
- 56. Moth-repelling wood
- 57. "\_\_\_ 'til you drop"
- 58. 6 of these in 64
- 59. Benevolent and Protective Order of \_\_\_
- 60. \*Author Maya Angelou, e.g.
- 61. Like Hans Christian Andersen's duckling
- 62. Pelvic parts
- 63. \*Andrea \_\_\_\_, author of "Small Island" and "The Long Song"
- 66. Host of 2016 Summer Olympics
- 68. Hi-\_\_\_ graphics

**DOWN**

- 1. Admit or "\_\_\_ to"
- 2. Followers of #13
- 3. Email folder
- 4. Consume
- 5. \*"Wonder Boys" author
- 6. Flu feeling
- 7. Wade's opponent
- 8. Welch dog breed
- 9. Exclamation of sorrow or pity
- 10. 18th century composer
- 11. Brainchild
- 12. A President can't serve more than two
- 15. Often used to describe someone who's tough
- 20. Dust jacket promo
- 22. DNA transmitter
- 24. Queen's conduct
- 25. \*Pulitzer winner for "The Goldfinch"
- 26. Very happy
- 27. Japanese-American

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# Lowell alumni Caleb Grummet dusts off his boxing gloves

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Hometown fighter Caleb Grummet continues to climb the ranks in the professional boxing arena even when he is not trying.

After taking nearly a year's worth of hiatus from the boxing gym, a call came in to Grummet while he watched an Olivet College football game. "I don't really know how I got the call. I have had other calls but since I somewhat retired I just blew them off," he explained.

This call was just too

big to ignore though and in the whirlwind fashion that Grummet is now accustomed to, he was suddenly preparing to head to Las Vegas, Nevada, to fight on the under card of undefeated and notorious native Grand Rapids fighter Floyd Mayweather Jr.

Faced with just six days to prepare for the fight, Grummet got to work quickly training with his former coaches, Jamie Stevenson and Troy Rowland, who generously dropped their current

projects to help him prepare for the ring. Grummet also ran three times a day and continued to train with the Olivet wrestling team, which he coaches, as part of his physical preparation. The largest hurdle with the time constraint was losing the thirty pounds necessary to compete in the fight. According to Grummet, "The call came on Saturday so I finished the day with my regular meals. Sunday morning breakfast was the last meal that I had until after weigh-ins. My diet

consisted of water, fresh fruit and vegetables. I slowly dwindled down the fruit and veggie intake and my last bite was Thursday night. Friday was the weigh-ins, so I did one more day with nothing in my belly. Water was my best friend, only I had to also take my last drinks Thursday night as well." Despite the immense challenge and moments where he said he felt his body was shutting down, Grummet was able to achieve the required weight. "That is the hardest thing to do, keep moving with nothing to move you. I could not have done it without my faith, family and community."

So the fight was on and Saturday night in front of a huge crowd at the MGM Grand Grummet (4-3, 3 KOs) took on up-and-coming Mayweather promotions fighter Andrew Tabiti (7-0, 7 KOs) in a six-round bout on the nontelevised portion of the Mayweather/Maidana Showtime pay-per-view event. Grummet went into the fight knowing he was facing the preferred fighter, but said his warrior spirit would never let him play the fall guy. "They call me a journeyman but I'm a fighter. I take these challenges because that's what I'm in it for."

Grummet was able to do what no other boxer has yet achieved in the ring with Tabiti, go for six rounds. Prior to this fight Tabiti had only gone as far as the fourth round, quickly earning victory over each of



Lowell alumni Caleb Grummet recently squared against Andrew Tabiti at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas on the under card of Floyd Mayweather Jr.

his competitors. Grummet was cut by a head butt early in the round and said that though it was a solid shot he wasn't hurt or dazed by it and continued to press forward.

With just under a minute left in the sixth and final round, the match referee stepped in and stopped the fight based on the cut giving the victory to Tabiti. "The call to have it stopped was ridiculous. I was at no time in trouble. I mean I was bleeding from a head butt but that is normal for me," said Grummet, who attributes the stop to boxing politics. "It is bittersweet. I trained hard for that match and took a top contender the distance. My coaches feel if I had even a two-week camp the outcome would have been very different."

Loss aside, Grummet said that he is happy with

his performance, "I feel I performed well. My timing was a bit off but what God put inside me makes me dangerous to any opponent at anytime."

He said he is also sincerely thankful for the exposure garnered by the experience and the outpouring of support he received from his family and communities, "I was watched by many in the boxing community. What my team and I did in one week made waves. It was pretty awesome. The support from the community was awesome as well. The outpouring of love and support kept me moving and motivated me to go above and beyond. The communities of Lowell, Lake Odessa and Olivet are awesome. I would fight for them anytime."

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