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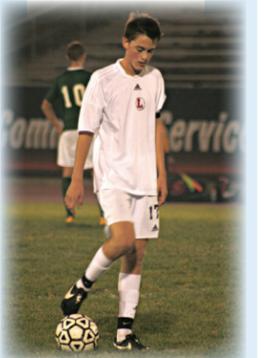
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If you remember it, were you there? Lowell Area Historical Museum opens 60s exhibit

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

There's a groovy new exhibit at the Lowell Area Historical Museum called "Flashback to the 60s: A Decade of Change."

"One part of the exhibit is going to be about what happened in the whole country in the 60s and one part will showcase what happened in Lowell in the 60s," the museum's executive director Pat

Allchin said. "So you're going to get both looks."

"We were looking to do two things," the museum's vice president Lisa Plank said. "To look at the 1960s and what was happening in our nation during that decade, and then how that impacted Lowell and what was changing in Lowell in the 60s."

"When you look back on the 60s everybody thought it was so radical and whatever, but it really wasn't all radical," Allchin said. "There were good

things that happened too that people forget to think about; the first man on the moon, the first heart transplant; so we're hoping some of that comes out as well."

"It was a pretty dynamic decade here," Plank said. "Lowell was connecting into a bigger world at that time."

The exhibit contains dozens of artifacts, including wild clothes, oddly-shaped furniture, a record player and psychedelic posters. Acid rock music is piped into the rooms where the pieces are.

"There were so many things that happened it was hard to narrow down the subject," Allchin said. "There's a little bit of everything over there."

"It's a fun subject," said museum president

Jim Doyle. "People can reminisce about that period of time."

The exhibit is currently open to the public and will run through August 2016.



Tina Cadwallader and Pat Allchin instantly became hippies.



A display of 60s music and fashion trends.



A hippy scarecrow on the front lawn of the museum.

LHS class of '64 celebrates

The Lowell High School class of 1964 celebrated its 50th class reunion the weekend of September 19 and 20, 2014. On Friday night, a small gathering attended a potluck

at the home of Bud and Jan Rogers. On Saturday morning, a few classmates played golf at Arrowhead Golf Course while others attended the Lowell Museum for a tour.

That evening a delicious dinner buffet was held at The Grand Volute Ballroom with 102 people in attendance.

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"Zombie Chick" themed GNO set for October 16

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

The undead will roam the streets of Lowell this Thursday, Oct. 16 from 5:00 to 10:00 pm during the "Zombie Chick" themed fall Girls' Night Out.

Thirty Lowell businesses will be taking part during a night of shopping that draws hundreds to Main Street.

"The Fall Girls' Night Out is typically our larger event. More gals get out, enjoy fun and are ready to shop," said Liz Baker, executive director of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

Costume-clad shoppers are invited to enjoy refreshments and discounts ranging from 25 percent off storewide at Springrove Variety to \$5 eyebrow waxes at the Riverbend East Styling Salon. Generous door prizes will also be available at many participating locations, including \$25 in store gift certificates at both Journeys Time Antiques and the Flat River Antique Emporium and \$30 worth of Mary Kay cosmetics from independent consultant Sue Raimer.

Zombie shoppers are also invited to visit the three uptown businesses that are part of the event, Walgreens, Jultara Salon and newcomer Flat River Outreach Ministries, who will be offering a 25 percent discount storewide.

As always, shopping postcards will be available at each location. The cards can be punched at each visited business and entered into a drawing for a chance to win one of four goody bags filled with products from local merchants.



Pictured: Erwin Barton, Lola Shaler, Bonnie Adriane, Alice Tower, Frank David Thompson, Patrick Troy, Sherry Miles, Terry W. Dawson, Linda Brady, Bruce Rittenger, Jan Marshall, Dick Treviso, Ella Zink, Vic Weeks, Gay Carey, Carol Wisner, Shirley Biggs, Susan Bryant, Jean Stormzand, Ron Hostetler, Jim Jastifer, Jancie Fosburg, Sharon Seeley, Diane Blazo, Margaret Laux, Dave Armstrong, Joyce Fosburg, Judy Fairfield, Sherry Johnson, Keith Anderson, Ron Thomet, Barb Adams, Kay Dawson, Jan Chittenden, Judy Fairchild, Chaz Kiel, Bud Rogers, Karen Wingeir, Bill Weiland, Jim Boyd, Pat Murphy, Martin Flynn, Alex McPherson, Olen Miller, Mary Kay Phillips, Craig Walters, Tom Tompkins, Susan Schroeder, Maureen Priebe, Ty Reminga, Rich Wassink, Gary Gage, Bob Jacobi, Gordie Myers, Jon Alexander, Tari Zahm, Dan Dabakey, Ty Wessell, Doug Hunter, and Delva Burton.

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Vergennes club celebrates 100th anniversary

submitted by
Marsha Wilcox

There is something very special about a women's group that is still meeting a hundred years after its beginning. The first Vergennes Cooperative Farm Women's Club was held on October 29, 1914. The reason may be found in their purpose: The object of this club shall be the promotion of cooperation among the farm women of the neighborhood in the social enlivenment and betterment of the

farm homes and of this community.

Mrs. Melville (Nellie) McPherson was the first president and the first meeting was held in her home. She was elected by a vote of four to two (six women present) and the other two votes were cast for Mrs. Florence Bailey. They decided that annual dues would be 50 cents; they could invite their young married friends; they could bring their sewing or fancy work; and that refreshments

would consist of two articles of food and a beverage – if the hostess did not comply, she would be fined 25 cents.

A former Vergennes Township resident, Priscilla Lussmyer, gathered and organized the club's artifacts which trace the history of the Vergennes Cooperative Club. The collection of meeting minutes and yearbooks is housed at the Fallasburg Schoolhouse and is an amazingly complete file for having started gathering data in the 1980s.

There was a standard form for the meetings which hasn't changed all that much from 1914:

- Repeated the collect together.
- Almost always sang songs like "The Star Spangled Banner" and "America."

- Had a program arranged for by one of the members.
- Always had a luncheon or dessert.
- There was always an annual picnic right from the beginning.
- Answered roll call with something called "kitchen kinks" or "housecleaning kinks." That got old and so they voted to vary the answer to the roll call. Anyone not answering with an appropriate response was fined 5 cents.
- The club flower was the rose.

The programs tended toward homemaking and nursing, some history, some art and a little bit of government. In March of 1919, when the historic women's suffrage legislation

was passed, they requested a program to instruct them how to vote.

In 1922 they held a debate, with one woman assigned the affirmative and one assigned the negative for this question: Resolved, that we should have a woman for President of the United States. In 1922! Here it is 92 years later...

In March 1935, they had a discussion on the theme of "Old Age Pensions – Pro and Con." In August of '35, the Social Security Act passed.

In 1941, the speaker was Mrs. Quantance, chair of the civilian defense, who explained a housewife's part in the World War II Defense Program.

Information about many more interesting, educational and humorous

stories, along with descriptions of helpful community projects initiated by the Vergennes club members are stored in the archives.

In spite of being country folks, the women of Vergennes Township – and more recently members from other towns and townships who are interested in meeting with friendly people and enjoying helpful programs – have kept the club alive and vital through a hundred years of change. There never was a year in the last one hundred years when the Vergennes club did not meet regularly. Somewhere along the way, the fines were dropped.

Anyone interested in visiting a meeting can call president Marti Kelly at 897-6172 for information.

Class of '64, continued

Some traveled from as far as Arizona, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Nevada, Ohio, Vermont, Washington, and of course Michigan. Background music of the 60s was enjoyed by all.

to honor the deceased classmates. A class picture was then taken on the staircase. A great time was had by all.

The reunion committee consisted of Barb (Adams) Meyers, Bonnie (Adriane) Denman, Diane (Blazo) Scott, Gay (Carey) Nauta, Alec McPherson, Mary Kay (Phillips) Nelson, Lola (Shaler) Hunt, Jean (Stormzand) Jeltema, Patrick Troy, Vic Weeks, and Karen (Wingeier) McPherson.

After dinner a short program was presented by Alex McPherson honoring Veterans, couples married 40-45 years or more and a moment of silence remembering deceased classmates. A variety of memorabilia was on display and also a memorial table



along main street

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.

GILDA'S CLUB LOWELL CLUBHOUSE

Board Games & Fun – Tues., Oct. 14, 1-3 pm. This will be an open time for members to come in and play board games together. **Cancer - New Member Meeting** – Tues., Oct. 14 & 28, 2:30-3:30 pm and 7:30-8 pm. Introductory meeting for those who wish to join the cancer support program. **Movie Matinee** – Tues., Oct. 14, 3-5 pm. Join your friends in Lowell for an afternoon movie. **Laughter Circle** – Tues., Oct. 14, 4-5 pm. Come exercise your laughter muscles. Join Lindsay Jousma for this wellbeing workout that encourages laughter for no reason. No yoga mat or experience is required. Please wear comfortable clothes and prepare to leave happy, healthy and energized. **Woodcarving** – Tues., Oct. 21, 3:15-4:15 pm. Learn how to make easy and beautiful wood carvings with Doug Shassberger. Beginners are welcome and supplies are provided. **Book Club** – Tues., Oct. 21, 4:15-5:15 pm. Join Kathy Mieras for a relaxing and cozy book club. Pick up your book to borrow at the parlor desk. **Breast Cancer Support**

Group *at LowellArts - Our next meeting is Tues., Nov. 4, 6:15-7:30 pm. **Grief - New Member Meeting** – Mon., Oct. 21, 5-5:30 pm. Come to the clubhouse to learn about our adult grief support program. Please register in advance. Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson St. For more information call 897-8600 or visit www.gildasclubgr.org/pinkarrow

GALLERY OPENING

An opening reception featuring artist Janet Teunis will be held at Flat River Gallery & Framing on Thurs., Oct. 16 from 6 to 8 pm. The gallery is located at 219 W. Main St., Lowell. Her work will be on display through November.

LOWELLARTS! PLAYERS

The LowellArts! Players call for youth actors for the winter production of - The Surprising Story of the Three Little Pigs. Auditions will be Thurs., Oct. 16, 6:30-8 pm and Sat., Oct. 18, 11:30-1:30 at the Lowell library. More information at lowellartsmi.org or 897-8545.

MUSEUM FOR TOTS

Explore the Lowell Area Historical Museum with your child, participate in hands-on experiences and create a take home activity. For young children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. The second Monday of the month October-April 10:30-12:30. Stop in any time during these hours, activities typically take 30 minutes. For more information call 616-897-7688.

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Council discusses policies and underground wires

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Lowell's city council held their regular meeting at city hall on Monday, October 6. The council voted to use Lowell Cable Television (LCTV) money to repair city streets and to provide a "cost of living adjustment" of 1.7 percent for Lowell Light & Power retirees. The highlight of the meeting was a long argument about underground power lines.

"During a recent workshop you, meaning the council, discussed putting the standards for burial of underground wires by light & power into an ordinance," mayor Jim Hodges said. "You asked that this item be placed on your next regular meeting agenda and I've been enlightened that sometimes we don't need an ordinance to do things that occur to ourselves but rather that would be a policy... We're talking about standards for burial of underground wires, so that's what I guess our discussion would be."

"Is to follow policy," said councilor Jeff Altoft, "When we made the policy, aren't we supposed to follow it?"

"Yes, we are," Hodges said.

"So if we don't follow it, what are the consequences?" Altoft asked. "What are they?"

"I guess that would vary," Hodges said.

"It depends on what the policy says," city manager Mark Howe said.

"All right, light & power's policy says that all underground primary wire should be buried 36 inches deep at the least and be encased in 'schedule 80' conduit," Altoft said. "That's their policy. So we shouldn't even be here talking about this right now."

"I thoroughly agree," said councilor Jim Hall.

"I went through the right channels, I thought, to have this taken care of," Altoft said. "I took it to our city manager and he came back..."

"I need to comment," Hall said.

"Just a minute, don't interrupt," Hodges said.

"I'll wait," Hall said.

"...And basically, nothing got done," Altoft said. "Nothing. We got a couple letters back and forth, but it's still a safety condition. I watched the board meeting for light & power [on YouTube] and no one once said in that meeting that they had a policy. They went back, wishy-washy, thinking that we had to make a new policy. They have a policy and you [Hodges] were at

that meeting and you know they have a policy. If you don't, you shouldn't be mayor. But anyway, Mr. Howe knows they have a policy. He's seen a copy of it. You've all seen a copy of it because I gave it to you."

"Yes," Hodges said.

"And you didn't say a word in that meeting," Altoft said. "You let them go back and forth and think that it was no big deal. And then one of their board members said, 'What is the chances of somebody hitting them two little lines?' A hundred percent, because they did. And you [Hodges] think this is funny. You're sitting there smiling. This is serious. And there's still nothing been done. It's been almost seven months. And they broke a policy. Their policy, not somebody else's. And you [sit] there and think like it's no big deal. You [sat] in the meeting. You could've said something but you did not say nothing, but yet when Mr. [light & power general manager Greg] Pierce asked you to bring a thing to give their retirement people a



Councilor Jeff Altoft in a heated discussion with mayor Jim Hodges.

raise, you brought that right to this meeting. But you did not convey our wishes to them to take care of that underground wire. Not once."

"You're wrong," Hodges said.

"Did you convey that to them?" Altoft asked. "You said that in the meeting? You

[sat] there and you said that and it just disappeared?"

"Mr. Altoft, we've had that discussion," Hodges said. "Mr. Hall?"

"I looked at the city charter and if there's anything for us to do as a council I can't find it," Hall said. "The charter calls for light & power to be independent, with its own board. The only requirement for the city council is to review the documentation for a budget. Now, if you want to make a recommendation as a citizen, go to their meeting. There's nothing that gives authority to the city manager to convey any of this. I'm getting sick and tired of this playground bully [Altoft] controlling our meetings, or trying to."

"So you think it's all right that a primary wire can be buried 14 inches deep in the wrong conduit, in an area that some young kid can drive a stake in, to put a flag up because his manager didn't know it was only 14 inches deep?" Altoft asked.

After a few more moments of rancorous bickering between Altoft and Hodges, local resident Peggy Covert approached

the council and made some comments.

"As a ratepayer, it does really concern me what I see going on here," Covert said. "Because as I understand it, there is no body that oversees our light & power board, or our light & power company, except for this city council. Most utility companies are overseen by some state overseer of some type. We don't have anything like that because this is a privately-owned company, so I have to support Mr. Altoft in the fact that, if you don't do it and they're not doing it, then where are we, as customers and ratepayers, protected from liability that will come back on our company and us as ratepayers? ...They have no accountability, except to this council."

The council continued

the discussion of underground wires and whether or not wires of all types should be required to be placed underground. They then decided that all "interest" on the LCTV endowment money would be used to repair streets in Lowell.

"As I understand the motion, [it would be] 100 percent of the LCTV endowment interest for the year 2015 would be used for streets," Hodges said.

This motion passed unanimously. After a few minutes spent on council comment and the manager's report, the council adjourned to a 'closed session' to discuss a "union negotiations strategy." The next regular city council meeting will be at city hall on Monday, October 20 at 7:00 pm.



Peggy Covert said that Lowell Light & Power lacks oversight.



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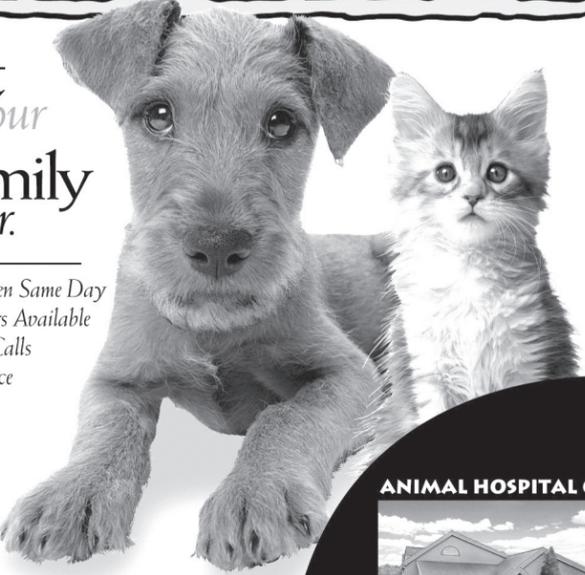


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outdoors

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Dave Stegehuis

Hunting is a relatively safe activity when compared to contact sports or even bicycling. Nevertheless, it is important to always follow the rules and employ common sense at all times when afield.

Firearm deaths and injuries would seem to be the principle hazard, but due to the safety training required to obtain a hunting license and the hunter orange rule firearm accidents are rare. When accidents occur the cause is almost always a clear violation of basic firearm safety rules. Everyone who carries a firearm afield must know and practice these rules without exception.

Accidents occur more often when using sharp tools such as knives and axes. These items must be kept sharp and used with care.

In the modern hunting era, tree stand falls have accounted for numerous deaths and injuries. A certified harness system must be used whenever one is off the ground. Approved manufactured stands must be properly installed and inspected frequently by the user.

When hunting around water, wearing a flotation device and following standard boating rules will make the outing safer. Proper clothing protects against severe weather and cold related injuries. A GPS will keep the hunter on track while a magnetic compass is an inexpensive and reliable backup. Topo maps provide even more information for the wandering hunter. Go slow and pick your path carefully to avoid falling. A

headlamp leaves the hands free to carry gear in the dark.

When possible, hunt with a partner. If hunting alone, always let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return, and carry your cell phone. A basic survival kit will be handy or even a lifesaver in case it is necessary to stay out overnight or for an extended period. Be prepared. Where have I heard that before?

In a highly regulated and litigious society, it is easy to assume that someone else will always be responsible for our welfare and we can become careless and complacent. Government occupational safety inspectors do not have jurisdiction in the outback, so you are on your own. Pay attention, follow the rules, and use common sense so your outdoor experience will be safe and memorable.

kidsView



by Sierra Hieshetter

Now that I am in sixth grade, I realize that Halloween might be a little too childish for me. I also realize that Halloween has

become so commercialized.

I remember when my mom told me about the time she went trick-or-treating as a hippo and how she and my grandma had to make the costume themselves. I bet that her hippo costume was ten times better than the cheapo ones you buy at the store. Those costumes fall apart halfway through the trick or treating route. And, the next house you come to

they ask what you are and you say, "a faceless hippo" because your cheap mask string snapped and will not stay on any longer!

Also, Halloween for me used to be trick-or-treating throughout the neighborhood. Now I am about to attend my first "fun night" at school. The "fun night" is really just a Halloween costume party in disguise.

So, little by little, I guess my world is changing in more ways than one. Some ways are good and others bad. But either way, I feel older already (even though I don't want to be).

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viewpoint

to the editor

Dear Editor and Fellow Citizens:

Barb Barber states in her "Letter to the Editor" last week that, "it is time for the citizens of Lowell to get mad as h___ and not take it anymore."

I agree. It is time for the citizens of Lowell to get mad as h___ and not take it anymore. Not to take the lies, false accusations, misrepresented facts and direct attacks on good workers who have chosen not to join a union. To get mad as h___ because our own local paper did not question these unlawful acts of city officials, nor check out the facts before publishing this trash.

Mrs. Barber, in her letter, is referring to an alleged secret meeting of the city council on September 19. And she goes on to stir up our citizens with how

the city did an illegal act in violation of the City Charter and state law. She further tells your readers – in great detail – how the city council had an illegal meeting, behind closed doors, without proper notification/violated the open meetings act, with two councilmembers not invited to this secret meeting.

To help set the record straight and provide the public with some of the facts of this event, here is what actually happened:

1) At 7 pm Thursday, September 18, a public notice was posted at city hall and the offices of Lowell Light & Power (LL&P) for a meeting of the Lowell Light & Power board of directors (not the city council) to be held [at] 4 pm on Friday, September 19 – 21 hours before the meeting would be

held (an 18 hour notification is required by law).

2) While this was a meeting of the Lowell Light & Power board of directors, usually the city manager and mayor sit in on these meetings (without a vote) as LL&P is a department of the city and for this meeting the mayor pro tem was also included as a courtesy. Again, it was not a meeting of the city council as Mrs. Barber goes into great detail to mislead, misinform and agitate your readers.

3) The meeting was open to the public as posted in the meeting notice and followed proper protocol: call to order at 4:10 pm, roll call, approval of agenda, public comment, voted to go into closed session at 4:12 pm for the purpose of union negotiation matters, came out of the closed session at 5:55 pm, motion to adjourn, adjourned at 5:57 pm.

Again, this was a meeting of the Lowell Light & Power board of

directors, not a meeting of the city council. All legal requirements were followed. It was not a secret meeting.

We can disagree on issues and work our way to solutions to make our community even better. However, this is not a community that should stoop to personal attacks, implied slander nor convenient misrepresentation of the truth. We are better than that. We are a positive people who love and support this community and all of its workers. This is Lowell.

Finally let me say that it is a sad day when our local paper gets snookered into publishing a nasty, negative, completely inaccurate letter which discredits our community leadership and thereby discredits this very community itself of our collective character, respect, honesty, compassion and integrity.

Sincerely,
Jim Hodges, mayor

off the cuff

Jeanne Boss

It never ceases to amaze me how often city officials, and rarely the general public, are upset by a letter to the editor and they blame the Ledger.

Public servants are well aware, or should be, of how a free press operates.

And now the mayor. First and foremost, letters to the editor, for the most part, are published. These are opinions, rants, expressions...whatever. The letters are not a reporter's work but rather an opinion signed by the author. We are not, as the letter suggests, "snookered" any more than we are "snookered" into publishing the mayor's letter.

Don't shoot the messenger dear mayor. You have a platform each month, and more, in which to get your agenda expressed and understood.

In this particular example, the writer may have substituted the word "special" with the incendiary word "secret" to make a point. But in your defense of the methods used to inform the public, although legal, they were not very effective. A sign posted on a door on a one-way street and at city hall, following a period where the public has been extremely curious about events, seems underplayed at best. Maybe this reader has a point, maybe not.

I'm not in the position to defend this reader; in fact I'm not fond of her opening sentence that appears to combine her "friends" with the Ledger. We are simply reporting the news. We take no side. But nowhere does she say it was a city council meeting. Just that city people were there at an LL&P meeting. She does, however, cite the city charter. Whatever the case, it matters not. This is not The Ledger reporting and "questioning" anything but merely a reader's opinion. Period.

Having said that, a two-page typed letter, delivered to the Ledger office, is much more time consuming to accomplish than a short notice or email to a customer base to inform them of an upcoming city and/or LL&P meeting. A citizen does have

the right to voice complaints and your office does have an obligation to be as transparent as possible.

As far as getting mad as hell, it hardly seems worth it. There are so many ways to get your point across and your local paper is an excellent choice. We have asked, and will continue to ask, for city officials to inform the public; sometimes they do, other times they are more evasive. When a citizen speaks up at a public meeting, we do quote them.

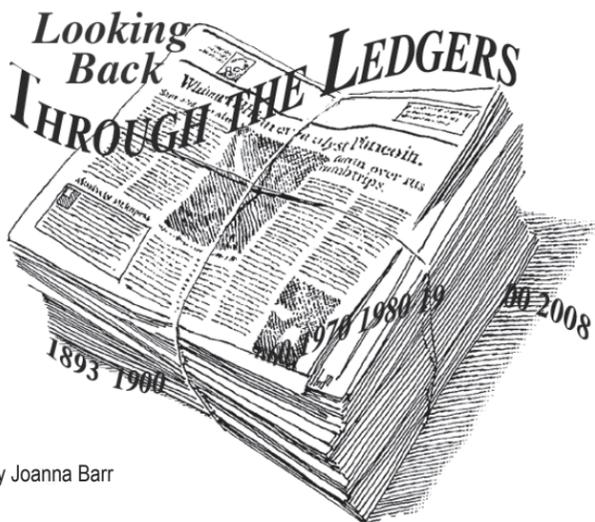
To that end I simply must submit a personal pet peeve that I know I share with the Ledger's publisher. The phrase "it sells newspapers." We only wish it were true. Never does that enter into the decision making process. One, because it doesn't work and two, because whatever the comment, it will have at least two sides reacting to it and will have exactly the opposite effect. If I may paraphrase Aesop, "Please all, please none." We don't make the news, we just report it.

The Ledger covers the City Council meetings and at anytime you feel the need to express yourself it will be reported. Or, like any reader you may write to us.

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By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal October 9, 1889

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100 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 8, 1914

While Bruce Murdock and John Koetz of this vicinity were hunting partridges Sunday the latter received a

charge of shot in his face, inflicting a number of painful though not dangerous wounds. One ear was pierced and several shot lodged in the cheeks and nose, the eyes luckily escaped injury. One hand was also wounded. Dr. Lee removed several of the shot but a number could not be reached. It is believed that Koetz will not be permanently injured.

Down South the slogan is "Buy a bale" – of cotton. Here in Michigan, it is "Buy a barrel" – of apples. Help the growers with ready funds and thus help every body who can be helped by a plentiful circulating medium.

A Mancelona doctor is in jail in Grand Rapids awaiting trial for violating the liquor law in dry territory. Is this an accident or the exception that proves the rule?

Owing to the scarcity and consequent high price of dairy butter we have placed on sale a high grade oleomargarine which retails at 20 and 25c per pound. R. VanDyke.

The Lowell Granite and Marble Works received an order last week from Paymaster Harris of the U. S. S. New Jersey for a monument to be erected in Langston, Montcalm county, cemetery at the grave of Thornald N. Jorgensen, who died at Vera Cruz, a tribute from his shipmates on that vessel.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 12, 1939

Workmen began applying the second coat of blacktop on Hudson street Wednesday morning. Other coats are to follow in due course. Hudson street property owners are hoping that curbs and gutters are to be included in the street improvements that are to be underway next spring.

Albert Oesch, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Oesch of Keene Twp., was taken to Blodgett hospital by the Roth ambulance Monday afternoon when he fell 24 feet while at work on a silo at the Clarence Yeiter farm near Alto. He suffered a fractured left leg and miraculously escaped from more serious injuries.

60th Class reunion for 1954 LHS grads

The Lowell High School class of 1954 held their 60th class reunion on September 27, 2014, at Noto's in Cascade.



Pictured, left to right: Jenett McPherson Patrick, Nancy Smith Thornton, Lois White Tomasiewicz, Donna Geelhoed VanderLaan, Nola Bedell Bryan, Arleen Bryant Irvin, Helen Bryant Kuiper, Janet Clinton VanWyck, Carole Parsons Anderson, Nancy Potter Hicok Porter, Jeanne Marks Serne, and Sharon Potter Miles.



Pictured, left to right: Rev. Bernard Dawson, Dr. Stephen Myers, Dr. James Davis, George Anderson, Richard Bryan, Dr. Raymond Hoag, Ron Winks, and Arnith Stahl.

A myth is a religion in which no one any longer believes.

~ James Feibleman

In The Service

Army Pvt. Justus P. Carlstrom has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core

values, physical fitness and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics,

military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches and field training exercises.

Carlstrom is the brother of Josiah Carlstrom of Lowell.

He is a 2014 graduate of Saranac Community Schools.

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weight loss

There are no magic diets, pills or operations for long-term, healthy weight loss. A useful approach is to select the diet that works best for you. This is the eating plan that you can live with. A total of 3500 calories equals one pound of body weight. This means if you decrease (or increase) your intake by 500 calories daily, you will lose (or gain) one pound per week.

There are several things you can do to lose weight. Know your starting point. Keep a food journal for several days. Write down everything you eat or drink. Try to keep a calorie count by looking up the calories in the food items you are eating.

Find the problem. Look at the daily calorie totals. If you are gaining weight, you are eating too many calories. If your weight is stable, you know this many calories works for weight maintenance. But if you want to lose more weight, you will need to decrease the amount of calories you are eating. Then fix the problem. Stop eating foods with empty calories. These

foods do not supply you with any nutrients. Examples are sodas, alcohol and sweets.

Pick a reasonable calorie goal. Start by cutting 500-1000 calories from your current intake. Then adjust the calories so you are losing one to two pounds a week. Do not eat less than 1,000 calories a day without medical supervision. Eat a balanced diet that has a mix of carbohydrates, protein and fat. Make sure you eat enough protein. Snack on vegetables and fruit. Eat carrots and celery with salsa instead of chips. Use berries instead of chocolate chips. Eat apples instead of apple pie.

To lose weight, you must change your habits. This will happen slowly. Losing one to two pounds a week is great progress. It also helps to add physical activity to your daily routine. Choose a fun activity and start moving. Exercise will tone muscles and help limit flabby skin. It also builds muscle. This will increase the number of calories you burn each day. Aim for 30 minutes of activity each day.

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Freedom of Information Act House Bill 4001

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

There are currently no strict rules determining what people are charged when asking government agencies for information through Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. Some governments don't charge at all, some assess punitive fees. If passed, House Bill 4001 would make it very difficult for governments to overcharge people making these FOIA requests.

The bill says that governments "shall not charge more than the hourly wage, which does not

include the cost of benefits, of its lowest-paid employee capable of searching for, locating and examining the public records in the particular instance regardless of whether that person is available or who actually performs the labor." The bill would also limit the charge for photocopies to ten cents a page.

"The bill passed the House of Representatives back in March and it passed 102 - 8," Lowell's state senator Dave Hildenbrand said. "Then it came over to

the senate. It's in the Senate Committee on Government Operations."

Hildenbrand is the majority vice chair of the Senate Committee on Government Operations. He has not been able to get the senate to vote on the bill yet, but he said he is working on it.

"I've asked for a hearing on the bill," Hildenbrand said. "At this point there isn't a committee hearing scheduled for it, so I don't know the exact timeline, but I'm hoping that the bill

is considered before the end of the year. It's a little uncertain at this point, but hopefully later this year it will be considered."

The bill is in danger of dying in committee, but there is still a chance it could come up later this year.

"The committee, I don't believe, is meeting in the month of October," Hildenbrand said. "We'd be looking at November/December [before] we'd have an opportunity to have a committee meeting, a public hearing on the bill,

then potentially a vote on the bill and then obviously it would go up to the governor for his consideration. That's the time frame."

Hildenbrand said he thinks the bill is a good idea that has wide bipartisan support.

"The FOIA law is an important law as far as disseminating information and getting the public access to information," Hildenbrand said. "Unfortunately, over the years there have been some instances where local units of government have sort of abused FOIA law, as far as where the reimbursements come in, to get reimbursed for the cost of getting information through FOIA. There have been some cases where it's been used kind of as a revenue-generator. I don't think that's good public policy. I don't think

that's the appropriate way. I don't think that was the intent of the law. We want the public to be able to have access to this information and we certainly want to allow governments to recoup the cost, but we want to eliminate the abuses that go on and keep it affordable so people feel like they can access public information easily. It's good policy. It just seems to make sense."

The bill would make governments more accountable to their constituents and it would make it easier for people to get information from their government.

"We want to make government more transparent and this is one way where the public can get access to information and we want to certainly make it affordable," Hildenbrand said.

Lowell man charged in first case involving enhanced deer violation penalties

A Kent County man has pled guilty in a deer-poaching case that occurred in September in Montcalm County and is the first case of a violation meeting the new enhanced sentencing guidelines for poaching that became law in Michigan earlier this year.

On Sept. 21, Michigan Department of Natural Resources conservation officers responded to a complaint phoned in to the Report All Poaching (RAP) Line involving an adult suspect who allegedly killed two trophy white-tailed deer in Montcalm County during the 2014 Youth Hunt while acting as a mentor to an eight-year-old hunter.

Jacob Powers, 25, of Lowell, was arraigned Oct. 3 on the charge of taking two white-tailed deer during the closed season before a magistrate of the 64B District Court at Stanton in Montcalm County.

At arraignment, Powers entered a plea of guilty to the charge and was sentenced. He was assessed \$335 in fines and costs, \$12,000 in restitution for payment to the state's Fish and Game Protection Fund, and five days mandatory minimum jail time to be served as community service. In addition, Powers now faces up to five years of hunting license revocations

in Michigan and 41 other states that participate in the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact. Powers has yet to appear on charges in Ionia County for littering.

After receiving the information from the RAP Line dispatcher, three DNR conservation officers (Sgt. John Jurcich, Officer Cary Foster and Officer Dave Rodgers) began an investigation in Lowell and Grand Rapids attempting to locate Powers and two deer. Locating Powers at approximately 3 a.m. at his workplace, officers were able to obtain a confession to the incident and return to his residence, where they were assisted by the Lowell City Police recovering evidence to complete their investigation.

Officers seized two large antlered heads, meat and a shotgun used to take the animals while at the Powers residence. It was determined Powers had taken both deer himself that morning in Bushnell Township of Montcalm County, while accompanying an 8-year-old youth on his first hunt. Powers illegally tagged one deer with the Mentored Youth Tag issued to the young hunter and procured a second license tag from a 6-year-old female family member prior to transporting the animals.

Officers established Powers had captured trail camera images of the deer prior to the hunt and knew trophy deer were present in the hunt area. Officers concluded their investigation issuing an appearance ticket with a court date and left the home. Five days later, a conservation officer discovered two hides and evidence of deer processing that had been dumped in a parking lot at the Lowell State Game Area in Ionia County. Having not recovered these items on the night of the original investigation, the officer returned to meet with Powers and obtain a confession to the littering on state lands, leading to an additional charge.

"The tougher poaching penalties were developed last year and approved by the Legislature and governor, and represent the first major changes to poaching laws in our state since 1990," said DNR Law Enforcement Division Chief Gary Hagler. "Concerned hunting organizations and conservation officers have noticed an increased interest and demand for large antlered deer, which are frequently targeted by poachers who trespass,

hunt at night and without a license. This is the first case prosecuted under the new law to enhance penalties and represents a great case of our officers and the local justice system working together to bring justice to individuals targeting trophy animals."

Recent changes to penalties increased fines in this case by \$10,000 and added two years of additional license revocations. Under the new law, antlered deer are assessed an additional \$1,000 in restitution plus the standard \$1,000 for illegally killing any deer. Deer with eight points but not more than 10 are \$500 a point, while deer with 11 points or more are assessed a penalty of \$750 per point.

"Ethical hunters, wildlife viewers and our officers are hopeful that increased penalties will cause potential violators to rethink the temptation of poaching a trophy deer while providing additional protection for this valuable wildlife resource," Hagler said.

For more information on the laws and regulations for hunting and fishing in Michigan, go to www.michigan.gov/conservationofficers

Lowell Light & Power holds special meeting

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Lowell Light & Power had a surprise "special meeting" on Friday, September 19.

"The special meeting was posted in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act more than 18 hours prior to the meeting," light & power general manager Greg Pierce said in an e-mail to the Ledger. "It was posted at 6:00 pm on Thursday, September 18th."

The meeting was attended by light & power board chairman Greg Canfield, board members Perry Beachum, Andrew Schrauben and Tamela Spicer; as well as Pierce,

Lowell city manager Mark Howe, Lowell mayor Jim Hodges, Lowell mayor pro tem Sharon Ellison and John McGlinchey, the city's attorney.

The special meeting started at 4:10 pm. At 4:12 they went to a closed session and discussed union negotiations. At 5:55 pm they came out of the closed session and at 5:57 pm the meeting was adjourned.

The light & power board's next regularly scheduled board meeting will take place at the light & power building, 127 N. Broadway, on October 19 at 6:00 pm.



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Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

LHS annual homecoming festivities filled with fun

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Fun activities, a prideful parade through downtown Lowell and the crowning of this year's king and queen capped off Lowell High School's homecoming week celebrations.

Students participated in a variety of fun activities throughout the week, including dress up days that had them in their best tie dye, ugliest sweater and favorite LHS gear.

"We have had great participation in our dress up days and the lunchroom has been filled with fun this

week," said principal Amy Pallo.

The school hosted its first movie night inside the Lowell Performing Arts Center early in the week and held the annual Powder Puff game on the football field on Wednesday. The senior girls picked up the victory this year trouncing the juniors 30-16.

With the assistance of staff members Cari Slot, Chris Phillips, Heidi Kolp and Laurie Summerfield, students also participated in creating a school wide "Lip Dub" on Friday, featuring



Homecoming king Louis Hart, crowned earlier in the week, rides with fellow senior court representative Caitlyn Doyle.



Homecoming queen Bethany Kaczanowski was crowned by last year's winning court members during halftime at the football game.

well known songs spanning from the 1950s to the 1980s, "The students and staff had a ton of fun with this," said Pallo.

An afternoon pep assembly featuring the LHS band, cheerleaders, this year's homecoming court and some friendly class competition also took place on Friday. Louie Hart was crowned homecoming king during the assembly.

Students district wide brought their school spirit to the annual Homecoming parade through downtown Lowell. Cheerleaders led the way as students marched behind representing their sports and performing arts clubs. Homecoming court representatives waved in royal fashion, led by Master and Mistress of Ceremonies John Bingham and Victoria Russell.

Festivities continued at the football game against Grand Rapids Christian (GRC) where Bingham and Russell introduced the entire homecoming court and their parents to those in attendance. This year the freshman class was represented by Darby Dean and Keaton Bell, the sophomores by Maria Briggs and Kyle Liddle

and the juniors by Shelby Mutschler and Max Dean. Male senior representatives included Tanner Barnes, Zach Gordon, Nathan Kyburz, Kyle Potter and king Louis Hart. Ladies vying for queen included Laurel Bronkella, Caitlyn Doyle, Kate Montgomery, Grace Quiggle and Bethany Kaczanowski, who was named queen in front of the jam-packed Arrow crowd.

The students also took part in a fundraiser during the week that culminated at the game.

"Our students spent the week honoring two of our local fallen heroes, officers Trevor Slot and Bobby Kozminski," said Pallo.

Family members of the two officers, lost in the line of

Homecoming,
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Master of Ceremonies John Bingham took a moment from announcing to publicly ask a date to the Homecoming dance (she said yes).

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Homecoming, continued

duty here in West Michigan, served as the grand marshal for the Homecoming parade and also participated in the coin toss ceremony. Donations collected by

students and Arrow fans were presented to the two families between quarters at the game. The funds will be used to support scholarships set up in the name of each

officer to provide funds for young people pursuing careers in law enforcement. The football team joined in honoring the servicemen on

the field, adorning the flag of the fallen heroes on their helmets during their victory over GRC.



The Red Arrow fiddle club made their way down the parade route bringing their unique brand of music to LHS supporters.



The Grand Rapids Police Department Honor Guard.

Photo submitted by Kurt Hieshetter



The LHS band played the school fight song for the parade as well as for halftime activities.



Senior homecoming court members Zach Gordon and Bethany Kaczanowski enjoy their ride in the annual homecoming parade.



Freshman homecoming court representatives Darby Dean and Keaton Bell represented their class in the parade.

LAS Elementary Lunch Menus
week of 10/13/14

MONDAY: Cheese quesadilla, refried beans; Fruit & Veggie Bar: spinach & romaine side salad, salsa, applesauce, pears.

TUESDAY: Sweet & sour popcorn chicken over brown rice & seasoned green beans (served at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake); popcorn chicken w/roll & seasoned green beans (served at Bushnell); Fruit & Veggie Bar: Spinach & romaine side salad, cucumber coins, strawberries, fresh grapes.

WEDNESDAY: Cinnamon glazed French toast w/ sausage, hashbrowns; Fruit & Veggie Bar: spinach & romaine side salad, fresh baby carrots, applesauce, peaches.

THURSDAY: Hot dog on bun; mashed potatoes & gravy (served at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake); seasoned broccoli (served at Bushnell); Fruit & Veggie Bar: spinach & romaine side salad, cherry tomatoes, pineapple, apple.

FRIDAY: Tony's pepperoni pizza on WG crust, fresh baby carrots; Fruit & Veggie Bar: spinach & romaine side salad, fresh baby carrots, mixed fruit, juice.

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SPORTS

Red Arrows football earns another win in league play

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Though not in their traditional big fashion, the Lowell Red Arrow varsity football team earned another win last Friday against conference competitor Grand Rapids Christian (GRC) to cap off Homecoming week.

Seemingly even-matched defenses kept the first quarter of the game scoreless but not uneventful. GRC starting quarterback Patrick Hall took an awkward fall and required on-field medical attention with just over a minute of play left in the first. Hall was able to stand after being examined by

paramedics and was placed in an ambulance and driven off field.

GRC back-up quarterback Lukas Thompson took to the field in Hall's absence and immediately felt the point of the Red Arrows. On his first snap the Lowell defense hit him mid pass forcing a bobble that deflected straight into the waiting arms of Max Dean. Though the interception gained good yardage the clock wound down before a score was made.

Five minutes into the second, Lowell put the first score of the game on the board with a fake that

left scorer Josh Branagan undefended in the end zone. The 23-yard touchdown pass was the biggest of the game for the Arrows who struggled in their passing game due to pressure from GRC. In total, junior quarterback Ryan Stevens was kept to just five completions totaling 66 yards.

With just two minutes left before the half Gabe Steed put an interception and a huge 44-yard touchdown run together moving the score to 14-0 with two good extra points from kicker Dan Bieri.

Hall was able to connect with receiver Alex Bos to

put six up for the Eagles, but they were unable to secure the extra point due to a bad snap leaving the score Lowell 14, GRC 6, at the halftime buzzer.

Possession laid in the hands of GRC at the start of the third but rock solid defensive shows from both teams once again led to a scoring drought that finally ended when GRC's Bos scored again, pushing the Eagles up to 12 within just two points of the Arrows who remained at 14 going into the fourth.

The score remained stagnant for the first twelve minutes of the final quarter

until GRC's Thompson lost hold of a botched snap while being simultaneously hit by Arrow Josh Colegrove. Lowell's Austin Hoekstra recovered the fumble in the end zone for a touchdown strengthening the Arrow lead to 20-12. Colegrove earned a sack one minute later putting GRC too far back to score at 3rd and 31, ending the game with a hard fought victory for the Arrows 20-12.

Running back Max Dean carried the ball thirty times for 146 yards in addition to his early interception to lead the team's offense. Branagan totaled two catches for 32 yards and Steed three catches for 34.

The Arrow victory secured the team's spot in the playoffs and moved their overall record to 6-0 and their OK White record to 2-0.

Next week the squad heads to Jenison to take on the Wildcats in league competition.

- Soccer

Disappointing week for soccer team in league play

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

A disappointing week for boys varsity soccer as they failed to gain wins over OK White competitors Grand Rapids Christian (GRC) and Jenison on their home turf.

GRC came into Red Arrow Stadium undefeated in the OK White and maintained that record moving to 7-0 after their Arrow bout. The Eagles controlled the entire first half, getting by the Lowell defense to score four goals on six shots in the first twenty minutes of play.

After some half-time adjustments the Arrows were able to better their defense and create several scoring situations. Collin Bowers scored the only successful goal of the game with the help of an assist by Michaelangelo Serpico.

Not able to put up another goal, Lowell succeeded the game to GRC 6-1 after the Eagles scored two additional points in the last minutes of the game.

"Both teams played well defensively. It was a high-energy game in which

both teams were pushing the attack. However, from a defensive standpoint, both teams were able to sustain the pressure for most of the game," according to head coach Rich O'Keefe.

The defenses for both

Jenison and Lowell worked so hard in fact that the game ended in a 0-0 tie after regulation and two ten minute overtimes. Arrow goalkeeper Trevor Sherman made twelve saves for the squad.

The team faces two more OK White conference challenges this week against Forest Hills Central on the road and at home versus Caledonia and are hoping to improve on their current 1-6 league record.

- Golf

Girls golf earns two all-conferences and honorable mention at tourney

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell varsity girls golf participated in the OK White post-conference tournament last week at Thornapple Pointe Golf Course and celebrated two of their members earning all-conference honors.

Heading into the tournament in third place, the girls and head coach Kim Stevens hoped to play well enough to boost themselves into a respectable second-place finish, but came up short when Caledonia pulled out a strong and surprising performance that instead garnered them the second spot.

Forest Hills Central came out on top as expected shooting a combined 343 on the eighteen hole course. Caledonia came in at 365, Grand Rapids Christian (GRC) claimed third carding a cumulative 367. Lowell placed fourth with a 367, just two strokes behind GRC. East Grand Rapids and Jenison finished in the final two spots with a 428 and a 505 respectively.

Alainie Thomas led the Arrows once again, scoring an 87 on the par 72 course. Dani Krajewski followed with an 89, Nicole Hewitt earned a 96 and Anna

Organek rounded out the Arrows with a 99.

Stevens said that despite the disappointing finish, the girls did enjoy a bright spot when both Thomas and Krajewski made all-conference.

"I am very happy for these three ladies. They have worked very hard and I am glad their hard work was recognized."

This week the girls will take on Forest Hills Eastern at Arrowhead in non-league action and then hit the road to Muskegon Reeths Puffer for OK White regional competition.

This is the second time that Thomas has been recognized and the first time for Krajewski. Organek earned an honorable mention for the lady arrow team.

The squad also earned a big win over Wyoming on the road last week, out stroking their competition by 29 for a 175-204 finish.



Frustration shows on the face of Jonah Epema as the Arrows struggled to put up a point against Jenison last week.

Red Arrow - VOLLEYBALL SPORTS

Transitioning Arrows defeat Forest Hills Central

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell's varsity volleyball squad welcomed tough competitor Forest Hills Central (FHC) last Thursday in at-home conference action.

The Arrows, currently ranked sixth in their conference, continue to improve their play according to head coach Julie Quist. "While our results this season have not gone exactly according to plan, we are in the middle of a transition period and are getting better everyday."

That was evident as the team went five sets against FHC, one of the best in the conference and showed some outstanding individual performances. Paige Wilson had a total of seven blocks in the game while Katie Bush contributed ten kills. Tara McQueen, the team's senior libero and Grace Quiggle, the team's defense specialist, both excelled as well.

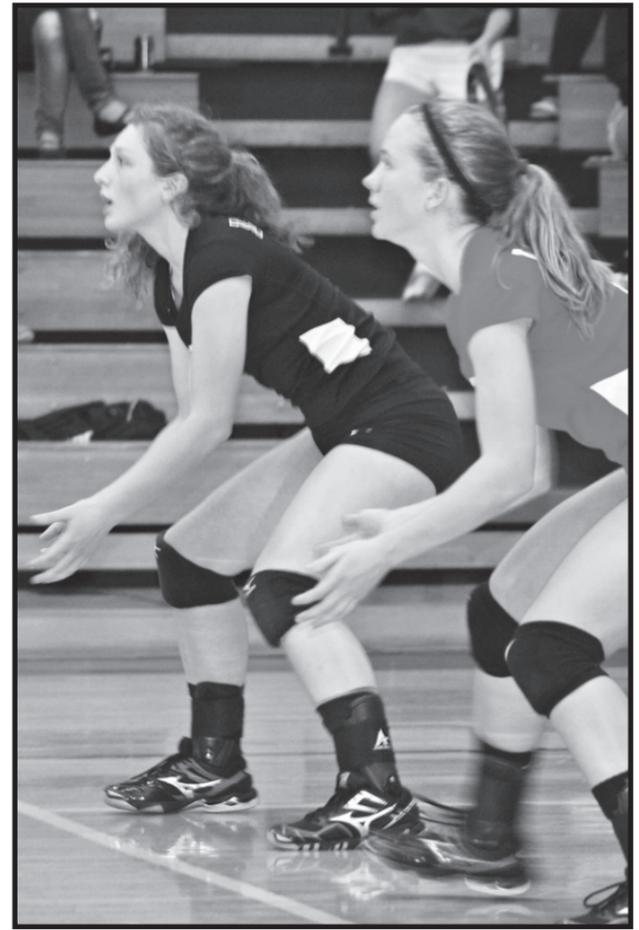


Senior Grace Quiggle serves one up.

Quist also gives credit to senior captain Bethany Kaczanowski who does a good job spreading the ball around and creating scoring opportunities for her teammates.

Though they were unable to pull out the win, their performance increased team confidence.

"This match proves that we can compete in this conference. Our senior middle blockers established themselves early letting FHC know they were here to play. Overall I believe our girls are beginning to realize they are great volleyball players and can actually compete in this very difficult conference. As they continue to grow and come together as a team believing in themselves, I think they will only get better and look forward to the future of Lowell volleyball."



Catherine Stump and Tara McQueen ready to strike during their near win over FHC.

Sisters join in on youth hunt

Two sisters participated in the youth hunt on Sept. 20. Kyra Boersma, 9 and Renee, 13, both got their deer.

Kyra was hunting with her uncle Ryan Boersma. She was able to get a clean shot at a 7-point buck from the "shooten shack" with her 20-gauge. The deer went 75 yards and she did a great job of tracking him. This was her first time hunting.

Renee, 13, was also hunting with her uncle Ryan on his property in Coopersville, but in a pop up blind with her uncle Aaron. She was able to get a clean shot at a doe using a muzzle loader.

Renee attends Lowell Middle School and Kyra attends Cherry Creek Elementary.



Renee Boersma, top and her sister Kyra Boersma with the deer they shot while hunting with their uncles during the annual youth hunt.



- Cross Country

Cross country teams place eighth in Allegan Invitational

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Both the boys and girls cross country teams competed in the Allegan Invitational last Saturday against nine non-conference competitors.

Three boys finished in the top 25, including Zach Diamond who finished 10th, Nick MacDonald who took 21st position and Eric Judd who came in at 24th.

Top thirty finishers for the girls were Desiree Striplin who finished 18th, Breanna VanLaan in 27th and Megan Khodl who claimed the 29th spot. Overall both teams placed 8th in the competition.

The two running squads will be back in action this Saturday when they head to the Kent Ottawa Invite.



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Looking Back, continued

He is employed by Irwin Merriman, who resides near Alto.

Twenty-three farm owners of West Vergennes met Monday evening at the Vergennes Twp. hall with Dr. Morris Steele of Grand Rapids, representative of the Kent County Conservation League and a representative from the State Department of Conservation from Lansing and formed the West Vergennes Game Club. The club was organized on the "Williamston Plan" and is intended to control trespass troubles during the hunting season. The Vergennes Club is comprised of about 2,798 acres.

Dr. Paul Stamsen, Optometrist, Ionia, is at the Kent Jewelry Store, Lowell, every Wednesday and Saturday. Correct lens may improve poor vision to normal.

W. J. Precious, who resides about two miles south of Lowell on M-66, was badly cut about the face around 7:30 Monday night, when his car left the road and crashed into a tree on the north side of the Depot road in Segwun, across from the Harry Briggs residence. According to Mr. Precious, some youngsters were playing in the street and he had to swerve to the right to avoid hitting them. The car was badly damaged. Deputy Frank L. Stephens investigated.

The local fire department was called to the U. A. Hawk residence in Segwun last Friday morning when, it is reported, sparks from a defective chimney set a fire in the roof. The roof and south side of the building were badly burned and a great amount of damage was done by water, which was pumped from Grand River. Neighbors and volunteers managed to get most of the furniture out. It is reported that Mr. Hawk had some insurance on the house, which his friends were glad to hear.

The hysterical buying following the opening of the European war has subsided. Some buyers of commodities are wondering just what it was all about. Looking at a few figures makes me wonder what caused all the excitement. Export wheat counties have enough wheat for a year's supply. Canada has a 40% larger crop than last year and their wheat delivered in Liverpool is 20c lower than our price. To top off the wheat situation, England and France have enough

wheat under their control to last them 18 months. Then there is plenty of sugar on hand, enough reserve to run well into 1940. What is true of wheat and sugar is true of other crops. The panicky consumer should be more concerned with what the producer of these crops gets for his labor.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 8, 1964

A prize winning Black Angus cow was killed by a car while being chased by her owner, Lucke Whole Meats of Middleville, Saturday at 4:55 p.m. on South Hudson Street. The cow was part of the Angus Show being held in the 4-H Building.

It felt more like winter on Tuesday and Wednesday with temperatures dropping to 24 in Lowell, with snow flurries. According to tourist bureau officials, this week end is the peak of the fall colors.

Old car museum holds grand opening. Ralph Grooters, owner and operator of Woodland Cars of Yesterday and Old Dutch Service Station at 6504 - 28th St., a mile west of Cascade said that he would hold a grand opening and open house. There will be free rides on the antique fire engine and all kinds of free gifts for everyone.

Pick and Save, a cut-rate store operated by Dean Manigold on East Main Street, closed on Monday. The Short Way Bus Depot, located in the store, has been transferred to Radio Service Company, across the street, which is open daily from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Lowell Ledgers will now be sold at the Lowell Cut-rate Market, located next door to the Pick and Save.

Seven men and a woman were arrested Friday morning at 2:45 a.m. at 818 1/2 Lincoln Lake Ave. All pleaded guilty on a disorderly charge before Justice Rittenger Friday morning and received fines of \$25 and costs. County police assisted the Lowell officer who made the arrests after neighbors complained of noise.

Police Officer Chester Haight submitted his

resignation from the Lowell Police Department, effective October 9, at the Council meeting on Monday. The force which was up to full strength of 5, is now back to 4 members until a new officer can be recruited.

Lowell City Clerk Mrs. Laura Shepard reported that 77 new voters were registered on Monday, the last day for registering in the city. Area township clerks were also busy registering township residents on the last day, for the November presidential election.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 11, 1989

Headline: Little Caesar's opens arms to Lowell. One of the fastest growing restaurant chains in the country has come to Lowell.

Despite his 20 years of blindness, Geldersma still finds a lot to smile about, especially at work in his workshop. William Geldersma is blind, but his vision, power of imagination, is 20-20. The Clarksville man lost his sight 20 years ago to Pigmentosa of the retina, which is when cells in the back of the eye die. Geldersma earned the nickname "Rawhide" from friends for roughing the sub zero temperatures to go ice fishing. While cold, blustery weather did not prevent him from fishing, his blindness has not stopped him from challenging each day with activities. He was recently recognized by the Alto Lions Club for donating \$500 to the organization. "It made me feel good to share with a club that for the better part of eight years hauled, cut, split and stacked wood for me and Ma (his wife, Lois).

Catch of the Day: Paul Owen, 25, of Lowell reeled in two yardstick size salmon Wednesday, Oct. 10. Owen caught the salmon between 9-11:30 a.m. at the dam near King Milling.

Rhonda Steele, Gowen, will open the doors of "New Creations Professional Styling Salon" on Oct. 9 and officially join the hairstyling wars of Lowell. "Lowell has its share of hairstyling salons, but many towns have even more (e.g. Greenville)," Steele explains.

LEGAL NOTICE

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Agnes F. Lucas Trust No. 1
Re: Agnes F. Lucas, decedent,
Date of Birth 07/07/1933
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Agnes F. Lucas, who lived at 6530 Paris Ave. SE, Kent County, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49t48, died on July 19, 2014.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the deceased or the trust will be forever barred unless presented to MARIANNE MEEKHOF and ROBERT W. LUCAS, Co-Trustees of the Agnes F. Lucas Trust No. 1, at 410 Bridge St. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504, within 4 months after the date

of publication of this notice.
Dated: September 30, 2014

Meredith Curless (P78235) Attorney for Agnes F. Lucas Trust No. 1 FOX LAW, PLC 410 Bridge St. NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 616-458-3699

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misc.

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LADIES SEWING CLOTHES TO DONATE - First Friday of the month, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Items are made from donated material & fabrics, clothes from newborn to 12 years old. Items are donated to Blodgett Children's Home & St. John's Home. Join us to cut out patterns, L4 Alterations, 216 E. Main St., Lowell.

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

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.

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

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BOY SCOUT TROOP 102 - every Monday, 7-8:30 p.m. during school year in Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. Ages 11 and up or completing 5th grade. Call Scoutmaster Don Aversano at 847-571-8373 or Del Rockwell at 897-6814.

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Congress sends strong message against ISIS



Sen. Carl Levin

In September, Congress took an important step in our fight against the terrorist group ISIS, authorizing President Obama's plan to train and equip friendly forces to confront ISIS' brutality on the ground in Syria.

Earlier this year, the Senate Armed Services Committee approved a similar Syria train-and-equip provision by a

bipartisan vote of 23-3 as part of the annual defense authorization act. Here's why I supported that provision and the measure Congress adopted in September.

While ISIS is currently focused on building an Islamic "caliphate" in the Middle East, its poisonous ideology is hostile not only to the Middle East but to the world, and there is a

real risk that the area that it controls could become a launching pad for future terrorist attacks against the United States and its friends and allies.

ISIS is terrorizing the Iraqi and Syrian people, engaging in kidnappings, killings, persecutions of religious minorities, and attacking schools, hospitals and cultural sites. The threat to Americans and American interests was dramatically and tragically brought home by the brutal beheadings of American journalists James Foley and Steven Sotloff and British aid worker David Haines.

The president has announced a four-pronged

strategy to degrade and ultimately defeat ISIS. Those four prongs are as follows: first, increased support to Iraqi, Kurdish, and Syrian opposition forces on the ground; second, a systematic campaign of air strikes against ISIS, in Iraq and in Syria; third, improved intelligence and efforts to cut off ISIS funding and recruiting; and fourth, continued humanitarian assistance to ISIS victims.

Our senior military leaders support the president's strategy. When Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, testified before the Armed Services Committee, I asked whether

he personally supports the president's strategy, and his response was, "I do."

He explained that the best way forward runs "through a coalition of Arab and Muslim partners and not through the ownership [of this fight by] the United States." Training and equipping the moderate Syrian opposition is a critical step. As Gen. Dempsey explained, we need to build "a force of vetted, trained moderate Syrians to take on (ISIS) in Syria."

Some Americans have expressed the concern that this new military effort will lead us back into a quagmire we entered with the Iraq invasion in 2003. But the differences between that situation and today's are huge.

First, in 2003, we invaded Iraq and threw out Saddam Hussein's government. This year, by contrast, the Iraqi government has requested our assistance against ISIS. This request has been joined by leaders of Iraq's Shiites, Sunnis, Kurds and other religious minorities. The global community will provide support in response to this request, but ISIS remains a problem that only Iraqis and Syrians can solve. They can solve it with our help, but only they can solve it.

The contrast to the

Iraq invasion of 2003 is particularly sharp with regard to ground combat troops. In 2003, almost 200,000 American and British combat troops invaded Iraq. This year, by contrast, the president's policy is that ground combat operations in Iraq and Syria will be carried out not by us, but by Iraqis, Kurds and Syrians. While the United States and a broad coalition of nations, including Arab and Muslim countries, will support this effort, there is no plan to have American combat forces on the ground.

The struggle against ISIS in Iraq and Syria will be a long, hard one to which we should give our support. We cannot take the place of the Iraqis and the Syrians. They must purge the poison that they have in their country. These extremist groups like ISIS and al Qaeda must be purged by the people that they plague. But we can help them get rid of this poison.

That assistance now includes training and equipment for moderate groups seeking to prevent ISIS from taking over Syria. The bipartisan support in Congress for this assistance was an important statement to the very countries that we are seeking to help rid themselves of this cancer of America's commitment to help stamp out ISIS.

FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

BOYS & GIRLS

VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

- * Denotes a game at the high school campus
- 10/11 at 9 a.m. Kent/Ottawa County Invitational at Gainey Athletic Complex
- 10/15 4:45 p.m. (boys) • 5:30 p.m. (girls) Jamboree at East Grand Rapids (Riverside Park)
- 10/24 Regionals at Grand Traverse Resort
- 10/25 Regionals location to be determined
- 11/1 State Finals location to be determined

BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL

- * Denotes a game at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium
- 10/10 at 7 p.m. at Jenison
- 10/17 at 7 p.m. at Caledonia
- 10/24 at 7 p.m. Forest Hills Central*

GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

- * Denotes a game at Lowell High School
- 10/16 at 7 p.m. at GR Christian
- 10/18 at 8 a.m. Sparta Invitational
- 10/21 at 7 p.m. Jenison*
- 10/23 at 7 p.m. Caledonia*
- 10/28 at 5 p.m. Lowell Quad*
- 10/30 at 7 p.m. at Forest Hills Central

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ACROSS

1. Range
6. Group of exercise reps
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13. "I am _____, hear me roar"
14. In the past
15. Bilbo Baggins' land
16. Eye opener
17. _____ Negative conjunction
18. Dip a _____ the water
19. *Team with most World Series titles
21. On the shore
23. If you do this you shall receive?
24. Type of Asian food
25. On most pants and skirts
28. High fidelity
30. Elevated box
35. October birthstone
37. Winningest Super Bowl coach
39. Run off, as in couple
40. Have the blues
41. Russian prison
43. *Go to extra innings when the score is this
44. "Bravo! Bravo!" e.g.
46. Strong review
47. Spanish Surrealist
48. Kind of monkey
50. *1972 World Series MVP, _____ Tenace
52. Newsmen Rather
53. Easy to pull and hard to push
55. Rub the wrong way
57. *First non-U.S. team to win World Series
61. *First World Series losers
65. Dodge

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66. *1925 World Series hero and HOFer, _____ Traynor
68. Put up with
69. *A hard hit ball
70. Funerary vase
71. Fiji's neighbor

72. *2013 World Series ended with one for Cardinals
73. Teacher's _____
74. Atones, archaic

DOWN

1. Like a tree in the wind
2. RC, e.g.
3. Yemen's neighbor
4. Winter wear
5. Catch in a net
6. "Without" in French
7. Freudian topic
8. Pentateuch
9. Pest command
10. In _____ of
11. Sportscaster _____ Andrews
12. Direct one's way
15. *Reason for 1994 World Series cancellation
20. Increasing or adding to, often used with "out"
22. CO2, e.g.
24. Farmland under cultivation
25. *Reggie Jackson's forte
26. Geologic period
27. Syrup flavor
29. *Minimum games

- played in modern World Series
31. Big Bang's original matter
32. Sheep or buffalo, e.g.
33. Met's offering
34. Xe
36. Grassy land tracts
38. Cleanse or wash
42. Genius, pl.
45. * _____ Field, where Braves hosted 1999 World Series
49. Chronic drinker
51. Misprints
54. *When it landed in 1996, Yanks were champs
56. Shish _____
57. Be a snitch
58. Hodgepodge
59. *You need more than opponent to win a game
60. Lyric poems
61. Closely confined
62. Like Tim of "A Christmas Carol"
63. U2 guitarist
64. Red one and Yellow one, e.g.
67. Anger or wrath

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- 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.
- Single lady has three windows that need replacing, the garage door cable is broken and she has plumbing issues with washer (pipe broken).
- Young couple in need of asbestos removed from attic, screening for porch and plaster walls repaired.
- Young couple with three kids need 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.
- Single lady needs ceiling drywall repair, bedroom ceiling fan repaired, has dry rot around windows and the soffit is falling down.
- Caregiver for disabled sister needs additional electrical hookup for oxygen and monitors and also has an a/c unit that needs to be installed.
- Single mom needs several windows replaced, insulation, a roof that could use resealing and the electrical system should be evaluated.
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Powder Puff football game benefits student council

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

More than 70 senior and 50 junior girls participated in last week's Powder Puff football game as part of Lowell High School's annual Homecoming celebrations.

Amy Carpenter did a nice job gaining yardage for the seniors who led the entire game. Grace Quiggle and Kate Montgomery were the senior scorers who led the way to the 30-16 victory over the junior participants.

Event organizer Heather DeJonge said that she and the rest of the organizing and coaching staff were pleased with the overall performance of the upper classman Lady Arrows.

Proceeds from the fun event will benefit the Lowell High School student council.



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