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## Lowell City Council holds special meeting to clarify vacancies and terms of office

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

Lowell city council had a special meeting at city hall on Monday, September 28. The purpose the city gave for the special meeting was to “clarify the process for filling a vacancy on the council and the terms of office for councilmembers.” Lowell city attorney Dick Wendt was on hand to explain to the council and the public how to handle the vacancy left by city councilor Jim Hall, who passed away September 22. The meeting lasted just over half an hour and 16 citizens attended.

According to the Lowell city charter, the council has 30 days after the vacancy to appoint a replacement for Hall, which means the council must appoint somebody by October 22. That person’s term will

expire the Monday after the November 3 election.

“The council shall, within thirty days after such vacancy occurs, appoint a person who possesses the qualifications required of holders of said office,” section 4.9(a) of the city charter says. “Each such appointee to an elective office shall hold office under such appointment until the Monday following the next regular city election. At such regular city election, a person possessing the qualifications for the office shall be elected to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.”

Complicating things is the upcoming November 3 election. Six candidates are running for the three city council seats currently occupied by Sharon Ellison,

Jim Hall and Matt Mayer. Ellison and Hall are running for reelection, but Mayer has decided not to. The top two vote-getters will each serve four-year terms on the council. The third-place winner will serve a two-year term. If Hall wins one of the seats, the council will have to deal with yet another opening.

“If [Hall] got the most votes or was even one of the three highest then you would, in fact, have another vacancy that would occur immediately,” Wendt said. “It would be up to those new councilmembers to determine what the process was that you would go through to make that selection.”

The council also discussed changes to the terms of office for councilmembers. The changes were passed as “Proposal 1” in the November 2013 election. City attorney Wendt explained the changes to the council.

“In 2013 there was a charter amendment that was approved and the purpose of that charter amendment,



City attorney Dick Wendt explained how to handle a vacancy.

the overlying purpose, was to follow what, in fact, had been practiced for a number of years but hadn’t been followed. And that is to have new council persons, rather than taking office at 8 o’clock on the first Monday after the election, to take office at the first meeting of the following calendar year, in January,” Wendt said. “That was the overall effect or intent of that charter amendment, but because there were people elected at that time,

including the mayor [Jim Hodges] and [councilor] Jeff [Altoft], [they] were elected at that time and there would be other people elected in 2015, there had to be some grandfathering of that so that [it], according to the Michigan attorney general who reviewed the ballot proposal, we weren’t elongating or shortening a period over which someone otherwise would have been elected, had not the charter amendment been approved.”

The charter amendment was approved by voters, therefore the three new city councilors will serve from November 2015 until November 2017.

“Those three that will be elected in November will begin serving on the Monday, at 8 pm, after the election and for the four-year terms they will continue to serve ‘til the meeting in January,” Wendt said. “That will get them in sync. And then the two-year term also, they will continue to serve until January of 2017.”

Monday, October 5 is the final day you can register to vote in the November 3 election.

## Local clergy respond to Pope’s first visit to the U.S.

- Lowell priest travels to Washington D.C. to attend mass

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

Last week’s visit to the United States by Pope Francis, the leader of the Roman Catholic Church, was all over the news. A Lowell priest was among those who traveled to the capitol to attend a papal mass.

Pope Francis arrived in Washington D.C. on Tuesday afternoon. On Wednesday morning the pope met with President Obama, had a parade through the capitol and said the midday prayer at St. Matthew’s Cathedral. Wednesday afternoon the pope said the Mass of Canonization of Junipero Serra at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. Monsignor Edward Hankiewicz, parish priest at St. Mary Great Mother of God Catholic Church, 402

Amity, Lowell, attended this mass.

“The whole mass lasted two hours,” Hankiewicz said. “It actually took two hours to get into the [venue]. There were 26,000 people there. We were outside and oh, was it hot. Fortunately the sun went down about halfway through it. It was two hours long, yet it didn’t seem long at all. It was a great experience, a great event.”

Pope Francis spoke about Junipero Serra during the mass, declaring the man a saint. Serra was born on Majorca, an island off the coast of Spain, in 1713. He became a priest, traveled to America and founded Catholic missions in future cities like San Diego, Baja and Carmel, California. He died in Carmel in 1784.

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## Jim Hall dies leaving a vacancy on the council and in the community

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

Lowell councilmember and Showboat designer Jim Hall died Wednesday, September 23.

Hall was a mainstay in city business and politics for decades. He graduated from Lowell High School and attended college at Kendall. For decades Hall served his community on the Lowell Light & Power board, the city planning commission, the city council and many other boards and committees. Hall was currently a member of the city council and was running for reelection this November.

Beverly, Hall’s wife of 46 years, died of cancer on February 2, 2015. The Halls had five children and twelve grandchildren.

“I will truly miss Jim Hall, not only as a member of our



city council but as an active member of our community,” said mayor Jim Hodges. “Jim was always a crusty old goat with a heart of gold. You always knew how he felt about any topic, he made it clear as to his opinion. Yet Jim genuinely loved Lowell and stepped up to be as involved as possible.”

“I was very saddened to hear of Mr. Hall’s passing,” said police chief Steve Bukala. “Mr. Hall quietly

was one of my biggest supporters when I became chief. He and his wife Bev can now be together for eternity.”

“He was a great guy to sit next to,” said city councilor Matt Mayer. “He will be greatly missed. It really took me by surprise.”

“Councilmember Jim Hall was a native son who cared deeply for the city,” said city manager Mark Howe. “He was a passionate advocate for moving the city forward and Lowell is a better place because of him and his wife Beverly.”

“Lowell lost another treasured citizen this week, Jim Hall,” said city councilor Sharon Ellison. “His love of Lowell, willingness to serve the community, wisdom and wit will be missed by me and many others.”



# along main street

### MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Lowell Area Historical Museum is looking to add to their terrific group of volunteers. All volunteers will be fully trained and enriched with the knowledge needed (looking for people who are willing to volunteer three hours every four to six weeks, with flexibility to fit any schedule). Please contact Pat Allchin at the museum, 897-7688.

### COFFEE WITH COUNCIL

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

### FROM VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

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### CORRECTION:

The Bark For Life fundraising event will take place this Saturday, October 3, at the Kent County Fairgrounds, not last Saturday as previously reported. The three-hour event will start at 1 pm and feature a lineup of canine centered contests and fun. Registration begins on-site at 12:30. The fee is a \$10 donation per dog, \$5 for each additional dog. All registered dogs will receive a special Bark For Life bandanna and the first fifty will get a bonus gift.

### THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT

*Things That Go Bump in the Night* is a group show of dark and mysterious themed artwork that was submitted through an open call for artists displayed at LowellArts! King Gallery. The show was juried to ensure that artwork fit the theme and is appropriate for all viewing audiences. Meet-the-Artists reception will be Thurs., Oct. 15 from 6-8 pm. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri., 10 am – 6 pm and Sat. 1-4 pm. LowellArts!, 149 S. Hudson St., 897-8545.

### DINNER THEATER PRODUCTION

The LowellArts! Players presents *Play Bytes* by Playwrights, a collection of 10-minute plays written by emerging playwrights. Either drama or comedy, all the plays fit the theme: Things That Go Bump in the Night. Dinner Theater productions are held at Larkin's Other Place, 301 W. Main St. on Fri. and Sat. evenings at 6:30 pm, Oct. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 and 31 with a Sun. matinee at 1:30 pm on Oct. 25. Show only tickets are available. Play begins at 7:30 pm on Fri. and Sat. and 2:30 pm on Sun. Advanced tickets are required for Dinner Theater. For ticket information call 897-8545.

## Dot Lacic's 16th annual tea party



Neva, the mannequin, welcomed everyone on Sept. 15 for lots of good food and music. Many ladies wore homemade hats and some favored red hats. Women came from as far as Stanwood and Grant.

Dot Lacic's daughter, Adeline Brower, of Stanwood, is pictured with ubiquitous Neva the mannequin.

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The LowellArts! 2015 Fallasburg Fall Festival for the Arts on Sept. 19 & 20 was a great success! Thank you to everyone whose hard work made the event possible.

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**Thank You**  
Artisans, Demonstrators, Musicians and Food Booth Groups for your tireless commitment to making this year's Fallasburg Fall Festival for the Arts so memorable.



**Congratulations**  
Raffle Prize Winners and the Grand Prize Winner of Dawn Ysseldyke's beautiful quilt, Ellen Lietzke.

LowellArts! is located at 149 S. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331. Visit [www.lowellartsmi.org](http://www.lowellartsmi.org) for more information.

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# What is your opinion of the pope and his visit to the United States?



**Cara Forward  
Ada**

"I tried to watch it. It was in a different language, so I didn't know what he said. I was watching it like, 'I don't know what he's saying.' I'm indifferent."



**Mike Sprenger  
Lowell**

"I think it was great. I loved to see him. I listened to his whole speech. I loved it."



**Dawn Koepsell  
Lowell**

"I think that he's probably one of the better popes that we've had. I loved what I read about him turning down lunch with the politicians and having lunch with the poor people. I think he really is a pope for the people."



**Marie Hillery  
Cascade**

"I think it's wonderful. Everyone realizes that he's a very open person to all religions and all people. I think that it's very timely with all of the political things going on and the elections coming up and people going to extremes and disliking groups. He's very inclusive. He tries to bring people together. It was amazing how both sides of Congress enjoyed his visit."



**Willis Dotson  
South Haven**

"I think it's really interesting. He's bringing up a lot of points that I think our Congress doesn't think about. I read that Republicans invited him to eat and he turned them down to eat with the homeless. He's doing some eye-opening things in America right now."



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## Alto hosts "Movie on the Lawn"



The Alto PTO held its second annual "Movie on the Lawn" featuring "Herbie Fully Loaded." With approximately 300 people in attendance, the new event continues to grow.

"We had an absolutely perfect night," said Cindy Johnston, Alto PTO president. "It is such a great way for our Alto families to get to know their kids' friends, other parents and teachers in a casual environment."

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## financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

### Farmers' skills can pay off for investors, too

In many parts of the country, it's harvest season. As a consumer, you will certainly be affected by the labors of farmers — and their particular skill set can also teach you a lot in your role as investor.

Here are a few suggestions for putting farmers' behaviors to work for you:

- *Keep a cool head.* Farmers have to cope with all sorts of challenges — bad weather, changing crop prices, availability and cost of land, global trade policies, etc. But the most successful farmers don't panic, follow sound agricultural practices and adapt their work habits as necessary. As an investor, you, too, need to keep a cool head, especially in the face of volatile markets, political turmoil and changes in the economy. Don't overreact to today's headlines; instead, constantly plan for tomorrow, and follow an investment strategy designed to help you achieve your goals.

- *Keep learning.* Farmers are constantly learning new techniques from agricultural extension

services and other sources. When you invest, you can also benefit from educating yourself on the various factors — corporate earnings, changing interest rates, and so on — affecting the financial markets.

- *Control your expenses.* Farming isn't cheap. The cost of farm equipment is daunting, land is expensive, water usage can be enormous — the list goes on and on. The most successful farmers work hard to manage their costs, and it's an ongoing challenge. As an investor, you also can incur plenty of costs — especially if you're constantly buying and selling securities, which can lead to heavy commissions and fees, along with higher-than-necessary capital gains taxes. Following a long-term, "buy-and-hold" investment strategy can help you control your investment costs while also helping you build and preserve your long-term financial security.

- *Be flexible.* The ups and downs of growing commodity crops have become more frequent, forcing farmers to

become more flexible and resourceful in their business. For example, many farmers have started producing specific products for specific markets, thus giving them an "all-weather" income stream. As an investor, you may also need to look for new opportunities as they arise, provided these moves are still within the overall context of your long-term strategy. To be able to make such moves, you'll want to keep a reasonable amount of "cash" in your investment portfolio.

- *Be patient.* Farmers plant crops and nurture them carefully for months before it's harvest time. In fact, it's possible that no other occupation requires such a willingness to wait for results — and payouts. Similarly, when you invest, you simply can't expect to instantly turn huge profits; no matter what you may hear, investing is not a "get rich quick" type of endeavor. The best investors work toward growth slowly, over a period of many decades, and only by diligently pursuing a strategy that's appropriate for their individual needs, goals and risk tolerance. In short, when it comes to investing, patience isn't just a virtue — it's a necessity.

Farmers work long hours, but they don't just work hard — they work smart. Emulating their work habits and patterns can help as you cultivate the investment fields.

## kidsView



by Sierra Hieshetter

Last Sunday, my family and I went to walk around Art Prize in Grand Rapids. I have to say, that compared to previous years, I was a little disappointed with the entries. I was especially disappointed with the Grand Rapids Art Museum. They didn't have as many entries as last year and none of them stood out to me. They just

didn't have that "WOW" factor that I look for in art. I like interactive art that I can understand or pieces that have a background or message. The BOB was another disappointment. I am usually always intrigued by the things in their courtyard, but because of the future construction of their new building, the art

was replaced with food trucks. Even though, in my opinion, there weren't many entries with the "WOW" factor, there were a few good pieces. For example, there was a great fingerprint charcoal drawing and some cool bikes made of all different kinds of wood. And, even though there weren't a lot of "WOW" factor entries, Art Prize still has a huge following and it's great to see people exploring downtown. Also, I have to say, that the DeVos Place has great roasted almonds!

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# viewpoint

## to the editor

### support local business

To the Editor,  
Are you doing your part? Have you joined the fight?  
This world is in a state of influx. Now is an important time to support your community and local businesses and to become active in it. Lowell is a great place that has proven itself. Our community has what it takes to step up to the challenge. Have you been part of it?

We live in a time of ever changing landscapes from healthcare to business rules and regulations. The difficulty of owning your own business is increasing every day. These businesses will fail unless we continue to get support from local residents. Small businesses

are still struggling and I continue to see them come and go. There has been progress in this effort which reminds me of a saying my father has, "I see the light at the end of the tunnel and it's not a train." Even though he was half joking, it kept my spirits up to continue the fight and press on. I have seen an increased awareness and more local shopping, but I want to continue that awareness. Every dollar spent is increased 7-10 times in our community if you choose to spend your money at a local brick and mortar storefront. Buying online is sometimes convenient and could save you a buck, but when you look at the math, spending \$100 in Lowell quickly becomes

\$700-\$1000 for your local community organizations, such as FROM, 4-H, local churches, Pink Arrow and so much more. I believe this money is well spent and maximizes your hard earned dollars to the fullest.

Spending money locally is a great start but it doesn't end there. All great things take work. We can all give back and that is in the form of volunteering. We have some amazing organizations in Lowell. The Lowell chamber is a great place to find projects and volunteer opportunities. I encourage everyone to visit the website <http://www.lowellchamber.org> and find a charity or

volunteer opportunity that you really believe in. Some great things have happened and it all starts with an idea and volunteers.

I am a proud Rotarian where our motto is "Service Above Self." I truly believe if we are going to make a difference in this world, it will come from this motto and ordinary people just like you and me. If we want to have a great community, we have to continue to strive to become better everyday by donating our time and resources to make this community great.

Steve Flohr  
Lowell Rotarian

brightened up when he spoke of his family and more.

His art/design background influenced him to create a vision of Lowell that he shared with anyone who would listen. He often drove around the city to make sure things were as they should be, noted when they were out of place and dreamed of what could be.

Jim's concern for the future of Lowell inspired me

to run for office again along with him. He wanted to make sure that plans we have worked on so diligently had a chance to materialize. This Greek proverb sums it up, "A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in."

Thank you for the trees, Jim.

Sharon Ellison  
Mayor Pro Tem

### meet and greet was not the voice

To the Editor,  
Reading last week's Ledger, I realize there was a lot of confusion about the "Meet and Greet the New Candidates" meetings with the seniors. For this confusion, I apologize and I would like to clarify a few things.

Firstly, these meetings were not held by nor sponsored by VOICE. Some of the literature mistakenly retained VOICE information. Barb Barber and I, former members of VOICE, were simply hostesses to help organize and conduct the meetings. These new candidates took the initiative themselves to connect with the seniors. Knowing that I'm very involved with many of the senior programs, they asked me if there was a way to sit down with the seniors for an informal "meet and greet." They funded advertising for both meetings and even provided refreshments. I was told that when the fourth new candidate was invited to participate he paid a share of the funding as well. This was intended as an opportunity for the seniors to meet the new candidates since the incumbents have had years in office to make themselves known.

Mayor pro tem Ellison was not "silenced." She was never told she could not speak, only that this meeting was meant specifically to give the new candidates their time. In fact mayor Hodges and councilor Ellison did both speak at the Senior Neighbor's meeting and councilor Ellison even took the opportunity to

pass out her own flyers at Schneider Manor as well as saying a few words!

I did find it very interesting that suggestions by the new candidates have already been implemented by the present council. The "Coffee with Council" will now occasionally be held at Schneider Manor to involve the seniors. Isn't this a great idea? It was actually suggested during the discussion between the new candidates and the seniors. There has never been any contact with the seniors in all the years this council has held office, but now at the suggestion of one of the new candidates that will change. It seems to me this is great evidence that it's time for fresh new members on the city council.

The new candidates are down-to-earth, real people who are obviously interested in their future constituents' thoughts and concerns. They honestly admitted they don't have all the answers but are open to any and all suggestions from the public. They each have lots of ideas and possible solutions to existing problems. These were pleasant open conversations with lots of questions from the audience and honest, thoughtful answers by these candidates. It was extremely refreshing to experience this type of interest and concern. Many of the seniors expressed an excitement to have the option to vote for this type of change to their city council.

Sincerely,  
Peggy Covert

### he will be missed

Dear Editor,  
Jim Hall was an inspiration and sometimes an irritation to us all. One [of] our favorite sayings in meetings was, "Now tell us how you really feel, Jim."

I will miss his wit and wisdom, his sarcasm and his concern, his honesty and integrity, his foresight and creativity, his sense of humor, the way he

3 or 4 foot wood for which they will pay a good round price.

Thursday was undoubtedly the finest day of the fair, over 7,000 people being on the grounds, which were literally packed.

Dug Spring wants a man to work; must be a good milker and handy with stock. A steady job for the right man.

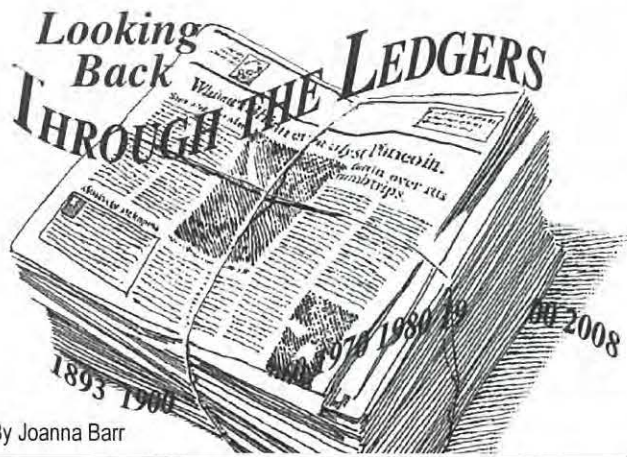
### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 30, 1915

Headline: Wolverine Pavedway – Boosters coming to Lowell Friday, October 1. Four big brass bands will play. Thousand autoes in line. Governor Ferris, Congressman Kelly and other speakers. Lowell will get on her best clothes to greet the Wavedway boosters tomorrow. Lowell's own paved way is being washed clean as a whistle this morning and business places and residences will decorate. A hundred or more automobiles of Lowell citizens and business men, accompanied by the Lowell band of twenty pieces will meet the Lansing cavalcade at Ionia and accompany it to Grand Rapids. There will be four bands in the parade, the Reo, the M. A. C., Lowell and Grand Rapids News Boys band. It will be a great show. Get on your "glad rags" and turn out.

Needham Brothers finished drawing in their bean crop in East Lowell Saturday.

Fearful rain Saturday night, which filled the road in the country so that it hurt navigation and the street in Moseley was flooded. The farmers are having a serious time for bean harvest and fall seeding.

About a dozen passengers shivered on the outside of the dark and locked Moseley station Sunday night waiting for the west bound train. It is a rotten way to use the public and a mighty poor way to build up the business. Why not have the waiting room open? The people won't run away with the building. They are human beings in spite of inhuman treatment.



By Joanna Barr

### 125 years ago Lowell Journal October 1, 1890

The L & R. Ry extension is well under way. The surveys have all been completed and the job for the grading has been let to Rob't Mitchell, of Battle Creek, and he will commence work at once. The contract for the bridge has been let to J. Brezee and the work will be completed by Jan. 1st, '91. The little house across the road from Mrs. Kopf's stood directly in the line and has been moved away. As soon as the work is fairly started here, a force will be put on the south end and by the time trains run into this village they will also run into Hastings.

Poor Will McKnight, the democrats nominated him for prosecuting attorney and not satisfied with that are publishing his alleged portrait, the worst caricature we ever saw.

The lady who was so badly hurt last week at the fair was Mrs. Chas. Blakeslee, of south Lowell; she was standing up in the buggy to see the race finish when the horses started up, throwing her over the seat out on her head and shoulders. A physician was summoned and she was taken off the grounds.

The Lowell Furniture Co. wants to buy 100 cords of

# Pope's visit, continued

"Junipero Serra was an 18th century Franciscan friar missionary in California," Hankiewicz said. "He worked in California only for about 15 years. He worked in Mexico for a considerably longer time than that. He was declared to be a saint."

On Thursday the pope addressed a joint meeting of congress, then traveled to New York City where he addressed the United Nations and said mass at Madison Square Garden. From there Pope Francis went to Philadelphia where he said a couple more masses and visited a prison, finally leaving for Rome on the evening of Sunday, September 27.

Local religious leaders were impressed by the pope during his visit.

"I think it's a wonderful thing," said Brad Brillhart, lead pastor at First United Methodist of Lowell, 621 E. Main. "I really like the pope and his opinion, his pursuit toward justice. I think it's a great thing and I think he's a great pope. He's great for the world of Christianity and for the Catholic church. I welcome him, personally."

"We're just thrilled that he's here in America joining with us and sharing his message with all of the United States," said Michelle Ogren, music director at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 1351 Parnell in Ada. "He's



Monsignor Edward Hankiewicz, attended a papal mass in Washington D.C. last week.

the leader of us as Roman Catholics, so anytime a spiritual leader comes, it's a momentous occasion. We're here to listen and be inspired and hope the spirit moves us."

"I have a pretty positive outlook on most popes," said Rod Galindo, lead pastor at Calvary Christian Reformed Church

of Lowell, 1151 W. Main. "They can be very uniquely positioned to be a force for good in the world. He can call us to live up to our best, to our fullest potential."

Pope Francis has been the pope since 2013 when Pope Benedict XVI resigned. This was his first visit to the United States.

## happy birthday



### SEPTEMBER 30

Jimmy Hodges, Lowell Swift, Linda DeCator, Mark Willmarth, Jay Thaler, Haley Main, Ernie Barnes, Jessica Spencer, Don VanSickle, Kyle Potter.

### OCTOBER 4

Marj Harding, Raymond Kastanek, Cody Chambers, Rich Wade, Dennis Denton, Jr., Morgan Olin, Theresa Baerwalde, Joe Kovacs.

### OCTOBER 5

Bradley Kiczenski, Allen Reynolds, Zachary Willard.

### OCTOBER 6

Steven J. Ayres, Randy Tulecki, Emma Jo Clouser, Bridget Lally, Ethan Foster.

### OCTOBER 1

Sue Zoodsma, Stephanie Foss, Justin Anes, Sara Schuitema Sandy Nikodemski.

### OCTOBER 2

Doris Titcombe, Timothy Hoag.

### OCTOBER 3

Mike Moore, Jim Stoutjesdyk, Sr., Lori Smith.

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### parenting advise

Being a parent is very rewarding, but it can also be stressful. No parent is perfect and everyone makes mistakes. The following are some tips to follow to help your kids grow up happy:

1. Spend time with your children. Do things together like reading, playing, talking and cleaning. Children love attention. Bad behavior is often attempts to get your attention.
2. Listen to your children. Listening to them makes them feel important.
3. Make your child feel safe. Comfort them when they're scared. Show them they are protected.
4. Show your love. Hug and kiss them often

and tell them they are loved, every day.

5. Praise your children. When your child learns to do something new, tell them you are proud of them.

6. Avoid criticizing children. When a child does something wrong, explain to them why it was wrong and how they could do it correctly the next time.

7. Provide order in their lives. Keep regular schedules for meals, naps and bedtimes.

8. Be consistent. Rules should be clear and consistent. Both parents as well as any other caregivers should uphold the same rules.

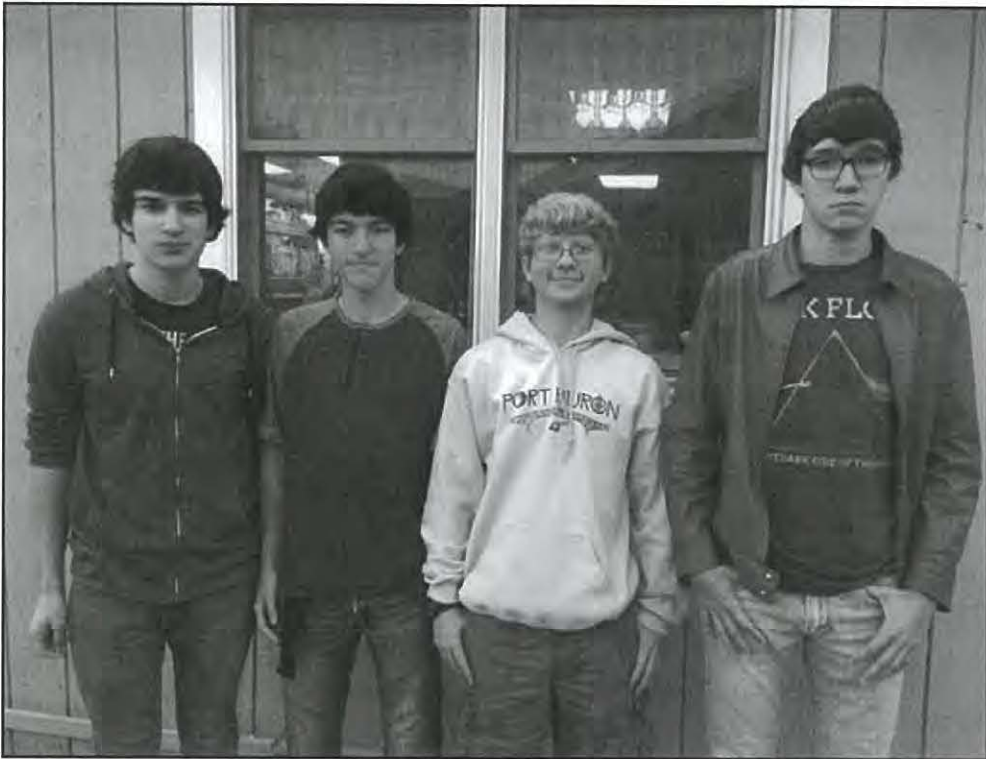
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# Students selected to WRWW board of directors



Jeremy Kargl, Dakota Krzysik, Connor Smithee and Ryne Clarke, pictured, were recently selected to the 2015/2016 student board of directors for WRWW, the local FM (92.3) and Internet (lowellradio.org) radio stations licensed to, owned and operated by Lowell Area Schools.

Al Eckman, station manager, mentions that all four students have earned the right to be selected as student directors.

“All four [students] have been involved in the WLHS/WRWW radio program for years as ‘on-air’ personalities and technicians. Not only that, all four of them continued to produce on-air shows during the summer months for the past three summers when they could have taken those months off. All of them have really pushed themselves to make our programming and radio stations that much better. I have a lot of respect

in them for what they have done and what they continue to do.”

The student board of directors works in conjunction with the station manager.

Kargl is a junior and son of Pam Topolinski and Keith Kargl; Krzysik, a sophomore, is son of Pam Krzysik; Smithee, a junior, is son of Julie and Todd Smithee; and Clarke, a junior, is the son of Lisa and John Clarke.

and have difficulty using certain reading and writing skills considered necessary in everyday life. 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) or email info@literacycenterwm.org to register.



## lend a hand

volunteering opportunities

### tutors needed

The Literacy Center of West Michigan has scheduled an information session on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 for prospective volunteer tutors. This session is held at 2 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 the 2003 National Assessment for Adult Literacy and the 1992 National Adult Literacy Survey, up to 14.6 percent of adults in Kent County lack basic prose literacy skills

## THE WISH LIST

- Two large kitchen windows that need sealing
- Clean gutters
- We are in our 70s and crippled with arthritis. We would like our shed painted. It also needs to be reshingled if we can afford it.
- Trailer needs power washing and painting
- Our roof needs to be fixed. Multiple leaks and damage inside due to leaks. There are two holes in our ceiling due to the leaks. We have buckets when it rains.

**If you'd like to help with any of these requests call FROM at 897-8260**

### NEIGHBOR to NEIGHBOR Wish Application for Home Repairs

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

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

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

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

Submit this application now through October 9, 2015 - 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 [dianeb@fromlowell.org](mailto:dianeb@fromlowell.org)

### Permission to Conduct Work Neighbor to Neighbor

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# Larkin's renovations are, at last, nearly complete

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

It looks like the renovations to Larkin's The Other Place, 301 W. Main St., are just about finished.

"It's close," said owner Mike Larkin. "We've had a comedy show and a wedding in there. We've got LowellArts! dinner theater scheduled for October. It's operational."

Larkin said the building had over \$180,000 worth of damage to the roof and the walls.



Larkin's The Other Place is open for entertainment events.

"Last April or May [2014] during dinner theater somebody noticed there were some cracks in the ceiling," Larkin said. "It turned out that one of the trusses had broken during the winter. The insurance guy came and looked it over [and] they came up with an estimate to fix it. Then they found out that the walls had actually been pushed out, so they had to call another engineer in to look it over to determine how to fix it. It took eight or nine months, almost until September [2014] until they got an idea of how they were going to fix it. Finally in February [2015] they started doing the work on it."

The facility has a new roof, new walls, new lighting and has been redecorated.

"We have to finish a set of stairs and put a door on, but the floor, carpet and ceiling are done," Larkin said. "We've just got a little work to do in spots."

Larkin's The Other Place used to be a historic theater where performers like Laurel & Hardy took the stage.

"It's the former Strand Theater," Larkin said. "It was built in the 1920s. They used to do vaudeville in it. It closed as [a] theater in the 1980s. My brother [Steve Larkin] purchased the building in the late 1980s."

## Youth hunt success



On opening day of the youth hunt, Sept. 19, Faith Stepek, 11, was hunting with her father and harvested a 10-point buck with her muzzle loader. She made an 85-yard shot perfectly placed behind the front shoulder. The deer was recovered a short distance away. She is the daughter of Tim Stepek of Lowell.

## FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

### BOYS VARSITY TENNIS

\* Denotes a game at the high school tennis courts

10/3 at 9 a.m. OK White Conference at FHC

10/5 at 4:15 p.m. Unity Christian\*

### BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

\* Denotes a game at the Red Arrow Memorial Stadium

10/1 at 6:45 p.m. at Jenison

10/6 at 6:45 p.m. Caledonia\*

### BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

\* Denotes a game at the high school campus

10/3 at 8 a.m. Allendale Invitational

10/7 at 5:30 p.m. Jamboree #3 at Caledonia

### GIRLS VARSITY GOLF

\* Denotes a meet at Arrowhead Golf Course

10/7 time tba Regionals

### GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

\* Denotes a game at LHS main gym

10/1 at 7 p.m. at Grand Rapids Christian

10/6 at 5 p.m. Grand Rapids Catholic Central

### BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL

\* Denotes a game at the Red Arrow Memorial Stadium

10/2 at 7:30 p.m. Caledonia\*

10/9 at 7 p.m. at Forest Hills Central

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Dr. Jim Reagan would like to thank the Reagan Family for their summer help and wish them well as they go back to school!





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## Soy brings joy — and boosts local economy



Soybean fields, in a matter of weeks, have gone from their dark bluish-green, to gold, and some are even on to their soft brown as their end their growing cycle. Soybeans are more than just a changing field of color. Here are some facts to contemplate while driving by the county's patchwork of fields.

Soybeans are a versatile legume that can be used for human food, animal feed, fuel and more.

Soybeans made their way from Asia to the United States by way of missionaries and explorers. The legumes were widely used for livestock feed but became more popular during the 1990s when researchers discovered the plants improved soil health. Soybeans are now used for more than animal feed and can be found in thousands of products.

The United States produces 32 percent of the world's soybeans. This crop thrives in Midwestern states, including Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska and Indiana. Iowa is the top soybean producer.

In 2012, Michigan farmers produced 85.6 million bushels of soybean, generating \$1.1 billion in cash receipts.

Soybeans are one of the top crops — in acreage and income — in Barry County.

Some surprising everyday products are made from soybeans, such as:

**Crayons.** One acre of soybeans can make 82,368 crayons. These crayons are biodegradable and renewable.

**Cosmetics.** Many companies use soy in their cosmetics to reduce redness and smooth skin tone.

**Car seats.** Ford Motor Company's iconic Mustang was built with soy foam seats beginning in 2007. This type of foam also can be used in coolers and footwear.

**Ink.** Many companies have made the switch to soy ink for their offices. This ink is biodegradable and has fewer toxins than traditional ink. Even these words are printed in soy ink; J-Ad Graphics has been using soy ink for about 20 years.

Source: FFA Horizons Magazine, USDA

# Top pipeline safety official will participate in first-ever Straits of Mackinac Pipeline Safety Drill

U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters announced that Marie Therese Dominguez, head of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), will participate in a safety drill taking place at the Enbridge pipeline running underneath the Straits of Mackinac. The 2015 Straits of Mackinac PREP Exercise will test how efficiently private, federal, state and local responders are able to work together to manage a potential oil pipeline spill on the Great Lakes. Administrator Dominguez's agency is critical to preventing oil pipeline spills and accidents that harm Michigan communities. Senators Stabenow and Peters invited Administrator Dominguez to participate in the drill to see firsthand whether or not containing an oil spill on the Great Lakes is possible in the event a spill happens.

"Strengthening pipeline safety is a critical issue for Michigan families, for our wildlife and for our natural resources," said Senator Stabenow. "We all remember the devastating pipeline break that spilled nearly one million gallons of oil into the Kalamazoo River. Michigan families cannot afford to have that kind of a

spill happen anywhere in the Great Lakes. Administrator Dominguez's agency is key to identifying risks that need to be addressed in order to stop pipeline leaks, which is why her visit to the Straits of Mackinac is so important. I look forward to hearing her recommendations for increased pipeline safety oversight at both the state and federal level."

"I'm pleased that PHMSA Administrator Dominguez will be attending Enbridge's emergency response exercise this week to see firsthand if we have the capacity to respond to an oil spill in the Straits of Mackinac," Senator Peters said. "An oil spill in the Great Lakes would have a catastrophic impact on our environment, our waterfront communities and Michigan's economy. With so much at stake, it's important that the leader of the federal agency overseeing pipeline safety will be on site during this drill to assess the situation at Line 5."

Led by the U.S. Coast Guard, the 2015 Straits of Mackinac PREP Exercise will take place Tuesday, September 22 through Friday, September 25 in St. Ignace. It will feature simulations that address shoreline cleanup, open

water oil recovery, and wildlife rehabilitation practice. In addition to the PHMSA Administrator, participants in the exercise will include the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Michigan State Police, local law enforcement, and Native American tribes.

**A copy of the Senators' invitation to Administrator Dominguez follows:**

Dear Administrator Dominguez:

We write to request your attendance at the Straits of Mackinac Emergency Response Exercise in St. Ignace, Michigan scheduled for September 22 through September 25, 2015. The exercise will test Enbridge Energy Partners' capacity to work with federal, state, and local responders in the event of a spill at its Line 5 pipeline that runs underneath the Straits of Mackinac.

The Enbridge Energy Partners' Line 5 pipeline was installed in 1953 and travels 645 miles between Superior, Wisconsin and Sarnia, Ontario. The pipeline passes inland along environmentally sensitive areas throughout

Michigan, including under the Mackinac Straits, where Lake Michigan and Lake Huron meet and separate Michigan's Upper and Lower Peninsulas. PHMSA has identified this leg of the pipeline as a "high-consequence area." A 2014 study conducted by the University of Michigan found that a spill at this location would result in catastrophic contamination of the waters and shorelines of both Lakes Michigan and Huron.

Michigan is unfortunately well aware of the devastating impact an oil spill can have on communities and the environment. Five years ago, a pipeline owned by the same company ruptured near the Kalamazoo River in Marshall, Michigan. The 843,000 gallons of oil that spilled into the Kalamazoo was largest inland oil spill in U.S. history and cost more than \$1.2 billion to clean up.

The 2015 Straits of Mackinac PREP Exercise is an opportunity to see firsthand whether sufficient emergency response capabilities exist to contain an oil spill in the Straits of Mackinac. We hope that your schedule will permit your attendance at this important event.

## Beginners welcome at annual ladies' guided pheasant hunt

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, in partnership with Pine Hill Kennels and Sportsman's Club and the Grand Valley Chapter of Pheasants Forever, will host a ladies' pheasant hunt Sunday, Oct. 11, at 3329 Johnson Road, Belding.

Registration and coffee will begin at 9 a.m. The day's events will include warming up with shooting clay pigeons on the skeet range, hunting with a guide for three pheasants, learning to clean the birds and enjoying a gourmet lunch.

Beginners are welcome. Registration is limited to 12 women, 18 years of age or older. The cost for the day is \$45 per person. Firearms are available for beginners, if needed. All participants will go home with memories and a special gift.

Preregistration is

required. Call Scott Brosier, 616-874-8459, to sign up.

"The hunt was such a success last year, and all the ladies had a great time. Some had never shot a gun before and were shooting birds out of the sky by late morning," said Donna Jones, DNR wildlife technician at Flat River State Game Area. "We look forward to making this experience available again to ladies who want to try pheasant hunting."

Established in 1975, Pine Hill Sportsman's Club offers its members some of the finest in upland bird hunting anywhere on four farms totaling more than 600 acres. Pine Hill's intensive land management program not only benefits the population of free-ranging upland birds, but also enhances habitat for deer, turkey and waterfowl.

Pheasants Forever, including its quail

conservation division, Quail Forever, is the nation's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to upland habitat conservation. Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever have 140,000 members and more than 700 local chapters across the United States and Canada.

Chapters are empowered to determine how 100 percent of their locally raised conservation funds are spent, making it the only national conservation organization that operates through this truly grassroots structure.



# Looking Back, continued

## 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 3, 1940

General orders to all units of the Michigan national guard belonging to the 32nd division have been issued to mobilize all their units Oct. 15, setting in motion the military machinery which will take 600 to 800 Kent county men from civil life for the next year. About 15 Lowell men are affected by the order.

The number "21" cut quite a figure in an accident in which four cars were involved about midnight last Sunday night. The accident occurred on M-21, a short distance east of Lowell, when Delbert Willison, 21, allegedly hit three eastbound cars, each driven by young men of 21. One of the drivers collapsed after he was taken to a Lowell restaurant but a doctor who examined him, said this was due to temporary shock. All the cars were badly wrecked.

What looks like another cash crop for Kent county farms in smooth brome grass seed? In the past, the bulk of this seed has come from western prairie states but two local farms have demonstrated that the brome grass seed can be grown here. A couple years ago Henry Hoekstra, on the Cannonsburg Road, and who probably grew the first brome grass in the county, combined quite an acreage with a good seed production. This year the Hoekstra farm produced another crop of seed. Stopping at the Elwin Parmeter farm, in Courtland township, the other day, to plan a potato spray meeting, we were shown a fine lot of brome grass seed recently combined on that farm. The Parmeter's have 25 acres of this grass.

A citizen wants to know what has become of the Fallasburg Park sign that used to be seen at corner of Main St. and Vergennes Rd. Would like to see it back.

## 50 years ago Lowell Ledger September 30, 1965

Fallasburg Covered Bridge, a local landmark, and one of the tourist attractions in this area, will receive

nation-wide publicity next year. The ad agency for AAA spent a couple of days this week shooting a color TV commercial using the bridge as the backdrop. AAA will celebrate their 50th anniversary in Michigan next year, 1916-1966 and chose the Fallasburg bridge out of the several covered bridges in Michigan. Jerry Krupp of Detroit, is the fourth ten year old boy in this series of ads, featuring a boy with a wagon. Paul Dreher, Grand Rapids Civic Theatre, is playing the principal male part in the commercial. The crew think we are a little casual about our covered bridges, since they could find no signs directing them; they kept ending up at White's bridge, which they also considered very scenic, but it – wasn't the one they were looking for.

Headline: This big one didn't get away. Trent Geldersma has a trophy ready to hang in his basement recreation room that will be the envy of all local fishermen. While vacationing at Beaver Island this summer, he caught a 45 inch Northern Pike that weighed 18 pounds 8 ½ ounces. This catch with a total point count of 63 17-32 gave Trent 1st place in the Northern Pike division in the 1965 "Michigan Outdoors" fishing contest, the biggest fishing contest in the biggest fishing state in the nation.

## 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 3, 1990

Headline: Oil prices will adversely affect home heating this winter – Local gas companies foresee rates rising another 20-30 cents. At a time when oil company refineries' fuel oil inventory is as high as it's been in three years, many Lowell motorists are finding it odd that the price per gallon of gas is also soaring. But that's what has happened since the leader of a Middle East country (roughly 16 million) decided to invade a neighboring country on Aug. 2. "Unless Saddam Hussein would withdraw his troops from Kuwait, or unless the Iraq leader would be assassinated, you won't see gas prices come down," said Gary Miller, President of Fairchild Oil Company/Division of Crystal Flash. "At any other time, the price of gas would

probably be decreasing because of the influx of crude oil production by other non-Arab countries."

Headline: School officials count their blessings Lowell is the exception when it comes to passing bond issues in Michigan. Since Aug. 15, there have been seven bond issues taken before West Michigan school districts. Of those seven, only two have passed. The first passage took place in West Ottawa and the second passage of a bond came last Tuesday when the Lowell School District voters approved a new \$29.8 million high school package. So why did the bond issue pass in Lowell? First and foremost, the community understands the value of a sound educational system and setting. They also understood the need for classroom space in an ever-growing community.

"Royalty" asked to return. All former Lowell High School Homecoming Kings and Queens are invited to return on Oct. 5 for an afternoon assembly, the pre-game parade and the 1990 Homecoming half-time activities of the football game with Zeeland. If you are a former king or queen or could pass the word along to one, it would be appreciated.

## ACLU, Mackinac Center report calls on state to end civil forfeiture

Michigan's civil forfeiture laws, which enable law enforcement agencies to gain possession of private property, are among the worst rated in the nation and should be changed, according to a new report jointly authored and published by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy and the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan.

"When the government can transfer property from citizens to the state without proving wrongdoing, there is clearly something wrong," said Jarrett Skorup, a policy analyst with the Mackinac Center and co-author of the report. "The foundation of good

government is private property rights and the rule of law — civil forfeiture violates both of these."

Released this week, the report — entitled "Civil Forfeiture in Michigan: A Review and Recommendations for Reforms" — underscores that citizens across the state are having their property and money taken from them through the practice of civil forfeiture and recommends solutions.

Assets are seized from people who will never be convicted of a crime and in many cases, never even charged with a crime. Under current law, Michiganders

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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE – Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by WESLEY & VELTING, LLC, Mortgagor, to Mercantile Bank of Michigan, Mortgagee, dated June 8, 2007 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, Kent County, Michigan, on August 1, 2007 as Instrument No. 20070801-0076219 and assigned by said Mortgagee to Bosco Construction, LLC as Mortgagee/Assignee, documented by an Assignment of Mortgage dated July 16,

2015 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, Kent County, Michigan on July 16, 2015 as Instrument No. 20150716-0061664, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Three Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand, Six Hundred and Nineteen & 00/100 (\$336,619.00), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any par thereof. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on October 7, 2015 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder at public venue, at the Kent County Courthouse in Grand Rapids, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County

of Kent is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 8.25% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Said premises are situated in the City of Kentwood, Kent County, Michigan and described as follows: Lot 11, Wildflower Creek, part of the Southeast ¼ of Section 26, T6N, R11W, City of Kentwood, Kent County, Michigan, as recorded in Instrument No. 20050823-0099674.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that

in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale. Pursuant to MCLA 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee/Assignee or Mortgagee/Assignee's attorney. Dated: 9/3/2015 Bosco Construction, LLC by Law Office of Steven A. Cook, Attorney for Bosco Construction, LLC, 1015 Parchment Dr. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. Ph: (616) 940-9991

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# SPORTS

## Red Arrows chalk up another shutout

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Red Arrow varsity football improved their overall season record to 4-1 when they hit the road for the first time this season to face OK Red competitor the Grand Haven Buccaneers last Friday, winning 35-0.

This is the Red Arrows' third shutout of the season, having already left the Chicago Hubbard Greyhounds and Muskegon Reeths Puffer Rockets scoreless in their 44-0 and 56-0 respective wins.

After a deadlocked first

quarter that left the two teams scoreless, Lowell pushed off their sluggishness and began their scoring run in the second when Max Dean moved, untouched, seven yards through the middle into the end zone. Darby Dean earned the extra point to put the Arrows up 7-0. Kicker Dean went on to score 5/5 on the night.

A big hit from Sawyer Olesko forced a fumble on the ensuing Buccaneer drive putting the Arrows back in scoring position. Earning his second score of the

night, M. Dean upped the Arrow lead as he crossed the line with the literal weight of a handful of Grand Haven defensemen on his back.

Zeth Dean earned a sack before the Arrows forced the punt that led to their next score, a pass and short run from quarterback Ryan Stevens to receiver Gabe Steed. The pair repeated the feat in their next possession when Steed took a pass 20 yards for the score in an impressive one play drive between the senior duo.

Lowell's defensive

stronghold eventually cost Grand Haven several more sacks, including two at the hands of Matt Anderson and Nick Kloosterman.

Ahead 28-0 after the half the Arrows continued their dominance in the second adding another

touchdown to their winning 35-0 total. The score came in the third when Stevens kept the ball for a short quarterback sneak. The Arrows introduced their second string to the field late in the game to finish out the win.

The Arrows are currently 1-0 in conference having already topped Jenison at the Pink Arrow game. This week's game will kick off a four game stretch inside the OK White as the Red Arrows aim for another conference win.

**Lowell heads back to Red Arrow Stadium this Friday for their Homecoming game against the Caledonia Scots, who shared in the Arrow's first place OK White conference title last season. Kickoff is at 7.**

## - VOLLEYBALL Girls suffer two defeats, place eighth in tournament play

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Red Arrow varsity volleyball endured a tough run of defeats as they continued to struggle with consistency last week, dropping conference matches to Forest Hills Central (FHC) and East Grand Rapids (EGR) and placing eighth at a weekend tournament.

Tuesday on the road the team faced FHC who won the match decisively in three sets 25-17, 25-14 and 25-21. Stat leaders for the OK White match up were Rachel Fox with four aces, Abi Mangus who contributed 16 kills, captain Kelsey Emmanuel with 32 digs and Shannon Hoekstra who added two blocks. Underclassman Sydney Powell came up with an impressive 46 assists. "Sydney Powell is our sophomore setter and is getting better every time she

steps on the court. She leads by example, hard work and desire to win," said head coach Julie Quist.

Thursday the squad welcomed the EGR Pioneers to the Lowell gym for their second conference face-off of the week. Lowell dropped the first set 25-16 but built enough momentum in the second to top their competitor 25-18. Fueled from their victory, the squad rallied hard in the next set but fell just four points short of the win. The Pioneers took their 2-1 win and made it 3-1 after a final 25-16 win over the Arrows.

Fox led the team in aces again matching her Tuesday performance of four. Fox and teammate Mangus also contributed eight kills each. Powell logged 23 assists, Hoekstra three blocks and Emmanuel 22 digs to round out the team's top performers.

Saturday at the West Ottawa Invite the girls placed eighth going 0-2 against Wayland, 1-1 against both host West Ottawa and Shelby High School and 1-2 against Forest Hills Eastern. Mangus had a stellar day for the squad, personally leading in aces with four, racking up 32 kills and totaling 50 digs. Hoekstra added six blocks according to Quist, who added, "Shannon Hoekstra, our middle blocker, has the attitude of a winner. When she steps on the court for her rotations she brings energy and makes a difference."

Looking forward Quist said that their upcoming schedule looks to prove equally difficult as they dive deeper into the OK White. "We are competing with all our conference teams and that brings determination to keep working hard to fix the small things to get the wins," explained Quist.



**Molly Hoseth, Alyssa Roest, Maria DeCator and Maya Williams celebrate the team's set victory.**

**Next up, the team will focus on their lone competitor of the week Grand Rapids Christian, whom they will face Thursday on the road, looking to improve their current dual record which stands at 3-5-1 overall and 0-3 in conference**



**Senior Bailey Reitsma serves during the Red Arrows' match against the Pioneers.**

## Sports Summaries

### TENNIS

Red Arrow varsity tennis chalked up an OK White conference loss last week when they welcomed East Grand Rapids High School to their home court on Wednesday. Unable to pick up a match point, the Red Arrows struggled at all positions and were shut out by the Pioneers 0-8. The team will compete three times this week on the road, commencing with the OK White conference tournament at 9 am on Saturday at Forest Hills Central.

### GOLF

Lowell varsity girls golf twice faced their OK White competitors at conference jamborees last week ending each with fifth-place 231 point finishes. Monday, McKenzie Uhen led the Lowell pack carding a 46. Taylor Furtaw (55), Morgan Allison (61) and McKenna Creighton (69) followed. Uhen also led Wednesday with a 48 and was followed again by Furtaw who earned a 56. Isabelle Dial (63) and Lucy Wade (64) rounded out Lowell's top performers.

### GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Lowell's lady long distance runners placed sixth at the OK White jamboree on Wednesday and then fell just six points short of first place at the Bob Perry Invitational, over the weekend, placing third. Top runner at the mid-week

conference meet was Tori Hewitt who finished 16th. Hewitt also led at the invitational on Saturday placing fourth overall and leading Lowell with a 21:14. Breanna VanLaan, Dawn Kondor, Megan Khodl and Mekare Elliot also scored for the squad.

### BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Varsity boys cross country placed sixth at the second OK White jamboree of the season and fourth at their own Bob Perry Invitational last week. Wednesday at the Gainey Athletic Complex the team racked up 174 points with Eric Judd (18:00) leading all Lowell runners at the finish. The team fared better Saturday at home placing fourth. Top runners were Judd (18:19), Kyle Cater (18:49), Kenny Stump (20:19), Thomas Hubert (20:31) and Seth Palmer (20:49).

### CHEER

Red Arrow cheer, captained by senior Rae Mongar and sophomore Quinne Duhr, drove spirits high at the first varsity football game on the road this season in Grand Haven. In their continued effort to encourage student participation, the team named their fifth Fan of the Week, senior Carter Noskey. Leading a special candy chant at the game the cheer team awarded enthusiastic participants with 3 Musketeers candy bars.

# obituaries

## COUTURE

Margaret Ilene Couture, mother, friend and grandmother, passed away on Saturday, September 26, 2015, in Grand Rapids, due to complications with pancreatitis. She was 79. Margaret was born in Detroit on September 30, 1935, to John and Mary Varcie. She graduated from Pershing High School in 1953. She married Kenneth Burnett in 1954 and they had three children: Nancy in 1957, Scott in 1960 and Doug in 1964. She lived in the Metro Detroit area until 1981 when she moved to Cleveland, TN, with her husband Arthur Couture. She lived there until Arthur's death in 2008 and then moved to Lowell to be near her son and family. Margaret was a woman who was a hard worker and her talents



and passions were in gardening and cooking. She had an incredible work ethic and was a shining star in any profession she chose to work in. Her talents were in sales, marketing, elderly care and in the hospitality industry. Her last position was at the Grand Volute in Lowell and she worked there until a few weeks before her passing. Margaret was best known for her love and devotion to her family and friends. She was very friendly and social and everybody who met her enjoyed her company. She was kind and generous. She loved flower and vegetable gardening and planted a beautiful garden at her apartment every year. She also loved to cook and is best known for her Chicken Dumpling soup, Stuffed Cabbage and Banana Bread. Margaret is survived by her two sisters, Catherine Stambouly and Josephine (Don) Figurski; and sister-in-law, Judy Varcie. Her brother Charles Varcie preceded her in passing. Also, she is survived by her three children, Nancy (Burnett) Loehr, Scott Burnett and Doug Burnett; seven grandchildren, Dominic Lalague, Nicole (Lalague) Goins, Pascal Lalague, Francois Lalague, Keven Burnett, Heather Burnett and David Burnett; and six great-grandchildren. A celebration of life service will be held at a later date in Detroit where she is originally from. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Flat River Ministries, 11535 Fulton St. E., Lowell MI 49331. Sympathy cards to The Burnett Family, 2014 Conservation Trail, Lowell, MI 49331.

## HALL

James Walter Hall, age 75, of Lowell, passed away September 23, 2015, after a short illness. He is preceded in death by his loving wife Beverly, who he was married to for 46 years. He was also preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Crystal Hall of Lowell. He is survived by his children, Troy (Lisa) Hall of Grand Haven, Tanya (Jeff) Paas of Ada, Krystin (Brian) Ryder of Chandler, Arizona and Andrea (Jeff) Harwood of Ada. He is also survived by his grandchildren Brandon (Stephanie), Christopher (Casey), Tyler, Dustin, Mackenzie, Rachel, Emma, Megan, Jon, Brady; and his great-granddaughter Riley. James was a graduate of Kendall School of Design. He worked for several years for Steelcase and was city councilman for the town of Lowell. Jim will be cremated and no services are planned at this time. The family asks that all memorial contributions be made to 'Pink Arrow Pride' of Lowell, P.O. Box 246, Lowell, Michigan 49331.



# Recognizing LGBT History Month

October is National Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Month. This month is intended to encourage honesty and openness about being LGBT. First celebrated in 1994 to coincide with National Coming Out Day, the month

has evolved to include a more diverse range of people identifying as LGBT. On June 26, 2015, the Supreme Court issued a decision in Obergefell v. Hodges, holding that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marry in all states. As a

result, more same-sex couples will be recognized as married for purposes of determining entitlement to Social Security benefits or eligibility for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments.

Since a previous Supreme Court decision in 2013, Social Security has been able to recognize some same-sex marriages and non-marital legal same-sex relationships for purposes of determining entitlement to or eligibility for benefits. We also consider same-sex marriage when processing claims for SSI. Marriage may affect your SSI eligibility or payment amount.

We are working closely with the Department of Justice to develop and implement policy and processing instructions to implement the June 26, 2015 Supreme Court decision.

As we have additional information, we will update our website and issue instructions to our staff. You can read more about important information for same-sex couples at [www.socialsecurity.gov/people/same-sex-couples](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/people/same-sex-couples).

In the meantime, if you are a spouse, divorced spouse, or surviving spouse of a same-sex marriage or non-marital legal same-sex relationship, we encourage you to apply right away for benefits. Applying now will preserve your filing date, which will protect you against the loss of any potential benefits.

If you have any questions about how to apply for benefits, call toll-free 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). We can answer specific questions from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Board will be held at a regular scheduled meeting on **Monday, October 19 at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI** to consider a special exception use permit as follows:

James Duhr has applied for a special exception use permit which is regulated in section 201.441 Accessory Dwellings of the General and Special Regulations Chapter 4. The applicant has requested to construct an accessory dwelling on his property located at 11070 Vergennes St (at end of a private road). The accessory dwelling will be used for family purposes.

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] or on the website at [www.vergennestwp.org](http://www.vergennestwp.org). Written and oral comments will be received from any interested party until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Township Clerk at the Township Offices. Comments may be emailed to: [clerk@vergennestwp.org](mailto:clerk@vergennestwp.org)

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# classifieds

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

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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.

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.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY TOPS MI #372 - every Tuesday, weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m. Key Heights, 11335 Fulton, Lowell.

CUB SCOUT PACK 3188 - meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main.

QUAKE-ZIK SPORTSMANS CLUB - meets second and third Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at 8731 West Riverside Dr. Go to www.quake-zik.org for information. New members welcome.

LOWELL LIONS CLUB - meets third Tuesday at noon at Lowell City Hall.

LOWELL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - meets the 2nd Saturday at Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 E. Fulton, 9 a.m. social gathering; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

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

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**ACROSS**

- 1. Egypt's sacred flower
- 6. Spinning toy
- 9. Hoodwink
- 13. Resembling an orangutan
- 14. Biology class abbr.
- 15. Printer cartridge contents
- 16. Ranees's wrap
- 17. Long, long time
- 18. Valued for its soft down
- 19. \*He ruled Nottingham
- 21. \*Evil and No, e.g.
- 23. Reggae precursor
- 24. Apiece
- 25. \*Lex Luthor breached the Hoover \_\_\_\_\_ in "Superman"
- 28. Center of activity, pl.
- 30. Not digital
- 35. 500 sheets
- 37. Australian palm
- 39. Mediterranean appetizer
- 40. World's largest continent
- 41. Run \_\_\_\_\_ of the law
- 43. Wildly
- 44. Going to
- 46. Intense rage
- 47. Fine threads
- 48. As opposed to shut down
- 50. Miss America's accessory
- 52. To boot
- 53. Facebook's "psst"
- 55. Opposite of their
- 57. \*\_\_\_\_\_ Bill of "The Silence of the Lambs"
- 61. Opposite of greenhorn
- 65. Wombs
- 66. "\_\_\_\_\_ My Children"
- 68. Church assembly
- 69. Motion Picture Association of America, e.g.

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**DOWN**

- 70. Waikiki wear
- 71. Last letter of Greek alphabet
- 72. First-rate, slang
- 73. In the past
- 74. Gossipy
- 1. Bonnie one
- 2. Moonfish
- 3. Michelin product
- 4. Internet patrons
- 5. Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, e.g.
- 6. Not kosher
- 7. Lennon's widow
- 8. \*The evil Tai Lung in 2008's "Kung Fu \_\_\_\_\_"
- 9. "Just \_\_\_\_\_"
- 10. Back arrow key action
- 11. Jury colleague
- 12. Makes mistakes
- 15. House music
- 20. Flora's partner
- 22. South American edible tuber
- 24. Adhere to certain views
- 25. \*Rocky's Russian rival
- 26. "The Tortoise and the Hare" author
- 27. Easternmost state
- 29. \*McFly's bully
- 31. "Poor me!"
- 32. As far as one can go
- 33. Convex molding
- 34. \*Greedy corporate financier
- 36. "Buddenbrooks" author
- 38. Saint's "headdress"
- 42. Popular disinfectant
- 45. Type of nanny
- 49. Short for "politician"
- 51. \*Baby Jane
- 54. Aussie bear
- 56. "No \_\_\_\_\_ or reason"
- 57. Followed by "excuse me"
- 58. Home to Bryce Canyon
- 59. Greek cheese
- 60. Worry unnecessarily
- 61. Hodgepodge
- 62. Afresh
- 63. Wooden pegs
- 64. June 6, 1944
- 67. \*Disney villain, "Peg-\_\_\_\_\_ Pete"

Puzzle solutions on page 12

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**Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education.**

~ Franklin D. Roosevelt



**SEPTEMBER 23 - SEPTEMBER 29**

- Royal Dutch Shell is shutting down all operations off-shore in Alaska, after an expensive and disappointing nine-year exploration for oil came up dry in the Alaskan Arctic. Environmental groups are celebrating the decision. The entire oil industry is cutting back because of collapsing oil prices.
- The start of last Sunday's football game between the St. Louis Rams and the Pittsburgh Steelers literally set fire to the field as pregame fireworks burned the turf causing a 30-minute delay of the game.
- President Obama and Russian President Vladimir Putin both spoke at a United Nations General Assembly summit - their first face-to-face encounter in almost a year.



- A total lunar eclipse combined with a superman was on display Sunday night. However in West Michigan it was overcast and not everyone got to see it. It hasn't happened since 1982 but, no worries, the next one will be back in 2033.

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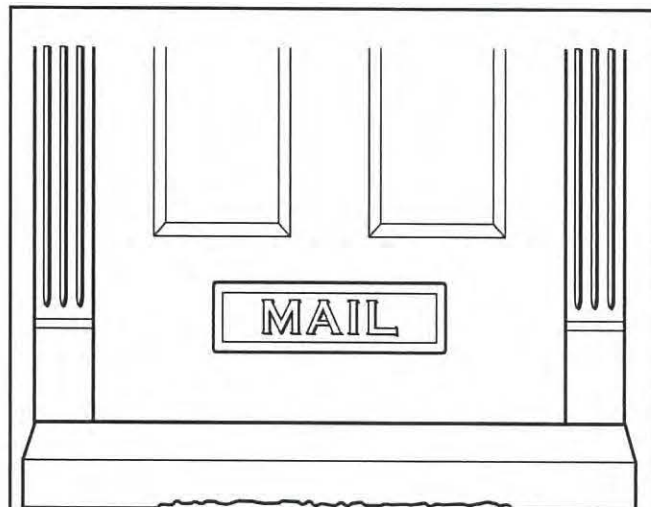
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# Civil forfeiture, continued

can forfeit their property if law enforcement agencies merely suspect that the property was used for illegal activities.

The report chronicles clear cases of civil forfeiture abuse, including an instance when dozens of people attending a party at a Detroit art museum had their vehicles impounded by police, all because the museum was suspected of not possessing a proper license to serve alcohol. Another case mentioned in the report is that of a Red Cross worker whose

vehicle was forfeited after a passenger in her car was accused of making inappropriate eye contact with passing motorists.

The report also mentions the plight of several individuals who've had their bank accounts frozen for supposedly making "suspicious" deposits. None of the individuals in these situations were convicted of a crime, but all suffered harm and property loss based only on the suspicion of law enforcement agencies.

"The state should not be able to forfeit property unless it has convicted someone of a crime," said Dan Korobkin, deputy legal director with the ACLU of Michigan and co-author of the report. "This process is an end-run around the U.S. Constitution and legislators should reform the process."

Among the report's recommendations:

- Eliminate civil forfeiture by the state and permit only criminal forfeiture. This would allow the government to take

possession of property only in criminal proceedings after a person has been convicted of a crime.

• Increase transparency reporting requirements for property that is forfeited, since currently policymakers, citizens and the media have very little information on how much is being taken.

• Create new laws that reduce "policing for profit" by redirecting proceeds from forfeited property away from local

police agencies and towards general government funds.

For more information about civil forfeiture visit <http://www.mackinac.org/>

forfeiture. The full report can be downloaded at <http://www.mackinac.org/archives/2015/s2015-05.pdf>

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### NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 15-04 BOWNE TOWNSHIP

At a regular meeting of the Bowne Township Board held on September 21, 2015 Ordinance No. 15-04 was adopted. The ordinance amended the Bowne Land Division Ordinance. A summary of this Ordinance is as follows:

Amend Section 3.06 to regulate property line adjustments:

#### 3.06 PROPERTY LINE ADJUSTMENTS

Land divisions defined as Property line adjustments which transfer property from one property parcel to another require formal application and approval by the Assessor or planning commission as described above. An application for a land transfer property line adjustment must be submitted to the assessor in the same manner as an application for a land division.

In addition to the requirements of Ordinance No. 97-1 as amended, Article 3 herein, the application for a property line adjustment, the application shall include:

1. A legal description and survey for both the existing parcel and the proposed parcels, with parcel line dimensions and lot area shown.
2. An illustration showing existing structures and setbacks from all proposed lot lines, showing that existing structures will meet the requirements of the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance.

The land transfer may be approved once it is determined that the proposed land transfer meets all the requirements of the zoning ordinance.

A property line adjustment does not constitute a land division as defined by the Land Division Act, PA 288 of 1967 as amended.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication.

Ordinance No. 15-04 is available for review at the Bowne Township offices, 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Alto, Michigan, 49302 during normal office hours on Wednesday & Thursday from 9 AM to Noon and 1 PM to 5 PM and on Friday from 9 AM to Noon or by calling 616-868-6846.

Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk  
Bowne Township

# Red Arrow SPORTS

- SOCCER

## Red Arrows soccer holding their own in OK White conference play

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Red Arrow varsity soccer went 1-1 last week in the OK White conference,

recording a 2-1 loss at home to East Grand Rapids (EGR) and a 2-1 overtime win against Grand Rapids

Christian (GRC) on the road.

Tuesday at Red Arrow Stadium the team saw EGR score twice in the first despite heavy pressure from Lowell, who only allowed four shots on goal in the half. Lowell saw plenty of opportunities later in the first that produced several near misses, but were unable to earn a goal leaving the score 2-0 at the first buzzer.

Midfielder Jay Stadt got by the Pioneers for one goal in the second but the Arrows were not able to score again, falling 2-1 in front of their home crowd.

"It wasn't for lack of effort or controlling the pace of the game," explained head coach Rich O'Keefe. "We had more quality shots on goal than EGR. However, EGR made their shots count and we didn't."

Another fierce OK White match up on Thursday added up to a victory for the Arrows as they topped GRC 2-1 on the road.

Lowell opened scoring on a corner crossed by senior Collin Bowers and headed into the net by Elijah Dixon. Their lead held up the remainder of the first half and for much of the second as the Arrows kept GRC off the board for a 1-0 advantage.

Late in the second GRC took advantage of a defensive error that led to a showdown for Red Arrow goalkeeper Trevor Sherman. "Our defense was playing well and at that time GRC had no shots on goal, but a mental mistake in the back created a one-on-one with our goalie. The level of play in the OK White conference does not allow you to make many mistakes and expect to win the games," said O'Keefe.

But the Arrows did pick up the win. Tied 1-1 at the final buzzer the two teams dualed in overtime until exchange student Jaime Ortueta rose to the challenge for Lowell with just two minutes remaining. According to O'Keefe, "It was evident in his play in overtime that he was going to find a way to score or setup a goal and he did, by knifing through the defense, then touching the ball past the keeper before burying the ball in the back of the net. Jaime has been a great addition to the team, not only as a player but also because of his positive attitude and sense of humor. He is very competitive, he likes to win."



Midfielder Jaime Ortueta propelled the Arrows to victory with a late overtime goal.



Forward Logan Landman moves the ball toward the goal during the Arrows' loss to East Grand Rapids.

The Arrows will look for their next win at home on Wednesday when they welcome non-conference opponents Godwin Heights and Thursday on the road when they will face OK White competitor Jenison.

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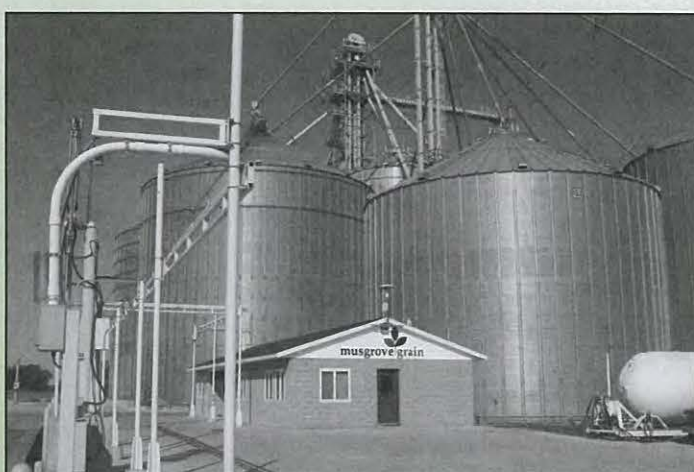
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