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## Volunteers clear the way for trails to connect



by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Volunteers gathered at Fallsburg Park over the weekend for the Pathway of the Pioneers Expedition to begin clearing the way for a new trail that will connect to the large North Country Trail a little more than three miles away.

Members of the Fortune Bay Expedition Team (FBET) were joined by Jeff McCusker from the National Park Service and several volunteers from the North Country Trail Association (NCTA).

With a goal of clearing 1,000 feet of the proposed trail the group of 15, led by expedition leaders Robin Hutsko and Amy Colby, worked diligently over the two days. They cleared more than their intended

goal despite not having the number of volunteers expected.

“We unfortunately had a few last minute cancellations. As a result, our goal was reduced to 600 feet. Through some hard work and perseverance, we exceeded both goals and were able to create 1,011 feet of new trail,” said Hutsko.

Between the two days of difficult work the volunteers were treated to dinner, campfire and a night under the stars at the Boy Scout Cabin. Dinner was provided by local Boy Scout Troop 102.

“We were pleasantly surprised with a delicious dinner of smoked BBQ sandwiches, two kinds of baked beans (regular and the Boy Scout’s favorite – extra hot) along with all the fixings and beverages to create for [sic] a great meal,” said Hutsko.

The volunteers were entertained by several members of the FBET

who double as talented musicians, including Charlotte Hayden (violin), Chuck Hayden (guitar), Dillan Patterson (trumpet), and Tim Hower (cow bell).

After campfire stories and desserts the exhausted crew opted out of the scheduled midnight hike in favor of relaxation and sleep.

The trail building will be an ongoing project undertaken by many including Kent County Parks and the NCTA until its completion. A second public event is scheduled for the early fall.

Volunteer Shannon Jaglowski said she feels that the rewards of the experience by far outweighed the hard work it took to get it done.

“I think the amount of work was a little more than most of us expected, but it was well worth it in my opinion. We accomplished so much and it’s something we will always be able to look back on.”

## Vacant Unity High building sold

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

Lowell Area Schools just made \$350,000 by selling off a vacant building. The “Riverside/Unity” building, 320 N. Monroe St, was sold to a developer on Wednesday, May 14.

Superintendent Greg Pratt said the building had been for sale for several years, but until now there were no takers.

“Very exciting news,” Pratt said. “It was quite a process. We haven’t been

using it for the last two years, actually almost three now and the property has been for sale for almost two years. It sat for a while. We started to get some interest and then we, as a district, went into a buy-sell agreement last fall. We just completed that buy-sell agreement and we feel very fortunate. It takes it off our books as far as potential expenditures in the future to maintain it.”

The district will use the money for improvements to other buildings in the school system.

“We will utilize that, of course, to put back into our facilities,” Pratt said.

Pratt said the district used a local real estate agent and involved the community in the decision.

“We held community forums back in 2011 and

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## City council approves budget, purchases new police car, discusses airport and Memorial Day celebrations

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

The council unanimously approved the 2014 – 2015 budget and voted to purchase a new police car at its regular meeting Monday, May 19.

Half of the \$36,700 cost of the new Ford Police Interceptor utility vehicle will be provided by the Lowell Community Fund.

“We’re up higher, we can see more ahead of us as far as traffic is concerned,” Lowell police Sgt. Chris Hurst said about the new vehicle. “There is more room. We carry a lot of equipment. The sedans we

drive now; the trunk is full. We can’t put a spare tire back there.”

During the “citizen comments” portion of the meeting Lowell American Legion commander Dave Thompson updated the council on some of the activities that will take place at Oakwood Cemetery, 325 Fremont St., on Memorial Day.

“We will have, incidentally, as of today’s date 27 veterans who since last Memorial Day have passed on and will be

recognized as part of that ceremony,” Thompson said.

A group of Civil War reenactors from Sunfield, Mich., will also be on hand. Sunfield is a village in Eaton County about 30 miles southeast of Lowell.

“It’s a group called the Sunfield Curtenius Guard Camp,” Thompson said. “You’ll recognize them immediately; they will be in Civil War uniforms.”

Thompson said the historic cannon will be ready by Memorial Day.

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## New flagpole installed at Oakwood Cemetery



Mike Larkin holds the old flagpole top.

Mike Larkin, whose 2014 Chili Cook-off provided the funds for the new pole and flag, is pictured holding the top of the old pole. “I just wanted the profits to go for something worthwhile and we felt the American Legions’ project to redo the Civil War Memorial in

Oakwood Cemetery was a perfect fit,” said Larkin, a U.S. Marine Veteran. When taken down, it was discovered that the top of the old flagpole had over 25 bullet holes in it. It is worth mentioning that anyone defacing a Veteran’s Memorial will be prosecuted.

# School building sold, continued

2012, went through that whole process," Pratt said. "We hired a local real estate agent, Rick Seese with Greenridge Realty, Inc. He represented the district."

Before putting it up for public sale, the property was waved under the noses of some local nonprofit organizations, none of whom were interested.

"[We had] some community conversations with local nonprofits to talk to them about the sale of the property, so it was presented to the nonprofits first," Pratt said. "It didn't sell with them and so then what we decided to do was to put it on the general market."

Until recently the property was being used by the district as a 'copy center' and for storage.

"We've used it for storage the last couple of years," Pratt said. "We're currently looking at possibly another storage area. We're going to have to find more space. The far side of the building used to be the old transportation garage years and years ago, we utilize that for the 'copy center' and storage and so all that storage area, we've now found nooks and crannies to store stuff and we'll have to relocate that material, but the 'copy center,' two years ago we moved that to Cherry Creek Elementary."

It isn't yet known what will become of the building, but Pratt offered a couple guesses.

"We've found someone that can utilize the property,"

Pratt said. "It is nice that the developer, it sounds like, may utilize the building and the property for 'mixed use,' which means potentially, I'm assuming, condos and maybe some retail."

Pratt was relieved that the process of selling the building was finally completed.

"It's nice to see a project come to a close," Pratt said.

## LifeWalk slated for Saturday May 31

Join Alpha Women's Center of Lowell on Saturday, May 31, for LifeWalk 2014. An exciting morning is planned with a two-mile walk, food, fun, fellowship, free t-shirt, and prizes.

The Alpha Women's Center of Lowell is a pregnancy care center which, through the support of local churches and the community, is able to assist people who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and financial hardship.

Those who visit the center on a regular basis often become friends with their mentors and build a bond which helps them through the first years of parenting. Some specific services the center provides are free pregnancy testing and material support (diapers, formula, baby clothing, baby furniture, maternity clothing). The center serves clients from Alto, Saranac, Ionia, Lowell, and Belding.

The walk will begin at the Alpha Women's Center, 517 E. Main St., Lowell. Registration goes from 8:15-8:45 am and the walk begins at 9 am.

If you are interested in participating with this event, or if you would like to give financially to support the Alpha Women's Center of Lowell, contact Christa at 987-9533.

# City council meeting, continued

"The cannon will be in place on Thursday, this Thursday, at 5 pm to be lifted into place on the cannon mount," Thompson said. "Any of you who would love to come and watch that operation are certainly invited to be with us."

None of the seven other residents in attendance had further "citizen comments."

Jim Sowle, manager of Lowell City Airport, gave a presentation to the

council explaining that a new J&H Oil gas station under construction at the intersection of Vergennes Street and Lincoln Lake Avenue could be too high and therefore would be dangerous for airplane flights.

"The reason the gas station has now stopped construction is under orders from the State of Michigan to stop," Sowle said. "That order was issued

last Thursday, to be obeyed by noon and they did stop Thursday afternoon and there hasn't been anything going on. So in case you're interested in why they aren't working, it's not the result of anything that we've done at the airport."

City manager Mark Howe said the 2013 - 2014 winter was the worst Lowell

has had for 15 years. Howe said the city had 116 inches of snow, used 360 tons of road salt and plows spent 627 [hours] clearing streets.

"It was a record winter and we made it through it," Howe said.

The next regular city council meeting

will be at city hall on Monday, June 3 at 7 pm.

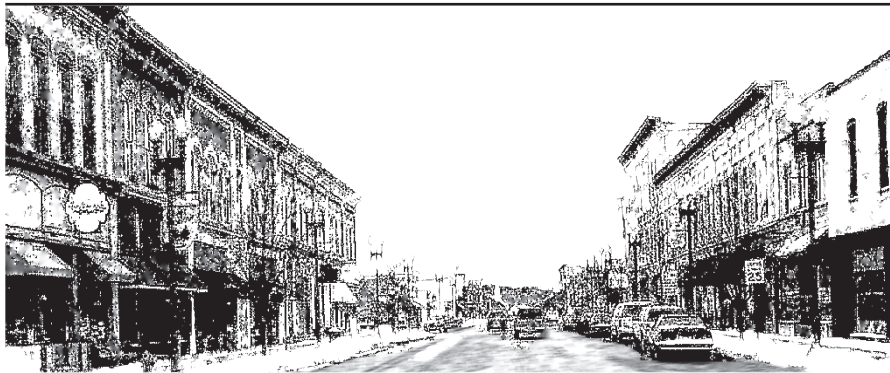
### CORRECTION

It was brought to our attention that the information provided to the Ledger was incorrect and Dave Clark has served with the VFW for 50 years - not 35 - as stated on last week's front page.



The VFW recently gave an award for 50 years of service to Dave Clark. Clark grew up in Lowell, went to school there and enlisted in the Navy from Lowell. He served aboard the aircraft carrier USS Franklin CV-13. He was injured when a Japanese kamikaze fighter pilot crashed his aircraft into the USS Franklin during the last part of the war.

Pictured, left to right: Don Soucer, Herm Weststrate and Dave Clark.



## along main street

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### PLANT SALE

The Lowell High School plant science students have been growing vegetable and flower varieties in the greenhouse. Some of these plants are used in the fourth-grade garden plots (used by junior master gardeners and donated to FROM). Any remaining plants will be available to purchase starting May 27. Each day the greenhouse will be open from 8-4 and plants will be available on a first come, first serve basis. It's a great way to get affordable plants for your garden.

### ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT

Lowell Light and Power and Consumers Energy will be hosting a free appliance and electronic recycling event on Saturday, May 31 from 9 am to noon on the west side of the LL&P building, 127 N. Broadway, Lowell. For more information call Sharon Morris, 897-8402.

### OPEN HOUSE FOR MEGGAN JOHNSON

On Sunday, June 1 from 2-4 pm, an open house will be held at the Wittenbach/Wege Center to say goodbye to Meggan Johnson. Feel free to swing by and enjoy coffee, punch, light snacks and good conversation.

Feel free to send your event information to the Ledger for Along Main St. All submission requests for Along Main St. are subject to space limitations. The Ledger makes no assurances that they will appear in print. To ensure that an event notification will appear in the Ledger, it is best to place a paid advertisement. All efforts will be made to place suitable items in the Along Main St. column but they are printed at the discretion of the publisher. For profit events, church services, yard sales and the like, will not appear in this column.

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Betty R. Morlock  
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# Girls on the Run prepare for 5k at Fifth/Third Ballpark

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Girls on the Run (GOTR) teams from Murray Lake and Cherry Creek Elementary are preparing for a 5K run at Fifth/Third Ballpark on the evening of May 22 starting at 6:30 pm. The run wraps up a 10-week season of physical training, personal development and community service.

According to first-year head coach Lou Jean Stickney, the program encourages self-respect and a healthy lifestyle to its female participants who



Members of the Cherry Creek GOTR team pose with their collected stuffed animals just prior to donation.

range from third to fifth graders.

“GOTR is set up to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun experience-based curriculum that integrates running,” said Stickney.

Fellow coaches Eileen Carter, Jaelyn Batt and Kara Wilterink share the responsibility of training and encouraging the school’s 23 participants.

Murray Lake Elementary has been participating in the GOTR program since its inception ten years ago. They have more than twice the number of members this year coming in at a total of 49 student runners. Their head coach Kerri Johnson is joined by Amy Pearson, Annitra Mallindine, Heather Looman, Mandy McDowell, Josie Anstett, Laura Garrison and Lisa Northrup. All coaches volunteer their time in leading both the athletic and civic portion of the club’s activities.

This year, along with the weekly endurance training for their 5K challenge, the

students also selected two community service projects.

One of those projects was the collection of stuffed animals. The stuffed toys were donated last week to Rockford Ambulance who uses them to comfort those children in need.

“We decided to [do] a stuffed animal drive because it was an idea that the girls came up with at both schools. We asked each girl to bring in at least one stuffed animal each that was one of their own, not new, to donate to another child that may be scared or hurt,” said Stickney.

Rockford Ambulance paramedic Chuck Permer came to each school to collect their donations, share a little about his job and inform the girls how their generosity would help others.

The girls’ second service project was to make and deliver cards and fleece blankets to the elderly residents of Heartland Health Care Center.

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## Author of *Fatal Crossing* speaks at township hall

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Friends of the Englehardt Library and the Lowell Area Historical Museum welcomed award-winning author Valerie van Heest on the evening of May 13 at the Lowell Township Hall to speak about her most recent book “Fatal Crossing.”

Fatal Crossing tells the story of doomed Northwest Airlines (NWA) flight 2501 which was on route from New York’s LaGuardia airport to Minneapolis, Minnesota, when it mysteriously plunged into Lake Michigan claiming the

lives of all 53 persons on board.

The 1950 crash was the worst aviation disaster in history at that time. The plane was never found but the sometimes gruesome evidence of the air tragedy washed up on the shores of West Michigan beaches.

More than half a decade later van Heest, a veteran shipwreck explorer who has helped to locate more than a dozen lost ships in the Great Lakes, set forth on a mission to locate the missing plane and discover why it and its passengers met such an awful fate.

A team consisting of fellow author and explorer Clive Cussler, shipwreck hunter David Trotter and the crew from the Michigan Shipwreck Research Associates, which is a nonprofit organization directed by van Heest, were assembled to complete the

expensive and tedious task of locating the wreck.

Several years into her quest for answers van Heest was contacted via email by family members of those lost aboard Flight 2501. After meeting them and hearing their emotional stories van Heest said the focus of her book and her overall mission shifted.

“The search effort changed for me on that day. Instead of just trying to find the wreck this became an effort to provide answers and closure for these families.”

Using video footage and photos, van Heest highlighted the book to the crowd of more than sixty attendees before an extensive question and answer session.

“Fatal Crossing” is available for purchase at most major book retailers.



Guest speaker and author Valerie van Heest signs copies of Fatal Crossing for guests following her presentation.



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## financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

### Avoid problems by updating beneficiary designations

Like many people, you might not particularly enjoy thinking about your estate plans, but such planning is necessary to make sure your assets go where you want them to go. And it's just as important to regularly review your plans with your tax, legal and financial professionals in case any changes are needed. For instance, some of your wishes expressed in your will may be overridden by beneficiary designations you filled out years ago. If these designations become

outdated, your assets could be passed to those you didn't intend.

You might be surprised at how many of your financial assets and legal documents have beneficiary designations tied to them. If you have an IRA, a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, a life insurance policy, an annuity, a transfer-on-death (TOD) arrangement, or any of a variety of other assets or accounts, you almost certainly named a beneficiary. And this

beneficiary designation offers a simple, direct and efficient way to get assets in the hands of your loved ones who survive you.

However, as time goes by, you may experience many changes in your life — and when your life changes, your beneficiary designations may need to follow. But if you are like many people, you might forget to update these designations after a marriage, divorce or other change in your family situation. And because the beneficiary designation is a legally binding document, the asset will go to the person you once named as a beneficiary, regardless of your current relationship status.

It really doesn't take much effort to look over your accounts and legal arrangements to ensure that your beneficiary designations are current — and if they aren't, it's pretty easy to change them. In fact, for some financial accounts, you may be able to update the beneficiary designations online. In any case, plan on reviewing your beneficiary designations regularly, but especially when you experience a change in your life.

Here's one more thing to keep in mind: Make sure your current beneficiaries are informed that they will eventually be receiving your 401(k), IRA, life insurance proceeds or other assets that require a beneficiary designation. This advance knowledge may help your loved ones as they plan and maintain their own financial and investment strategies.

Although it's clearly important for you to update your beneficiary designations and to communicate your actions, you will still need to attend to other areas of your estate planning, such as providing care for minor children or dependents, deciding who you want to receive specific items that do not carry a beneficiary designation, naming someone to manage your affairs should you become incapacitated, and specifying the control you wish your beneficiaries to have over their inheritance. These are just a few examples of estate-planning considerations.

Because everyone's situation is different, you will need to consult with your legal advisor to determine the level of estate planning you require. As we've seen, updating your beneficiary is one piece of the puzzle — but to leave the legacy you desire, you've got to complete the picture.

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
ROLAND AND MARY GUNDY TRUST  
uad 10/20/92 as amended on 7/19/01

TO ALL CREDITORS:

The Settlor, Mary B. Gundy, who lived at Beacon Hill, 1845 Boston SE, #101, Grand Rapids, MI 49506, died on April 16, 2014. There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Roland and Mary Gundy Trust dated 10/20/92, as amended and restated on 7/19/01, will be forever barred unless presented to successor trustee, Paul

B. Gundy, 2328 Okemos Dr., SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506, or Craig A. Bruggink, attorney for Trustee, 429 Turner Ave., NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504, within four months after the date of publication.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Date: 5/13/14

Paul B. Gundy  
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uad 10/29/92, as amended 7/19/01

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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FILE NO. 14-195496-DE

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deceased. Date of birth: 5/14/48.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Gwendolyn E. Spaulding, died April 21, 2014.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Brian Anthony Krajewski, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1800 Asian Ct., Ada, Michigan 49301 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

May 7, 2014

Brian Anthony Krajewski  
1800 Asian Ct., NE  
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# viewpoint

## to the editor

### rededication ceremony

Dear Editor,

This coming Monday is Memorial Day which marks the re-dedication of the renewed Civil War Memorial site in the Oakwood Cemetery. These are the first real changes since its original dedication back in 1900. Some major changes have taken place in this year's restoration.

For years, off and on, there was a Civil War cannon on the site which came about as the result of efforts of a handful of old Civil War veterans. About 1898 when they began looking for a cannon to add to the planned Memorial site. Well, they found an old barrel that they cleaned up and placed on a Cavalry Carriage which had

wooden wheels. It survived until the late 1920s when the rotted wheels collapsed. The barrel was then hauled off to a storage facility causing many to think it had been stolen.

At some point a concrete base was constructed and the cannon returned to the cemetery's Civil War site. Many years later, the cannon became the folly of kids who filled the barrel with explosive M-80s. Fearful of someone getting hurt, the cannon barrel seemed to have disappeared again for a number of years, when it was quietly moved to the DPW garage for safe keeping.

When the city council

approved the American Legion's request to restore the site last fall, a cannon restoration expert was able to track its historical background from barrel serial numbers and discovered that the barrel the old Civil War vets purchased was, in fact, a naval cannon cast in a Massachusetts foundry in 1853. After some discussion about this revelation, the American Legion decided to restore it as it was originally intended, a 12-pound naval cannon. A little talk arose outside the Lowell American Legion circle by a few who wanted it restored as a Calvary piece, but Legion Veterans were not about to be party to a previous mistake. All agreed, it would be restored as a naval cannon. American Legion

membership is half Army vets, but was they who first insisted it be returned as a naval cannon. That decision was unanimous!

On Memorial Day, it will be unveiled for all to see. It's gleaming cast iron and should last longer than the next 114 years and certainly longer than any of us. Be with us on Monday morning after the 10 am parade to witness the ceremony at Oakwood Cemetery, beginning about 10:45 am. Become a part of the newest chapter of Lowell's incredible history! And bring your camera and perhaps a chair!

David L. Thompson,  
Commander,  
Lowell American  
Legion, Post #152  
Commander, US Navy,  
retired

## outdoors

where they live



Dave Stegehuis

As tourist season approaches, folks seek out places to visit for recreation and unique cultural experiences. Glossy brochures suggest interesting and exciting options for the eager traveler. Fishermen don't have the luxury of making choices about where and when to go. Fishermen follow the fish—wherever it may take them.

Walleye dwell in Midwest river systems like the upper Mississippi. Canadian Shield lakes and rivers provide favorable habitat. In the far north, arctic drainage waters draw walleye fishermen to the edge of civilization. Stocking programs have made a number of inland lakes fishable for local anglers. Walleye can be caught on a large variety of tackle set-ups. This make the walleye a challenging quarry as well as excellent table fare if one chooses to keep a few for dinner.

Salmon inhabit the Great Lakes and connecting waterways. Great Lakes port cities are popular tourist attractions, so salmon fisherman get to fish out of some neat venues. Steelhead trout follow big lake rivers and tributaries

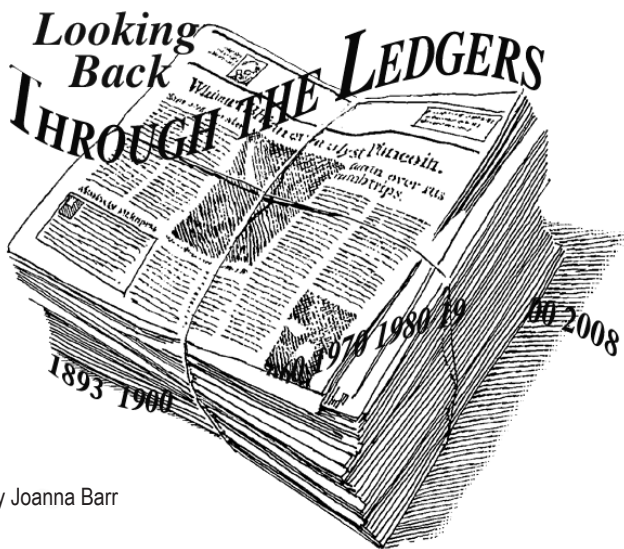
far inland until the water is too shallow to swim or the determined fish run into insurmountable barriers.

Panfish, such as bluegills, are found in lakes and ponds almost everywhere. Although these fish can be found locally, avid pan-fishermen will travel long distances to find big catches of the feisty fish.

Brook trout have led me to out of the way places where I am sure I never would have seen if not for pursuing the most beautiful fish that swims. Brookies thrive in small cold creeks that meander through brushy woodlands and dark cedar swamps. Rivers in the far north, particularly Labrador, produce some large fish.

Fishing is considered a consumptive activity but fishermen do have the choice of keeping their catch for the table or releasing the fish to catch another time.

Fishermen can combine their passion for fishing with the experience of visiting many interesting destinations. More than just observers, fishermen are actively involved with nature wherever they travel. Fun and adventure awaits those who follow the fish to where they live.



By Joanna Barr

### 125 years ago Lowell Journal May 22, 1889

The corner stone of the new court house will be laid July 4th amid lots of pomp.

Among the patents issued to Michigan inventors last week we notice that of a whiffletree hook to Wm. H. Murphy, of Lowell.

A reward of \$500 has been offered by the city government of Ionia for the arrest and conviction of the scamps who have been trying to burn the town for the past month.

Last Thursday night the depot was burglarized. Ten dollars in change was taken and the burglars helped themselves to some sherbet and preserves which they found in the freight house.

Some time ago Phoebe Ann Hayes was indicted of having fraudulently obtained a pension of \$700 back pay and a pension of \$26 per quarter, declaring herself to be the widow of a man named Richardson, who was killed in the war, while in reality she was the wife of one Hayes. Her defense was that Hayes, who had sued his wife for divorce, had not obtained the decree at the time of her marriage to him; consequently the marriage was void and she was acquitted. It afterwards turned out that the decree had been issued before her marriage and it was consequently legal. She could not again be tried for the same offense, so the government sued

her to recover back the money it had paid her. Judge Severens has rendered a default judgment against her for \$842.04 and costs. Mrs. Hayes will be obliged to refund the money. — Grand Rapids Leader.

While Henry Heaven and daughter Clara were driving Saturday evening the horses became frightened and in the darkness ran the wagon off the culvert bridge just west of the village, upsetting the same and spilling its occupants into the ditch. In the fall Miss Clara fell in such a way that her wrist was fractured.

### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 21, 1914

Headline: Largest class, 29 graduate for Lowell High School this year. As a result of the senior final examinations held last week 29 students have been declared eligible for graduation in June. This is composed of 11 boys and 18 girls. Of this number 17 are nonresidents. The members of the class are Ruth White, Florence Yeiter, Marie Wittenbach, Lena Clark, Mary Bangs, Angelous Tinkler, Angela McGee, Violet Langworthy, Bertha Lacey, Blance Perry, Zetha Griffen, Mildred Klahn, Blance Wood, Freda Roth, Bertha Carey, Matilda Bieri, Margaret Roth, Mary Horn, Harold Behler, George Cuddihy, Lavern Klahn, Edward Houser, Lloyd Worden, Harold Scott, John Hapeman, Bruce McQueen, Emmett Howard, Hobert Coles, and Ernest VanDerwall.

Headline: Fireman's leg crushed by traction engine. While working on a road improvement job in Cascade township yesterday, Lynn Thibos, 18 years old, 1221 Taylor St., NE, caught his foot beneath the wheels of a duper and sustained a compound fracture of the leg. He was brought to his home in the Metcalf ambulance and the fracture reduced by Dr. C. E. Clark of Cascade. Thibos is a fireman on one of the traction engines used to haul gravel from the pit.

Bananas have become such a commonplace article of food that few people know how recent is their introduction to American consumers. At the World's Fair in Philadelphia, 1876, they were sold as "a novelty" and "great luxury," wrapped in tin foil, at ten cents each

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# Memorial Day 2014 to be a historical event

Submitted by,  
Dave Thompson

On Monday, May 26, Memorial Day 2014, you will have an opportunity to witness something that has not happened since 1900, 114 years ago. To many, Memorial Day simply marks the official

beginning of summer and a day off work or school. But to those who know, the real purpose of Memorial Day is to set aside a special day each year to pay tribute to those brave men and women who have served in our country's military and

have since passed on. This year we will honor the 626 who are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, with a personal tribute honoring those who have passed on since last Memorial Day.

A special feature of this year's program will be the re-dedication of the Civil War Memorial site in the Oakwood Cemetery which has undergone an extensive make over. The site was originally established back in 1900 to honor Civil War veterans. A total of 141 are buried there. In 1906, through the efforts of a few Civil War veterans, a cannon was also added. Since that time, little or no change or updating has taken place.

American Legion Post #152 commander Dave Thompson said the site was in need of considerable work and the post stepped up to make that happen. Those who attend the program this year will be part of history and the first re-dedication in 114 years. Kids who attend next week's unveiling will be telling their grandchildren about it, many years down the road.

The restoration project includes a gleaming new white 45-foot flag pole with an eight by twelve-foot American flag. Extensive work around the 1900 statue monument and the addition of a completely rebuilt, cast iron Naval cannon has also been added. The cannon was restored by the famous Steen Cannon and Ordnance Works of Ashland, Kentucky. The refurbished Memorial presents a very

impressive sight, even to those who are regular attendees of Memorial Day programs.

Adding color to this year's program will be the Curtenius Guard Camp #17 from Sunfield, who are part of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) who will have an active part in both the parade and the cemetery ceremony. You'll recognize them by their Civil War uniforms. Also participating again this year will be bands from the high school and middle school, the Lowell string orchestra, a Grand Rapids bag pipe band, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and other citizens as well as veterans from both the American Legion and the VFW.

The list of veterans who have passed away is obtained primarily from the

Roth-Gerst Funeral Home in Lowell. There may be others. In order not to miss anyone, if you are aware of a Lowell veteran who may have been buried elsewhere since last Memorial Day, please call 897-2533 with the name and branch of service so he or she will be included in the 2014 Memorial Day ceremony.

There will only be limited seating for the more senior veterans and spouses. You may want to consider a folding chair and while a large area around the memorial will be fogged for insects, consider putting some insect repellent in your pocket or purse.

The parade begins at 10 am from the fairgrounds and the ceremonies at Oakwood Cemetery follow immediately after, about 10:45 am.

## In The Service

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Melissa R. Johnson, daughter of Jeffery L. Young of Lowell and Janice M. Harden of Wyoming; and granddaughter of Thomas C. Jagers of Grand Rapids; recently reenlisted

for five years while serving at Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, VA.

Johnson is a 2002 graduate of Rogers High School, Wyoming; and joined the Navy in May 2011.

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## college news

Mary Walsh, of Alto, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in nursing from the McAuley School of Nursing at University of Detroit Mercy's commencement ceremony, held on May 9 and 10, 2014, in Calihan Hall on the McNichols Campus.

Heather Wieberdink, a 2010 graduate of Lowell High School, graduated with honors from Virginia Tech on May 16, 2014.

She doubled majored in international business and Spanish.

Wieberdink now resides in Herdon, Virginia and is employed by Fedbid. Her parents are Bob and Nancy Wieberdink of Lowell.

## happy birthday!

**MAY 21**  
Pat Erickson, Eric Ellis, Kayla Mohr, Katelyn Bush.

**MAY 25**  
Rick Wernet, Phyllis Bieri.

**MAY 22**  
Tim Shurwood, Meghan Beachum, Mark Anderson.

**MAY 26**  
Janet McIntyre, Guy Watrous, Joshua Bryant.

**MAY 23**  
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# High school's annual Drive Your Tractor to School Day celebrates Lowell's farming roots

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Students at Lowell High School (LHS) celebrated life on the farm with the annual "Drive Your Tractor

to School Day" on the morning of May 16.

The once informal event was begun about a decade ago when

some students made the impromptu decision to drive their tractors to school one morning. It is now a warmly embraced school tradition



Tractors turned out at LHS for the annual event that celebrates the farm life enjoyed by many students.



Students and sisters, Emma and Maria Blough, enjoy a hot breakfast.

that is enjoyed by students, parents and staff members alike.

About a dozen tractors of varying sizes and functions were driven into the high school lot. After mingling and showing off their "rides," ranging from

John Deere to Farmall, students were treated to a hot breakfast provided by parent volunteers.

The tractor driving scholars were joined by principal Amy Pallo, superintendent Greg Pratt and agriscience teacher

Kevin Nugent who runs the event.

"We have some students that live on the farms and they work with this equipment everyday. It is something a little bit different to show off what they do everyday on the farm," said Nugent.

The school also hosted agricultural related games like hay-bail tossing and pedal tractor races for the entire student body during lunch periods.

## Girls on the Run, continued

According to Stickney together the girls from both schools were able to create a total of thirty blankets for donation. The group received support in their efforts from local businesses who donated craft supplies

for the girls to create thank you cards for their sponsors.

More than 1,850 girls from Kent County will finish off the season by participating in the 5K Celebration Run.

Both teams have

trained hard according to their coaches and are looking forward to the fun event. "Anyone who has been to a Girls on the Run 5K knows that it is unlike any other running event," said Johnson adding, "It is

a celebration of and for the girls who are completing this season of the GOTR program. By the day of the 5K their enthusiasm is so unbridled that they are running around before the race!"

Those interested in supporting or finding out more about this female focused youth development program are encouraged to visit the website [www.KCGRT.org](http://www.KCGRT.org)

## Michigan AMBER Alert Awareness Week: May 19-25

Monday, May 19 through Sunday, May 25 is Michigan AMBER Alert Awareness Week. In its third year, the statewide week, designated by the Michigan House of Representatives, promotes the importance of AMBER Alerts in recovering abducted or endangered children, provides information about

the program and raises funds through the Michigan AMBER Alert Foundation (MAAF). MAAF helps support the program and technology to meet the ongoing mission to recover abducted or endangered children.

Since its inception, the Michigan AMBER Alert Program has been activated

for 337 children and has aided law enforcement in the recovery of 328 children – to date, six children are still missing. Thousands of children go missing every year, yet on average less than 30 of them meet the AMBER Alert criteria set up by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, which is adopted by the state of Michigan.

In 2001, legislation was passed creating the Michigan AMBER Alert

Program yet no funding was allocated for it. A public-private partnership was formed between Michigan State Police, the Michigan Sheriff's Association, the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Michigan Association of Broadcasters to form Michigan AMBER Alert.

Due to the keen interest of Senator Dave Hildenbrand (R-29) a bill

was passed in the spring of 2013, which placed AMBER Alert on the State Income Tax Charitable Donations Form for citizens to make contributions. The AMBER Alert Fund of Michigan appears on the 2013 income tax form where Michigan citizens can "check the box" to donate to Michigan Amber Alert. The MAAF must raise \$100,000 through the state income tax check-off within two years to remain on the tax form.

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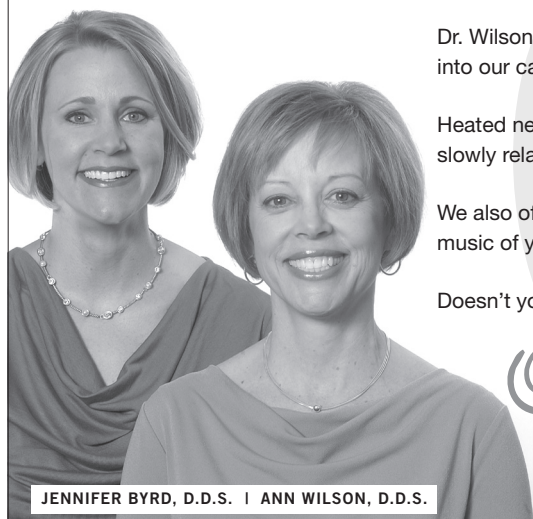
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WED: Cinnamon glazed French toast w/sausage, hashbrowns, fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, baby carrots, applesauce, peaches.

THURS: Hot dog on WG bun (served at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake) WG breaded chicken nuggets (served at Bushnell), mashed potatoes & gravy, fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, cherry tomatoes, pineapple, apple.

FRI: Homemade cheese pizza on WG crust, local asparagus (served at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), side salad (served at Bushnell), fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, cold bean salad (served at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), baby carrots (served at Bushnell), mixed fruit, juice.



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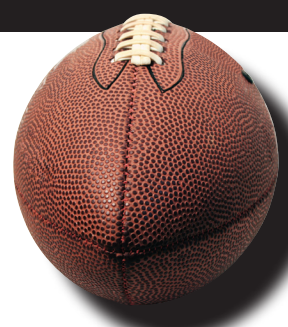
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# Red Arrow SPORTS

- SOFTBALL

## Arrows fall to Jenison Wilcats

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Lowell varsity softball lost two games in a double header against the Jenison Wildcats last week at Cherry Creek softball field.

The lady Arrows kept their starting pitcher, Makela Chapman, on the mound for all seven of the first game's innings. She performed well from the mound producing ten strikeouts and allowing only one run.



Kortney Beachler sends one back in from the outfield.

**In a series of three double headers the squad will face nonleague competitors Hopkins this week at home and both South Christian and Wayland next week on the road.**

Solid performances from Kortney Beachler and Grace Quiggle who each earned two singles and Desiree Striplin, Beth Dean and Halle Hayes who earned one each were not enough to overcome Wildcats who won the game 1-0.

Coach Kim Griffith had this to say about the game, "Makela Chapman pitched an absolute gem! She had

10 strike outs and a WHIP of 1.29. We battled offensively all game, but just couldn't break through."

Lowell batters earned six runs in game two but were not able to secure the win losing by a deficit of four in a high scoring game which ended 10-6 in Jenison's favor. "We lost but hit the ball very well! We just ran into a team that hit better. Beth Dean had two hits and Sarah Oesch had two RBIs for us," said Griffith of the girls performance.

The team is ending the league portion of their season with a 4-6 record placing third in the OK white conference. Their overall season record thus far is 13-15 which they hope to improve on in the coming weeks according to Griffith, "To be able to win games you need strong pitching, solid defense, timely hitting and the ability to produce runs by playing small ball. The next three contests will tell us a lot about where we are as a team going into districts."



Beth Dean, Sarah Oesch, Taylare Harris and Breanna Oesch convene on the mound to congratulate Makela Chapman on her strikeouts.

- BASEBALL

## Red Arrow baseball takes OK White championship

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

The varsity Red Arrow baseball team seized the OK White league championship and their coaching staff's 200th win when they secured two out of three victories against last year's championship team Jenison.

Parker Groom led the charge against the Wildcats in game one from the hill where he successfully pitched ten innings allowing only one run and four hits while striking out three. Both squads put a run on the board in the first then went scoreless the duration of regulation pushing the game into extra innings. The Arrows were finally able to push in a second run off of a walk off hit into fielder's choice ending the game at 2-1.

Once again at home for game two, Arrows ace Jarrod Melle was the game's winning pitcher allowing two earned runs, six hits and no walks while striking out

one in seven innings. Melle made quick work of the Jenison batters in the game's scoreless first and second innings.

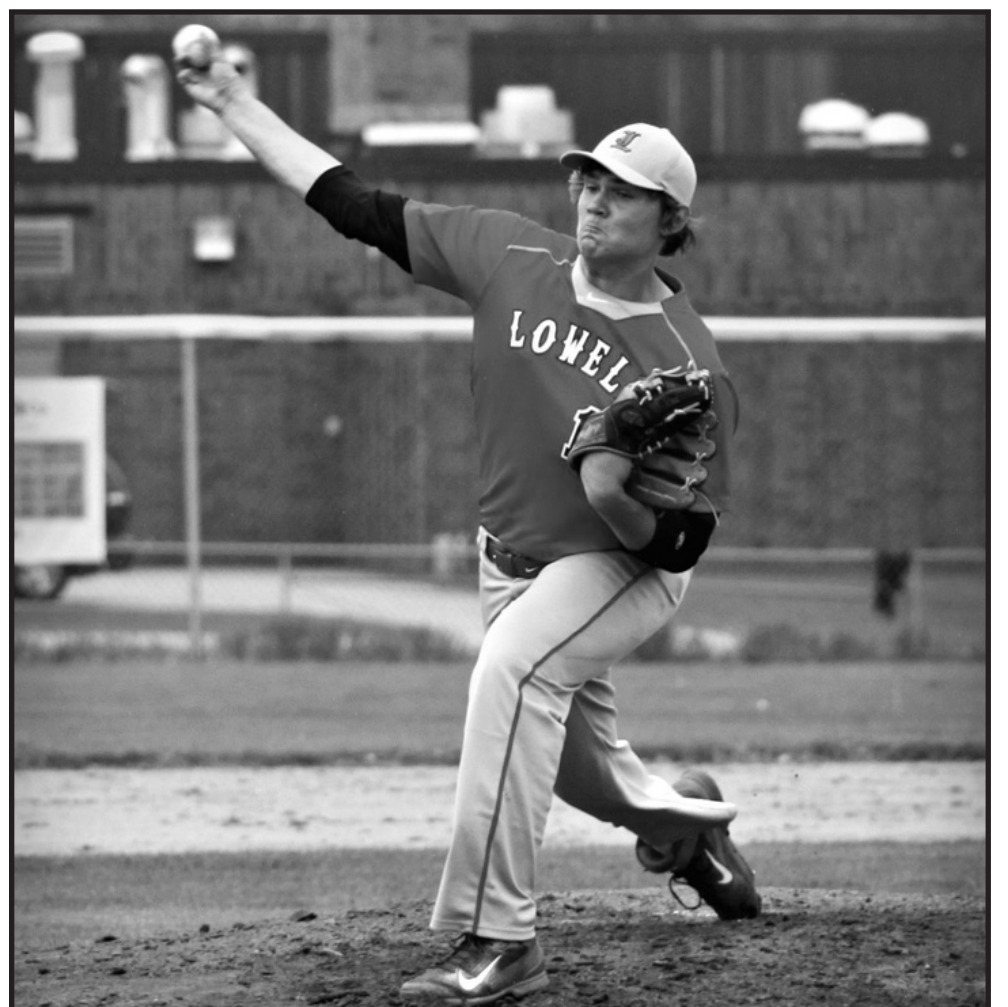
Walks earned by Jeff Houston and Zach Gordon along with a single from Groom loaded the bases for the Arrows in the bottom of the third. Garrett Gordon, the team's second leading slugger, with an average of .351, capitalized on the opportunity driving two in on a single putting the score at 2-0.

Jenison pushed hard for a comeback in the top of the fifth sending in one run on a long ball to centerfield but the Arrows answered quickly in the bottom of the inning sending up their three top sluggers. Groom kicked off the action-packed inning nailing a solid single on the first ball thrown reflecting the skill displayed by his .465 batting average. Kyler Shurlow, coming in at a

.310 batting average, plated Groom in the first of two consecutive doubles earned by the Arrows, the second coming once again from G. Gordon. The Wildcats were able to put up one additional run in the sixth but it wasn't enough and the game ended 4-2.

Lowell suffered defeat in game three of the series going down 9-4 but going according to head coach Juston Miller the team had already solidified the teams well-earned conference win. "Our second victory over Jenison sealed the league championship up for our team. It was an extra sweet league title because it was also our coaching staff's 200th win. This win allowed us to enjoy the present while reminiscing about the great young men we have been fortunate to coach at Lowell."

Baseball, continued,  
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Jarrod Melle performed well on the mound.

# Red Arrow SPORTS

- SOCCER

## Girls celebrate LASSO night and a win over Pioneers

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

The ladies of the Red Arrow Varsity soccer team celebrated LASSO Night and secured their only win in league play this season against the East Grand Rapids (EGR) Pioneers during their last home game of the 2014 season.

According to head coach Daniel Lipon, despite the team's losing record, the season has been full of wins for the squad. "Overall the season has been a positive one! The program is building and moving in the right direction. The growth has been tremendous both individually and as a unit. We are defending extremely well, holding the majority of our opponents from scoring more than two goals. As they continue to grow and become more consistent, the results will certainly happen."

The other teams in the OK White conference are arguably some of the toughest competitors in West Michigan according to Lipon, "The majority of the programs have athletes who are fully invested and committed to the game and aspire to compete at the next level. Competing against high level competition will only make us stronger and we embrace the challenge every contest."

The 1-0 victory over EGR came at a perfect time as the team celebrated the win with more than 250 fellow Lowell soccer players representing 18 teams who were in attendance for LASSO (Lowell Area Select Soccer Organization) Night. A long-standing tradition in the LASSO community, the night puts the spotlight

on the future Red Arrows. "The event itself is really enjoyable, watching all the kids run around in their red LASSO jerseys brings back memories for many of our varsity athletes," said Lipon of the special event.

During the varsity team's pregame introductions the younger LASSO members in attendance and the boy's varsity soccer team formed a massive tunnel for the girls to enter through. The junior LASSO members then took to the stands to support their team before being introduced themselves during halftime.

The first period of the Lowell win went scoreless for EGR with freshman goalie Bridget Garter aptly defending the box. Junior forward Kate Montgomery

and junior midfielder Amy Carpenter both took shots on goal that were stopped by the Pioneers leaving the game at 0-0 at the half.

During the second period Montgomery, who is the team's top scorer, finally nailed one in off of an assist attributed to senior Hannah Fitzpatrick bringing the score to the game ending total of 1-0 in the Red Arrow's favor.

"The EGR game was a big win for us and a confidence booster. The girls played extremely well, and controlled the majority of the ball possession," said Lipon of the long-awaited conference win adding, "It was really nice to see the girls rewarded for their hard work and I was really pleased that everyone had an opportunity to contribute. At



Freshman midfielder Katie Clemenshaw chases down the ball during the game's scoreless first period.



The team goes in for a huddle pregame during their last home contest of the 2014 season.

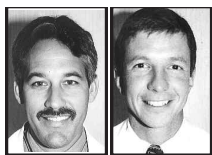
this point in the season we are playing are best soccer and our hope is to generate positive momentum going into the post season."

Six players, including team captains Fitzpatrick and Lauren Blanchard will be exiting the field as part of the graduating class of 2014. Defensive players Maddie Stadt and Karah Smith, midfielder Alyssa

McCormick and forward Blythe Carvajal round out the list of seniors who Lipon says will be sorely missed, "These players will be hard to replace. I could not be more proud of their work both on and off the field. I am so proud of each and every one of them and know with great certainty they will be successful in their future endeavors."

**The girls will travel to Grand Rapids Christian and Jenison this week to finish up the remainder of the season's conference contests.**

## health



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

### shin splints

"Shin splints" is a term people use to describe a pain they get in their shins when they exercise. The medical term for shin splints is "medial tibial stress syndrome." Even though shin splints can be quite painful, they are not usually

anything to be concerned about.

The main symptom of shin splints is pain along the front of the leg, below the knee and along the shinbone. This pain usually starts during or after intense exercise, such as running.

Most of the time, you do not need to see a doctor for this problem. But if you think there is any chance you have a broken bone, especially if you fell or had an injury, then you should be seen. Some runners can get "stress fractures," meaning they break a bone just by running or exercising too hard. Stress fractures feel different than shin splints in that the pain is suddenly much more intense and usually affects one specific spot. Usually you do not need any testing. If there is any concern for a broken bone, however, the doctor may order an x-ray or other

imaging test. Treatment of shin splints involves rest. If you are a runner, you should either stop running or reduce the number of miles you run until symptoms improve or resolve. While you wait, you can try

another type of exercise that doesn't stress the shins, such as swimming. Other treatments include elevation of the legs while resting, icing the shins every one to two hours for 15 minutes at a time and taking over-

the-counter pain medicine, such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen. It is possible to reduce your chances of getting shin splints by wearing shoes with extra cushioning.

**CALL 897-9261**

# obituaries

## DLOUHY

Alexander Kimball Dlouhy, 18 of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, May 17, 2014 due to injuries sustained in a traffic accident. He is survived by his parents Kimball and Patricia; sister Annelise; grandmother Joyce Trygg; also aunts, uncles and cousins. Alex was a bright and fun-loving kid. He ran cross country and track, was an Eagle Scout, enjoyed science and math and loved nature. A Celebration of Alex's Life will be Wednesday, May 21st at 3:30 p.m. Impact Church, 1070 Hudson St SE, Lowell. Rev. Jason Holdridge and Rev. Phil Struckmeyer officiating. Visitation 2-3:30 at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Association (Research Fund), 4595 Broadmoor Ave. SE, Suite 230, Kentwood MI 49512.



## SNYDER

Katherine "Kathy" Ada Snyder left us all too early on May 6, 2014, when she lost her battle with cancer. She was born on March 12, 1936, into the family of Ray and Kate Hovinga where she and her six siblings grew up in a loving home. Kathy was a lifetime resident of the Lowell area and she was a longtime volunteer for the Lowell Historical Society where she shared her personal memories and knowledge with those interested in the colorful history of the area.



Kathy is survived by her loving children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and will be missed by all. In lieu of a funeral service, Kathy wanted her family and friends to gather together and celebrate her life. To honor her memory the family invites all of those who knew Kathy to stop by the Flat River Grill at 201 E. Main St. in Lowell on Tuesday, May 27 from 5 to 7 pm to share some of the stories and recollections of Kathy's life.

A donation to the Lowell Historical Society would be Kathy's suggestion for those wishing to offer an expression of sympathy.

## Two-car collision claims the life of Lowell teenager

According to Kent County Sheriff's Department deputies were dispatched to a two-car fatal car accident on Lincoln Lake Avenue NE, south of 3 Mile Rd NE. Lincoln Lake Avenue was closed for approximately three hours while the accident was investigated.

A 2001 Volkswagen Jetta, driven by Lowell High School senior Alexander Dlouhy, was traveling northbound on Lincoln Lake when he crossed the centerline and entered oncoming traffic. A witness traveling southbound on Lincoln Lake swerved off the road to avoid a collision. Dlouhy tried to steer his vehicle back onto the

northbound lanes and lost control of his vehicle.

A 2003 Ford Explorer driven by John Lewis was traveling southbound behind the witness and tried to swerve out of the path of the Volkswagen. The Ford Explorer struck the Volkswagen Jetta in the driver's side door.

Dlouhy died at the scene and Lewis was transported to Greenville Hospital by Rockford-Lowell ambulance for non-life threatening injuries.

This accident is under investigation. If anyone has information the Kent County Sheriff Department is asking them to call 616-632-6100.

## Courtland Township accident injures four

On Sunday May 18, 2014, at 1544 hours, Kent County Sheriff's Deputies, Courtland Fire, Cedar Springs Fire and Rockford Ambulance personnel responded to a two-car injury accident with multiple patients at Meyers Lake Ave and 15 Mile Rd in Courtland Township.

Personnel found four total patients. Multiple ambulances and Aeromed were requested to the scene. A second Aeromed helicopter was requested and arrived on scene but did not transport any patients.

Deputies determined a 1999 Pontiac Grand Prix

driven by 29-year-old Adam Brace of Cedar Springs was travelling westbound on 15 Mile Rd and struck a 2000 Dodge Caravan which was southbound on Meyers Lake Avenue driven by Alan Kenyon, 53, of Lowell. Both drivers were transported by Rockford Ambulance to Spectrum Downtown with serious injuries. Kenyon's wife and 10-year-old daughter were passengers in the caravan. His wife, Christine, 46, was transported by Aeromed to Spectrum Downtown with serious injuries. Their 10-year-old daughter was transported by Rockford Ambulance to Devos Children's Hospital also with serious injuries. None of the patient's injuries are considered life threatening. Alcohol is not believed to be a factor and the accident remains under investigation.



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## CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Lowell Planning Citizens Advisory Commission will hold a public hearing at a regular meeting on Monday, June 9, 2014 at 7:00 pm., in the City Hall at 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan. The subject of the hearing will be:

**Special Land Use Request, for a temporary Open Air Business for Good Stuff Fireworks, 1250 W. Main Street.** The proposal is to erect a temporary tent structure at the subject address for the purpose of marketing fireworks for the current season. Section 12.03 G, of the Lowell Zoning Ordinance provides for special land uses for open air businesses.

Copies of documentation on the special land use request and the City's Zoning Ordinance are available for public viewing during regular business hours at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan. Written Comments will be received until the night of the hearing.

If you are planning to attend this hearing and are handicapped requiring any special assistance, please notify the City Clerk by calling at (616) 897-8457 as soon as possible.



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**GRATTAN TOWNSHIP**  
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
Synopsis of Minutes  
May 12, 2014  
Motions Approved:  
Road repair for Tiffany 1/2 Mile south of Ten Mile in the amount of 9,500.00. Gregg Brown is now an alternate for the Construction Board of Appeals. Old Belding Rd. will be closed on May 26, 2014 between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. To sign the SAW Grant agreement with Prein and Newhoff  
Approved the final bill for water hauling.  
Our next Township Meeting will be  
June 9, 2014  
At 7:00 p.m.  
The approved minutes may be reviewed on our website at www.grattantownship.org



# Looking Back, continued,

or six for half a dollar. Thus we learn how the luxuries of one generation become the necessities of another.

Grand River took notice of the recent rains and began running over the flats last week, but began receding early this week and is now resuming its customary stage.

One of the old out-of-use Bell telephone poles on Monroe Street fell down the other day, just as a young woman was passing it. It had rotted off at the ground. How many others are like condition about town?

## 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 25, 1939

Its straw hat time and that means that glorious days of summer are near at hand. There's something about a new straw hat that adds to a man's feeling of well being.

The interior of the Lowell Creamery received a fresh coat of paint this week, an attractive job in blue and cream. Ed. Compagner, the proprietor, always keeps things in ship-shape condition.

This is the season of the year that gypsies are abroad in the land. Be on your guard – they will steal you blind if you don't watch out. Near Hastings last week an old man was pilfered of his pocketbook and its contents and a similar stunt was pulled off at Climax.

Double Bargain Days in Lowell this week Saturday, May 17 and Monday, May 29, will provide money-saving opportunities for shoppers for many miles around. Stores will be open Saturday evening as usual and also on Monday evening. Stores closed all day Tuesday for Decoration Day observance.

The Common Council has passed an ordinance regulating sanitary conditions within in the Lowell

village limits, the official notice of which will be found among the public notices on page 8 of this issue. Sewer projects recently completed here make sanitary sewers available to upwards of 60 homes not heretofore accorded this privilege.

Good news, good news for the people living on Hudson Street! Charles W. Cook, chairman of the street committee on the Common Council, has been assured by Mr. A. L. Brown, assistant district engineer in charge of maintenance for the state highway department, that Hudson Street will positively be paved with tarvia the coming summer. Mr. Brown also stated that funds for the cost of the improvement have already been allotted.

A new kind of outdoor sport for Lowell will soon be under way here, electric lights and reflectors having already been installed in Recreation Park at the south end of the football field for night softball games. The base lines are 60 feet in length or 30 feet less than for regulation baseball and 15 feet longer than regular indoor ball. The Board of Trade has secured the services of a WPA recreational director to manage athletic activities here throughout the summer. He arrived Tuesday morning.

## 50 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 21, 1964

Because of the confusion of the fire whistle blowing during a tornado alert, last week, the city has agreed to blow a steady blast of the whistle for fire during an alert period in the future. The warbling blast during an alert will signify an approaching tornado.

The city council gave official permission to the chamber of commerce to hold a bi-weekly Framer's Market on Riverside Drive for the next several months. The first market day is scheduled for Wednesday, June 4th, Marcel Kropf, chamber president stated.

The state highway department started work this week to raise the sidewalk on the East bridge walk. This is a much needed improvement that will eliminate a water hole in the sidewalk.

The Lowell Garden Lore club has requested permission from the city to plant flowers at the East gateway to the city. The city has agreed to mow the grass and the club will look after the flowers.

The raster of relief organizations rushing to the aid of the survivors

of the recent Alaska earthquake reads like a "Who's Who in the World of Good Deeds" – and it includes one type of enterprise not customarily thought of as a relief agency. In a move designed to "raise the spirits," so to speak, of the disaster struck populace, Schenley Industries, Inc. came forth and announced that it would replace without charge all of the Schenley liquor destroyed in the great quake.

Entries are being received from girls in the Lowell area who wish to participate in the annual Lowell Showboat Queen contest. Outside judges are being invited to select a girl who possesses the following traits: good speaking ability, poise and personality. This year's contest will see the entrants appear once in a bathing suit, present a talent selection, answer catchy questions and model an evening gown.

## 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 24, 1989

Headline: Be a part of history. Someday your grandchildren could say, "My grandparents (or parents, etc.) named this park," if your entry is chosen as the name of Lowell's new city park. What, you haven't entered a name for the "Name the Park Contest?" Everyone is invited to participate in this contest to name the new park and to see the land change from a gravel pit to a park, that all of the community can enjoy in the coming years. Well, the clock is ticking away and soon the last day of the contest will be here, June 1, 1989. Contest entry forms are in the Buyers Guide and the Lowell Ledger. Information on contest details and a park concept plan for viewing are available at city hall during regular business hour.

Headline: Lowell Showboat selects its nine acts. And then there were nine. The Lowell Showboat Talent Search '89 concluded Friday. After 3 ½ hours and 33 acts the panel of five judges announced the nine acts that will perform at the Showboat on June 22, 23 and 24. Roughly 500 people from Lowell and surrounding areas were in attendance and they were treated to an entertaining night of singing and dancing. The acts that were given the nod to share the 1989 Showboat stage with B.J. Thomas were [sic] on Thursday night, The Robert E. Lee Dancers from Rockford; Melissa Kyser, Lowell; and Hardknock Life, Kentwood.

The one- to two-year old apple trees will be victimized most because of last year's drought. Consumers need not worry, apples should be plentiful this year. The impact the 1988 drought had on apple orchards will not be felt by the consumer, according to Ken Kropf of Kropf Orchards. "The drought had an effect on the apple orchards, but it's nothing the consumer will feel," Kropf said. "The biggest hurt came with the rain we got in the fall. The apple took in too much water and didn't stay conditioned." He also added that the drought of 1988 took its biggest toll on the 1-2 year old trees. "There have already been reports of young trees that have leafed out because of the sap stored inside them, but when pulled out of the ground there are no roots." Kropf said the number of trees this has happened to will be determined in mid-June when they are stressed.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the following amendments to the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance:

1. Amend Section 12.04 to allow Trucking terminals, Distribution facilities, and Contractors yards without outdoor storage as special land uses in the C-2 Commercial zoning district.
2. Amend Section 13.02 to allow Trucking terminals, Distribution facilities, and Contractors yards with outdoor storage as uses by right in the IND Industrial zoning district.
3. Amend Section 12.02 to delete Adult uses from uses allowed by right in the C-2 Commercial zoning district, and amend section 12.04 to allow Adult uses as a special land use in the C-2 Commercial zoning district.
4. Amend Section 16.02 B. Table of Parking Requirements to add requirements for parking for Trucking terminals, Distribution facilities, and Contractors yards.

The Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the following application for a special land use for a Trucking Terminal without outdoor storage in the C-2 Commercial zoning district:

1. The applicant is proposing the construction of a building to be located at 6445 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, 49302 for the purposes of operating a trucking terminal business which will include the hauling of sheet metal and general freight, and the indoor storage of trucks either empty or loaded with sheet metal and general freight. A site plan accompanies the application. Both the site plan and the request for a Special Land Use may be approved by the Bowne Township Planning Commission following the public hearing.

The hearings will be held as follows:

**WHEN:** THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2014  
**TIME:** 6:30 P.M.  
**WHERE:** BOWNE TOWNSHIP HALL  
8240 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE  
ALTO, MI 49302

The proposed amendments, and the proposed application and site plan for the special land use, are 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 868-6846.

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- McDonald's new mascot "Happy" is not being well received. At least 20 news outlets had reported on "Happy," with descriptions largely using the word "terror." "Happy" was introduced to Happy Meal boxes in France in 2009, rolling out across Latin America and the rest of Europe after that. Now it's launching in the U.S., along with a new low-fat yogurt offering for kids.
- The world's oldest cat "Poppy" has turned 24. The tortoiseshell cat was born in February 1990, making her 114 in human years.
- The world's biggest dinosaur on record has recently been discovered by paleontologists in Argentina. The new species of titanosaur is believed to have stood 65-feet-tall, was more than 130-feet-long, and weighed 77 tons (155,000 pounds). A T-Rex weighed about 7 tons.

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# Baseball, continued

Miller had nothing but compliments for his squad, "Our team is comprised of great young men who love to battle. We have had excellent support from our bench all year with them stepping up when it was necessary through play and

communication during the game. They understand that they play division I baseball as one of the smallest schools in its division, so our team looks forward to the challenge. This team is athletic and a group of

talented baseball players who will not back down." Coaches in the OK White conference agree as they selected several of Lowell's athletes to be part of the all-conference team.


Those selected were Groom, Shurlow, Melle, G. Gordon and Matt Milstead with honorable mention nods going to Houston and Jake Stephens.

The team's district tournament will be held at Northview High School in Grand Rapids on May 31 beginning at 10 am. The Arrows will face either Forest Hills Northern or Northview themselves in game one while Greenville and Rockford battle it out in the other bracket.



Jeff Houston makes his way to the plate with Parker Groom just behind, after a two-run drive sent in by Garrett Gordon.

*To my husband*  
**SAM YEITER (Col).**



You were so proud to serve your country starting with North Africa. The stories you shared with me Jennifer, Jason and their spouses and grandsons Lee, Joe, Ben, Jason Jr. and Nolan we will treasure forever.

We talk about your getting ready for the Lowell Memorial Parade which was the highlight of the year for you. Polishing and shining your shoes and uniform. Even dieting so you could get into your uniform.

Sam, everything you did for your country and in your life you did with pride and love.

*Thank you for 19 wonderful years.  
 Missing you and loving you forever,  
 your wife, Jeanette*

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