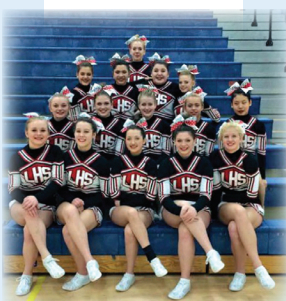




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Lowell wrestlers claim regional championship

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

It was a triumphant week for the 26-2 Lowell varsity wrestling team as they bested competitor Byron Center 53-19 to win the team regional finals championship. They will now travel to the state tournament for the fifth consecutive year, qualifying ten of their top wrestlers for individual state competition.

Wednesday in Middleville the team posted the win over Byron Center to claim the region's top prize on the backs of eight pins and nine total wins.

Those earning pins were Tyler Lynch in the 103 pound division, Sam Russell at 112, Lucas Hall at 125, Jordan Hall at 140, David Kruse at 152, Keigan Yuhas at 160, Josh Colegrove at 215 and Logan Wilcox at 285. Zeth Dean also recorded an 18-3 win by technical fall at 135 pounds.

"I am very proud of this team and it's accomplishments," said head coach RJ Boudro following the commanding win.

"Our expectations are to make it to the state finals but we have a lot of work to do to get there," said Boudro.

Lowell's top finishers were Jordan Hall (135), Lucas Hall (119), Colegrove



This will be the fifth straight trip to the state tournament for Lowell varsity wrestlers.

(215) and Dean (130). Qualifying as runners-up were Russell (103), Wilcox (285) and Dan Kruse (152). Aaron Ward (125), Logan Blough (189) and David Kruse (145) also qualified.

Colegrove remains undefeated on the season with a record of 35-0 to lead the Lowell pack while Hall is 35-1.

"I am [a] little

overwhelmed to tell you the truth. I have made this run a couple times in the eight years that I have been coaching in Lowell, but being a head coach has made things feel differently. I am honored to have the opportunity to coach for such a tradition rich program and I feel very blessed to have all of the success we

have had this year," said coach Boudro.

The victory propels the Arrows to Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena this Friday

where they will compete in the first round of the quarterfinals against another local squad, Comstock Park.

Semi-finals and finals will take place in the same location on Saturday. After the state championship has been awarded, ten Lowell wrestlers will go on to take part in the individual state championship.

Burroughs family history includes interesting ties to Lowell and Kent County

Last year I read "Call Me Burroughs: A Life," a biography of beat generation author William S. Burroughs. I was shocked when I got to page 14, which said that Burroughs' grandfather lived in Lowell in the 1860s. I dug around in the Ledger archive on the Englehardt Library website and found a few passing mentions of Burroughs' grandfather, but since the Ledger didn't exist until 1870 there was nothing from the time he lived here. I contacted Barry Miles, the book's author, for more information. Miles told me to contact James Grauerholz, Burroughs' adopted son and the executor of his literary estate. Grauerholz in turn told me to contact Simon Johnson, an archivist and researcher specializing in literary biographies. Johnson graciously offered to write an article for the Ledger detailing the Burroughs family's historic connection to Lowell. ~ contributing reporter, Tim McAllister

As the centenary year of beat writer William S. Burroughs draws to a close, ancestral links are identified with Kent County

by Simon Johnson

The Burroughs family left an indelible mark on an unassuming stretch of Kent County, though is undoubtedly better known for its enduring influence on the disparate fields of

literature and computational technology.

A small area of the Flat River Valley in Vergennes is still known, informally, as 'Burroughs' – almost 150 years since the pioneer

family of that name vacated the banks of the river they had made their home in 1846. Reminders of the Burroughs name are still to be found in the locality through Burroughs Street

and its eponymous bridge traversing the Flat River, whilst further upstream the Burroughs Dam holds back the water on its way towards Lowell. The name has endured locally, providing a sense of unbroken continuity with the early days of the township.

'The story of the Burroughs family. Vague, disreputable ghosts...' the musings of an aging writer, written in his personal journal, 14 December 1996, eight months before his death in August 1997 at the age of eighty-three. In his instantly-recognizable prose, the writer reflects on his paternal family background

with a sense of unease; a family whose ideals and potential for prosperity were very much nurtured during the nineteenth century, on the banks of the Flat River in Kent County, Michigan.

The writer in question is William S. Burroughs: the influential member of America's 'Beat Generation' of the 1950s, author of the classic and infamous novel "Naked Lunch" and counter-cultural icon. Mention of the name William Seward Burroughs conjures two seemingly far-removed individuals. A cursory glance

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college news

GILDA'S CLUBHOUSE ACTIVITIES
Board Games & Fun – Tues., March 3, 1-3 pm. This will be an open time for members to come in and play board games together. We hope you join us! **Breast Cancer Support Group** – Tues., March 3, 4:30-5:30 pm. A monthly support group for those impacted by** breast cancer to learn and share together. We will meet the first Tuesday of every month. **LaughFest Bingo- Lowell** – Tues., March 3, 6-7:30 pm. Calling all Lowell members, we invite you to join us in preparing for LaughFest with our 3rd annual LaughFest ingo night of fun from 6-7:30 pm. Winners of each bingo game will receive a LaughFest inspired prize. This event is in place of regular Tuesday evening groups. **LaughFest Clubhouse Tours & Open House** – Tues., March 10, 1-5

pm. Gilda's Club Lowell welcomes LaughFest visitors & guests to tour the Lowell clubhouse and learn more about our cancer and grief programs.

FROM VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION
 Volunteer orientation at Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) will be Wed., March 4 at 6 pm. Please call 897-8260 for additional information.

COMMODITIES
 Thurs., March 5, 9-11 am at FROM Food Pantry, 11535 Fulton St. E, Lowell.

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.

Grand Valley State University announces the names of students who were placed on the dean's list for the fall 2014 semester concluding in December. The list includes those students who have maintained a 3.5 grade point average and been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits. The honor is noted on the students' official records.

Students honored for the fall semester include: Ada: David A. Beerens; Tyler W. Brewer; Kyle M. Callaghan; Clare G. Carlson; Martha A. Corby; Theodore S. Davis; Megan F. Dlugos; Carly A. Eck; Charles J. Farmer; Erica E. Fischer; Andrew J. Fotis; Evan J. Gerondale; Terence A. Gillespie; Gregory A. Harmon; Erin K. Hilbert; Lauren R. Homolka; Ryan C. Hoogmoed; Ayesha B. Ilahi; Aaron B. Javery; Lauren M. Johnson; Ashley L. Kammer; Kathryn G. Kerr; Robert M. Kintz; Allison G. Lemley; Logan A. LeMonnier; Kayla M. Lenderink; Andrew J. Lesneski; Daniel J. Merck; Jenna M. Michael; Victoria Christine Minzloff; Leah C. Monet; Elizabeth A. Monterusso; Emily R. Noordyke; Kaylie S. Petroelje; Katherine E. Platt; Monica L. Powers; Michael N. PreFontaine; Bronte K. Reisinger; Jacob R. Rinvelt; Kira N. Rosol; Collin T. Schlosser; Brooke L. Schowalter; Blake R. Sexton; Kaley E. Shaheen; Kyrn M. Stoddard; Drake D. Strehl; Utah A. Taylor; Christian X. Timmis; Kelly M. Trapp; Allison C. VanderBerg; Samantha T. Vickery; Melissa Wassenaar; Spencer L. Whaley; Rose K. White; Joshua P. Witherell; Christian P. Wojcik; Emma M. Wolf; Tyler J. Woodard; and Hunter B. Zuk; Alto: Joshua P. Chandler; Reece M. Cooper; Taylor A. DeHaan; Devon T. Fata; Jennifer J. Hedberg; Charity L. Landrum; Ashley M. Metternick; Alexander D. Pavey; Kimberly R. Sterzick; Jasmyn R. Wattenhofer; and Reuben P. Wattenhofer; Lowell: Kiersten A. Ashenbremer; Nathan W. Baker; Kyle L. Barrett; David A. Crawford; Lindsey A. Crawford; Timothy P. Creighton; Allysen M. Dubisky; Heather D. Ferris; Alissa M. Ford; Kimberly J. Gannon; Lauren M. Heemstra; John P. Heffron; Kallie S. Holzhueter; Claire E. Hopkins; Philip R. Janowski; Adam H. Jones; Katelyn R. Kaczanowski; Austin M. McNeal; Jacob M. North; Ashley L. Penninga; Morgan A. Perkins; Sarah L. Philo; Andrew S. Potter; Brandi S. Rix; Holly J. Saffell; Kaylea W. Sanford; Brianna D. Steiner; Jacob D. Stephens; Jacob C. Sterling; Skye E. Thebo; Mary K. VanderLaan; Jenna R. White; and Madelynn A. Willemstein.

Alma College has released the dean's list for those students who achieved outstanding academic performance during the 2014 fall term. Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits, at least eight of which are evaluative grades, are named to the dean's list.

Students honored for the fall semester are: Ada: Mallory Simon and Alexandra Woodburne; Alto: Elliot Bates, Quinn Huver, and Anna Ryerson; Lowell: Jason Malling and Quinn Summerfield.

CITY OF LOWELL

KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2.03, "DEFINITIONS-B," AND SECTION 2.14, "DEFINITIONS-M," OF CHAPTER 2, "DEFINITIONS," SECTION 3.01, "DISTRICTS ESTABLISHED," OF CHAPTER 3, "ZONING DISTRICTS-GENERAL," AND SECTION 4.13, "NONCONFORMING USES," OF CHAPTER 4, "GENERAL PROVISION;" TO ADD CHAPTER 16A, "MU MIXED USE DISTRICT;" AND TO AMEND SECTION 18.02, "REGULATION," OF CHAPTER 18, "SITE PLAN REVIEW," SECTION 19.02, "LOCATION OF PARKING," OF CHAPTER 19, "OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING," AND SECTION 20.08, "PERMITTED SIGNS BY ZONE DISTRICT," OF CHAPTER 20, "SIGNS," OF AND TO APPENDIX A, "ZONING" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL.

The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 15-01 amending Section 2.03, "Definitions-B," and Section 2.14, "Definitions-M," of Chapter 2, "Definitions," Section 3.01, "District established," of Chapter 3, "Zoning Districts-General," and Section 4.13, "Nonconforming uses," of Chapter 4, "General Provisions;" adding Chapter 16A, "MU Mixed Use District;" and amending Section 18.02, "Regulation," of Chapter 18, "Site Plan Review," Section 19.02, "Location of parking," of Chapter 19, "Off-Street Parking And Loading," and Section 20.08, "Permitted signs by zone district," of Chapter 20, "Signs," of and to Appendix A, "Zoning," of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Lowell on February 17, 2015. Ordinance 15-01 creates a new zone district entitled "MU Mixed Use District," and prescribes requirements related to said district. A copy of Ordinance 15-01 is available for inspection at City Hall, 301 East Main Street in the City during regular business hours of the City.

Ordinance No. 15-01 is effective 10 days after this publication.

Susan Ullery
Deputy City Clerk



GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

PUBLIC NOTICE 2015
BOARD OF REVIEW MEETINGS

The Grattan Township Board of Review will meet at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding MI on:

Monday, March 09th, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Thursday, March 10th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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LHS soon to offer students new 'marketing' class

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

There will be a new 'marketing' class at Lowell High School soon. The new class will give students hands-on knowledge about

how projects are completed in the real business world.

"We're putting together a class to try to simulate real world activities," said LHS teacher Bill McElroy, who

will be one of the teachers in charge of the class.

"The [Computer-Aided Design]-2 class and the marketing class are going to come up with a product,

an idea. Then the marketing students will talk to the CAD-2 students and the CAD-2 students will come up with drawings. They'll have numerous meetings

and communications back and forth until everything is exactly how they want it. The CAD-2 people will then, once every thing's been approved and communicated and they're happy with their drawings, print out a copy or a mock-up of the product on our 3-D printer. Once that is done the marketing students will get it back and design packaging and a point-of-purchase display for the product so that it could then go into a retail setting.

That's how we envision it going."

The class will have two "teams" working together and will involve a lot of kids.

"There's almost 30 in the marketing side of it and probably 20 on the CAD side of it, so there are probably 50 students involved," McElroy said. "We will start that class the next trimester, so it starts

New marketing class, continued, page 7

Still a chance to experience "Cookin' With Gus"

submitted by
Bonnie Grooters

The Lowell Arts! Players' performance of "Cookin' With Gus" is absolutely hilarious. The combination of quick quips, precision timing and a bit of old fashioned slapstick make for an evening of exceptional entertainment.

Set designers Ron Wood and Dan Kantorowski created a delightful kitchen for Gus in a new venue at the VFW hall on Alden Nash.

In the leading role of Gus, seasoned actress Julie Yob sweeps the audience up into the playful antics of a small-time chef on her way to fame and fortune. Her frustrated live-in boyfriend Walter creates some funny events with his hypnotism. Walter is brought to life by newcomer David Strejc.

Portraying agent Bernie, John Foley sets the tone for more comedy with his mannerisms and his ability to pull off some wacky stunts.

Next door neighbor Carmen, a bizarre gypsy

with a penchant for the bottle, is played by Jessie Congleton.

The cast as a whole cook up an evening of enjoyment in Gus's kitchen. "Cookin'

With Gus" continues Friday and Saturday evening, Feb. 27 and 28, at 7:30 pm at the VFW/American Legion Flat River Post, 3116 Alden Nash SE, Lowell. Call 897-8545 to purchase your tickets.



Cast members pictured, from left to right: Jessie Congleton, John Foley, David Strejc, and Julie Yob.

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GRATTAN TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Synopsis of Minutes
February 9, 2015

Motions Approved:
Kyle Ford as a new Fire Cadet
Resolution 2015-006 Fire Administrative and Safety Committee By-Laws

Our next Township Meeting will be
March 9, 2015
At 7:00 p.m.
The approved minutes may be reviewed on our website at www.grattantownship.org

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF LOWELL
2015 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

The City of Lowell Board of Review for 2015 will be held at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E Main St SE, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: Monday, March 2nd, 11:00 am

Appeal Hearings:
Monday, March 9th, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Wednesday, March 11th, 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Meetings are by Appointment, to schedule, contact: City Hall at ph. 616.897.8457

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests and to equalize the 2015 assessments
By City Charter, residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 2nd, 2015

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2015 are as follows:

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| Commercial..... | 47.18..... | 1.0598 |
| Residential..... | 47.27..... | 1.0578 |
| Industrial..... | 49.68..... | 0.9621 |
| Personal Property..... | 50.00..... | 1.0064 |

Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice
The City will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon 3 days' notice.
Contact: Mark Howe – City Manager, ph. 616.897.8457

BOWNE TOWNSHIP NOTICE
BOARD OF REVIEW

THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF BOWNE TOWNSHIP WILL MEET IN THE NEW TOWNSHIP OFFICE BUILDING – 8240 ALDEN NASH SE., ALTO ON:

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2015 1:00 P.M.
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon
1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015
1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.
&
6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

(NOTE THE EVENING HOURS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY)

FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THE TAX ROLL AND HEARING ALL CLAIMS. YOU MAY APPEAL YOUR ASSESSED VALUATION ONE OF (2) WAYS: BY LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE BOWNE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR AND RECEIVED BY HIM PRIOR TO MARCH 6, 2015 OR BY APPEARING IN PERSON ON ONE OF THE DATES THE BOARD OF REVIEW MEETS.

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outdoors

monarchs in trouble

Dave Stegehuis

A monarch butterfly fluttered across the bow of our boat while we were fishing in choppy seas a mile off shore in Lake Michigan last fall. The delicate insect appeared to be out of place in such a hostile environment. In fact, the colorful butterfly was just beginning a journey to Central Mexico where it would hibernate in a fir tree on a mountainside with the rest of the monarch population.

It would seem these creatures are hardy enough to overcome any hardship, but they are in trouble. There were one billion Monarchs in 1996 and only 55 million showed up last year. The major problem is loss of habitat. There is an effort to place the monarch on the threatened species list.

Monarchs must have access to milkweed plants to lay eggs. Milkweed also provides food for the hatched caterpillars which evolve into pupa from which the butterfly emerges. No other plant will do. Intensive farming practices and the

wide use of herbicides has all but eliminated the milkweed in critical habitat areas. Adverse weather, deforestation in wintering areas, land development, and use of insecticides have contributed to the problem. Federal agencies, universities, and conservation organizations are concerned about the problem and are working to restore habitat for the butterflies which in part involves planting milkweed and protecting existing habitat.

Monarch butterflies have an interesting life cycle. Wintering monarchs travel from Mexico to the southern United States in early spring and hatch the first generation. That hatch as well as the next two generations live only two to six weeks and keep moving north until they run out of milkweed which is usually Canada. The fourth generation hatches in late summer, will live for eight months, and travels south to Mexico for the winter,

then the process starts over. Milkweed contains a toxin which the monarch caterpillar ingests and becomes toxic itself as well as the emerging butterfly making them poisonous to common predators. Birds have therefore lost their appetite for Monarch larvae and butterflies.

We in Michigan can help the Monarch by not destroying existing milkweed. Gardeners can plant milkweed plugs or seed to start new growth. Seeds are more difficult to start. Sources of plants can be found on-line. Flat rocks serve as a warm place to rest. A tray with wet sand provides water. Monarchs are pollinators, so other flowering plants are helpful.

We manage a meadow for whitetail deer and have modified our plans to protect the milkweed which is growing naturally there. If enough people who care are aware of the plight of the Monarch and pay attention to habitat needs, the beautiful orange butterflies we took for granted for so long can continue to be enjoyed by future generations. See if you can help.

kidsView



by Sierra Hieshetter

Celebrating Valentine's Day last weekend got me thinking. Has it become a little too commercial? I think that Valentine's Day should be about wonderful things like sharing your love with your mom or your dad and husbands or wives, but it should not be about buying heart-shaped chocolates that taste like cardboard or

cost enough to empty your bank account!

Don't get me wrong, Valentine's Day is the holiday that gives us a break from the cold harsh winter. Everyone knows we could use a little bit of that, but doesn't it seem like everything is a bit overdone? There is a chocolate shortage going on! Don't you think

we should devote our love to making homemade cards instead of buying a \$53 box of chocolates? And don't even get me started on the price of a nice Valentine's Day card. You want one with glitter and a nice message, you are in for spending about five bucks. And for us kids, that's an extra five hours of chores to earn that kind of money!

I love Valentine's Day but it just seems a little too over-the-top. Tell your mother, or your sweetheart, or your father, or whomever it is that you love them, but don't overdo it.

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viewpoint

to the editor

pay attention

To the Editor,

I have admiration for the Lowell Ledger for their willingness to let all sides of the issues of our city to be brought to the public's attention.

We, the people of Lowell, have to pay more attention to what's happening in our community. I wonder how many people realize what is actually happening in our

city. Come to the meetings or view them online at <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityoflowell>. Remember, we have an election coming up in November. Vote, you lucky Americans.

"What luck for the rulers that men (women) do not think" – Adolph Hitler

Sincerely,
Jeane Rockwell

transparency needed

To the Editor,

In response to the letters from Sharon Ellison and Tamela Spicer, I would like to say shame on the both of you. Are you both really so ignorant that you cannot see the good that councilmen Mayer and Altoft are doing for our community? Are you saying you are okay with

the lying and deceitfulness from Mr. Howe? Both councilmen Mayer and Altoft followed the council rules (the rules the council approved in January 2015) in regards to adding items to the agenda.

They also provided the rest of the council

with proof to back their information regarding Mr. Howe. I know because I helped Councilman Mayer send it out. They even tried to add items by following the rules approved by the council in 2014. Both times they were shot down and councilmembers Ellison, Hall and Mayor Hodges refused to even give a reason why. If they have to give a reason why they want it added, then they should be given the reason it's not approved.

The people that are impeding the ability of our city government to function efficiently are the ones turning a blind eye to the destruction our city manager is doing to our city. Sharon was right to say that our council does not civilly and effectively work together. However, this is not because of councilmen Mayer and Altoft. It is because the three who go along with whatever Mr. Howe says and they refuse to question anything he says or does.

I have been a citizen of this wonderful community my entire life and now serve on the planning commission. I find myself being ashamed of our council for the very first time. Mr. Howe has lied to the council, a judge and to the citizens and workers of Lowell. The same three are doing nothing about it and the two that are trying to are being chastised. If anyone has a personal agenda, it is Mr. Howe. He is the one that writes it up and apparently he gets to decide what is added and what is not. Of course he does not want these items on the agenda; he doesn't want the public to know that he is stealing, lying and cheating! In my opinion, something must be done in order to protect the community from politicians who operate from a place of deception.

I would also like to add that it is very unprofessional to bombard Councilman Mayer outside of the council meeting and especially at work. If you have something

to say, do it in front of the camera where it is on record. Oh... I forgot, we are supposed to keep it behind closed doors so the citizens of Lowell don't know (this is not a transparent government).

I, along with many other citizens, fully support councilmen Mayer and Altoft in bringing everything out in the open (that is a transparent government). Because, as a concerned citizen, I want to know what's going on and not be left in the dark so Howe can't destroy our community, like he previously did in Ionia. Maybe next time the councilmembers should do a background check on the person they hire to manage our city.

Fellow citizens of Lowell, we need to band together and fight for our

community before it's too late to save it. Everyone is willing to band together for the good things like Gilda's Club and Pink Arrow Pride. Now it's time to band together for the not so good stuff in order to ensure that the future of our city is safe.

Among several other reasons, Howe breached his contract so, according to his contract and the city charter, he should be terminated immediately. Anyone that wants to side with Mr. Howe should look at the facts and put the well-being of our community and loved ones first.

"A lack of transparency results in distrust and a deep sense of insecurity." - Dalai Lama

Respectfully,
Kelli Carney
Lowell

honesty questioned

Dear Editor,

I was saddened when I watched the city council meeting last week. I have been reading and listening to the many political things happening in Lowell. I watched as a constituent got up and gave his opinion about two of the councilmembers (not very favorable), he then went on to compliment the other councilmembers and the city manager, about what a good job they do and how professional they conduct themselves.

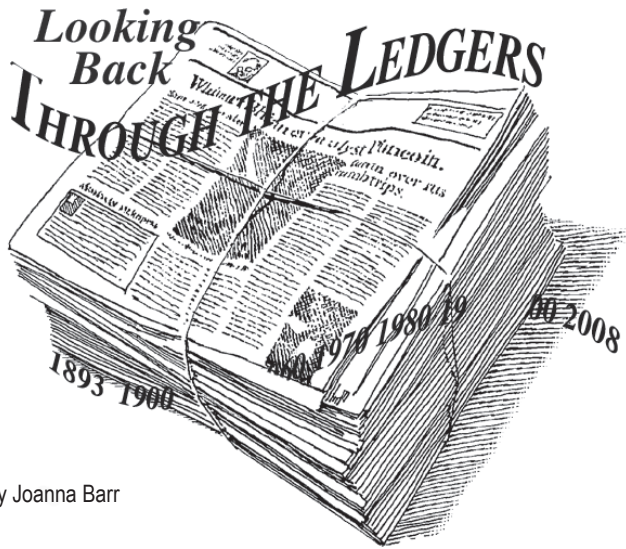
The mayor smiled, nodded and thanked him. After he sat down two other citizens spoke, neither of them were complimentary about the city manager and everything that [has] been going on with the union and contracts. They were told their time was up and were summarily dismissed. Two other times in the meeting the one gentleman got up to

speak (this is something we citizens are allowed to do), however, the mayor refused to recognize him so he never got to talk. At the end of the meeting one councilperson asked our city lawyer, why shouldn't we fire our city manager because he lied to the court?

I was surprised to hear our city lawyer state our manager didn't break any criminal or civil laws by lying. The court decision didn't really matter, the contract is all signed and the council (three of them) ratified it, so everything is all good. I think lying should have consequences, not only do we need a new city manager, we need a new lawyer.

What I was really horrified about was the

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By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal February 26, 1890

Mrs. Almira Chatterdon, who killed her husband, some two years ago, will be tried at the March term of court. She has been to Kalamazoo since that time, and as she now is cured of her insanity, she will have a chance to prove that she was insane at the time of the commission of the crime.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger February 25, 1915

People's caucus will be held at the City hall, Lowell, Monday evening, March 1, at 7:30, p.m., for the purpose of putting nomination one village president, one clerk, one treasurer, three trustees and one assessor and for the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before such meeting.

A. A. Scott has been appointed deputy sheriff for the purpose of regulating automobile traffic, respecting speeding, etc.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger February 29, 1940

It has been announced by the P. J. Fineis & Sons Oil Company that they have been given additional territory by the Sinclair Refining Company with a bulk plant at Hastings and 26 outlets in the surrounding community. The Fineis Company now has main outlets in Lowell, Ionia and Hastings.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger February 25, 1965

The Michigan Department of Conservation has released 10 legal size Brook Trout, from the Wolf Lake Hatchery, into Honey Creek, which runs thru Lowell's Main Street. Still a few weeks before the season opens, there are now 100 more trout waiting for the lucky anglers.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger February 28, 1990

Headline: Two-day snowstorm buries thoughts of a warm Spring under a foot of snow. Lowell and other parts of Northern Kent County received up to eight inches of snow late Thursday night and early Friday morning. The snow closed Lowell Schools for the second time in two weeks. The Lowell area received roughly four more inches Friday night, which was made worse by the gusting winds throughout Saturday afternoon.

Headline: Lowell Cable decides not to drop Lansing channels; instead will blackout programming. It was learned at the February Lowell City Council meeting that Lansing channels 6 and 10 may not be dropped from the Lowell Cable service after all.



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To The Editor, continued

councilperson was okay with that. I guess to her, lying on the stand in a court of law isn't a problem. I think we have a moral problem. We have been lied to by political figures so often it has become no big deal. I know he apologized, but was he sorry for lying or for getting caught? If our city manager will lie to a judge, what does he lie to

us about? Councilmembers are suppose to be watching out for us, not accepting lies just because they weren't criminal. Sorry, lying is always wrong. I went back and watched other council meetings and I think we have several polished and professional people on the board but I think we need more honest ones and question

askers. Our city manager is smooth, looks nice and speaks well in public, but is he telling us truths? Are our councilmembers just smiling, nodding and making decisions only on his information? Are they doing their homework?

After watching a few of these meetings, I thank Mr. Mayer and Mr. Altoft for asking questions. Yes,

they aren't the best public speakers and they often struggle with the "Robert's Rules of Procedures," but I trust them. I don't always agree with them but I think it's time to have public officials you can trust and who you can ask questions of and not be smiled at and dismissed.

Alison Marshall
Lowell

financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

Women may face extra challenges in seeking financial security

On March 8, we observe International Women's Day. On this occasion, thousands of events across the world will honor the cultural, political and social achievements of women. Of course, in many countries, women still face significant economic challenges. And

even here in the United States, women encounter more obstacles than men in the pursuit of financial security, particularly in seeking a comfortable retirement lifestyle. So if you are a woman — regardless of your marital status — you will need to

be aware of these challenges and take steps to overcome them.

Let's consider a few of these challenges and some possible solutions:

Challenge: Women spend more time out of the workforce and accumulate less money in 401(k) plans.

Women spend an average of 12 years out of the workforce caring for children or elderly parents, compared with less than two years for men, according to the Social Security Administration. This time away from work can translate into less money in retirement plans — in fact, women's average 401(k) balance is only about two-thirds as large as men's, according to a study by Fidelity Investments.

Potential solution: Take full advantage of your 401(k) and IRA.

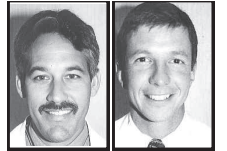
Your care-giving obligations are an issue to be decided by you, your spouse and perhaps other family members. But while you are working, contribute as much as you possibly can to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan. Also, try to fully fund your IRA each year.

Challenge: Women typically live more years in retirement and depend more heavily on Social Security.

Women reaching age 65 are expected to live, on average, an additional 21.6 years, compared with 19.3 years for men, according to the Social Security Administration, which also reports that the average annual Social Security income received by women 65 years and older was

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health



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

motion sickness

Motion sickness is a group of unpleasant symptoms that can happen when someone is in a moving vehicle or on a boat or airplane. The first symptom is usually a feeling of fullness in the stomach. You might feel unwell, drowsy or irritable. You may also have a headache, feel depressed or uninterested in what is going on or want to be alone. These symptoms can progress to nausea, dizziness and vomiting.

To try to prevent motion sickness from happening, you should choose the most stable portion of the vehicle and face forward. In a car or bus, this is usually in the front seat. On a boat, try to stand, sit or lie down at the midpoint of the boat and along the centerline. In an airplane, try to sit over a wing. Looking outside a vehicle and at a distant horizon may prevent symptoms or help you feel better. Don't read, look at a computer screen or look

through a camera. If you can't see the horizon, it may be best to close your eyes and rest.


Eating small amounts of soft, bland foods such as canned peaches or crackers sometimes helps motion sickness. Drink small amounts of fluids to stay hydrated. Do not drink alcohol or eat greasy, spicy or acidic foods. Avoid things that have caused you nausea in the past. Get plenty of rest before traveling, wear comfortable clothing and do not get too wet, too hot or too cold. Stay in a well-ventilated area.

There are some medications that help motion sickness. Scopolamine is the most commonly recommended medicine for people who want to stay awake when they travel. Antihistamines (such as Dramamine) also work, but may cause drowsiness. These medications should be taken several hours before you travel.

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New marketing class, continued

March 10 or March 11. We will be doing it for the first time.”

McElroy said the kids will learn a lot about communication and collaboration in business.

“It’s going to

give them real world experience,” McElroy said. “The kids are going to have to communicate and correspond with each other. They’ll be emailing back and forth, checking drawings and sizes and all

this other good stuff. When it’s being passed to the CAD department the marketing class will be learning about packaging and that type of stuff, so then when we get the product back we can

have packaging and that type of stuff.”

The class might have some special guests as well.

“We’d like to try to get out and get people from the community to come in and talk to the students and tell them what the real world is like,” McElroy said.

McElroy, who worked in the business world for over a decade before he became a teacher, is eager to start the new class.

“We’re pretty excited about it,” McElroy said. “We think it’ll be cool and be a realistic experience for the Lowell students.

We’re trying to be realistic and give them real world experiences. That’s our goal. We’re going to let them have some free reign and be creative. Because it’s so new we don’t know what all we’re going to be into, but we’re excited about it.”

Financial Focus, continued

about \$12,500. Furthermore, Social Security comprises about 50 percent of the total income for unmarried women age 65 and older, compared to just 36 percent for elderly men.

Potential solution: To become less dependent on Social Security, create a sustainable withdrawal strategy for your investment portfolio.

Social Security was designed to supplement one’s retirement income, not replace it. Consequently, it’s essential that you make full use of your other sources of income, such as your 401(k), IRA and other investment accounts. To make this money last, you’ll need to create a sustainable withdrawal strategy early in your retirement — and stick to it.

Challenge: Women are far more likely than men to need some type of long-term care.

More than two-thirds of nursing home residents are women, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. And the average cost for a private room in a nursing home is more than \$87,000 per year, according to the 2014 Cost of Care Survey produced by Genworth, a financial services company. Typically, Medicare covers only a small percentage of these costs.

Potential solution:

Prepare in advance for long-term care expenses.

Long-term care costs can be enormous, but you do have some protection-related options for meeting these costs. Check with your financial advisor to learn which of these choices might be most appropriate for your situation.

These aren’t the only financial issues facing women, but they do give you a good idea of what you may be facing. So, be proactive in meeting these challenges — because there’s actually a lot you can do.

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[SUNDAY]
[03-01-15]

9:00 pm Old-Time Radio

[MONDAY]
[03-02-15]

2:45 'The Infinite Show' with Raiden Miller
4:30 'Kids These Days' w/Roman the Showman
7:00 Lowell Varsity Girls Basketball vs Cedar Springs (Play-Off Game)

[TUESDAY]
[03-03-15]

3:00 'The Lovely Beats Radio Show' with DJ Cupid & DJ Heartbeat
4:30 'Its Everything Show' with DJ Mickey & DJ Chapstick

[WEDNESDAY]
[03-04-15]

11:25 'Noon with Noah' with Noah Worsley
2:30 'The Music Locker' with Connor Smithie
4:30 Devon & Kelsie
5:30 'The After Hours Show' with Dakota Krzysik

[THURSDAY]
[03-05-15]

2:30 'The No Topic Show' with Dakota Krzysik & Devin Read
4:30 'The Classic Music Show' w/Clayton Brown
8:00 'The Night Shift' with Clayton Brown & Jerry Thompson

[FRIDAY]
[03-06-15]

2:30 'The Show' with Jeremy Kargl & Ryme Clarke
4:30 'The Old World Blues Show' with Riley Nethercott & Chase Miller

[SATURDAY]
[03-07-15]

10:00 'ArrowTalk': The LHS Musical
3:00 'The Random Explosion Show' with Joe Ryder

WRWW will bring you the State Team Wrestling Finals Friday night (2-27-15), and Saturday (2-28-15) if applicable. When the programs above are not 'airing', a variety of music is played. WRWW would like to thank the Lowell Ledger for being one of its sponsors/underwriters.

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2015 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

The Lowell Township Board of Review for 2015 will be held at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash Ave SE, on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 10 a.m. = **Organizational Meeting**
Monday, March 9, 2015
9:00 a.m. to 12 noon & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. & **Thursday, March 12, 2015**
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2015 assessments. By board resolution, residents are allowed to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 12, 2015.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2015 are as follows:

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Story of William S. Burroughs, continued

at their respective careers provides no hint of common ground, of shared identity or values; only a name.

The first William Seward Burroughs, born in 1857 to working-class parents at Rochester, NY, was very much the stereotype of the nineteenth-century Yankee inventor: a driven – if wayward – mechanical genius. To great acclaim, Burroughs invented what is widely considered to have been the first practical adding machine and laid the foundations for what was

to become the Burroughs Corporation: once a world leader in the production of mainframe computers and business machines. From 1860 until 1871 Burroughs had been a resident of Lowell, where his formative years nurtured his natural bent as an inventor.

The second William Seward Burroughs, born in 1914 to a middle-class family at St. Louis, MO, became a famous writer of the 1950s alongside the writer Jack Kerouac and the poet Allen Ginsberg. Differing

generations, values, careers. Yet, connected by genes: grandfather and grandson.

The 1870 publication ‘History and Directory of Kent County, Michigan...’ identifies that Vergennes was settled in 1836 and organized as a township in 1838. The Burroughs family arrived a few years after the incorporation of the township.

The pioneer who lent his name to the area beside the Flat River is one James C. Burroughs: grandfather of the adding machine inventor and great great-grandfather of the writer. He was born in Hunterdon County, New Jersey, in 1801 and relocated with his parents to the Finger Lakes region of upstate New York in 1816, where his father purchased land at the village of Romulus.

James remained in the Finger Lakes region until 1846 when he and his second

James received patents on two portions of land in Sections 26 and 27, totaling about seventy-five acres alongside the Flat River.

Having harnessed the power of the river by erecting a dam, James built a farm and grist mill, which would later be mortgaged to members of the Fox family, who were among the original settlers in Vergennes. A small settlement known locally as ‘Fox’s Mill’ became established around the farm and mill, the history of which is recalled in the late Priscilla Lussmyer’s paper “A Brief History of Fox’s Mill” published in the 1984 publication “Vergennes Township Living History.”

James’s probate records from the Kent County Probate Court show that he associated in business with some of the area’s most prominent pioneers,

1871. Rosetta joined the family in Auburn several years later.

During the 1870s, James’s teenage grandson William Seward Burroughs was employed as a clerk at the Cayuga County National Bank at Auburn and conceived the idea of inventing a ‘practical’ adding machine to assist those in his profession. His inventive tendencies, influenced by his mechanic father and nurtured during his early childhood in Lowell, would come to the fore after relocating to St. Louis in 1879/80.

After several years of toil, a first working model of William’s adding machine was completed during 1884 and the patent was granted in 1888. William was a co-founder, in 1886, of the American Arithmometer Company, which was established to market his machine. It was later

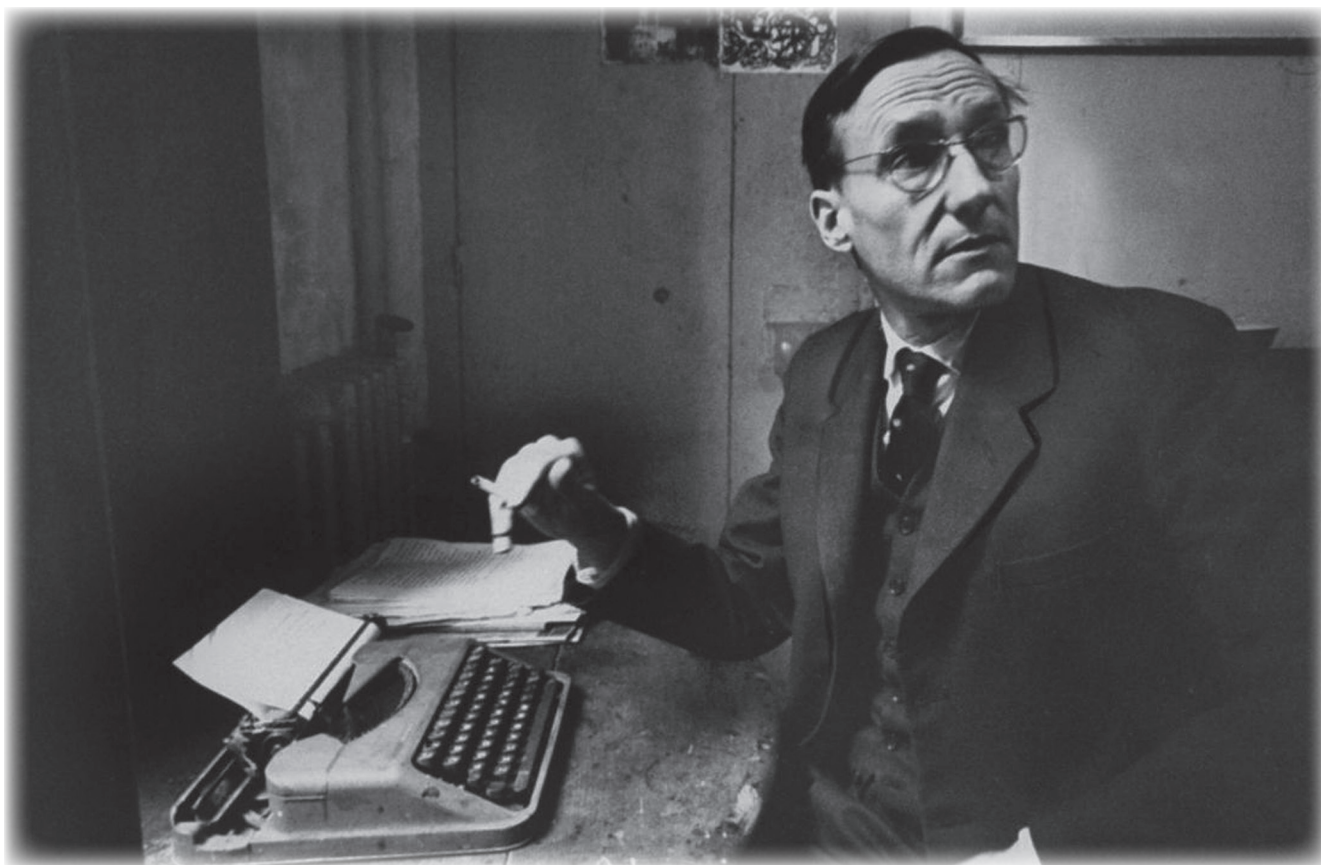
is drawn from extensive research into the paternal family background of the writer William S. Burroughs, partly in collaboration with James Grauerholz: Burroughs’ long-time friend, business manager, literary executor, and adopted son.

One of the primary concerns of the research is to provide an accurate and fully referenced biography of Burroughs’ grandfather: the inventor of the Burroughs Adding Machine. Much of what is published about the adding machine inventor, particularly online, is unreferenced and littered with errors and assumptions. This research attempts to right these wrongs through detailed primary research, which has involved descendants of the Burroughs family.

Plans for eventual publication of this research remain in development and



William Seward Burroughs I (1857-1898), former Lowell resident and inventor of the Burroughs Adding Machine. [Charles Babbage Institute]



William Seward Burroughs II (1914-1997), pictured in Paris in 1959, shortly after the publication of his seminal work “The Naked Lunch.” [Loomis Dean, LIFE]



Photograph of the Burroughs/Flat River street signs today.

wife became another statistic in the national migration to the west, when agricultural opportunities attracted aspiring pioneers. James and his family arrived in Michigan and settled in Kent County, where in 1848 he was awarded patents for land in Vergennes by President Polk.

James became a prosperous farmer and landowner who would play a significant role in the early development of Vergennes, leaving his surname as an enduring mark on the local community. In 1846, he was granted permission by the Legislature of the State of Michigan to erect a dam across the Flat River in Section 26, which can be identified on contemporary plans of Vergennes. In 1848

including the Fox family and the township’s first supervisor Rodney Robinson.

At the time of his death in 1865, James C. Burroughs was a significant local landowner and had recently been one of the founding members of a national bank in Lowell. Leaving behind his wife Rosetta, his son Edmund and several grandchildren, he was laid to rest in Fox’s Corners Cemetery, where his now-toppled headstone is still visible on the front row of the burial ground.

James’s widow Rosetta became the executor of his considerable estate and relocated to Lowell to live with James’s son and his family, until they relocated to Auburn, New York, in

renamed the Burroughs Adding Machine Company following its relocation to Detroit in 1904 and laterly the Burroughs Corporation in 1953.

William had made a significant contribution to the world: the era of the business machine had begun. The full story of the first William Seward Burroughs forms the basis of a detailed biographical study, currently in production.

This very brief overview of the early history of the Burroughs family and its links with Kent County is published in the Lowell Ledger for the benefit of the local community, from whom members of the Lowell Area Historical Museum should be acknowledged for their kind assistance. The article

will be communicated to the Lowell Area Historical Museum in due course.

Simon Johnson is a British archivist and biographical researcher, based in Edinburgh. Recent credits include his 2014 long essay “The Beautiful Belle Burgess – A Biography of Elizabeth Burgess: The Mother Anthony Burgess Never Knew” (shortly to be published by the International Anthony Burgess Foundation). Research contributions have also been provided to the 2014 publication “Call Me Burroughs: A Life” by Barry Miles, as well as to ongoing biographical projects regarding W. H. Auden, Christopher Isherwood and Joan Vollmer.

Red Arrow **SPORTS**

Conference champs - boys bowl over the competition

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell's varsity boys bowling team claimed the OK White conference championship last Saturday at Spectrum Lanes earning a total combined pinfall of 3,323 and their ticket into regional competition.

Already having won the regular season, the team entered the tournament with a winning record of

13-2. The Arrows outrolled their closest conference competitor, Jenison High School, by nearly 200 pins to edge them out.

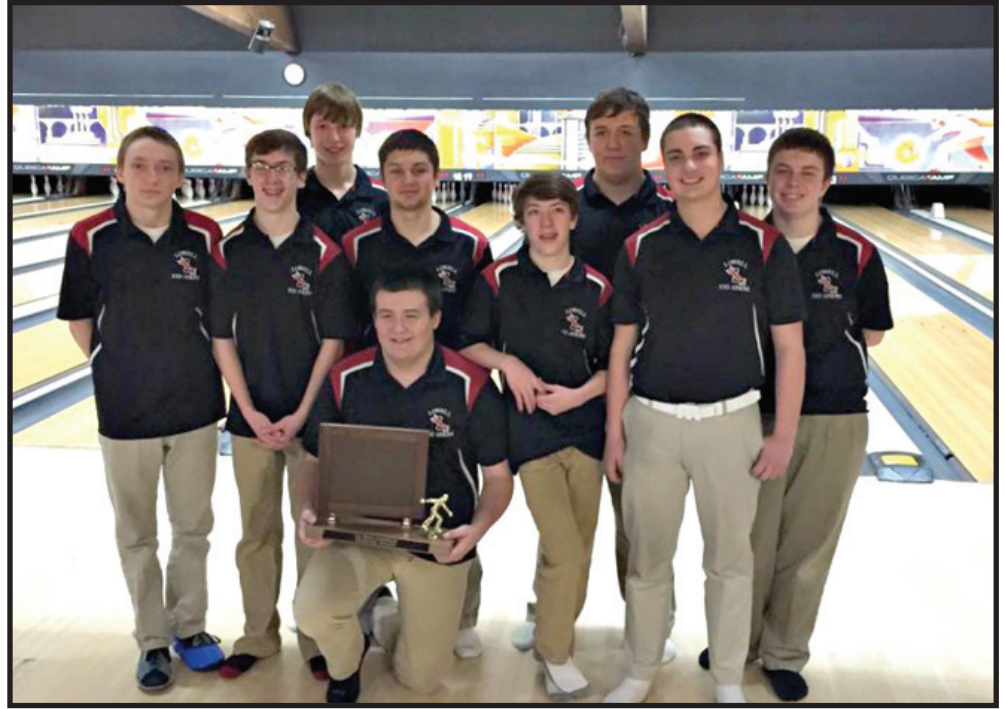
Caledonia High School claimed third place followed by Forest Hills Central, Grand Rapids Christian and East Grand Rapids.

Justin Everitt was Lowell's top bowler posting

a 159, 182 and 235 for a total of 576 in the series. Everitt's effort earned a second-place finish and all-conference honors.

Freshman Carson Clark also earned all-conference placing fifth at the tournament. Clark bowled a 506 series opening with his highest score, 206, in the first game.

The two-day, Division II regional competition will be held at Sherman Bowling Center in Muskegon beginning this Friday with team competition and continue on Saturday with individuals. Both events begin at 9 am.



- BASKETBALL

Arrow girls triumphant over EGR; bested by Jenison

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Girls varsity basketball topped East Grand Rapids (EGR) 45-39 and fell to Jenison 46-38 in a double dose of OK White conference action last week.

Tuesday on the road the Arrows had a less than stellar first period against EGR that left them down 14-5. Gaining their composure in the second, the team went on to lead by one at the half and outscore their opponents in the remaining three periods to claim the conference win.

According to Lowell head coach Jake Strotheide, "It came down to who wanted it more. Every basket felt like the game-winning basket."

Bridget Garter led Lowell scoring with 18 points. Katie Holzhueter and Kate Montgomery followed with eight and Ally Frederickson with six. Kennedy Coxon and Tara McQueen also put up points for the squad.

On the defensive end Frederickson came up with 11 rebounds and three blocks, Holzhueter earned 11 steals and Cassie Dean contributed eight rebounds.

Friday at home the Lady Arrows suffered a disappointing 46-38 loss to the Jenison Wildcats. Garter and Coxon were the only two to score for Lowell in the first, though plenty of shots were going up and falling short. The period ended with Jenison on top 11-4.

The second period was equally slow on the offensive side for the Arrows with Catherine Stump, McQueen and Garter combining for only six points to leave the

Arrows still trailing at the half 22-10.

In the third quarter Lowell began to see more success at the basket making a huge run to outscore

Jenison 18-8 bringing the game within one point.

Jenison, searching for their first conference win of the season, went on to outdo Lowell 17-10 in the fourth to snag the victory.

Despite the loss, the game did display a widespread offensive effort for Lowell. Eight players contributed points to the game total with Garter leading the way with eleven. Montgomery and Holzhueter, who typically shoot in the double digits, earned seven and six points respectively. Coxon and Frederickson each came up with four.



Teammates Kennedy Coxon and Catherine Stump fight for the rebound during their showdown with Jenison last Friday.



Bridget Garter led her team in scoring in both matchups last week.

Lowell will finish off their regular season this week when they travel to Caledonia on Tuesday and welcome Forest Hills Central, Friday.

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Player Spotlight

Our Spotlight Athletes This Week:

Katie Holzhueter & Lauren DeHaan

~ *Katie Holzhueter*

Year-round basketball enthusiast Katie Holzhueter has been a member of the LHS varsity team for four years. The senior starter is a standout on and off the court, often leading

her team offensively while maintaining a 4.113 GPA and participating in extracurriculars, such as yearbook and the Lady Arrows varsity club.

When did you begin playing basketball and what drew you to the sport?

I have been playing basketball for as long as I can remember. My dad was



coaching so I was in the gym a lot. There was always a hoop to shoot on or a court to play on at our house. Also, my older sister Kallie was playing and I watched her games quite a bit.

What is your relationship like with coach Strotheide?

Coach came to Lowell before my sophomore year and each year we have gotten better. He works hard to make us better individually and as a team and we are working together to have a strong finish to the season.

What has been your best moment on the court?

My best moment on the court so far would have to [be] last season's district game against Rockford. We weren't expected to win and we came up with a huge

upset.

How has athletic participation shaped you as a person?

Participating in basketball has taught me leadership, discipline and how to work with others. They are all aspects that will help me be successful in life.

Have you been personally impacted by Pink Arrow Pride?

I haven't been personally impacted by Pink Arrow, but I have been able to see how it has helped our community. It has been incredible to watch so many people come together to support a great cause and for me to be able to say I participated in it.

What are your post high school plans and will you continue to play basketball?

I plan on attending Grand Valley University in the fall. I've chosen not to play basketball at the collegiate level but I want to continue playing just for fun.

What field of study do you intend to pursue?

I am going to be studying sports marketing. I chose it because I wanted to be able to have a career that is still involved in sports in some way.

Who inspires you?

There have been a lot of people that have influenced me on and off the court, but I would say my biggest inspiration has been my dad. He dedicates so much time to helping me get better and always pushes me to do my best.

What is unique about representing LHS?

I love Friday night home games when we have a big student section. We take pride in our school and support the other teams too.

~ *Lauren DeHaan*

Senior Lauren DeHaan is a highly decorated Lowell athlete who has been practicing gymnastics skills since she learned to walk. Growing up with a gymnastics coach for a mother drove the honor roll student to use her own strength and dedication to help propel the LHS team to new heights in 2014 and herself to personal bests. Though she is not sure where the road leads after high school, it seems clear that she will continue to grow and succeed by leaps and bounds.



What has been your greatest moment in your gymnastics career thus far?

Last year we made it to state as a team for the first time in school history and I made it to state all-around and was the regional champion on beam with a 9.30.

What have you achieved personally within the sport?

I earned all-conference honors my freshman year. As a sophomore I was named team captain and earned all-conference, MVP and qualified for state on both the vault and beam. In eleventh grade I qualified for state as an all-around and was the regional beam champion. I also took first all-around at the junior olympics scoring a 38.00. This year I remain a team captain and will earn my fourth varsity letter.

What lesson learned through gymnastics do you apply to your everyday life?

You have to be a leader and set goals. You also have to work hard.

What is your relationship like with your coach/mom?

She is harder on me than she is with the rest of the team. Just because I am her daughter doesn't mean I get off easy. No excuses work because she knows exactly what I am capable of.

Even though she is my mom, when we are at the gym it's "coach" not "mom." I am thankful for coach Alyssa because I can go to her when I get tired of my mom.

Why is it important for students to participate in sports?

You're so busy you don't have time to get in trouble.

Do you participate in any other sports?

Yes, I run and do high jump for the track team.

What is the best part of being an LHS student?

To be fortunate that my school offers gymnastics when so many schools don't.

Who inspires you?

Marene VanFarowe. She used to coach me and my sister when we were little. She is very tough but she is fair. She is a high school official. Even though she makes me nervous, I make sure to always try my hardest.

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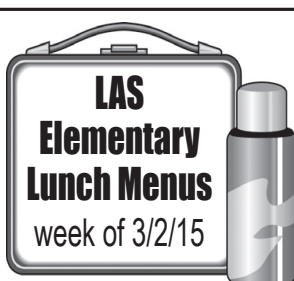
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Red Arrow SPORTS

Arrows win conference game over Jenison 60-35

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

After falling to non-conference competitor Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills 73-69 on Tuesday, the Lowell varsity boys basketball team dominated OK White foe Jenison on Friday 60-35 to improve their record to 11-5 overall and 5-2 in the conference.

Lowell started out strong against Ottawa early last week, on the road, trumping their opponent by three in the first to grab the lead 18-15.

Ottawa tipped the scales in the second outscoring the Arrows by six to leave the game close at the half-time buzzer with Ottawa on top 35-32.

In the third, the two teams fought similar offensive games with Ottawa outscoring Lowell by just one, 16-15, increasing their lead, 51-47, entering the fourth and final period of the game.

Both teams recorded 22 points in the third but the Arrows were unable to

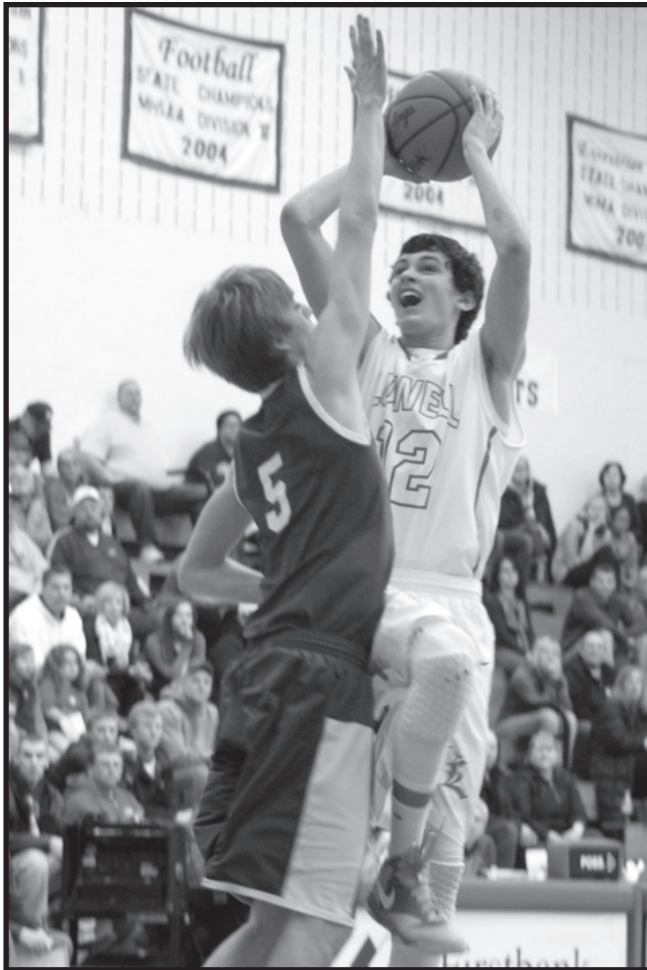
upend Ottawa (14-3) which resulted in a 73-69 loss.

Lowell had four players earning scores in the double digits. Sophomore Matt Beachler led that effort with 19, Austin Branagan recorded 16, Marcus Malling posted an impressive 14 off the bench and Ryan Stevens contributed 12.

“Marcus shot the ball really well and gave us a huge lift off the bench,” said head coach Kyle Carhart, adding that the game was either teams for the winning, “It was back and forth and there were some plays that could have gone the other way.”

Other Arrows adding points to the board were Alex Anschutz, Gabe Steed and Josh Branagan.

Friday, in front of their ever-growing home crowd, the Arrows pulled out a huge 60-35 win over OK White competitor Jenison. Lowell came out big in the first outscoring Jenison considerably 18-5, but fell a



Matt Beachler led scoring on Tuesday against Ottawa Hills with 19 then earned 13 against Jenison on Friday in at home conference action.

basket short of the Wildcats in the second earning only ten to their twelve.

Despite that fact, Lowell still held a big 28-17 lead at the half which they continued to capitalize on in the second portion of the game. The Arrows went on to outpace Jenison 32-18 in the third and fourth combined to seal the conference win 60-35.

Eight Red Arrows earned points for the team,

including three shooters who earned double digit scores. Steed led the charge with 15 followed by 13 from Beachler and the surprise of the night, Mitchell Davis who put up eleven off the bench.

The night's other scorers were A. Branagan who recorded eight, Avery Buckius who chipped in four and Stevens, J. Branagan and Carter Noskey who each earned three.

This week the Arrows will take on both Caledonia and undefeated Forest Hills Central (17-0) at home.

Gymnasts top school record

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell gymnasts earned a fourth-place conference finish and topped their own team record, set just ten days before, posting a 141.65 at the OK conference championship last Saturday.

“We were hoping to finish a little higher. However, having the best day in our program's history is nothing to hang our heads about,” said Lowell head coach Michele DeHaan.

Their fourth-place finish came behind the combined Kenowa Hills/Grandville team, Forest Hills combined and conference winners Rockford/Sparta who claimed the top spot for the second time in three years.

Senior Lauren DeHaan, who was recently named to the all-conference team, was once again the squad's top performing athlete scoring best amongst her teammates on three out of four events. Her effort also earned all-around honors where she placed fifth with a personal best score of 36.225.

“For Lauren to place fifth overall being among so many D1 gymnasts is definitely a feather in her hat,” said coach DeHaan.

DeHaan's best event finish of the day came during the floor exercise where she posted a 9.3,

another personal record. Her top performance was followed by those of Maura Fitzpatrick (9.0), Lauren Browning (8.85) and Alise Forward (8.7).

Senior Bethany Kaczanowski earned a new high score as well, doing so on the vault where she earned her first 9.0, scoring second best for the team behind DeHaan (9.1). Browning (9.0) and Forward (8.95) rounded out the top four.

“Bethany has stepped up her game this year. Hard work for all these girls in the

off-season is paying off,” said DeHaan.

On the beam, DeHaan topped all Lowell scorers with a 9.225 followed by fellow senior and co-captain Kaczanowski who posted an 8.9. Corah Kaufman (8.675) and Sela Bauman (8.45) also scored in the top four.

Kaufman led her team

on the bars earning an 8.9. DeHaan and Sarena Wilterdink both recorded an 8.6 while Fitzpatrick came in at an 8.4 on the event.

DeHaan called the event “a great day for Lowell gymnastics” and reports that the team is already setting their sights on their next school record.

The team will have that opportunity Saturday at the Dawn Fisher Division III championship meet. They will take part in regional competition at Kenowa Hills on March 7.

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 15-01 BOWNE TOWNSHIP

At a regular meeting of the Bowne Township Board held on February 16, 2015 Ordinance No. 15-01 was adopted. The ordinance amended the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance. A summary of this Ordinance is as follows:

Amend Section 3.24 Roads-Private to delete certain sections and amend certain sections that regulate design and standards for private roads in Bowne Township.

To provide design regulations for private roads that provide access to not more than two and not less than two legally created lots, parcels, or condominium units.

To amend regulations for private roads that provide access to six or fewer parcels, and to amend regulations for private roads that provide access to seven or more parcels.

To require that regulations for private roads shall not be waived or varied within a Planned Unit Development (PUD).

This Ordinance shall become effective seven days after publication.

Ordinances No. 15-01 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.

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DEWAARD



Randall K. DeWaard, age 70 of Lowell, passed away Sunday, February 22, 2015. He was preceded in death by his parents Charles and Lena DeWaard, in-laws Evert and Alice Ruesink, sister Ann Kok, brothers John and Leonard



DeWaard and brother-in-law Robert Ruesink. He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years Betty, his son Chad (Kim) DeWaard, daughter Sara Fazio, grandchildren Derek (Taylor) DeWaard, Kaylyn (Kyle) Zerkle, Austin DeWaard, Maria Fazio and Izzy Fazio, brothers Leroy (Karen) DeWaard and Charles 'Jun' (Susie) DeWaard. Randall loved his tractor and gardening. Visitation will be Wednesday 2-4:00 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell and 10-11:00 a.m. Thursday at the church. Funeral service Thursday 11:00 a.m. at Ada Bible Church, 8899 Cascade Rd SE, Grand Rapids. Memorial contributions may be made to Lowell Pink Arrow Pride, c/o Lowell Community Wellness, PO Box 246, Lowell MI 49331.



GIRODAT

Michael Scott Girodat, age 53 of Lowell, passed away Tuesday, February 17, 2015. He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Hilma Girodat and sister, Paula. He is survived by his beloved friend and wife Cindy; brother Chris Girodat; father and mother-in-law Tom and Ginny Luehrs; brother-in-law Dan Luehrs; nieces Brandee and Lindsay; nephews Gavin, Kirk and Zach; and grandmother, Rosemary Zambon. Mike was an avid bow hunter and golfer. A Mass of Christian burial was held Saturday, February 21, 2015, at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Parnell MI. Rev. Mark Peacock presided. Interment St. Patrick Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to a women's and children's center of your choice or Lowell Pink Arrow Pride, P.O. Box 246, Lowell, MI 49331.



MORGAN



Lowell Morgan, age 62 of Battle Creek, formerly of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly Monday, February 23, 2015. He was preceded in death by his parents Delbert & Thelma Morgan and sister Shelby Williams. He is survived by brother Michael (Catherine) Morgan and sisters

Barbara Hardy, Alice Atcherson, JoAnn Pifer and Patti (Charlie) Craig, also several nieces and nephews. Lowell served in the US Army during the Vietnam War. He was known by all his family and friends as a good man and will be missed by all. A funeral service will be held Friday 10:30 a.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell MI. Military Graveside Services will be held at Fort Custer National Cemetery, Battle Creek MI. Visitation Thursday 6-8:00 p.m. at the chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the Battle Creek Veterans' Hospital, 5500 Armstrong Road, Battle Creek, MI 49037.



MILLER



Lloyd David Miller, age 62 of Lowell, passed away Friday, February 20, 2015. He was preceded in death



by his parents David & Helen Miller. He is survived by sons Jason Miller, Seann (Becky) Miller and their mother Denise; brothers Jim (Bonnie) Miller and Paul (Ann) Miller; aunt Jo Moyer and granddaughter McKinley. Lloyd was a graduate of Lowell High School in 1970. He served in the US Army. Lloyd worked at Amway for 40 years. Private services were held by the family.



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LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regular meeting of the Lowell Charter Township Board held on February 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., the Lowell Township Board adopted Ordinance 01-2015 - Dangerous and Dilapidated Buildings.

A summary of the ordinance reads as follows:

- Section 1: Title: Lowell Charter Township Dangerous and Dilapidated Buildings Ordinance.
- Section 2: Purpose: To regulate and prohibit the existence of dangerous and dilapidated buildings within Lowell Charter Township.
- Section 3: Definition of Terms - A listing of terms and definitions for dangerous and dilapidated buildings.
- Section 4: Prohibition of Dangerous Buildings.
- Section 5: Penalties for Violation of this Ordinance. A violation of this ordinance is a municipal civil infraction. Fines and penalties are defined.
- Section 6: Exemption for Bona Fide Farm Buildings.
- Section 7: Severability
- Section 8: Effective date

This Ordinance shall go into effect 30 days after publication of this notice. A copy of the complete text of Ordinance 01-2015 can be obtained at the Lowell Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash SE, during regular office hours or by calling 897-7600. The Ordinance is also available on the Township's website: www.twp.lowell.mi.us

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

TOTS LOVE & LOGIC PARENTING CLASSES - March 5, 12, 19, 26 & April 2, 6:30-8 p.m. Bushnell Elementary, 700 Elizabeth, Lowell. Positive discipline strategies for families with children birth-5. Free childcare. Registration required. Call for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

TECH SESSIONS - Thursdays by appointment only, 1-3 p.m. Help with internet, email, e-readers, basic computer skills. Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

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.

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES TREASURE'S THRIFT SHOP HOURS - Wed. & Fri. 10 - 8 p.m.; Thurs. 10-6 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 11535 Fulton St. E. Thrift Shop, 897-8260; Food Pantry, 897-8260; Emergency Services, 897-8260.

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

AVERILL HISTORICAL MUSEUM OF ADA - 7144 Headley, is open every Friday & Saturday 1 - 4 p.m. or by appointment. Closed Jan. & Feb. 676-9346.

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

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - March 23 at 6 p.m. Showing "Big Hero 6." Popcorn provided. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

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

TOTALLY TERRIFIC TRUCKS - Mon., March 9, 10:30 a.m. Enjoy books, crafts & activities, all focusing on trucks. For ages 6 & younger. Alto Public Library, 6071 Linfield Ave, Alto. Ph. 784-2007.

LOWELL ARTS! GALLERY HOURS - Mon.-Fri., 10-6 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m.; 149 S. Hudson. Visit www.lowellartsmi.org or call 897-8545.

PALEO DIET PRESENTATION - March 19, 6:30 p.m. Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

CELEBRATE SPRING WITH BUTTERFLIES - Thurs., March 19, 10 a.m. Spread your wings, show your colors & help create a banner to decorate the library. For all ages. Englehardt Public Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell. Ph. 784-2007.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM - open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday: 1-4 p.m. Families: \$10; individual \$3; ages 5-17 \$1.50; members free. 897-7688.

ST. MARY'S PREGNANCY CENTER - 402 Amity. Mondays: 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Thursdays: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Non-denominational. Help for pregnant women/adolescents in need. Provides support, referrals, food, clothing/ infant items. Lowell area. 897-9393.

NEW CLASSES FOR EVERYONE - children - adults at Christian Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash SE, Lowell. Every Wednesday 7-8 p.m. Bible-centered classes for children through 5th grade, youth group for 6th grade thru high school & adult prayer & Bible study. Everyone is invited to attend.

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

EARTH TALK



Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: What is Global Divestment Day and how does it relate to protecting the environment? - *Michel LaPlante, New Orleans, LA*

With crucial international climate negotiations coming up in Paris in the Fall of 2015, the first ever Global Divestment Day took place on February 13-14, with activists and everyday people across six continents and 48 countries

joining together in more than 300 events—including street theater, elaborate props, sit-ins, vigils, dancing, bicycle parades and social media blitzes—all in the name of calling on corporations, foundations, endowments and other institutions to divest from fossil-fuel industries in order to speed society’s transition to renewable, non-polluting sources of energy.

The climate movement has embraced divestment—that is, ditching stocks, bonds or investment funds deemed unethical or morally ambiguous—given how effective the tactic was in helping topple Apartheid in South Africa by shaming the companies still willing to do business there. Other successful divestment campaigns have targeted tobacco as well as companies doing business in the embattled nation of Darfur.

“The fossil fuel industry has our political process in shackles with its financial might,” says Fossil Free, the group that created and organizes Global Divestment Day. “But we are matching their financial might with a different kind of power... Through

divestment, we are directly challenging the social license of these corporations who have become rogue entities seeking profits at the expense of people and planet.”

Global Divestment Day, the group argues, highlights a conflict that most politicians are loath to address: “If the world is to avoid catastrophic global warming, most known fossil fuel resources need to stay in the ground. Yet fossil fuel companies not only plan to extract and sell their existing reserves but are exploring ever more sensitive territory to find new ones, thus ruining any chance of securing a safe planet.”

Fossil Free and other groups and individuals participating in Global Divestment Day are asking portfolio managers to stop adding new investments in fossil fuel companies and to sell off their holdings in the top 200 fossil fuel companies within five years. To date more than 200 institutions with combined assets topping \$50 billion have signed on committing to divest in fossil fuels. Some of the heavy hitters so far include the Rockefeller

Brothers Foundation, the British Medical Association, Stanford University and the World Council of Churches. Meanwhile, a growing chorus of voices from the financial and investment communities agrees that divestment might be the quickest route to mitigating climate change. A senior investment analyst with European investor Axa IM told the *Guardian* that “moral issues” are playing a role in recent low oil prices “with the divestment movement steadily gaining traction amongst investors across the globe.”

Fossil Free points out that divestment isn’t so much an economic strategy as a moral and political one. “Just like in the struggle for Civil Rights here in America or the fight to end Apartheid in South Africa,” the group reports, “the more we can make climate change a deeply moral issue, the more we will push society towards action.” The group adds that divestment also forces prominent institutions and individuals to choose sides, sparking public debate on the topics at stake and raising awareness for doing the right thing. “We need to make it clear that if it’s wrong to wreck the planet,” Fossil Free concludes, “it’s also wrong to profit from that wreckage.”

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CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 3.02, “DISTRICT BOUNDARIES,” OF CHAPTER 3, “ZONING DISTRICTS—GENERAL,” OF APPENDIX A, “ZONING,” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL.

The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 15-02 amending Section 3.02, “District boundaries,” of Chapter 3, “Zoning Districts - General,” of Appendix A, “Zoning,” of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Lowell on February 17, 2015. Ordinance No. 15-02 amends the zone district classification of the real properties identified below from their existing classification to MU Mixed Use District.

| Street Address | Permanent Parcel No. | Current Zone District Classification | New Zone District Classification |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 300 High Street S.E. | 41-20-02-260-001 | PF Public Facilities | MU Mixed Use |
| 238 High Street S.E. | 41-20-02-404-003 | PF Public Facilities | MU Mixed Use |
| 307 East Main Street S.E. | 41-20-02-407-007 | C-3 General Commercial | MU Mixed Use |
| 309 East Main Street S.E. | 41-20-02-407-008 | C-3 General Commercial | MU Mixed Use |
| 311 East Main Street S.E. | 41-20-02-407-022 | C-3 General Commercial | MU Mixed Use |
| 317 East Main Street S.E. | 41-20-02-407-027 | C-3 General Commercial | MU Mixed Use |
| 319 East Main Street S.E. | 41-20-02-407-028 | C-3 General Commercial | MU Mixed Use |
| 321 East Main Street S.E. | 41-20-02-407-029 | C-3 General Commercial | MU Mixed Use |
| 140 North Washington Street S.E. | 41-20-02-407-021 | C-3 General Commercial | MU Mixed Use |
| 411 East Main Street S.E. | 41-20-02-427-010 | C-3 General Commercial | MU Mixed Use |
| 413 East Main Street S.E. | 41-20-02-427-011 | C-3 General Commercial | MU Mixed Use |
| 404 Avery Street S.E. | 41-20-02-427-001 | C-3 General Commercial | MU Mixed Use |
| 427 East Main Street S.E. | 41-20-02-427-008 | C-3 General Commercial | MU Mixed Use |
| 112 North Jefferson Street S.E. | 41-20-02-427-007 | C-3 General Commercial | MU Mixed Use |
| 426 Avery Street S.E. | 41-20-02-427-003 | C-3 General Commercial | MU Mixed Use |
| 503 East Main Street S.E. | 41-20-02-428-014 | C-3 General Commercial | MU Mixed Use |
| 111 North Jefferson Street S.E. | 41-20-02-428-003 | C-3 General Commercial | MU Mixed Use |
| 513 East Main Street S.E. | 41-20-02-428-015 | C-3 General Commercial | MU Mixed Use |
| 517 East Main Street S.E. | 41-20-02-428-009 | C-3 General Commercial | MU Mixed Use |
| 519 East Main Street S.E. | 41-20-02-428-010 | C-3 General Commercial | MU Mixed Use |
| 312 East Main Street S.E. | 41-20-02-430-014 | C-2 Central Business | MU Mixed Use |
| 318 East Main Street S.E. | 41-20-02-430-012 | C-2 Central Business | MU Mixed Use |
| 414 East Main Street S.E. | 41-20-02-431-014 | C-3 General Commercial | MU Mixed Use |
| 422 East Main Street S.E. | 41-20-02-431-003 | C-3 General Commercial | MU Mixed Use |
| 430 East Main Street S.E. | 41-20-02-431-004 | C-3 General Commercial | MU Mixed Use |
| 116 South Jefferson Street S.E. | 41-20-02-431-005 | C-3 General Commercial | MU Mixed Use |
| 504 South Main Street S.E. | 41-20-02-432-008 | C-3 General Commercial | MU Mixed Use |
| 121 South Jefferson Street S.E. | 41-20-02-432-007 | C-3 General Commercial | MU Mixed Use |
| 512 East Main Street S.E. | 41-20-02-432-002 | C-3 General Commercial | MU Mixed Use |

A copy of Ordinance 15-02 is available for inspection at City Hall, 301 East Main Street in the City during regular business hours of the City.

Ordinance No. 15-02 is effective 10 days after this publication



Susan Ullery
Deputy City Clerk

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

**MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015 -
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING At 9:00 am.**

The March board of review of Vergennes Township Will meet at the Vergennes Township Hall to hear appeals on:

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015
Hours from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015
Hours from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims.

You may appeal assessed valuation one of two ways:

To appear at the Board of Review, call on Monday or Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., (616) 897-5671, to schedule an appointment.

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16. Bassos, alternative spelling
17. Middle-earth creature
18. Balance sheet item
19. *Peanut _____
21. *Popular pastry center
23. Exclamation of surprise
24. Duds
25. Tapped at parties
28. Two-masted vessel
30. Orient's bigwig
34. Misfortunes
36. Not that
38. Australian cockatoo
40. Done after shuffling
41. Popular garden perennial
43. Triathlon ride
44. Part of surgeon's prep
46. Rudolph, e.g.
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72. Bone-dry
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74. "Dressed to the ___"

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8. New Mexico's state flower
9. Portrait sculpture
10. Mona ___
11. One who uses something
12. Short for "retired"
15. Pompous windbag
20. Strongly opposed
22. Funerary vase
24. Shiny from moisture
25. *Sour Patch ___

26. Choose by vote
27. Dazzling
29. "___ Afraid of Virginia Wolf?"
31. *Rum ___
32. Martini garnish
33. *Alaska's state
35. Hurtful remark
37. Dog command
39. Parade honoree
42. ___ provocateur
45. Back down
49. Head or john
51. 40th President
54. *Indian yogurt staple that can be sweet or salty
56. Fragrant resin
57. ___ Hemmingway nickname
58. Jewish month
59. Henry ___
60. "___ your hand"
61. Tiny bit
62. Involved in a secret
63. *Sugar, waffle or cake ___
64. Droops
67. *Yule ___



- White-out conditions and high winds closed the Mackinac Bridge on Monday.
- At least 30 people were injured when a commuter train and a truck crashed in Southern California.
- Physicist Stephen Hawking is afraid that human aggression may be the tragic flaw that could lead to our demise saying, "The human failing I would most like to correct is aggression. It may have had a survival advantage in caveman days, to get more food, territory or partner with whom to reproduce, but now it threatens to destroy us all."
- A greenhouse near London is helping to ensure that cocoa crops globally remain disease-free and bountiful to cope with our growing appetite for sweets. "Cocoa plants are generally quite difficult plants to grow," said Heather Lake, a technician at the newly-revamped centre, which is funded half by the British chocolate industry and half by the US government.



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Puzzle solutions on page 12

THIS WEEK'S ONLINE POLL

Which did you find more disappointing?

- **Brian Williams being taken off the air**
- **Jon Stewart leaving his show**

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Red Arrow SPORTS

Competitive cheer ties for sixth-place at districts

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

The Red Arrow competitive cheer team finished their season last Saturday placing ninth at their district competition and tying for the sixth-place position overall in the OK White conference.

Lowell earned a score of 214 in the first round, a 182.44 in the second and a 276.9 in the third for a combined total score of 673.34.

“They pulled together as a team and finished

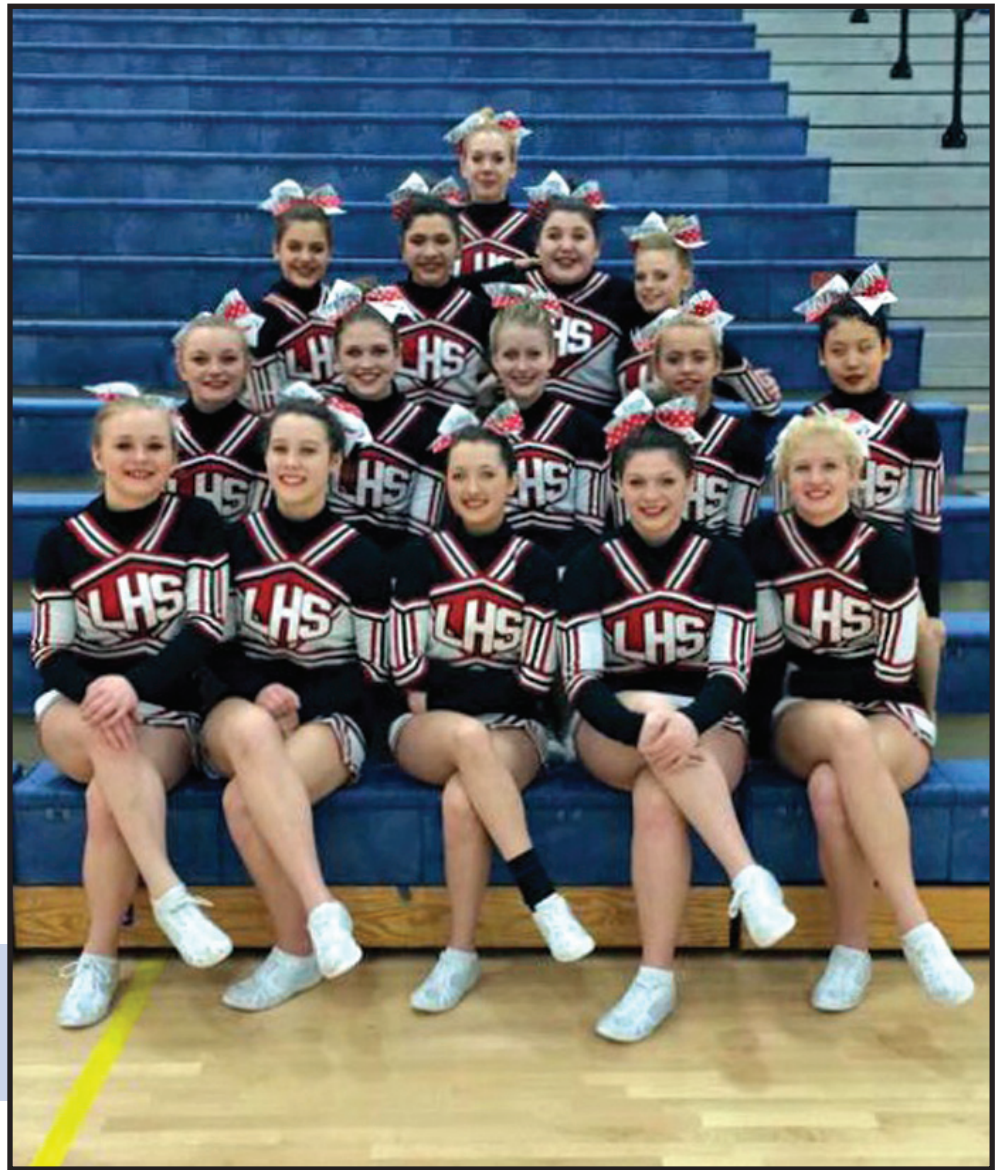
round three strong despite an injury which occurred just one stunt from the end. One of the back spots was elbowed in the nose. Although in a great deal of pain she finished the round. What an amazing athlete. What an amazing team,” said head coach Diane Jag.

She added, “Coming into an existing program you really don’t know what to expect. What I found was a young inexperienced team with a lot of heart, raw talent, drive and determination.”

Braylin Conner, one of only two seniors on the team, said that after four years of cheer her favorite moment on the mat happened this

season when her team hit every stunt perfectly in competition. Conner, who plans to pursue a career in a health-related field post graduation, said she will continue to utilize the greatest lesson she learned through cheer in her future. “Teamwork. It’s hard to accomplish anything if you don’t work together as a team,” she said.

For the coach, her greatest moment was the squad’s first-place finish at Delton Kellogg early in the season, “That win will stick in my mind forever. This was the first first-place trophy these girls had ever won. The pure joy on their faces was priceless.”



Lowell’s varsity competitive cheer team at last weekend’s district competition held at DeWitt High School.

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