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The Other Place scheduled to be ready for May events after some major restorations

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

They'll be cutting it close, but the renovations to Larkin's The Other Place, 301 W. Main St., will be finished by the start of dinner theater season.

"It probably had upwards of \$180,000 worth of damage to the roof and the walls," said owner Mike Larkin. "The walls got pushed out, the truss fell down, they had to break up the roof a little bit and replaster a lot of the ceiling that was cracked, and when it fell it cracked the dome area."

Larkin said he first noticed the damage about a year ago.

"Last April or May [2014] during dinner theater somebody noticed there were some cracks in the ceiling," Larkin said. "It turned out that one of the trusses had broken during the winter. The insurance guy came and looked it over

[and] they came up with an estimate to fix it. Then they found out that the walls had actually been pushed out, so they had to call another engineer in to look it over to determine how to fix it. It took eight or nine months, almost until September [2014] until they got an idea of how they were going to fix it. Finally in February [2015] they started doing the work on it."

Larkin's The Other Place is in a historic theater where performers like Laurel & Hardy took the stage.

"It's the former Strand Theater," Larkin said. "It was built in the 1920s. They used to do vaudeville in it. It closed as a theater in the 1980s. My brother [Steve Larkin] purchased the building in the late 1980s. He put a furniture store in here, but he didn't do very well with it so we converted it into a concert place, with

disc jockeys and things like that, concentrating mostly on music and dancing. There were several in Grand Rapids, where they turned an old theater into a dance hall. He did that for a while, then we've been doing dinner theater here for the last several years."

The building has taken a beating over the decades.

"Over the years there has been a lot of damage to the walls," Larkin said. "It's an old building, it needs a lot of tender loving care. It needs help. We think we're going to make it look a lot better. We've got dinner theater May 1 and we've booked several weddings."

Larkin is confident they'll make that May 1 opening.

"Most of the work is done," Larkin said. "I may not have all my lights in, but the floors will be done and the walls will be up. It'll be ready to go May 1."



The marquee from the historic Strand Theater is still in place. The exterior walls had to be pulled together after a truss fell down.

DesJarden to retire from LPWD

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Dan DesJarden, the director of the Lowell Public Works Department, will retire on May 15. DesJarden



Dan DesJarden will retire May 15 after 33 years with the city.

equipment operator for underground construction. I was an equipment operator and maintenance worker for the city of Lowell from 1982 to 1988. Then the city started developing the park system they have here, and they saw that they needed a park supervisor. From 1988 to 1990 they made me park supervisor. Then we had some retirements, and in 1991 they put me as acting street supervisor, and in 1997 they asked me to be the public works director."

As public works director, DesJarden is in charge of a whole list of city departments.

"Basically I'm the overseer of all the [public works] departments," DesJarden said. "The sewer plant, the water plant,

the cemetery, the park system, the streets, the city mechanic, the fleet manager, I'm just basically their head supervisor. It's challenging, but I've got good people under me. They know their jobs."

DesJarden said there weren't any secrets to his success in Lowell's government.

"There are no tricks," DesJarden said. "Just be honest and up front and work with the guys. Communication is the biggest thing. The more information you give people, they take it a little easier, they understand it a little bit more. That's the way I try to be. Nothing gives me headaches. When I leave here I don't think about it. That's the attitude you should have. Leave your work at work."

DesJarden said that one of the biggest challenges he faced during his time as director was the big flood two years ago.

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More businesses to be involved in this year's spring Girls' Night Out

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Girls' Night Out shopping event on Thursday, April 16.

"Main Street will come alive with Girls' Night Out on Thursday, April 16, from 5 to 9 pm with over 30 participating merchants," said chamber director Liz Baker. "Girls' Night Out is a semi-annual festival of fun, food and foolishness in Lowell."

This year the event includes more businesses than just those in the downtown area, plus there will be a free shuttle if you don't want to bother with parking and driving.

"The merchants from downtown to uptown have decided to really get involved this year," Baker said. "We have a group of merchants located in the YMCA Plaza and close vicinity that are hosting bull riding and free shuttle service to the downtown area. Other activities include a style frame show, a petting zoo with alpacas and mini horses, wine samples with Pauly's inside Advanced Eyecare, line dancing, pizza samples and homemade ice cream from Highland Hill Dairy, music from the Party in a Box DJ, jewelry from Hoopla Jewelry, chocolate samples from Confectionately Yours, a shuttle bus from uptown to downtown and lots more."

There will also be a group of vendors in the chamber building.

"Girls' Night Out is a brick and mortar event that was started several years ago by Cousins' Hallmark," Baker said. "Brick and mortar' simply means that it was intended for businesses that have been on Main St. and are open all year long. A few years ago we opened up the chamber for chamber member businesses only. We

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DesJarden to retire, continued

"In 33 years there have been a lot of challenges," DesJarden said. "The 2013 flood was a big challenge. All of my departments, everybody got involved in that. The good thing about Lowell is that everybody comes together, everybody helps out. I think that was proven during the record flood. Everybody was helping everybody. It's not my accomplishment, but it's the city of Lowell's accomplishment."

There have been some issues hiring somebody to replace DesJarden, so the city is going with a temporary solution until they can find the right candidate.

"Ron Woods will be the interim director," DesJarden said. "He was the public works director in Kentwood."

DesJarden already has a lot of plans for his retirement.

"It's time to move on and enjoy life," he said. "I've been in Lowell all my life. I'll continue to live in Lowell, but I might do three months a year [in Florida.] I'm going to be 62 in April. I've worked here for 33 years. My wife is already retired, so we're planning on doing some trips and enjoying the grandkids. I've got two kids and five grandkids. My son lives in

Lansing and my daughter lives in Saranac. I'm going on vacation to Las Vegas the Monday after I retire. We've got some other trips planned. I want to do some fishing, be outdoors all the time, maybe too much. Camping, hunting, fishing."

Lowell has changed a lot in the last three decades, according to DesJarden.

"The city itself is changing, I would say for the good," DesJarden said. "I've seen a lot of quality of life projects. Now we have about four different trails coming into town, we went from 34 acres of park land to 175 acres of park land, we've got the dog park, we've got the skate park, we've got the athletic field at Creekside. I think it's for the good. I hope Lowell keeps moving in the same direction."

DesJarden said he has enjoyed his work in the city, and is optimistic for the future.

"It's been an honor and a privilege to work for the city of Lowell," DesJarden said. "The community itself, and the surrounding community, the Lowell area, no matter what the issues are between each other, they always work together. That's what I like about Lowell. It's a great place. Everybody wants to work together. That's what I really like about Lowell, and I hope it continues."

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Challenges are gifts that force us to search for a new center of gravity. Don't fight them. Just find a different way to stand.

~ Oprah Winfrey (1954 -)

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BLUEGRASS MUSIC EVENT
Bluegrass music jam session on Sat., April 18 from 2:30 to 5 pm at the King building at the fairgrounds. Come to jam or listen. Everyone welcome.

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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are able to host more of the direct sales and home based businesses at this location."

There will be a prize giveaway if you can hit a bunch of the stores.

"Pick up a post card at any of the participants and

get it signed 15 times to win one of three grand shopping bags filled with merchant goodies," Baker said.

Girls' Night Out will be your chance to get out of the house after the long, terrible winter and do some local shopping.

"Fun, giveaways, sales and discounts from 10 to 25 percent is what you will find at our unique establishments in downtown Lowell," Baker said. "This is great way to see all the new spring arrivals just in time to help jump start your summer."

More information is on the Girls' Night Out website, www.girlsnightoutlowell.org, or you can call the chamber at 616-897-9161.

BASEBALL BROADCAST
WRWW will broadcast 'live', two back-to-back Lowell varsity baseball games from Indiana this Sat., April 11. The first game against Seymour High School starts at 11 am. The second game against New Albany starts about 1:15 pm.

GILDA'S CLUB CLUBHOUSE ACTIVITIES
Visual Journal Workshop – Tues., April 14, 3-4 pm. Join Amanda Sutherland, MSW intern, and learn about visual journaling. A visual journal is a diary of images and words used to record experiences, emotions, the imagination, and more. Together, we'll create a visual journal out of a vintage book and make our first entry. Materials provided and no experience necessary. Please register in advance.

Yoga Meet and Greet – Tues., April 14, 4-5 pm. Have you ever wondered if yoga is something you can do? Yoga instructor Kathy Julien will be here to teach us about yoga, its benefits and help us discover if yoga is something we may benefit from. Kathy is excited to share her knowledge with the members of Gilda's Club. Come out and learn about this form of exercise that uses slow movements and stretching.

Woodcarving – Tues., April 21, 3:15-4:15 pm. Learn how to make easy and beautiful wood carvings with Doug Shassberger. Beginners are welcome and supplies are provided.

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Girls Scouts combine their efforts with Cherry Creek Elementary and donate funds to KIVA

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Two service learning projects joined last week at Cherry Creek Elementary when third-grade Girl Scout Troop 4129 donated a portion of their cookie sale proceeds to the KIVA effort being made by the fourth grade students of Joseph Audia.

"The girls did some brainstorming about who they thought they would like to give to and how much. Then they took a vote and mutually agreed upon KIVA," explained troop leader Lou Jean Stickney.

"KIVA is well known at school and they thought it would be great to help Mr. Audia's cause."

Audia and his students use the profits from their self-run school store to take part in the online loan program KIVA. Funds are borrowed and loaned by persons throughout the world on the site to stimulate personal and community economy. All loans are then repayed through the program. The students have granted loans to people in 69 different countries as they continue

to reinvest their earnings to assist others.

The girl scouts, who will also be presenting a check to Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM), will earn their give back badge through these donations and learn the importance of giving as well.

According to Stickney, "Part of the Girl Scout mission is to make the world a better place and the girls felt that they could use their financial resources to support KIVA and FROM."



Joseph Audia accepts a surprise donation from Girl Scout Troop 4129 during an assembly at Cherry Creek Elementary.

City accepting bids for repair work to Donna Street

By Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Lowell city council approved a zoning ordinance and revealed some news about street repairs during an uneventful meeting at city hall on Monday, April 6.

City manager Mark Howe and city councilor Sharon Ellison were absent from the meeting, which was attended by six members of the public and lasted 27 minutes.

Brian Darling, the owner of a home at 1580 Carol Lynne Dr., got a zoning variance approved

by the council. He will now be allowed to build a one-stall garage on his property.

"The reason for the variance is because it does kind of encroach upon the set-back requirements," said mayor Jim Hodges. "However, it makes sense in my eyes, and it would enhance the property. It would help the homeowner. It makes sense."

The repairs to M-21 that were reported about in the March 4 edition of the Ledger will no longer take place, at least not this year.

"MDOT's not going to

do M-21 this year?" asked city councilor Jeff Altoft.

"Yes, that's what I'm seeing, it's scheduled for 2016," said director of public works Dan DesJarden.

It was also revealed that the city is accepting bids for repair work to Donna St.

"Donna St. went out for bid today, and they [bids] are due next Wednesday, April 16 [sic]," DesJarden said. "So we're moving forward on doing Donna St."


Lowell city council's next regular meeting will take place at city hall on Monday, April 20 at 7 p.m.

Comedy show generates funds for Gilda's Club


Thursday, April 2, Wendy Wigger, president of Gilda's Club Grand Rapids and LaughFest received a contribution from Grand Volute Ballrooms owner Kent McKay and Grand Volute Ballrooms Corporate sales manager Jan Herb in support of Gilda's Club. Grand Volute Ballrooms donated \$517, one dollar for every beverage sold at the March 7 event.

The LaughFest show, featuring comedian Costaki Economopoulos, was the first LaughFest event held at this Lowell venue. Approximately 515 guests enjoyed the comedian's show.





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Control your emotions in volatile markets

For the past few years, the stock market has moved up fairly steadily, with no major "corrections." But thus far in 2015, we've already seen periods of volatility — enough, in fact, to make some investors jittery. Nervous investors may be more prone to make decisions based on short-term market movements — so how can you stay calm?

First of all, when evaluating your investment decisions, stay focused on those factors that have historically driven stock prices. The U.S. economy

is growing at a reasonably good pace, and corporate earnings remain fairly strong. Plus, stocks may not be as undervalued as they were a few years ago — as measured by the price-to-earnings ratio (P/E) — but they still aren't overly expensive, either. Things can change, of course, but when market volatility seems to be primarily caused by short-term events, such as plunging oil prices, it's important to look beyond the headlines to these less glamorous, but probably more important,

fundamentals of good investing. By doing so, you can help avoid making fear-driven investment choices.

What else can you do to help ensure that you don't let feelings of anxiety influence your investment moves? For one thing, evaluate your investment mix. If you own too many stocks and stock-based vehicles, you could take a big hit if stock prices fall sharply during periods of volatility. Historically, however, bond prices have typically increased when stock prices fell — although, of course, there are no guarantees. So, if your portfolio consists of stocks and bonds, you are better positioned to weather the harshest effects of market turbulence.

To further prepare yourself for downturns, you

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health



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



hives

Hives are itchy raised spots on the skin. They can range from small spots to very large lesions which cover the body. Urticaria is another term for hives.

Angioedema is a related condition in which tissue swelling occurs around the eyes and lips.

There are many causes.

Foods such as shellfish, nuts, and eggs are common triggers. Almost any medication can cause it. Common allergens like latex, pollen, and animal dander can trigger such a reaction. Other less obvious causes include heat, cold, emotional stress, exercise, and pressure directly on

the skin. They may also occur with other underlying systemic illness and viral infections.

Treatment for hives and angioedema typically starts with antihistamines. Oral steroids may be also used for severe cases. In rare cases, autoimmune drugs may be used.

Severe reactions may require injectable epinephrine using a device called an "epipen."

Prevention focuses on finding what specifically is triggering the reaction. This may take some time to figure out. Formal allergy evaluation and testing may be required.

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<p>[WEDNESDAY] [04-15-15]</p> <p>2:45 The Archer Pina Show (4)</p> <p>4:30 Varsity Baseball vs East Grand Rapids</p>	<p>[THURSDAY] [04-16-15]</p> <p>2:30 The No Topic Show with Dakota Krzysik & Devin Read (3)</p> <p>4:15 Varsity Softball with Grandville</p>	<p>[FRIDAY] [04-17-15]</p> <p>2:30 'The Show' with Jeremy Kargl & Ryne Clarke (1)</p> <p>4:30 The Old World Blues Show w/ Riley Nethercott & Chase Miller (6)</p>
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viewpoint

to the editor

commending the workers

To the Editor,
I heard that the city and Lowell Light & Power workers signed a contract that is still unfair and unreasonable to them because they care about the city. They didn't want the city to pay for another appeal as the city manager would have forced them to do. I even heard that city manager Mark Howe informed the council that he would not pursue another appeal since the contract has now been signed.

Does this mean that they would have continued this fiasco even longer if our workers continued to simply demand the fair and reasonable contract that has always been their desire?

Please thank these local workers when you see them and let them know how much we appreciate their dedication.

Robert L. Olson
Lowell

a need to work together

To The Editor,
We citizens of Lowell today, together with our neighbors, are passing

through a period of supreme test. It is a test of our courage, of our resolve, of our wisdom - our essential

decency. If we meet that test, successfully and honorably, we shall perform a service of historic importance which will honor the efforts of our predecessors and provide security and honor to the men, women and children of Lowell's future citizens.

In the days and in years that are to come, we can work for a just and honorable city that is respected by our neighboring communities and give us a bit of self respect.

We will only achieve such an honor if we step up and make a few small changes.

We shall strive for perfection and as humans we will not achieve it but we still shall strive. We will make mistakes but they must never be mistakes that result from faintness of heart or abandonment of moral principle. Our country's Constitution of 1787 was not a perfect instrument. It is not perfect yet. But it

provided a firm base upon which all manner of men, of all races and colors and creeds, could build our solid structure of democracy.

Communities across the country have a constitution too. It is typically called a charter. We have rules enforced by our own city charter that were written and designed by our ancestors to keep our community solvent and honorable. As a charter, these rules have been recently discarded or twisted to what they were not intended to be. It is now time to stand up and bring them back into full enforcement. It is time to make the changes needed to bring the city back to its people, the people who (often painfully) pay the taxes that have been so wrongly abused.

It is time to take back our city. It is time to bring honor to Lowell and eliminate blatant discrimination that the mayor and two other

council members openly endorse.

It is time to put an end to the excessive and mindless spending of the two city managers. It is time to put a stop to the mindless voting of three council members who always vote as "minions in unison" rather than

questioned thoughtfulness. And now today, in this new year, we have hopefully learned many lessons. We see what looks to be a fearful cost in city capital and citizen trust in those who run this city.

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outdoors

where they are

Dave Stegehuis

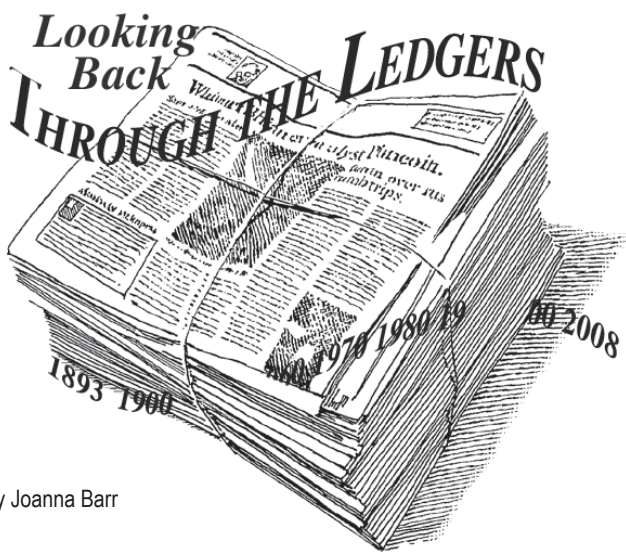
People enjoy visiting places where wildlife abound in natural surroundings, and everyone knows that getting outside for exercise and fresh air is good for physical and mental health. This doesn't always happen. It is common for other priorities to dominate limited spare time.

Getting out and about more frequently is more likely if motivated by a passion for something which takes one to special places. Stand hunting which is a strategy for hunting a variety of game, including whitetail deer, is a good example. Leaving behind a warm bed on a damp cold morning well before daylight does take motivation. Once settled down in a dark quiet woods daylight slowly begins to creep into the surrounding landscape. Slowly natural features take shape in the shadows as resident wildlife begin to scurry about and song birds start to chatter. Soon the sun breaks over the horizon. The day has begun and anticipation is high. Few people experience daybreak alone in the outback. Now you know why you came and are glad you did.

Habitat types vary with the particular game species, so the scenery is

always changing. Brook trout lure driven anglers to dark cedar swamps in little known places where cold clear creeks are home to the radiant speckled trout. Grouse drum in secret coverts in cut over softwoods and are sought out in fall splendor by hard core bird hunters and their canine partners that are as enthusiastic as they are. Walleye have become a popular game fish in recent years and occupy a wide range of North American habitat. Canadian Shield lakes and arctic drainages provide a wilderness setting in which to pursue the golden sided walleye which provide excellent table fare. Elk roam some of the most scenic areas of our country. Thin air and steep mountain trails challenge those who seek these majestic animals. Turkeys gobble and strut in the spring woods and offer exciting hunting at a time when the weather is pleasant and the aroma of emerging foliage promises long summer days to come.

A large part of the hunting and fishing experience is that it takes one to places where one may not go without the incentive to follow the game. You have to go where they are and share their world.



By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal April 9, 1890

Ex Marshal Mitchell gives us the following statement of arrests and lodging furnished to "Tourists" for the year ending April 7th, 1890: Total number of arrests made, 11: of which 3 were plain drunks, 2 drunk and disorderly, 4 disorderlys, 1 for using profane and indecent language on the street, and 1 for fast driving. Lodging was given to 274 "Tourists," 154 of whom were American, 80 Irish, 23 German, 8 Italian, 6 Scotch, and 4 English born.

Some one who is fond of M. Yarger's syrup called at his sugar house a few evenings ago and carried away several gallons without his permission.

It is said that Peter Henney of Carlton thinks the hams were stolen from his smoke house last week and then set on fire. And further states that he thinks a republican stole them. When asked why he thought so, he said, "there was one ham left lying on the ground near by, if it had been a democrat he would have taken all of them." Peter offers one hundred dollars reward for the capture of the thief. - Herald.

Foster Bros. picket engine came near having a bad smash last week. A bolt broke, and got loose inside

the cylinder, causing it to do some heavy thumping. A quick engineer soon stopped it and saved a bad smash.

Week ago Saturday when Frank Collins was out hunting, just as he was about to shoot a rabbit the gun burst, cutting two bad places in his forehead and one just over one eye, in the upper eyelid. There were fears at first that he would lose his eye, but he is around now all right. He thinks he will let guns alone after this.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 8, 1915

The village marshal reported two complaints of chickens running at large and that notices had been served on both parties to abate the nuisance; also that Bela Cowles had paid a fine of \$5 and costs, his Ford car driven by unknown parties having exceeded the speed limit; also that John Bendi, arrested for being drunk, was sentenced for 30 days; Enton Caradson, same cause, fined \$3 and costs; Wm. Welcomb (same) 30 days, Geo. Shuman (same) \$3 and costs, Wm. Crump (same) suspended sentence.

People to be notified not to place ashes in street or mix rubbish with ashes.

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At the first of April there were 597 telephones in service in the Lowell exchange, representing a gain of two during March, according to W. P. Heinzelman, manager in this area for the Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

Arthur VanEck of Grand Rapids is the name of the gentleman who is taking the census in Lowell. Mr. VanEck states that his work here will be completed by the end of April. He also reports that all citizens have been giving cheerful cooperation.

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LWC will auction homemade desserts

The Lowell Women's Club (LWC) decided during their recent annual joint meeting with the Lowell Rotary Club that they would "pay it forward" by donating a homemade dessert each month as part of Rotary's Denim and Diamonds Auction on April 18.

Beginning in May, each month for a year the lucky winner will receive a homemade dessert prepared by a Lowell Women's Club member. This donation is one more way the Women's Club contributes to the Lowell community, this

time with the Lowell Rotary Club.

As Jan Thompson, LWC president put it, "I love it when we can share some fun with another community club as they work to raise funds for their community projects."

Holy Week celebration



Believers gathered at the Lowell First United Methodist Church for the Good Friday Cross Walk last week, part of the churches Holy Week celebration. Attendees gathered along Main Street in front of the church building for prayer and a hymn before hoisting the cross and carrying it through town. The walk culminated at Oakwood Cemetery where parishioners joined in prayer and shared in a final scripture reading.

In The Service

U.S. Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Jonathan L. Kiefer graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Kiefer is the son of David J. Kiefer of Cheboygan, brother of Tabitha R. Goldsmith of Lowell, and nephew of Wayne Graham of Sterling Heights.

He is a 2011 graduate of Cheboygan High School, Cheboygan.

Air Force Airman Catherine C. McNaughton graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

She is a 2014 graduate of Lowell High School, Lowell.

happy birthday!

APRIL 11

Toni Blough, Delores Gabrion, Adaline Thaler, Al Roe, David Johnson.

APRIL 12

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APRIL 9

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Alto students celebrate March is Reading month

Alto Elementary students celebrated and soared in their commitment to reading during March is Reading month.

This year the school implemented the 100 point club for all students who have earned 100 AR points this school year. There are currently 81 students in the 100 point club including their youngest member, Alyse Harper, a first grader who earned her 100th point minutes before the 100 point club celebration ice cream sundae party. Book checkouts at the school library are up from last year by 2000 percent and students have logged over 100,000 reading minutes school-wide during the month of March.



Lowell Middle School students of the trimester

Lowell Middle School selects students who have been outstanding

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LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL

RED ARROW Spring VARSITY SPORTS TEAMS



BOYS TRACK

First row, left to right: Morrison Ismond, Samuel Misak, Evan Johnson, Conner Meyers, David Kruse, Ben Lobbezoo, Kenny Stump, Zachary Vatter, and Brandon Hare; second row, left to right: Keagan Barnes, Matt Bloom, Reece Karns, Ryan Tarchala, Justin Everitt, Brennan Mason, Josh Branagan, Dan Onan, Louis Hart, Nick Higgins, Zach Diamond, Collin McGee, and Richard Misak; third row, left to right: Riley Nethercott, Eric Judd, Jared Brzezniak, Drew Struckmeyer, Billy Dickson, North Yates, Joe Geisen, Austin Branagan, Nicholas Kloosterman, Jacob Bishop, Avery Lupton, J.J. Johnson, Calvin Warning, Daniel Moore, Derek Massey, and coach Karen Neeley; fourth row, left to right: coach Keith Boeve, coach Robin Briggs, Colton Churches, Ben Smith, Brevon Slagell, Chase Miller, Donald Trierweiler, Keagan Redloske, Steven Tripp, Riley Covon, Shane Endres, Ben Mullins, Collin Rinks, Parker Grant, Ben Noffke, Connor Smithee, Thomas Hubert, Kyle Cater, and coach Paul Judd.

Both the girls and boys varsity track teams have been hard at work conditioning, practicing and mentally readying for the 2015 season. Robin Briggs is back coaching the girls and Keith Boeve will be the boys coach. The teams will face off against non-conference and OK White competitors alike in ten regular season events including three home appearances on April 15, 21 and 30 starting at 4:15 pm.

GIRLS TRACK

First row, left to right: Emily Judd, Hannah Skibbe, Holly Race, and Amber Cook; second row, left to right: Riley Nethercott, Selena Doty, Taylor Bierling, Esme Misiak, Francesca Robinson, Alon Watson, Olyvia Elliott, Lauren DeHaan, Katherine VanDyke, and Callie Ford-Weber; third row, left to right: coach Paul Judd, Madison McCormack, Kyla Dixon, Mekare Elliott, Hayden Hoffman, Megan Khodl, Breanna VanLaan, Alexis Frederickson, Elle Coble, Haley Engels, Kelsey Emmanuel, Paige DeHaan, and coach Karen Neeley; and fourth row, left and right: coach Robin Briggs, Corah Kaufman, Abby McDowell, Joanna Link, Katrina Droslei, Alexis Cook, Amber Brown, Chloe Schmidt, Elizabeth Kuhns, Jule Schwebe, Dawn Kondor, Autumn French, and coach Keith Boeve.



GIRLS LACROSSE

First row, left to right: Alexis Holland, Justine Anes, Sara Majestic, Sela Bauman, Sophie Winn, Maria Briggs, and Jamie-Lynn Urban; second row, left to right: coach Ellery Alexander, Tiana Petricevic, Anna Litchfield, Nikki Paulus, Hana Steinebach, Bethany Blattner, and Laurel Frederickson; third row, left to right: Kelsie Jurmo, Mallery Yaw, Abigail Downing, Faith Blakely, Mikayla Navit, Stephanie Carlson, Brianna Raspor, and Maddie Kaminski.

The varsity girls lacrosse team is ready to hit the field with the mission of improvement on their mind. Head coach Ellery Alexander will lead the aggressive ladies on the field as they face ten regular season games which include seven all important OK conference competitions.



BOYS LACROSSE

First row, left to right: John Rogalke, Aron Mierendorf, Koda Barry, Keaton Bell, Blake Posthumus, Hayden (Brody) Barry, Collin (Brody) Bowers, and Brennan Battle; second row, left to right: coach Erick Bredin, coach Jordan Pier, Sawyer Olesko, Bradly Depew, Benjamin Kohtz, Avery Buckius, Jason Nagy, coach Adam Bowers, and coach Kelly Bowers; third row, left to right: Ryan Hessler, Addison Buckius, Karson Murley, Logan Copeyon, Evan Mierendorf, Jay Clark, and Brendan Paulus.

Four seniors, 10 juniors, five sophomores and two freshman will make up this years boys varsity lacrosse team coached for the twelfth season by Eric Bredin. The team brings some experience to the field this season according to Bredin, "We've been young and inexperienced the past couple years, and though we're still a bit young we bring a lot more experience to the field this year." The team is expected to be led by midfielder Sawyer Olesko, goalie Evan Mierendorf, defenseman Dakota Barry and attackman Collin Bowers. "I think we can match up with every team on our schedule this season," said Bredin. "If we can stay healthy we'll have a shot to compete for the OK Conference title"



LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL

Spring VARSITY SPORTS TEAMS

Lowell boys varsity golf head coach Gary Fredline will lead eight talented golfers on the course this year as they and the rest of the OK White look to put a stop on the dominance of Grand Rapids Christian who is seeking their third straight regional championship.

"This year's team is a veteran team, I have five returning seniors that have varsity experience," said Fredline.



GOLF

First row, left to right: Tim Buechler, Nathen Kyburz, Josh Buechle, and Christian Hugaard-Rosenfeldt; second row, left to right: coach Gary Fredline, Alex Bohr, Jake Hays, Zach Laux, Zack Ritchie, Cam Bonney, and Tyler Hall.



CREW

First row, left to right: Logan VanderMeulen, Nathan Barrett, Nathan Hawkins, Jason Cazier, Devon Siciliano, Alex Lindmark, and Nicholas Longway; second row, left to right: Krista Ritter, Jessica Barrett, Ashley VanderLaan, Hailey Boggs, Katie Brim, and coach Sara Cadwallader.

Lowell's crew team will be taking to water this spring with a small team but a lot of heart and drive. The squad will travel throughout the state competing along the Detroit River and the Grand River at Riverside Park and is also scheduled to compete in several indoor regattas with coach David Cadwallader.



SOCCER

First row, left to right: Colleen Cater, Mary Leasure, Tara McQueen, Amy Carpenter, Kathryn Montgomery, Nicole Hewitt, and Olyvia Elliott; second row, left to right: coach Mike Lincolnhol, Addie Grohman, Darby Fuller, Riley Conlan, Bridget Garter, Christy Lyon, Maura Fitzpatrick, Ally Laird, and coach Dan Lipon; third row, left to right: Katie Clemenshaw, Victoria Hewitt, Alyssa Roest, Hailey Hoevenaar, Remington Phillips, Amber Curtis, and Darby Dean.

Varsity girls soccer will build their season on the back of athleticism and experience according to head coach Dan Lipon. Fifteen returning athletes, including eight starters, will return to the field this season to take on their rivals in the OK White.

"Our growth and success this season will be a direct result of the girls

continued dedication and hard work during the off-season. The OK White is arguably the first or second most talented girls soccer conference in West Michigan. Every game is a battle and all wins are significant. Ideally, we would like to finish in the top three of the conference which would

be our highest finish in the conference the past four years," said Lipon.

Seniors Kate Montgomery, Amy Carpenter, Tara McQueen and Colleen Cater will lead the team as captains and be joined by a half dozen returning sophomore athletes and several talented freshmen.



TENNIS

First row, left to right: Danielle Fron, Emma McLane, Rebecca Weaver, Elena Bishop, and Jasmine Peters; coach Chris Phillips, Lydia Tawney, Alainie Thomas, Megan Hofman, Rachel Fox, and Bethany Kaczanowski.

A senior rich girls varsity tennis team will take to the court with head coach Chris Phillips to face a tough OK White conference.

Nine seniors, two juniors and a lone sophomore will compete for the team with a few standouts expected to

serve well this season according to Phillips.

"This year we have a first doubles team of Rachel Fox and Megan Hofman that look tough. I think they'll be able to compete well at that very tough first doubles spot. Also, this year at first singles is Danielle Fron. She'll be working

hard at that notoriously tough position. Knowing Danielle all these years, I know she'll really fight hard and do her best."

The team also looks forward to defending last year's first place finish at their own Lowell Invitational scheduled for April 25.

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Catch Up On Lowell High School Sports

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Three Lowell Odyssey of the Mind teams compete at state final

On Saturday, March 21, 114 Odyssey of the Mind teams from around the state gathered at Thornapple Kellogg Schools in Middleville to compete in the 35th annual Michigan Odyssey of the Mind competition. Three teams from Lowell area schools were represented at the competition.

All three teams competed in the "Losing Your Marbles" problem. In this problem, teams had to design and build a structure using only balsa wood and glue that would balance and support as much weight as possible. The structure was also required to hold five marbles that were released one at a time during weight placement as a result of a team-created device that would remove a piece of the structure. The team also had to incorporate weight placement and "losing your marbles" into the theme of their performance.

The Lowell High School and the Murray Lake Elementary "Losing Your Marbles" teams both brought home second-place finishes in their respective age divisions, securing their spots at the world finals competition. Since starting the program in Lowell nine years ago, this is the third time Lowell will be represented at the international world competition to be held at Michigan State University in May.

Also representing Lowell at the state finals competition was the Lowell Middle School "Losing Your Marbles" team. This team brought home bronze medals and also had the top score in their spontaneous portion of the competition for their problem and division.

Over 800 teams from

around the world will compete in the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals. The competition emphasizes creativity and teamwork and has grown into the largest international creative problem-solving competition worldwide. Millions of kids have been working hard all year perfecting their solutions

to Odyssey of the Minds problems and competing within their regions and states. Only a few advance to world finals – these teams represent the best of the best creative minds. While the competition is fierce, there is also a feeling of camaraderie among competitors. Many students form lifelong friendships

that span the U.S. and the globe. At world finals, the teams have the chance to learn about other cultures through a common goal - to be as creative as they can!

The students are beginning to raise funds to participate in the competition. Each team will need to raise approximately \$4000 to attend the world

finals tournament. Please consider making a donation to help the students who will be representing our community and state at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals competition. If you or your organization would be interested in helping out the teams, please email lowellodyssey@gmail.com for more information.



The Lowell Middle School "Losing Your Marbles" team with their third-place medals. Back row: Tyler Spinella, Phoebe Looman, Logan Dekok, Conner DeKok and Jake Cleaver; front row: Jared Sweet and John Lothian.



The Lowell High School "Losing Your Marbles" team with their silver medals. Back row: Leah Bredwell, Leanna Rose, Thomas Hubert and Chloe Looman, front row: Abigail Kastanek.

At right, the Murray Lake Elementary School "Losing Your Marbles" team just before their long-term performance. Left to right: Luci Foreman, Elly Looman, Hunter Stepanovich, Nicholas Lothian, Hayden Lowrie and Josh Momany.



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WEDNESDAY: Pancake & sausage, warm cinnamon apples, fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, cherry tomatoes, peaches, applesauce.

THURSDAY: Homemade macaroni & cheese (w/dinner roll served at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), seasoned broccoli; fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, baby carrots, fruit goop, apple.

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Red Arrow SPORTS

Red Arrows win home opener

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Last week, Lowell varsity baseball won their home opener against Greenville High School 3-2.

Sophomore Jarrod Melle pitched all seven innings. He allowed only one earned run on five hits, struck out eight batters and walked zero in his 82 pitches. Melle threw first strike pitches 19 times during the game.

Neither team was able to get over the plate in the first four innings.

The Arrows were the first to put runs on the board earning two in the bottom of the fifth.

Anthony Pollock led the scoring for Lowell singling to left field and then stealing base to land at second. Matt Milstead followed in the scoring charge by taking his second

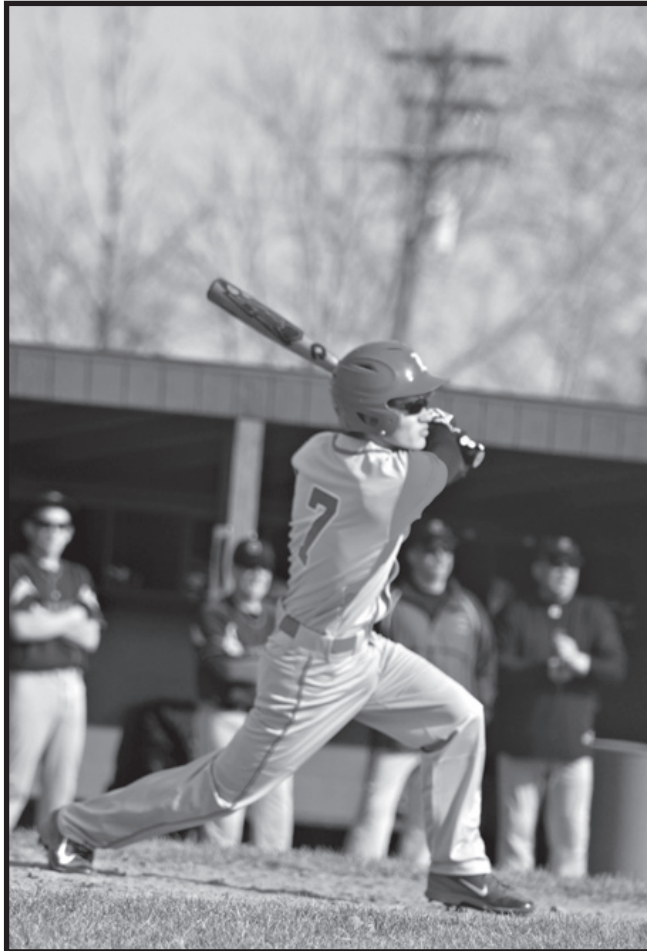
walk of the evening to man first for the Arrows. Zach Gordon launched a could be double into midfield in the next at bat but was caught out. Melle earned a walk next to load the bases, using courtesy runner Trevor Shurlow. Cooper Perry drove in the two runs for Lowell on a shallow hit toward first that was erred by Greenville scoring Milstead and Pollock. Shurlow took the teams third out at home missing the run and ending the inning 2-0.

In the sixth Greenville put up an RBI single but the Arrows answered in the same inning with the help of Nate Stephens. The third baseman went 2-2 doubling in the fourth and singling in the sixth scoring one run with aid of a sacrifice fly by Shurlow. Greenville earned one additional run in the top of the seventh but

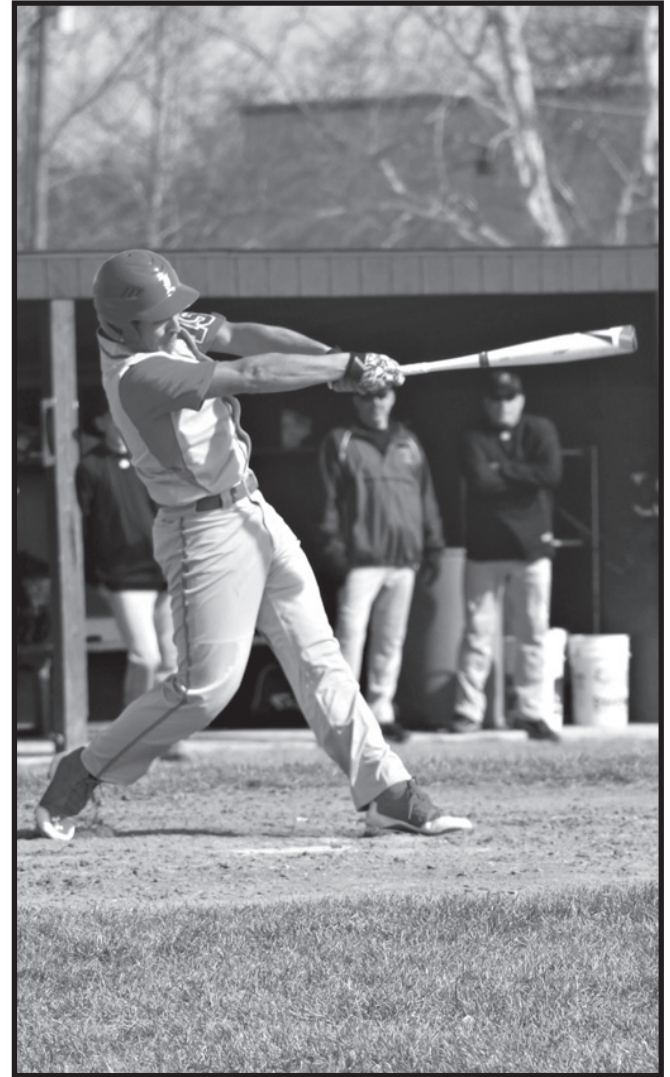
their effort fell short and the game ended Arrows on top 3-2.

Lowell, 2-1 thus far this season, will travel to Seymour, Indiana this weekend for

a non-conference double header before diving into the OK White conference on April 14 at East Grand Rapids High School starting at 4 pm.



Second baseman Nolan Yahmarkt takes to the plate during the Arrows home opening win last week.

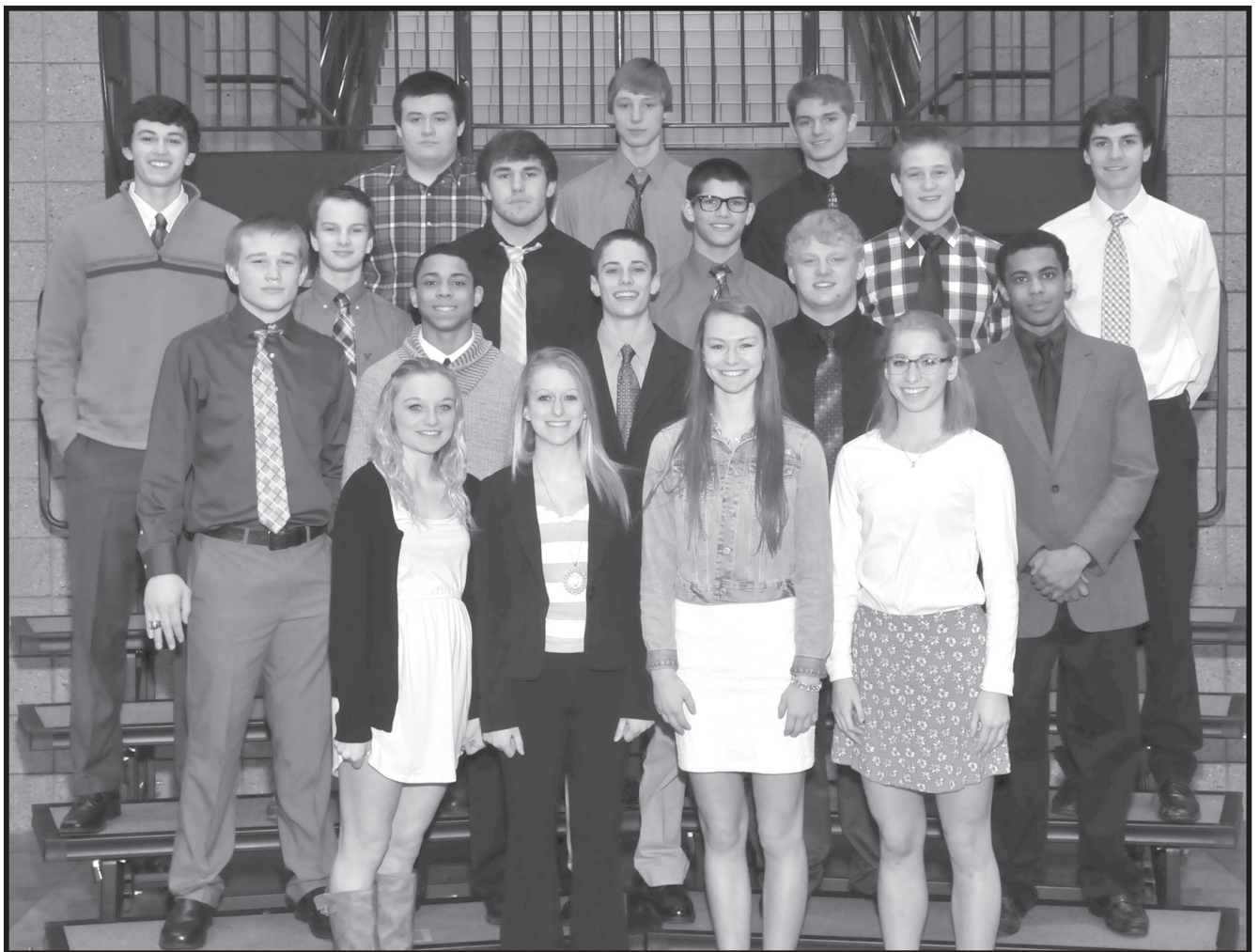


Matt Milstead used his careful eye to earn two walks for the Arrows along with one hit and a run.



Jarrod Melle pitched all seven innings of the teams winning home game over Greenville striking out eight batters.

Winter All Conference players



Lowell High School has announced the Winter All Conference Players. The athletes pictured are: front row, left to right: Hannah VanWynen-cheer, Baylee Bennett-cheer, Lauren DeHaan-gymnastics and Kate Montgomery-basketball; second row: Danny Kruse-wrestling; Lucas Hall-wrestling; Sam Russell-wrestling; Logan Wilcox-wrestling; Jordan Hall-wrestling; third row: Tyler Lynch-wrestling; Josh Colegrove-wrestling; Zeth Dean-wrestling; David Kruse-wrestling; Ryan Stevens-basketball and back row: Matt Beachler-basketball; Justin Everitt-bowling; Carson Clark-bowling and Cam Bonnelly-ice hockey.

obituaries

BAILEY

Candace Anne Bailey, born April 22 1979, passed away on April 1, 2015 surrounded by her loving family at home in Lowell. Candie was preceded in death by her grandmother and grandfather, Barb and Terry Meyers; her great-grandmother and great-grandfather, Clara and Marvin Meyers; and her grandmother, Roberta Reinsma. She is survived by her loving and devoted mom and pa, Kimberly and Eric DeGarmo; her siblings Kristina, Amy, and Katlin Bailey, Emily and Nicholas DeGarmo; her aunt Theresa "DeeDee" and uncle Steve Longwell; her uncle Scott (Jo) Meyers; her dad, Jeffrey (Dana) Bailey; and step-brothers, Eric (Ashley) and Heath DeGarmo. She is also survived by many loving cousins, great-aunts, uncles, and friends. Candie was a Special Olympics swimmer for many years, winning a bronze medal in 1990. She was very passionate about movies, especially singing along with musicals like *Annie*, *Gremlins* and *E.T.* were also among her favorites. She liked to cruise around with her sisters and mom, listening to music (Pink Floyd was a favorite) and visiting her Gran and her DeeDee. Candie loved animals, especially her Tucker Bean. Candie taught us about unconditional love. She was fiery and funny, honest and genuine. She enriched the lives of all who knew her. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made to Special Olympics, a no-kill shelter such as McKenzie's Animal Sanctuary, or Impact Church – Benedictions. Services will be held Tuesday, April 14 from 5:30-7:30 at Impact Church, 1070 Hudson St. SE, Lowell, MI 49331. "The sun'll come out tomorrow..."



COONS
David F. Coons, age 92 of Lowell, died Friday, April 3, 2015, at Clark Retirement Community, Grand Rapids. He was preceded in death by his parents Frank and Edith Coons, wife Elizabeth Lyman Coons, and daughter Nancy Coons. He is survived by daughters Laura (George) Bakken of Terre Haute, IN, Martha Coons (Tom Bein) of Florence, MA, son-in-law Mark Olson of France; grandchildren Annie (Nate) Swanberg, David Bakken, Noah, Joel and Ethan Bein, Elodie and Alice Olson-Coons. He was born May 6, 1922, graduated Lowell High School in 1939, attended Grand Rapids Junior College and Michigan State College, graduating in 1943. He served in the U. S. Army in World War II, ending the war with the 69th Infantry Division in eastern Germany. Returning home he joined the family clothing retail business and later inherited from his father the position of office manager of the Lowell Savings & Loan Association. When that organization merged with a larger company he became branch manager until his retirement. Concurrently with those positions he was organist of the First United Methodist Church for 37 years, a member of the Lowell Area School Board for 11 years and of Lowell Rotary Club since 1950. Besides his family he derived enjoyment from making music, and in retirement painting landscapes and hiking in the north woods and southwestern deserts. Memorial service to be held at a later date.



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Theodore (Ted) MacTavish, aged 92 years and a 50-year Traverse City area resident, passed away on March 30, 2015. He was born in Lowell on June 7, 1922 and graduated from Lowell High School in 1942. During World War II, Ted served in the 8th Air Force, and was stationed in Rattlesden, East Anglia, UK as a ground crew member servicing B-17 bombers until April 1945. After returning from military service, Ted married Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Gingrich and together they raised a family of three children. Before settling in 1965 on their Leelanau County farm, they lived in Lowell, Colorado Springs, CO, Traverse City, St. Louis, and Phoenix, AZ. Ted held many jobs during his life including cabinetmaker, tailor, butcher, grocery store owner, farmer, and salesman. Beginning in the late 1960's Ted became active in the Leelanau 4H club and contributed his time to starting a strong livestock program that focused on goats, lambs, and horses. For his work in that program, a popular Traverse City radio station recognized him as a "WCCW Good Guy." In 1989, Ted and Betty sold their farm and divided their time between their summer retirement home in Greilickville and their winter home in Zephyrhills, FL. Ted is survived by his wife of 68 years; his three children, Linda McGlothlin (Marvin), Robert MacTavish (Phyllis) and Thomas MacTavish (Krista); seven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. In accordance with Ted's wishes cremation has taken place. Private family services will be held at a later date. Burial of Ted's cremated remains will be in Oakwood Cemetery in Lowell. Donations honoring Ted's life may be made to Traverse Bay United Methodist Church, 1200 Ramsdell Rd, Traverse City, MI 49684. Please feel free to share your thoughts and memories with Theodore's family at his Life Tribute Page at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com. The family is being cared for by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.



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WILL

Wayne Allen Will, age 63, of Lowell, passed away on Monday, March 30. He was born on December 27, 1951 in Walled Lake, to Wayne Elliot and Virginia Mae (Nichols) Will-Souser. He relocated to Lowell with his family and graduated from Lowell High School with the Class of 1970. Wayne worked at Amway for many years. He was a member of the Lowell Moose Lodge and enjoyed almost any outdoor activity, and some of his favorites included, fishing, spending time by a campfire with friends or just sitting and watching the river go by. He is survived by his children, Jennifer M. (Matthew) Fulkerson of Cedar Springs, Marie L. (Ruben Sims) Will of Kentwood, Joseph W. (Angela) Will of Caledonia and Susan J. (Mike) Lantz of Kent City; 10 grandchildren, Jordan, Zaeliyah, Sierra, Zakiya, Guilia, Lily, Asia, Joseph, Jack and Zariyah; his prior wife and mother of his children, Barbara A. Will of Lowell; siblings, Rodney W. Will of Mulliken, John D. Will of Lake Wales, FL, Robert E. Will of Grand Rapids, Delbert J. (Kim) Will of Lowell, Diane M. (Fred) Ignatovich of Byron Center, step-father Don Souser of Lowell and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and sister, Gloria J. Lesnew. No services will take place at this time, but Wayne's family is planning a memorial gathering, to celebrate his life, later this spring or early summer. For additional information, please contact Verdun Family Funeral Home, 303 S. Bridge St., Belding, at (616) 794-1300 or verdunfh.com, who is caring for the arrangements.

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TERRY VANDERWARF
invites you
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of his life
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To The Editor, continued

How shall we profit by these lessons? We can profit by learning from the past and getting involved. We can profit by learning and understanding that we cannot live alone, and that our own well-being is dependent on good intentions and involvement of our citizens. We can profit by learning to live as human citizens, not as ostriches, nor as dogs in the manger.

We can profit by learning to be honorable, trustworthy citizens of the country, the world and full members of the human community. We can profit by learning the simple truth, as Emerson said, that "The only way to have a friend is to be one." We can gain no lasting honor if we approach it with suspicion and mistrust or with fear.

We can gain it only if we proceed with the understanding, the confidence, and the courage which flow from conviction in that which is right, honorable and legal under the charter.

Alan Teelander
Lowell

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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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.

CELEBRATE CHILDREN LITERATURE DAY - April 30, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Checkout 10 children's books & get a 2 week checkout on children's DVDs. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

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

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.

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COFFEE WITH THE COUNCIL - Come meet & have a cup of coffee with your city councilmembers. First Saturday of each month at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office, 113 Riverwalk Plaza, Lowell. 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

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Kids have lots of fun at chilly Easter egg hunt



Lowell Moose Lodge 809 hosted their annual Easter Egg Hunt at Creekside Park on April 4, welcoming children age 1-9.

Droves of children, with parents in tow, turned out for the festive event. The bundled up egg hunters braved the cold and windy weather conditions for the hundreds of dyed eggs lining one of the parks baseball fields.



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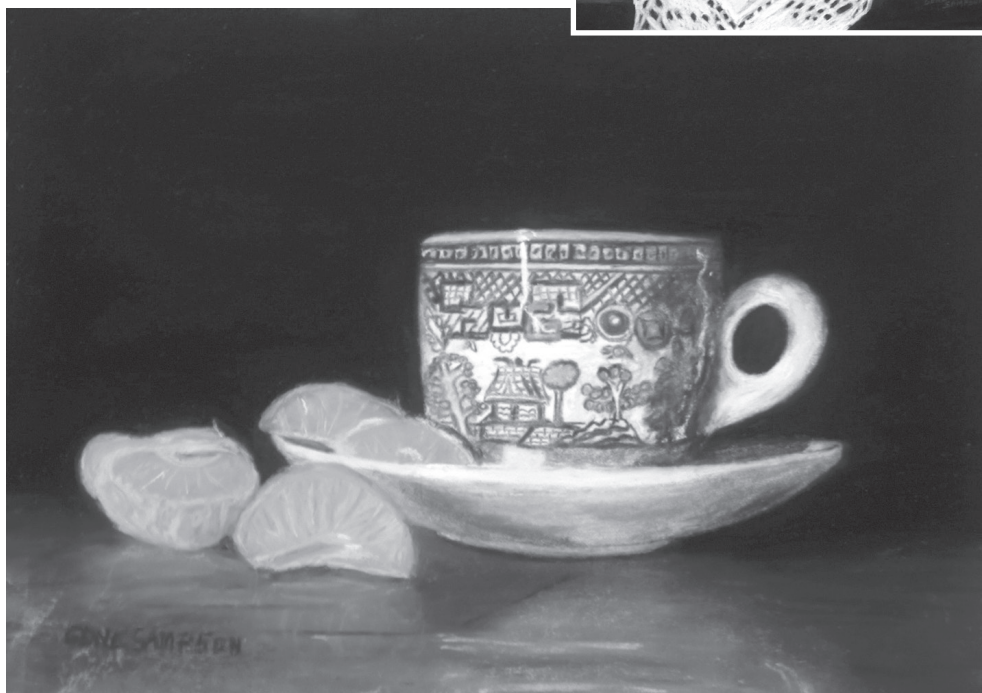
Flat River Gallery & Framing is featuring artist Gene Sampson during April and May. An opening reception will be held on Saturday, April 18 from 2 to 4:30 pm.

Sampson has been an artist and pastel painter for the past twelve years. Her primary focus has been on pastel still lifes. She is particularly interested in the hand-crafted items of "yesteryear" and enjoys coupling the textures found in old doilies and tablecloths with the shiny surfaces on fruit and ceramic and glass pieces. Her goal is to evoke a feeling of nostalgia in the viewer and allow them to appreciate the beauty that she finds in these old pieces.

Some of the local juried shows that Sampson has consistently had works chosen for are: Grand Valley Artists bi-annual membership competitions,

Celebration of the Arts, Muskegon Museum of the Arts Regional Competitions, and Grand Rapids Festival of the Arts. She has also shown her work at Art Prize. Sampson is a member of Grand Valley Artists,

Lowell Area Arts Council, and Great Lakes Pastel Society. She was recently juried in as a member of the prestigious Pastel Society of America. Flat River Gallery and Framing is located at 219 W. Main St., Lowell.



Financial Focus, continued

may also want to diversify your fixed-income holdings to include investments such as U.S. Treasury bills, certificates of deposit (CDs) and municipal bonds. The percentages of each type of investment within your portfolio should be based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

Finally, you can help yourself maintain an even-keeled approach to investing by always looking for *quality*. Typically, higher quality investments fare better during market declines and recover more quickly when the markets rebound. How can you judge whether a particular investment is of good "quality"? A long-term track record is useful to study. It's certainly true that, as you have no doubt heard, "past performance is no guarantee of future results," but it's

nonetheless valuable to know how a particular stock, for example, has performed in various economic environments. If it seems to have done well relative to others in its industry and over long periods of time, that may give you a good idea of its quality.

It's never easy to take all the emotions out of investing, especially during periods of market volatility. After all, you count on your investments to help provide you with the type of future you've envisioned. But by focusing on the fundamentals, putting together an appropriate investment mix and constantly looking for quality, you can help "de-stress" yourself — and, as the American poet, novelist and historian J.G. Holland once said, "Calmness is the cradle of power."

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- 9. *Some cities turn abandoned ones into gardens
- 13. Savory taste sensation
- 14. 7
- 15. Wassailing composition
- 16. Hundred Acre Wood creator
- 17. "___ show time!"
- 18. Bizet creation
- 19. *Type of garden bed
- 21. *Comes from certain refuse
- 23. *Plant need
- 24. Deal with it
- 25. Greenwich time
- 28. Not final or absolute
- 30. Mourner's emotion
- 35. Lyric: "___, born is the King of Israel!"
- 37. Low-___ diet
- 39. Lacking guile
- 40. Orbison's "___ the Lonely"
- 41. Asci, sing.
- 43. ___ gin
- 44. Silk fabric with wavy pattern
- 46. Loser's reaction
- 47. Kept together
- 48. Protective embankment
- 50. Wading bird
- 52. Old operating system
- 53. Birthday ___
- 55. Last word of a story
- 57. *Begonias and zinnias, e.g.

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April 1 - April 7

- The Duke Blue Devils won the NCAA National Basketball Championship in a nail-biting victory over the Wisconsin Badgers, 68-63 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.
- Kentucky Senator Rand Paul, a tea party favorite, has announced he is running for president. 
- A bakery owner in Denver, has been found not to have been discriminatory by the Colorado Civil Rights Division by refusing to make a cake with a hateful message. Marjorie Silva says she got the news but knows that Bill Jack, a Christian from Castle Rock, Colo., will appeal. Jack asked her to make a Bible-shaped cake with the message, "Homosexuality is a detestable sin. Leviticus 18:2." and wanted two men holding hands with a large X on them to be added.

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61. *Small shovel

64. Brag

65. Williams sister's return

67. Was rebroadcasted

69. George or Jennifer

70. Follow ems

71. Exclude

72. Barely got by

73. *Nutrient-dense ___ soil

74. Winter driving hazard

DOWN

1. Cuba Libre ingredient

2. Arab ruler

3. Apple variety

4. Embryo sacs

5. A dead body that ___ state

6. "Metamorphoses" poet

7. English course

8. Studio 54 genre

9. Member of nomadic Scandinavian people

10. Black and white treat

11. High rocky hills

12. *Some use fences of it around their gardens

15. Chop-chop

20. Writer ___ Jong

22. Activities, as in military

24. Type of court

25. *Garden ornament

26. Spanish monkeys

27. Denoting the final end

or purpose

29. Back talk

31. *Develops after touching poison ivy

32. Ticked off

33. Convex molding

34. *Unwanted plants

36. "Musical" constellation

38. *Tulip starter

42. Bode Miller, e.g.

45. Cheap substitution

49. Afghan monetary unit

51. Saws logs

54. Florida Key, e.g.

56. Persistently complain about

57. "Willing and ___"

58. Barnes & Noble reader

59. Back of neck

60. Second-hand

61. Recipe description

62. PA city and lake

63. Use a ladle

66. Lennon's partner

68. *Protector from birds

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LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL

Spring RED ARROW VARSITY SPORTS TEAMS



SOFTBALL

First row, left to right: Shelby Mutschler, Grace Quiggle, Breanna Oesch, Desiree Striplin, Brooke Steffen, and Megan Summerfield; second row, left to right: coach Kimberly Griffith, Regan Gravitt, Kenzie North, Tess Richardson, Kenzie Huver, and Shelley Bailey. Missing: Leana Weiler, coach Matt Dood and coach Rick Dood.

The Lowell varsity softball team is to improve their season record on the field in 2015.

They finished with a 4-6 record in the competitive OK White conference last season

placing them third then lost in the district semi-finals against Northview.

This year they'll start out with coach Kim Griffith armed with fresh talent and some solid returning players working hard for a winning record and another shot at the district championship.



BASEBALL

First row, left to right: Zachary Gordon, Nathan Stephens, Trevor Shurlow, Anthony Alderink, Anthony Pollock, Nolan Yahrmart, Maxwell, Majinske, and Cooper Perry; second row, left to right: coach Juston Miller, Matt Milstead, Collin VanNoord, Jarrod Melle, Matt Cooper, asst. coach Jon Bieneman, and asst. coach Tom Melle.

After a top finish in the OK White conference and claiming the district championship title last season, the Red Arrow varsity baseball team said farewell to a pack of 2015 seniors, including Parker Groom, Garrett Gordon,

Kyler Shurlow and Jeff Houston.

While the roster of this year's league is quite a bit shorter in length than the last, it does not appear to be shorter on talent. With returning starters like catcher Matt Milstead, standout sophomore

pitcher Jarrod Melle and slugger Zach Gordon back on the field for the Arrows, along with a potentially all-star supporting cast, the team looks poised to make another championship run this season under head coach Juston Miller.

SPRING SPORTS CALENDAR

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

BOYS' & GIRLS' VARSITY TRACK
 * Denotes a meet at Red Arrow Stadium
 4/15 at 4:15 p.m. East Grand Rapids

BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL
 * Denotes a game at the Cherry Creek Ball Field
 4/11 at 11 a.m. at Seymour, Indiana (doubleheader)
 4/14 at 4:30 p.m. East Grand Rapids
 4/15 at 4:30 p.m. East Grand Rapids*
 4/16 at 4:30 p.m. East Grand Rapids*

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER
 * Denotes a game at the Red Arrow Stadium
 4/15 at 6:45 p.m. Cedar Springs*
 4/17 at 6:45 p.m. Greenville

GIRLS VARSITY LACROSSE
 * Denotes a game at the Red Arrow Stadium
 4/15 at 7 p.m. Grandville (at Burch Field)

BOYS VARSITY LACROSSE
 * Denotes a game at the Red Arrow Stadium
 4/14 at 7 p.m. Forest Hills Eastern
 4/16 at 7:30 p.m. Grand Rapids Christian*

BOYS VARSITY GOLF
 * Denotes a game at Deer Run Golf Course
 4/14 at 3:30 p.m. Greenville at Brookside
 4/16 at 1 p.m. Kent County Classic at Highlands

GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL
 * Denotes a game at Cherry Creek Ball Field
 4/14 at 4:15 p.m. East Grand Rapids (doubleheader)
 4/16 at 4:15 p.m. Grandville* (doubleheader)
 4/18 at 10 a.m. Clarkston Tournament

GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS
 * Denotes a game at the Lowell High School Tennis Courts
 4/14 at 4:15 p.m. Northview*
 4/16 at 4:15 p.m. Byron Center*

OAKLAWN HOSPITALITY CLASSIC 5K*10K*Fun Run

2015

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 Oaklawn Hospital's Hospitality Classic is an example of Oaklawn's dedication to keeping the community healthy by encouraging individuals and families to foster healthy lifestyles. By hosting the Hospitality Classic, Oaklawn hopes to promote fun and fitness and enjoyment of running or walking for all ages.

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5K Run \$25.00 (Student \$15.00)
 10K Run \$25.00 (Student \$15.00)
 1 Mile Fun Run \$25.00 (Student \$15.00)
 May Walk \$25.00 (Student \$15.00)
 Family Rate \$60.00 (5 person max)

Rates listed are for early registration and are available through May 9th. Registration fee includes commemorative short-sleeve tri-blend T-shirt.

Sizes: Youth small, medium and large
 Adult small through 2-XL
 Shirts guaranteed to all registered by May 9.

For questions or registration assistance, please contact:
 Theresa Shippell - Event Coordinator
 269-789-3942 • tshippell@oaklawnhospital.org

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