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## No shortage of participants in Lowell during National Volunteer Week

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Part of the fabric of the Lowell community is volunteerism. In recognition of National Volunteer week, April 12-18, some examples of the hard working volunteers in the greater Lowell area are pictured.



Volunteers turned out in big numbers for the annual Alto Community Clean Up Day held last weekend. Families, individuals and local organizations, including both Boy Scout and Girls Scout troops, took on tasks ranging from trash pick up to landscaping with the intent of beautifying their community. The Alto American Legion Ladies

Auxiliary also volunteered their time and resources to provide lunch for the hard working volunteers. Pictured are Marcia Dougherty, Eva Carey, Maeve Dougherty and Brenda Benedict taking a break from tidying up on Linfield Avenue and students from Alto Elementary after helping freshen up Colby Park.

## LowellArts! will have new downtown location

LowellArts! has purchased two properties in downtown Lowell to create a new gallery, workshop and performance space.

Since the late 1970s, with the support of King Milling Company and the Doyle families, LowellArts! has made its home at 149 South Hudson Street. In recent years, the organization has grown and its audience has expanded to the point that they now require a new facility that offers sufficient space to showcase art, conduct workshops and host theater and musical events.

With those goals in mind the organization recently purchased the

properties at 221 and 223 W. Main Street, previously the retail locations of Cousins' Hallmark and River Hollow owned by Mike and Karen Hale. These properties are located on the corner of North Broadway and Main Street in historic downtown Lowell.

"We are thrilled about this major step," says Lorain Smalligan, executive director of LowellArts!. "This community is so enthusiastic about everything related to the arts. We want to nurture that interest, and grow it,

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Once a month volunteers Jessica Rocco, Shari Peal, Katie Peal and Renee Boersma, at right, are just a few of the hundreds of volunteers that make the operation of Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) possible.

"We have approximately 200 volunteers each month," said FROM volunteer coordinator Diane Kleczynski, "This is in various areas including the food pantry, Treasures Thrift Shop, doing sales and sorting behind the scenes. FROM would not be around if it wasn't for all the many volunteers. They take such pride in what they do in our organization." Beyond the inside volunteers Kleczynski said that FROM is also grateful for the voluntary support of the community through



their donations of food and goods and their involvement in efforts such as the annual Food Fight and Christmas distributions.

Boosters - Lowell athletic games would not be the same, or maybe even possible, without parent volunteers according to Lowell High School athletic director Dee Crowley, "It would be extremely difficult to operate our sports programs without parent volunteers. From

our concession stands to timing track events to running the scoreboards and those are just a small example, we are lucky at Lowell to have so many parents who are willing to volunteer and step in to help when needed." Pictured are Lacrosse parents Cheryl Jurmo and Brian Lenartz working the concession stand at Red Arrow Stadium during last weekends double header.

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## Funds raised - Whites Bridge will be rebuilt

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

It's official, Whites Bridge is going to be rebuilt.

The Whites Bridge Historical Society announced that they received a \$200,000 endowment from the Meijer Foundation. This announcement was made during a banquet at Grand Volute Ballrooms on Thursday, April 16.

"We've raised over \$475,000, that should be sufficient to build a bridge," said Tom Byle, chairman of the Whites Bridge Historical Society. "We're going to draw up plans and build a bridge, hopefully next summer [2016]. That's what we're aiming for."

If there is money left over they plan to use it to illuminate and beautify the new bridge.

"Any money left over will go into an endowment for lighting, Christmas lights and seasonal decorations," Byle said.

The next step will be to decide who is going to construct the new bridge.

"We're bidding the bridge construction out through MDOT because they contributed \$275,000," Byle said. "It'll go to the lowest, most responsible bidder."

They also drew the winners for their raffle at

the banquet. Whites Bridge Historical Society has been selling raffle tickets since October, and raised over \$5,000 that way. Chairman Tom Byle won the grand prize, a trip for two to the top of the south tower of the Mackinac Bridge. He said he plans to take his daughter, Jennifer Byle, on the trip with him.

Whites Bridge was built across the Flat River in 1869. It stood for 144 years until an arsonist burned it down on July 7, 2013. That crime has not yet been solved.



Whites Bridge Historical Society chairman Tom Byle announcing a \$200,000 endowment from the Meijer Foundation.

# From clean-ups and street repair to Tasers, much was discussed at city council meeting Monday night

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

Lowell city council had their regular meeting at city hall on Monday, April 20. The council discussed next year's budget, Tasers and resurfacing a local street, among other topics.

About 12 residents attended the meeting. Lowell Light and Power board member Perry Beachum was the only member of the public who spoke during the opportunity for public comment.

"We have adopted part of the Showboat Highway coming into town and we're going to do a clean-up on Wednesday," Beachum said. "We'll be meeting at approximately quarter after five in the lower lot at the township hall."

Jodie Seese from LoWellness gave a 15 minute presentation to the city council reminding everyone to fill out those health surveys.

"LoWellness is a locally-

based health initiative using data-driven programs to empower our community towards wellness," Seese said. "Our ability to have a representative analysis of our district depends on us getting surveys from everyone over the age of 18. It is not per household, it is everyone in the household over 18. That's men, women, children, grandparents, aunts and uncles."

The survey can be found online at [www.lowellcommunitywellness.org/lowellness-survey](http://www.lowellcommunitywellness.org/lowellness-survey), and Seese said it should only take about 15 minutes to complete.

A portion of the meeting was spent on city manager Mark Howe's presentation of a PowerPoint slideshow called "2015-16 Fiscal Year Budget Recommendations."

"The budget reflects your [the city council's] leadership and direction that you give to me to work toward our vision of

making the city of Lowell the vibrant core of a thriving community," Howe said. "It's impossible to discuss every element in a budget that contains more than a hundred pages and more than a thousand line items in a short presentation. I look forward to working with you on this process, though, as we develop the budget for next year. [...] A copy of this will be available at city hall for anybody to review... Any city resident that wants a copy of this recommended budget, they can come in, give me a call, send me an email, and I will make a copy for them."

The council voted to accept a bid of \$79,875 from Olin Excavating, who will do the Donna St. resurfacing project.

"Donna St. is a project that is eligible for Community Development Block Grant funding, and we would receive about \$28,000 for the project from CDBG," Howe said. "This will be the end of our eligibility for CDBG funding because we pulled out the urban county program with Kent County. That means that we have a very tight deadline of June 30, not only to complete the project, but to complete the paperwork that comes along with the project."

Dave Austin, an engineer with the Grand Rapids company Williams & Works, was on hand to answer the council's questions about this.

"We have plenty of time, and absent weather like we had two years ago at this time, the weather shouldn't be an issue," Austin said. "Paperwork is a concern only because

we have to... the contractor and everybody often-times have to move the paperwork around as fast as possible, but there should be plenty of time."

The council also voted to let the Lowell police department accept a \$5,000 grant and spend some money on three new Tasers.

"We can get a grant through the [Michigan Township Participating Plan], which is our [risk] pool insurance carrier, for \$5,000," Howe said. "That would take care of all but about \$1,400, almost \$1,500 of the cost of replacement."

Police chief Steve Bukala said the new Tasers would last a few years.

"About five years, then the batteries start not sparking correctly and there could be accidental discharges and things like that," Bukala said.

Mayor Jim Hodges read a proclamation declaring it Arbor Day in Lowell on Friday, April 24. City councilor Sharon Ellison, a member of Lowell's Arbor Board, said there would be a tree-planting ceremony that day.

"There is a tree-planting at Lowell Family Chiropractic at 1425 W. Main St.," Ellison said. "We decided to do a native tree, a native redbud tree, that we'll plant there in honor in Arbor Day."

Lowell city council's next regular meeting will be at city hall at 7 pm on Monday, May 4. They also have a work session scheduled for 6 pm on Monday, April 27, also at city hall. The 2015-2016 budget will be discussed at this workshop.



## along main street

### ALTO ELEMENTARY 5K RUN/WALK

The 6th annual Alto Elementary 5k Run/Walk will be held on Sat., May 2 at 8:30 am. This event is endorsed by the Governor's Council on Fitness which qualifies participants to enter the lottery for the 2015 Labor Day Bridge Run.

### FROM VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

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

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## New art building, continued

so that the arts remain a vibrant part of life as well as the economy in this region."

Plans for the building renovation are underway. The goal is to open up the connecting wall between the two existing buildings to create a large gallery. The renovation will also include space for workshops by visiting artists and an intimate performance space that will seat approximately 50 guests.

A committee has been formed to seek and select an architect who can develop appropriate plans and cost estimates. The organization will also be launching a capital campaign to fund this critical community investment. LowellArts! hopes to move into the new space sometime in mid-2016.

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# Cowgirls shop and have fun at Lowell's Girls' Night Out

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Last Thursday evening proved that "Cowgirls have more fun" when shoppers and fun seekers converged for the spring Girls' Night Out (GNO).

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, saw a great turnout this year. Warm air and bright sun greeted attendees as they traversed the shops in the

historic downtown shopping district taking advantage of their sales, specials and hospitality.

Highlights included a kissing booth featuring Pickles from the Kent County Youth Fair and a fun photo booth both at Station Salon, 20 percent store wide discounts at Dovetail



This brazen cowgirl held up the jail at Station Salon where they also offered free braids, snacks and kisses from Pickles.



Kyra Snyder takes on the mechanical bull during her "uptown" GNO shopping experience.



Shoppers on the street during the western-themed spring Girls' Night Out event last Thursday

Antiques and Flat River Cottage among others and dining discounts for hungry shoppers at Flat River Grill and Larkin's.

In a growing trend for the event, several businesses on the west side of Main Street into Fulton also took part in the fun. This year eleven "uptown" locations invited shoppers to stop by with many of the merchants coming together at the YMCA plaza where they offered free shuttle service to downtown.

Having once participated in a GNO several years ago with little success, uptown participant Advanced Eyecare Professionals, Steve Flohr, knew that they would have to think big to draw attention to their location. Working off the cowgirl theme, Flohr started to formulate a plan, "I thought what would be something fun and different and the mechanical bull came to mind."

B.C. Pizza offered free food samples, Grand River Orthodontics toothbrushes and the YMCA supplied the

shuttle bus and free week passes to their facilities. Pauly's also offered a free wine tasting at the location.

Flohr said that plans are already in the works for the fall event which will take place in October, "The event was fantastic I think everyone had a great time and it was well attended. Women of all ages had fun and learned that uptown has some amazing business. Shopping local is very important to the growth and sustainability of this community and GNO is one way to achieve that goal. After talking to all the uptown crews we are excited for the fall GNO and the wheels are already turning on the pirate theme."

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## financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

### Can you free yourself from some investment taxes?

April 24 has been designated Tax Freedom Day for 2015. Tax Freedom Day, calculated by the Tax Foundation, is the day when the nation as a whole has earned enough money to pay off its total tax bill for the year. So it may be a good time to review your own situation to determine if you can “free” yourself from some investment-related taxes in the future.

Of course, Tax Freedom Day is something of a fiction, in practical terms, because most people pay their taxes throughout the year via payroll deductions. Also, you may not mind paying your share of taxes because your tax dollars are used in a variety of ways — such as law enforcement, food safety, road maintenance, public education and so on — that, taken together, have a big impact on the quality of life in this country. Nonetheless, you may well want to look for ways to reduce those taxes associated with your investments, leaving you more money available to meet your important goals, such as a comfortable retirement.

Fortunately, it isn't really that difficult to be a tax-conscious investor, as some of the best retirement-savings vehicles have built-in tax advantages. For starters, depending on your income level, your contributions to a traditional IRA may be tax-deductible, so the more you put in (up to the maximum of \$5,500, or \$6,500 if you're 50 or older), the lower your annual taxable income. Plus, your earnings grow on a tax-deferred basis.

If you meet certain income guidelines, you may be eligible to contribute to a Roth IRA. The contribution limits for a Roth IRA are the same as those for a traditional IRA, but the tax treatment of your earnings is different. In fact, your Roth IRA earnings can grow tax free, provided you don't take withdrawals before 59½ and you've had your account at least five years. (Roth IRA contributions are not tax-deductible, however.)

Even if you have an IRA, you can probably also participate in your employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a

401(k), a 403(b) or a 457(b). You typically contribute “pretax” dollars to these types of retirement plans, so your contributions will lower your annual taxable income. Plus, you'll benefit from tax-deferred earnings. And employer-sponsored plans have much higher contribution limits than an IRA; in 2015, you can put in up to \$18,000 to a 401(k) or similar plan, or \$24,000 if you are 50 or older.

Beyond contributing as much as you can afford to tax-advantaged retirement plans, how else can you take greater control of your investment-related taxes? One move is to avoid frequent buying and selling of investments held outside your IRA and 401(k). If you sell investments that you've held for less than one year, your profit will be taxed as ordinary income, with a rate as high as 39.6 percent. But if you hold investments at least one year before selling them, you'll just pay the long-term capital gains rate, which is 15 percent for most taxpayers (20 percent for high earners). So, from a tax standpoint, it pays to be a “buy-and-hold” investor.

Taking full advantage of your IRA and 401(k) and holding your investments for the long term aren't the only tax-smart moves you can make — but they can give you a good start on making investing less of a “taxing” experience.

## WRWW (92.3) & Internet Schedule

### [SUNDAY] [04-26-15]

**2:30 'The Devon & Kelsie Show' with Devon Siciliano & Kelsie Jurmo (3)**

**9:00 pm 'Old-Time Radio'**

### [MONDAY] [04-27-15]

**2:30 'The Infinite Show' with Raiden Miller (8)**

**4:30 Funday, Monday with Roman Rozell & Brendan Sanders (2)**

### [TUESDAY] [04-28-15]

**3:00 The Lovely Beats Show with DJ Cupid & DJ Heartbeat (8)**

**4:30 Lowell Varsity Baseball vs Jenison High School**

### [WEDNESDAY] [04-29-15]

**2:45 The Archer Pina Show (4)**

**4:30 The After Hours Show with Dakota Krzysik (3)**

### [THURSDAY] [04-30-15]

**2:30 The No Topic Show with Dakota & Devin (3)**

**4:15 Lowell Varsity Softball vs South Christian**  
**8:00 'The Night Shift' with Clayton Brown & Jerry Thompson (1)**

### [FRIDAY] [05-01-15]

**2:30 'The Show' with Jeremy Kargl & Ryne Clarke (1)**

**5:00 The Old Blues Show w/ Riley Nethercott & Chase Miller (6)**

### [SATURDAY] [05-02-15]

**3:00 'The Random Explosion Show' with Joe Ryder (9)**

**7:00 'The Music Locker' with Connor Smithee (2)**

(1) = Classic Rock (2) = 2010 & Up Top Hits (3) = Heavy Metal (4) = Country (5) = Dubstep/Dance (6) = Jazz/Blues (7) = Glam Rock (70's) (8) = 2000 & Up Top Hits (9) = Talk Show

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# viewpoint

## to the editor

### don't shoot the messenger

Dear Editor,  
I have heard of a lot of negative things happening in our community. I've also heard people say "Stop being so negative" when letters have been written about these negative things happening. Has anyone ever heard the saying "don't shoot the messenger"? It seems to me that applies here. Maybe

instead of being upset with the people pointing these things out they should be demanding that those doing the "negative" things stop doing them. It seems to me that would be the appropriate solution.

Respectfully  
Betty Olson  
Lowell

### outdoors

#### don't wait for summer

Dave Stegehuis

Summer and especially summer-like weather lasts a relatively short period of time in Michigan. If spring and fall are added in, however, we have a much longer period of comfortable weather in which to enjoy a wide range of outdoor pursuits. The exciting part of living here is after several months of winter there is great anticipation of mild weather so we can get back to our favorite outdoor activities.

First we should probably tend to domestic chores like yard clean-up and putting up firewood for next winter. With the threat of frost passed, flowers, trees, and vegetable gardens can be planted. Make sure the birdhouses are cleaned out and ready for returning flocks.

Now it's time to go fishing. Steelhead trout run up tributaries from the Great Lakes. The big silver fish etch out spawning beds in gravel

runs and are vulnerable to egg flies, streamers, spawn bags, and spinners. Crank baits temp fish lurking in deep holes and runs. Suckers gather in large numbers in most flowing water around the state. Kids like to fish for suckers on rod and reel because they're easy to catch on a gob of worms. Spearing season for suckers and carp boosts production for those wanting to can or smoke fish to stock the kitchen pantry. Trollers cruise the shallows off big lake beaches for large football shaped brown trout. Fishermen not wanting to bother with a boat fish off the piers. Walleye fishing is booming on large and small bodies of water as well as rivers. Anglers come from all over the mid-west to fish for food and fun and use a variety of different methods. We all have our favorite techniques.

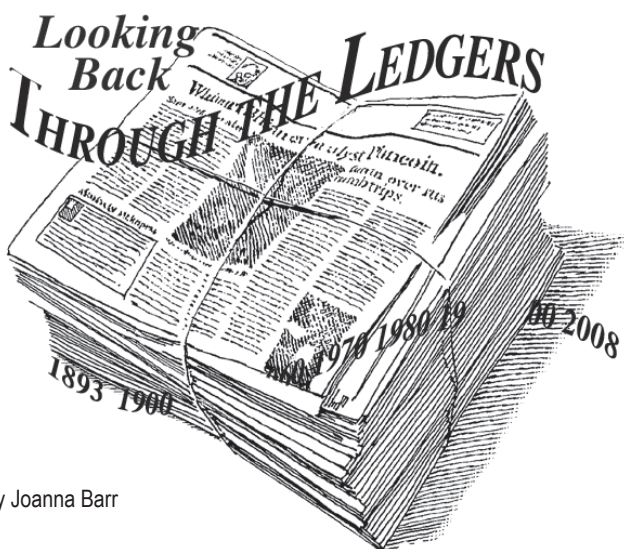
Turkey hunting has become an obsession for many hunters. The

widespread availability of turkeys and the evolution of gear to take them has opened a new world of hunting for Michigan sportsmen.

Searching for morel mushrooms is difficult until one gets the hang of it. Sometimes brook trout can be found in the same areas as mushrooms and a meal of brookies and butter fried mushrooms is as about as good as it gets. Keep an eye out for wild leaks.

When putting greens firm up, golfers can begin a long season of play. A course is not far away any place in the state.

So, the lead up to summer is as activity filled and interesting as summer itself and when we exit into fall and all that takes place at that time, then winter really doesn't amount to that much. It's a wonder we find time to ice fish, hunt, snowmobile, and ski. Summer is coming, but don't blink or you may miss it.



By Joanna Barr

### 125 years ago Lowell Journal April 23, 1890

The Lowell Furniture Co. have made arrangements whereby they expect to at once begin work on a much larger scale than formerly. They have engaged M. B. Armstrong, a very able furniture man, having had experience in the very finest furniture factories in this section, such as the Widdicomb. M. L. Sweet's, the Oriel and others, for foreman, and they will try and hustle things. Mr. Hine has recently invented the "Housekeeper's Cabinet," a most useful piece of furniture for the kitchen which is a combined china closet and kitchen sink, and which will undoubtedly fill a long-felt want. The business prospects for the Co. are very much better than at any time in the past three years. They have a contract with the Princess Dressing Case Co., for 400 of their dressers and in the near future will, in all probability, be working from 30 to 50 hands.

Some miscreant threw a large stone through the window at the M. E. church last Sunday night, just as the services were closing. It was a dastardly deed and the perpetrator should be given the full extent of the law when caught.

E. F. Barber, a prominent fruit grower from Ludington, was in town Monday, looking after young fruit stock. He knew where to come and N. P. Husted sold him a large bill of choice trees. Mr. Husted reports that calls for trees were never better and that his sales are far exceeding his most sanguine expectations.

The annual Sheep-shearing Festival will be held at Robert Vickery's, in So. Boston, Saturday, May 3d, to commence at 10 a. m., sharp. The festival is open to all and you can get your dinner there if you wish it.

Business in all its branches in Lowell is booming and the spring prospects are all that can be expected. The sales in all branches of merchantile trade far exceed those of the past three years.

Lewillia Layer yesterday filed a bill in chancery against Jacob Layer, John Layer and Rosina Layer, for an accounting of their property. Jacob Layer is her husband and John and Rosina Layer are the heirs, expectant, to the said property in Bowne.

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### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 22, 1915

When your lawn has been excavated, your flowers uprooted, your shrubbery killed, your hens let out and you pay a fine – remember that the owner of the dog pays 50 cents per year for the privilege; and be consoled.

Several children of George A. Kerr of Vergennes are ill, an unusual circumstance in that good, old-fashioned family. Perhaps few of our readers know that Mr. and Mrs. Kerr have sixteen bright and happy children. When they all gather round the long table, the bread and butter and honey disappear "to beat the band." The race suicide problem is not worrying Mr. Kerr any; and as long as the old farm does its duty there'll be plenty for all to eat, drink and wear. Some enterprising photographer should "snap" that family group.

District school No. 2 is closed on account of smallpox in this vicinity. All children are being vaccinated to prevent its spreading.

Harley Boles has developed a case of smallpox and Miss Velma Sinclair who was forced to quit school at Lowell because of the disease in the family, is now showing all the symptoms of it. The physicians of the town advise everyone who have not been, to be vaccinated.

We expect soon to see O. J. Kinyon spinning by in his new Ford. Joy and success be his, is the wish of his neighbors.

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### off the cuff

Jeanne Boss

The success of some marketing strategies never cease to amaze me. The best ones persuade and effect, dare I say infect, our common sense. From the sublime to the ridiculous, when you think about how we mindlessly march to the tune of this subliminal pied piper, it is both hilarious and tragic.

Let's first go back to my relatively recent past (time flies). If you are old enough to remember bell bottoms, granny glasses, wide ties and white lipstick, you are very much aware of how we can be led like zombies. When discussing the subject of changing fashion with my older sister she remarked, "Yeah, they had us dressing like clowns there for a bit." LOL. (That's how we laugh out loud now. I personally still prefer to "literally" laugh out loud. And let us leave for another day the trending of words like literally and trending).

Sure that's what it seems like. How silly we were "then." And of course we all know how goofy our parents and grandparents dressed and behaved.

Let's update it a bit to include a slightly younger group and add: mini skirts, hair-sprayed spiky

bangs, one white glove, leg warmers, fannie packs, maxi-skirts, goose down coats, velour, haram pants, big shoulder pads, Doc Martins, grunge wear, gothic wear, skinny ties, dew rags, chat rooms, sagging pants, tattoos, piercings, shaved heads, hair in your face, pink hair, blue hair, texting, sexting, the obsession with smart phones and vapor cigarettes to the laughable mix. That should broaden the audience and keep us current.

We just can't see the forest for the trees can we? Everything old is new again.

Today we all seem so health conscience and aware, perceiving ourselves as savvy shoppers and philanthropic beings. But a good deal of that behavior can be chalked up to fashion. Now it's "retro" this and "retro" that. Actually retro is pretty clever because it seems to change every couple of years and retro by definition means something different to everybody so we can recycle these old trends over and over and never come up with anything new ad infinitum. That very thought exhausts me.

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# area births

## Short

Lyle and Jessica Short are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Acacia Lyn. She was born April 16,

2015, weighing 8.2 lbs. at St. Mary Hospital. Grandparents are Andy and Brenda Short and Rick and Lynda Wright.



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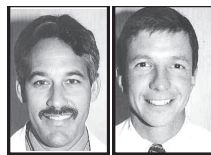
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# health



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## diabetes and heart disease

If you have diabetes, you're at increased risk of having a heart attack or stroke compared to the general public. Diabetes is considered one of the five risk factors for heart disease. The other four consist of: family history of heart disease, smoking, high cholesterol, and

hypertension (high blood pressure). If you have diabetes, there are things you can do to reduce your risk for heart disease. Learning the ABCS of Diabetes can help you control your condition and stay healthy.

A stands for the A1C

test. This test, also called the glycosylated hemoglobin test, gives a three-month average of your blood sugar levels. This test should be performed every three to six months and should be kept below seven percent.

B stands for blood pressure. Having high blood pressure over-works your heart. All diabetics and non-diabetics should be screened regularly for high blood pressure. However, diabetics must keep their blood pressures below 130/80, which is lower than required for non-diabetics, who must stay below 140/90.

C stands for cholesterol.

"Bad" cholesterol, or low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol, can build up and clog your arteries. Diabetics should have their cholesterol checked yearly and keep their LDL below 100. Once again, this value is lower than the level required for non-diabetics, who must stay below 130.

S stands for smoking. This is an obvious one. All smokers are at increased risk of heart disease, but if you're diabetic, that risk is more than doubled.

If you have questions about managing your diabetes and reducing your risk of heart disease, see your healthcare provider.

# Girl Scout cookies delayed but on the way

by Kathryn Atwood contributing reporter

It was another busy cookie season for local Girl Scout leaders and troops until, for the first time in the history of the organization, their cookies would be delivered late.

While consumers pondered the whereabouts of their Thin Mints and Samoas the reason for the delay was given to local leaders in an email from Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore.

"Sadly, we and many other councils have encountered a cookie inventory shortage that changes our timeline for delivery. This is due to the cookie baker's forecasting sales for their production this year."

As employees from Little Brownie Bakers worked around the clock to fulfill the sweet tooth of loyal cookie customers, local leaders had to deal with delivering the disappointing news that the cookies would be delayed nearly a month.



Members of Girl Scout Troop #4496 gather around their largely delayed, Girl Scout cookie delivery last Thursday.

Sarah Fountaine, a Troop #4496 leader at Bushnell Elementary said, "We had a few [customers] that were irritated by the delay, especially when other areas had already gotten their

cookies on time. From my understanding we were the only service unit that was delayed this long."

When the cookies arrived last Thursday Fountaine and her troop's customers were more than relieved. Though this cookie season proved to be a bit stressful for all those involved Fountaine said that it was more than worth

the trouble for two reasons. First, the funds raised from the sale will be used to purchase badges, craft supplies and fun field trips for the first grade group. Second, it gave troops and leaders a chance to practice a virtue not listed in the Girl Scout Law, patience, "There should be a badge for that!" she joked.

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# Director of MDHHS appears before judge to discuss latest report on settlement agreement

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

On Monday, April 13 Nick Lyon, director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) appeared before Judge Nancy G. Edmunds in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan to discuss the latest report under its Modified Settlement Agreement with Children's Rights, Inc.

"Protecting children is the most important work we do and I know that everyone involved has a strong desire and commitment to improve health and safety outcomes as quickly as possible for children and families in Michigan's child welfare system," Lyon told the court.

In 2006 a national

advocacy group from New York called Children's Rights, Inc., filed a federal class action lawsuit against the state of Michigan. The lawsuit alleged that MDHHS was overloaded with cases, did not place enough children into foster care and inadequately monitored children once they were in foster care. In 2008 there was a settlement. MDHHS was made to create the Children's Services Administration, to improve investigations of alleged

child abuse and neglect and to have MDHHS's progress tracked by a court-appointed monitor. The monitors made annual reports, and changes were made within MDHHS to make sure improvements were made. Last April, MDHHS launched MiSACWIS, the Michigan Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System. The goal of MiSACWIS was to monitor all cases, track both the case progress and the

services offered and ensure better safety for children in care.

Representatives from MDHHS will meet with Children's Rights, Inc. in May. The goal of this meeting will be to "demonstrate compliance over a long period of time" and to be "removed from the list of items being monitored

and tracked," according to a MDHHS press release.

"We appreciate the opportunity to sit down next month and demonstrate areas where Michigan has shown sustained compliance and safety improvements that can be removed from the list of items currently monitored," Lyon said.

## Off the cuff, continued

We rail against sugar but suck up anything that doesn't contain it only to ingest harmful substitutes. Our kids can't ride a tricycle without a helmet but we let them play football. We make jokes about climate change and at this point in time, we seem to be obsessed with the weather report. The local and national news uses the weather as a cliff-hanger to get us to stay tuned. Where's the mystery there? Look out the window! We say we want peace (that was once a fad too) and despite the horrors of war seen every day on the news we're outraged and impatient when a peaceful solution takes too long.

And that I guess is my point. We have today. Only today really. So I'm going to try to stop and think about

how I'm being persuaded and make my choices as conscientiously as I can.

You know, I'll think about it before I buy a pair of those zebra print capris that are becoming popular right now and not dwell too much on imprudent fashion. I'll smile at the woman grinding her teeth impatiently while I check out and bag my own groceries. I'll allow myself a knowing grin when the almost extinct pink-haired store employee with a nose ring tells me how unique her 'look' is. I'll chuckle when someone tells me they hate politicians and the government while they are forgetting that we are the government and everyone has always hated politicians.

Maybe I'll hark back and "give peace a chance,"

...

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

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

1. Add new Section 2.34a of Article 2 Definitions to provide a definition for Farm Building.
2. Amend Section 3.02 Accessory Structures and Uses in Bowne Township to reduce the distance an accessory structure in the front yard shall be from the principal dwelling from 200 feet to ten (10) feet.
3. Amend Section 3.02 Accessory Structures and Uses in Bowne Township to regulate the aggregate gross square footage of accessory buildings permitted in any Residential District or in connection with any dwelling.
4. Amend Section 3.02 to clarify that Farm buildings as defined in the zoning ordinance shall comply with the setback requirements of the zoning district in which the farm building is to be located, and accessory buildings not essential and customary to a farm use shall be subject to the requirements for non-farm accessory buildings.
5. Amend Section 3.02 to clarify that farm accessory buildings which are part of farming or a farm operation as defined in the zoning ordinance may be constructed on a lot before a principal building or use is established.
6. Amend Section 3.02 to require that a detached accessory building shall be a minimum of the (10) feet from another building.

The amendments may be recommended for approval by the Township Board following the public hearing.

The hearing will be held as follows:

**WHEN:** THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2015  
**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.  
**WHERE:** BOWNE TOWNSHIP HALL  
8240 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE  
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The proposed amendments are available for review at the Bowne Township offices, 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Alto, Michigan, 49302 during normal office hours on Wednesday & Thursday from 9 AM to Noon and 1 PM to 5 PM and on Friday from 9 AM to Noon or by calling 868-6846.

Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk  
Bowne Township

# Lowell's Headhunters were happening during the heyday of garage rock bands in the sixties

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

Do you remember the Headhunters? If you were a Lowell resident in the 1960s you probably do.

The Headhunters were Lowell's answer to the Beatles. Their most infamous moment was when they played on the Showboat as the backing group for the Vogues, a then-popular vocal group, in 1966. They played all over West Michigan and even recorded a single, but the band broke up as members started to graduate from high school.

For most of their time together the Headhunters consisted of Terry DeWitt on rhythm guitar, Dick Nowak on drums, Tom Speerstra on lead guitar, Jim Hagen on horns, Roger MacNaughton on piano and Tim McLaughlin on bass. Marty Gostnell played drums with them sometimes, and Dick Lee, a classmate, was their manager.

school functions.

"We played for a lot of the high school dances after the football games and basketball games," DeWitt said.

They practiced in basements and garages around Lowell, but also in some odd places.

"We originally practiced in the band room at school, then it became the Boy Scout cabin in Lowell," MacNaughton said. "[Headhunters drummer] Dick Nowak's dad was the scoutmaster, and he let us rehearse there."

"We could go up there and be as loud as we wanted," Speerstra said.

"We would also rehearse at Saranac Brand Foods, the manufacturing plant," DeWitt said.

"Right next to the cabbage shredders," Speerstra said. "Dick Nowak's dad

said. "Tom was the lead, Terry sang lead on a couple, and we would sing harmony to Tom. I don't think I ever sang lead."

Once they started singing, the band took off.

"The summer of '67, my god, we played all summer long, everywhere," Speerstra said. "A lot of flat-bed trucks and hay wagons, festivals. We did a lot."

MacNaughton said they wrote "a couple" original songs, but most of their repertoire consisted of recent hits.

"Most everything we did was a cover," Speerstra said. "Our closing number was 'I'm a Man' by the Spencer Davis Group. We did a lot of different stuff. When we were doing weddings we'd play 'The Girl from Ipanema' and



Terry DeWitt, Tom Speerstra and Roger MacNaughton on April, 15, 2015.



"The Times We Share" on Fenton Records.

Three of the Headhunters still live in the area; Tom Speerstra, Roger MacNaughton and Terry DeWitt. They were generous enough to share their memories with the Ledger.

The band's first performance was at a Lowell High School band concert in 1965.

"We decided to play two songs at one of the band concerts at the high school," MacNaughton said.

"We didn't sing at that time, we did instrumental stuff," DeWitt said.

"We played 'Wipe Out' and 'Secret Agent Man,'" MacNaughton said.

After that initial performance, the band started playing at more

owned Saranac Brand Foods. We'd go over on a Sunday. No one was working, the place was all clean."

They were an instrumental band for a little while, but eventually Tom, Terry and Roger got brave enough to start singing.

"Somewhere, they decided that I could sing," Speerstra said. "I think we voted, and I lost. Suddenly we became vocal, and then down the road, that's what got us so much interest and so much acclaim. We had harmonies. Most of the bands had a band and a singer, but we had that 'wall of sound' thing going on, with the 'ooh-wahs' in the background."

"The three of us were the singers," MacNaughton

all kinds of weird stuff. The ones that stick in my mind were by the Buckingham, the Rascals, 'Hang On Sloopy' and 'Gloria,' some of the old, old, old standard stuff. That really was one of the unique things about being a hometown band. Everybody knew that we could play all kinds of stuff."

"Our first paying gig we made five dollars. Not each man, the whole band," MacNaughton said.

The Headhunters played at a lot of 'Battle of the Bands' shows, competing against other local bands. MacNaughton named the Jujus, the Shags and the Plague as some of the groups he remembers playing against.

"Terry won us the Battle of the Bands at Comstock Park one night when we played 'I Think We're

Alone Now' by Tommy James & the Shondells," MacNaughton said. "Terry did the cricket part, I swear that's what won it for us."

"Then there was The Place at Plymouth and Michigan [in Grand Rapids] where we beat Don & the Wanderers in a Battle of the Bands," DeWitt said.

"We beat Don & the Wanderers in Belding too, at the old Rose Ballroom," Speerstra said. "That was a great place. You could come out the back door just in time to see the cops carting people away. One night some guy came running across the parking lot with a cement block and threw it right through the back window of another guy's car. It was always a great feather in your cap to beat Don & the Wanderers because Don's dad owned a music store and they always had the greatest equipment. It was top-notch stuff, and we had Bogen speakers on a stand sticking up in the air."

"They had custom amps," MacNaughton said.

"But they didn't have harmonies," Speerstra said.

Losing at a Battle of the Bands was actually how they became the Vogues backing group on the Showboat. The Vogues aren't well known anymore, but at the time they were

one of the top groups in the country. Their biggest hit was with a song called "Five O'Clock World."

"They always had what they called Talent Night for anybody around town to come down there and do their stuff, and we played at that," DeWitt said.

"We lost that Battle of the Bands, and the Plague won it," MacNaughton said. "They got to play the dance at the Fairgrounds. Back in those days the Showboat would have a get together on Sunday night, kind of a dress rehearsal, with the big talent and everything. That night, the Vogues were there, and the Showboat orchestra, who were professional musicians. Union guys! They backed up the Vogues on the 'standards' songs that they did. They were a smooth vocal group, but they didn't play any instruments.

The [Showboat] band had no guitar players, and didn't play rock. They just played jazzy kind of stuff. Great musicians, but they only played the big band kind of stuff. The Vogues wanted a few songs with rock and roll, and they said, 'Are there any groups around here that play rock and roll?' We were there and the Plague was there. They had just won the Battle of the Bands, and they had to play Friday

night at the Fairgrounds, so they chose us."

"I remember being on Main St. for some reason that day the Vogues were in town," Speerstra said. "I drifted over by the dock to see what was going on, and I think I was talking to [Showboat interlocutor] Gordy Gould, and he said, 'They're trying to find some rock musicians to play. They can't find any and we haven't got enough time.' So I called [Headhunters' manager] Dick Lee."

"The next day we were on stage," MacNaughton said.

"We spent an afternoon down there playing in the hot sun, getting ready, and that was it," Speerstra said.

"We did maybe five songs with them, their more rock-oriented songs," MacNaughton said.

"Then I remember jumping off that balcony at the hotel," DeWitt said.

"The Vogues stayed at Mr. President's Inn [now the Knight's Inn, 3221 Plainfield Ave. NE, Grand Rapids]," MacNaughton said. "It had a swimming pool in the lobby. Terry and Tom jumped off the balcony, into the pool, and [the hotel's] management said, 'Okay, boys. Get out of here.'"

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# Headhunters, continued



Outside the Boy Scout cabin, summer 1967. Top row: Jim Hagen, Tom Speerstra, Terry DeWitt. Bottom row: Roger MacNaughton, Dick Nowak.

“We were supposed to meet the Vogues there, and that was their fun thing,” Speerstra said. “They [liked to] jump off the balcony, into the pool. Of course, we got there and they weren't there. But they let us into their room, and we changed and went down to play around in the pool. Then Terry and I stood there on that balcony and looked at that pool, and we finally jumped.”

The other highlight of the Headhunters' career was the single they recorded in Sparta in 1967. The record was made at the Great Lakes Recording Studio, which was the home of Fenton Records. The studio was in a movie theater, and recordings of bands were usually done at night after the theater closed. The studio and record label were owned by David Kalmbach, who also produced all of the recordings. Bands from all over West Michigan made records there. These records are now well-known among record collectors as some of the finest examples of “garage rock” ever created. Original Fenton singles sell for big bucks on internet auction sites. The Headhunters' record has sold for prices ranging from \$80 to over \$350.

The two songs on the single, “Times We Share” and “Think What You've Done” were originals written by Speerstra, DeWitt and MacNaughton.

“Dick Lee was our manager, and he got us to do the recording,” MacNaughton said. “It was summertime when we did it, 1967. We were breaking up right after that. On the recording we had a couple of the people from the Lowell

High School band play.”

“It was a dark room, the old Sparta Theater, with one person [Kalmbach] running the whole thing,” DeWitt said.

“They ran the track through the basement to put reverb on it,” Speerstra said.

“The horn players

**“In our youth we made a lot of people happy.”**

~ Roger MacNaughton

weren't near us,” MacNaughton said. “We played the instrumental track and then overdubbed the vocals, and I think we double-tracked some of our [instrumental] parts. It was a good sound, I liked it.”

“What I like about the song [“Times We Share”] when I listen to it are my hot guitar licks,” Speerstra said. “Magic fingers!”

“Everything is just on the verge of distorting,” MacNaughton said. “I'm still embarrassed by the solo [on “Times We Share”]. It's just so repetitive. That song should have been half as long as it was. It just kept going.”

The other song, “Think What You've Done,” taught MacNaughton an important lesson on how to treat horn players.

“I thought, 'Let's put horns on it,’” MacNaughton said. “So I wrote three horn parts for Jim Hagen, Kathy Haybarker and Laura Coons. I knew just enough musical theory to know that you have to write it in a different key, and the parts were right, but what I didn't know was that brass players can't play for ten minutes straight without

taking a break. They have to rest their chops. You don't write continuous for brass players. I didn't know that. They were long notes and they were constant, every measure of the song. When we got to the recording session, we did both songs in one night. We played our

parts and they had to play along, but one of us would mess up and we'd have to start over. That's no big deal for guitar players, drummers and piano players, but for brass players it's a big deal. They played for a half hour, 45 minutes straight and they started to lose it. It was

my fault for writing it like that. Eventually we did get a take, but you can kind of tell on the final recording that they're losing their chops. And they were too young to say, 'Hey! Give us a break here!' I was so mad at myself.”

Unfortunately there was an error when the records were pressed, and the label for side A was on side B, and vice versa.

“That was a big deal, because we were so happy with the recording,” MacNaughton said. “We got them back and the labels were on the wrong sides. We were crestfallen. You couldn't explain it to people. 'If you want to hear 'Times We Share,' play the other side.' It kind of put a big kibosh on having a record, because you can't sell this like this.”

The labeling error didn't stop the record from getting a bit of airplay.

“I don't remember who called me, but they heard it on WGRD,” DeWitt said.

“Dick Lee told me that he heard it on the radio when he was driving around up in Michigan,” MacNaughton said.

Dick Lee was the Headhunters' classmate and manager.

“Dick Lee was in my class in high school,” MacNaughton said. “We were pretty good friends. He was not a musician but enjoyed music. He also had a personality like a manager, so he became our manager. He'd get us gigs and I'm pretty sure he was behind getting that recording session. He went on to be a DJ. He still works in the radio business.”

Soon after making their recording debut, the Headhunters broke up. They



Advertisement for the Headhunters playing at a dance in Belding, Lowell Ledger, Oct. 6, 1966.

got back together in the summer of 1968, but as the Summer Stock instead of the Headhunters, and instead of playing for money, they played for charity.

“Dick and Roger went to college, so everybody had to go their own way,” DeWitt said. “I got married, had kids. Tom was married by then too. Everybody came back from college for the summer, and we got together. When we did the Summer Stock thing, we did it as a summer charity. We went down to the old Mary Free Bed home and entertained all the handicapped kids. We went to the Indian Trails summer camp for crippled children in the Standale area and entertained them.”

Just like most teen bands from that era, the Headhunters finished when their high school years finished. They have reunited a couple times for a class reunion or a wedding, but they have no plans to get the band back together.

Tom Speerstra now owns a home inspection company. He's had many careers over the years, and enjoys flying airplanes. Terry DeWitt has been married for 45 years, and is a semi-retired contractor.

Roger MacNaughton is still in the music business. His compositions have won many awards, including the “Jazz Award” at ArtPrize two years in a row. He plays in local rock band Alive & Well and is a music teacher.

“The whole thing started from nothing,” Speerstra said. “It was just something to do that was fun. Hours and hours and hours we spent working on stuff, and it was all just fun. How many people go through their life and never do anything that's that much fun? It wasn't fame, glory and riches or anything, but it was fun.”

“The memories of what us guys did, and the other ones who have been involved, are very special,” DeWitt said. “We were a close-knit family. We have always been.”

“All of this band activity, all of these hometown bands started right after the British Invasion,” Speerstra said. “Of course the Beatles were king, that was the epitome, but everybody was bitten by the bug. There was a whole generation there after the Beatles that just went nuts.”

“In our youth we made a lot of people happy,” MacNaughton said.



Backing the Vogues on the Showboat, 1966. Roger MacNaughton, Marty Gostnell, Tim McLaughlin, Terry DeWitt, Tom Speerstra,

# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Team is focused on winning and improving

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

With only two wins up so far this season, the young Lowell varsity softball team is showing signs of promise according to coach Kim Griffiths.

Three seniors, seven juniors and three freshmen make up the team.

"We will be focused on winning and improving each game," said Griffiths, "At the same time understanding that we respect the game and what it represents. We love softball and appreciate the opportunity this game gives us."

The ladies played OK White rival East Grand

Rapids (EGR). The Arrows dominated in the double header on the road shutting EGR down in both games by mercy rule 24-0 and 19-1 respectively.

In game one, Breanna Oesch struck out five batters from the mound giving up just three hits in five innings. Megan Summerfield was the game's offensive leader earning a double and a triple driving in four runs. Tess Richardson and Regan Gravitt also added two hits each.

In game two the Arrows put 15 runs across the plate in the first inning and four in the second giving them a

score of 19 to EGR's 1 and shutting down the game. Richardson pitched for three innings where she struck out five batters and gave up three hits. Freshman Kenzie North was Lowell's offensive leader. She went 3-3 at the plate and hit a grand slam, her first on the varsity team.

This week the lady Arrows will seek to improve their record when they dive back into the OK White welcoming Grand Rapids Christian High School on Tuesday and take on Hudsonville Wednesday in back-to-back double headers at home.



Catcher Megan Summerfield gets a hit during the team's home opener against Grandville.

## Boys finish up week with a win over EGR

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Red Arrow varsity sluggers ended up on the winning end of three games against OK White rival the East Grand Rapids (EGR) Pioneers last week winning the series 2-1.

After a scoreless first inning the Arrows were the first to earn a run in game one of the series played at EGR. The single run in the top of the second was matched by the Pioneers in the bottom of

the inning when they scored on an error to tie the game at one.

Neither team crossed the plate in the third and once again put up matching performances in the fourth tying the game at two apiece. The Arrows scored on an RBI double by Trevor Shurlow which plated Anthony Alderink.

The Pioneers scored another run in the bottom of the sixth to take their

first lead of the game 3-2. The Arrows answered in the seventh working off of a double from Zach Gordon, tying the game at three and forcing an extra inning.

Surging in the pressure filled eighth, the Arrows scored four runs with the help of another double from Gordon and one from Matt Milstead which plated Max Majinska. Lowell defense held tight in the bottom of the inning keeping EGR

scoreless and securing the 7-3 win.

Lowell pitcher Jarrod Melle performed well in his 7 2/3 innings allowing no earned runs, only four hits and giving up only three walks. Melle also combined offensively with Gordon for five hits and two RBI's in the game.

Game two of the series took place at the Arrows home field but that did not serve to their advantage, as they dropped the game 8-5 to the Pioneers.

Lowell starting pitcher Alderink made quick work of the EGR batters in the first and second innings but his performance began to slump

allowing the Pioneers to combine for eight runs in the third, fourth and fifth innings. Down 8-0, Arrow head coach Justin Miller called senior Collin VanNoord to the mound where he quickly shut down the EGR scoring charge. VanNoord held EGR hitless for the remainder of the game.

Lowell went on to plate their first runs of the game in the bottom of the fifth on an error and an RBI single from VanNoord closing the deficit to 8-2 as they began their late inning rally.

The sixth inning saw the Red Arrows cross the plate three additional times on a two run double by Matt

Cooper and a sacrifice fly from VanNoord to put them within three runs of the lead at 8-5.

Lowell was unable to score in the seventh stranding Trevor Shurlow who had earned a walk and advanced to second base with a steal.

Heading into game three of the series at home, tied 1-1, the Red Arrows fell behind early as the Pioneers scored one run in the first and two in the fourth to top Lowell 3-0.

The Red Arrows pushed back the remainder of the game keeping the Pioneers

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| BOYS GOLF SCORES                                |                           | TRACK SCORES                         |  |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Lowell 175</b> ..... <b>Kenowa Hills 168</b> |                           | <b>GIRLS VARSITY TRACK</b>           |  |
| Alex Bohr.....43                                | East Grand Rapids 106     | Lowell 31                            |  |
| Jake Hayes.....43                               | 100m                      | Alon Watson.....1st                  |  |
| Nate Kyburz.....44                              | Pole Vault                | Lauren DeHaan.....3rd                |  |
| Ethan Bates.....45                              | High Jump                 | Holly Race.....1st                   |  |
|   | 100m Hurdles              | Corah Kaufman.....2nd                |  |
| <b>Lowell 167</b> ..... <b>Lakewood 181</b>     | 300m Hurdles              | Lauren DeHaan.....1st                |  |
| Jake Hays.....39                                | 200m                      | Paige DeHaan.....3rd                 |  |
| Josh Buechler.....42                            | Long Jump                 | Holly Race.....2nd                   |  |
| Alex Bohr.....43                                |                           | Emily Judd.....3rd                   |  |
| Jared Laux.....43                               |                           | Emily Judd.....2nd                   |  |
|   |                           | Lauren DeHaan.....2nd                |  |
| Lowell 181..... <b>Greenville 188</b>           |                           | Taylor Bierling.....3rd              |  |
| Alex Bohr.....42                                |                           |                                      |  |
| Jake Hays.....44                                | <b>Boys Varsity Track</b> |                                      |  |
| Nate Kyburz.....47                              | East Grand Rapids 77      | Lowell 59                            |  |
| Christian Rosenfeldt.....48                     | 110 Hurdles               | Brandon Mason.....1st                |  |
|   | 300 Hurdles               | Josh Branagan.....2nd                |  |
| <b>Kent County Classic 11th Place</b>           | 100m                      | Reece Karns.....1st                  |  |
| Josh Buechler.....85                            | 200m                      | Drew Struckmeyer.....3rd             |  |
| Nate Kyburz.....86                              | 1600m                     | Joe Geisen.....1st                   |  |
| Alex Bohr.....91                                | 4x100                     | Richard Misak.....3rd                |  |
| Jared Laux.....92                               | 4x200                     | Collin McGee.....1st                 |  |
|   | Discus                    | Zach Diamond.....1st                 |  |
| <b>Lowell Invitational 2nd Place</b>            | Shot Put                  | Geisen/Misak/Misak/Karns.....1st     |  |
| Jared Laux.....74                               | 4x400                     | Bloom/Endres/Lobbezoo/Vatter.....3rd |  |
| Josh Buechler.....74                            | 4x800                     | Geisen/Misak/Misak/Chapman.....1st   |  |
| Christian Rosenfeldt.....81                     | High Jump                 | Johnson/Moore/Meyers/Murray.....3rd  |  |
| Nate Kyburz.....81                              | Pole Vault                | Collin McGee.....1st                 |  |
| Jake Hayes.....88                               | Long Jump                 | Justin Everitt.....2nd               |  |
| Alex Bohr.....89                                |                           | Justin Everitt.....1st               |  |
|   |                           | Collin McGee.....2nd                 |  |
|   |                           | Diamond/Stamp/Redloske/Karns.....2nd |  |
|   |                           | Onan/Mason/Chapman/Worsley.....3rd   |  |
|   |                           | Onan/Noffke/Macdonald/Kruse.....2nd  |  |
|   |                           | Drew Struckmeyer.....2nd             |  |
|   |                           | Richard Misak.....2nd                |  |
|   |                           | Reece Karns.....3rd                  |  |
|   |                           | Brandon Mason.....3rd                |  |

### - TENNIS

## Tennis has strong start

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Lowell girls varsity tennis team has started their season strong earning a winning record of 3-2 with victories over Comstock Park, Coopersville and Byron Center and losses to Portland and Northview.

The girls played well in their season opener versus Comstock Park despite extra windy conditions coming up with a 5-3 non-conference win. Winning their individual matches in doubles action were first doubles Megan Hofman and Rachel Fox, second doubles Elena Bishop and Rebecca Weaver, third doubles Bailey Cummings and Jasmine Peters and fourth doubles Hannah Briggs and Kennedy Coxon. First year player Alainie Thomas also won her match playing in the fourth singles position.

Thomas was the only Red Arrow who earned a win at the team's second competition against Portland claiming her victory after a long and hard fought match. Though many of the matches were very close Lowell came up on the losing end 1-7.

Lowell earned their second win when they faced Coopersville where the team earned their 6-2 victory in straight sets thanks to excellent execution from the senior heavy team.

The Red Arrow's next competitor, Northview High School, proved to be difficult for the team as they dropped the match 6-2. There were some highlights according to head coach Chris Phillips.

"We struggled against Northview, but two bright spots were third doubles and first doubles. The

third doubles team of Emma McLane and Bailey Cummings played together for the first time and picked up the win. The first doubles team of Rachel Fox and Megan Hofman easily beat an undefeated Northview team."

Lowell logged their last win when they trumped Byron Center 7-1 winning seven of eight matches in straight sets. Phillips says he is pleased with the girls' performance against Byron Center and in the season thus far, "It was a good night of tennis and all the girls had fun. We've started off well this season."

The ladies will move into conference play this week against East Grand Rapids and Grand Rapids Christian and will host the Lowell Invitational on Saturday the 25th.



# Red Arrow SPORTS

LACROSSE

## Team comes out on top after full week of competition

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

In a busy week of varsity boys lacrosse the Red Arrows improved their season record to 3-3 with wins over Grand Rapids Christian (GRC) and Grandville after a tough loss to Forest Hills Eastern (FHE).

Host FHE dominated the Arrows on the field in the first match up of the week outscoring them in the first 3-2. Though Lowell performed better in the second half they were not able to overcome the early FHE scoring surge and lost the game 16-7.

Attackman Blake Posthumus propelled the team to their first win of the week scoring six goals and

tallying two assists in the team's 15-8 victory over OK White conference competitor GRC.

The Eagles led 2-1 after the first but Posthumus and midfielder Sawyer Olesko took control in the second and third quarters combining for nine goals. Leading 12-6 moving into the final quarter Lowell held strong and claimed the win 15-8. Lowell goalie Evan Mierendorf saved 20 of 28 shots on goal.

Saturday at Red Arrow Stadium the boys played against the Grandville Bulldogs where they chalked up their second win of the week with a score of 15-9. Lowell outscored their

opponent in both of the first half quarters with goals from Olesko, Posthumus, Hayden Barry, Keaton Bell and Dakota Barry giving them a 6-4 lead at the half.

Lowell widened the gap further in the third when a Grandville stick penalty allowed them to score four goals that went unanswered. Five additional goals in the fifth helped the Arrows pick up the 15-9 win. Jason Nagy, Olesko and Posthumus each recorded hat tricks in the game.

**The team will face Northview on the road this Thursday beginning at 7 pm.**



Junior midfielder Sawyer Olesko recorded a hat trick during Lowell's 15-9 win over Grandville.

LACROSSE

## Rough start but girls hang tough on the road

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Lacrosse chalked up a loss to Grand Haven and went 1-1 against Grandville in back-to-back games which ended at Red Arrow Stadium last Saturday.

On the road at Grand Haven the girls were outmatched by their tough opponent falling 14-4 at the final buzzer.

In their first match up with the Grandville Bulldogs the Arrows lost a close game in overtime 11-10. Goals were earned by Mallery Yaw, Nikki Paulus, Jamie-Lynn Urban, Sela Bauman, Maddie Kaminski, Anna Litchfield, and Sophie

Winn in a wide spread offensive effort.

Lowell got off to an early lead and scored five goals in the first but the Bulldogs consistently bit back leaving Lowell with only a 5-4 lead moving into the second half.

The Arrows came out even stronger in the second led by Winn, Kaminski, Urban and Justine Anes who each scored one apiece. Goalie Laurel Frederickson allowed only two second half goals by Grandville in a strong showing in the box that also aided in the teams highly celebrated 9-6 victory, "Laurel

Frederickson who is only a sophomore has great potential and does a great job holding the team and defense together." said coach Ellery Alexander.

With six games left on the regular season schedule Alexander is hopeful for a strong showing for the team overall and in conference despite the fact that the sport is still in its fledgling stages at Lowell High School, "The program here at Lowell is just starting to get its feet off the ground, they have had a few seasons of success sporadically but have spent the past few seasons jumping around leagues in

an attempt to find where they fit. As lacrosse just started out in West Michigan it was hard to compete at first with the big lacrosse schools but I believe this team has the potential to have the most successful season they have ever had. The girls have the ability and are extremely coachable so I think, as the season progresses, we will see exponential growth. I hope to be one of the top teams in our conference."

**The team, is 1-3 overall and 0-3 in the OK White, and will play Comstock Park this Friday night at home starting at 7 pm.**



Jamie-Lynn Urban advances toward the goal just before her second half score against the Grandville Bulldogs.

SOCCER

## Best starting record in four years for soccer

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

After a disappointing season opener Lowell's varsity girls soccer team has had a successful run stringing four non-conference wins together for their best starting record in four years, 4-1.

The Arrows kicked off their streak with a strong showing against defending state champion Calvin Christian. Senior captains Tara McQueen and Kate Montgomery combined for three goals in the 3-2 victory.

Utilizing the momentum of the win the ladies next trumped Byron Center 7-0 earning junior goalie Tori Hewitt her first shut out on

the varsity squad. McQueen and Montgomery were the games top scorers netting three and two respectively.

The team improved their record to 3-1 when they faced Cedar Springs in their home opener last week. McQueen scored for Lowell in the first half with an assist from Amber Curtis. Solid defense from the back kept Cedar Springs scoreless at the half.

According to coach Dan Lipon, "Defensively, our back line of Colleen Cater, Katie Clemenshaw, and Darby Fuller continue to be our greatest strength as a team."

In the second half Lowell advanced their lead to 3-0 when Hailey

Hoevenaer drilled a pass to Amy Carpenter earning a goal and freshman Maura Fitzpatrick pushed through defensive pressure for another.

Though Cedar made a late scoring run, earning two goals with under ten minutes left in the game, Lowell was able to withstand the pressure and secure the 3-2 win.

Friday at Greenville the Red Arrow defense went hard in the first half taking several shots on goal including near misses from McQueen, Carpenter, Curtis and Darby Dean before Montgomery doubled up nailing a loose ball in the box and taking advantage

of a goalie error to put the Arrows up 2-0 at the half.

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## Baseball, continued



Cooper Perry went 2-4 propelling the Arrows to a 5-4 victory over EGR in game three of the series.

to one run and plating one of their own in the fourth and sixth and two in the seventh to tie the game at four. In the second extra inning battle of the series Lowell came out on top earning one run to secure the 5-4 victory.

Lowell, now 5-4, will take on their second OK White competitor of the season, Grand Rapids Christian, whom they will face at home on Tuesday and on the road twice in another three game series.

# obituaries

## CARNEY

Basil 'Pete' Carney, age 86 of Saranac, passed away Sunday, April 19, 2015.

He was preceded in death by his wife Charlotte. He is survived by his son Douglas (Amy) Carney; nephew Ron (Jan) Carney; and sister-in-law Ema Carney. Pete served in the Army during the Korean Conflict. Private services will be held by the family.



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# Showing compassion for people with disabilities

May is Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Awareness Month. ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a rapidly progressive and fatal neurological disease that attacks the body's ability to control muscle movement by ceasing the transmission of messages to muscles.

Social Security has identified ALS as a medical condition so severe it obviously meets our agency's strict definition of disability and has included it on our *Compassionate Allowances* list. Our agency expedites the benefit application process for these applicants. You can read more about *Compassionate Allowances*

at [www.socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances).

May is also Mental Health Awareness Month. This invisible disease comes in many forms, and it's imperative that we approach people with mental health issues with compassion and empathy.

ALS and mental illness are just examples of the types of disabilities for which workers may receive Social Security disability benefits. The list is too long for one article, but includes cancers, diseases, birth defects, physical disabilities caused by accidents, and organ-related disabilities such as congestive heart failure.

When disability does

happen, Social Security can help people meet their basic needs. Our disability program provides financial and medical benefits for those who qualify to pay for doctors' visits, medicines, and treatments.

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disabilityfacts. These stories are just examples of the 38 million Americans who live with disabling conditions and need Social Security's support to make ends meet.

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## NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP Accuracy Test of Voting Equipment

A public accuracy test of the voting equipment to be used in the May 5, 2015 Consolidated Election (Proposal 15-1) will be held on Monday, April 27, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, MI 49331.

Mari C. Stone  
Vergennes Township Clerk

# Michigan fire season builds during Wildfire Prevention Week

Most of Michigan's wildfires occur in the spring - April, May and June. According to the Department of Natural Resources, which is responsible for wildland fire protection on 30 million acres of state and private land, April is when wildfires start becoming a problem. The DNR is using the state's annual observance of Wildfire Prevention Week, April 19-25, to remind the public about the dangers of wildfires.

"One out of three wildfires in Michigan is started by someone who did not take proper precautions or obtain a burn permit before burning yard debris," said Dan Laux, DNR fire prevention specialist. "Many people look outside and think the snow and

spring rains have taken the edge off the wildfire danger, but that's not the case.

"The dried leaves, needles and brown grass from last year are still there. When the weather is warm, folks want to get out and clean up their yards. They don't realize that all it takes is one strong wind gust catching an ember to ignite a wildfire."

He added that with the brown dead grass, it could be damp from showers in the morning but if the sun comes out and the winds pick up there can be fires that afternoon. That's how quickly conditions change.

Laux said this is why planning is so vital before a match is even lit.

A person is required to get a burn permit prior to

burning brush and debris in Michigan. Residents in the northern Lower Peninsula and Upper Peninsula can obtain a free burn permit by visiting [www.michigan.gov/burnpermit](http://www.michigan.gov/burnpermit) or by calling 866-922-2876. Residents in southern Michigan should contact their local fire department or township office to see if burning is permitted in their area.

### In addition to obtaining a burn permit, the DNR recommends people take the following steps to help prevent wildfires:

- Pay attention to the fire danger in your area. Don't burn debris when conditions are dry or windy. Unsafe burning of leaves, brush and other debris is a main cause of wildfires.

- Consider composting or mulching yard debris rather than burning it.

- Clear away flammable material surrounding the fire so it won't creep into dry vegetation.

- Keep campfires small, and do not leave before they are fully extinguished.

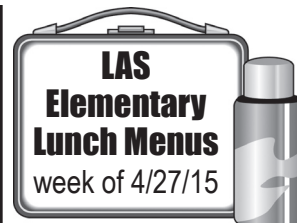
- Be sure and douse fires with plenty of water, stir, and add more water until everything is wet.

- Do not cover a campfire with soil; it may simply smolder before coming back to life.

- Embers can reignite. Make sure they are out completely.

"Be safe and smart when it comes to fire," Laux said. "Fire prevention is everyone's responsibility."

For more tips on how to safeguard homes and property from wildfire risk, please visit [www.michigan.gov/preventwildfires](http://www.michigan.gov/preventwildfires).



**MONDAY:** Turkey & cheese sub sandwich, peas; fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, celery sticks, applesauce, pears.

**TUESDAY:** Popcorn chicken w/roll served at Bushnell; sweet & sour chicken over brown rice served at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake; green beans, fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, cucumber coins, peaches, grapes.

**WEDNESDAY:** Cinnamon glazed French toast w/eggs, hashbrowns; fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, baby carrots, applesauce, orange slices.

**THURSDAY:** Hot dog on bun, mashed potatoes & gravy; (baked beans served at Bushnell instead of potatoes); fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, broccoli florets, pineapple, apple.

**FRIDAY:** Tony's pepperoni pizza on WG, baby carrots; fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, baby carrots, mixed fruit, juice.

## PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

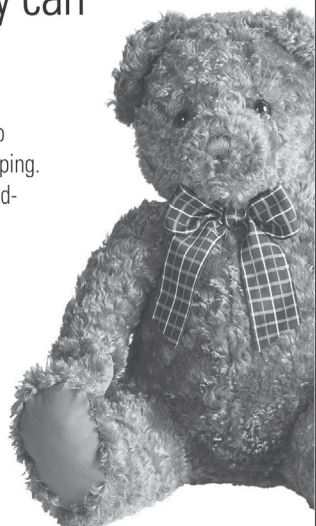
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# Looking Back, continued

## 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 25, 1940

Workmen this week have been tearing down the belfry at the Methodist church preparatory to building a new one. The old belfry was getting rather weak and it was thought best to build a new one for safety's sake.

The work of repairing the sidewalk on the north side of Main Street bridge has been completed. The damage was caused by the rusting away of one or two large steel girders and at one point it was necessary to do a little excavating. When the dirt was shoveled back in there was some left over and one of the workmen was heard to remark, "I told you we ought to have dug that hole deeper!"

What might have been a fire of serious consequences was subdued at the Mart Schneider farm in southwest Lowell about noon Monday. The fire originated in a woodshed and the department succeeded in preventing its spreading to the house standing close by. Mr. and Mrs. Schneider had just moved back to the farm from their home in town when the fire occurred. Cause of the fire is unknown. A fine large basement barn on the farm of Mrs. Winnie Abraham near Parnell was destroyed by fire last Sunday afternoon. Neighbors succeeded in saving a goodly quantity of valuable farm tools and prevented the fire from spreading to the house and other buildings.

A goodly crowd was present at the Methodist church Tuesday evening for the last roller skating of this season. The rink has enjoyed good patronage all winter. Plans for enlarging the project have been talked of, for another season. Donald and Dick MacNaughton and Orison Weaver have been in charge this year.

Speaking of fires, Fire Chief Paul Kellogg says that the many calls of the fire department to save property endangered by grass fires is proving costly to the village. The chief calls attention to the law which requires citizens to first obtain a permit from the village clerk before starting any fire within the corporation limits.

Last week while shopping at her neighborhood store, Mrs. Albert Roth of Detroit was shown some especially nice canned tomatoes which her grocer was featuring. Interested, Mrs. Roth looked to see where they were canned. The label read: "L. W. Rutherford, Lowell, Mich." Mrs. Roth says grocers are selling more Michigan products because they are good. Let us help by buying Michigan goods.

## 50 years ago Lowell Ledger April 22, 1965

Headline: Arson's attempt made on mill. The old Forrest Mill on the east bank of the Flat River was set afire Thursday morning, Fire Chief Frank Baker revealed, in an arson's attempt. The old mill had been leased for 10 years to the city by the King Milling Co. Bids were being taken to remove the old building. Someone evidently thought they could hasten the removal of the 100-year-old building, so they piled up wood and trash and set it afire. Workmen in the flour mill, across the river, observed the fire at 2:45 Thursday morning and called the fire department. Baker said the fire had only been burning a few minutes when it was discovered. The fire did not burn through the floor, and was quickly extinguished. Investigation of the fire is being made...

Lowell will utilize store windows to show off products made by industries in this area to promote Michigan Week, May 16-22. In addition, Lowell will have a historical display set up for Our Heritage Day, May 21.

A&W Root Beer Drive-in, on East Main Street, will have a delayed opening this year because the proprietor, Mrs. Lynn Kohlbeck, fell over the weekend and broke her leg. Mrs. Kohlbeck expects to be on crutches for several weeks, and will announce the opening of the drive-in as soon as possible. The mishap occurred when she fell while skate board surfing with her family.

A skydiving show will be held at the Lowell Airport from noon until dark Sunday, April 25. The show will feature a drawing of tickets for free plane rides and classes for anyone over sixteen, who can qualify and are interested in learning the sport. The instructor is Rick Johnson. Approximately 45 boys and girls will be featured, jumping from as much as three miles high

and falling at speeds of 120 to 160 miles per hour.

Most schools, even big class A institutions, consider themselves fortunate if one boy from their football team receives an athletic scholarship from a Big 10 school. Lowell was honored by having three boys selected to receive such awards. Coach Charles Pierce this spring is happy for the boys, Duane McIver, Mike McMahon and Paul Kropf.

## 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 25, 1990

Headline: Hauter could receive 10 years for assaulting police officer. Despite incident, VanderHoek awarded full-time position with Ionia's DPS... [Police officer Brian] VanderHoek, who lost two front teeth and needed 28 stitches to seal up the wounds on the inside of his mouth, incurred during the struggle with [Thomas Dale] Hauter, is alright and is recovering nicely, according to [Lowell police officer, Al] Eckman. VanderHoek, a part-time officer from the Ionia department, and some applicants were all being considered for a full-time position with the Ionia Department of Public Safety. The position opened up after an officer was promoted to Sergeant. Director of Ionia Public Safety, Roger Frazee, contacted

VanderHoek Tuesday, informing the young officer that as soon as he recovers from the Hauter incident, the full-time position is his. "The Hauter incident in no way affected my decision. VanderHoek has worked part-time for our department for the past six months and has done a fine job," Frazee said.

The bones and artifacts found at the north end of Riverside Drive Monday (April 16) while Lowell city officials were working on putting in a new water main and fire hydrant appear to be the human skeleton remains from a 19th century burial, according to Western Michigan University forensic anthropologist consultant Robert I. Sundick, Ph.D... In panning through the soil, other artifacts were found. "We found bells, beads, fragments of a kettle (metal cooking pot), and a square cut nail (believed to be from a coffin), Sundick said...

Several local organizations have joined to sponsor the fourth visit of the Artrain to the community of Lowell. The first local visit was in 1976, a visit which was followed by the formation of an arts council. The arts council sponsored return visits of the Artrain in 1979 and 1986. The Artrain pulls into Lowell for its fourth visit the first week in May with public viewing scheduled for Thursday through Sunday, May 3 to May 6.

# Soccer, continued

Lowell continued to outplay Greenville keeping them scoreless while adding two to the board in the second on the back of two consecutive goals from McQueen in less than thirty seconds. Her effort doubled the teams lead to 4-0 where it still remained at the final buzzer.

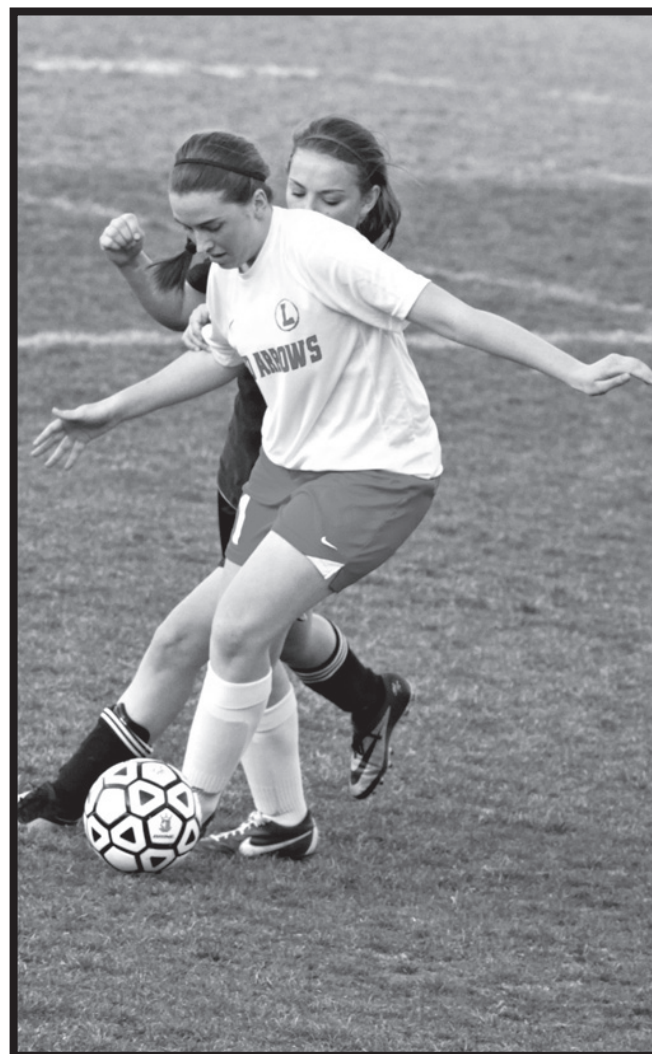
Offensively the team has been led by McQueen and Montgomery who have combined for 13 of the team's 18 season goals. Another key to their early success has been the girls in the middle according to Lipon, "Our center-

mids Amy Carpenter, Darby Dean, and Riley Conlan have consistently controlled possession during all our wins, and must continue to do so, if we are to be successful in conference play."

**The team will enter into that tough OK White conference this week when they face East Grand Rapids on the road and Grand Rapids Christian at home. The squad will also compete at Coopersville on Friday in non-conference action.**



**Senior captain Colleen Cater attempts to gain control of the ball.**



**Senior defensive player Mary Leasure prepares to pass forward in the team's home opening win over Cedar Springs.**



**Forward Tara McQueen advances toward goal for one of her two scores.**

**THEME:  
MOTHER'S DAY**

**ACROSS**

- 1. Milan's La \_\_\_\_
- 6. Globe shape
- 9. Sainly sign
- 13. Alexandre Duma's "The Black \_\_\_\_"
- 14. Broadcast
- 15. Happen again
- 16. Like city life
- 17. Mudbath site
- 18. Fill with high spirits
- 19. \*"Mommie \_\_\_\_," movie
- 21. \*Kate Hudson's mom
- 23. Dog command
- 24. Like Andersen's duckling
- 25. Eric Stonestreet on "Modern Family"
- 28. Hard currency
- 30. Internet business
- 35. In the sack
- 37. Sometimes hard to reach
- 39. Irrigation water wheel
- 40. Track event
- 41. \*Suri's mom, e.g.
- 43. Fix a horse
- 44. \_\_\_\_'s razor
- 46. \*BÈBÈ's mother
- 47. Copycat
- 48. Tarzan's swings
- 50. A in B.A.
- 52. "... \_\_\_\_ he drove out of sight"
- 53. Repair, as in socks
- 55. Pull the plug on
- 57. \*Mom to Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy March
- 60. \*Popular Mother's Day gift
- 64. Kim Jong-un of North

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- 65. Reverential salutation
- 67. Tie again
- 68. Relating to Quechuan people
- 69. Intelligence org.
- 70. Dodge
- 71. Don't let this hit you on the way out
- 72. One of Bartholomew Cubbins' 500
- 73. More sly

**DOWN**

- 1. Part of house frame
- 2. Prepare by drying or salting
- 3. \*This famous Jessica became a mom in 2008
- 4. Pinocchio and his kind
- 5. Relating to apnea
- 6. Brewer's kiln

- 7. Tombstone acronym
- 8. Health food pioneer
- 9. Retained
- 10. Palm tree berry
- 11. Guitar forerunner
- 12. Bonanza find
- 15. Count on
- 20. Indifferent to emotions
- 22. \*Like Mother Hubbard
- 24. Soiled
- 25. \*TV's "lovely lady"
- 26. Olden day calculators
- 27. Muhammad's birthplace
- 29. Big-ticket \_\_\_\_
- 31. "Animal House" garb
- 32. French pancake
- 33. Oil tanker
- 34. \*"Mother" in Italian
- 36. Novelist Koontz
- 38. German mister
- 42. Asian pepper
- 45. Sterling, Cooper or Draper
- 49. Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- 51. Soft palate vibrations
- 54. Boxer's stat
- 56. Inhabit
- 57. Kissing disease?
- 58. Atlantic Richfield Company
- 59. Last row
- 60. Notable achievement
- 61. Evening purse
- 62. Hitchhiker's quest
- 63. Nostradamus, e.g.
- 64. \*Mom has at least one
- 66. By way of

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~ Oscar Wilde (1854 - 1900)

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April 15 - April 22

- Comedienne Roseanne Barr has revealed that she is suffering from macular degeneration and expects to slowly lose her eyesight. 
- The grandmother of Whitney Houston's daughter, Cissy Houston, says that her granddaughter, Bobbi Kristina Brown, is off life support but may be suffering from irreversible brain damage.
- The Federal death penalty phase of the trial of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's, one of two Boston Marathon bombing perpetrators, has begun. He will either receive the death penalty or life in prison without parole. The other assailant, Tsarnaev's brother, was killed while running from authorities during the search for the suspects.

**LAST WEEK'S  
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## Volunteers, continued



Countless volunteers enter the halls of the six schools within the Lowell Area School district every weekday to provide support to students and staff alike. Each school's individual Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is

constantly working to create a more positive environment, to inspire students with fun and educational activities and to provide funds for the tools needed to provide the best education possible. Pictured is Kelli Burri making cotton candy for the

annual Bushnell/Cherry Creek PTO's Red Arrow Carnival and members of the Lowell Middle School PTO after scooping more than 300 ice cream sundaes as a reward for students at the school.



## Former Lowell wrestler wins national championship

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Red Arrow alumni wrestler Taylor Kornoely finally savored the sweet taste of victory when he nabbed his first individual national championship after slotting runner-up positions in the state tournament his senior year and in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) national tournament his freshman year as a North Idaho College (NIC) Cardinal.

The sophomore criminal justice major secured his 285 pound national title against competitor Richard Black of Neosho with a 3-1 overtime victory. Kornoely said he entered the match confident despite losing to Black 11-2 just two weeks before. "Doubt succeeds more than failure ever will," said the champion, "I never won a state title or any title until this one, it was one of

the best feelings that I have ever felt in my life."

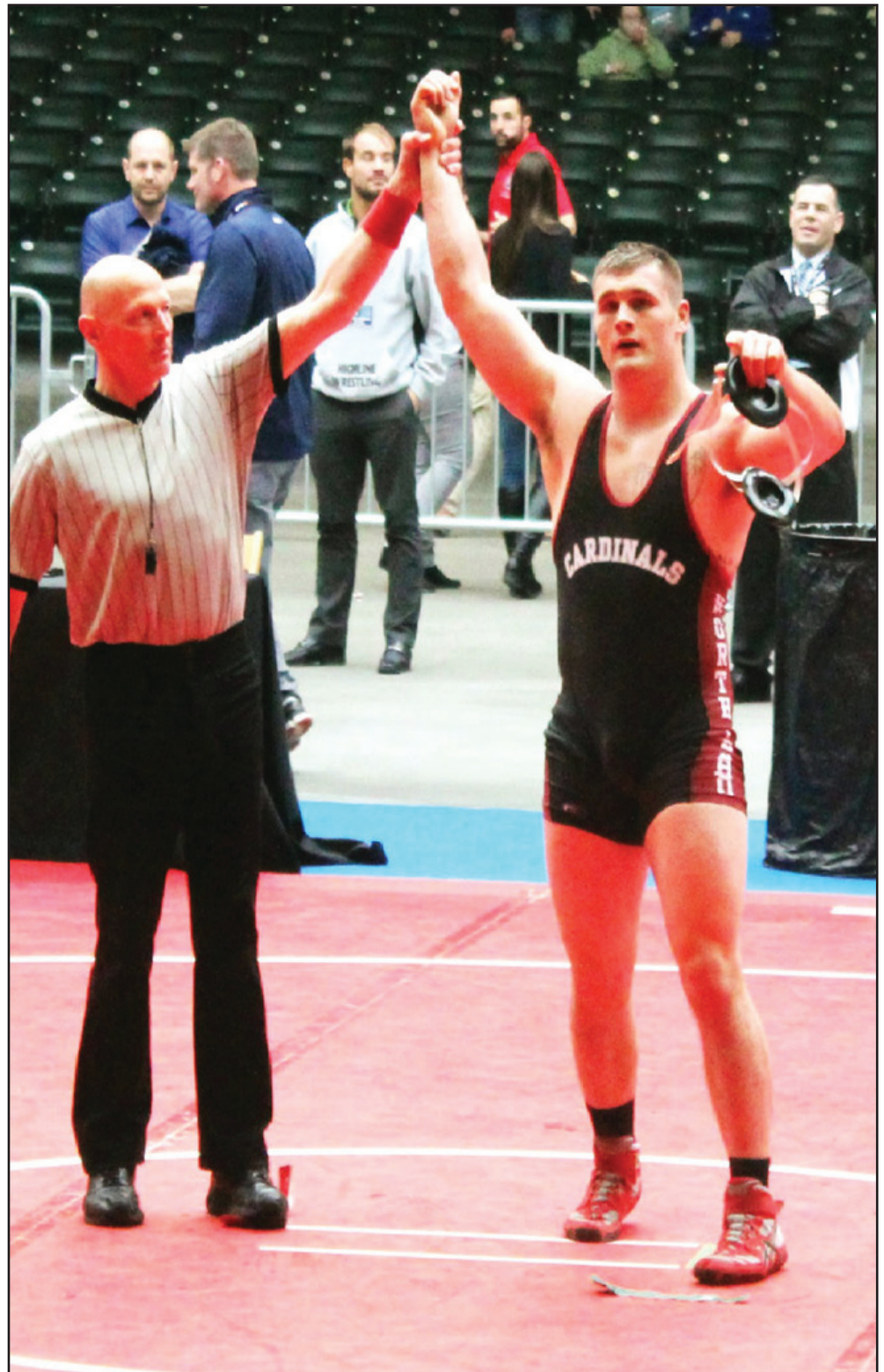
Kornoely became the 54th Cardinal wrestler in NIC history to earn an individual championship and will leave the college with that legacy as he plans to transfer to Montana State University next fall after being drafted. "I've heard nothing but great things about them," explained Kornoely. "The 197 and 285 pounder are both number one right now and it will be beneficial for me to have great wrestling partners."

Kornoely transferred to Lowell his senior year after attending Rogers High School in Grand Rapids where he says he began to learn the strong work ethic necessary to succeed in athletics. In just one short year as a Red Arrow the stand out claimed an OK White conference title and

placed second at state in wrestling and played as a middle linebacker for the Lowell football team. "It was an honor to play for the Red Arrows football team the year I transferred there. I know how seriously they take it and I loved it," he said of the experience.

Kornoely said he will continue to utilize the experience and knowledge gained through coach Dave Dean and his Lowell teammates as he sets his sights on two more national heavyweight championships. "You win you live, you lose you die. I plan to just compete hard and do my best no matter the outcome."

Kornoely was also recently selected as the Idaho State Athlete of the Year and will be headed to boot camp this summer as part of the National Guard.



Lowell alumni Taylor Kornoely, during his run toward his first national wrestling championship, was also recently selected as the Athlete of the Year in Idaho.



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