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Lowell's Veen Observatory celebrates golden anniversary of area stargazing

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

The latest event commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Veen Observatory was a presentation on the observatory's history at Englehardt Library on Tuesday, April 28 at 6:30 pm.

Dave DeBruyn gave a presentation called "Lowell's Treasure: The James C. Veen Observatory, 1965-2015." DeBruyn is president of the Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association and the curator emeritus for the Roger B. Chaffee Planetarium. He writes a weekly astronomy column for the Grand Rapids Press called "West Michigan Skies." He was also one of the people who helped design and build the Veen Observatory.

DeBruyn's presentation explained the Veen Observatory's history. He

said the observatory was constructed between 1965 and 1970 by volunteers, including many Lowell High School students and DeBruyn himself. The observatory sits on land donated by James and Evelyn Marron, who were on hand for DeBruyn's



Dave DeBruyn

presentation, along with approximately 25 other people.



Visitors' night at the Veen Observatory.

"The organization was formed in 1955," DeBruyn said. "One of the co-founders was James C.

Veen, a local industrialist. He was a person of great vision and [he] talked early on about having a club-

owned observatory. [...] His legacy lives on in this Veen Observatory, continued, page 2

Annual Crop Walk celebrated

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Nine churches and organizations gathered this past Sunday for the

annual "Crop Walk" which started at the Lowell First United Methodist Church (LFUMC) on Main Street

and trekked through the Lowell community in an effort to end hunger worldwide.

Host LFUMC was joined by congregation members from the Alto United Methodist, Bowne Center United Methodist, Calvary Christian Reformed, Good Shepherd Lutheran, Snow United Methodist and Vergennes United Methodist churches, as well as Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) and Lowell Senior Neighbors for the event now in its 21st year.

Nationally more than 1,300 walks take place each year raising approximately \$12 million for Church World Services (CWS), an international agency that provides food, medical care, disaster relief and other services for those in need around the world, including the community in which the walk takes place.



Walkers enjoyed sunny weather during Lowell's annual Crop Walk.

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Firefighters join more than 100 participants in Alto's 5k walk/run

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

More than 100 Alto community members turned out for the sixth annual Alto 5K run/walk held last Saturday morning.

Sponsored by the Alto Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) the event serves as a fundraiser for the school but more importantly a chance to encourage healthy lifestyles.

According to PTO president Cindy Johnston, "It is a great opportunity to have fun and work out with your family, while supporting the students of Alto Elementary."

This year the race was endorsed by the Governor's Fitness Council, granting participants the opportunity to enter into the lottery for the Labor Day Bridge Run at Mackinaw.

Parents, students, neighbors and even three fully dressed firefighters participated in the event which began and ended at the school with a route that traversed through the small town. All were treated to two live bands consisting of students from the Luc James Music Studio in Ada, as well as snacks and beverages at the finish line.

Alto walk/run, continued, page 7

Veen Observatory, continued

remarkable, modest, but still very, very significant observatory that sits out there on Kissing Rock Hill.”

Veen Observatory has been used to photograph objects in space and

further our scientific knowledge.

“We have used the

telescopes not only for just enjoyment of looking at the sky, but also for astrophotography and even for some limited research,” DeBruyn said. “A previously-undiscovered variable star was picked up by a couple of observers [Bill Sanders and Bob Montle] here at the observatory [in 1979]. We don’t do astronomy just for recreation, but we do it for making modest contributions to knowledge as well.”

The observatory is only open to the public a couple nights a month.

“We started doing visitors’ nights in 1970

or 1971, right after we opened,” DeBruyn said. “Twice a month has been pretty much the tradition. Thousands of people have visited the observatory.”

DeBruyn said the observatory is a very popular local attraction.

“I ask people when they are leaving, ‘Did you enjoy your visit?’” DeBruyn said. “I have yet to have anybody

tell me they did not think it was really a cool place and worth coming to. If you have never been there, you had better come.”

To read about the visitors’ nights, set up a tour for your group or just get more information about the Veen Observatory and the GRAAA, check out the website www.graaa.org or call 897-7065.



The Veen Observatory under construction.



along main street

GILDA’S CLUBHOUSE ACTIVITIES

Yoga Meet and Greet - Tuesday, May 12, 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 - Tuesday, May 19, 3:15-4:15 pm. Learn how to make easy and beautiful wood carvings with Doug Shassberger. Beginners are welcome and supplies are provided.

Chitchat Readers Book Club - Tuesday, May 19, 4:15-5:15 pm. Join Kathy Mieras for a relaxing and cozy book club. This month the book club is reading “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks” by Rebecca Skloot. Pick up a book to borrow at the parlor desk.

Terrarium Workshop - Tuesday, May 26, 4-5 pm. Join Gwen Hughes for a fun terrarium workshop at our Lowell Clubhouse! Gwen will guide us through creating a beautiful terrarium to take home and enjoy this spring. All supplies provided and no experience necessary. Please register in advance.

Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson St. For more information call 897-8600 or visit www.gildasclubgr.org/pinkarrow

BLUEGRASS MUSIC JAM SESSION

Sat., May 16 from 2:30 to 5 pm at the King Building at the fairgrounds. Come to jam or listen. Everyone welcome.

BASIC COMPUTER CLASSES

Flat River Outreach Ministries will be holding basic computer classes, “Mousing and More,” on Wed., May 13 from 6-8 pm. Call Pat to register at 897-8260, ext. 33.

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New public works director introduced, council discusses budget, seasonal workers, road resurfacing

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Lowell city council discussed the budget, hiring seasonal workers and more during their meeting at city hall on Monday, May 4.

City manager Mark Howe announced that there will be a public hearing about the budget at the next city council meeting on May 18.

“We’ll be ready for the public hearing at your next council meeting,” Howe said. “Copies of the budget are available on the [city of Lowell] website. There’s a hard copy at city hall, there’s a hard copy at the [Englehardt] library and I will print a copy for any city resident that wants a copy. Just give us a call.”

The Donna Dr. resurfacing project is on track and there was some good financial news about it.

“I’m very happy to announce to you... that, in working with Kent County, we have been awarded an additional \$51,000 toward this project through the Community Development Block Grant program,” Howe said. “Which means that the construction costs of the project will be fully funded through the CDBG program.”

The council discussed allowing the city of Lowell to hire two seasonal workers.

“Basically, the idea is we would hire two seasonal

workers,” Howe said. “They would do a little bit of park work first [...] then do some street maintenance.”

Councilor Sharon Ellison questioned Howe, “At the work session [on Monday, April 27] I know I asked you and I would like to have that public that I asked if it affects any of our workers,” Ellison said. “It doesn’t endanger anyone’s job, it is not in conflict with the union.”

“That is correct,” Howe answered.

Councilor Matt Mayer asked to meet with Howe privately to discuss the issue further.

Councilor Jeff Altoft asked how much it costs the city to have the city’s attorney attend each city council meeting.

“I’d like to know, because I’ve had a couple people ask me, what it costs to, every meeting to have [city attorney] Mr. Dick Wendt be present,” Altoft said.

“I can figure that out and let you know,” Howe replied.

“Okay, I would like to know that,” Altoft said. “I know our budget’s tight and it’s awful expensive to have someone sit here and basically do nothing.”

The proposed 2015-



City attorney Dick Wendt next to city manager Mark Howe at Monday’s city council meeting.



This Monday was Dan DesJarden’s final city council meeting.

2016 city budget has \$30,000 allocated to attorney fees.

Howe introduced interim public works’ director Ron Woods to the council.

“Ron comes to us from the city of Kentwood,” Howe said. “He has a master’s degree from the University of Michigan.”

It was outgoing public works’ director Dan DesJarden’s final city council meeting and Howe thanked him for his 33 years

of employment with the city.

“He knows his stuff,” Howe said. “He’s very knowledgeable about this city. He cares about this community. He cares about his job. He cares about the people who are here.”

DesJarden received a standing ovation. There will be a reception for DesJarden

at the chamber of commerce building from 4 pm to 7 pm on Wednesday, May 14.

The council’s next meeting will be at city hall at 7 pm on Monday, May 18. They will have a public hearing about the proposed 2015-2016 city budget at that meeting.

Crop Walk, continued

Funds earned this year will be split three ways, according to event organizer Pastor Matt Stoll of the Vergennes United Methodist Church, with 75 percent going to the efforts of CWS, 20 percent to support FROM in Lowell and 5 percent being donated to Lowell Senior Neighbors.

“The Crop Walk allows us to walk in solidarity together as a community and demonstrate in a tangible way that we care about our fellow human beings both in our community and around the world who struggle with hunger,” said Stoll.

Research from “Feeding America” proves that hunger is still very

much a reality around the world as well as here in the states. In West Michigan one in seven adults and one in five children are at risk of going hungry.

“Internationally the numbers are much worse,” added Stoll, “There always seems to be some international emergency needs such as the recent

earthquake in Katmandu, Nepal.”

Early totals reflect \$7,688 raised through individual and group fundraisers held by those involved, with money still rolling in through in-person and online donations. To make a donation visit www.cwsglobal.org and locate the Lowell Crop Walk event.



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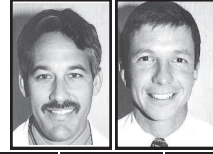
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Signs of skin cancer and the ABCDE

The best way to find skin cancer early is to keep an eye on your skin, especially moles. It's a good idea to do a monthly self-exam of your skin. Look for any change in a mole or the appearance of a new mole. Any moles that appear after age 30 should be watched carefully and shown to your doctor.

The following ABCDE rules can help you remember what to look for when you're checking for moles.

A for asymmetry: A mole that, when divided in half, doesn't look the same on both sides.

B for border: A mole with edges that are blurry or jagged.

C for color: Changes in the color of a mole, including darkening, spread of color, loss of color, or the appearance of multiple colors, such as blue, red, white, pink, purple or gray.

D for diameter: A mole

larger than 1/4 inch in diameter (about the size of a pencil eraser).

E for elevation: A mole that is raised above the skin and has an uneven surface.

You should also watch for these changes to your skin:

- A mole that bleeds.
- A mole that grows fast.
- A scaly or crusted growth on the skin.
- A sore that won't heal.
- A mole that itches.
- A place on your skin that feels rough like sandpaper.

If you notice any of the above signs or changes in your skin visit your doctor. Skin cancer can be treated successfully if it's treated early.

Staff Member of the Month

Murray Lake Elementary named Brooke Culver as its Staff Member of the Month for March. Culver is Murray Lake's resource room teacher and is currently in her ninth year working for Lowell Area Schools.

"Brooke is an outstanding teacher. She does a great job of helping our students catch up to grade level in reading and math. She has also stepped

up this year to be our MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) coach. Brooke has put many hours into planning for this program, which will be implemented in our building next year. She certainly deserves this award and recognition," said building principal, Brent Noskey.

Culver resides in Grand Rapids with her husband Boyd. They have two daughters: Ava (4) and

Tessa (2), and a family dog named Lexi.

Culver commented, "I enjoy teaching and providing interventions to help students achieve their highest potential. It is such a rich and rewarding career with some of the greatest outcomes."

In Culver's free time she enjoys spending time with her family, reading, shooting pool and running (through her house).



Brooke Culver with several of her Murray Lake students.



lend a hand

volunteering opportunities

The Literacy Center of West Michigan has scheduled an information session on Wednesday, May 13 2015, for prospective volunteer tutors. This session is held at 6:30 pm and lasts one hour. It allows persons interested in becoming volunteer tutors to find out more about the center and its literacy programs. At the end of the session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training.

The Literacy Center of W. Michigan is a nonprofit, United Way agency devoted to reducing illiteracy in the community. Based on the 2003 National Assessment for Adult Literacy and the 1992 National Adult Literacy Survey, up to 14.6 percent of adults in Kent County lack basic prose literacy skills and have difficulty using certain reading and writing skills

considered necessary in everyday life. By training people to be tutors, the center can offer one-on-one reading help to adults asking for assistance in reading or English as a Second Language (ESL). You do not need to speak another language to tutor ESL.

The information session will be held at the Literacy Center of West Michigan, located at 1120 Monroe Ave., NW, Suite 240, Grand Rapids, MI. Please call 459-5151 (ext. 10) to register.

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Dave Stegehuis

May is a great time to be out and about in the Michigan countryside. Turkey hunting, trout fishing, and Morell mushroom gathering all happen about the same time in the same places.

Turkeys can be found across our state on public as well as private land. Turkey season dates and hunt management units occupy an entire page in the Spring Turkey Digest. The seasons run between April 20 and May 31 and apply to every county in the state. Relatively mild weather and good Eastern turkey numbers provide an enjoyable hunting

experience. The big birds can be hunted by stalking or calling them in from a blind or just sitting under a handy tree.

Turkeys are considered a big game animal, and hunting them successfully requires all the skills used to hunt deer and elk. Hunting partners can team up to bag a strutting tom. One can call while the other handles the cross bow, shotgun, or bow. Sharing the adventure enhances the hunt.

Small game hunting, once considered a first time hunting opportunity, is becoming more difficult because of disappearing habitat and increased

predation. Turkey hunting is the new entry level hunting experience.

A few trout streams and large rivers are open year around, but the last Saturday in April is the traditional date for the opener of all trout water in Michigan. Smaller streams are convenient to access and may hold brown, brook, and rainbow trout. Southern Michigan streams benefit from regular plants. Fishing inland lakes and smaller streams is a relaxing way to engage with nature.

Morell mushrooms pop-up in special places when springtime sun warms damp earth. Morells can prove to be more elusive than trout or turkeys. Spotting the delicious fungi takes a knack and practice is

required. Care must be taken when picking mushrooms to insure the crop can reseed itself. A mesh bag will allow spores to fall back to the ground.

Tom turkeys fly down to strut and feed in the morning and will respond to a hunter using hen calls. If the gobbler doesn't come in close enough for a shot, that is OK because it is still exciting, and one can always go trout fishing mid-day while keeping an eye out for mushrooms.

Packing all of these activities into a day featuring dry calm weather makes the most of time spent outdoors as an active member of the natural community. Stay heads up for the opportunity to make a triple play.

financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

Help mom with her retirement income strategy

Mother's Day is almost here. This occasion may have special significance for you if you've been fortunate enough to have your mother around for your adult life. So naturally, you'll want to bring Mom some flowers or another gift. But if she's planning to retire soon, you may want to think about a longer-term way to improve her life — namely, by initiating a conversation about her retirement income strategy.

Of course, she may already have matters well in hand. But a great many people on the verge of retirement have not planned for those years, so you may be able to provide some valuable suggestions. Here are a few ideas:

- *Boost contributions to retirement plans.* If Mom is still working, urge her to contribute as much as she can afford to her IRA and her employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a 401(k). The chances are pretty good that she will be spending many years in retirement — in fact, the average life expectancy for a 65-year-old woman is 20.5 more years, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. So she'll want to accumulate as much as possible before she bids "adieu" to the working world.

- *Discuss appropriate withdrawal rates.* Encourage your mother to meet with a financial professional to determine an appropriate rate of withdrawal from her investments. To help ensure that she doesn't outlive her resources, she needs to avoid taking out too much during her early years of retirement.

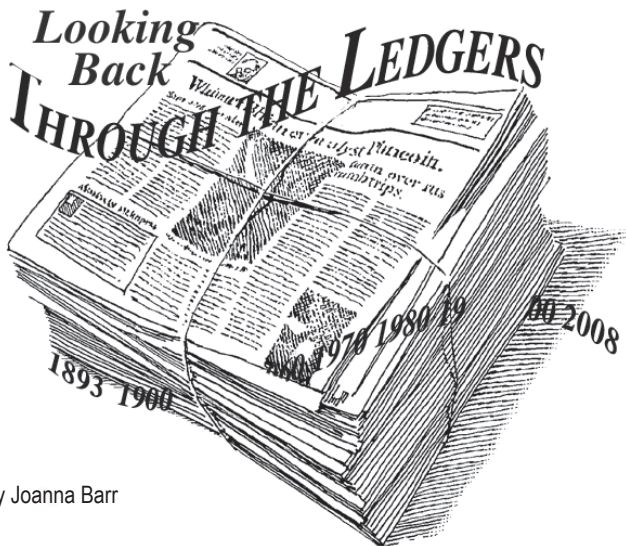
- *Take care of legal arrangements.* If you haven't already done so, ask your mother if she has drawn up the important legal documents related to

her estate plans. Does she have a will? Has she created a durable power of attorney, which allows her to name someone to make financial and health care decisions on her behalf if she becomes incapacitated? As you know, this is a sensitive topic, so you'll want to approach it with care.

- *Evaluate Social Security options.* Your mother is probably well aware that she can start taking Social Security as early as age 62, but will get much bigger monthly payments if she waits until her full retirement age, which will likely be 66 or 67. But she may not know that she might be able to benefit from a Social Security "spousal strategy" that could result in her receiving more income than she could get by just taking her own benefits.

For example, if her spouse is the higher wage earner and can afford to delay taking benefits, your mother could eventually receive higher survivor benefits. Or, your mother and her spouse could employ a "file and suspend" strategy. Under this strategy, her spouse, upon reaching full retirement age, files for retirement benefits and then immediately requests to have those benefits suspended. As a result, your mother can file for spousal benefits, which would be larger than what she would receive at her full retirement age. To make sure they are making any Social Security-related moves correctly, though, your mother and her spouse will want to consult with a tax advisor who is thoroughly familiar with Social Security rules.

You want your mother to enjoy a long, happy and active retirement. So, talk to her about the moves she can make to help turn that aspiration into reality.



By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal May 14, 1890

You can get buttermilk at the Lowell Creamery now for 25 cents per barrel, all you want.

The late rains have swollen the rivers to quite an extent. Grand River raised 22 inches, Sunday and all the creeks in this section are banks full.

If there is a busy man in town, it is B. C. Smith, the tailor, and he is willing to keep right on busying himself making your clothes.

Rooms to rent in a most desirable locality. Lady owning house wishes to board with family renting. Enquire of S. P. Hicks.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 6, 1915

Headline: Good Bye Central — Contract for new school let to Horner & Kelly. The contract for building the new Central school was let to Horner & Kelly of Grand Rapids at \$47,000. The Kelly of the firm is "Joe," a former well known former local boy and a graduate of the Lowell schools; and Lowell people will be pleased to know that his firm got the job. The old building is to be sold for wreckage today (Thursday) at 2 p. m., building to be wrecked and removed on or before May 24. This is the last week of school in the old building and the year's work will be completed in the City hall building...

Headline: A good man gone — T. F. Doyle's long

illness closed in death. This community was shocked to learn of the death on Tuesday morning, May 1, of T. F. Doyle, at his home in this village.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 9, 1940

The agricultural classes of Lowell high school, under the direction of their instructor, John Kleinhecksel, today started the planting of 5,000 red and white pine seedlings in the community forest on Reservoir Hill.

The WPA project for the construction of curbing and drains, as outlined in detail in last week's Ledger, is now under way with a force of upwards of 25 men employed. Ed. Loucks is local superintendent in charge.

Now that "Gone With the Wind" is to be shown in Lowell in the near future, it is at least interesting to record that receipts from this production during the first four months have reached the staggering figure of over 20 millions of dollars according to "lovely Hedda Hopper."

50 years ago Lowell Ledger May 6, 1965

Wepman's Clothing & Shoes, East Main Street, has just completed the installation of an air conditioning system for their store, to provide cool comfort for summer shoppers. Clark Fletcher, local air conditioning engineer made the 5-ton installation.

Lowell City's mayor Arnold A. Wittenbach will spend May 17 in Harper Woods, Michigan, visiting with city officials and get a first hand look at operations there. He will be participating in the annual Mayor's Exchange Day.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 9, 1990

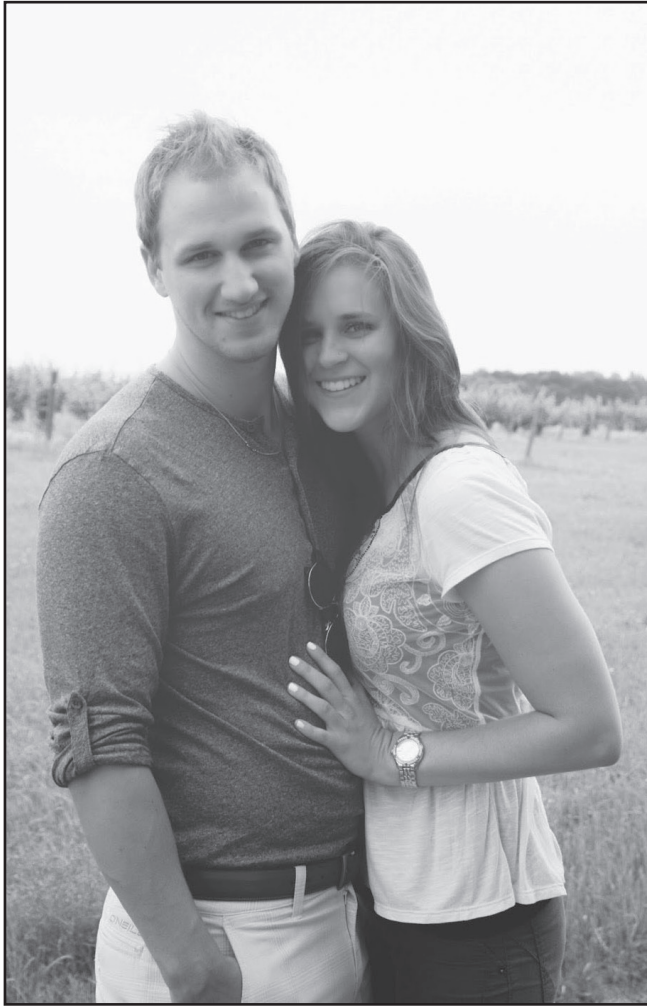
Headline: Stormzand hits it "big" in Las Vegas win. Nobody seems to know when Tony Stormzand is coming back from Las Vegas. "Probably not til his luck runs out," quipped Bill Fluger, a friend of his. Stormzand, or "Zzano," as the 49 year old owner of Zzano's Pizza is often called by his friends, netted a \$106,800 pot in a Las Vegas poker game last Friday. The pot came as the result of Stormzand beating out 177 other players in World Series of Poker.

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engagements

Theisen/Gallagher



David Gallagher and Shannon Theisen

The marriage of Shannon Theisen and David Gallagher, both of Ada, will be celebrated on June 19, 2015. Parents of the bride to be are Tim and Michelle Theisen, of Ada. Parents of the future groom are Dan and Kris Gallagher, also of Ada. The bride and groom plan to honeymoon in Hawaii and will live locally.

anniversaries

Dowling



Rex and Connie (Clemenz) Dowling will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on May 8, 1965, at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell. Rex and Connie have two sons, Doug and Elaine, of Alto; and Greg and Amy, of Cascade. They have two grandsons, Dawson and Preston, of Cascade; two stepgranddaughters and four stepgreat-grandchildren.



Rex and Connie Dowling

happy birthday!

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area births

Lyons



Isla Grace Lyons

Gavin and Sawyer, Grandparents are along with their parents, Ron and Dianna Lyons, of Lowell; and John and Darlene Roelof, of Galesburg; great-grandparents are Marilyn Lambson, of Lowell; and Steve and Ann Leep, of Key West, FL, weighing 9 lbs. 5 oz. and measuring 21 inches. Martin.

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When: Thursday, May 7, 12:10 - 12:40 pm
Where: The Lowell Riverwalk Plaza, by the Showboat.
In case of rain, we will meet in the Community Room at the Englehardt Library.
Why: We need the blessings of God!

Alto walk/run, continued

Fire chief Phillip Dougherty was one of three participating fireman from the Bowne Township Fire Department who ran the entire course in full gear. Dougherty, joined by fellow firefighters Austin Litchfield and Andrew VanderZiel, said that there were several reasons they participated in the event, "Being involved in community events is very important to us. Our fire department has wonderful community support and we like our community so we want to be involved in all of the events that we can. Also, physical fitness is important to us. The number one killer of firefighters by far is sudden cardiac arrest. I want to do what I can to encourage our firefighters not to become one of those statistics. There is a group of us that run regularly at the Alto Elementary track

early in the morning. This was a way to 'up the ante' so to speak and challenge ourselves."

Dougherty said that this is not the first time that members of his department have run fully dressed, "This was our second 5K in full gear. Four of us ran the Harvest Hustle in Lowell a few years ago."

"For us it means if we can run 3.1 miles with our gear on, we should have the strength to effectively fight a fire with it on. It is pretty tough but it's something that anyone could do if they prepared and really wanted to do it," added Dougherty.

Johnston said that the PTO is very happy with the turnout and the summer like weather that greeted them, "We were very pleased with the entire event. It was a great day for a race!"



Members of the Bowne Township Fire Department were among the participants in the sixth annual Alto 5K Run/Walk.

Rodriguez is finalist in American Miss Jr. pageant

Miss Addison Rodriguez, age 9, has been chosen as a Michigan state finalist in the National American Miss Jr. Pre-teen Pageant to be held July 2-4, 2015, at the Adoba Hotel in Dearborn. The National American Miss pageants are held for girls ages 4-18 and have five different age divisions. Rodriguez will be participating in the Jr. pre-

teen age division, along with other outstanding young ladies from across the state of Michigan.

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Rodriguez is a fourth grader at Cherry Creek Elementary. Her activities include gymnastics, cheerleading and dance. She also enjoys spending time with friends and family. Her parents are Angel and Sherry Rodriguez.

Lowell lacrosse goes pink



In their first-ever pink game, all levels of the Lowell lacrosse organization came together to raise awareness and support for Gilda's Club on Tuesday, April 28 at Bob Perry Stadium. Lowell was all decked out in pink game shorts, game balls, pink field lines and even pink candy. Even the opposing team from Grand Rapids Catholic Central wore pink game socks. The JV (7-6) and varsity (10-5) teams won their respective games. The student athletes collected more than \$325 for Gilda's Club.

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[SUNDAY]
[05-10-15]

2:30 'The Devon & Kelsie Show' with Devon Siciliano & Kelsie Jurmo (3)
9:00 pm 'Old-Time Radio'

[MONDAY]
[05-11-15]

2:30 'The Infinite Show' with Raiden Miller (8)
4:30 Funday, Monday with Roman Rozell & Brendan Sanders (2)

[TUESDAY]
[05-12-15]

3:00 The Lovely Beats Show with DJ Cupid & DJ Heartbeat (8)
4:30 The 'It's Everything Show' with DJ's Mickey & Chapstick

[WEDNESDAY]
[05-13-15]

2:45 The Archer Pina Show (4)
4:30 Varsity Baseball vs Forest Hills Central

[THURSDAY]
[05-14-15]

2:30 The No Topic Show with Dakota & Devin (3)
5:00 The Daily Life Show with Caleb Pickens & Geoff Fleenor
8:00 'The Night Shift' with Clayton Brown & Jerry Thompson (1)

[FRIDAY]
[05-15-15]

2:30 'The Show' with Jeremy Kargl & Ryne Clarke (1)
5:00 The Old World Blues Show w/ Riley Nethercott & Chase Miller (6)

[SATURDAY]
[05-16-15]

10:00 ArrowTalk
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
We're (WRWW) recording the LHS Orchestra Concert on 5/11, the 6th/7th Band Concert on 5/12, and the LHS Choir Concert on 5/13. These will be placed on our website as a podcast for download the day after the event.

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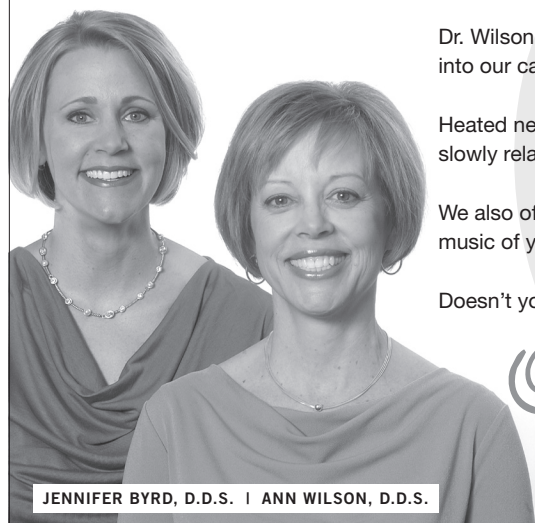
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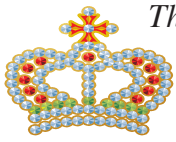


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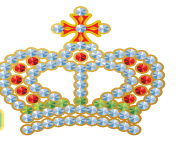
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Red Arrow

LACROSSE

SPORTS

Boys lacrosse play pink and win 10-5

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Boys varsity lacrosse improved their record to 5-4, honored their seniors and joined the Pink Arrow fight last Tuesday when they welcomed Grand Rapids Catholic Central to Bob Perry Stadium for their last home game of the regular season.

In their first ever individual Pink Arrow effort, the team donned pink shorts and socks and played on a pink lined field for the special event which raised money for local charity Gilda's Club of Lowell through sales of t-shirts and pink snacks.

In total all three levels of Lowell's boys lacrosse

program were able to raise \$325 for donation.

All three levels were also able to produce wins on the field, including the varsity who trumped their opponent 10-5 thanks to terrific defense. According to head coach Eric Bredin, "The Red Arrows' defense came up big on 'Senior Night' to give the home crowd a victory over conference rival Catholic Central. It was the best performance of the season for Lowell's defense."

Dakota Barry and Ben Kohtz were the night's defensive powerhouses credited with causing several turnovers in the game. Goalie Evan

Mierendorf defended the box stopping 29 shots on goal from Catholic Central.

Offensively Avery Buckius shined earning the first two Arrow goals in the first quarter which ended with a 2-1 Lowell lead. Buckius was assisted by Collin Bowers. The gentleman increased their lead to 6-2 by halftime with additional scores coming from Buckius, Bowers and Blake Posthumus. Assists

were credited to Jason Nagy, Posthumus and Sawyer Olesko.

Three Lowell goals from Olesko and Nagy assisted by Bowers, Olesko and Buckius in the third pushed the score to 9-4 moving into the fourth quarter where Ryan Hessler added one more to the board for the Arrows, unassisted, to bring their winning score to 10-5.

In their final regular season game of the year, the team will next face Holland Christian this Thursday on the road. The team will next enter into conference play both Tuesday and Thursday at home with opponents yet to be determined as they play in pursuit of a conference championship.



Goalie Evan Mierendorf makes one of his 29 saves in the Red Arrows victory over Grand Rapids Catholic Central.

Girls fall to Hudsonville

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Girls varsity lacrosse welcomed Hudsonville High School last Wednesday for Senior Night and the team's final home game of the regular season, dropping the match 8-6 despite their intense effort.

Lowell fell behind in the first half and tried for a rally in the second but still came up short. Scores were earned by Sela Bauman, Sophie Winn, Maddie Kaminski and Nikki Paulus.

The girls will hit the road this week to take on league competitor Grand Rapids Christian this Wednesday.



The Red Arrows' aggressive play was not enough to top Hudsonville who won the match-up 8-6.

Lowell crew team places at weekend regatta



The Lowell crew team was in Wyandotte, just south of Detroit, for a regatta on Saturday. They competed on the Detroit River against 18 other schools from Michigan and surrounding states. There were over 60 races to compete in. The woman's junior took a sixth place; the men's novice took fourth place and Lowell men's double took the fifth and sixth. Both women's doubles made it to the finals and earned a third-place finish.

GOLF

Golfers place in jamborees

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Red Arrow boys varsity golfers took to the green twice last week in a pair of conference jamborees earning a fourth- and third-place finish.

Tuesday on the road the boys were led by Nate Kyburz who shot a 42. Teammates Christian Rosenfeldt, Jake Hays and Alex Bohr each carded a 46.

Their combined scores placed them fourth in the competition with a 180, just two strokes short of third-place finisher Caledonia. Grand Rapids Christian and

Forest Hills Central took first and second respectively.

Wednesday at home the team put up their lowest combined score of the season with Bohr leading the way just one stroke shy of medaling with a 39. Josh Buechler followed with a 40, Kyburz with a 41 and Rosenfeldt with a 42.

Their effort garnered them a third-place tie with Grand Rapids Christian, both teams earning a 162. Their finish was just four strokes behind the event winner Caledonia who scored a 158.

Now in second place within the OK White conference the boys will next face two more jamborees on the road this week.



Red Arrow

BASEBALL

SPORTS

Red Arrows win a three-game sweep against Jenison

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell varsity baseball slugged its way to an 8-1 OK White record last week completing a second consecutive three-game sweep competing against the Jenison Wildcats.

Jenison took an early lead in game one of the series on Tuesday and appeared to be on the cusp of earning a shut-out victory as they headed into the seventh inning with a 3-0 lead.

Lowell was looking for a different ending though and went on to earn a solid series of hits from Nate Stephens, Cooper Perry and Trevor Shurlow that tied the game at three and forced extra innings for a decision.

After a scoreless eighth, the Arrows started the ninth at the top of its batting order with Matt Milstead, who popped up for a Lowell out. Jarrod Melle was next at the

plate and connected quickly sending one deep to the left field fence and sparking further hope for Lowell.

After striking out Matt Cooper, the Jenison pitcher decided to throw to senior Zach Gordon despite having intentionally walked Arrow batters several times in the final innings. That decision turned out to be the mistake of the night.

Gordon drove in the go ahead run with a game winning single that plated Melle for the exciting 4-3 win in front of the home crowd. Gordon has the team's highest batting average with an impressive .377 and also leads the team in RBIs with 17.

Senior Anthony Alderink was credited with the win from the mound throwing one shut-out inning and allowing zero hits or walks.

On the road at Jenison on Wednesday, singles from Milstead in the first and fourth helped propel the Arrows to a 6-3 win.

Lowell took the first game lead in the third scoring two runs on two hits into a fielder's choice. Still ahead 2-0 in the fourth, the Arrows added three additional runs on hits from Alderink, Milstead and Cooper.

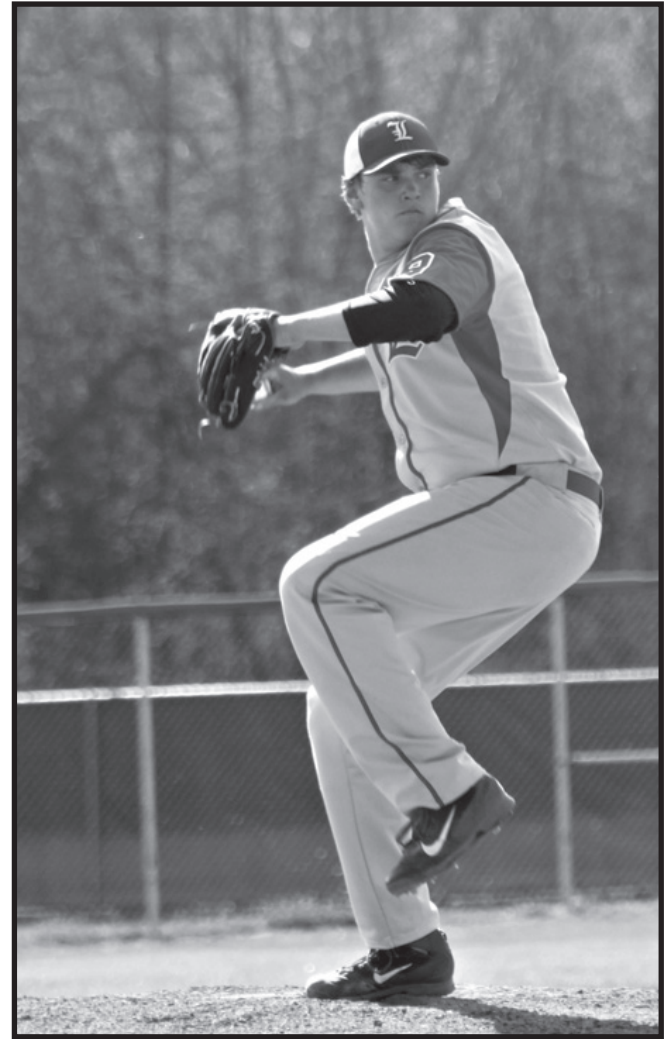
Jenison fought hard in the seventh putting up three runs, but the Wildcats' earlier deficit combined with another run from Cooper sealed the 6-3 loss.

Lowell's Perry served well from the mound earning

the win for the Arrows with six innings that produced as many strikeouts. He allowed only one earned run, three walks and three hits while on the hill.

Lowell completed the sweep of Jenison on Thursday as senior pitcher Collin VanNoord kept the Wildcats scoreless for seven innings to earn a 3-0 shut-out win. VanNoord allowed no runs on six hits and struck out four batters.

Alderink was the evening's leading batter going 2-3 at the plate putting up a two-run single in the fifth inning and another single in the seventh.



Jarrod Melle was one of the Arrow pitchers who helped to propel Lowell to a 3-0 sweep.

The Arrows look to continue plowing their way through the OK White this week when they face the Caledonia Fighting Scots Tuesday at home and Wednesday and Thursday on the road in a three-game series.

TRACK

Track teams welcome FHC

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell's track teams welcomed Forest Hills Central last week in an OK White showdown that saw the ladies fall 102-35 and the boys pick up their first win of the season 81-57.

Lowell boys dominated the hurdles at the competition with Josh Branagan and Drew Struckmeyer claiming first and second on the 110m. Reece Karns, Struckmeyer, Brandon Mason, Branagan

and Colton Churches claimed the top five spots on the 330m.

Winning first-place finishes in relay competition were the 4x200 team of Richard Misak, Kenny Stump, Sam Misak and Collin McGee; the 4x400 team of Karns, Keegan Redloske, Stump and Zach Diamond; and the 4x800 team of Eric Judd, Dan Onan, Ben Noffke and Nick Higgins.

Diamond also logged wins in the 800m and 1600m while McGee topped the 200m. Infield Austin Branagan claimed first in the high jump, Justin Everitt first in discus and second in shotput and Brandon Mason

and Dawson Chapman earned first and second respectively in the long jump.

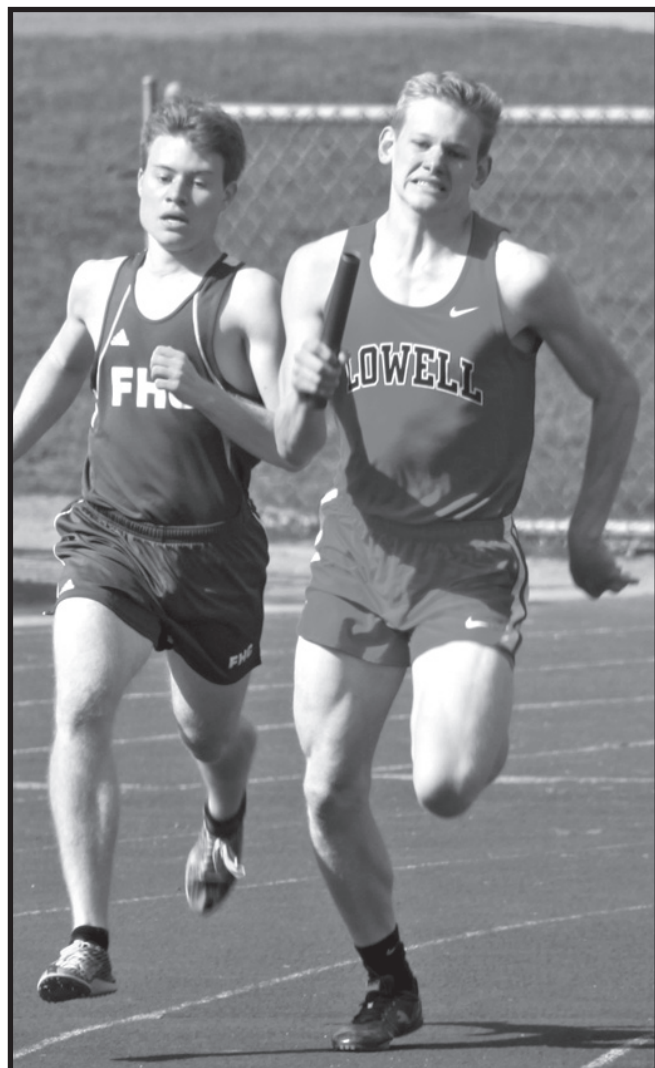
The girls produced several good finishes at the meet despite their loss including Alon Watson who won the 100m and 200m as well as the long jump. Lauren DeHaan also earned a first-place finish in the high jump.

Other respectable

finishes belonged to Breanna VanLaan who placed second in the 800m, Katrina Droski who placed 3rd in both the 1600m and 3200m run and Emily Judd who picked up third in the 100m and second in the 300m hurdles.

Infield Corah Kaufman and Holly Race took second and third on the pole vault while Emma Clouser placed third in discus.

This week the teams will host their second and last home meet of the season on Tuesday against Grand Rapids Christian and head to the OK White conference meet on Thursday.



Nick Higgins sprints toward the finish line during the final lap of the 4x800m relay.



Red Arrow girls varsity track members blast over the 100m hurdles.

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MONDAY: Beef taco on soft tortilla shell, steamed broccoli, fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, baby carrots (salsa served at Bushnell), mixed fruit, orange slices.

TUESDAY: Chicken strips (served with dinner roll at Bushnell), baked beans, fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, cucumber coins, peaches, mandarin oranges.

WEDNESDAY: French toast sticks served w/eggs, hash-browns; fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, celery sticks, apple slices, orange juice.

THURSDAY: Tony's pepperoni pizza on WG crust, baby carrots (served at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake); chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes & gravy (served at Bushnell); fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, baby carrots, strawberries, peaches.

FRIDAY: Rotini pasta w/ sauce, green beans (served at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), Tony's pepperoni pizza on WG crust, salad (served at Bushnell), fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, baby carrots, apple slices, juice.

obituaries

HOEKSTRA

Beatrice (Meeuwsen) Hoekstra, clever crafter who also had a flair for producing showcase gardens and interior designs, died Monday, April 13, 2015, of accidental injuries due to a fall at her home in San Antonio, Texas. She was small but mighty and managed an apartment complex until two years ago, when at the age of 83, she decided to retire. That strong work ethic was in evidence early in life. She grew up on a farm where, alongside the rest of the family, she planted, hoed and harvested crops; and milked cows. Immediately after graduating from high school (Lowell), she went to work in Grand Rapids for the Board of Education and, before moving to Texas, she held office positions in Lowell at Lowell Sprayer Co. (now known as Root-Lowell Mfg. Co.) and Lowell Medical Center (now known as The Laurels of Kent); always dressed according to the latest fashion. She was one of seven siblings born to Cornelius and Gertrude Meeuwsen (both deceased). She and her twin brother, Wayne, were New Year's Day babies in 1930. Wayne predeceased her five years ago. Brothers, Kenneth, Russell and Robert also left this earthly life before her, as did Wayne's wife, Wanda and Russell's wife, Delores. Her husband, Henry Hoekstra, survives her and at 90 years old still runs their swimming pool business in San Antonio. He affectionately called her his "BeaBea." She was immensely proud of her only child, Stephen Newell, who resides in Lowell with his wife, Deanne; granddaughter, Stephanie (Ryan) Peel; and their sons, Carter, Alex and Elliot, who also live in Lowell; and granddaughter, Sarah (Chris) Rittersdorf who resides in Grand Rapids. Steve's father, Gordon (Arlene) Newell is in Lowell. She is also survived by her sisters, Esther (Clyde, deceased) Newell and Ruth (Jim, deceased) Wood; sister-in-law, Robert's wife, Lorraine Meeuwsen; nieces, Angela (Troy) Sloan and Candice (Jeffery) Bowne - who doted on "Aunt Bea" - sending her homemade goodies and photos and calling her to wish her Happy Birthday every New Year's Eve at the stroke of midnight. Many other nieces and nephews survive her as well, as does Hank's brother, Burton (Jodi) Hoekstra, and family. Also surviving Bea are the families of Hank's brothers, S. Robert Hoekstra (deceased), his wife Ruth survives; Louis (Doris) Hoekstra Jr. (deceased) and Eugene Hoekstra (deceased), his wife Dorothy "Toots" survives. Bea hated Day Light Saving Time "never could adjust to it;" Michigan's dark, rainy days "the clouds are on my shoulders;" loved chocolate in any form; tacos (which she taught us to make many years ago); and the San Antonio Spurs. We invite you to join us for her Life Celebration on Saturday, May 16, 2015, at the First Congregational Church of Lowell, 865 Lincoln Lake, SE, Lowell, at 11:00 am with visitation prior to the service from 10:00 am-11:00 am. A luncheon will be held in the church dining room immediately following the service. To those considering a memorial tribute, we suggest buying a friend a flower.

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LADUE

Pauline L. LaDue, Age 96, passed away peacefully in the early hours of Wednesday, April 29, 2015. Pauline was a life-long resident of Lowell, MI. She was born Pauline L. Kyser on January 5, 1919. She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Douglas Eugene LaDue. She is survived by her two children, nine grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren. Her children are Karen Kay LaDue, of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and Douglas (Patricia) Eugene LaDue II of Grandville, MI. Her grandchildren are Denise Schumaker, Christine (Christopher) Lawless, Pamela (Chris) Lewis, Paula Garcia, and Jamie (Gerald) Morris, of North Carolina, and Douglas (Janet) LaDue III, Daniel (Traci) LaDue, Nicolle (Brett) Holzgen, and Michelle (Steve) Kuchta, of Michigan. Her great grandchildren are Dylan & Spencer LaDue, Brett Holzgen Jr., Douglas LaDue IV, Bryan & Adrianna Garcia, Alex, Cameron & Michael Lewis, Logan & Madison Morris. A funeral service was held. Interment South Boston Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Lowell United Methodist Church, 621 E Main St, Lowell, MI 49331 or Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 E. Fulton St., Lowell, MI 49331.



WAID

Glen Darwin Waid, 91 years old, passed from this life on April 28. He was the last surviving of twelve children of Warren and Frances Waid. Glen was married to Beatrice ('Bea') LaVoie Waid who preceded him in death in 1998. Glen is survived by his three children, Bruce Waid of Chicago, Debra Pingel of Monticello, Iowa; and Karen Waid of Lowell. Glen is also survived by his grandchildren, Caroline Waid, Michael Pingel, Philip Waid Janowski; and by his great-grandchildren, Jonah and Isaac Pingel. He is remembered fondly by his dear family friend Nan Nixon and many other family members and friends. Glen served proudly in the US Army. He taught his children to hunt and fish, and was proud that his son became a college professor and both of his daughters joined the US Army. Glen turned a sixth grade education into a lifelong passion for learning all things Indian and military and he spent many happy hours at garage sales searching for artifacts. Glen worked as a plumber and contractor in Chicago for many years and continued that work long after retirement as he built their house in New Mexico that Bea had designed. He moved to Lowell after her passing. In sum, Glen worked hard, was an honest man, lived a good life, loved a good slice of apple pie, and tried to help others whenever he could. At Glen's request, there will be no memorial service.



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ALTO LIONS CLUB - Meets 1st & 3rd Thursday at 7 p.m. at Keiser's Kitchen.

Red Arrow

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SPORTS

Lowell girls triumph over Forest Hills Central

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

A massive defensive effort from the Red Arrow girls varsity soccer team propelled them to an unexpected 1-0 victory over unbeaten conference rival Forest Hills Central on Monday.

The win improves the girls' season record to an impressive 9-2 overall and 4-1 in the OK White and moves them into a first-place tie in the conference heading into the final stretches of the season.

"That was our best defensive performance

in my four years with the girls," said head coach Dan Lipon following the winning game. "The girls were well organized defensively for the full 80 minutes. Forest Hills Central is one of the best girls soccer programs in the state and we haven't been within 4 or 5 goals of the rangers the past four years," explained Lipon.

Riley Conlan scored Lowell's single goal with an assist from Darby Dean late in the second half of play. Goalie Bridget Garter

withstood immense pressure from FHC the duration of the game, but triumphed to produce her fourth shutout of the season stopping 23 goal attempts from the box.

"The win was significant and speaks volumes of the girls' character. The girls continue to build confidence with every positive result - the lady arrows are currently Honorable Mention in division two and stand a good chance of breaking into the top ten after Monday's huge victory," said Lipon.

This week the ladies will utilize their winning momentum and enjoy home field advantage when they take on East Grand Rapids Wednesday and Forest Hills Eastern on Friday. Both games begin at 6:45.

L Catch Up On Lowell High School Sports
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The team celebrates on the field following their surprise 1-0 victory over FHC.

LMS baseball earns runner-up in tournament play

On Friday, May 1, sixteen area West Michigan middle school baseball teams began tournament competition.

Lowell Middle School 7th and 8th grade black team made a run at what seemed to be a tough tournament with a lot of talented young baseball players. They began tournament play on Friday night with coach Mark Russell leading the way. They came away with a 4-3 win against a tough East Grand Rapids team. Kyle Bibbler from the black team pitched four stellar innings, giving up just one hit. Nate Bush came in and shut the door on the East Grand Rapids team.

Saturday, the team faced another tough task as they played a very talented Northview team. Along with some great hitting and a "lights out" pitching performance by Tyler Karcia, the team jumped up to a 6-0 lead. Mike Smith came in as the closer and gave the team a 12-8 victory.

Team black needed just one more win to make it into the championship

game and a shot at winning the tournament. Facing yet another talented Northview team, putting Nate Bush on the mound to start the game was a great move by coach Russell. With Bush pitching, great defense and some great hits by Andy Russell, Karsten Wukawitz,

Noah Moore and a sliding catch by Eric Mooney, the team looked like they were ready for the championship. They brought in Zach Post to pitch the end of the game. With a 3-1 victory, team black sent yet another team from Northview packing and out of the tournament.

With a tournament victory in sight and needing just one more win, team black faced off against a Hopkins team that was loaded with talent. Team black started Mike Smith on the mound who was later relieved by Zach Post. Finishing off the

game, Noah Moore took to the mound. After some remarkable defense, great pitching and three games in six hours, team black fell short as Hopkins came away with a 17-2 victory and claimed the tournament championship title with Lowell Middle School black

team finishing as runner-up. Also of note, the Lowell red team also played deep into the tournament, but was shut down by Northview in the second round of eliminations.



Photo by Eryn Wukawitz

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 - King Henry VIII, e.g.
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 - New Mexico art colony
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 - Parkinson's disease drug
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 - Cardinal compass point at 180 degrees, pl.
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April 29 - May 5

It's a princess! Prince William and his wife Kate Middleton have delivered the fourth in line to the throne and named her Charlotte Elizabeth Diana.



Michigan was hit with a 4.2 magnitude earthquake on Saturday, the second-strongest in the state's recorded history, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) reported. There have been no reports of damage or injuries, though the earthquake was big enough that it was reportedly felt in parts of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin. A 4.2 quake is not terribly large — people indoors are expected to feel movement and hanging objects might swing back and forth.



The hugely promoted boxing match between Manny Pacquiao and Floyd Mayweather is over. Mayweather defeated Pacquiao by unanimous decision last Saturday night in Las Vegas.

The death toll from the earthquake that hit Nepal last week has risen to over 7,000 people. A 101-year-old man was rescued from the rubble of his home in one of the countless villages that were devastated.

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Lowell drivers earn first place at Bus Road-e-o

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell Area Schools' bus drivers earned first place in Kent County last Saturday when they competed in the Region 8 Bus Road-e-o hosted for the first time in event history at Lowell High School.

Seventy-four drivers from thirteen districts across Kent, Ottawa and Allegan counties took part in the annual event which aims to recognize the effort, dedication and skill of professional bus drivers. The competition featured a twelve-stop obstacle course that tested the drivers' skills based on accuracy as well as two written examinations.

Betty Nelson, a former state and national contender, was Lowell's top scoring driver placing eighth with an accuracy score of 544. She was joined on the course by eight fellow drivers representing Lowell, Leighanna Monger (368), Rebekah White (418), Cyndy McMillin (444), Dale Hollister (448), Catherine Wisner (452), Crystal Backing (457),

Valerie Allen (468) and Tammy Griffeth (477).

Nelson missed her third bid to the state competition by just eleven points as only the top six finishers were scheduled to advance. Nelson attributed the miss to an error during the parallel parking obstacle and striking three tennis balls during a difficult accuracy test, "If I would have hit one less ball it would have sent me to state," she explained.

Nelson, who began her bus driving career in 2003, first appeared in the state competition in 2012 where she earned second place and moved on to national competition, an experience she called both exciting and intense. "It was pretty nerve wracking but I am glad I was able to experience it because it was also a lot of fun," stated Nelson. She qualified once more in 2014 placing fifth at state just shy of a second national bid.

Five drivers from Hudsonville High School and one from Grandville claimed the top six spots



Lowell bus drivers with their first-place Bus Road-e-o trophy earned last Saturday at Lowell High School.

and will represent the region at the upcoming state competition. The top three drivers there will then move on to the nationals.

Others participating in this year's event included Spring Lake, Zeeland, Allegan, West Ottawa, Caledonia, Grand Rapids Public Schools, Kenowa Hills, Jenison, Cedar Springs and Forest Hills.



Lowell driver Betty Nelson tests her accuracy on a difficult obstacle on her way to an eight-place finish at the Bus Road-e-o.

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~ David McCullough (1933 -)

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