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Lowell's annual Memorial Day parade - a ceremony of remembrance and reverence

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell residents converged on Main Street Monday morning for the annual Memorial Day parade culminating with a remembrance ceremony at Oakwood Cemetery.

The short but meaningful parade was well attended and included musical performances from the Lowell High School and middle school marching bands, orchestra and a traditional bagpipe band.

Others marching in the annual parade included members of the Kent County Youth Fair royal court, the color guards from both the local VFW and American Legion posts and representatives from area Girl and Boy Scout troops.

Attendees became part of the procession by following the parade down North Monroe to Oakwood Cemetery where a ceremony of remembrance highlighted the soldiers of the American Civil War.

The ceremony began with brief words from Lowell American Legion commander Dave Thompson who has led the event for the past eight years. The national anthem was played by the high school band and the Pledge of Allegiance was read.

These traditions were followed by an invocation from Bruce Ettinger, chaplain of Boy Scout Troop #102. "We are so grateful to gather here today to have this opportunity to honor those who served selflessly," said

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Boy Scouts offer a salute in front of the Civil War Memorial.



Ceremonies opened at Oakwood Cemetery with a traditional bagpipe performance.

2015 FROM Food Fight begins June 1



The seventh-annual Flat River Outreach Ministries' Food Fight, where the north side of Main Street vs. the south side, in an effort to fill the food pantry shelves begins June 1. Volunteers pictured, left to right, are: Sandra Darling-Holton, Diana Chaterdon, Katie Sullivan, Nancy Wood, Joyce Laviolette, Dave Nelson, Dawn Broene, Peter Wasciuk, Jantina Wasciuk, Sonya Gordon, Kathy Southland, Susan Fizer and Doug Shassberger. More information on page 16.

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Thompson to retire as Legion Post commander

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

After nine years at the helm as commander of the Lowell American Legion Post #152, U.S. Navy veteran Dave Thompson is stepping down from his active duties later this summer.

During his time in the service Thompson served in several capacities. "I was a pilot for a while and then most of my years were with naval intelligence," he said. "I look back with very cherished memories of my time in the Navy reserves."

As commander of Post #152, Thompson was in

charge of the Memorial Day parade and observances, as well as many other community projects, including the Battlefield Memorial located near the river.

"I have worked on a number of projects that have created personal fond memories for me," said Thompson. "For example last year's Memorial Day service with the unveiling of the restored canon and the city-wide homecoming for wounded soldier Shane Scherer," added Thompson.

Previous to his tenure as post commander, Thompson



Dave Thompson salutes one last time as the commander at this year's Memorial Day ceremony.

also volunteered for the Lowell Rotary, the Lowell Showboat Garden Club and the Lowell Education Foundation, just to name a few.

The active 82 year-old says he plans to spend his new free time with his equally civic-minded wife Jan.

After years of foregoing personal plans in favor of service, much to the benefit of the Lowell community, Thompson says, "It has been a good life for us. Jan is a true leader. We have had so much fun here. Lowell is a very special place. We couldn't ask for more."

LPD April statistics

Lowell's police and fire departments had a very active April.

According to statistics released this week, Lowell police made 25 arrests during the month of April. There were six arrests for drug law violations, two for drunk driving, three for driving on a suspended license, nine for outstanding warrants and five "other arrests."

The police responded to lots of misdemeanors during April as well. There were nine assaults, four complaints of disorderly conduct, three dog complaints, two larceny

calls, and police cited 59 people for ordinance violations. They were also involved in 56 "assistance" calls and were called to ten accidents. They ticketed 29 drivers at traffic stops and issued warnings to 112 people.

The Lowell Area Fire and Emergency Services Authority also had a busy April. They went on 31 runs during the month, including two structure fires, 16 grass or brush fires, six "miscellaneous" fires, 45 medical calls, and six "personal injury" accidents. There was also one false alarm.



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FROM VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

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Person of the Year and Brick Awards bestowed at annual chamber gathering

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce gave out this year's awards at their annual Gathering of the Membership dinner. The event was held at River Edge Bed and Breakfast, 538 Flat River Dr. on Wednesday, May 20.

After a meal provided by Flat River Grill, live bluegrass music from the Easy Idle String Band and opening remarks from chamber director Liz Baker, the "Non-Profit Spotlight" award was presented to the Lowell Women's Club by Staci Chambers, associate executive of the Lowell YMCA.

"Their objective is very simple, give the best service you know how to render," Chambers said. "Their purpose [is to] enrich members through programs, volunteerism and fellowship, and to raise money for scholarships and community need."

"This Spotlight award is totally unexpected and gratefully accepted," said Jan Thompson of the Lowell



Person of the Year Rick Seese poses with his award.

Women's Club. Thompson was also pleased by the banquet.

"It's beautiful. Liz [Baker] always puts on a beautiful party. This is a wonderful event and we look forward to it," Thompson said.

The banquet was

attended by Lowell's business and government leaders, including mayor Jim Hodges, city manager Mark Howe and Greg Pratt, superintendent of Lowell Area Schools.

"This is a wonderful event, another Lowell tradition that brings the

community together," Pratt said. "And you can't beat the setting; this is a beautiful setting. Very enjoyable."

Next up was the first "Brick" award, which went to Timpson Transport.

"They are extremely busy and they don't have a lot of spare time to get physically involved in activities, but they do a lot of donating," Chambers said. "They donate \$6,000 to \$8,000 a year, giving back to the local community."

The evening's second award presenter was Cliff Yankovich, owner of Chimera Design. He presented the second "Brick" award to J&H Family Stores Mobil.

"They have 43 locations in West and Mid Michigan and I have it on good authority that they have two more in the works," Yankovich said. "They're family owned and operated and all of the family members who are in charge of it live in West Michigan. Not only that, but they recognize the importance of giving back to the communities they serve."

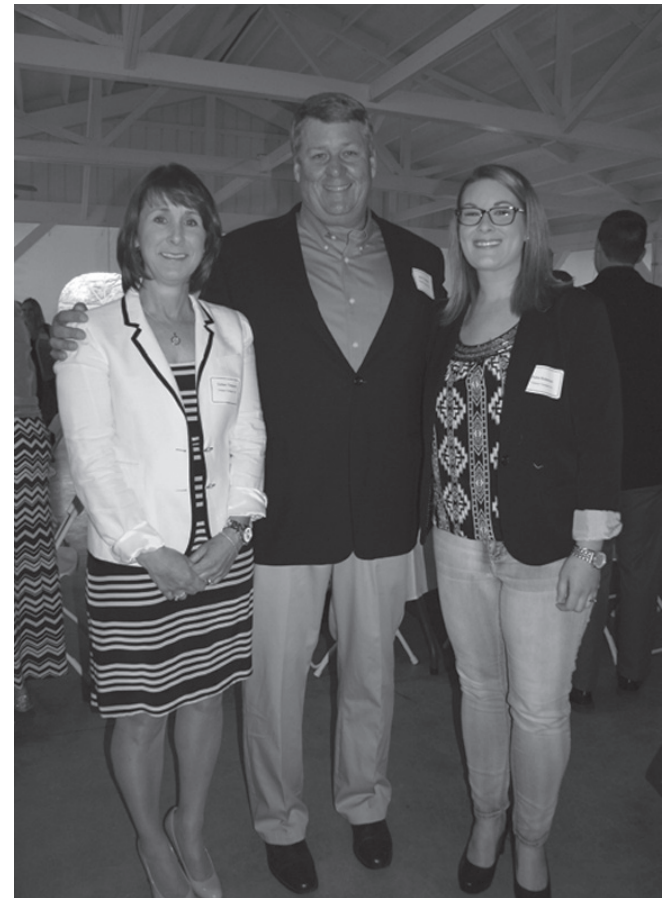
"They thought we were good to the community and we hope we are because they're certainly good to us," said Abby Albers, J&H marketing director. "We're thrilled to be here."

The "Best Business to Watch" award was given to River Edge Bed and Breakfast.

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Blair and Trudy Cahoon, owners of Keiser's Kitchen.



The owners of Timpson Transport.



J&H Family Stores Mobil accepting their Brick award.

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financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

Should you make investment moves based on a strong dollar?

Currently, the U.S. dollar is pumped-up and powerful. But what does a strong dollar mean to you, as an investor?

To begin with, it's important to understand just what is meant by a "strong" dollar. The U.S. dollar does not exist in a vacuum — its value, from a global perspective, is determined by its changing strength relative to that of other currencies. Let's look at an example: Suppose that, in 2011, you traveled to Europe and wanted to trade in one dollar for its equivalent value in euros. At that time, your dollar would have converted to about .75 of a euro. Fast forward to early 2015; if you returned to Europe now, your dollar would fetch you almost one full euro. In other words, you can buy more euros because the dollar is "stronger."

In fact, earlier this year, the euro hit a 12-year low versus the dollar. And it isn't just the euro; the dollar is strong against almost every

other major currency in the world. What has led to this strength? It's not always easy to determine what's behind foreign exchange rates — which can fluctuate even more than the stock market — but the recent surge in the dollar seems to be due, at least in part, to its obvious connection to the American economy, which has been growing faster than many other economies around the world. The stronger dollar is also due to expectations that interest rates will remain higher in the U.S. than in many other countries.

But whatever the reasons for it, the dollar's strength may be having an impact on your investments. A strengthening dollar typically lowers returns from international investments because you get fewer dollars in exchange for the value in euros or other foreign currencies. And some U.S. companies with a global presence may face challenges due to

lower earnings from their international operations.

These results might lead you to think that a strong dollar would be bad news for the stock market, but that hasn't been the case in the past. At different times, the markets have performed well with both a strong and a weak dollar.

In contrast to its impact on U.S. companies, a strong dollar can help foreign companies compete and may give them an earnings boost from their U.S. sales. Also, the stronger dollar can help make foreign investments "cheaper." Even more importantly, by taking advantage of the stronger dollar and investing an appropriate amount internationally, gaining exposure to different economies and markets, you can help diversify your holdings, which is important. Although diversification can't guarantee a profit or always protect against loss, it can help reduce the impact of volatility on your portfolio. Be aware, though, that international investing carries special risks beyond currency fluctuations, including political and economic instability.

The strong dollar may have attracted your attention, but don't be distracted by it — and don't overreact. Currency exchange rates can fluctuate rapidly, and no one can predict how long a strong dollar environment will last. By sticking with a solid, long-term investment strategy, you can help keep up the "strength" of your own dollars.

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viewpoint

to the editor

the end of an era

Monday, the 25th of May 2015, marked the end of an era.

American Legion Post commander, Dave Thompson, conducted his final Memorial Day ceremony at the Oakwood Cemetery. Perhaps the most significant of this year's program was that a misty rain began to fall about three-quarters of the way through the program, a first in Thompson's nine years of conducting the ceremony. But, the last ten minutes of mist turned into a very heavy downpour as he read the alphabetical list of names of the 29 Lowell service

men who had passed on since Memorial Day 2014. As each name was announced, a drum roll and the tolling of the bell followed, making it the moving highlight of the entire ceremony. Thompson said he was emotionally moved by the determination of nearly a thousand people in attendance who stood fast until the very last name was read. He remarked afterwards that his good friend, Ray Zandstra, who is also a US Navy Veteran and the last name on this year's list, would have been immensely proud of the determination the

crowd showed, staying to the very end.

Comments were numerous that the crowd was determined "not to break ranks until that last name was read." Literally drenched to the skin, Thompson only smiled at the Gathering of Veterans at the Veterans' Center following the event, saying that the determination of that audience was so typical of what we call, "The true spirit of Lowell!"

The Lowell American Legion and VFW want to thank everyone who attended Monday's Parade and Oakwood Ceremony honoring this year's 29 Veterans.

God bless our troops and God Bless America,

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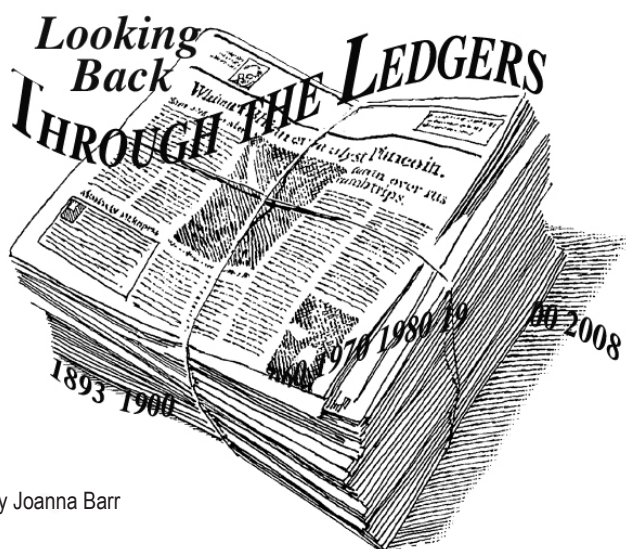
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By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal May 28, 1890

Geo, M. Bonar has returned from Newaygo. He thinks Newago is all right, but two weeks there convinced him that Lowell was the place for him. He says: "while they pay good wages there, they pay no money, all in store orders. The Converse Mfg. Co. own the town and all the people in it, at least they give employment to nearly all there. They own a large boarding house, a general store, at which they charge from 10 to 25 per cent more than other stores do, and he was correspondingly glad to get back where a man could see a shining silver dollar 'once in a while.'"

Last week someone who was in need of some fence-wire took part of Mrs. Jane Kropf's fence away bodily.

There are a few cases of diphtheria in this vicinity. Too much care cannot be taken to prevent the spread of the dread disease. As there are no cases in the village it is comparatively easy to keep the few who have it isolated.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 27, 1915

The automobile owners in town are solicited to use their cars for conveying members of the Women's Relief Corps, the comrades of the G. A. R. and those of the aged and infirm who may wish, from West Water street to Oakwood cemetery and return Monday forenoon.

An increase in local telephone rates will mean a great loss of patrons, if we understand the situation. The public has all the expense it can stagger under now, and the only excuse for a raise, in our opinion, is that the company would like more money if it can get it.

Would it be too much to ask of the ball players on Memorial Sunday to wear the sacred emblem, a sprig of evergreen entwined with a red, white and blue ribbon? "Lest we forget! Lest we forget!"

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 30, 1940

Lowell and Sparta are running neck and neck for the honor of being the largest town in Kent County outside of the city of Grand Rapids. According to 1940 census figures Lowell has a population of 1,943 and Sparta 1,945—a difference of only two. However, by including Segwun, which is part of this urban community, brings Lowell population up to 2,168. Darn glad that Segwun is a part of us!

When Robert B. Boylan takes the position of honor which is to be assigned to him in this year's Decoration Day parade, he will ride as the last survivor of Lowell's Grand Army of the Republic post, which at one time had a membership of 135. Of the 83,347 Michigan boys to fight their southern brothers, only 96 are left to redraw the Blue ranks again on Memorial Day.

Those youngsters who ride their bicycles lickety-spilt on business streets are indulging in a dangerous practice. Better stop it before something serious happens.

Mrs. Charles Doyle, chairman of the American Red Cross war relief fund for Lowell, announced this week Tuesday that up to that time \$199.50 had been turned in.

Most of the belly-aching against parallel parking appears to have subsided.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger May 27, 1965

Headline: George Gobel star of 1965 Showboat. The entertainment committee for the Showboat nailed down their headline act for the 1965 show last week when they signed George Gobel, comedian and musician. Gobel was the choice over dozens of other headliners suggested by Music Corporation of America, bookers of the show.

Why us? wonder Mr. and Mrs. Richard Godfrey. 840

East Main Street. The Godfrey home has been run into twice in the past nine months. Last fall an East bound vehicle wrecked their porch when it careened into the yard. It happened again Saturday, another East Bound auto plowed into their yard. This time no permanent damage was caused, but the plants and shrubs were disrupted.

Mayor and Mrs. Arnold A. Wittenbach and Councilman and Mrs. Richard F. Schlernitzauer were entertained on Mayor's Exchange Day at Harper Woods with a luncheon and dinner in the evening. Trudie Schlernitzauer, nationally famous pistol shot, was given an opportunity to display her talents at the police range, shooting against crack shots from the police department. Trudie, of course, won.

Eleven travel trailers spent the week end at Recreation Park, checking out the facilities for the big encampment during Showboat Week. The "Holiday Ramblers" enjoyed the camp-out despite the cold rainy weather Sunday.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 30, 1990

Headline: Lowell and Allegan exchange Mayors. More than 200 Michigan mayors and other municipal officials crisscrossed the state this past week for Mayors Exchange Day. The unique exchange program began in 1954 as part of Michigan Week, an annual celebration that this year ran May 18-26. On Thursday of last week Allegan Mayor, Craig van Melle and other Allegan officials spent the day in Lowell. Lowell Mayor, James Maatman and Lowell officials then traveled to Allegan on Monday.

Headline: Bushnell Library named after Ethel Rivette. It doesn't matter how many years students have been removed, they seem to remember the first-rate teachers as if they were in their classrooms yesterday.

At last, TNT and the Arts and Entertainment Channels have arrived and are on line for the entertainment pleasure of Lowell Cable subscribers. According to the Lowell Cable office, Arts and Entertainment was put on line on April 28 and TNT was hooked up on May 11. The Ledger was first notified of the hookups on Monday, May 21... Along with the new hookups, basic cable subscribers will also incur a \$1 a month increase in their cable rates. The increase will push rates from \$13 to \$14 a month. If a recent "Town Talk" survey is any indication, most cable subscribers believe the price is still a fair one.

college news

Alexander Barr, a 2010 graduate of Lowell High School, commenced his studies at Davenport University with honors earning a Bachelor's of Business Management degree with a concentration in accounting information management. He completed his final term, winter/spring 2015, on the president's list with a 3.8 out of 4 grade point. His parents are Roger and Joanna Barr of Vergennes Township.



Alexander Barr

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Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.
 ~ Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)

health



atrial fibrillation

Atrial fibrillation is a relatively common arrhythmia (abnormal heart rhythm). Your heart rate is the number of times your heart beats in one minute. A normal rate is 60 to 100 beats per minute. In a normal rhythm, heartbeats are evenly spaced.

In atrial fibrillation, the electrical signal that travels through the heart is uncoordinated. This disorganized electrical signal results in the smaller chambers of the heart, the atrium, to beat faster and ineffectively, resulting in poor passage of blood into the ventricle. Episodes of atrial fibrillation may be brief or prolonged.

Treatment approaches for the rhythm disturbance are varied and depend on other risk factors you may have. Goals of treatment include maintaining a normal (or slower) heart rate and rhythm and stroke prevention. Medicine is usually used to slow or control the heart rate.

Sometimes the heart can be shocked (cardioversion) back into a normal rhythm. Other patients may be candidates for an ablation procedure to eliminate the area in the heart responsible for the abnormal rhythm.

If you have atrial fibrillation, you may be at increased risk of stroke. Your doctor will assess any other risk factors you have (i.e., age, high blood pressure, diabetes, congestive heart failure) and determine your need for a blood thinner (anticoagulant). Fortunately, there are new anticoagulant medicines that do not require monthly blood tests to assess effectiveness.



happy birthday!

MAY 27

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MAY 31

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MAY 28

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Chamber gathering, continued

Yankovich said. “Guests can get out and enjoy the beauty here. They can kayak or go tubing in the summer, cross-country ski or snow shoe in the winter, [and] hike anytime of the year; you can fish for small mouth bass and they even have hay rides.”

The “Most Promising New Business” award went to Red Barn Market and then Keiser’s Kitchen got the “Business Appreciation” award.

“Keiser’s Kitchen certainly qualifies as an anchor in Lowell,” Yankovich said. “The first thing that comes to my mind is that they open their doors to feed people in need on Thanksgiving. They’re great supporters of Pink Arrow Pride. Keiser’s does a lot for the schools and school programs too. Much of what they do for Lowell goes under the radar and that’s pretty much how they like it.”

“We’ve been in business 70 years this year, maybe that’s why we got the award,” said Blair Cahoon, owner of Keiser’s Kitchen. “My grandpa built it in 1945. We’ve taken care of a lot of people in a lot of different ways over and above the food business and every year it changes. We do a lot for the schools whenever we can. The economy nowadays dictates what you can do.”

The final award of the

night was “Person of the Year,” which went to Rick Seese, owner of Greenridge Realty. Yankovich spoke of Seese’s involvement in organizations and events, such as LowellArts!, FROM, Pink Arrow Pride and the Sizzlin’ Summer Concerts on the Showboat.

“When it comes to the good things that we love about Lowell, chances are pretty good that Rick played a part,” Yankovich said. “He has a sterling reputation with not only his customers, many of whom have purchased multiple homes from him over the years, but he’s also well-liked by the agents who work at Greenridge Realty.”

“I had the opportunity to take a look at a list of the previous winners of this award and I am so humbled to be included in that group of truly amazing Lowell citizens,” Seese said. “We need more compassion for those in need of not just

food for their families, but education, training and guidance. It is absolutely amazing how our community comes together. Let’s make sure that our grandchildren

and great-grandchildren know how and why to give of themselves so that Lowell continues to be the community of the year.”



The Easy Idle band entertained dinner guests.



The owners of River Edge Bed and Breakfast accepting the Best Business to Watch award.



Cliff Yankovich announced out the second half of the awards.



Liz Baker from the chamber of commerce made the opening remarks.



Members of The Lowell Area Women’s Club.



Staci Chambers from the YMCA gave out the first set of awards.


CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

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Property Address	Permanent Parcel Number	Existing Zoning
Proposed Zoning 1111 Bowes Road R2 Residential	41-20-03-478-045	C-3 General Business
199 South Pleasant Street R3 Residential	41-20-02-356-011	R2 Residential
203 South Pleasant Street R3 Residential	41-20-02-356-012	R2 Residential
205 South Pleasant Street R3 Residential	41-20-02-356-013	R2 Residential
725 Bowes Road R3 Residential	41-20-01-382-011	R2/R3 Residential

Information regarding this request and the Zoning Ordinance are available for public viewing at City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan, during regular business hours. Written comments will be received until the time of the hearing.

Susan Ulery
Deputy City Clerk



Boy Scouts helped prepare for annual ceremony

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell Boy Scout Troop #102 assisted local veterans last Monday, stepping in for the first time at Oakwood Cemetery to place flags on the graves of fallen veterans in preparation for Memorial Day.

The annual task has been the work of the veterans themselves in past years, but as the years pass the job has become more of a challenge. According to Lowell American Legion commander

Dave Thompson, "It has become more and more difficult for the vets to traverse the often uneven ground at the cemetery."

Happy to take over the role, Troop #102 enthusiastically finished the honorable job in about a half hour. "They are a great bunch of kids," said Thompson. "They are buzzed up and ready to go. A group of excited young men."

World War II naval veteran Victor "Don" Souser was one of the vets on site to offer guidance to the young patriots. He said that he and the other vets, along with the fallen soldiers being honored on Memorial Day, are grateful for their much needed service. "This is great! There aren't too many of us left that can handle the job anymore," concluded Souser.

Boy Scout Brendan Duursma with WWII veterans Victor "Don" Souser and Herb Rice.



Lowell Boy Scout Troop #102 assisted veterans last Monday at Oakwood Cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day.



Ten-year-old Boy Scout Brendan Duursma listens intently to WWII veterans Victor "Don" Souser and Herb Rice.



"If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look about you."

History of the Great Seal

Michigan's Great Seal was designed by Lewis Cass, Michigan's second (non-acting) Territorial governor. The seal was patterned after the seal of the Hudson Bay Fur Company. It was presented to the Constitutional Convention of 1835 and adopted on June 2, 1835 as the official Great Seal of Michigan.

At the top of the Seal are the words, "E Pluribus Unum." These words come from our national motto meaning, "From many, one." Or, in other words, forming one nation from many states.

Below is the American Eagle, our national bird. This symbolizes the superior authority and jurisdiction or control of the United States. In its claws the eagle holds three arrows and an olive branch with 13 olives. The arrows show that our nation is ready to defend its principles. The olive branch means we want peace. The olives stand for the first 13 states.

"Tuebot," meaning, "I will defend," refers to Michigan's frontier position.

The shield is held by two animals representing Michigan, the elk on the left and the moose on the right. Michigan is on an international boundary, and the figure of the man shows his right hand raised in peace. The left hand holds a gun to say that although we love peace, we are ready to defend our state and nation.

"Si Quaeris Peninsulam Amoenam Circumspice" means, "If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look about you." It is believed this



refers to the Lower Peninsula. The Upper Peninsula was added in 1837, to pay for the loss of a strip of land on our southern border, given to Ohio when Congress made Michigan a state.

The words, "The Great Seal of the State of Michigan, A.D. MDCCCXXXV," complete the State Seal. When you take away these words and border, this becomes the Coat of Arms of the State of Michigan.

Changes in the Great Seal have been made from time to time. However, the present Seal has not been changed since 1911. No facsimile or reproduction of the Great Seal can be used in a manner unconnected with official functions of the state. (MCL 2.45) A person who violates any provision of the Great Seal Act is guilty of a misdemeanor (MCL 2.46).

History of the Great Seal Retrieved from <http://www.michigan.gov>

State parks honor vets with Fireworks-Free* 4th of July celebrations

Veterans invited to enjoy a quieter Independence Day

This Independence Day weekend (July 3-5), several Michigan state parks will offer Fireworks-Free* Fourth of July celebrations. Located farther away from urban areas that often host large local firework displays, these participating parks are ideal camping locations for veterans and others who prefer a quieter holiday celebration.

The idea for the Fireworks-Free Fourth was the result of a conversation with a veteran, who mentioned how fireworks

and other loud noises could bring up distressing memories from military experiences. Fireworks-Free Fourth of July celebrations are made possible by a partnership between the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

"While fireworks are a traditional Fourth of July festivity, some veterans and others prefer a calmer celebration with a little less excitement," said DNR Parks and Recreation Division Chief Ron Olson. "We are pleased to honor

our veterans and offer that opportunity in several of our beautiful state parks."

One in five veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars has been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress injury. Sometimes known as post-traumatic stress disorder, PTSI is a condition that can occur after a person has been through a traumatic event. Even when removed from the stressful situation, similar sounds or experiences can trigger intense feelings of fear, stress, anger or sadness.

In honor of Michigan's 660,000 veterans, including

those with PTSI, the following parks this year are celebrating without loud fireworks:

- Bewabic State Park (Iron County)
- Brighton Recreation Area-Bishop Lake Campground (Livingston County)
- Cheboygan State Park (Cheboygan County)
- Craig Lake State Park (Baraga County)
- Hayes State Park (Lenawee County)
- Lake Hudson State Park (Lenawee County)
- Leelanau State Park (Leelanau County)

Memorial Day parade, continued

Ettinger, “We especially honor the over 600 men and women who lie here in Oakwood that made the ultimate sacrifice that we may enjoy the freedoms that we experience today.”

Thompson then introduced a number of community representatives who placed flowers at the base of the cemetery’s Civil War Memorial.

Among the participants were the Kent County Youth Fair royal court, mayor Jim Hodges representing the city of Lowell, Nancy Wood for the Lowell Women’s Club, Senior Neighbors

represented by Herm Weststrate Sr., Judy Ellison for the Lowell Showboat Garden Club, VFW Post #8303 commander Herm Weststrate Jr. and representatives for American Legion Post #152 Victor “Don” Souser and Fay Johnson.

More than 650,000 Civil War soldiers perished during the United States internal war, including 151 Lowell area men who are laid to rest at Oakwood Cemetery. This year commemorates the 150th anniversary of the end of the devastating and dividing war. Three local

Civil War Union soldiers were recognized for their sacrifices by local Boy Scouts in the next portion of the ceremony.

Scouts Ethan Ettinger, Connor Smithee and Phil Wetherbee were selected to speak at the podium telling the heroic tales of John Hartley, John Converse and Lowell’s only recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor Benjamin Morse.

As Wetherbee finished speaking about Morse, who wasn’t awarded his medal until 130 years after the end of the war, rain began to fall heavily on the ceremony. Despite that fact, attendees demonstrated tremendous respect by staying in place for the close of his speech and the final portion of the day’s events, the ringing of the bell.

This year the bell was rung 29 times, once in honor of each Lowell veteran who has passed since last Memorial Day. The somber proceeding was followed by a traditional gun salute and the playing of taps.



Veterans and active duty soldiers walking along Monroe St. to take part in the Memorial Day observances.



The LHS orchestra performed a song at the Oakwood Cemetery as part of the annual event.



Attendees braved the rain as the ceremonies came to a close, staying until the last name of the fallen was read.



Lowell Middle School students shared their talents during the parade.



LHS color guard was among the school groups participating in the day’s observances.



Members of the Kent County Youth Fair Royal Court show their support from aboard a float in the annual parade.



Phil Wetherbee had the honor of ringing the bell to close ceremonies.



Connor Smithee



Ethan Ettinger was one of three Boy Scouts to share stories of local Civil War veterans.



Mayor Jim Hodges and his wife were a part of the parade.

Red Arrow SPORTS

BASEBALL

Baseball team heading into district competition

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell varsity baseball went 1-1 in at-home competition against Holt High School last Wednesday and picked up seven conference honors in the OK White in their final week of regular season competition.

Tough pitching kept the Red Arrow bats silent for most of game one of the nonconference

doubleheader against Holt, but action in later innings earned the team an eventual 3-1 win.

Game two leaned Holt's way with the Arrows only getting one run across the plate as they suffered a huge 13-1 loss.

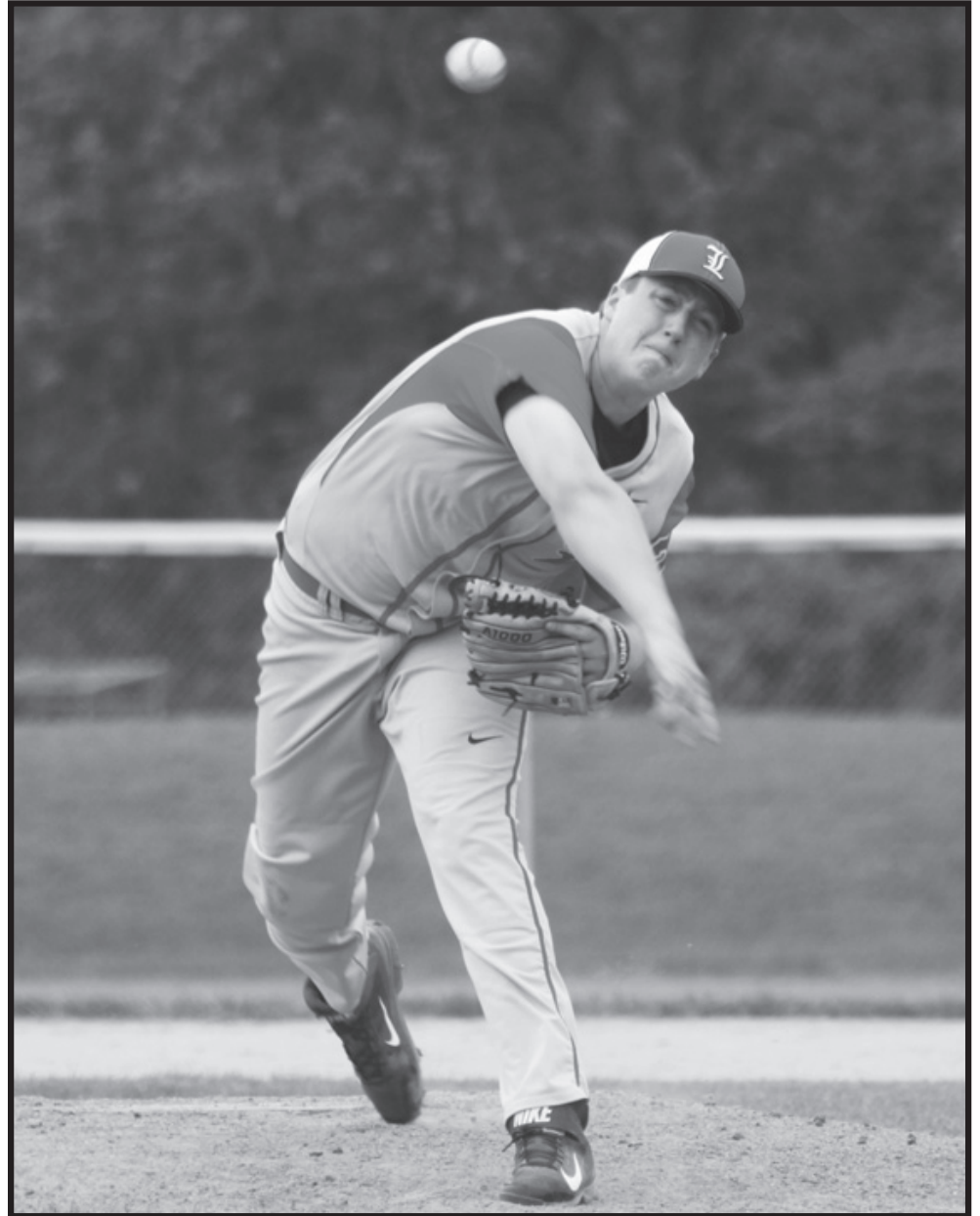
Off the field, the Arrows were honored with five OK White all-conference award

winners and two honorable mentions. Catcher Matt Milstead, pitchers, Jarrod Melle and Cooper Perr; outfielder Matt Cooper and infielder Zach Gordon were each selected as all-conference. Pitcher Collin VanNoord and outfielder Trevor Shurlow each received honorable mentions.

The Arrows will face Forest Hills Northern in the first round of district competition on Tuesday, at home, looking to earn the right to compete against Northview High School on the 30th in the semifinals. The winner will move on to the championship round versus either Rockford or Greenville High School.



Senior catcher Matt Milstead behind the plate during the team's 3-1 win.



Senior Collin VanNoord earned the 3-1 victory over Holt High School from the mound.

LACROSSE

Lacrosse season ends in playoffs

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

The Red Arrows boys and girls varsity lacrosse team wrapped up their seasons last week with losses in postseason conference competition on the road.

The Lady Arrows faced

Grand Rapids Christian (GRC) in the division II state tournament on Wednesday. While the Arrows were defensively stronger than in their previous match-up vs GRC, they fell by a large margin, 15-2.

Goalkeeper Laurel Frederickson capped off her outstanding season with 21 saves as the aggressive GRC team launched 34 attempts

Lacrosse, continued, page 11



The girls lacrosse team end their season.

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Red Arrow

SOCCER

SPORTS

Arrows end season in third place heading into semifinals

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell girls varsity soccer team earned a 1-0 shut-out victory last Monday when they hosted the Caledonia Fighting Scots in their final home game of the season.

The evening began with a brief ceremony honoring the team's six graduating seniors.

"The night was a celebration of our 2015 senior class, who

have been simply amazing during their tenure, Amy Carpenter, Colleen Cater, Tara McQueen, Kate Montgomery, Nikki Hewitt and Mary Leasure," said coach Dan Lipon.

It was a pair of those seniors who came up big, landing the eventual game-winning goal after deadlocking with Caledonia in the first half 0-0.

Sophomore standout

Bridget Garter protected the net for the remaining twenty minutes shutting down the Scots many goal attempts with ease. In total, Garter saved 15 shots on goal and earned her eighth shutout of the season.

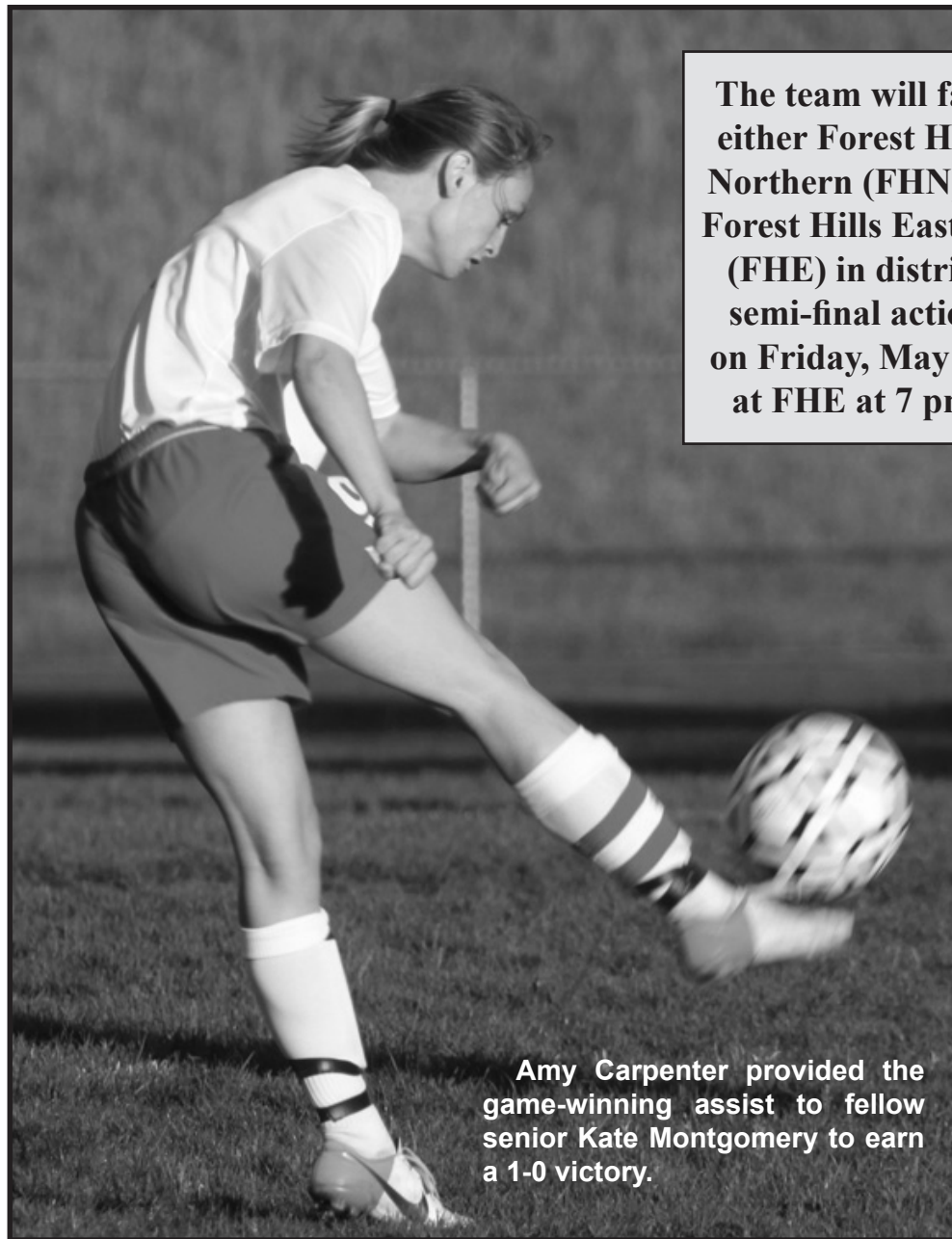
"The Caledonia win was truly special. It was really nice to send the senior girls off with a win for their final home game as Lady Arrows," said Lipon.

The girls also wrapped up their road schedule on Wednesday when they squared off against Forest Hills Central. Falling 0-1 despite 19 saves from Garter

in the box, the team fought hard and put on their "best defensive performance of the season," according to Lipon.

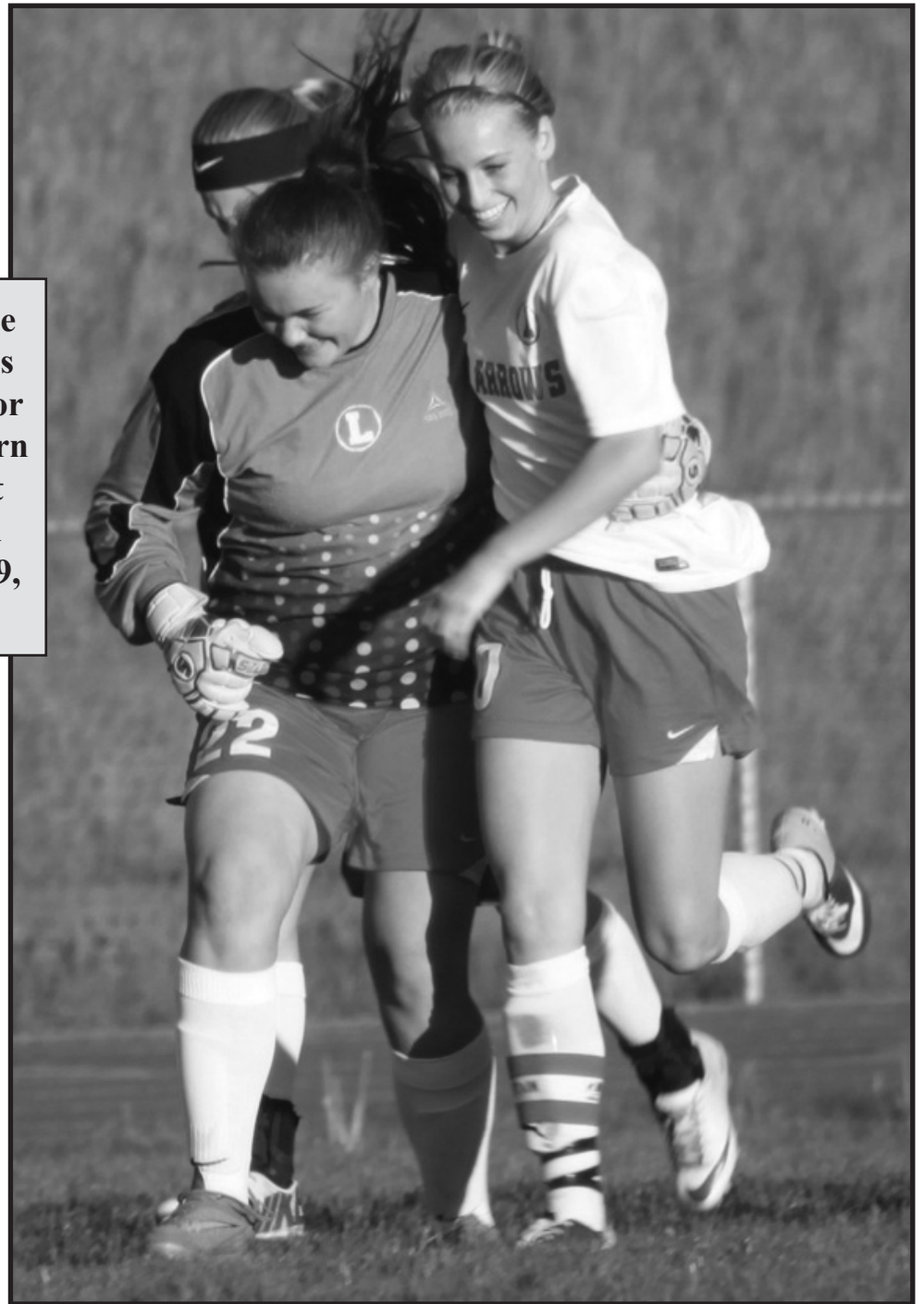
They finished their

season with an overall winning record of 13-5 and 7-3 in the OK White, placing them third in the conference.



Amy Carpenter provided the game-winning assist to fellow senior Kate Montgomery to earn a 1-0 victory.

The team will face either Forest Hills Northern (FHN) or Forest Hills Eastern (FHE) in district semi-final action on Friday, May 29, at FHE at 7 pm.



Red Arrows' Bridget Garter and Kate Montgomery celebrate their game winning goal.

Lacrosse, continued

at goal. Frederickson, just a sophomore, was nominated for all-state honors and is expected to do big things during her upperclassmen years when she returns to the position.

The team's two goals were scored by sophomore Sophie Winn and senior captain Mallery Yaw.

Yaw is among only three seniors graduating from the

team this season. The loss of Yaw, Brianna Raspor and Abigail Downing will leave the young team with 17 returning players next season.

Boys varsity lacrosse ended their season last Monday as they faced Holland Christian High School in their second round of play-offs.

The Arrows' strong offensive and defensive efforts were not quite enough to claim the win as they dropped the game 16-14.

The boys, who will graduate only four seniors this year, end the season with a record of 7-8 overall and 3-5 in the OK conference.



The Red Arrows varsity lacrosse team celebrates at Bob Perry Stadium.

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obituaries

MAYOU

Marian Louise Mayou (Watrous) of Lowell bid a farewell to her family and friends Friday, May 22, 2015. In her nearly 68 years of serving others with a huge heart, she nurtured her daughters Ashley (Brad) Hendrick, Billie Jo (Jeff) Phillips and her son Nick (Demetria) Friberg, her amazing grandchildren Brecken, Kyle, Justin, Bailey, Remington, Natalie and Elyse and her most recent blessing, great-grandson Easton and expected blessing Penelope Grace. Marian's husband Duane "Bill" Mayou was blessed by her love for 29 years and passed to the Lord in 2001. Marian survived by her brothers Guy (Georgan) Watrous and Jim Watrous and several nieces and nephews including special niece and care-giver, Brenda Traetz, and so many special friends it is impractical to include a list. She is preceded in death by her sister Juanita Czapek, parents Howard Watrous and Robert and Norma Hemingson. Marian valued her family and friends to no end. Having her as part of your life was so special; with her love, compassion, support, encouragement and hope. Marian never had an unkind word to say of anyone and always found the positive in every situation. Everyone fortunate enough to have her as a part of their life is blessed with the grace of God. Visitation was Tuesday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, with the Funeral Service Wednesday 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home chapel. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Marian requests any donations to be sent to Faith Hospice, 2100 Raybrook S.E., Ste. 300, Grand Rapids, MI 49546 so others will be provided the comfort and peace she received by this special organization.



A Card of Thanks from The Ken Vos Family

There are no words to fully express the gratitude we have for the tremendous support from the people in our lives throughout this past year. The outpouring of prayers, flowers, and cards with kind words and wonderful memories of Ken have truly been heartwarming during this difficult time. We greatly appreciate Holly, Rosemary, Sue and many others from Hospice of Michigan for the exceptional care they provided. Thank you for the help of those at the Methodist Church during Ken's funeral; Ethel Steers for delivering such a memorable service; the Women of the Lowell Moose for all of their hard work in coordinating the luncheon following the service, and those that provided food. We would also like to thank all of those that participated and made donations for Team Ken during the ALS walk, and for those that helped during the fall clean up project at the Vos household. The appreciation that we have for our amazing family and friends is unmeasurable. What a great tribute to such a wonderful man.

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Vonda VanTil is the public affairs specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 3045 Knapp St NE, Grand Rapids MI 49525 or via email at vantil@ssa.gov

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The Lowell Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331 to consider an amendment to the City Zoning Ordinance. The following provides a summary of the proposed amendment and its regulatory effect:

The amendment represents a comprehensive update and revision to Section 17.04, BB pertaining to Commercial Wireless Communication Towers, including provisions addressing: a purpose and intent statement; administrative approval of collocations and small networks installed on existing infrastructure; required materials to be submitted to the Planning Commission; minimum lot area requirements; time frame for Planning Commissions action; maximum tower height; fall zones; isolation radii; removal of towers; performance guarantees; and non-conformities.

Information regarding this request and the Zoning Ordinance are available for public viewing at City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan, during regular business hours. Written comments will be received until the time of the hearing.

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college news

Davenport University has announced that several local students have been named to the president's list for the winter 2015 semester. The president's list recognizes top students who excel with outstanding academic performance. To achieve recognition, a student must maintain a minimum 3.8 grade point average while enrolled in at least nine credits of regular coursework. Here is the list of local students

that have been named to the president's list at Davenport University: Alto: Kort Alexander, Angela Beson, Matthew Botsford, William Crews, Christina Diemer, Trevor Higley, Vincent James, Charity Landrum, Benjamin Ruhlman, Kenneth VandenBout, Stacy Walker, Tracy Wolfe, and Katelyn Wormmeester; Lowell: Alexander Barr, Briana Buck, Shandis Button, Christen Hickey, Nicole Holst, Sierra Hotchkiss,

Grace Inda, Tanya Mapes, Michele McCarty, Danielle Ordway, Jacob Plunkett, Katie Postema, Linda Radashaw, Edward Russell, and Kyler Shurlow; and Saranac: Drew McElvain.

Davenport University has announced that several local students have been named to the dean's list for the winter 2015 semester. To achieve the dean's list, a student must maintain a minimum 3.5 grade point average while enrolled in at least nine credits of regular coursework. Here is the list of local students that have been named to the dean's list at Davenport University: Alto: Trevor DeHaan, Chad Gordon, Ellie Henry, Matthew Kahle, Samantha Kozdron, Kelli Pflug, Stacey Porritt, Jenijoy Rummelt, Kristina Scothorn, Peter Spees, Andrew Stegehuis, and Reuben Verburg; Lowell: Charla Abson, Kacy Anderson, Lisa Belson, Kristine Bowen, Lauren Gurd, Zach Robinson, Kourtney Spaulding, Zachary Stephens, and Brian Vosburg.

Alto principal named next Lakewood superintendent



Alto Elementary School principal Randy Fleenor has accepted the superintendent's position in Lakewood. (stock photo)

The Lakewood Board of Education voted unanimously Wednesday night to extend an offer to Alto Elementary School principal Randy Fleenor to serve as the district's new superintendent.

Board president Frank Pytlowany called Fleenor during the meeting to let him know of the board's offer. Pytlowany also let him know he had put the call on "speakerphone" to

allow the audience of over 30 to hear the conversation. Fleenor responded to the offer with, "I'm excited to join the Lakewood team and look forward to getting to work," a statement that was followed by enthusiastic applause from the crowd.

"Randy is a great fit for the candidate profile we developed and he made an excellent impression on those he met with," said Pytlowany. "The site visit was a great part of the process and confirmed what we had hoped it would. All of us look forward to working with Mr. Fleenor to move our district forward."

The selection process included two face-to-face interviews and opportunities for the board, staff and business and community leaders to interact with the finalist.

"Members of the community and staff provided great feedback to the board throughout the selection process," said Pytlowany.

Search consultant Gary Rider, of the Michigan Leadership Institute, said the board was responsive and purposeful throughout the process.

"The board did an outstanding job of listening to their community and staff," said Rider. "They also kept to their commitment to assess the candidate against the profile that was developed using feedback from the staff and community."

Fleenor has served as the Alto Elementary principal in Lowell for the past eight years. He previously served as an interim high school principal and elementary principal at Lansing Christian. He holds a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Michigan State University.

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Section 18.03 of the Zoning Ordinance would be amended to add two new subsections, which are proposed to read as follows: A site plan shall not be required for a single- or two-family dwelling, state licensed residential family care facilities, family day care homes and home occupations.

The Zoning Enforcement Officer shall be the reviewing body for site plans meeting both of the following conditions:

1. Where the proposed use is permitted by right in the zoning district in which it is to be located
2. No additions, alterations or exterior changes to the building.

In cases where both of the criteria of subsection B above are met, the Zoning Enforcement Officer shall have the following authority:

The Zoning Enforcement Officer may establish conditions of approval to ensure compliance with the Zoning Ordinance.

The Zoning Enforcement Office may request from the applicant any additional information that will assist in determining if the site plan meets the requirements of this Ordinance.

In cases where it is unclear whether or not a site plan meets the conditions set forth in this Section, the Zoning Enforcement Officer shall refer to the site plan to the Planning Commission for review and action pursuant to the requirements of this Chapter.

The exceptions listed in this Section are not intended to exempt any particular use or site plan from the requirements of this Ordinance.

Information regarding this request and the Zoning Ordinance are available for public viewing at City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan, during regular business hours. Written comments will be received until the time of the hearing.

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<p>[SUNDAY] [05-31-15]</p> <p>3:00 Senior graduation - commencement event at Red Arrow Stadium/ Bob Perry Field</p> <p>9:00 pm 'Old-Time Radio'</p>	<p>[MONDAY] [06-01-15]</p> <p>2:30 'The Infinite Show' with Raiden Miller</p> <p>4:30 The Funday/Monday Show with Roman Rosell & Brendan Sanders</p>	<p>[TUESDAY] [06-02-15]</p> <p>3:00 'The Lovely Beats Show' with DJ Cupid & DJ Heartbeat (8)</p> <p>4:30 'The It's Everything Show' with DJ's Michey & Chapstick</p> <p>6:30 'The Noah Worsley Show'</p>
<p>[WEDNESDAY] [06-03-15]</p> <p>2:30 'The Archer Pina Show' (5)</p> <p>4:30 'The After Hours Show' with Dabota Krzyzib</p>	<p>[THURSDAY] [06-04-15]</p> <p>2:30 'The No Topic Show' with Dabota Krzyzib (3)</p> <p>4:30 'The Daily Life Show' with Caleb Pichens & Geoff Fleenor (2 & 9)</p> <p>8:00 'The Night Shift' with Clayton Brown & Jerry Thompson (1)</p>	<p>[FRIDAY] [06-05-15]</p> <p>2:30 'The Show' with Ryne Clarke & Jeremy Kargl</p> <p>4:30 'The Old World Blues Show' w/ Riley Nethercott & Chase Miller (6)</p>
<p>[SATURDAY] [06-06-15]</p> <p>T.B.A. - Regional baseball playoffs, if applicable</p> <p>3:00 'The Random Explosioun Show' with Joe Ryder</p> <p>7:00 'The Music Locker' with Connor Smithee (2)</p>		

(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

This coming Sunday (May 31st) we will broadcast 'live' the Senior Graduation (Commencement) event at 3:00 p.m. from Red Arrow Stadium - Bob Perry Field.

**THEME:
ON THE FARM**

ACROSS

- 1. Staples Center, e.g.
- 6. *Some tractors have an enclosed one
- 9. French cabaret legend Edith
- 13. Hogwarts professor and part werewolf
- 14. Female gametes
- 15. "A ____ ate my baby"
- 16. Through this and thin
- 17. Aquatic shocker
- 18. Happen
- 19. *Fruit trees
- 21. *Traditional "mower"
- 23. E in BCE
- 24. 1950s pin-up
- 25. Accounting degree
- 28. Month of Purim
- 30. Stream of revenue
- 35. *Barbecued pig or cow anatomy
- 37. Away from wind
- 39. Swamp plant
- 40. Elliptical
- 41. *Livestock farm
- 43. Pineapple producer
- 44. Some are cuckoo for these puffs
- 46. "Why not?"
- 47. Rushed
- 48. *Animal house
- 50. Juicing byproduct
- 52. They often pop up
- 53. Beer spouts
- 55. Lake in France
- 57. *Used on sheep
- 60. *Pullets and drakes, e.g.

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- 70. "It's the latest ____"
 - 71. Edible root of taro plant
 - 72. Wife's title
 - 73. Wives of one man
- DOWN**
- 1. Choir member

- 2. German industrial valley
- 3. Larger-than-life
- 4. A position well suited to person occupying it
- 5. Turkish capital
- 6. For boys and girls
- 7. As opposed to St. or Blvd.
- 8. Crafter's wood
- 9. Ancient Briton
- 10. Give some this and they take a mile
- 11. Malaria symptom
- 12. Hemingway's "____ Whom the Bell Tolls"
- 15. A man who is senior member of group, pl.
- 20. Kind of police gun
- 22. Computer-generated imagery, acr.
- 24. Engaged couple's contracts
- 25. The Nile is famous for these
- 26. Turning point
- 27. Manila hemp
- 29. "Oh, my!"
- 31. U.S. law-enforcement agents
- 32. Used to treat Parkinson's disease
- 33. Amorously checked out
- 34. *Pesky farm intruders
- 36. Like Oscar in "The Odd Couple"
- 38. Very light brown
- 42. Conversation starter
- 45. Communion tables
- 49. *Corn piece
- 51. Protruding belly
- 54. Sacred song
- 56. "The Nutcracker" protagonist
- 57. Food fish
- 58. *A quadruped's ____ quarters
- 59. Consequently
- 60. Seats for a flock
- 61. One of the Romanovs
- 62. Level to the ground
- 63. Original matter
- 64. Female
- 66. Hot Wheel

Puzzle solutions on page 12

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Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.

~ Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)



MAY 20 - MAY 26

- More than 1,000 homes have been damaged or destroyed in central Texas, and thousands of residents are displaced. A tornado killed 13 people and left five unaccounted for. Major flooding after record rainfall on the Plains and Midwest has killed at least eight people.
- Two are dead and several are hurt in a shooting at a Grand Forks WalMart.
- Temperatures reaching 122 Fahrenheit across India have killed at least 800 people and melted roads in New Delhi.

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**LAST WEEK'S
ONLINE
POLL
RESULTS**

Did you watch David Letterman's last week of shows?

- **YES, I'm going to miss him67%**
- **NO, it's about time he's off the air 11%**
- **Just the last show22%**
- **A few of them.....0%**

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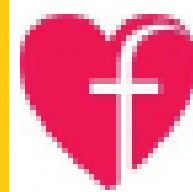
FROM Food Fight 2015 Boxscore

Monday, June 1
FIRST QUARTER ENDS THURSDAY JUNE 11
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For up to date scoring, photos, scores and on-line donations

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North	3,561*				3,561
South	3,561*				3,561

*Includes Lowell Schools Food Fight collection during month of May.



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\$5,500
Remaining Matching Funds
\$3,368



It's North Lowell vs. South Lowell kick-off time! GET IN THE GAME NOW!

Matching funds are available for Food Fight donations from a business or individual (new donor or returning after two years' absence)

Event Underwriters have provided a total of \$5,500 to be matched by YOU!
Make your donation double for Food Fight 2015!

For the past six years, families in need throughout our Lowell community have been the real winners of Food Fight with over 180,000 dollars and food items donated by YOU!

Choose your team and make your donation!
Contact FROM or visit our website at www.fromlowell.org and follow the donate link!
Contribute non-perishable food items in the red or white Food Fight buckets & barrels placed throughout our community.

Competition runs June 1 - July 11, ending after the "FROM the Heart" Riverwalk Parade
North/South team boundaries -- Main Street/Fulton Street/M-21
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