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by Kathryn Atwood contributing reporter Thirteen

their futures.

years

dedication and perseverance culminated in the graduation ceremony at Red Arrow Stadium last Sunday as the class of 2015 bid farewell to the halls of Lowell High School and looked ahead to

LHS band members welcomed 280 graduating

of

council meeting

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Sunny skies greet the class of 2015 at Lowell High School's 137th commencement ceremonies



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Ihs sports



seniors to the field with the traditional tune Pomp and Circumstance in front of thousands of proud spectators for the afternoon ceremony. The class of

2015 met with enthusiastic applause and a welcome speech from principal Amy Pallo which included some practical advice for the sometimes challenging years ahead. "The best plans may not work because life happens and you need to be prepared to live life in whatever form it comes at you. Take it from me, a person who had her whole life planned out by the time that she was twelve, the best laid plans do not always unfold into the life that you were meant to live," said

Pallo.

by Tim McAllister contributing reporter

Graduates take the field at Bob Perry Memorial Stadium on Sunday, May 31.

state championship, fantastic theater productions, Pink

laude honors. "The Lowell High School Class of 2015 is

Local retailers question sidewalk sale restrictions

comprised of an exceptional group of people. You have excelled at everything you have attempted," added

Top students, Adrienne Rife and Maria Blough, were the first students to address their fellow classmates running down a comical and useful list of lessons learned during their time in high school.

crisis, find a solution to Graduation ceremony, continued, page 8 and 9

Salutatorian

Rife took to the podium

next encouraging his fellow

classmates to continue to

be a giving and positive

force in the world. "All of

us have the ability to make

a difference. We might not

solve the global energy

Austin

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Pallo also com-Arrow volunteerism, allmented on the many conference and all-state accomplishments of the academic athletes and graduating class sighting, the classes' 35 students among others, a wrestling Pallo. graduating with summa cum

Sizzlin' Summer Concerts Series to start next week



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sales in Lowell are covered by a city ordinance that says, "No merchandise and related displays and fixtures shall be located closer than eight feet from the curb line of a public street or a tree. No merchandise and related displays and fixtures shall be located so as to obstruct the visibility of vehicles on the public street."

The rules for sidewalk

Some local retailers would like these rules changed.

Sportcards Rookies Plus, 106 W. Main, recently had a lot of stuff on the sidewalk as part of Free Comic Book Day, which has taken place the first Saturday in May since 2002. This year, however, an anonymous complaint



The sidewalk in front of Rookies Sportcards Plus during Comic Book Day.

to police said that Rookies' displays were too close to the curb.

"What we'll do is, we'll put tents up and tables. And I have artists and it's like a little convention out there," said Jack Reedy, Rookies' owner. "I get hundreds of people that come out.

I have people playing games outside and there's merchandise. There's artists. And people just kind of congregate and hang out, so I take up the whole sidewalk on that one day every year.

It's such a positive event, Sidewalk sales, continued, page 2

by Kathryn Atwood contributing reporter

LowellArts! and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce have joined forces once again to bring music to the air this summer via the Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert series.

The popular event will begin on Thursday, June 11 and run on consecutive Thursdays through August 20 with the exception of August 6. Concerts are held along Riverwalk Plaza in downtown Lowell in front of the Showboat along the Flat River.

The musical lineup features an eclectic collection of artists from country to classic rock to big band jazz.

The roster also boasts loads of local talent according to executive director of LowellArts!, Lorain Smalligan, "We are very excited with this year's lineup, including several groups that include musicians from Lowell and well-known Michigan groups."

Lowell country rock act The Kari Lynch Band will open the series.

Parking and show entry are free of charge and open to the public. Lawn and bleacher seating are available. Food and spirits are also available both on the boat and along the plaza.

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Students take part in annual Senior Give Back Day

by Kathryn Atwood contributing reporter

Lowell High School seniors spent their last day of school giving back to the community as part of the annual "Senior Give Back Day."

Chaye Klomparens helps to oversee the event along with Dee Crowley.

"Our students really look forward to this experience. What is so great about this project is that it gives student[s] closure to their high school experience by giving back to the community that has helped raise them and by working together with their classmates one last time," according to Klomparens. This year 15 teams with staff chaperones performed a variety of duties, including landscaping at Gilda's Club, painting and sprucing up at Creekside Park and the Lowell Dog Park, field day

assistance at Murray Lake Elementary and sorting donations at Flat River Outreach Ministries.

Students completed all the work onsite and also coordinated the event

behind the scenes, according to Klomparens who says the event is also a second service learning project for her student leadership class. "The seniors in my class contact the possible

locations throughout the community, work with the bus garage for transportation, work with food service for breakfast and lunch, sign students up, assign students

to groups, coordinate teachers to chaperone and to sub. This really tests their organizational and communication skills," concluded Klomparens.





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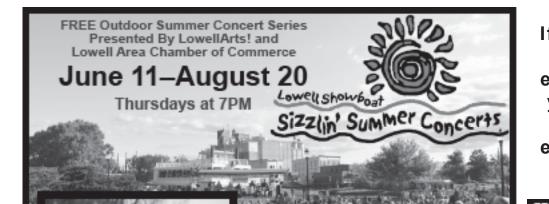
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along main street

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

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If you aren't fired with enthusiasm, you will be fired with enthusiasm. ~ Vince Lombardi Students spruced up 14 locations, including the Lowell Dog Park.



Sidewalk sales, continued

everybody had so much fun. Apparently someone did complain about it."

Nikki Jane's Boutique, 210 W. Main, also had some trouble last year when they tried to have a sidewalk sale.

"We got a notice from city hall last summer," said owner Jaime Klingler. "They brought a cop out and we had to move our stuff back."

The ordinance could be changed, but it would require a vote by the city council.

"You have to be eight feet away from the curb," Reedy said. "I don't know what it would take to change that. It was probably just an arbitrary thing they came up with to keep people from taking up the whole sidewalk day after day after day. It would be nice if it would maybe change to five feet away."

Klingler also thinks the rules should be changed.

"Definitely. Anything to draw more people in," Klingler said.

"It's not like I'm obstructing a corner where people are pulling out. There was plenty of room for people to walk around the tents," Reedy said.



Venue is wheelchair accessible and handicap/senior parking is available. Bleacher seating or bring your own folding chair. Concessions, beer, wine, and margaritas are offered on the Riverwalk Plaza. Family Event! Activities for children during concerts.



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Council discusses budget, taxes, zoning and clerk's retirement

by Tim McAllister contributing reporter

The city council approved a bid for some work to a building, denied a zoning variance and announced the retirement of a long-time city worker at their meeting at city hall on Monday, June 1.

Three members of the public addressed the council during the public comment portion of the meeting. First, Tony Ellison, husband of councilor Sharon Ellison, asked councilor Jeff Altoft why he voted "no" on the city's budget at the council meeting on May 18.

"I was just wondering, why that 'no' vote," Ellison asked. "Were you unhappy with the whole budget? Was there a part of the budget that you didn't like or something that somebody overlooked?"

"Mr. Ellison, with all due respect, this is [for] comments, not questions and answers," said mayor Jim Hodges. "Mr. Altoft does not need to respond."

Retired Lowell City Airport manager Jim Sowle read a prepared statement expressing his support for the city council.

"I support the city council," Sowle said. "You folks have been courageous, vigilant and honest. You have served with integrity and faithfully represent the majority of the city's citizens. [...] I also wholly, wholeheartedly support the city manager. [...] Mr. Howe has eliminated the projected \$500,000 deficit. That's a big dollar [amount]. He saved the city more than \$800,000 by refinancing the previous debt."

Water plant superintendent Brian VanVeelen was next to speak.

"We did it again," VanVeelen said. "Won another taste-off from the [American Water Works Association]. We've entered it four times. We've won for region, so we're going to the [state finals] again."

The council accepted a bid of \$18,000 from Seaman's Mechanical, a Grand Rapids company, to repair the heating and cooling system at the Englehardt Library.



Tony Ellison

"The failure that is occurring right now at the library is in the main compressing unit and cooling coil," Howe said. "After 15 years, that is not unheard of depending on many factors, including load and usage. That particular unit cools 60 percent of the building. It gets most of the usage during the cooling season. The changes include replacement of the entire system with new, more efficient indoor and outdoor components."

They will also replace the library's thermostats.

"They're outdated," Howe said. "That, along with the control system, needs to be looked at and also some circulation pump and valving changes to the passive baseboard heating system."

O'Reilly Auto Parts, 1427 West Main St. SE, applied for a zoning variance that would allow them to double the size of the store's sign. Ron Conner, O'Reilly's district manager, was on hand.

"Basically, what we're trying to do is cause the traffic to slow down a little bit and not create such a sudden stop in front of our building," Conner said.

After a lengthy discussion, the council voted unanimously to deny the variance, therefore O'Reilly's sign will remain the same size.

"We have an ordinance in place," said councilor Sharon Ellison. "It doesn't meet the criteria. Therefore, I think that we should make a motion to deny the variance.

The council had a brief review of Michigan's newly-revised Freedom of Information Act laws.

"We certainly want to [do] the best job that we can to make sure that [if] somebody wants something, then we'll make sure we supply that to them," Howe said. "Members of the public, as they're looking at this, if anybody has any questions, feel free to give me a call."

They will vote to adopt the new laws at the next council meeting.

Howe announced that the county will require Lowell to hold a "Truthin-Taxation" hearing at the next city council meeting.

"A notice is going to appear in the Ledger on Wednesday [June 3] and the language of the notice is going to say 'notice of





Ron Conner

public hearing on increasing property tax and proposed additional millage," Howe said. "I think it's important for folks to know that we are not proposing a property tax increase or a millage rate increase. [...] The reason that the notice is required is that if you have, and I'm going to be very simplistic, but it's a very complicated formula the [Kent County] equalization department goes through, but the basic reason why we have this Truth-in-Taxation hearing is, if your values exceed the rate of inflation, then you have to have a Truthin-Taxation hearing. The best way to sum it up is, you need to give notice to the public on what you have the ability to do, because you have the ability to increase the millage rate and you have the ability to increase taxes as a part of that meeting, but that is not our intent to recommend that to you. That was not included

The council's final business of the evening was the announcement of the retirement of Betty Morlock, who has been Lowell's city clerk for decades.

"Her last working day will be July 31," Howe said. "She will be greatly missed and she has just been a wonderful asset to the city staff and a wonderful asset to us."

The next city council meeting will be at city hall at 7 pm on Monday, June 15.

"There's going to be many items on your next meeting," Howe said. "There's just a lot of things that are going to be on the agenda."

Bearup selected as superintendent in Grandville

in the budget."

Lowell's Roger Bearup was selected by the Grandville Public Schools Board of Education to replace superintendent Ron Caniff, who will begin his new role as superintendent of Kent ISD on July 1.

Bearup, an assistant superintendent in the Lowell Public School District, was the unanimous choice of Grandville board members following hour-long interviews with finalists on Monday, June 1.

"We are thrilled and excited to welcome Roger to our district. He brings a broad range of skills including human resources, curriculum, finance and bond construction," board president Barb Palmer said. "We believe he is a great fit for Grandville. We were fortunate to have quality candidates who recognized the value of the Grandville schools and community."

Bearup has led Lowell's curriculum development, assessment program and educator evaluation since 2006, establishing a districtwide system of data analysis and internal communication to improve student performance. This new system produced higher levels of achievement, including for students of poverty.

Bearup was previously an elementary principal in Kent City Community Schools, where he began his career as a secondgrade teacher. Bearup holds a master's degree in educational leadership from Western Michigan University and a bachelor's science education in from Central Michigan University.

CITY OF LOWELL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES

The Lowell City Council of the City of Lowell will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of 1.7820 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied on property in 2015. The hearing will be held on Monday, June 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.

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outdoors

keeping fit

Fall, the season of harvest, is when the majority of hunting occurs, but the hunting lifestyle is experienced year around. Searching for new hunting areas starts early in order to have enough time to research new prospects and do on the ground Practice with scouting. bow and firearm refines and maintains skill levels needed for an ethical shot and must be done regularly. Stories about wildlife encounters and other memorable adventures in the outdoors are told and retold around campfires, backyard BBQ's, and family gatherings across the country. Some tales will be embellished over time and passed from generation to generation.

One reality of hunting that is not well-documented



School is almost out

and that means it is time for

all the chaos of summer. For

some kids that means sitting

inside playing video games,

while for others it means

playing outside in the sun.

For me it means reading,

volunteering at the library

and going to the Grand

Canyon on our family's

much depends on personal objectives and physical ability. Specific exercises for specific tasks may dictate

by Sierra Hieshetter

annual vacation. I love the

thrill that summer gives

you. Three whole months of

doing nothing but what you

want (provided you check

with your parents first!)

love

sleepovers with my friends.

I enjoy inventing games

with rules of which you

wouldn't understand in the

having

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Dave Stegehuis

and unfortunately over-

looked by many hunters

themselves is being fit

enough to handle the

physical challenges of the

hunt. Stalking and tracking

game, sometimes for miles,

over boot sucking bogs, in

thin mountain air. through

thorn infested bushveld, or

climbing over blowdowns in

dark cedar swamps requires

a reasonable level of fitness.

Climbing into tree stands,

and packing out game adds

seasons can lead to loss of

muscle tone and endurance.

Everyone who is able, with

doctor approval, should work on cardio conditioning

and strength training. How

between

additional challenges.

Inactivity

workout routines. Paying attention to diet can keep off extra pounds as well as improve overall health.

I intend to hunt with a bow for as long as possible so I researched exercises focusing on specific muscle groups required to smoothly draw and hold a compound bow. Preparation for past moose hunts included long walks with a backpack and a vintage solid steel ice spud on a rifle sling which took the place of a firearm so as not to alarm passersby.

Because our outdoor lifestyle requires a measure of physical competency my hunting partner Gwen and I are not aging gracefully, we are going down kicking and screaming. Proper exercise and diet are key to general good health, and preparing for future hunts provides the motivation to do what is necessary to help maintain a healthy lifestyle and stay in the game.

slightest. I also love the long car rides on the way to our many fantastical destinations. Being in close quarters with my brother is something you probably don't want to experience firsthand. Summer is a fun magical time where instead of learning about great discoveries you can make some of your own. I hope you all have a great beginning of summer. I will be back writing articles in July after our family trip. In the meantime, go make some wonderful discoveries of your own!



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to the editor

discipline needed

Dear Editor,

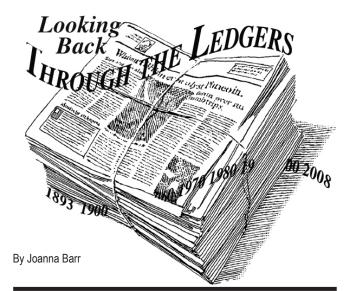
Recently the constituents of Michigan voted down Proposal 1 which would have raised the sales tax. Only 20 percent voted for the proposal. I believe the constituents of Michigan are tired of being snookered. Michigan ranks 45th in taxation and is 22 percent above average. For better than thirty years the middle class wages have stagnated while the cost of living rose. The middle class has had to learn to live within their means but it seems the state legislature hasn't. They continue to think that they can spend their way out of

the problems that they spent their way into.

The same thing applies to the city of Lowell. The constituents of Lowell have seen their wages stagnate while the cost of living continued to rise. They have seen their city taxes rise above the average while at the same time their roads became twice the age of replacement. It's time to get back to the basics, it's time to stop spending on everything but city maintenance. The same goes for the DDA. Instead of spending on new projects the DDA should help the general fund out

by paying a cost of the Lowell Police Department. Management finally decided to repave Donna St. I say it's about time considering the repaving is twenty years past due. There are many more streets just like Donna St. to be repaved. What the city really needs is discipline when it comes to spending. It's going to take a lot of discipline to repave 20 miles of roads. It's going to take a lot of discipline to manage the city's water and sewer needs. I don't see that discipline in the city council. I call the spending of approximately \$150,000 on lawyer fees irrational. But there's hope in sight and it is called the November city council election.

> Jim Howard Lowell



125 years ago Lowell Journal May 28, 1890

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.

Segwun, which is part of this urban community, brings Lowell population up to 2,168. Darn glad that Segwun is a part of us!

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.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger May 27, 1965

Headline: Tornado red alert. Lowell and all of Kent County was put under a red tornado alert at 11:30 am on Wednesday morning and the alert condition lasted until 1 pm. Lowell school children were started home at 11 am, but six buses did not get away before the red alert and were held and two other bus loads of children were on out-of-town trips. Mrs. Hoag's 5th grade room and special education children were in Battle Creek visiting the Kellogg Cereal Factory and were held in a shelter there until the alert ended. Another bus load of Mrs. Barnaby's second grade children was at John Ball Park visiting [when the] alert sounded and was held in a shelter there. One bus failed to leave the Junior High school before the alert sounded and were held in a shelter under the supervision of Mrs. Keuhner and Mr. Miller. Three other buses loaded with children were held at the high school when the red alert sounded. Downtown Lowell was empty in a few minutes after the red alert siren sounded at 11:30. Factories closed and business places were left with only a few clerks on duty.

she's not the mayor's wife

Dear Editor,

Last week's paper had a nice page of photos of the Memorial Day parade in Lowell. A few days after the paper came out it was jokingly pointed out to me that I was identified in a photo as being the "mayor's wife." At first I thought it was funny, then I was mad because the reporter automatically assumed that a woman walking with the mayor had to be his wife. While I am irritated about the inaccuracy in reporting (it has been [a] recurring issue), I understand that people make mistakes.

The most important take away is that the city of Lowell honored the

veterans with a parade and ceremony at Oakwood Cemetery. I am grateful to have the opportunity to pay my respects by taking part in these activities. Thank you, Dave Thompson (and Jan) for organizing this

for so many years. It is an honor to know you and our community is better because of your service. See you next year!

parks and all of the city

Sincerely, Sharon Ellison Mayor pro tem

nice work

To The Editor,

I would like to commend Don DeJong and his crew for the wonderful work they do to beautify the Oakwood Cemetery, Lowell

Marj Harding Lowell

beautiful tribute - disgraceful roads

grounds.

Dear Editor,

another It was memorable Memorial Day tribute at the Oakwood Cemetery. I'd like to thank all those who put so much work into organizing the parade and the presentation. As always, Don and his crew had the cemetery looking wonderful. They put so much work into keeping all of the landscaping around the city of Lowell looking great.

In contrast to this is the North Washington Street passing by the cemeterv. This is a disgrace to the city of Lowell. Any time anyone visits a grave site or attends a funeral, this is one of only two main roads they use. There are hundreds of potholes in just the one section passing by the cemetery. The workers try to keep it patched but that is impossible at this point. Considering the cost in man hours and materials and the exposure it receives due to cemetery usage it seems this street should be a priority for the city to repair. Since the county repaved the section past the cemetery it creates even more of a contrast.

been approached to share in the cost of the repair to this street. Since most of the damage was probably done while their facility was at the city property at the end of North Washington Street, it seems that they should have been required to repair the road when they left. The road had obviously never been built for the heavy truck traffic it provided for the years that Lowell Light and Power used it. I have heard that Lowell Light and Power has a large reserve of funds and maybe this could be an option for at least some of the repair to this street.

I would hope this would be made a priority for street repair so that the entire Oakwood Cemeterv environment would be one that the citizens of Lowell could be proud of.

We have decided that we are going to vote for a change for the Lowell City Council by voting for Alan Teelander, Mike DeVore and Jeff Phillips in the November election. I hope all voters will consider this option.

Lowell experienced one of the most severe hail storms Saturday, that has visited this locality for several years. Already stories are being told of stones picked up of almost fabulous sizes.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 27, 1915

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

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 30, 1990

Lowell and Allegan exchange Mayors. 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.

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.

I wonder if Lowell Light and Power has ever

Thank you, John Erickson Lowell

city manager congenial and supportive

Dear Editor,

In recent months, I have read many letters that express some discontent with our city leaders. I would suggest a majority of citizens do not feel that way.

I support the city council. They have been courageous, vigilant and honest. They have served

> To The Editor, continued, page 12

Lowell's "Outstanding Teachers of the Year"

Every May, the Kent County Education Association honors local educators who go above and beyond to make the difference in the lives of kids. This year, four Lowell educators are earning recognition for exceptional classroom instruction.

Barb Schneider (3rd grade, Alto), Tara DeRuiter (1st grade, Bushnell), Shelley Swift (Lowell High School, English), and Ingrid Baird (Lowell High School, foreign language) were selected as "Outstanding Teachers of the Year." Each teacher received a sincere and compelling nomination from a colleague which told the great lengths these amazing educators go to influence students, families and schools. Their commitment, enthusiasm and knowledge consistently reflects in their performance and sets the high standard for all educators in Lowell. Below are the profiles for each teacher recognized.

Barb Schneider

Completing her 40th year in education, Schneider has earned a reputation for hard work and excellence. She not only constructs creative and effective daily lessons, but she



can be seen before school, during recess and at lunch working with students to master the necessary lessons. Schneider has been active with the Pink Arrow Pride as well as Gilda's Club of Lowell. Her positive attitude inspires her co-workers and they are lifted by her devotion to being the best teacher possible. In her nomination, Cindy Smith writes, "Barb is a true leader

in every sense of the word. She is not afraid to take on any challenge and lead her students and co-workers to success." Schneider disciplines with dignity and has earned the respect of Alto students and parents, alike.

Tara DeRuiter

After eight years of teaching, DeRuiter's enthusiasm for the job has been described as "contagious." She is a regular volunteer when an opportunity to improve arises. Whether it's joining a committee, attending a professional development or applying the latest technique in her classroom, she is leading

the way. She takes great pride in her opportunity to influence others and challenges her students while staying patient and encouraging. She builds relationships with students which helps them engage and love to learn. In the nomination, Robyn Anderson shared, "Tara has a caring, professional poise that she always carries with her." The staff and families of Bushnell were thrilled to extend their support of this



fantastic educator and they appreciate everything DeRuiter continues to do to make a difference.

Shelley Swift

In 24 years of high school education, Swift has inspired students, teachers and administrators to expect nothing but their best. Her passion and intensity for quality instruction is



well known by all who travel through the high school halls. She is a mentor, a leader and an example. Her knowledge of literature extends well beyond what she's responsible for teaching; she is constantly referencing authors and titles to make connections between school and life. Swift's humor helps balance the distance between high expectations and rigorous pace. Her loyalty to

educating all students is evidenced by the steady relationships she's built with kids ranging from English 10 to AP language. She serves as the advisor for National Honor Society. She initiated the construction of the LHS writing center. She's filled positions as department chair and Lowell Education Association secretary. In the nomination, colleague Lindsay Bredin states, "Her dedication to her students and curriculum is unparalleled and I truly stand in awe of the amount of time and care she puts into everything she creates." This veteran staff member embodies all of the ingredients necessary for a remarkable high school teacher.

Ingrid Baird

With 30 years of teaching in her rear view mirror, Baird is as dynamic as ever. She is equally appreciated by students and colleagues. She's earned a stellar reputation as an amazing mentor and as an outgoing teacher who will go the extra length to make learning fun. She engages her students with a smile and a chuckle and even students who don't



have a class with her know her and describe her as being nice and funny. As advisor for the international club, she exposes students to food. museums and shows from a variety of cultures. She has traveled with students on class trips to Europe and she's actively worked alongside students to make incredible memories. In her nomination, Chaye Klomparens and Sarah Ellis observe, "...she has the

spunk of a rookie. Ingrid is warm, friendly and approachable. She has high expectations of her students and co-workers. She carries herself with a smile and is kind and genuine to everyone she meets." While this teacher may go the extra mile to help students learn a foreign language, it's evident she's equally committed to helping students succeed in all that they do.



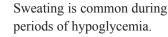




hypoglycemia

Hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) is a symptom, not a disease. The brain and other tissues in the body use glucose (sugar) or fuel. You get most of the glucose your body needs from your diet. A normal blood sugar level is between 70 and 110. Between meals, the blood sugar gradually decreases. The body has several ways to regulate the sugar level and keep it in the normal range. Insulin, released from the pancreas, is the primary hormone regulating sugar levels.

When people have low blood sugar, they may feel anxious, irritable, confused, tired, shaky, or hungry. They also may have palpitations (rapid or pounding heartbeat) tremors. or



Medications used to treat diabetes are the most common cause of hypoglycemia. These medications include insulin and drugs that stimulate the pancreas to make insulin for patients with diabetes. Hypoglycemia can also be caused by certain other medicines or by heavy alcohol consumption.

Taking glucose tablets, drinking juice or eating food can raise the blood sugar level if it goes too low. If you are diabetic, your doctor may need to adjust your medication. If you develop symptoms like those listed above, see your health care professional to see if you are having hypoglycemia.



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Class Motto: Our lives are before us, our pasts are behind us, but our memories are forever with us.

Graduation, continued

pollution or a cure for cancer, but we can make a difference. The smallest contribution can create a positive change. If every one of us strives to be the best we can be and to be the difference we want to see imagine the impact we can have in our community, in our country or in the world. The future is ours. Let's make a difference," said Rice.

Academic and athletic standout Zach Gordon, who graduated with a GPA of 4.358, proved to be humble and humorous in his speech as the class of 2015 valedictorian opening his remarks by complimenting Rife who finished just behind him with a 4.353 GPA.

"It is truly an honor to be standing before you today on such a glorious occasion, but honestly I don't believe I am the right person to

be behind this podium." Gordon went on, "I mean if you think about it, having the person with the highest grades speak about all the wonderful memories of high school doesn't make a lot of sense because...I probably missed them," he said, igniting laughter amongst the crowd.

Gordon thanked the faculty, teachers and families that aided him and each of his fellow graduates in making it to the momentous occasion before going on to address his classmates in jest. "In the past four years we have learned essential life skills, such as how to text under a desk, or how to sleep with your head up or how to get to school faster than you thought was actually possible," Gordon quipped.

The future University of Michigan student ended his speech on a more sincere

"My fellow Red note, Arrows, as we transition to this next stage I offer this advice: Never forget where you've come from but never lose sight of where you're going. Dream big. Work hard. Find joy. Congratulations to the class of 2015," concluded Gordon.

Superintendent Greg Pratt was the last to speak offering his annual address to graduates before turning the microphone over to class president Paige Wilson who introduced each of her classmates as they received their diplomas.

Wilson finalized the ceremony by executing the traditional passing of the spade to class of 2016 president Brianna Massey before tassels were moved and caps were thrown in celebration of the official announcement of graduation for the LHS class of 2015.









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Class of 2015 president Paige Wilson upholds a school tradition by passing the spade to class of 2016 president Brianna Massey.





Valedictorian Zach Gordon.







Top students Adrienne Rife and Maria Blough.





Summa Cum Laude 2015



Nicole Lehman – 3.964 Nicole is the daughter of Doug and Heather Lehman. Morgan Taylor – 3.97 Morgan is the daughter of Jerry and Judy Taylor. Anna Mae Reynolds – 3.993 Anna is the daughter of Carmen Tawney and Mark Reynolds. Tara McQueen-3.994 Tara is the daughter of Denny and Sharon McQueen. Chase Wilterdink - 3.994 Chase is the son of Michael and Sue Wilterdink. Jacob Hoofman – 4.018 Jacob is the son of Scott and Donna Hoofman. Grace Quiggle – 4.024 Grace is the daughter of Kurt and Teresa Quiggle. Emma McLane – 4.024 Emma is the daughter of Holly and Jeremy Moog and Brian and Lori McLane. Megan Hofman – 4.024 Megan is the daughter of Lane and Kim Hofman. Lillianne Vogt – 4.03 Lillianne is the daughter of Vicki Vogt and Ted Vogt. Logan Smith – 4.036 Logan is the son of George and Marcia Smith. Montana Launer – 4.042 Montana is the daughter of Clay and Kim Launer. Jillian Meade – 4.061 Jillian is the daughter of Dennis and Lynn Meade. Kaitlin Makuski – 4.063Kaitlin is the daughter of William and Debra Makuski. Jace Thomas – 4.079 Jace is the son of Alice Koster and William Thomas. Parker Reed – 4.079 Parker is the son of David and Lisa Reed. Nathen Kyburz – 4.079 Nathen is the son of Jeff and Robin Kyburz. Dylan Mankel -4.072 Dylan is the son of James and Kimberly Mankel. Katie Holzhueter - 4.127 Katie is the daughter of Kurt and Donna Holzhueter. Daniel Onan - 4.131 Daniel is the son of Joe and Rosemary Onan. William Halling – 4.143 William is the son of Dan and Allison Halling. Blake Bochert– 4.16 Blake is the son of Arthur and Jessie Bochert. Colleen Cater – 4.164 Colleen is the daughter of Curtis and Sandra Cater. Santana Boulton - 4.167 Santana is the daughter of Mark and Tracey Boulton. Paige Wilson - 4.182 Paige is the daughter of Phillip and Marilyn Wilson. Emily Judd – 4.185 Emily is the daughter of Paul and Patricia Judd. Kennedy Coxon – 4.188 Kennedy is the daughter of Rick and Katie Coxon. Lydia Tawney – 4.191 Lydia is the daughter of Sam and Marci Tawney. Alexandra Chapdelaine - 4.198Alexandra is the daughter of Steve and Dori Chapdelaine. Rachael Yomtoob - 4.218 Rachael is the daughter of Sara Yomtoob. Bethany Kaczanowski - 4.218 Bethany is the daughter of Daniel and Christine Kaczanowski. Adrienne Rife - 4.273 Adrienne is the daughter of Tim and Melissa Rife. Maria Blough – 4.315 Maria is the daughter of Carl and Brenda Blough. Salutatorian Austin Rife – 4.353 Austin is the son of Tim and Melissa Rife. Valedictorian Zachary Gordon – 4.358 Zachary is the son of Dan and Esther Gordon. (Students not listed in order pictured)

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Isaac Odell Henderson	Evan Kohtz Memorial Scholarship		Scholarship
Nicole Alexandra Hewitt	Northern Michigan University Success Award	Jace William Thomas	Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship
Nickolas Gray Higgins	Gary Rivers Scholarship	Claire Elizabeth VanBuren	Tara Beran Spirit Scholarship
Megan Elizabeth Hofman	Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, Grand	Anna Marie VanOverbeek	Tara Beran Spirit Scholarship
	Valley State University Award for Excellence	Lillianne Jade Vogt	Calvin College Dean's Scholarship, Calvin College Mosaic Award
Katie Lin Holzhueter	Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence	Alon Lorene Debra Virginia Watson	Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, Lowell Rotary Club King & Marie
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Nathen James Kyburz	Carrol (Chris) & Helen Burch Memorial Scholarship, Grand Valley State	Catherine Elizabeth Wissman	Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, Grand Valley State University Award
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Arrows' season ends at districts

by Kathryn Atwood contributing reporter

BASEBALL

The Red Arrow baseball team's season ended last week as they lost their bid for a district title, losing 6-2 to Rockford after getting through both Forest Hills Northern (FHN) and Northview High School to advance to district finals..

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Red Arrow

Wednesday at Bancroft field the team trumped the FHN Huskies 6-4 in the opening round of the Division I district 6 baseball tournament. The team was led offensively by Matt Cooper who went 3-4 at the plate singling in the first, third and sixth innings to earn a run and an RBI.

The Arrows opened up scoring in the first on an error and maintained the

lead throughout the game, seeing additional scores in the third and fifth innings and three additional runs in the sixth.

Senior Collin VanNoord earned the win at the mound allowing only four runs on five hits over six innings, while striking out two.

The win advanced the Arrows to the district semifinals where they faced fellow 2015 OK conference champion Northview at Bancroft field which hosted this year's tournament.

The Wildcats claimed the first lead of the game in the top of the second plating two runs on a single and a ground out. The Arrows answered promptly putting up two to match in the bottom of the inning on an error and a ground out from VanNoord.

Lowell scored on an error in the fourth to claim their first lead and added a pair of runs in the bottom of the fifth after another error scored Matt Cooper and Trevor Shurlow singled to plate Zach Gordon to give the Arrows a 5-2 victory.

Shurlow was the Arrow's top batter going 2-2 at the plate while Cooper Perry picked up the win at the hill pitching all seven innings. Perry struck out three, walked only one and allowed one earned run on three hits.

Weather upended the district championship game until Monday evening when the Arrows faced the Rockford Rams for the title for the second consecutive year falling short of the feat with a 6-2 loss.

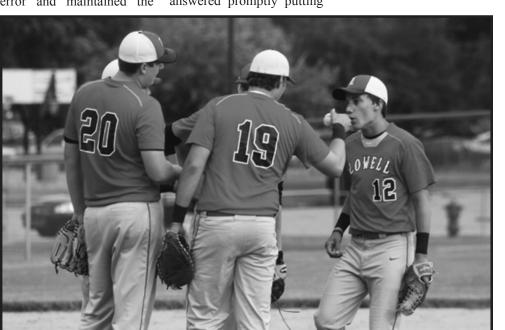
Rockford opened scoring on a wild pitch in the first and then added two additional runs in the fourth on a two-run homer into left field, putting them up 3-0. The Arrows put up a single

run in the sixth as they began their rally, but were upended by the Rams who scored two in the bottom of the inning off of a triple.

With the score at 5-1 the Arrows gave one last push in the seventh loading the bases and picking up a run when Shurlow plated Cooper, but their effort fell short as game pitcher Melle struck out at the plate to end the inning. Rockford finished the season as OK

White champions with a winning 20-17 overall record.

"We had a great season in being the OK white champs; we just ran into a good Rockford team," said Red Arrow coach Justin Miller. "It was an overall great season, a little hard to see that right now, but we can't look past all the great accomplishments our team had this year."



The Arrows take part in a game ritual at the mound during their victory over Northview High School.

Matt Cooper slides into second base on a steal during the team's late rally in the championship game.

SOCCER

Close game ends season in semifinals

by Kathryn Atwood contributing reporter

Red Arrow girls varsity soccer lost their bid for a district championship last Friday after a pair of

deadlock, the first goal of the game was scored when the Huskies finally put one past defensive performance shattered, the Huskies took advantage of the shaken Arrows by slipping a second shot in goal within minutes. Lowell rallied back getting off several shots on goal before the buzzer, but were unsuccessful in closing the gap, dropping the important game 2-0. Garter stopped twelve attempted scores while in goal, achieving a save rate of nearly 86 percent. Lipon said this performance matches well with the rest of her top-notch season. "Bridget Garter is a special student athlete. A standout performer with both the girls basketball and soccer

programs and only [as] a up for the challenge," said sophomore, the future is really bright. Recording sophomore goalie Bridget 8 shut-outs on the season, season with a record of Garter. With their perfect with a goals-against average 13-6 overall, a 7-3 thirdof .83, her athleticism has been instrumental in our growth the past two years." Garter is among many up-and-coming players on the young team who are expected to lead next year. "Overall we are really young and the Lady Arrows will have 15 returning varsity athletes next season. With a small junior class, our current freshmen and sophomores will be thrust into an early leadership role, but I'm confident they are

Lipon.

The ladies end the



devastating last minute goals put an end to their top notch season as they faced the Huskies of Forest Hills Northern (FHN) in semifinal action.

"The game really could have gone either way. The girls played fantastic and created multiple opportunities to score in the first and second halves," said Lowell head coach Dan Lipon. "That's soccer - we played well enough to win, but we did not capitalize on our chances. Forest Hills Northern is a really good team and I was really proud of the girls' overall performance."

After over seventy minutes tied in a scoreless place finish in the OK White and a lot of hope for the future. "The season was remarkable considering the girls had a combined 10 wins the past two seasons," commented Lipon. "As a program we have been making baby steps the past few years, but this season was a leap in the right direction. The girls have raised the bar and I'm really excited for the future our program," Lipon concluded.

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It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are.

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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 vonda.vantil@ssa.gov with integrity and faithfully represented the majority of the city's citizens. To use a word I have read frequently in this paper, they have truly been noble "servants."

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To The Editor,

I also wholeheartedly support the city manager. I worked with Mark for two years as airport manager. I found him to be congenial, supportive and available. We had an occasional difference of opinion but he was always willing to let me do my job.

I accept the fact the city council can never please everyone. They were elected to receive civic input and make the best decisions in the interest of the city. I believe the city hired the best applicant for the job of city manager. Since taking the job, Mr. Howe has eliminated the projected \$500,000 deficit. He saved the city more than \$800,000 by refinancing the previous debt. During his tenure as city manager, he has nearly

doubled the general fund balance. I would consider these, among others, as significant achievements and indicative of excellent management.

Unfortunately, Mr. Howe was also caught in the position of having to deal with employees organizing a union and negotiating the very first contract. This contract obviously will set a baseline for all future contracts. With all the great work Mr. Howe was doing, he found himself immersed in the contentious atmosphere that surrounds most union negotiations.

Now, not being a person who only likes to present problems, I would also like to offer a solution:

Mr. Howe should immediately be offered a contract extension with a substantial raise as a "thankyou" for his excellent work.

> Jim Sowle Vergennes Township

LEGAL NOTICE

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PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

FILE NO. 15-197490-DD

In the matter of MICHAEL ALAN ROWAN, an Alleged Developmentally **Disabled Individual.** TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: the ward's mother. name whose and location are not known, and any other unknown unlocated or heirs whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the

matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: Α hearing will be held on August 12, 2015 at 8:45 am at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Ste. 2500, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: to request the appointment of plenary guardian.

May 28, 2015

Servants Center PO Box F Grand Rapids, MI 49501 616-456-8512

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE Ordinance 2015-3

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Vergennes Township Board adopted Ordinance 2015-3, amending the Private Road Ordinance, at their regularly scheduled meeting on May 18, 2015 at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI. The Ordinance amendments are summarized below:

Private Road Amendments Section 202.000

Changes were made as follows:

202.003 Definitions - added AASHTO, collector road, feeder road and lane definitions

202.004 General Provisions – clarifications, added lane easement width, added posted speed limits signage

202.005 Private Road Construction Specifications – Describe road standards and cross sections for developments of 3-19 lots and 20 or more lots, adding sidewalk requirements and construction timing, adding traffic calming types Every man is a damn fool for at least five minutes every day; wisdom consists of not exceeding the limit.

~ Elbert Hubbard (1856 - 1915)

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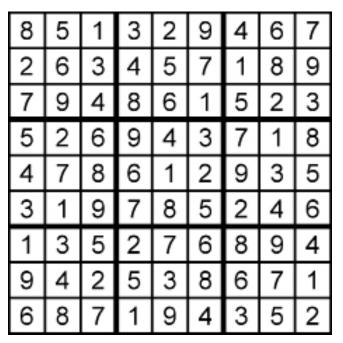


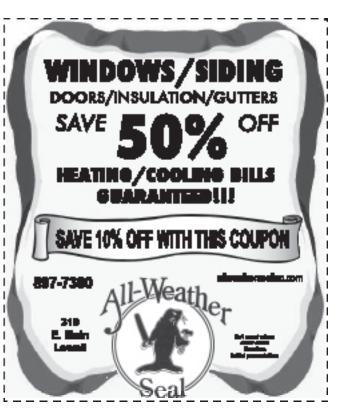
202.006 Private Road Approval — add sidewalk width and location to site plan, adding information on no Township funding or work unless a special assessment district is set up, adding a special assessment district paragraph, adding a section on review of alterations to an approved and completed private road and wording clarifications

The complete ordinance amendments can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 206, Lowel, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671 [fax 897-5674] or on the website at www.vergennestwp.org. These amendments take effect 30 days after publication.

> Mari Stone Vergennes Township Clerk

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Secretary of State John Kerry broke his femur while biking in France. He has been hospitalized and is expected to make a full recovery.

In a Johannesburg, South African privately-run game park, a lion jumped through an open car window and killed an

American tourist. The 22-year-old woman and another American tourist were driving through the park with their car windows open. Lion Park guarantees "super close-up animal



views" but it does order visitors to keep their car windows shut.

South Carolina U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham has entered the race for the 2016 Republican presidential nomination.

- Chieh Huang the co-founder and CEO of bulk shopping app Boxed, just set up a fund with his own personal assets to pay for the college tuition of all of his employees' children. Huang said in part, "I came from extremely humble beginnings. I really want people to experience that upward mobility that my family has."
- Jerry Dior, the man who created the Major

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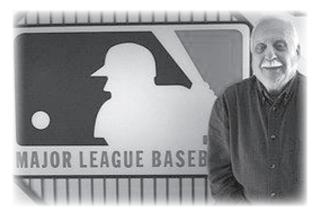
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SOFTBALL Red Arrow

Lady Arrows end season with a loss in semifinals

by Kathryn Atwood contributing reporter

Lowell's varsity softball team ended their season last week with a 12-10 win in the predistrict competition against Forest Hills Northern (FHN) and a 16-3 loss against Northview High School in the semifinals.



Pitcher Tess Richardson went 1-1 from the mound in district competition.

On Wednesday at Bancroft field the Arrows won a largely offensive battle against the Huskies. Leading the way for Lowell was Brooke Steffen who earned three hits and stole a base during the game. Other sluggers making a connection were Miah Ransom, Shelby Mutschler, Breanna Oesch, Kenzie Huver and Megan Summerfield who each recorded two hits.

RBI's were credited to Oesch, Summerfield, Huver and Steffen while Tess Richardson earned the win from the mound. Richardson struck out five batters and gave up eleven hits on the hill.

Saturday the team faced Northview High School in the semifinal match-up, dropping the game 16-3 despite a strong start and early lead.

Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars.

~ Les Brown



Miah Ransom was among six Lowell batters to earn hits against the Huskies.



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