

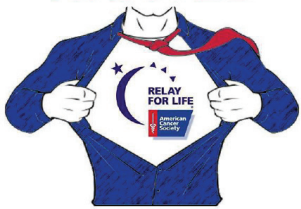
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Warm temperatures and blue skies grace annual Memorial Day parade

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

On Monday, Main Street was lined with people for the annual Memorial Day parade to honor the service and sacrifice of fallen soldiers.

The parade and ceremonies are planned and hosted by volunteer members of American Legion Post #152 and The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8303. Local servicemen

and women were greeted by applause and saluted. The parade portion of the event also featured star spangled musical performances from both the Lowell Middle and High School bands, the Kent County Youth Fair royal court and local Girl and Boy Scout groups.

Starting out from Broadway, the parade marched east down Main Street, pausing at the Flat River to honor those who have perished at sea, before continuing down Monroe toward Oakwood Cemetery for the second portion of the event.

Trailed by the parade audience, in a unique tradition of the event, the procession arrived at the cemetery and gathered around for a brief ceremony led by first-year coordinator Dirk Ritzema. Taking the reins from American Legion commander Dave Thompson, Army veteran and scout leader Ritzema welcomed attendees before



The names of soldiers and veterans fallen in the past year are read while a Scout rings the bell in their honor.

turning over the floor to the high school band who played the National Anthem to open ceremonies. Local Girl Scouts then recited the Pledge of Allegiance with

hands on hearts all around before Ritzema welcomed VFW Chaplin Doug

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Local Boy Scout Troop 102 during Lowell's annual Memorial Day Parade.

Portland contingent visits Lowell during Mayor Exchange Day last week

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

A delegation from the Portland, MI city government spent Thursday, May 26 getting to know their counterparts in the city of Lowell. The event was called Mayor Exchange Day. Portland will host a group from Lowell's city government later in June.

The group from Portland was led by their mayor, James Barnes, and included members of their

city council and city staff. Portland and Lowell chose each other to have Mayor Exchange Day with because the two towns are about the same size, have the same form of government, have rivers flowing through the center of them and have about the same size populations.

"Lowell has always been a very beautiful, picturesque city to visit,"

Barnes said. "It's always neat to be able to talk to somebody who has the same types of issues, problems and concerns on all different levels. It's like a school field trip. We don't have to sit there and do math, we can get out there and enjoy the weather with a group of people that we can relate to."

Mayor Exchange Day began at 9 am with a brief welcome ceremony. They spent the rest of the day showing off the best Lowell has to offer, including tours of local landmarks such as the Lowell Area Historical Museum, the water treatment plant, city hall, the Riverwalk and the Showboat. They ended the day with dinner at the Flat River Grill.

"It's an inviting atmosphere in Lowell," Barnes said. "They're doing great. We're just here to observe and learn."



Portland mayor James Barnes and Lowell mayor Jeff Altoft spent the day getting to know each other and exploring Lowell.

June 2 election deadline

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Because the recall effort by the ForwardLowell political action committee was successful, mayor and city councilor Jeff Altoft's name will appear on the ballot in the Nov. 8 election. If you want to run for the seat, the deadline is approaching quickly. You must go to city hall, 301 E. Main, with 290 signatures of registered Lowell voters and the \$100 filing fee by 4 pm on Thursday, June 2. Applicants must have been residents of the city of Lowell for at least one year and they must not owe the city any money. The term of office will end in Nov. of 2017.

Jazz Night in Lowell to feature The Thornapple Jazz Orchestra

Lowell Middle School and high school jazz bands will be hosting a Jazz Night at Lowell High School Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, June 8 at 7 pm. The sounds of Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong,

Hoagy Carmichael, Count Basie, Glenn Miller and many other jazz musicians will be heard throughout the evening.

The event will feature The Thornapple Jazz Orchestra. This group is

comprised of members from the Hastings area and other regional instrumentalists with an interest in performing music rooted in the Big Band genre.

The evening will begin with the middle school jazz

band under the direction of Dale Latva, followed by the high school jazz band under the direction of Tim Haan and concluding with The Thornapple Jazz Orchestra

under the direction of Joe LaJoye.

Tickets for this event are a suggested donation of \$4 for adults, \$3 for students and senior citizens and are

available now at the middle school and high school offices and from any jazz band member. Tickets will also be available at the door.

LPD statistics for the month of April

According to recently released statistics, Lowell police department made 24 arrests during April. These arrests included ten for drug violations, one for driving with a suspended license, four for outstanding warrants and two that are described in the police department's information as "other arrests."

The police department responded to plenty of misdemeanors during April

as well. There were two larceny calls, two calls for malicious destruction, four disorderly conduct calls, five dog complaints and three assaults. Lowell police issued 27 citations and notified six residents about ordinance violations. They were called to "assist" 69 times and were dispatched to 10 accidents. Out of 91 traffic stops they let 85 drivers go with just a warning.



along main street

GILDA'S CLUBHOUSE ACTIVITIES

Terrarium Workshop – Tues., June 7, 4-5:30 pm. Come on over and join Gwen Hughes as she teaches how to make table top jam jar terrariums. You will have a chance to make your very own. All supplies provided, no prior experience required.

Adult Workshop: Caring for the Caregiver – Tues., June 7, 6-7:30 pm. More than one in ten family caregivers report that caregiving has caused their physical health to deteriorate. Join Lesa Hardiman and Sarah Anderson, leaders of Home Care Assistance, to explore the top practices in caregiving today to keep the provider of care and the recipient as happy and healthy as possible.

Breast Cancer Support Group – Tues., June 7, 6-7:30 pm. A monthly support group for those diagnosed with breast cancer to learn and share together. We will meet the first Tuesday of every month.

Family Workshop: Healing Improv – Tues., June 7, 6-7:30 pm. We invite member youth and their families to join in a Healing Improve workshop led by Bart Sumner to learn healthy ways to work together, communicate and play.

Garden with Gilda's – Tues., June 14, 1-3 pm. Come on over and join us in the gardens, the 2nd Tuesday of each month. There are a variety of ways to help maintain and enjoy the beautiful gardens here at Gilda's Club Lowell. We welcome your help.

Laughter Circle – Tues., June 14, 4:30-5:30 pm. Join Lindsay Jousma, LMSW as she teaches us about the impact laughter can have on our emotional health and walks us through a fun time of laughter and learning.

Chitchat Readers Book Club – Tues., June 21, 4:15-5:15 pm. Join other members of Gilda's Club in discussing a great book. Stop by the Clubhouse to borrow a book.

Summer Social: A Day at the Beach – Tues., June 21, 5:30-7:30 pm. All Lowell members are invited to join us for our annual Summer Social. This year we will be celebrating A Day At The Beach. All attendees are encouraged to wear their favorite beach apparel. (All ages). Location: King Building at the Kent County Youth Fairgrounds, 225 S. Broadway St., Lowell.

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

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June 11, July 23 and August 13 from 9 am to noon at Pebble Beach. For ages 3 to 15. Everything provided. Free. Food and drinks provided.

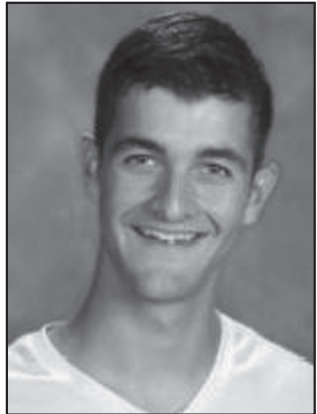
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The Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts are presented by LowellArts! and Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. This free, outdoor summer concert series runs June 16 – August 25. Thursday evening concerts begin at 7 pm in front of the Lowell Showboat on Riverwalk Plaza. Food and spirits are available, admission to the concerts and parking is free. The concert venue is wheelchair accessible. Bleacher seating is available or attendees can also bring their own folding chairs.

Feel free to send your event information to the Ledger for Along Main St. All submission requests for Along Main St. are subject to space limitations. The Ledger makes no assurances that they will appear in print. To ensure that an event notification will appear in the Ledger, it is best to place a paid advertisement. All efforts will be made to place suitable items in the Along Main St. column but they are printed at the discretion of the publisher. For profit events, church services, yard sales and the like, will not appear in this column.

KCTC Student of the Month for May



Matt Anderson

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Larkin's Other Place supplies some laughs as stand-up comedians help pack the house

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

The stand-up comedy shows at Larkin's The Other Place, 301 W Main, are turning out to be one of downtown's most popular regular events. The shows began last year and have featured comedians who have performed at venues such as the Late Show with David Letterman, Mad TV, the Bob & Tom Show, Seinfeld, the Tonight Show with Jay Leno, Jimmy

Kimmel Live and plenty more.

"We have a comedy show the second Saturday of every month," said Larkin's manager Deb Apol. "The doors open at 7 and the show starts at 8. We can take reservations for dinner at the restaurant prior to the show. We serve buckets of beer and buckets of wine for \$15, so it's a really cheap night out."

Recent headliners have included Jef Brannan, Chili Chllis, Larry Reeb, Jerry Donovan and Dwayne Kennedy, names that might be familiar if you're a vigilant viewer of late night television.

"The comedians are top notch," Apol said. "They've been on Seinfeld, HBO, Showtime, Comedy Central and so forth. They're very talented. A lot of them are

from Michigan." The next show will be on June 11. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Contact Larkin's at 616-897-5977 to purchase advance tickets.

"There are usually three comedians," Apol said. "Mike Chambers is the emcee, he's local. It's been full every time, it's doing really well. We already have over 80 seats reserved."



Comedian Nick Gaza is one of the acts appearing at Larkins.

There're tails on the trails at the zoo

John Ball Zoo is mixing it up this summer by offering a wide variety of new features – some about animals – others about people. "There's a lot going on at the zoo this season," said Peter D'Arienzo, chief executive officer. "Not only will the visitors find it a little easier to get around the zoo, but I think they'll be happily surprised by the many small improvements and services that will make a big difference in their zoo experience."

What's new?

- The new WILD WAY trail (formerly Far Side of the World Trail) will feature lemurs, howler monkeys and tropical birds. The trail offers a habitat with elevated mesh trails that allow these active animals to travel in and around their exhibit, offering some trails that are elevated 12 feet above (and around) the visitors! As families travel the WILD WAY, they will have the opportunity to test their own senses and movement against that of the animals on the new physical and sensory play stations.

- The new Waterfall Trail offers an alternative path to and from the Tigers of the Realm. It's a 1,000 foot boardwalk that meanders through the woods offering new views over the zoo. The Waterfall Trail is completely ADA accessible and will be a pleasant stroll whether the guest is going up or down, on foot, in a wheelchair or pushing a stroller.

- The popular wooden train that kids have always loved has been replaced with a brand new one and moved to an area near the camels. The pygmy goat corral is transformed to an education spot, Keeper Corner, for up-close animal encounters that give children a chance to learn

the ins and outs of working with animals.

- "Full-face" professional face-painting will be offered this year. Visitors will also find a new coffee and homemade fudge station, Shaded Grounds, near the front entrance. (The zoo doesn't want to start any trouble, but word on the street is that the fudge might be better than you find on Mackinac Island!)

- Food offerings at the zoo might also surprise

the visitors. There are many healthy food choices and 'green' practices. Every utensil and plate used to serve guests are made of palm leaves and are completely compostable within 90 days. Menu items include the Tortoise Salad made up of sweet potatoes, greens and fruit just like the zoo's Sulcata tortoises' daily menu. Plus \$1.00 of every salad goes to an on-site turtle conservation program. Even EatGR's Facebook

page noted the wide array of healthy and tasty food choices offered at the zoo.

The zoo is open daily from 10-4 pm through May 6. Beginning May 7, the zoo will be open 9-6 pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Weekdays through May 27 hours are 9 am to 4 pm. Starting May 28, the zoo will be open 9 am to 6 pm daily. The zoo is the fourth most attended cultural institution in the state serving over a half million

visitors annually. The zoo is located on Fulton Ave. NW – just one mile west of downtown Grand Rapids.

For more information visit www.jbzoo.org, Facebook-JBZOO, (616) 336-4300 or info@jbzoo.org



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The Lowell City Council, sitting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, will hold a public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting on **Monday, June 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331 to consider the following variance request:

1400 Foreman Street SE—AJ Veneklasen, Inc on behalf of Lighthouse Foods, Inc has applied for a variance from Section 19.06E of the Zoning Ordinance to reduce the number of landscaped islands required in the parking lot at the facility. The applicant is proposing to expand the building and parking lot, and the Zoning Ordinance requires one landscaped island for every 12 spaces. The applicant has proposed 5 landscaped areas within a 180 space proposed parking lot. Thus, a variance was requested.

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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head lice

Head lice are tiny insects about the size of a strawberry seed. They feed on human blood extracted from the scalp. The female lays eggs on hair shafts about four mm from the base of the shaft. The eggs hatch in eight to nine days. These immature louse are called nymphs and they mature to adults in 10 to 12 days. The adults live for three to four weeks.

Lice spread by direct contact. They may also be spread by brushes, hats, pillows, towels, and headphones.

Many people are unaware that they are

infected. Some may experience itching of the scalp due to an allergic reaction to louse saliva. Lice and eggs on the hair may be the only sign.

A medication readily available over-the-counter is typically used to treat the infection. The medication contains pyrethrin, which is toxic to lice. It may not kill

recently hatched nymphs, so a second treatment after nine days is recommended. Rinsing the hair with white vinegar prior to application can help remove the glue that helps eggs adhere to the hair shaft.

Some lice have developed resistance to this medication and a prescription medication is used. Benzoyl alcohol is not approved for children under the age of six months. Malathion can be used on those six years and up. Lindane is another medication that has been used, but has severe side effects including seizures. It is not recommended to be used on children.

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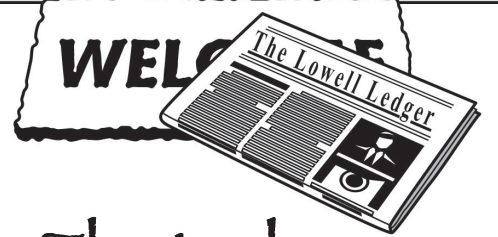
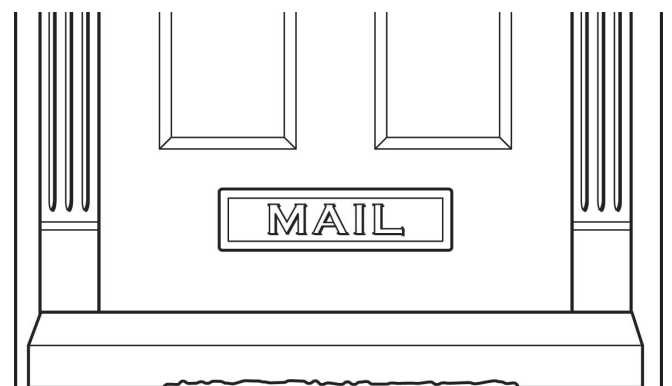
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to the editor

celebrate a job well done

To the Editor,
This is a letter to commend and celebrate a wonderful person who will soon be leaving our community. Nancy Sowerwine has been with Lowell Area Schools for 26 years. Most of that time has been spent as the Lowell High School registrar in the Student Services Center.

This hardworking and dedicated lady has helped many students find

their way to graduation by watching over their class selections and schedules. She also carefully complied their four year high school transcripts to make sure they had completed the requirements for graduation. These students included her own Lowell graduates, daughters Kelly and Laurie and son Mark.

Over the years Nancy has been involved in many other school projects

and activities, including class advisor, working on school improvement and curriculum development and helping at athletic events. She was never one to say no to many fun extra-curricular events.

In my enjoyable years of working with Nancy in the SSC, I always knew her to desire to do the very best for students and parents. She never failed to be there with a welcoming smile and listening ear! I'm sure the many families who worked with her would agree. We in the SSC so appreciated her outstanding enthusiasm for her job, as well as her fun sense of humor.

Nancy officially leaves our district June 30. I know she would love hearing a good-bye from her many admirers with wishes for her own 'Happy Graduation.' Let's all give her a 'job well done' salute as she goes into this new era of her life - like the many students she has sent off over her years as registrar.

Bon voyage Nancy and to you the happiest of days ahead! You will be missed by all of us.

Fondly,
Barb Pierce
Belding
Retired SSC Counselor

outdoors

old reliable

Dave Stegehuis

During the last 50 years of Michigan fishing history, a variety of species have drawn the special attention of anglers. The return of lake trout in the 70's brought back memories and experiences of early Great Lakes fishing. Salmon introduced west-coast sport fishing to the mid-west. Salmon fishing gear evolved as Great Lakes fishermen gained more experience. Walleye have always been around but gained popularity with fishery managers and anglers. The glassy eye walleye, a member of the perch family, is excellent table fare and found in many inland waters as well as the Great Lakes. Water levels, stocking priorities, invasive species, and changing forage base affect the rise and fall of populations of these and other species.

One fish, however, has been here from day one and remains a staple for most anglers throughout their fishing career. The bluegill and closely related sub-species are found in lakes and ponds across the country. Catching panfish is often the first fishing experience for young anglers. Gills, as bluegills are sometimes called, can be caught with worms off

a dock in the summer or through the ice with tiny jigs in the winter. I started with a one piece ten foot bamboo cane pole with black nylon line wrapped around the end of the pole which was baited with a gob of red worms fished under a bobber float to detect the bite. A lakeside rented homemade wooden boat with a coffee can filled with cement to serve as an anchor was rowed around small lakes and farm ponds in search of eager biting bluegills.

The bamboo cane pole has been replaced with a plastic version but the rig and bait are fished the same as in the old days. If it ain't broke don't fix it. Casting, jigging, or fishing with a slip bobber can be accomplished with a spinning outfit. Fly casting a hand tied insect imitation or a foam spider provides early season excitement in shallow water. Big bluegills are pound for pound one of the feistiest gamefish and will put a deep bend in a light fly rod.

So the bluegill continues to offer anglers a dependable source of fishing fun as well as good eating and hopefully will in the future. The bluegill could be described as old reliable in the world of fishing.

will hereafter be conducted by Agnes E. Parks, who will pay all debts and collect all bills of said firm. Dated Lowell, Mich., May 22 1891. Agnes E. Parks. Floyd J. Moore.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 1, 1916

The housewives of this locality had the privilege of buying pineapples and bananas at the door last Wednesday.

Those who enjoy horse races and base ball will not have to leave Lowell to celebrate July Fourth.

Mose Staht now drives a new Maxwell which he purchased of A. T. Eash.

A boy on a bicycle collided with a man on a Monroe street side walk Tuesday evening. The man was knocked down and the boy thrown from his wheel. Fortunately, neither was seriously injured; but the practice of bicycling on sidewalks is too dangerous to be safe.

Last Saturday evening South Boston Grange served ice cream and cake to ten auto loads of Berlin grangers. The visiting grange furnished an excellent program, and a profitable as well as enjoyable evening was spent. South Boston goes to Berlin and furnishes program June 30.

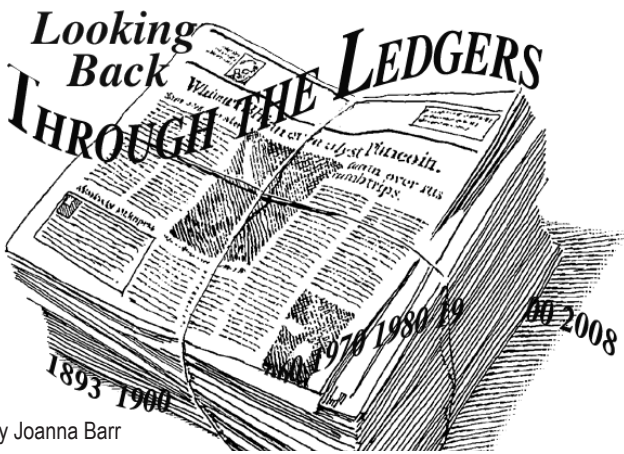
Messrs. S. Carmeter, S. W. and M. J. Baldwin and G. C. Conklin of Grand Rapids took six o'clock breakfast Tuesday morning with Mrs. Orton Hill and spent the day fishing at Murray's lake, where they were joined by M. B. Conklin.

Ralph Bigley and Archie Denny sold a carload of potatoes last week to George Lake of Lowell; loading the car at Saranac.

Telephone wires have been regarded as a source of danger in electric storms; but according to an official German test, networks of telephone wires over a city tend to diminish the danger from lightning.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 5, 1941

Bands of gypsies are again roaming the country, pilfering the country-side, stealing and swindling wherever they can find a victim. Don't allow these rascals on your premises, avoid close contact with them and if they fail to move on, step to your telephone and notify the officers.



By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal June 3, 1891

Are we going to have the privilege of using our natural park, the island, this summer? If so, isn't it about time the bridge, or bridges, were put in place? The island is not desirable as a winter resort and if the bridges are not put into position soon they might as well be left where they are for all the good they will do the citizens.

While Will Hakes was examining a revolver the other day it was accidentally discharged, plowing the bullet through the floor and burying in the ground. Revolvers have been banished from the house by Mrs Hakes.

Kisor & Ayers, our popular Marble men, have just closed a contract for a beautiful Red Granite Monument to be placed at the grave of John F. Cilley. In this sale there were several other firms competing with them, but they secured the contract on the first and only price they made.

Mrs Perry's Band of Social Workers announce that they have secured at last after much trouble and expense, the renowned Mrs Jarley and her Real Waxwork Show. Their confidence in the cultivated taste and appreciation of their patrons has induced them to venture this great outlay. Telegrams just received assure them that the costly figures are shipped and will be ready for exhibition Tuesday evening June 9. A rare and royal opportunity for the sum of 15 cents admission.

Notice is hereby given that the partner-ship heretofore existing between Agnes E. Parks and Floyd J. Moore, under the name of Lowell Grocery Co., has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. The business

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Freshmen participate in annual service learning project

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell High School's class of 2019 fanned out into the community last Thursday morning to take part in the schools' 12th annual freshman service learning project. The event, originally conceived by

LHS principal Amy Pallo back in 2005, has grown into a much appreciated activity for the businesses and organizations in the community who are able to take advantage of the volunteer service. The

students were able to provide help to several local locations, including the Kent County fairgrounds and

Cherry Creek Elementary, by performing yard work, painting and other

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and supervised by members of the LHS freshman center staff.



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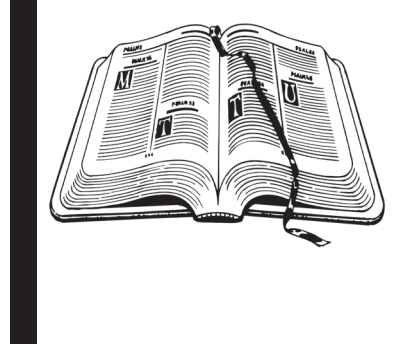
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Lowell alum named Ivy League Pitcher of the Year

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell High School alumnus Morgan Groom started out her softball career on the “wrong foot” but through hard work and dedication landed on the right one.

“I began playing softball in fifth grade on a local little league team,” Groom said explaining her softball roots. “Even though I was awful at first, consistently stepping with the wrong foot to throw, I thought softball was so fun. I practiced and played for hours and hours.”

That practice most certainly paid off. The 2012 graduate became a top-notch Arrow pitcher earning athletic and academic All-State honors her senior year and establishing several school records. Groom earned a massive 367 strikeouts, 25 wins and earned an overall ERA of .25 that year, records that still reign on the athletic honors wall at LHS.

But she didn’t stop there. Groom was also recently named the Ivy League Pitcher of the Year. Currently in her senior year at Harvard University where she will graduate with degrees in economics and psychology, Groom was humble when discussing the prestigious award, “It’s a great honor, especially given the exceptional talent in the Ivy League this year, but I think this is also a testament to our hard work on the field. Pitchers need a solid and supportive defense and ours was one of the best in the league. I’m excited about the award, but I have greater pride in our team’s accomplishments and

how we worked to exceed expectations this season.”

The Crimson did indeed rise above the expectations topping back to back defending Northern Division champions Dartmouth to earn the title this year and tacking on a Crimson Cares award for their commitment to community service off the field. Individually Groom was also named first team All Ivy and Most Valuable Pitcher for her team and National Fastpitch Coaches Association Division I All Region third team. The peer elected co-captain finished in the top four of her conferences pitcher standings in wins, strikeouts and ERA.

Groom, the daughter of Terry and Sue, attributes her outstanding softball skills to something she learned on the fields as a Red Arrow. “In a word: grit. It’s been a critical characteristic in my athletic pursuits and one that was developed early on at Lowell. It’s a value that can be employed in a variety of circumstances, within and beyond athletics,” she said.

Groom was careful to point out that grit did not necessarily translate to the most physical players on the field. “I feel the necessary component is an inherent mental fortitude. Grit is fighting when your back is against a wall; it starts with a desire to accomplish goals and the resilience to persevere against all odds. In my time at Lowell, I learned to comeback stronger from serious injuries and yearned to be the pitcher in tough situations and both have been important at Harvard.”



Former Arrow Morgan Groom on the mound for the Crimson at Harvard University.

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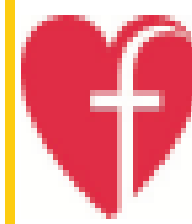
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Annual Relay for Life set for the Riverwalk this year

After a decade of raising funds to defeat cancer on the track at Lowell High School each summer, Lowell Relay For Life is making a move

our participants and for the public who come down to support us than our previous 24 hour schedule.”

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the uproarious Ms. Relay competition.

The opening ceremonies and survivor ceremonies begin the day, followed by a lunch provided by The Backwater Cafe for survivors and caregivers at noon. Registration forms for the lunch are available at Gilda’s Club and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and can also be completed on site that day. Survivors also receive free gift bags featuring gifts and discounts donated by local businesses.

The Preservers and the young apprentices of the Luc James Music Studio in Ada. Atwood said that the green space used during the community’s weekly music series will be available for those who want to stop down and enjoy the free entertainment. “We are also hosting our now annual Lip Dub and Air Guitar contests on the stage as well. All events are open to the public and are always a hilarious thing to witness. This year the winners of all our competitions will receive gift cards from event sponsors J&H Family Stores and State Farm agent Deborah Wilks.”

Off stage the event will feature team booths with

snacks and goods sold to benefit the charity, the Relay Recess Kids Zone, featuring children’s games and two bounce houses, a field day style Superhero training academy, a jam packed silent auction, a boxcar competition and great eats on site provided by official food sponsor Porkfat Slims Backyard BBQ.

Fun laps will happen at a quarter past each hour of the event and are open to the public. Highlights will include the Trick or Treat lap where kids can collect goodies from each team site, the Bark For Life lap featuring puppy treats, a Glow lap and the Pink Arrow lap which kicks off

Pink Power Hour. “All participants switch from their Relay t-shirts to their Pink Arrow shirts for the hour in a show of solidarity for the shared cause,” explained Atwood.

There are currently 17 teams registered for the event, having already raised more than \$23,000 for the cause. Those interested in joining or sponsoring the fight are encouraged to visit www.acevents.org and search the Lowell event. “With all the great new changes this is the perfect time to get involved in Relay,” said Atwood. “Start a team, be a sponsor or just come down and see what the future of Relay is all about!”

SUPERHEROES WANTED



Local fireman Cory Velzen was interviewed by 2013 event host Mark Phillips during the Ms. Relay competition.

to the downtown Riverwalk for their 2016 event scheduled for June 25.

RFL is the largest fundraising event organized by the American Cancer Society which has been raging against cancer through funding of crucial research, congressional lobbying to advocate for treatments and prevention and local and national support programs for more than 100 years. RFL made its debut in the Lowell community in 2005 and has been a success through the commitment of local volunteers and the support of like-minded cancer crusading families, businesses and organizations in Lowell.

The free community event will also feature a brand new format in its first year at the Riverwalk location. According to event chair Kathryn Atwood, “We are super excited about the new location, as well as the new schedule of 11 am to 11 pm. We feel this will be much more manageable for

A Superhero!” the event is slated to feature a colorful display of decoration, games and activities, along with traditional favorites like the Luminaria Ceremony and

Live music will be featured with five local bands scheduled to take to the Showboat stage, including Off The Radar,



The second annual Air Guitar Contests brought laughs during the 2015 Relay event.

At left, Lowell Relay For Life angel Renee Grant spoke during the 2013 Survivor Ceremony.

Red Arrow SPORTS

Red Arrows prepare for district playoffs

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Non-conference games on the road last week for the Red Arrow varsity baseball team led to a blank 1-4 record on the week as the team prepares for its district playoff bid.

Monday at Greenville the Arrows picked up a 4-1 victory behind the effort of Connor Douma who went 2-3 at the plate producing singles in the fifth and sixth innings to cement the win. The low scoring game also saw hits from Austin Whaley who launched a two run double and Sterling Anderson who earned an RBI single. Jarrod Melle earned the win at the mound striking out nine batters and walking zero in a topnotch performance.

At Lake Orion on Friday the team fell 2-1 in game one and 10-6 in game two. Game one was a scoreless showdown that lasted until the fourth inning when Lake Orion earned the first run of the day on a walk. Lowell responded in the fourth tying the game

at one after a steal at home plate. Two Lake Orion singles in the seventh broke the tie and sealed the 2-1 loss for the Arrows. Cooper Perry and Nolan Yahrmarkt combined on the hill in the outing.

The Arrows outhit Lake Orion in game two but their effort still fell short by a margin of 10-6. Douma had another successful day at the plate for Lowell tallying two RBIs on as many hits, including a two run home run in the sixth inning. A Douma single in the first was part of an early 3-0 rally sparked by an Anderson double. Matt Cooper also doubled in the inning and Perry sent up a sacrifice fly scoring Cooper. Melle contributed an RBI double in the sixth and was charged with the loss at the mound.

At Notre Dame Prep on Saturday the Arrows faced North Farmington and host NDP dropping both contests by margins of 12-8 and 11-9 respectively. Despite

connecting with the ball twelve times in game one, Lowell fell behind after a six run first inning from their opponent and never regained the lead. Anderson went 4-4 at the plate to lead the Arrows' offensive effort. He tallied two runs and an RBI earned off singles. Anthony Pollock also had a strong showing earning a two run double in the fourth and an RBI single in the seventh. Garrett Pratt took the pitching loss allowing six runs in less than an

inning, while walking two and striking out one.

Game two against NDP saw the Arrows come out strong with a 3-0 lead in the first after Douma, Kyle Liddle and Melle singled and Whaley earned an RBI double. Whaley went 2-2 at the plate also singling in the third inning. They later added three runs in the fifth when Sage Solomonson launched an RBI double and the team took advantage of several NDP errors. Trevor Shurlow also added a solo

home run in the sixth during the 11-9 loss. Jake Wosinski allowed nine runs in just over two innings on the mound and was charged with the game loss.

This week the team will jump into district competition. A win on Tuesday against Northview High School would propel them to the semifinals on Saturday at 10 am at Forest Hills Northern, who will also host the finals at 2 pm.

LACROSSE

Boys win round one of regional playoff

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell's boys lacrosse team dredged through muddy fields and game delaying rain to earn a 12-8 quarterfinal victory over Muskegon Reeths Puffer at home last Friday and win round one of the team's regional playoff bid.

The Arrows started off sluggishly allowing their opponent to go up 2-0 when storms pushed through causing a delay in the first quarter.

"We had a hard time getting into and feeling comfortable running our offense. This has been

something we have been battling all season," said coach Eugene Talbot of the team's slow start.

What ensued was a 10-point onslaught led by a widespread effort on behalf of that offense. Senior, Sawyer Olesko jump started the effort landing back-to-back goals in just under three minutes when the

clock started ticking again, leaving the teams tied at two moving into the second. The Arrows maintained their lead at the close of each quarter leading by four to seal the win as the clock ran out. Senior goalkeeper Evan Mierendorf protected the box in the win.

Boys lacrosse,
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Sports Summaries

SOFTBALL

Lowell varsity softball topped the Yellow Jackets of Greenville 10-1 last Monday in non-conference competition on the road. Regan Gravitt, Corah Miller and Maddi Jordan led the team's offensive effort with two hits apiece as the Arrows launched eleven en route to the win. Greenville struggled against hurler Emily Depew who logged a dozen strikeouts and allowed just three hits in her seven innings on the mound. The Arrows have won seven out of their last eight games and placed a strong third in the OK White conference at the close of the regular season. The girls will face district action Tuesday at Northview High School at 2 pm and with a win, move on to regionals Saturday at Forest Hills Northern starting at noon.

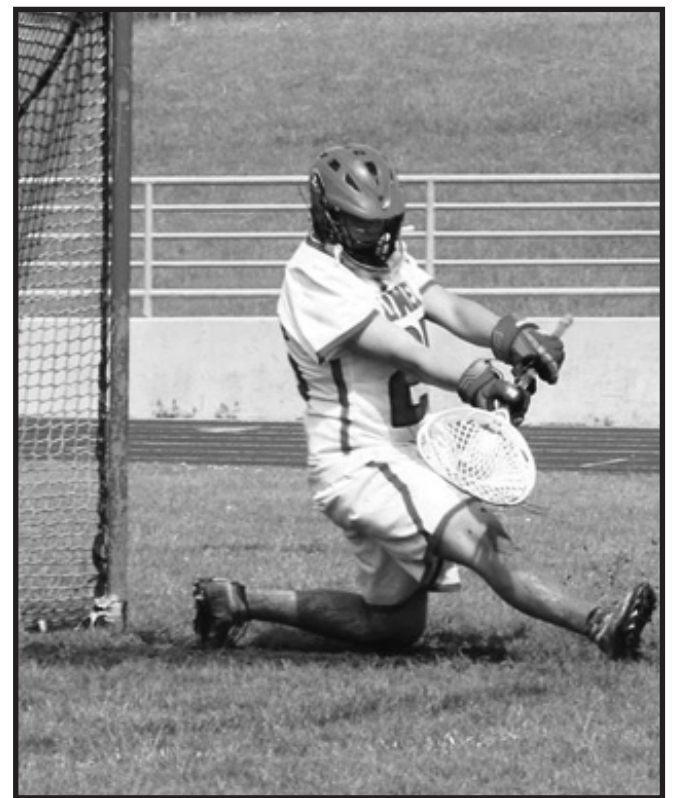
SOCCER

Goalkeepers Abby White and Ally Laird shut out competitor Byron Center on their home turf last Monday finishing their regular season on a strong note. The 6-0 victory was fueled by a widespread offensive effort that included a trio of goals from Riley Conlan, Christy Lyon, Maura Fitzpatrick. Laird also found the back of the net

for the Arrows. Assists were credited to Kayleigh Striplin, Darby Dean, Delaney Bierlein, Amber Curtis and Regan Coxon who earned two. The Lady Arrows will kick off district competition Tuesday on the road versus host Forest Hills Northern. If they win they will continue toward the district title in the same location on Friday for semifinals and Saturday for finals.

BOYS GOLF

Red Arrow varsity golf wrapped up their season last Wednesday in Hamilton when they participated in district competition carding a combined score of 357 to place eleventh. Stand out swinger, junior Alex Dommer, led the Arrow pack coming in with a score of 85 at Diamond Springs Golf Course, qualifying him for participation in the upcoming regional tournament as an individual. Others scoring for the team were Adam Anderson who finished with an 87, Alex Powell who came in at 92 and Tyler Kapcia who logged a total of 93.



Senior keeper Evan Mierendorf makes a save during the Arrows' regional quarterfinal win last week.

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LACROSSE **Red Arrow SPORTS**

Girls claim first playoff victory over Grand Ledge

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

The Lowell girls lacrosse team hit the field twice last week picking up a 9-7 win over West Ottawa on Monday and claiming the program's first regional playoff victory over Grand Ledge 13-7 on Wednesday.

On the road at West Ottawa the ladies staged a 9-7 comeback win over their opponent with goal keeper Laurel Frederickson protecting the net well for the Arrows. Claire Gossman and Sela Bauman each chipped in two goals in the team's offensive effort which was led by Nikki Paulus who landed three. Paulus has become a force for the team this season.

According to head coach Ellery Alexander, "Nikki has been a budding player both last season and early this season, getting her confidence in her play up has been the turning point for her. With more confidence she is more aggressive and makes more moves towards goal. I think that is exactly what we needed out of her this season and I am proud of the progress she's made."

The talented sophomore also found the back of the net an impressive five times on Wednesday when the team earned a historic win for the Lady Arrow lacrosse program against rival Grand Ledge High School in the first round of regional

playoffs. The hard fought 13-7 win was the program's first regional victory and not only propelled them into round two of the tournament, but also proved the tremendous gains made by the team this season.

"This is a very exciting time for the women's lacrosse program. Our win showed the girls that hard work truly does pay off. Coming from a below 500 season last year to our first regional win is a huge accomplishment and the girls deserve every minute of it," said a proud Alexander after the win.

With a respectable third place OK conference finish and an overall winning

record of 9-8-1 the team has had one of its best seasons to date. "I think our strong season can be attributed to a few things; one is having assistant coach Kale Alexander has allowed us to work more focused on our offense and defense separately and he has done a great job setting up the offense," explained Alexander, "Also, our four captains this year have really pushed the team and set a good example to motivate our younger players."

As the team prepares for the next playoff game

against Grand Rapids Catholic Central this week, Alexander said they will be targeting the skills needed to win. "Our preparation will be similar to the rest of

our season but slightly more focused on shot accuracy due to their all-state goalie and countering their skilled position players."

The team will play in that next round of OK tournament play today at East Grand Rapids High School where they will face GRCC at 7:30 pm for the right to advance to the finals.



Red Arrow girls varsity lacrosse celebrates the team's historic regional win over Grand Ledge.



Players douse assistant coach Kale Alexander after advancing to the regional semifinals with a 13-7 win.

Boys lacrosse, continued

"Evan has done an amazing job in goal for us all season. He has truly embraced the role of captain and has lead this team to where we are this season," said Talbot of the Aquinas bound lacrosse standout.

Talbot said he was pleased with the overall difference in play post rain delay. "We had a really good spread of scoring. It was a good team effort from our boys. I feel that this has been an incredible season and will be a strong base in which to continue building our program and brand."

The regional victory was the last home game for the seniors. "The seniors have been through a lot this year, especially with the

change in coaching staff. I am proud of the way they have been able to adjust and finish their high school career in an amazing way. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors and would love to have them back to help the coaching staff continue what they have started this year," said coach Talbot.

In the semi-final round Lowell will face Forest Hills Eastern for the third time this season. The Arrows fell to FHE 10-7 back in April and again in May in competition for the conference title. The team feels ready for their next shot. Regional action took place Tuesday at Caledonia High School.



Blake Posthumus skirts a Reeths Puffer opponent at Red Arrow Stadium during the team's 12-8 win.

Looking Back, continued

A troop of Boy Scouts from Six Lakes, near Lakeview, camped here Sunday night at Recreation Park. They were a merry troop of 22 in all including their scout leader, and were making a trip by water from their home town to Grand Haven, using eleven canoes, two to each canoe.

A Lowell young man spent quite a bit of time on Decoration Day to locate the owner of a purse containing \$85. The young man was Gerald Mullen, who found the purse on a lot at Oakwood cemetery. Upon investigating, Mr. Mullen found a card in the purse signifying that the owner, Mrs. Ava Wardell of Grand Rapids, was a member of the Lowell Methodist Church. By contacting the minister, Rev. Ratcliffe, Mr. Mullen found that Mrs. Wardell was visiting in Lowell at the Wm. Laux home—so one more lost purse found its rightful owner. It was certainly fortunate for Mrs. Wardell that her purse was found by an honest person.

Guy Shaw, city mail carrier, who will retire on July 1 from the U. S. Postal Service here after serving for 15 years, was taken to Blodgett hospital, Grand Rapids, last Thursday suffering from a heart ailment. The east side city route is being carried by Junior Ayres and he is doing a good job.

George Herald has leased the east store of the Gee block where the Lowell Bakery will open for business next Tuesday morning. It is a fine store and a good location.

Riverview Inn east of the village limits was broken into and entered sometime after 12:10 a. m. Wednesday for the second time within a month. Only 30 pennies were obtained.

A 15-year-old drunk! That is what the Lowell Police discovered Friday evening. The boy who lives near Lowell was found staggering along the street. He was taken to juvenile home, but was later released to his parents.

The mechanical drawing class of Lowell high school have a display of their work in the window of Beachum's Furniture on West Main Street.

Three fire calls were made Saturday: grass fire on Bailey Drive; grass fire at the rear of the high school; and a grass fire along the railroad tracks on 36th Street. The fire department was also called to a grass fire at the city dump on Sunday.

Miss Donna Jean Ford was the winner of the State Savings Bank's contest to name their new advertising character. See a picture and the winning name in the bank advertisement on another page of this issue.

Frank Godfrey, reported to police that someone entered Birchwood Garden's Floral on Sunday afternoon, while Godfrey was making a delivery and stole the change from the cash drawer.

Lawrence Pelon of Lansing, is a new member of Lowell Police Department. He was formerly with the police department at Whitehall. His wife, the former Carrie Albus of Lowell, will be teaching in Lowell's school system next fall.

Mrs. Vera Strouse of Segwun was in the Ledger on Saturday with a peck of giant morel mushrooms. She did not reveal where they came from but said the ground in this area was covered with these extra large size. The biggest mushroom was 13 inches in circumference.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 5, 1991

Lowell's Murphy to appear on TV 8. A Lowell Middle School eighth grader will be featured Thursday, June 6, on Channel 8's "Live At 5, Incredible Kids Series." Lesley Murphy will be featured, including scenes from the Eighth Grade Drama Class' presentation of "Follow That Rabbit-The Wonderland Story" in which Murphy played the part of "Alice in Wonderland."

Farewell open house for Saranac school. A farewell open house for the "old" Saranac school, located at 234 Vosper St., will be held Saturday, June 15 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Tours, a continuous running video featuring former and current teachers and students, displays of school memorabilia and refreshments will be available. The building, closed as a school at the end of this current school year, was in continuous use as an educational facility since January of 1931.

Michigan State Police tracking dog was used twice this past week in Lowell. On Wednesday morning, May 29, the dog successfully tracked down a missing 90 year old woman who had walked away from the Lowell Medical Care Center. On Thursday, May 30, the dog was unsuccessful in tracking two of three fugitives who broke out of the Clare County Jail. One of the fugitives was apprehended by Police on Center St. hiding under a truck, which had been stolen in Clare County.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger June 2, 1966

The Kent County Tuberculosis Society Christmas Seal Mobile X-ray Unit will be at Christiansen's Drug Store on Thursday, June 2, from 9:30 a. m. until 5 p. m. Anyone from out of Kent County or anyone wishing a health permit, who come to the bus, must pay a handling fee of \$2.00, starting June 1. Everyone in Lowell is urged to get a TB X-ray at this time.

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EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: Why did Ringling Brothers stop using elephants in its circus performances? - Marianne Lusko, Bern, NC

After enduring years of criticism from animal rights activists, Feld Entertainment, the parent company of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey, announced in March 2015 that it would phase out the use of endangered Asian elephants in its circus performances within three years. Then, less than a year later, the company said it was expediting the process and would be retiring the 11 elephants still travelling for circus shows even earlier—by May 2016.

These last working circus pachyderms are now able to join 31 of their predecessors at the Center for Elephant Conservation, a 200-acre elephant refuge in central Florida created by Ringling Bros. in 1995 to care for, conserve, breed and study Asian elephants.

"There's been somewhat of a mood shift among our consumers," says Alana Feld, the company's executive vice president. "A lot of people aren't comfortable with us touring with our elephants."



No doubt, part of the reason for that mood shift has been the advocacy work of groups like the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)—each which has campaigned tirelessly to halt the use of Asian elephants in America's iconic circus act. Testimonials from former circus employees and photographic evidence provided by these groups helped convince the U.S. Department of Agriculture to fine Ringling Bros. \$270,000 in 2011 for violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

Some of the documented abuses include Ringling Bros. elephants getting whipped and beaten by trainers and "yanked by heavy, sharp steel-tipped bull hooks behind the scenes, prior to performing." A PETA investigator who travelled with Ringling Bros. for several months documented many of the circus' elephants swaying and rocking continuously—"neurotic and abnormal behavior typically seen in animals who are suffering from extreme stress, frustration, and boredom." Meanwhile, baby elephants were "torn away from their mothers and subjected to violent training sessions [to] learn how to perform tricks." PETA adds that at least 30 elephants, including four babies, have died prematurely from accidents or disease while travelling with Ringling Bros. since 1992.

While circus fans will certainly miss the elephants' presence in the ring heralding the opening of each show and performing synchronized dance routines, they'll be glad to know that these lovable and endangered animals will no longer suffer abuse or be exploited for their entertainment value.

That said, Ringling Bros. does continue to use lions, tigers, zebras, llamas, goats, horses, camels and dogs in its circus performances—a fact that animal rights activists remain unhappy about. For its part, PETA wants Ringling Bros. to pull all of its animals from their performances immediately. "Tigers and lions spend most of their lives in cramped transport cages," the group reports, adding that these and other animals travelling with the circus "are denied everything that is natural and important to them."

CONTACTS: Ringling Bros., www.ringling.com; Center for Elephant Conservation, www.ringlingelephantcenter.com; PETA, www.peta.org; HSUS, www.hsus.org; ASPCA, www.asPCA.org.

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Student Tax Relief Act

U.S. senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters joined six of their colleagues to introduce the Student Tax Relief Act, a bill that would protect defrauded student borrowers from being taxed on their forgiven loans. This legislation follows actions by the Department of Education to protect defrauded students at 100 Corinthian Colleges across the country, including five Everest Colleges in Michigan and ensures that borrowers at any school whose loans were forgiven receive the same relief.

"When students take out loans to attend college, they should get a fair deal and a fair shot," said Senator Stabenow. "No student should be the victim of false advertising from a college that promises skills or job placement. And the last thing they deserve is to be hit with an enormous tax burden on their forgiven loans."

"As the cost of college becomes more and more burdensome, we must do what we can to protect hardworking students

seeking higher education," said Senator Peters. "The Student Tax Relief Act will ensure that defrauded students are not hit with onerous taxes that prevent them from achieving financial security and continued success outside the classroom."

Senator Stabenow and Senator Peters joined their colleagues in sending a letter to Department of Education secretary John King in April and President Obama in March calling on the administration to provide fair debt relief to victims of unlawful or deceptive practices in higher education through a tough borrower defense rule. More information on the decision by the Department of Education to discharge loans of defrauded students may be found at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/about/announcements/corinthian#heald> and the full list of the schools eligible for a loan discharge may be found at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/ev-wy-findings.pdf>

Governor signs Schuitmaker 'funeral representative' legislation

Legislation that would improve efficiency and reduce complications often associated with the funeral planning process was recently signed by Gov. Rick Snyder.

Senate Bill 551, now Public Act 57 of 2016, would update the Estates and Protected Individuals Code to allow someone to designate a funeral representative who would be responsible for carrying out his final disposition.

"This is meant to create some consistency within the process of funeral planning," said state Sen. Tonya Schuitmaker, the bill's sponsor. "People are very emotional during these times and too often we hear of heartbreaking disputes between family members that halt the process and sometimes permanently damage relationships with loved ones."

Schuitmaker said the legislation is necessary

because it allows a single point of contact to be responsible for making all of the final decisions regarding one's final disposition — as opposed to several family members or loved ones who disagree with one another's decisions, or having several individuals handling multiple, separate matters.

Under current law, when an individual dies in Michigan, decisions regarding the funeral and final disposition are made by the next of kin — a group that can often include multiple people. In the event there are several people who fall into this category — for example, when the deceased has multiple children — a majority decision among the group will be the deciding factor.

"State law currently does not take into consideration the modern dynamics of families. Many are separated by

geographical distance or multiple marriages, thus making it difficult to find next of kin or determine who is responsible for decision making," Schuitmaker said. "Additionally, the law remains silent on situations in which the next of kin do not agree, or did not follow the known directions of the decedent, which is typically the origin of most conflicts."

Michigan law also allows an individual to designate another person as a patient advocate or give someone power of attorney to make medical, legal or financial decisions on his behalf, but that authority ends when the person dies — leaving any further decision making up to the next of kin.

"This new law provides Michigan residents the opportunity to designate a funeral representative who they trust to carry out their final wishes,"

said Schuitmaker. "With this designation, funeral directors will no longer have to determine who is the next of kin or next of kin class and families can avoid disputes about the decedent's wishes."

Schuitmaker also noted that 35 states currently allow individuals to designate someone as their funeral representative.

"One of the smartest things you can do for your family is to make burial and funeral arrangements in advance. However, many people do not leave behind a plan expressing their wishes," Schuitmaker said. "This legislation will bring Michigan in line with an overwhelming majority of other states and provide a backup plan, should a funeral representative fail to take action."

PA 57 was signed by the governor on March 29 and will take effect on June 27.

DNR encourages safe boating

With the warmer weather, Michigan residents and visitors are gearing up for summer recreation in the out-of-doors, including the popular pastime of boating.

Department of Natural Resources conservation officers encourage Michigan residents and visitors to:

Wear a life jacket. More than 80 percent of drowning accidents in the United States are due to people not wearing their life jackets. In Michigan, anyone under the age of 6 must wear a life jacket when on the open deck of any vessel, but wearing a personal flotation device is recommended for everyone.

Avoid drinking alcohol. Nearly half of all boating accidents involve alcohol. Studies show that passengers are 10 times more likely to fall overboard when they have consumed alcohol.

Make sure the boat is properly equipped and equipment is in good working order. In addition to all legally required equipment, such as life jackets and fire extinguishers, always carry a first-aid kit, nautical charts and an anchor. Make sure navigation lights are working properly.

File a float plan. Always let a family member or friend on shore know the "who, what, when and where" of your trip. Let them know when you are expected to be back. Give

them phone numbers for the local emergency dispatch center and U.S. Coast Guard in the event you don't return when expected.

Maintain a sharp lookout. Stay alert for other boats, swimmers, skiers and objects in the water. This is especially true when operating in crowded waterways, at night and during conditions of restricted visibility.

Carry a marine radio or cell phone. Be prepared to call for help in case you are involved in an accident, your boat becomes disabled or you otherwise need assistance. Program the phone numbers for the local emergency dispatch center and U.S. Coast Guard in your cell phone. Make sure your cell phone is fully charged, but be aware that there are often gaps in coverage on the water.

"We also recommend a boating safety course for anyone who plans on taking

to the water in a boat or on a personal watercraft," said Sgt. Al Bavarskas, marine specialist with the DNR Law Enforcement Division's recreational safety and education programs. "Boating safety classes are offered at different locations around the state and online, making it convenient and affordable."

For more information on boating safety, including who is required to take a boating safety class, go to www.michigan.gov/boating.

For more information on safe boating, visit the U.S. Coast Guard's Boating Safety Resource Center at www.uscgboating.org.

Michigan conservation officers are fully commissioned state peace officers who provide natural resources protection, ensure recreational safety and protect citizens by providing general law enforcement duties and

lifesaving operations in the communities they serve. Learn more about Michigan conservation officers at www.michigan.gov/conservationofficers.

Subscribe to the weekly conservation officer academy blog, which is posted weekly on the Michigan DNR Facebook page. The blog follows conservation officer recruits through the 22-week training academy as they work toward the goal of becoming Michigan conservation officers. View past blogs from Recruit School No. 7.

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- 33. Weasel's aquatic cousin
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- 38. Largest volcano in Europe
- 42. Jet-setter's aqua ride
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- 64. Long Term Evolution
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MAY 25 - MAY 31

- A 17-year-old gorilla at the Cincinnati Zoo was shot and killed on Saturday after a 4-year-old-boy fell into the ape's enclosure and was grabbed and dragged by Harambe, the gorilla. Authorities said the boy is expected to recover, but more than 2,000 people have signed a petition criticizing the police for killing the animal and suggesting the parents of the boy should be held accountable for not supervising their child.
- Workers raising a waterfront home in New Jersey made the discovery of a 44-foot wooden boat from the 19th century underneath the bungalow. Built from 3-inch wooden planks and held together with 18-inch iron nails. A historian says the large 12-foot wide vessel, with rudder fully intact, was most likely used to transport coal and other goods and pieces of coal were even found along the floor of the boat.
- Mexican soccer star Alan Pulido was kidnapped on Sunday after leaving a party near his hometown. The 25-year-old was part of Mexico's 2014 World Cup team and is a forward for Olympiakos of Greece. The case is currently under investigation, but the state attorney general has information that Pulido was intercepted by armed persons and his whereabouts are currently unknown.



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Memorial Day parade, continued

Shassberger who offered a heartfelt invocation.

The Fusion Rock Orchestra played during the tribute portion of the event where local organizations laid flowers at the base of the Civil War monument.

The royal court of the Kent County Youth Fair, Carol McGregor from the Showboat Garden Club, Lori Ingraham from the Lowell Women's Club, Lisa Plank from the Lowell

Area Historical Museum, Teresa Beachum from the Pink Arrow Project, Dawn Broene from Flat River Outreach Ministries and Lowell Mayor Jeff Altoft were among the participants placing flowers this year.

Ritzema thanked those who took the time to pay tribute. "We would like to thank all of these organizations for participating this morning, remembering the debt that

we all owe to our servicemen and women past, present and future and the sacrifices that their families have endured."

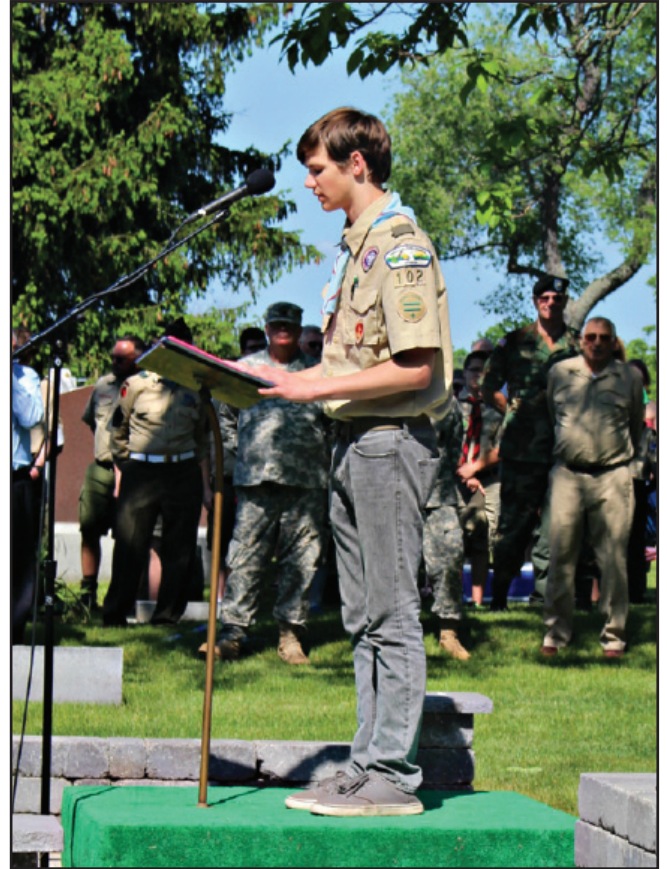
Eagle Scout James Brillhart shared a brief story of a local service family that sent three sons to fight in World War I as Marines and only had one return.

Then, assisted by scout Colin VanderWarf, Ritzema read a list of names of local military heroes who had

passed since Memorial Day in 2015. VanderWarf rang a small bell 19 times, once for each name, letting its reverberating chime ring out into the profound silence of the respectful crowd.

The day's events closed with the Commander Rifle Squad 21-gun salute and the somber playing of Taps by former LHS band instructor Jack Misner.

Ritzema then offered the closing statement, "Thank all of you for attending this ceremony to honor our fallen heroes and all veterans this morning and for your continued support for those who have kept us a free nation for over 240 years. Together we say God bless our troops and God bless America."



Eagle Scout James Brillhart.



Members and veterans of the US Army offer salutes during the National Anthem played by the LHS band.



Current soldiers and veterans marched down Main Street.



VFW Chaplin Doug Shassberger.



Four generations of the Westrate family pay tribute on behalf of the Lowell Senior Center.



Parade participants wave from their vehicles during the Memorial Day procession.