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Lowell's 138th commencement celebrated

“Pomp and Circumstance” filled the air last Sunday as the Lowell High School class of 2016 made their way into Red Arrow Memorial Stadium for the school’s 138th annual Commencement Ceremony.

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Service learning project has 2016 seniors giving back

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell High School’s class of 2016 completed the last service learning project of their high school careers last Tuesday when they took to the community to participate in the school’s annual Senior Give Back Day.

Teams broke out into Lowell and the surrounding area for the day of service on their last scheduled day of school. The event, which was originally conceived back in 2010, offers the students an opportunity to give back

some of the support that was offered to them throughout their education at LHS. It also serves as a final service learning project for the class, who organizes the day from seeking locations to arranging transportation to scheduling teams. This year the students branched out to locations such as the Roanoke Ranch, the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, the North Country Trail Association and the LHS grounds volunteering for tasks such as clean up and yard maintenance.



96-year-old says Y membership keeps her going

It was a fun day at the Lowell YMCA on June 5 when Rheta Persha turned 96 years young. To commemorate this occasion, another member brought in 96 cupcakes.

“We are so incredibly proud to have Rheta at the Lowell YMCA three days a week,” said associate executive director Staci Chambers.

Persha added, “Oh girl, I have seen a lot in my years and this place keeps me going. It makes me wake up every morning knowing that I get to see smiling people and people that care about me.”

Pictured at left: Bev Anderson, Karen Perkins, Dee Doyle, Rheta Persha, Connie Kazemier, Diane Bittrick and Kay Oligney.

50 CENTS



Showboat Sizzlin' Summer concerts start next week

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Lowell's Sizzlin' Summer Concert Series are well-known locally for bringing topnotch bands of all genres to town for free concerts on the historic Showboat. The concerts will take place from 7 until 9 pm each Thursday from June 16 through August 20.

"There's a cash bar on the Showboat," said Liz Baker, executive director, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. "The concerts showcase and support a diverse selection of musicians and musical styles from throughout Michigan. Styles include blues, world music, country, rock, big band, and jazz."

Concert organizers were especially pleased to announce one of the shows in particular.

"Have you heard of Joshua Davis," Baker asked rhetorically. "We're pretty excited. He was on

'The Voice.' It is a very popular show. He is going to be playing at the summer concerts this year with the band Steppin' In It. He's part of the band."

Davis was a third-place finalist on the eighth season of "The Voice" in 2015. He will perform at the Lowell Showboat on June 23 with his band Steppin' In It, a rarity for Davis who has been playing solo concerts all over the United States since his stint on TV.

On June 16 Off The Ledge will perform high energy music from a mix of genres. Big Band Nouveau will play jazz music on June 30. On July 8 the Kari Lynch Band will play loud country rock. July 14 will bring Soul Syndicate, who covers classic soul and R&B from the 1960s and 70s. July 21 will be another round of soul music, this time by Rachel B. On July 28 the

Accidentals will play indie folk rock "on a plethora of instruments." Hannah Rose and the Gravestones is another band that mixes

genres, mostly soul, blues and funk; they'll play the Showboat on August 4. On August 18 Roosevelt Diggs will play "Americana,"

which is described as a mix of folk, country, bluegrass, blues and rockabilly. The final Sizzlin' Summer concert of 2016 will be on

August 25 when the Adams Family will play classic folk, doo wop and rock tunes from the 1950s and 60s.



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FROM VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Volunteer orientation at Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) will be Thurs., June 16 at 1 pm. Please call 897-8260 for additional information.

SIZZLIN' SUMMER CONCERTS

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.

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Council honors longtime volunteer, explains inspection services, approves 2016-17 budget, and continues to review resumes for new city manager

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Lowell city council had their latest regular meeting at city hall on Monday, June 6. The meeting lasted just under 40 minutes and council chambers were about half full of spectators.

At the very beginning of the meeting an award was presented to Marv Rosenberger in honor of his 20 years of work with the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program. Rosenberger is a charter member of the program, which was started by former police chief Jim Valentine in 1996.

“After 20 years he is going to be retiring from his retirement volunteer job,” Bukala said. “Your hard work and dedication have gone above and beyond the call of duty. We appreciate the countless hours of dedicated service you have provided for our safe routes to school, traffic points and special events. You will be truly missed.”

“I couldn’t have served, worked and volunteered with a greater bunch of people than what your department has,” Rosenberger said. “This city should be very proud of the people that they send out on the street.”

The council listened to an “update” about Cascade Inspection Services from city attorney Dick Wendt. Brian Wilson, the building official of Cascade Township, was on hand in case there were questions. Cascade Inspection Services has a contract with the city of Lowell that says they will do all building inspections in the city. Because of that contract, Wilson is the building official for the city of Lowell as well.

“Cascade Township, through the contract, is solely responsible for inspections and review of plans,” Wendt said. “The

state statute where this requirement is says that the building official must be an employee of a governmental unit. It doesn’t require that that person be an employee of the city of Lowell.”

Wendt said that Lowell residents must buy a permit if they intend to do any reroofing or siding work on their homes. This is because Cascade Township residents are required to get permits for those projects



Brian Wilson is the building official of Cascade Charter Township and the city of Lowell.

and Lowell residents must follow Cascade Township’s rules.

“Section 105 of the state building code requires that you obtain a building permit if you’re going to do a siding or roofing project,” Wendt said. “You have a contract currently with Cascade Charter Township. You are required under that contract to adopt regulations and requirements at least as strict as those that are in effect in Cascade Township. Cascade Township does require a building permit for roofing and siding.”

Wilson said that at \$65 each, the permits have generated \$1,820 for Cascade Township since 2013.

“We require a worksheet, which is on our website, for them to fill out so we can do a proper plan review and make sure that we have a licensed contractor that’s registered with us,” Wilson said. “I looked at our records and we’ve issued 28 of those in the city of Lowell since 2013.”

The council unanimously approved the 2016-17 city budget, as well

as one minor amendment to the 2015-16 city budget. They unanimously approved the purchase of a \$73,371 plow truck dump body and a \$95,564 Peterbilt 348 plow truck. Both will be paid for over five years at 1.55 percent interest through Mercantile Bank. The council also chose Mercantile Bank for their new business credit card. The card will be in city treasurer Suzanne Olin’s name. The council received applications for a spot on the board of Lowell Light & Power from Bruce Munroe, James Salzwedel, Donald Green and Andrew Schrauben, but decided not to make any appointments until their next meeting. Finally, interim city manager Dave Pasquale updated the council on the search for a new permanent city manager.

“The council is scheduled to have a closed session with Kathy Grinzinger of the Michigan Municipal League in two weeks [on Monday, June 20] to review these résumés,” Pasquale said. “The meeting is going to start at 5 [pm] and end at 7 o’clock.”

Pasquale went on to say that the public will have a chance to meet the finalists at a public open house on July 11. The council will conduct interviews with the finalists on July 12.

The council’s next regular meeting will take place at city hall at 7 pm on Monday, June 20.



Marv Rosenberger receiving an award from police chief Steve Bukala for 20 years of outstanding volunteer service.

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college news

Davenport University has announced that several local students have been named to the president's list and dean's list for the winter 2016 semester. The president's list recognizes top students who excel with outstanding academic performance. To achieve recognition, a student must maintain a minimum 3.8 grade point average while enrolled in at least nine credits of regular coursework. To achieve the dean's list, a student must maintain a minimum 3.5 grade point average while enrolled in at least nine credits of regular coursework.

Local students that have been named to the president's list are, of Alto: Kort Alexander, Angela Beson, Scott Hoek, Samantha Kruse, Danielle McCarty, Stacey Porritt, Benjamin Ruhlman, Susan Wojton, Tracy Wolfe, Samantha Woody, and

Katelyn Wormmeester; of Lowell: Charla Abson, Austin Casarez, Grace Inda, Danielle Ordway, Jacob Plunkett, Zachary Ritchie, Kyler Shurlow, and Brandon Thomas; of Saranac: Laura Sorrell and Kelli Thrush.

Local students that have been named to the dean's list are, of Alto: Mindy Carswell, Ashley Cooper, Thomas Hendrick, Jenna Schumaker, Austin Simmons, Peter Spees, Matthew Teitsma, and Kenneth VandenBout; of Lowell: Kristine Bowen, Briana Buck, Shandis Button, Steven Endres, Christen Hickey, Nicole Holst, Sierra Hotchkiss, Kendra Merriman, Shelby Mitchell, Joseph Potter, and Nichole Slupe; of Saranac: Megan Wynsma.

Michigan Technological University has released the dean's list for the 2016 spring semester. To be included, students

must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Asterisks indicates students earning straight-A averages of 4.0.

Among the honorees are the following from the local area, Ada: Bradley Boverhof*, civil engineering; Eric DeJong, mechanical engineering; and Donovan Doran, mechanical engineering; Lowell: Derek Chopp, computer engineering; and Ryan Vanheulen, computer science.

Brooke Lauren Schowalter, of Ada Hankamer School of Business, was one of more than three, of 400 Baylor University students were named to the dean's academic honor roll for the 2016 spring semester. To be named to the dean's list, a student must be an undergraduate with a minimum grade-point average of 3.7, while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

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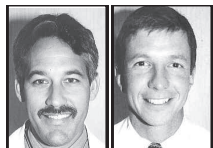
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To The Editor,

As a relatively new resident (three years) in the Lowell area, but a Lowell High School graduate of 1964, I love to read about all the high school scholarships for our students going on to college. The 2016 Lowell Rotary Scholarship recipients were Nick Kloosterman for the Hahn/Rotary Club of Lowell scholarship, Derek Massey for the Doyle Family scholarship, Tess Richardson for the Doyle Family scholarship, and Brianna Massey for the Eva

& Lee Lampkin scholarship. The Dorothy J. & Clinton J. Christoff scholarship went unclaimed due to no applicants to Cornerstone University. The Christoff Rotary scholarship to Cornerstone University has not been awarded the last two years because no one applied that was qualified.

For those who may not have heard of the "Kalamazoo Promise" program, it offers scholarships to all who attend at least all four years of high school at Kalamazoo Public schools, graduate and

are accepted at a state of Michigan college.

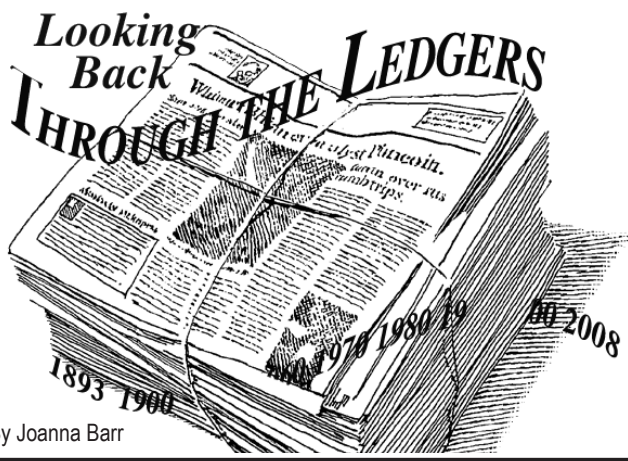
The Rotary scholarships are generous, but not full tuition like the "Kalamazoo Promise," but they are a great start for our young adults to attend college. Like the Kalamazoo Promise, Lowell Rotary has at least one scholarship that has gone unclaimed the last two years. Maybe someday we can have a "Lowell Promise" for our high school graduates.

We are blessed to have a great school system, we are blessed to have many wonderful scholarships and recipients.

Alec McPherson
Lowell



The creative writing class from Lowell High School, taught by Lindsay Bredin, used their time and talents to create individualized books for the students in Susan Pomper's first grade classroom. The high school students surveyed the young ones regarding their interests, hobbies and genre likes. They then set out to create stories built upon the information gathered. The books were also illustrated by the author or a friend of the author with artistic talents. A meeting was held in the music room at Bushnell to share the results. Everyone drank juice, ate cookies and celebrated the magic of reading, writing and friendship.



By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal June 10, 1891

A man shipped from here, Monday morning, 36 doz. of live frogs and 1½ doz. turtles. They were sent to South Bend Ind and from there to Cincinnati. Frogs are worth here about 50 cents a dozen. This shipment being Sunday's catch.

An eel 42 inches long and weighing 1 lbs dressed, was caught in Grand River Monday.

A large crowd from Lowell went to Ionia yesterday to attend the circus and another fully as large has gone to Gd. Rapids for the same laudable purpose.

Ella Wiley and brother Wilder went to Grand Rapids yesterday. They will stay over and attend the circ— attend to some private business.

Mrs S. A. Bush is rebuilding her house south of Train's Opera House, that was partially saved from our big fire.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 8, 1916

Corset Factory. Committee report favorable. Prospects good. About half of the \$4,000 local stock required to secure the Wright Corset factory was subscribed last evening at the monthly supper of the

Lowell Board of Trade, with a smaller attendance than usual on account of the inclement weather.

Mushrooms are valuable food and scientists tell us they contain 3.5 per cent proteids, nearly as much as rabbit flesh; but like the rabbit they must be caught before cooking, and there's the rub. Many a person has discovered too late that his "mushroom" contained something besides proteids. Experiments along this line should be tried on the household cat.

The discovery that cotton stalks can be made into paper, will mean much to the Southern states. Converting what has formerly been an expense into a source of revenue, at the same time conserving our forests. Five million cords of wood are consumed annually in the making of paper in this county.

Shoe factories report a shortage in heels. Aha! That accounts for the pegs that some of our fashionable ladies use instead.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 12, 1941

The Common Council has given its approval of summer band concerts by the Lowell high school band under the direction of Orval Jessup. The concerts will take place in Richards Park each Wednesday night.

It seems only natural that Eddie Kiel should become a greenhouse proprietor. He has four or five uncles who are professional florists. It's in the blood.

John Downes of Vergennes was among the pleasant callers at the Ledger office on Monday morning. Mr. Downes has been a regular subscriber to this paper ever since the first issue came off the press 49 years ago.

The Lowell Bakery is now located in the Gee block. Looks real swell.

The person who broke into Rudy's Service Station on Sunday night, June 1, and took nine silver dollars was apprehended last Friday by Deputy Frank Stephens and pleaded guilty before Circuit Judge Leonard Verdler to charges of breaking and entering. Because of his previous good record, he was put on a year's probation and ordered to make restitution to Rudy.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger June 9, 1966

Lowell Post Office got the new look this week when Mrs. Alice Rittersdorf began work as the local offices' first female mail carrier. She will be a substitute mail carrier on the city delivery routes. Men to take over these part time jobs are impossible to find, Charles Doyle, postmaster reported.

On Flag Day, June 14, Americans everywhere will have an opportunity to express pride in their Flag, their Nation, and the lofty principle which is its ideal. As a part of its continuing campaign called "Operation Show Your Colors," the American Legion urges all citizens to

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Open Table welcomes public to first community meal

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Open Table, a new ministry brought to the community by the First Congregational United Church of Christ (FCUCC) in Lowell will welcome the public to their first free weekly community meal this Thursday at the church from 5-7 pm.

The volunteer driven non-profit organization is being headed up by FCUCC member Shannon Hanley who also coordinates the church's annual Community Thanksgiving which has been a great success over the past six years. The concept for Open Table came after the church discussed their future in the community and kept coming back to the need for both food and fellowship. "We are seeking to celebrate our community. All people are welcome to participate in the meal. We are hoping to help people stretch their weekly food budgets, give busy people time to be with their families and create a space where you can meet new people



Open Table volunteers after their last practice service last week.

and enjoy their company," explained Hanley.

FCUCC and their generous community

partners have been readying for their debut with mock services hoping to work out all the kinks before inviting in the public. The organization's volunteers create the menu, prepare the meals mostly from scratch and treat each diner like a paying customer in a restaurant setting. Tablecloths, candlelight and

full wait staff will highlight the dinner which features three courses and two main course options.

"We have the best volunteers," said Hanley of the people giving their time and talents, "Not only are they so giving of their time, they are fantastic chefs! The food has consistently been delicious!"

The team is operating out of a newly installed commercial kitchen and plans to include a children's play area, the use of fresh local produce and occasional guest chefs to the weekly meals.

"I am so very excited about the grand opening. We are just so happy to finally be able to share this great

dining experience with the wider community! We got our license from the health department approved! It's official," exclaimed Hanley following their last practice service last week.

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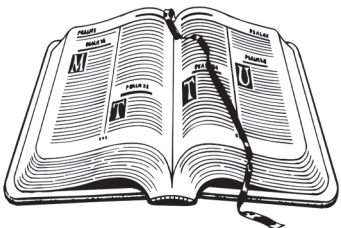
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| Haley Jo Elizabeth Engels | Madeline Paige Knapp | Matalynn Marie Ritter | Summer Lynn Worthington |
| Rachael Elena Fotis | Kayla Grace Kole | Emily Christine Roche | Nolan Hunter Yahrmarkt |
| Rachel Elyse Fox | Kalie Marie Kopecek | Adrian Rodriguez | Briar Todd Zimmerman |

Lowell's 138th commencement, continued

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

The LHS choir, led by Nathan Masterson, opened the proceedings with the singing of the "National Anthem" before principal Amy Pallo shared some opening remarks with the students both applauding

their successes and encouraging their futures. "The class of 2016 has exceeded the bars that the classes before them set. You have excelled at everything you have attempted," said Pallo before listing some of the accolades of the class,

which include in part three consecutive wrestling state championships, successful service learning projects, well received theater productions, the highest recognition in honors in choir, orchestra and band, Model UN honors, football

state runner-up honors, all-conference and all-state academic athletes.

The class's top achievement was also highlighted. A record breaking 52 students graduated summa cum laude, with a GPA of 3.95 or above, the most in the school's long history. Topping that list were students Zeth Dean who was the class' salutatorian and 2016 valedictorian Marilla Marks.

"You are leaving an incredible legacy at Lowell High School and we are so very proud of each of you for the uniqueness and individuality you contributed to this class," said Pallo in closing. "Your LHS journey is now complete but you are prepared and ready to take on this next phase. Wherever your journey brings you, remember to take risks, ask questions and most importantly remember you are a Red Arrow for life."

The LHS band performed next, under director Tim Haan, joined by their cap and gown seniors. The song of choice was "Sunburst" by Erik Morales. Student Hayden Sutton then spoke to the class briefly before relinquishing the podium to Dean and Marks for their remarks. "We are all hopelessly scared yet bursting with excitement for what the future holds. Embrace this feeling. This may be the only time in your life that you have it," said the summa cum laude grad

closing with a quote from the movie UP, "Adventure is out there. Find yours."

Dean spoke next basing his remarks around the life and words of tech mogul Steve Jobs and encouraging his fellow graduates to be careful to not be confined by what is expected or gained with ease. "Don't do something purely because somebody told you it was best. Do not give up on your true passion because you Googled average salaries. Don't chase after comfort. If I have one thing to leave my fellow classmates with, it's that chasing your passion will reward you whether that be in happiness, money, stability or all of the above; it will pay off. Chase your passions, not a way to find stability and comfort," said the Harvard bound grad.

Valedictorian Marilla Marks took to the podium next with encouraging words for her fellow graduates. "Right now walking away from this ceremony we all have our lives in our hands. It won't matter what our situation in life is now, what our parents gave us, what our grades were, what we achieved or didn't achieve. It only matters what we do next."

Superintendent of schools Greg Pratt was the final speaker in the day's ceremony briefly imparting some words of wisdom to the class. "The road will not be easy but it shall be extraordinary. There will be obstacles,

missed opportunities and at times you may feel as though your back is up against the wall. Everyone of us in this stadium have felt that way at one time or another. When these times occur, take a moment. Reflect on everything you have achieved, how far you've come and dream about what can be and all the possibilities that tomorrow may hold."

Class president Brianna Massey then took to the stage next to read the names of her classmates for the official presentation of diplomas where 255 Red Arrows crossed the stage for recognition of their hard work and dedication. Concluding the ceremony Massey, who served alongside fellow officers Derek Massey (vice president), Kelsey Emmanuel (secretary) and Sutton (treasurer), completed the traditional Passing of the Spade. After tying the class' ribbon to the spade, Massey passed it along to junior class president Aiden Lane.

Pallo then closed ceremonies congratulating and presenting the class of 2016 to the packed stadium who watched the newly graduated Arrows fling their caps toward the sky ready to take aim at their future.



Valedictorian Marilla Marks, Salutatorian Zeth Dean and fellow graduate Hayden Sutton.



LHS principal Amy Pallo.

A packed stadium congratulated the class of 2016 at Red Arrow Stadium.





Class of 2016 president Brianna Massey passes the spade to Aiden Lane.



Graduating members of the LHS choir perform.



Summa cum laude honors students being recognized during the ceremony.



Valedictorian Marilla Marks.



Senior members of the LHS band perform together for the last time.



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| Keara Margaret Anderson | Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence | Mallory Nicole Koster | Tara Beran Spirit Scholarship |
| Matthew Reed Anderson | Curt Cummings Award | Daniel Richard Kruse | Ray Quada Memorial Scholarship |
| Alexander Stanley-John Anschutz | Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship | Allyson Rose Laird | Evan Kohtz Memorial Scholarship |
| Anastasia Nicole Barnes | Lowell Women's Club Scholarship | Bridget Eileen Lally | Lowell Women's Club Scholarship |
| Jessica Renee Barrett | Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, Grand Valley State University Laker Scholarship | Maxwell Davis Majinska | Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, Northern Michigan University Munson Scholarship, Northern Michigan University Excellence Award |
| Ethan Tyler Bates | Byrne Family Scholarship | Marcus Daniel Malling | Alma College Trustee Honors Scholarship |
| Kyle David Bell | The University of Alabama UA Scholar Scholarship | Kyle James Mankel | Shari Miller Scholarship |
| Jenna Michelle Bessey | Ferris State University Dean's Scholarship | Adam Joseph Marks | Northern Michigan University Honors Award |
| Elena Quinn Bishop | Kathy Talus Memorial Scholarship | Marilla Patricia Marks | Englehardt Scholarship, Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, National Merit Scholarship Finalist, Michigan State University National Merit Scholarship |
| Anna Ruth Brillhart | Aquinas College St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship | Brianna Rose Massey | Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, Rotary Club of Lowell Eva & Lee Lampkin Scholarship |
| Lauren Rachel Browning | Thomas Wilcox Scholarship, Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence | Derek Joseph Massey | Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, Lowell Education Association Roger Kropf Scholarship, Rotary Club of Lowell King & Marie Doyle Family Scholarship |
| Jared Michael Brzezniak | Ferris State University Provost's Scholarship | Collin Robert McGee | Northern Michigan University Excellence Award, Oakland University Presidential Scholarship, Oakland University Geographic Region Award |
| Timothy Owen Buechler | Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship | Hensley Elizabeth Ann McMillian | Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award Finalist |
| Ethan Grant-Alderink Campbell | Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, Aquinas College Academic Leadership Scholarship, Ferris State University Dean's Scholarship | Evan Joseph Mierendorf | Lowell Bus Drivers Scholarship, Aquinas College Presidential Leadership Scholarship |
| Alina Elizabeth Chappell | Ferris State University Ferris Crimson Scholarship | Jordan Nicole Mixon | Ferris State University Provost's Scholarship |
| Elle Rebecca Coble | Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship | Karson Brewer Murley | Ferris State University Ferris Gold Scholarship |
| Matthew Dennis Cooper | Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, Aquinas College Academic Leadership Scholarship | Carter John Noskey | Ferris State University Dean's Scholarship |
| Mitchell John Davis | LHS Academic Boosters Scholarship, Ferris State University Founder's Scholarship | Sawyer Dean Olesko | Alto Lions Scholarship |
| Maxwell Ray Dean | Gary Rivers Scholarship, Woody LAS Memorial Scholarship, LHS Male Athlete of the Year | Ashton Richard Pallottini | Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship |
| Zeth Allen Dean | Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship | Brendan Lee Paulus | Jeff Sweet LASSO Community Scholarship, Evan Kohtz Memorial Scholarship |
| Billy Garret Dickson | Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship | Liam Donald Peterson | Michigan State University Englehardt Scholarship |
| Madison McKenna Emelander | Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship | Samantha Louise Petrovich | Central Michigan University Academic Excellence Award |
| Kelsey Akiyama Emmanuel | Shelby Tomczak Offrink Scholarship, MHSAA-Farm Bureau Insurance Scholar-Athlete Award | Cameron Michael Philo | Englehardt Scholarship |
| Haley Jo Elizabeth Engels | Lowell Women's Club Scholarship | Anthony Charles Pollock | The University of Alabama Presidential Scholarship |
| Rachel Elyse Fox | Lowell Women's Club Scholarship | Bailey Luanne Reitsma | Grand Valley State University Laker Scholarship, Ferris State University Dean's Scholarship |
| Alexis Mae Frederickson | University of Findlay President's Scholarship, Calvin College Dean's Scholarship | Tess Ann Richardson | Rotary Club of Lowell King & Marie Doyle Family Scholarship, The University of Alabama UA Scholar Scholarship |
| Eric James Gable | Grand Valley State University Trotter Tri-County Scholarship | Hannah Elizabeth Ritsema | Englehardt Scholarship, Andrea Herrera Memorial Scholarship, Louise Harper Memorial Scholarship, Ferris State University President's Scholarship |
| Avery Milania Gemmell | Ferris State University Dean's Scholarship | Trevor William Roest | Moerdyke Family Scholarship, National Merit Scholarship Finalist, University of Alabama National Merit Scholarship, The University of Alabama Engineering Leadership Scholarship |
| Abigail Mae Gerig | Susan Burt Scholarship, Margaret McMahon Scholarship | KaRae Jae Roscoe | Aquinas College St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship |
| Abigail Irene Green | Aquinas College Monsignor Bukowski Scholarship, Ferris State University Dean's Scholarship | Noah Christian Roth | LHS Academic Boosters Scholarship, National SCTP Scholarship, Martin Methodist College Barton Scholarship |
| Austin Scott Grim | Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence | Sara Elizabeth Schuitema | Lowell Bus Drivers Scholarship |
| Addison Rose Grohman | Louise Harper Memorial Scholarship | Trevor Lee Shurlov | The University of Alabama UA Scholar Scholarship |
| Kyrsten Nicole Grover | Grand Valley State University Laker Scholarship | Gabriel Jared Steed | Margaret Court Memorial Scholarship |
| Lucas Casey Hall | Austin Lancaster Memorial Scholarship, C.H. Runciman Scholarship | Brooke Lyn Steffen | Mandy Tichelaar Scholarship |
| Cameron Barret Harper | Calvin College Provost's Scholarship, Aquinas College Academic Leadership Scholarship | Ryan Peter Thomas Stevens | Lowell Area Schools Athletic Boosters Scholarship, Austin Lancaster Memorial Scholarship, Alma College Presidential Scholarship, Alma College Scholar Summit Award |
| Mary Claire Hess | Ferris State University Provost's Scholarship | Andrew Phillip Struckmeyer | Carole Kerr Memorial Scholarship, Lowell Education Association Dependent Scholarship |
| Ryan Michael Hessler | Ferris State University Provost's Scholarship | Hayden William Sutton | Lowell Education Association Senior Leadership Scholarship, The University of Alabama Presidential Scholarship |
| Victoria Brooke Hewitt | Jeff Sweet LASSO Community Scholarship, Central Michigan University Centralis Gold Award, Ferris State University President's Scholarship, Northern Michigan University Honors Award | Carter Scott Thalison | Belding-Ionia Lodge #355 Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation Scholarship |
| Maranda Lynn Holloway | Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, Andrew Benedict Memorial Scholarship, Central Michigan University Centralis Gold Award, Ferris State University Founder's Scholarship | Jamie-Lynn Louise Urban | Northern Michigan University Success Award |
| Haris Ibrahim Islamcevic | Grand Valley State University Trotter Tri-County Scholarship, Ferris State University Ferris Gold Scholarship | Micaela Christine VandenBerg | Calvin College Dean's Scholarship |
| Mathea Kennedy Ismond | Hayden Family Scholarship, Calvin College Dean's Scholarship, Calvin College Legacy Award, Calvin College Mosaic Award | Courtney Taylor VanderMark | Rachel Penninga Award |
| Aaron Gerard Jakubiak | LHS Academic Boosters Scholarship | Breanna Mae VanLaan | Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, Wyntjes Medical Scholarship, LHS Female Athlete of the Year |
| Madison McKay Kaminski | Carrol (Chris) and Helen Burch Memorial Scholarship | Calvin Anker Warning | Grand Valley State University Laker Scholarship |
| Reece Matthew Karns | Englehardt Scholarship, Stephen F. Idema/Stephen M. Simmons Scholarship, Aquinas College Academic Leadership Scholarship, Northern Michigan University Honors Award, Oakland University Academic Achievement Award, Oakland University Geographic Region Award | Kyle Kenneth Washburn | Bob Perry Memorial Scholarship |
| Megan Riley Khodl | Kathy Talus Memorial Scholarship, Northern Michigan University Honors Award | Douglas Michael Weed | Ferris State University Ferris Gold Scholarship |
| Joshua Dwight Kinsley | James Edward Hale Scholarship | Brian Scott Whitsett | Grand Rapids Community College Associates Degree in Arts and Computer Sciences |
| Kyle Peter Klaver | Calvin College Legacy Award, Calvin College President's Scholarship | Sarena Marie Wilterdink | Tara Beran Spirit Scholarship |
| Joseph Dominic Kline | Lowell High School Perfect Attendance Award | | |
| Nicholas Storm Kloosterman | Woody LAS Memorial Scholarship, Byrne Family Scholarship, Rotary Club of Lowell Hahn Scholarship | | |

20 student athletes receive OK White all-conference honors

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Twenty Red Arrow student athletes received recognition from the OK White and were named to the spring 2016 OK White all-conference list. Seven students earned the honor from the school's lacrosse program. Brennan Battle, Avery Buckius, Evan Miernedorf and Sawyer Olesko represented the boys team and Laurel Frederickson, Anna Litchfield and Madison Kaminski for the ladies. Will Reynolds, Drew Struckmeyer, Diana Roth and Tristian Stephens earned the honor for their track performances. Baseball was

represented by Cooper Perry, Sterling Anderson and Matt Cooper. A pair of athletes each from the girls soccer and softball programs were also named, Regan Coxon and Darby Dean for soccer and Regan Gravitt and Madison Jordan for softball. Laura Michelsen was named all-conference in tennis. Several students also earned nods as honorable mentions, Emily Depew, Miah Ransom and Kenzie North for softball; Riley Conlan for soccer, Sela Bauman for girls lacrosse, Jake Nugent for boys lacrosse and pitcher Jarrod Melle for baseball.



Reporter's "Top 10" moments in LHS sports for 2015/2016

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

There were many unforgettable moments on the fields, courts and track at Lowell High School this past school year. Nine fall, eight winter and twelve spring varsity sports competed as Red Arrows during the 2015-2016 school year, racking up an impressive list of both triumphant and heartbreaking moments that define the athletic programs. Here are some of my favorite moments from this year.

Lucas Hall seals the deal - They call it a mixer. That is the move that won the Red Arrow varsity wrestling team's third consecutive Division II State Championship over familiar rival St. Johns this past winter. The move was executed by exciting grappler Lucas Hall seemingly out of nowhere in the first thirty seconds of the 125 pound bout stunning fans in a "What just happened?" kind of way. The sudden pin also mathematically sealed the team's three-peat. It was the second time the Michigan State bound wrestler used the move to pin in the state finals. Doubling down in the best possible way.

The cutting of the net - It was a long time coming. Thirty-two years to be exact. But a powerhouse Lowell varsity boys basketball team pulled it off in 2016. After losing to rival Forest Hills Central in the showdown for the conference title, the Arrows met them again in the district championship round and netted their first championship since 1984 with a 52-44 win. Matt Beachler led scoring with a big 21 points. As the team participated in the traditional cutting of the net with jubilant satisfied smiles I found myself filled with pride. That's my boys.

The snowy path - It was cold and my boots were wet through to my socks, but there was no place I would have rather been. When the Arrows headed to Alma College to take on the Walled Lake Western Warriors for the Division II state semifinals it seemed all of Lowell came with them. Having already fallen to the Warriors in a stunning season opening loss the team was prepared for battle. Offensive soldiers Ryan Stevens, Gabe Steed, Sawyer Olesko and Alex Anschutz, who also picked up two pivotal interceptions, along with a war ready defense, sealed the 49-36 victory and the team's bid at a state title.

Kick like a girl - The Red Arrows have always packed a kick on the football field but none quite like Darby Dean. When sophomore Dean took to the field to kick an extra point against the Chicago Hubbard Greyhounds those who weren't expecting it, namely me, thought, "That guy has a heck of a pony tail." But alas, I was mistaken. It was instead the first girl to score a point in the program's 115 year history. Dean went on to go a perfect 6-6 that night and remain as consistent throughout the season breaking ground and racking up points. Kicking like a girl who knows what she is doing.

Lacrosse makes new strides - The ladies varsity lacrosse team fought hard this year accomplishing their goal of a break even season with a tally of 9-9, but they went even further. Nikki Paulus scored a phenomenal five times against Grand Ledge leading the charge to the team's historic first regional win 13-7. The momentous win, combined with a third-place finish in the difficult OK conference, were celebrated on field by a team that appeared more like sisters. A sure sign that greater things are to come from the young program and its talented returning players.

The catch heard around the world - It was a devastating moment. The collective gasp of thousands of Red Arrow varsity football fans echoed down onto Ford Field as a last second catch stole a championship that nobody thought they would win, but was somehow just within their grasp. After unexpectedly leading the duration of the game, Detroit Martin Luther King receiver Donnie Corley jumped just inches above the grasp of Arrow wide receiver Gabe Steed to catch the game winning touchdown as time ran off the clock. It wasn't the big win we wanted, but there was something incredibly special about being there, feeling their loss and admiring their fortitude and commitment. Yes, I'll admit it, I cried.

Kicking back in pink - There is just something special about a comeback victory on Pink Arrow night. Lowell boys varsity soccer delivered that triumphant moment this past year when they faced OK White competitor Jenison. It didn't start off well. The Arrows could not find their way around the Wildcat keeper and they were down at the half. But something happened at halftime. The Arrows surged back with a newly aggressive offense, a tighter defense and an on-point Collin Bowers to take the lead 2-1. Brendan Paulus iced the forthcoming victory with a late header to "net" the 3-1 win.

Rachel Fox, tennis warrior - Senior standout Rachel Fox was a force to reckon with at the varsity tennis home opener against nonconference competitor Portland High School. Playing at second singles the tough multi-sport athlete went into full Xena Warrior Princess mode battling as if to the death to earn a three set victory (7-6, 1-6, 7-5) over her opponent in a match that lasted nearly, gulp, three hours! Red Arrow perseverance on full display.

Settling the score - When the OK conference announced a realignment of the White would separate the Red Arrows and their top rivals East Grand Rapids I immediately could not wait for the two schools to showdown on the football field one more time. I was not alone. The stadium was loaded and so were the Arrows. Quarterback Ryan Stevens scored three times rushing for 159 yards and passing for 161 in a laser focused performance. Red Arrow Gabe Steed picked up a sweet interception as well in the 35-12 win giving Lowell the final series lead between the rivals, 12-11. Take that.

Volleyball goes down blazing - To put it simply, the stat book did not reflect the effort of this past fall's varsity volleyball team. With a disappointing 0-10 finish in the OK White and a 22-18-3 finish overall, the team took more than their fair share of losses. But one loss in particular proved that the Red Arrow fighting spirit does not burn out. Facing undefeated defending conference champ Grand Rapids Christian the squad remained persistent celebrating each point and striving for the next. They lost by a margin of 3-0 but the win came in the spirit in which the game was played. Arrow up!

Honorable mention:

Beachler vs Tillman, ding ding - It was undefeated team versus undefeated team. Someone was gong home with a broken streak. Though Lowell ultimately lost the match up 57-35, Arrow sharp shooter Matt Beachler and highly recruited Grand Rapids Christian opponent Xavier Tillman had a moment on the court. The pair, who have a history of playing as teammates in other leagues, showed down like they were the only ones on the court, exchanging challenging glances, pointed aggressive defense and a true enjoyment of both their team and personal rivalry. I predict a spectacular finish to this duel in the pair's senior year next season.

The fast track - When the boys varsity track team picked up their only OK White win of the season over Forest Hills Central it was on their home turf and the 84-53 victory was oh so sweet. Lowell dominated the top three in the 100, 200, 400, 800 and 1600m races, clinched all but one relay race and cleaned up in the hurdle competition. Infield senior Collin McGee topped the competition in both discus and shot put. It's always the hard fought wins that mean the most.

The whole season - When you witness a season like the Lowell varsity lacrosse team played this year, it is hard to pick just one moment. So I won't. The Arrows ripped it up all season with the strength of some furiously determined seniors. They ended the season second in their conference with a 12-3 record overall. All three losses in the otherwise perfect season came at the hands of Forest Hills Eastern. Here's hoping the Arrows will shoot the Hawks out of the sky next season.

Pitching and batting and winning, oh my! - Lowell versus East Grand Rapids proved another worthy moment, this time on the softball diamond. When the Arrows topped the Pioneers 10-0 and 16-2 on the road this spring, they did it in commanding style. Pitcher Emily Depew struck out 20 batters in the doubleheader and the offense combined for an action packed 16 hits in game two. Topnotch effort and topnotch results.

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HILL

Melissa Ann Hill
We have lost a beautiful and amazing daughter, sister, aunt, granddaughter, niece, cousin and friend. Melissa Ann Hill, 39, of Alto, MI, passed away unexpectedly at her home on June 3, 2016. She was born on August 3, 1976 in Kalamazoo, MI to her loving parents, Dean and Ton Hill. Melissa grew up in Marquette, MI and later moved to East Lansing, MI, where she graduated High School in 1994. Recently, Melissa proudly celebrated a five-year anniversary as a product content specialist for Amway North America. She was taking evening courses at Grand Rapids Community College, through Ferris State University Extension, and nearing completion of a post-secondary degree. Melissa always had a radiant smile and infectious laugh that brightened the lives of all around her. She was loyal and loving to all who were fortunate to share her path in life. Melissa's kindness and generosity to those she loved was ever present. Her sudden passing has come as a shock to us all, and we are comforted by the countless, wonderful memories of Melissa; and the infinite love she will always have for us. Melissa is now riding the Carolina Blue wave, to a place somewhere over the rainbow, to rest peacefully for eternity. Melissa was preceded in death by her grandfather Robert Bruce Hill, of Bellaire, MI; and her grandparents Kiem and Tam Chau, of Go Cong, Vietnam. Melissa is survived by her parents Dean and Ton Hill, of Deltona, FL; her brother Chris (Amy) Hill, of Cary, NC; her brother Charlie (Lisa Colwell) Hill, of Marquette, MI; her grandmother Dorothy Hill, of Bellaire, MI; her loving nephews, Miles and Oscar; her loving nieces Lucy and Fiona; and her loving aunts, uncles, cousins, numerous other relatives, and friends and co-workers she considered family.



VAN HEULEN

Thomas A. Van Heulen
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Sanford, Florida; formerly of Ada and Lowell.

Tom is survived by his children, Laurel Van Heulen, William (Linda) Van Heulen, Diane (Scott) Struyk, James (Lorie) Van Heulen, Scott Van Heulen and Sheila Sandoval; his wife, Judy (nee Martin) Van Heulen; her children, Richard Taylor, Robert (Mable) Taylor, and Joanne (Mike) Bernasco; also 23 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Clyde and Laura Van Heulen, brother, Raymond Van Heulen; sister, Ida Moore; daughter-in-law, Sandra Van Heulen; daughter, Beth Schuivens; and infant son, John. Tom attended Lowell High School and served four years in the U.S. Marine Corp. In his thirties he discovered a talent and a love for detailed specialty carpentry which he worked in until his retirement. Cremation has taken place. There will be a memorial service at the United Methodist Church, 419 Park Ave., Sanford, FL at 11 am on June 18, 2016. Scattering of the ashes immediately following at The Environmental Studies Center, 2985 Osprey Trail, Longwood, FL.



Looking Back, continued

display the American flag on Flag day, as well as other appropriate occasions during the year.

Wednesday, June 8, the entire faculty of the Lowell Public School system, administrators, past and present, and teachers who have already retired, will meet at a luncheon to honor Marion Bushnell, who is retiring after forty-four years in the teaching profession. Forty-three of those years have been spent here in Lowell.

The Lowell Swimming Pool operated by the YMCA had a big weekend with 90 degree temperatures. Well over 300 were in the pool on Saturday and over 200 on Sunday.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 12, 1991

Lowell AD, Perry, retires after 40 years Perry: "I've never experienced burnout." In 1951, Bud Howe, then the basketball coach at Lowell High School, informed a friend that Lowell was looking for a teacher and someone to coach football and cross country. The young man, fresh out of Alma College, was interviewed for the job by W.W. Gumser and C.H. Runciman. He was signed to a \$2,800 contract to teach and to coach three sports. That same young man, Bob J. Perry, completed his 40th and final year at Lowell High School on Friday. "You don't teach or coach for the money. You do it because you like working with kids," Perry said. "I've always been sincere and honest with students and I believe that has left me in positive standing with them. In the classroom and in the athletic arena, Perry has always set certain expectations for students and has encouraged them to attain their personal best. The 1950 Alma High School graduate attended Alma College with his sites set on medical school. His plans changed when his father died shortly after his enrollment into the college. "Medical school cost a lot of money and I had a sister and mother I felt I needed to help take care of." His second choice was to follow in his mother's footsteps - He chose to become a teacher. He later would earn his Masters Degree at the University of Michigan. And the rest, as they say, is history. "I've gained a lot of satisfaction as a teacher over the years, watching students reach their potential," he says, "I must admit. I find it disappointing that today some students don't feel a need for education." Perry served as athletic director and assistant principal from 1969 to 1972. He gave up the assistant principalship in 1972. He coached Lowell track for 22 years, Red Arrow football for seven years, cross country and tennis for 15 years. Said Perry, "Some may disagree with me, but I really believe athletics is an important part of the educational process. I really believe it helps students respect rules and regulations and it helps them do the right things in life." A staff party was held for the 40-year athletic director on Tuesday, June 4. There will be a community appreciation gathering at the Lowell Middle School on June 23 for Perry, Mary Richards, copy center operator; and Alice Mitchell, Lowell bus driver for 31 years (accident free). Perry says fishing, hunting, traveling, his cottage, and wood-craft projects should keep him plenty busy in retirement. "You know, in 40 years of teaching I've never reached burnout. I still haven't. I guess I'm getting out while things are still good," Perry concludes.

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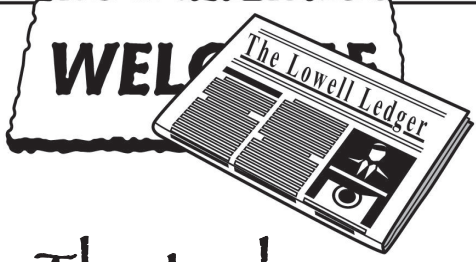
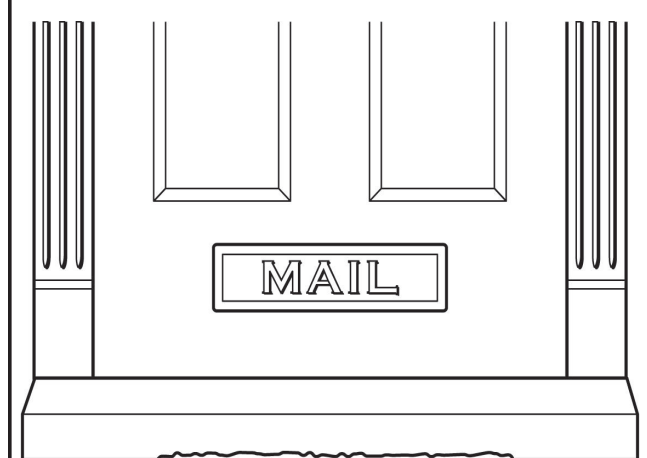
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Red Arrow

SOCCER

SPORTS

Girls out in first round of district competition

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Red Arrow varsity soccer ended their season last Tuesday falling in the first round of OK conference district action to hosting Forest Hills Northern by a margin of 2-0.

The loss left the youthful team with a break

even season going 9-9 overall and 5-5 in the OK White. Featuring only one senior, the players will return next fall with the benefit of the experience gained this season. According to head coach Daniel Lipon, "All 16 returning varsity

players must be ready to contribute next season. The development of the underclassmen during the off-season is crucial. The future is bright for all our underclassmen. We certainly recognized their potential this season."

Lipon said that their success next spring will depend on the leadership of the team's returning captains: Darby Dean, Amber Curtis, Riley Conlan and Christy Lyon. "We are going to rely heavily on our returning captains to help

this program reach the next level."

The team's lone senior, Ally Laird, played a large role for the squad over the past four seasons as a defender in and out of the box and as a scorer. "Ally Laird is a selfless, fantastic

teammate who will be sorely missed," said Lipon of the 2016 graduate. "Ally was a four-year varsity standout performer, playing multiple positions and roles during her tenure. Her skill and experience on the pitch will be missed."

LACROSSE

FHE best Lowell in regional semifinal match

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell's varsity boys lacrosse fell to rival Forest Hills Eastern, third time this season, last Tuesday dropping their regional semifinal match 9-6 after an otherwise flawless 12-3 season.

The contest took place at Caledonia High School where the Arrows faced off against the Hawks and once again came out of the gate slow, a problem that has plagued the talented team according to head coach Eugene Talbot. "It was a sore spot for us all season in coming out slow and adjusting on the fly," he explained.

At the half Lowell trailed 6-3 with goals coming in from seniors Sawyer Olesko and Blake

Posthumus. The Arrows continued to push hard against their worthy opponent bringing the game within one goal, but their effort fell short once again ending their season on a bit of a bitter note. "We tried some all new things against them this time and unfortunately they were able to find the small mistakes we were making with the new packages," said Talbot of the loss.

Despite the loss, the team enjoyed an outstanding season winning every other game played and landing second in the tough OK conference. Talbot, who took over the head coach position just this season, credits much of the team's success to the dedicated seniors who have helped

to build the tradition of lacrosse at LHS. "We are losing a large group of seniors who were truly able to produce for us. That will be hard to fill."

Looking toward his second season at the helm next spring, Talbot feels positive that the team will continue to thrive and grow on the field and in the community that supports them. "I have a great group of younger guys who have been working with me and together on creating a tighter "team" style of play so I am expecting another great run with a new team and new style next year. I am hoping to continue growing our program next season. We were able to bolster our numbers significantly this

year at both the high school and youth levels. I am also looking to focus on creating

a tighter knit and more active program for the years to come, so get ready to see

us out in the community having fun and helping out."



Senior Sawyer Olesko plays as a Red Arrow for the last time against Forest Hills Eastern.

Girls revel in first regional win

After winning the first regional victory in the team's history at Lowell High School, the Red Arrows varsity girls lacrosse team wrapped up their season last Wednesday at East Grand Rapids High School where they faced Grand Rapids Catholic Central falling 21-2 in the team's most physical game of the season. After the semifinal loss, the team ended the year with an overall record of 9-9-1 marking one of the top years on record for the young program. The team graduates just five seniors.



Sports Summaries

BASEBALL

Despite a topnotch effort from the mound on the part of Red Arrow Jarrod Melle, the Lowell varsity baseball team ended their season last Monday in the first round of district competition falling 2-0 to Northview. Melle struck out seven batters and allowed only two unearned runs while walking zero in the team's six innings of play. The Arrows struggled at the plate but saw an excellent showing from Cooper Perry who went 3-3 with singles in the second, fourth and sixth innings. The team ends their season with an overall record of 14-25 and 5-10 in the OK White.

TENNIS

Sophomore Laura Michelsen competed in Holly on

Friday representing the Lowell varsity girls tennis team in the MHSAA Girls Tennis State Finals. After easily defeating her round one opponent from Gull Lake 6-1 and 6-2, Michelsen fell in round two. Her finish places her among the top 16 players in the state playing in the first singles position. The mostly novice team finished the season 1-7-1 and will graduate just four seniors.

SOFTBALL

Lowell varsity softball wrapped up their season last week with a shutout loss to hosting Northview High School in the first round of district competition last Monday. The youthful team ends the season with an overall winning

record of 18-12 and a respectable 6-4 finish in the OK White. With their season over, the team is now working toward an alumni game tentatively scheduled for June 15 at their home field behind Cherry Creek Elementary on Foreman.

GOLF

Junior Alex Dommer represented the Red Arrow's on the green at Clearbrook Golf Course in Holland last Wednesday as the only individual golfer to advance to the Division II regional tournament. Dommer carded an 86 to finish his season. The team graduates only two seniors this year and shows much promise for growth after a tough season which held only two wins in dual action and consistent sixth place finishes inside the OK White.

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JUNE 1 - JUNE 7

- "The Greatest" Muhammad Ali, died at the age of 74, of complication of Parkinson's disease. His daughter, Hana Ali said her father was a "humble mountain."
- Hillary Clinton now has enough votes to secure and be the Democratic nominee. She is the first woman to achieve this.
- A murder case in Michigan took a bizarre turn when the victim's family suggested his pet parrot might have been an eyewitness to the crime and is able to recount what he saw and heard. The victim's family believes the African grey parrot, has been reenacting a chilling exchange that occurred just before their family member was fatally shot in May 2015.



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