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## Township board tables zoning discussion on Impact Church to seek legal opinion

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Lowell Township board discussed a change to their zoning laws that would allow the sale of the Noon Equipment property to Impact Wesleyan Church, but decided to table the issue until their May meeting so that they can obtain a legal opinion about the matter.

About 18 people attended the meeting at Lowell Township hall on Monday, April 18. The board listened to a presentation from Bruce Matthews, executive director of the North Country Trail, state

representative Thomas Albert delivered a brief legislative update to the board about his activities in Lansing and Lowell Township clerk Linda Regan announced her resignation.

Before board could begin to discuss the church zoning issue, Regan, board supervisor Jerry Hale and board trustee Carlton Blough recused themselves because of various conflicts of interest. David Simmonds, chairman of the Lowell Township planning commission, informed the board about the stalemate at

that body's last meeting, an event covered extensively in last week's Lowell Ledger. The four remaining board members, treasurer Ronda Benedict, Mark Anderson, Steve Vander Ziel and William Thompson, discussed the issue.

"The township hired [Grand Rapids attorney] Mark Nettleton to provide

additional information, recommendations and so forth and discuss all the ramifications of the request, which they provided to the planning commission 'private and confidential,'" Thompson said. "This board has not been privy to that information, nor have we had the opportunity to talk with attorney Nettleton."

After a little more discussion the board decided to table the issue until they can meet with Nettleton. The board will discuss the zoning problem at their next meeting, which will take place at Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, on Monday, May 15 at 7 pm.

## North Country Trail updates from headquarters in Lowell

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Among the many things that attracts visitors to Lowell are all of the walking trails in the area. Lowell is also the location of the national headquarters of the North Country Trail, which is 4,600 miles long and goes through New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota. There are currently two projects underway that are intended to expand and connect local trails into a network.

"The more immediate project is an extension piece of paved trail from the corner of Alden Nash and Gee Dr. south to the Meijer corner at Alden Nash and M-21," said Gary Goff, a member of the Lowell Area Recreation Authority. "This extension will connect the current Lowell Area Trailway and eventually the River Valley Rail Trail to the new Lowell Township park behind Walgreens. It will also provide access to the trail via the sidewalk system to residents of the Whispering Hills and Eastgate subdivisions as well as Key Heights Trailer Park. LARA is hopeful that this venture can get underway this year. There are still things to be resolved before construction like property easement issues and the city of Lowell amending the current sidewalk ordinance to include trail language. LARA has spent a great



deal of time considering various routes through the city. We have had to deal with how to safely cross M-21 and Hudson St. as well as how to cross the two rivers. Currently there is a tentative route chosen, subject to tweaks by LARA or changes suggested by the major fundraising entities. LARA is now beginning the process of submitting grant applications and searching for other monies available for this undertaking. The actual design and building of the Lowell connection trail should happen in about three years."

The second task is a connection that will create of the nation's longest continuous trails.

"A second more major project is a trail route through the city to connect to the River Valley Rail Trail," Goff said. "The RVRT will come into Lowell from the north at Foreman Road just east of Cherry Creek Elementary where the railroad tracks have been removed. The other connection to the RVRT is on the south side of the Grand River on Jackson St. where the tracks have been removed heading east toward Saranac. This Lowell connector trail will be the final piece of the 125

mile rail trail running from Owosso west to Lowell and then north to Alma, making this non-motorized trail one of the longest trails in the US. Of interest to our local area is that the final rural pieces of the RVRT, excluding the city of Lowell connector, from Saranac to Lowell and from Lowell to Belding to Greenville are scheduled to be rough graded this spring. That will allow these sections of trail to be used by mountain bikes or fat tire bikes. These two rural pieces of trail are then scheduled to be completed in 2018, allowing for all types of bike and pedestrian use."

There are many ways to help aside from donating money, although donating money would be fine.

"Many people are unaware of all the trail activity taking place in the Lowell area, including the North Country Trail and the great benefits they can provide for our community," Goff said. "People can help by coming to the LARA meetings, which are held the second Wednesday of each month at 6 pm upstairs at city hall. People can also attend the River Valley Rail Trail meetings, which are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Belding Depot in downtown Belding. LARA also has clean up/work days once in a while. People can sign up on the Lowell Area Trailway website to get informed about LARA activities."

## LL&P adopts strategic plan and talks about forestry truck purchase

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Lowell Light & Power talked about buying a new truck and adopted their strategic plan at their latest regular board meeting on Thursday, April 13.

The board spent a great deal of time discussing the organization's strategic plan at their March board meeting and made many changes and revisions. A copy of the strategic plan is available to read on the Lowell Light & Power website.

"Going forward I would anticipate reviewing the action items semiannually and taking a brief look at the strategic plan annually," Donkersloot said. "I don't think it's necessary to constantly tweak the

strategic plan to a major degree, but to look at the action items that are part of the strategic plan, especially before a budget comes out every year."

The board discussed the purchase of a used forestry truck. A brand new forestry truck would cost around \$150,000.

"As part of our fiscal year 2017 budget, we have been setting aside money into a vehicle equipment replacement fund," Donkersloot said. "To date we've set aside \$60,000 and we plan to make three more \$5,000 contributions to this fund in April, May and June to hit the \$75,000 budget. The plan is two-fold, really just to keep increasing the balance in this fund so we get to a point where we don't have to issue installment purchase agreements or pay for large vehicles or equipment through debt and when we need to purchase things we have enough money in the fund to do so. [...] I am recommending that the board make a one time exception to our current purchasing policy and authorize staff to seek a vehicle up to the amount of \$60,000 that would suit our needs."



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# FROM Food Fight about more than just food

submitted by, Amanda Haberlein

FROM marketing and communications director

Have you heard? A food fight is breaking out in Lowell this week. No, it's not slinging fruit and veggies in the high school cafeteria, but it's time to pick your team - North or South Lowell - and get ready for the Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) ninth annual Food Fight fundraiser. What started out as an effort to fill the food pantry shelves nine years ago has evolved into the biggest fundraiser for the Christian non-profit agency.

"It's not just about food, it's about empowerment," says executive director Dawn Broene. "FROM exists to walk alongside our neighbors in need. We provide assistance and empower them to improve their life, but it doesn't stop there. FROM also empowers the community by providing opportunities to volunteer and give back to their neighbors."

How does the Food Fight work? Each dollar raised and food item donated is translated into points on the scoreboard. Each person who donates designates which team (North or South) gets their points. North and South are now tied at four wins each, which means this year will move one team ahead!

This year, the generous sponsors of Amway, Lighthouse, Enwork, King Milling, Alto Lions Club, River Valley Credit Union and Magna have agreed to match any increase or new donation given to Food Fight. "We are so blessed by the generosity in our community," says Broene. "The matching sponsorship from these businesses allows new donor dollars to go even farther. It also means that those who gave to Food Fight in 2016 can have an even bigger impact when they increase their donation amount."

Where does the money

go? Broene says funds raised from Food Fight "help meet a variety of needs in our community and connect people to jobs, food, utility assistance, home repair and weatherization and more." People can designate a program type, but all funds and food raised go to help those living in the FROM primary service area, the Lowell Area School district.

The agency currently provides fifteen programs to meet needs that address issues related to children, critical needs and hunger. In 2016, FROM served just under 3,000 children and families through programs like lunches for children over school breaks, heat and electric

bill assistance, client choice food pantry, backpacks filled with school supplies to start the new school year, weatherization, and senior food commodities. FROM can also connect individuals in need to additional services available at partner agencies.

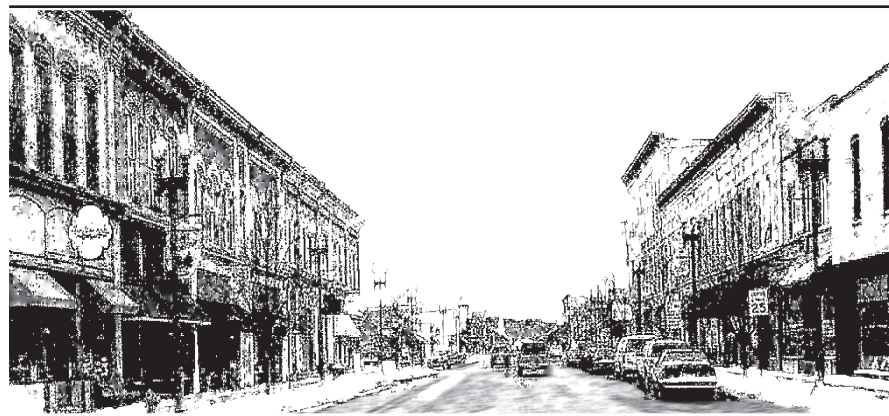
This year, Lowell residents have a number of ways they can get involved in helping empower their neighbors through Food Fight. They can donate money to FROM Food Fight online, in person, by mail (FROM, 11535 Fulton Street East) or online at [www.fromlowell.org](http://www.fromlowell.org). They can also donate food at a number of locations around town that have the FROM

Food Fight barrels. New this year, individuals can purchase red or white hearts for \$1 to show support for the North or South team. Hearts will be prominently displayed within the business. Right now hearts are available at the FROM Treasures Thrift Shop and Springrove Variety.

Students at Lowell Area Schools can also bring in non-perishable food items, coins and dollars for the special school-focused Food Fight which encourages friendly competition between the school buildings. Amway has pledged a matching sponsorship and the schools have targeted a \$10,000

food and financial gift goal. "The kids and the school participation in Food Fight is always such a fun experience," says Broene. "We have such a generous community in Lowell and to see the children being a part of that and their excitement at being able to help their classmates and their neighbors is such a heartwarming thing."

The annual Food Fight fundraiser will take place April 24 through June 2nd when the points will be tallied and the winner will be announced. So, commit to helping your team get some points on the scoreboard and let's get ready to Food Fight!



## along main street

### A DINNER THEATER EVENT

LowellArts Players presents Tony n' Tina's Wedding by Artificial Intelligence on April 21-23; April 28-30; and May 5-6 at Larkin's Other Place. Audience members are the guests at the nuptial celebration of Tony Nunzio and Valentina Vitale in all its tacky and hilarious glory. Tickets: [lowellartsmi.org](http://lowellartsmi.org)

### TOTS ALMOST NEW SALE

Curiosity Corner TOTS Almost New Sale is Sat., April 29 from 9 am to 1 pm at Cherry Creek Elementary, 12673 Foreman St. Want to sell child related items? Sign up at [www.lowellschools.com/tots-sale](http://www.lowellschools.com/tots-sale)

### WHO'S WHO? MEMBERS EXHIBITION

In celebration of the recent move to Main Street in downtown Lowell, LowellArts members are invited to display their art in a members exhibition from April 25 to June 3 at LowellArts, 223 W. Main St. Just for fun, the names of the artists will be hidden and viewers will be invited to guess "Who's Who" in the exhibition. Open to all artist members age 14+ in any media. Gallery hours are Tues.-Fri. 10 am-6 pm, Sat. 10 am-5 pm. [www.lowellartsmi.org](http://www.lowellartsmi.org)

### SPRING VOLUNTEER FAIR

Interested in volunteering? Have a teen that needs volunteer hours? Stop by the Spring Volunteer Fair to learn more about opportunities in our thrift shop, food pantry and more. Sat., April 29, 10-11 am at Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 Fulton Street East. [www.fromlowell.org](http://www.fromlowell.org)


### SCRAP METAL DRIVE

Drop off your unwanted scrap metal through May 5 at the Lowell fairgrounds, enter off Hudson St. at Bowes Rd. Metal only. No TV's, plastics or furniture. Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop #102, Lowell.

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# Rotarians Denim and Diamonds auction slated for April 28

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Lowell Rotary club holds a huge charity auction every two years to raise money for local and international projects. This year, however, they are donating all of the proceeds from their auction to the Rebuild the Lowell Showboat committee.

“The auction is Friday, April 28,” said Dave Abel, national sales manager of Root Lowell and one of the Rotarians in charge of the event. “It’s going to be held at the Grand Volute [655 Lincoln Lake SE]. Doors open at 5:30. People can wander in, get registered and get to their table. There is a cash bar. We’ll be displaying the things that they’ll be bidding on. The proceeds are 100 percent

towards rebuilding the Lowell Showboat. I think we’ll be the first event in Lowell to bring money toward that and get the ball rolling.”

The Rotary auctions always raise thousands of dollars for charities in the Lowell area and all over the world.

“We’ve done this auction every two years,” Abel said. “Normally half the proceeds go to local projects and then we have half go to international projects, such as putting water filters in homes in Haiti and stuff like that. We still have a reserve of funds for the water filters in the international [fund], so we decided to keep it all local and put the big push on the showboat. The Rotary

president, Mark Mundt, is on the Rebuild the Lowell Showboat committee. We expect somewhere in the range of \$40,000 to \$50,000 roughly in proceeds. That’s what we’re hoping for. It should be good.”

They will be auctioning off a lot of incredible items, including everything from an African safari to a free water heater installation. There are more items being added all the time.

“We’ve got some donations in the works,” Abel said. “At the last Rotary auction we had about 110 silent auction items and about 16 live auction items. This year, there are currently over 160 silent items. Last count [in the live auction] it was 27 [items], up from 18

to 20 two years ago. We are giving ourselves more time for the live auction because we have more items than usual. There are so many good live items. African safari, two different week stays in Florida, one week in Mexico, etc. Usually the Michigan or MSU football and basketball tickets bid very well. [There is] a watercolor painting of a 1960s Lowell Showboat by the late Janet Johnson. We have an antique replica wood China cabinet with a \$3,500 value, dinner for six at PJ’s Catering for \$150, a \$1500 value seven-night stay at a three bedroom waterfront home in Cape Coral, Fla., a boat cruise with a \$500 value, a lot of stuff like that.”

Tickets for the Denim and Diamonds auction are \$50 each or \$600 per table of ten, dinner is included. You can look at many items that will be in the auction on the Lowell Rotary’s Facebook page. For more

information or if you have something you would like to donate, contact the Lowell Rotary. Their website is [lowellrotary.org](http://lowellrotary.org), their phone number is 616-293-3206 and their e-mail address is [info@lowellrotary.org](mailto:info@lowellrotary.org)

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# LowellArts Players present - Tony N' Tina's Wedding

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Over the next couple weekends the LowellArts Players will perform “Tony N’ Tina’s Wedding,” a fun bit of interactive theater, that plops the audience into the middle of a raucous Italian-American wedding reception.

“I read it before when I was reading high school plays and it was not appropriate for a high school audience,” said director Kim Miller. “What attracted me to it was that it’s an audience participation show. It’s got a ton of ad libbing and improv in it, so it’s going to push your comfort zone. I’m always looking for something that’s a little

outside the box, a little more risky, because when you push your comfort zone you get more out of it. What’s funny is, somebody at LowellArts mentioned it as a possibility and I happened to have the script in my purse.”

Because the play is set at a wedding reception, having it at Larkin’s Other Place is perfect.

“You’re going to a fake wedding and we’re going to feed you,” Miller said. “If you were going to any wedding you’d get a meal with it. Usually Larkin’s brings the meal and then you watch the show. Instead, we have the wedding [and] then you are a guest at the

reception. It’s going to look like a real wedding, then during the course of the reception the cast does a lot of ‘fake drinking’ and then they fall into quite a bit of bad behavior.”

There will be performances on April 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 and on May 5 and 6. You can buy tickets, which include a meal and dessert, at LowellArts, 223 W. Main, on [lowellartsmi.org](http://lowellartsmi.org) or by calling 616-897-8545. Advanced tickets are required. There will be a cash bar and this show is not recommended for young children.

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**In honor of Earth Day, Lowell Light & Power (LL&P) would like to highlight some of the ways we are representing our ratepayers and the community of Lowell to make the planet a greener and more environmentally friendly place.**

Since 2008, we have participated in and met the requirements of the State of Michigan's Renewable Energy Plan. As of 2015, the plan requires us to obtain 10% of our power supply from renewable energy sources. To do this, we have entered into purchase power agreements with Genstar of Michigan and North American Natural Resources. Both companies produce renewable energy from landfill methane gas and are part of the Michigan Public Power Agency's Landfill Energy Project. This project's goal is for clean and renewable energy to be created in a cost effective and efficient way that will meet the needs of its consumers. In 2015 and 2016 alone, the energy we purchased from this project equated to more energy than is used by 1,800 LL&P residential customers for an entire year. That's a lot of energy!

We are also in the energy efficiency business. Currently we offer numerous programs to residential, commercial, and industrial customers. The programs available for residential customers offer cash incentives when old appliances or light bulbs are replaced with new energy efficient ones. Heating and cooling units, refrigerators, and dehumidifiers are just a few appliances that can qualify. The commercial and industrial programs also offer incentives for businesses to replace lighting fixtures and inefficient equipment, among other things, with newer efficient equipment. Most of these projects need to be pre-approved before they can qualify for incentives. Thus, make sure to talk with LL&P's Energy Optimization Coordinator Sharon Morris before you proceed. If you are interested in learning more about our Energy Efficiency programs, please stop by our office, give us a call, or visit our website at [www.lowell-light.org](http://www.lowell-light.org) before our 2017 incentive funds run out! But that is not all. There are other NEW exciting things that will be happening this year for the first time! We will be releasing a mobile app that will allow customers to pay their bill, view and monitor their monthly energy usage, learn about our energy efficiency programs, and much more – all directly from the convenience of their smartphone. When the free app is available for download in the App and Google Play Store, we will be sending out a postcard mailer, so be on the look out! If you do not own a smartphone but would like to participate, there is another option for you. A customer portal will be available on our website and will function just like the app; however, it will be for a computer. Further down the road in 2017, we anticipate additional options will be added to the app and portal that include paperless billing, outage alerts, and the ability to view your energy usage in hourly increments.

Finally, for the sixth consecutive year, we will be participating in the Adopt a Road Cleanup on Alden Nash south of town on April 29th. Staff and board members volunteer three times a year (April, July, and October) and pick up an average of eight bags of trash during each clean up!

As you can see, LL&P is committed and proud to save energy, which helps make Lowell and the planet a greener and more environmentally friendly place. Now we will leave you with some tips so that you can join in the fun and do the same!

1. Use LED light bulbs. They use 80% less energy than traditional incandescent bulbs and can last up to 20 years.
2. Turn off lights when you leave a room. This simple trick can help you save on energy and decrease your electric bill.
3. Invest in Energy Star Appliances.
4. Install a programmable thermostat and set the temperature to match your daily routine.
5. Change out your furnace filter monthly.
6. Clean the lint trap in your dryer after every load as this may help reduce your drying time.



# business directory

## Proposals and improvements covered at city council meeting

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

The regular Lowell City Council meeting was held on Monday, April 17 and covered several agenda items. The council heard just one public comment during their brief 20-minute session. Just over a dozen citizens attended the meeting.

Minutes began by approving the agenda, the filing of the minutes from the council's last meeting and the authorization of payments due in the amount of \$619,488.02. Councilman Greg Canfield abstained sighting conflict due to a current invoice due between the city and his business Canfield Plumbing & Heating.

The council moved forward by opening the floor for citizen comment. Lowell resident Perry Beachum, of 924 Riverside Drive, reiterated concerns already expressed to the city planning commission. "My question to the planning commission was why weren't we paving the parking lot and driveway at the softball complex at Rec Park. I was told that we weren't. Obviously I think it is because of funding, money, but my question would be to the council. We require that of residents and businesses to have hard surfaced parking lots, driveways and sidewalks, why isn't the city following their same rules?"

Without addressing Beachum's question, the council moved on to old

business beginning with the need to revise resolutions 08-17 and 10-17 introduced at the previous meeting regarding the purchase of a wheel and skid-steer loader. The revisions included the changing of the company name from which the equipment will be purchased and a corrected breakdown of the format of pay for the equipment which includes support from the Lowell Downtown Development Authority. The motion was approved unanimously.

The council spoke for several minutes about the city's upcoming Arbor Day celebration and officially designated April 17 Arbor Day in Lowell and announced the plan to plant a tree this Friday at noon. It will be placed at the new Big Boiler Brewery on Main.

Next was the approval of services to be rendered by Williams & Works on the upcoming resurfacing and utility improvements on Jefferson Street. The project was bid at a total cost of \$49,800 which will be divided using funds from the city water, sewer and street funds. \$41,633 will be paid from the street fund while the water fund will provide \$4,532 and the sewer fund will contribute \$3,635.

The Friends of the Library proposed contributing up to \$5,000 to the city to aid in the construction of a reading garden in the front green space of the Englehardt

Library. Lowell director of public works Rich LaBombard explained, "The attached plan details a proposed semi-circular brick patio and a connecting pathway that will be installed by the department of public works' staff. The project is intended to create an area near the front of the building where the Friends group can install benches and planters at a later date. The reading garden will provide library patrons outdoor seating options for reading in addition to the new deck being constructed by the Lowell Rotary on the west side of the building."

The council addressed the approval of a fireworks permit for the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. The permit grants the organization permission to launch the fireworks from Stoney Lakeside Park on July 8, 2017, as part of the annual Riverwalk celebration.

The meeting concluded with brief monthly reports from the city's boards and commissions, including the announcements of Lowell Light & Power's new mobile app, the stepping down of city newsletter writer Susan Maxwell and the city's newly completed budget, which will be discussed in full at Lowell Light & Power on Saturday, May 6 at 10 am.

The council will have their next regular meeting on May 1 at city hall beginning at 7 pm.

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The Singer Collection of Estate Jewelry will be making a one day stop at Chimera Design in Lowell on Thursday, April 27th from 10am to 7pm. In addition to pieces dating from the Victorian Era to the Opulent 1950s, the Collection features jewelry owned by celebrities like Joan Rivers, Elvis, Jerry Lee Lewis, Liz Taylor, Greta Garbo, Farrah Fawcett, Shirley Temple Black, Don DeLuise, Sid & Florence Caesar, Betty Hutton, Mary Pickford, and Bob Hope.

"When Singer contacted us about coming to Lowell, we were thrilled to host their amazing collection of jewelry in our store," said Cliff Yankovich, co-owner of Chimera Design. "As we discussed things with their representative we decided to make the event more meaningful by turning it into a fundraiser for LowellArts and the community-wide effort to build a new Lowell Showboat. 10% of all sales will be earmarked for these two worthy projects."

Because of its age, the Lowell Showboat was officially closed down earlier this year. The community is rallying behind the effort to build a newer and better Showboat in a big way. The plan is to construct a multi-use, permanent structure on the Flat River that will be used year-round and in many ways, in addition to the well-publicized uses as a venue for the Sizzler Summer Concert series and the immensely popular Santa visits hosted in December. The Lowell Rotary is donating all the proceeds from their biannual auction to be held on Friday, April 28th, to the showboat.

"The timing is perfect," Yankovich continued. "LowellArts recently relocated to a beautiful new space on Main Street and they still have a balance to pay off for the construction. The Showboat has been a Lowell icon for decades and the plans for a new, permanent structure built to look like a showboat are amazing. We are excited for this opportunity to give back to our favorite town."

Yankovich wanted everyone to know that LowellArts has secured matching funds for their fundraising efforts. Every dollar that Chimera Design donates from the Estate Sale will be matched by two more dollars from the Lowell Community Fund. The Singer Collection will be at Chimera Design for one day only: Thursday, April 27th from 10am to 7pm. Pictures and information can be found on the Chimera Facebook page.



# viewpoint

## off the cuff

Jeanne Boss

*Robert Louis Stevenson said ...*  
**“A friend is a gift you give yourself.”**

A friend. A confidant, a buddy to lean on who helps to lessen the burdens of everyday existence for you in this troubled world. A true friend can be a workout partner and someone with whom to share your French fries. A good friend will go fishing with you - even if they don't fish - just to keep you company. They understand, without words, without the need for platitudes or trite cliches. They absolutely never feel the need to point out your flaws or point out their own best attributes.

You don't have to clean your house, wear makeup or make a lot of money to keep a trusted friend's loyalty. A really good buddy can need and accept your caring and consoling without any comparisons of who does more for whom.

What a joy to have another being play little jokes on you without any ill will intended. Just a laugh between

buddies to break up the times you've cried together. Yes Mr. Stevenson was correct, “A friend is a gift you give yourself.”

And one of my truest friends was a spectacular gift my family lived with for 13 ½ years. Elliot Manchester, a pal that literally went everywhere with us from sailing and traveling to work and relaxing has left us. What a guy! He even had his own column in the Ledger Year-In-Review edition where he gave us all a chance to laugh at ourselves.

I'm well aware that for every reader who thinks that a dog is just a dog, there are twice as many folks that believe in the old adage that dogs are truly “a man's [a woman's] best friend.” Their lives are comparatively short to humans but most of them give far more than they take as they subtly teach us how to begin, live and end our lives.



## outdoors

time change

Dave Stegehuis

Fishermen have a favorite place to fish or several places in order to catch a variety of species. A good bluegill lake isn't necessarily the best water for walleye. Folks getting into fishing for the first time will have to do some work to find their go-to locations.

Over the years Gwen and I have changed our preferred fishing spots several times. Lake access has been more difficult because private lakes rarely have rental boats anymore. Fish habitat, prey base, planting schedules, and fishing pressure all have an effect on fish stocks.

An Upper Peninsula lake that held large numbers of jumbo perch 20 years ago now requires hard fishing to produce a pan of fillets. A local lake was overrun with stunted bluegills 30 years ago and for the last 15 years has evolved into a dependable producer of nice size gills. Our favorite walleye water has been on a steady downward slide for five years now, so we may have to seek out a new spot. We are hoping for a turn around, so we can stay because it is our favorite place to fish and camp.

There are a lot of choices when finding a place to fish in Michigan.

The first step is to decide what species to target. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources web site has fishing reports for water across the state as well as suggestions for family friendly places to fish. Local bait and tackle shops are a great source of information if you can find one. Family, friends, and casual acquaintances can be helpful. I like to hang around piers and boat ramps to glean local information.

First timers may need to decide on a species. Panfish are the most accessible, relatively easy to catch, good eating, and provide steady action for kids. Bass are good biters and fighters. Walleye are harder to catch but worth the effort. Pike and muskies are always exciting on the end of a line. Stream trout, especially brookies, take you to some really neat places. Big trout and salmon provide world class fishing right around home.

Take your pick, do some research, and take advantage of the great fishing in Michigan and enjoy the outdoors with friends and family. Times do change, but the opportunities are there.

president and trustees concerning reckless bicycle riding on the sidewalks. This must be stopped and in order to stop it with one all must obey the Village ordinance no matter what the conditions may be. From this date bicycle riding on the sidewalks will be followed by arrest. Take heed and do not be angry if you are the first. H. L. Shuter. Village Clerk

### 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 23, 1942

A run-away in town Monday, just like old times, a pretty grey team, owned by Mike Dahika, ran through Main St. without touching a car, around square by Grange Hall, wagon hit pole by Park and team broke loose and ran into Don Mason's yard, where they were caught. This used to be quite a common occurrence, but now it's news.

The entire teaching staff of Lowell public schools has been cited for recognition for 100% participation in the purchase of war bonds and stamps according to a letter received this week by Supt. W. W. Gumser from Frank N. Isbey, chairman of the War Savings Committee for the State of Michigan.

Many years ago walking was quite a fad. There were hiking parties which covered considerable distances. Then there was at one time a fad for pedestrianism. The performances of noted walkers were admired and imitated. People not merely walked out doors, but there were walking contests in halls, and many people paid-admission to see famous walkers perform. They discussed how walking ability could be cultivated, and people took pride in their walking powers. The ability to walk is a valuable possession. It improves health, and gives people greater endurance for their work. People become observant as they walk along a country path, instead of rushing through at top speed. This should be a great walking year..

### 50 years ago Lowell Ledger April 20, 1967

Holdup man still at large. Residents of the area were shocked to find crime on their doorsteps last Wednesday night when a holdup attempt and assault took place at the Ada Shoppers Square. Mrs. Lila Schenk, victim of the attack, is reported to be recovering from injuries incurred during the holdup. The holdup occurred when Mrs. Schenk, an employee of the Ada Debonnaire Shop for about three weeks, closed the shop for the night. When she entered her

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By Joanna Barr

### 125 years ago Lowell Journal April, 22, 1891

Mrs Carl lost a pocket book with considerable money in it, in Grand Rapids, last April. After trying to find it she gave it up as lost forever, when, last week, to her surprise, she received a postal card from Police Headquarters stating that her pocket book was there. A card was in it with her address on and she now has it, money and all.

Mrs Isabella Baumgardner was married last Tuesday to Mr Herber, brother of Adam Herber, of Campbell. A strong proof that civilization is advancing is that the number who assembled to make the night hideous after the marriage was small.

The road crossing at the Baptist church is in an awful condition, where Frank Craft did not finish his ditch job.

John Chatterdon and Charles Harris have each of them a new wind mill erected.

### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 19, 1917

April 24th on the East side and April 26th on the West side have been selected by the Common Council as clean up days in the Village of Lowell. The street Committee wishes your co-operation. Every spring when clean up days are set people get their rubbish out from one to three or four days late. Lets save the Village of Lowell some money this year by getting it all picked up at one trip. Put all rubbish in boxes, or barrels and if you want them saved they will be left.

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# New executive director for NCTA

Andrea Ketchmark's appointment as the new executive director for the North Country Trail Association (NCTA) was announced this morning by Ruth Dorrrough, president of the NCTA board of directors. "We couldn't be more pleased and excited that Andrea Ketchmark has agreed to move into this leadership role for our association," said Dorrrough. Ketchmark will assume these duties upon the July 31st retirement of Bruce Matthews, NCTA executive director since 2007.

"The NCTA board underwent a rigorous four-month search and recruitment effort to arrive at this point," said president Dorrrough. "We were all pleased that Andrea surfaced at the top of a highly qualified list and was unanimously confirmed and endorsed by our board."

Ketchmark has served as NCTA director of trail



Andrea Ketchmark

of a trail protection program and the addition of an online volunteer resources center, providing guidance to chapters, members and volunteers on all aspects of trail management and protection. Ketchmark has engaged in building countless partnering relationships at state, national and local levels and representing NCTA in the larger trails and recreation community.

Mark Weaver is National Park Service superintendent of the North Country National Scenic Trail, the major partner with the NCTA in the planning, building, maintaining, protecting and telling the story of the NCNST. "We've worked closely with Andrea in many partnership efforts together," says Weaver. "I truly couldn't be happier to know she will now assume a new role as executive director. Congratulations to Andrea!"

"Trails can change the world," exults Ketchmark. "Nowhere is that more evident than in the North Country Trail community where I have witnessed the most inspiring stories of transformation and have worked alongside those that have dedicated their lives to something bigger than all of us." She continues, "I'm honored to be chosen to lead NCTA into a new and exciting era."

In addition to her extensive work experience, Ketchmark has a Colorado State University degree in Natural Resources Recreation and Tourism.

New director, continued, page 7

## health



With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang, Wayne A. Christenson III, John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie

### nail fungus

Nails can become infected by fungus, yeast or mold. It occurs most often in toenails. It may begin as a white or yellow spot on the nail. It will then become thickened, brittle and disfigured. This can cause pain or lead to more serious skin infections. Fungal nail infections can persist forever if left untreated.

Risk factors include older age, heavy sweating, working in humid or moist environments, and blood circulation problems.

Diagnosing the infection is done by visual inspection and sometimes microscopic evaluation of nail scrapings or nail cultures.

This type of infection is difficult to treat. Topical and over-the-counter treatments are rarely effective.

The most effective treatments are oral antifungal medications like Lamisil or Sporanox. These are taken for three months. Recurrent infections are common.

## happy birthday



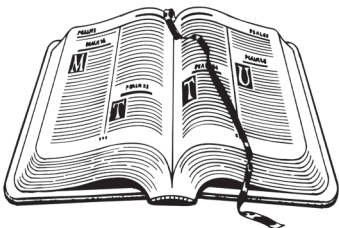
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Catholic Homecoming is a three-week process that begins on Tuesday, April 25th at 7:00 P.M. at Saint Mary Church, 402 Amity, Lowell, MI. For more information please call the Office of Religious Education at 897-7915.

development since 2009. Prior to this she worked at the American Hiking Society as volunteer programs manager, bringing the Volunteer Vacations program into national prominence. Her extensive experience in trails development, management, protection and advocacy served her well as NCTA director of trail development as she led and managed a team of regional trail coordinators, as well as NCTA mapping and GIS coordinator for the past seven years. The numerous accomplishments under her leadership include the establishment of the association's trend-setting trail town program, building

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# Try your hand at gardening at Wittenbach Wege Center - they still have a few plots left to adopt

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Since 2002 the Wittenbach Wege Center, 11715 Vergennes, has been renting out garden plots to locals who want to try their hand at gardening.

“Most people are primarily growing vegetables and accenting with flowers in the rental plots,” said Courtney Cheers, WWC director and community garden coordinator. “Most any vegetable will grow because the beds have great sun exposure. We have several teaching beds in the garden as well. We are integrating pollinator plots, cover crops for soil health and native plants for landscaping, enhancing our native ecosystems. I would say from three to six hours [of maintenance] per week should yield you a decent

harvest and keep you ahead of the weeds.”

There are only a few plots left, so you had better act fast if you want to get in on this opportunity.

“We still have four plots available for rent,” Cheers said. “Several gardens are up for adoption as well, for individuals or groups who don’t want to grow food but would rather help create and care for our many native perennial gardens.”

If you know a student at Lowell Area Schools, they could probably tell you what it’s like to take care of a WWC garden plot.

“The entire fourth grade, 12 classrooms from Lowell Area Schools, plants a Hunger Plot as part of their studies around Michigan agriculture, economics and stewardship. All of the extra food harvested from those

plots is donated to the food pantry at FROM. This gives people right here in our community fresh, chemical-free produce that otherwise might not be accessible. Students can participate in our Junior Master Gardener program over the summer and further tend to the plots they helped plant.”

Plots are available in two different sizes. Half plots cost \$20 and are 10 feet by 12 feet or 120 square feet. Full plots cost \$40 and are 10 feet by 25 feet or 250 square feet. For more information contact the WWC at 616-987-2565 or ccheers@lowellschools.com.

“Teaching kids and the community where their food comes from and the labor it involves to get it to them has been a founding principle here at the WWC,”

Cheers said. “Making space accessible to members of our community that don’t have sunny yard space is where we start. Growing food that is close to home, eating seasonally and supporting

local markets cuts down the transportation factor and allows for a greater variety of produce to choose from. Just think about tasting vine ripened tomatoes from your

own garden plot versus a supermarket tomato grown for transport. Is there really any comparison? The same is true for most all vegetables in my opinion.”



## New director, continued

“Andrea’s rigorous approach to policy analysis and commitment to research-based best practices is a reflection of her academic training,” adds Matthews. “She’s a quick study, a great manager and her work has elevated NCTA to national prominence. She’s got a personal passion for public lands stewardship and trails advocacy. We’re very proud of her—NCTA is going to be in great hands!”

Ketchmark was recently honored in her selection as a member of the next class in the prestigious Great Lakes Leadership Academy, a demanding and highly competitive program for natural resources and public policy professionals.

The North Country Trail Association will be filling Ketchmark’s former

director of trail development position as she transitions to executive director upon Matthews’ announced retirement on July 31st.

Her early love of the outdoors and hiking was fostered by a lifetime of summers spent on a lake in Michigan, her college years exploring the Rocky Mountains of Colorado and the Southwest canyon country and she still works hard to make time to get outside with her family whenever she can.

The North Country National Scenic Trail is the longest in the National Trails system, stretching 4,600 miles over seven states from the middle of North Dakota to the Vermont border of New York. The trail traverses through a National Grassland, 10

National Forests, more than 150 federal, state and local public lands; near three of the Great Lakes; past countless farmlands; through large cityscapes; over many rivers; and through the famed Adirondacks.

*The North Country Trail Association is a national non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the building and maintaining of the North Country National Scenic Trail and telling its story. With members, chapters, partners and affiliates located along the 4,600 mile length of the trail through America’s northern heartlands, the NCTA is the primary advocate for the North Country Trail and the Red Plaid Nation that uses and is celebrated by it.*

### VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on **Monday, May 8, 2017 at 7:00 pm** at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at **10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI** to consider amendments to the Zoning Ordinance as summarized below:

**Chapter 2, Definitions:** in section 201.202, new definitions of river related terms are being added.

**Chapter 3, Zoning Districts:** it is proposed to amend the Flat River District section 201.307 to describe the district boundaries, clarifying the dock, stairs and boardwalk sections, further describing activity permitted in the natural vegetation strip, adding a land alterations section and matching language with the State Natural Rivers ordinance. In section 201.3075 Lake Residential District, is new language to allow one small storage building with setbacks on a lake front lot without a dwelling.

**Chapter 4, Accessory Buildings:** section 201.402 is adding a reference to section 201.3075 (B) (8) for accessory buildings on Murray Lake lots. Also in section 201.422 Swimming Pools, language is amended to describe the new State Building Code changes allowing special non-fall through covers on in-ground pools as an alternative to fencing.

**Input and comments:** The Planning Commission is inviting any concerned people to give input regarding the target shooting section of the adopted Noise Ordinance. They are studying this section for further clarification of the language.

The complete ordinance amendments can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671 or on the website at [www.vergenneswp.org](http://www.vergenneswp.org). Written and oral comments will be received from any interested party until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Planning Commission Chairman or the Planning Coordinator at the Township Offices. Comments may be emailed to the Planning Commission at [zoning@vergenneswp.org](mailto:zoning@vergenneswp.org)

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# Red Arrow Spring SPORTS TEAMS



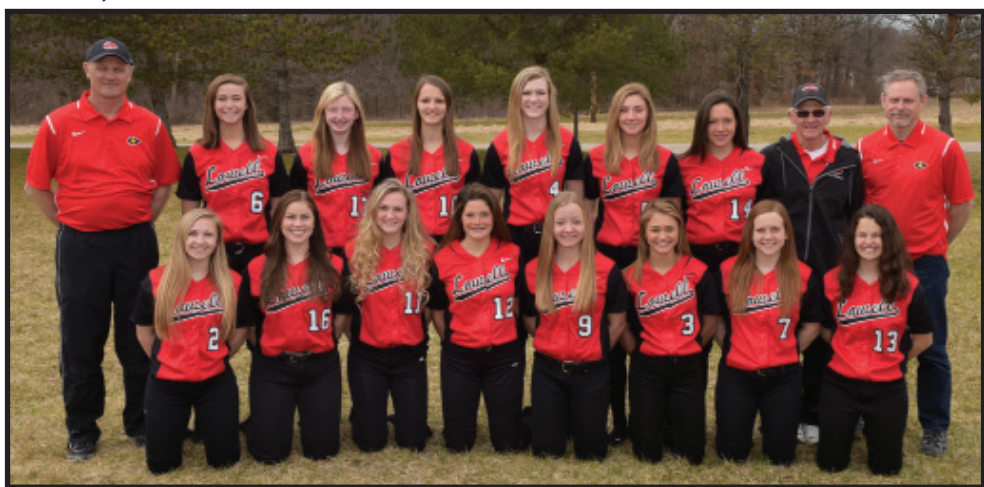
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## JV BASEBALL

First row, left to right: Kyle Bibbler, Gavin Hoffman, Jackson Helder, Drew Davidson, Zackery Post, and Brendan Milligan; second row, left to right: coach Brent Steele, Nick Struckmeyer, Nick Weston, Jordan Dent, Gavin Coxon, Ethan Furtaw, and Logan Staley.



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First row, left to right: Lexi Barry, Megan Summerfield, Maddie Melle, Madison Jordan, Allyson Lange, Corah Miller, Miah Ransom, and Kaia Zimmerman; second row, left to right: coach Bill McElroy, Kenzie North, Krin Beach, Malayla Branagan, Emily Depew, Kylee Stephens, MacKenzie Jordan, coach Terry Wieland, and coach Greg Foster.



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First row, left to right: Briana Thompson, Madison Johnston, Grace Langdon, Jenna Perry, Madison Sage, Audrey Conrad, and Paige Romig; second row, left to right: Jasmine Donahue, Blaze Anes, McKenzie Lythgoe, Jana Trietsch, Ashleigh Jarrard, Sara Landon, and Matti Pollema.

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# Spring SPORTS TEAMS



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First row, left to right: Katherine Kroll, Delaney Bierlein, Amber Curtis, Bridget Garter, Aly Holdridge, Amber Clouse, and Darby Dean; second row, left to right: Alyssa Roest, Darby Fuller, Hailey Hoevenaar, Jaki Hayes, Molly Frederickson, and Maura Fitzpatrick; third row, left to right: coach Dan Lipon, Khloe Hayes, Riley Conlan, Christy Lyon, and Regan Coxon.



## JV SOCCER

First row, left to right: Isabel Remar, Samantha Kurti, Alexis Gonzales, Abby White, Alexis Haines, Natasha Marsh, and Luisa Zuliani; second row, left to right: Stephanie Zalis, Anna Gaskin, Madison Halfmann, Riley Fuller, Callie Ingram, and Karoline Moll; third row, left to right: coach Mike Lincolnhol, Mackenzie DeRaad, Savannah Crace, Jenavieve Lyon, Anneke Breuker, and Meghan Landgren.



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First row, left to right: Maria Hart, Natalie Alverson, Jenna Happie, Quinne Duhr, Danielle Barnes, Jasmine Peters, and Kara Jeffries; second row, left to right: coach Chris Phillips, Kambry Kloosterman, Mary Jo Buechler, Nicole Mooney, Sydney VandenHout, and Amber Fox.



## JV TENNIS

First row, left to right: Addie Hart, Jeisel Calero, Ella Nauta, Sofia Espinosa, Emily Kropf, Marreona Coe, Emily Stump, Delaney Duimstra, Lauren Sinarski, and Aubrie Halbert; second row, left to right: Sue Beute, McKenna Creighton, Jada Murley, Kayla VanOosten, McKenzie Lazarus, Kenzi Uhen, Haley Nichols, Katie Traill, Amber Webster, Joslynn Battle, and Holly Paris.



## VARSITY LACROSSE

First row, left to right: Ben Stewart, Jacob Pratt, Jake Nugent, Addison Buckius, Case Olesko, Jon Berklich, Keaton Bell, Collin Bowers, Nick VanTil, Brennan Battle, and Gramm McCormack; second row, left to right: Garret Taylor, Jon Stewart, Danton Jernberg, Charlie Hayes, Blake McVey, Connor Nugent, John Rogalke, Matthew Nelson, Josh Idema, and Hayden Barry; third row, left to right: coach Tom DeJong, Ethan Meyer, Aron Mierendorf, Max Bishop, and coach Kole Alexander.



## JV LACROSSE

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Red Arrow

- BASEBALL

## SPORTS

## Boys went 3-0 in their first conference triple of the year

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Red Arrow varsity baseball went 3-0 in their first OK White triple of the year against Cedar Springs High School last week, locking the Red Hawks out of scoring twice in the process.

Lowell pitchers Jake Wosinski and Sterling Anderson combined for the win from the mound in game one of the series producing a 3-0 shut out. Wosinski earned the victory pitching six innings and allowing just one hit. Anderson sealed the win recording the last three outs of the game. On offense, the Arrows scored their three runs off the bats of Brady Douma who singled to score Jack Malone in the second, Anderson who plated Douma with a single in the fifth and senior Nate Stephens who sent a solo homer to left field in the bottom of the sixth.

Game two of the doubleheader saw the Arrows' hot bats and Red Hawk errors produce eleven runs good for a 11-1 win led by Anderson, who produced four hits in as many at bats logging two singles, a double and a triple. Lowell scored nine runs in total before the Red Hawks made the board kicking off their streak in the first inning. Douma capitalized on an opponent error to earn the team's first run. Malone sent

in the second with a single plating Anderson, who had advanced to scoring position after a single and two stolen bases.

Lowell matched that performance in the second- and fourth-innings with triples and doubles from Anderson and Connor Douma and picked up three runs in the third when Stephens sent another home run rocket into left field with two men on. Following Cedar Springs' lone score in the fifth, the Arrows added two additional runs in the sixth. Cooper Perry sacrificed to score Anderson, followed by Andrew de Voest who singled and then advanced on errors to home plate. The team totaled 12 hits in the game. Perry logged the win from the hill pitching six full innings while allowing just one run, three hits and striking out three.

A five-run first inning combined with an action packed 13-run third, sealed the Arrows' second shut

out over the Red Hawks on the road Thursday 18-0. Top game strikers Malone, Jarrod Melle and Austin Whaley led the flurry of activity with two hits each. The team's scoring started when C. Douma doubled, plating his brother B. Douma and continued when Malone hit a hard grounder to score two runners and Whaley brought in two on a single.

Their big third inning was fueled by walks earned by C. Douma and Wosinski, a pair of Cedar Springs' errors, a double from Malone, an Anderson ground out, a fielder's choice by de Voest and a Melle home run. Melle also logged the win at pitcher throwing for two innings without a single hit, striking out four and walking just one. Travis Cornell finished from the mound inducing a pop fly to earn the last out of the game. The team is now 5-1 overall and a perfect 3-0 in the OK White.



Austin Whaley gets safe on first base during game one of the conference series.

## Girls add six wins to season and a tourney victory

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Big hitting and impressive pitching were the keys to success for the Lowell varsity softball team last week. They added six wins to their season, including a tournament victory over Cedar Springs High School.

Wednesday in doubleheader action at home, the Arrows pummeled the Red Hawks in conference action 11-2 and 14-3. Sophomores Maddi Jordan and Emily Depew combined for four hits in the game with Jordan knocking in three RBIs to lead the charge. The team scored six runs in the



Red Arrow Kylee Stephens puts one into play at home in OK White action.

third and four in the sixth with seven batters putting bat to ball in the game. Depew also earned the win from the hill striking out an impressive 11 batters.

In game two, Jordan grabbed the pitching win while producing another two hits and three RBIs. Paired with three more RBIs from Depew and two hits each from junior Miah Ransom and sophomore Maddie Melle, the Arrows came out ahead 14-3 after putting up one run in the first, two in the second, a big eight in the fourth and three more in the fifth.

To finish off the series, Thursday, on the road, Lowell picked up a 15-0 shut out over Cedar Springs. Ahead by eight moving into the sixth inning, Lowell added seven more runs to seal the win, led by junior Megan Summerfield who had a perfect performance

at the plate going 4 for 4, including a home run earning her four RBIs. Depew and junior Kenzie North also produced at bat nailing two hits apiece. Depew had another outstanding outing on the mound as well, tallying 12 strikeouts and allowing no runs.

In exhibition play versus Traverse City West High School, the Arrows added their fourth win of the week on Friday with a 4-1 home victory. Sophomore Kylee Stephens led the offensive charge going three for four at the plate. Freshman Kaia Zimmerman and Summerfield backed that performance up with two hits each. Jordan took another turn in the pitching position earning the win with eight strikeouts in total.

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**On the diamond this week, the Arrow team will face Ottawa Hills twice at home and once on the road. On Friday, they welcome former OK rival the Jenison Wildcats for exhibition play starting at 4:30 pm behind Cherry Creek Elementary.**

Sports Summaries 

## SHOOTING

Red Arrow shooters took two top-four finishes in Muskegon last Saturday at the Seaway Gun Club for the Southwest Conference Skeet and Sporting Clays Invitational. Lowell placed third in sporting clays led by Bretton Kooistra, Noah Worsley and Noah Brown. Kooistra, Caiden Hinzmann and Conner Kooistra placed fourth in skeet.

## GIRLS TENNIS

Nicole Mooney and Sydney VandenHout picked up the tennis team's only point in a rough week of action on the court. The duo picked up the point at third doubles against Lakewood High School on Wednesday where the team suffered a 7-1 road loss. Friday in Wayland the team was skunked 8-0. The lady Arrows will compete three times at home this week including two OK White duels and the Lowell Quad on Saturday morning beginning at 9 am.

## BOYS LACROSSE

Two losses were the results for the Lowell boys varsity lacrosse team last week. They fell to West Ottawa on the road and to Grand Rapids Christian at home. At West Ottawa the Red Arrows fell 14-7 after their opponent racked up a seven-goal first period from which the team could not recover. Junior Addison Buckius led scoring with three goals, followed by seniors Hayden Barry with two and Brennan Battle who netted one along with three assists. Friday versus GRC, the team fell 14-11 despite leading through the third period. The strong effort was led by Barry who found the back of the net five times and senior Collin Bowers who

scored two and logged two assists. The team is now 2-2 on the season.

## BOYS GOLF

Lowell boys varsity golf hit the course twice last week competing in both dual and tournament action on the road. Tuesday non-conference competitor Unity Christian High School beat Lowell 186-172 with Lowell's Noah Barnhart carding a 43. Rounding out the Arrows' best scorers were Alex Powell with a 47 and Adam Anderson and Alex Dommer who tallied matching scores of 48. Thursday at the Thornapple Pointe Golf Club in Grand Rapids, the team took part in the Kent County Classic finishing with a combined card total of 370 for a tenth-place finish. Barnhart led the team again with a 90, followed by Anderson and Dommer who tied for the second time at 91 and Alex Powell and Tyler Kappcia who both recorded a score of 98.

## GIRLS SOCCER

Red Arrow girls varsity soccer improved their season record to 2-0-1 with a 3-1 win over former OK White rival East Grand Rapids High School on the road last Tuesday. Senior defender Bridget Garter recorded five saves in goal while teammates Regan Coxon and Christy Lyon added points to the scoreboard. Sophomore Coxon recorded two goals and Lyon one with assists being credited to sophomore Jaki Hayes, senior Amber Curtis and junior Maura Fitzpatrick. The girls will dive head long into conference action this week competing three times in the OK.



Red Arrow

- TRACK

# SPORTS

## Both boys and girls grab first place following spring break

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Lowell boys and girls track teams both returned to the track after spring break and overwhelmingly claimed first place at their hosted quad competition held last week Tuesday at Red Arrow Stadium.

Topping their closest competitor by 58 points,

the boys team racked up a 112-point first-place finish over Holland Black River, Union and Grand River Prep High schools at the event. Leading the Arrow pack was Will Reynolds who earned three first-place finishes in the 110 and 300-hurdles and the high jump. Also earning first-place finishes

were Caleb Devereaux in discus, Jacob Bishop in shot put and the 1600-meter relay team of Reynolds, Eric Judd, Keegan Redloske and Kenny Stump.

Other top finishers off the track included Cameron Cheney, Devereaux and Avery Lupton in shot put, Sam Misak and Casey French on the pole vault, Andy Anschutz and Logan Smith on the long jump and Bishop and Lupton in discus. Placing well on hurdles was Tristan Steven on both the 110 and 300, Cheney and Justin McWayne in the 110 only and Jacob Rau in the 300 only.

Running their way to top finishes was the 3200m relay team of Parker Grant, Nigel Mika, Ben Noffke and Riley Coxon. Grant and Mika also earned wins in individual races. The 400m relay team of Misak, Rau, Devin Dietz and Anschutz also finished well along with the 800m team of Misak, Rau, Redloske and Dietz. Individual high scores also came from Misak, Dietz, Morrison Ismond, Judd, Anschutz and Stump.

Finishing even better than their counterparts, the

Lady Arrows completed the meet with a total of 160 points topping second-place finisher Grand River Prep who tallied only 32. The girls totaled 12 first-place finishes with a total of 41 athletes contributing points to the win. First-place finishers on the track in individual competition were Amber Brown in the 100 hurdles, Lauren Aud in the 1600m race, Diana Roth in both the 100m and

200m sprints, Ashley Boehr on the 300 hurdles, Haley Nieuwkoop in the 3200m race as well as the 400m and 800m relay teams consisting of Callie Ford-Weber, Lizzie Kuhns, Kerstin Johnson and Diana Roth; and Corah Kaufman, Kyra

Snyder, Roth and Johnson respectively.

Outfield the ladies claimed top finishes from Julia Pytlik on the high jump, Kaufman on the pole vault, Mya Kaywood in the long jump and Sky Angelo in discus.

**This week both teams will take part in the OK White Tri at Cedar Springs on Thursday beginning at 4:15 pm and in the Soderman Relays at Caledonia High School on Saturday starting at 9:45 am.**



Freshman Julia Pytlik leaps for the Arrows during their first-place team win.



Red Arrows Colton Churches, Jacob Cutler and Jake Rau take on the hurdles.

- LACROSSE

## Girls varsity lacrosse poised for promising season

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Despite a pair of losses this week the Red Arrow girls varsity lacrosse team is poised for a season that looks promising. The challenge, a young team more than half full of underclassmen and a brand new head coach. The promise, guidance from two motivated college bound senior standouts, a do-or-die team mentality and a leader with a proven record of success.

"I can't guarantee wins or losses but we will be competitive," said rookie lacrosse head coach Jesse Vasquez of the now 1-2 Red Arrows. "Our goals everyday are to be better today than we were yesterday and be the best teammate you can be. Play for each other and not as individuals. I think if we can do those few things everyday the wins will come."

Last week those wins were elusive, as the Lady Arrows fell 10-5 to West Ottawa at home and were shut out in Spring Lake 14-

0. Showing signs of strength and development on the field in both outings, the contests included three goals from junior Nikki Paulus, a 15 save showing from senior Laurel Frederickson in the box and scoring from fellow senior Sela Bauman. Frederickson and Bauman signed earlier this year to play the sport at the collegiate level with Bauman committing to Marian University in Indianapolis and Frederickson headed to Pennsylvania to play for Gannon University. Coach Vasquez said their experience and talent is a great service to him, as well as his familiarity with some of the other team members as he quickly learns the ropes of the sport. "I can lean on them for advice and pick their brain and get new ideas from them. I have coached some of the other players in basketball also, so I know their competitiveness and the drive they have to want to get better in everything they do."

Vasquez, who has already amassed an overwhelmingly winning record as the head coach of the schools' girls junior varsity basketball team, said that the two games are fundamentally very similar. "When I watch lacrosse it reminds me a lot of basketball in the way players cut and move on offense. The pace of the game can be a lot like basketball. Defense is similar to basketball as well, staying in front of the offensive player and challenging them every position. I am going to take a lot of the principals that I taught in basketball and translate that over to the lacrosse field."

With conference play starting this week, Vasquez said he will focus on more than the fundamentals though as he feels the other key to success for any team is their inner strength. "Any sport that you play you have to be mentally tough and not worry about the mistake and

just try your best to be the best version of yourself. As a coaching staff we are going to bring a belief in these kids. To me that's where it starts. If you can believe that you can do anything, the sky is the limit."

**This week the team faced Hudsonville High School at home on Monday, Grandville on the road Wednesday and will travel to Zeeland East on Friday night with action scheduled to begin at 6 pm.**



The Lady Arrows in hot pursuit of their West Ottawa opponents.



# obituaries

## DOANE

### JOHN L. DOANE - 1928 -- 2017

John Leonard Doane, age 88, of Lowell, passed away at home surrounded by his loving family early Wednesday morning, April 12, 2017. He was born on November 30, 1928, in Lansing, to Clarence John and Gretchen (Newth) Doane. John was raised on the family farm near Lansing and that farm remained a hub of family activities and gatherings for much of his life, taking his own children and grandchildren back there often to visit and celebrate holidays and other important events. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School with the class of 1947. John exchanged vows with Irene May Stull in Lansing on July 3, 1948 and the couple has enjoyed 68 years of marriage. He went to work for the Michigan Department of Transportation shortly after high school and built a successful career there as an engineer on road projects all over the state. Early in his career, he and Irene used a 16-foot travel trailer to move from location to location as the road projects required, making a home wherever they went. As they added children to their growing family, space became tight and even an open dresser drawer could be made into a comfortable bed for an infant. As the children grew, they realized they needed to settle down and get established in a school district, so they bought property in Lowell and lived there for 63 years. John will be dearly missed by his family and friends. In addition to his dear wife, Irene; John leaves to cherish his memory, his children, Vickie (Dennis) Drougel of Grandville, Ann (Louis) Switlik of Kentwood, John Doane of Lowell, Jim (Linda) Doane of Lowell and Bill (Heather) Doane of Lowell; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Clarence. John's family is planning a private gathering to commemorate and celebrate his life. Those wishing to express sympathy are welcomed to consider making a donation in John's memory to Faith Hospice, Trillium Woods, 8214 Pfeiffer Farms Dr., SW, Byron Center, Michigan, 49405; The Kidney Foundation or the charity of the donor's choice. For additional information, please contact Verdun Family Funeral Home, 303 S. Bridge St., Belding, at (616) 794-1300 or verdunfh.com who is caring for the arrangements.



## GRING HUIS

Mary B. Gring Huis, age 59 of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly Monday, April 17, 2017. She is survived by her loving husband of 31 years, Dave; sister, Annette (Tim) Aldridge; and several nephews. She was a stubborn, strong woman. Memorial service will be held at Impact Church, 1069 Lincoln Lake Ave. SE, Lowell, MI 49331. For service details, please call the church, (616) 897-8304; or Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, (616) 897-7101. Memorial contributions may be made to Impact Church.



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## JORGENSEN

Judith K (Soules) Jorgensen, age 72, of Hillman, passed away April 14, 2017. She was born on November 2, 1944, in Ionia, the daughter of Royal and Dorothy (Kirby) Soules. Judith graduated from Saranac High School, class of 1963. Judith is survived by her children, Terri (Frank) Welch of Orleans, Donald Alexander of Florida, April Warup (Mike Galimore) of Dowling, Scott (Marcie) Jorgensen of Mulliken, Michael (Alicia) Jorgensen of Hillman; grandchildren, Lacey, Alex, Olivia, Maggie, Nicholas, Ashley, Justin, Tennille, Peyton, Tara, Tyler, Hanna, Lena; great-grandchildren, Riley, Haysen, Paxten, Lincoln, Piper, Aubrielle, Brayden, Brooklyn, Bree, Kelly, Cruz; brother, Larry Soules of Grand Rapids; and sister, Joann Wiczorek of Ionia. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother Richard. Funeral services for Judith will be held Thursday, April 20 at 1:00 pm at Lake Funeral Home in Saranac with Pastor Kenneth Harger officiating. Interment Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be Wednesday from 5-7 pm at the funeral home. Those wishing may make memorial contributions to The Kidney Foundation. Online condolences may be made at [www.lakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.lakefuneralhomes.com)

## VAN COTT

Sandra E. Van Cott Maundy (Holy) Thursday, our Blessed Lord took Sandy home. She passed away after a very brief battle with cancer. She was born on December 24, 1950, in Grand Rapids, MI to Charles (Ed) and Lena Inman. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, George, Carl, Frank, Glen; and sister, Doris. She is survived by her husband of 27 years, Ed Van Cott; sister-in-law, Fran Aubert; and several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and -nephews. She also had many wonderful friends and a very loving church family. Sandy loved the Christmas season, watching all the movie specials, old and new. She bowled for over a decade with her husband, Ed. A memorial service will be held 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 22, 2017, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 10305 Bluewater Hwy., Lowell, MI; with a visitation prior to the service, 10-11 a.m. Pastor Joseph Fremer officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.



## SLAGLE

Maxine Elna (Willison) Slagle age 87 of Saranac, MI passed away April 16, 2017 at Fountain View in Lowell, MI. She was born March 5, 1930 in Clarksville, MI the daughter of Walter and Helen (Karrar) Willison. Maxine married Orville Slagle on March 31, 1950 in Clarksville. He preceded her in death in 2014. She was a member of Gold Canyon United Methodist Church in Arizona and Galilee Baptist in Saranac. Maxine began her career as a Linotype Operator at McCarty Communications and the Saranac Advertiser. She also worked for Lowell Ledger and Borup Printing. Maxine loved to travel with her husband, visiting 48 states. Maxine is survived by her children, Joni Bussell of Cocoa, FL, Judy VanBennekom and Burt VanBennekom of Saranac; grandchildren, Nick Bussell and Ann Luchinger of Lowell, Ryan VanBennekom of Saranac, Chad VanBennekom of Grand Rapids; brothers, Donald (Lois) Willison of Saranac, Jack (Linda) Willison of Nashville. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sister Janet McCaul and son James Paul Slagle in 1976. Funeral services for Maxine will be held on Friday, April 21st 11:00am at Lake Funeral Home in Saranac with Pastor Paul Gess officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday from 4-7pm at the funeral home. Those wishing may make memorial contributions to the Saranac Fire Department. Online condolences may be made at [www.lakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.lakefuneralhomes.com)

## WITTENBACH-BURGESS

Mrs. Joan Garnet Wittenbach-Burgess, of Lowell, Michigan, age 82, passed away after a lengthy battle with heart disease in the comfort of her home, in the early morning hours of Thursday, April 6, 2017 and rests now in heavenly home. Joan will be deeply missed by her children, Sharon Stevens, Ken (Kim) Wittenbach, Helen Wittenbach, Gordon Wittenbach;



daughter-in-law, Amy Wittenbach; seven grandchildren; and three great grandchildren; also, her step-children, Cheryl (Brian) Braizer, Brenda (Bryan) Carpenter, Bryan (Karen) Burgess, and Craig (Staci) Burgess; and numerous step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Joan was married to "Bud" Burgess since 2001. He was a faithful and loving husband and together they shared many wonderful things in common, which brought them both joy. Joan cherished reading, writing, teaching, studying and music. In many creative ways, she shared those passions to encourage so many. She was best known for her great love and joy for the Lord. Joan would share that love by inspiring others to follow Christ and by being a fervent woman of prayer. Joan was loved by many. She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Helen (Baldwin) Wasses; and her beloved husband, Gerald Wittenbach. There was a time of visitation from 1:00 until 5:00 pm on Sunday, April 9, 2017, at Pederson Funeral Home, Rockford, MI. The funeral service for Joan was celebrated by Pastor John Frye at 11:00 am on Saturday, April 15, 2017, at Bella Vista Church, Rockford, MI 49341. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to offer expressions of sympathy are encouraged to make a memorial contribution to Bella Vista Church.

# CITY OF LOWELL

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST OF THE OPTICAL SCAN TABULATING EQUIPMENT FOR THE MAY 2, 2017 SPECIAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the public accuracy test of the Optical Scan Tabulating Equipment for the May 2, 2017 Presidential Election will be conducted on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.



Susan Ullery  
City Clerk



# Softball, continued

Saturday in tournament action, the team headed to the Portland Invite and toppled Grandville and Petoskey en route to a first-place finish. Game one saw the Arrows knock off top-ranked Grandville 8-4 with a pair of hits from Corah Miller, Jordan and Summerfield. North earned a home run and plated two runners and Depew killed it on the hill throwing for 10 strikeouts in the game. After

dropping a game to Portland 7-4, the team rallied back against Petoskey with hits from Ransom, Stephens, Jordan, Depew, Miller and freshman Kenzie Jordan, who earned her first dinger as a member of the varsity team. Depew earned the win with four strikeouts. The 13-3 victory added up to a tournament win and brought their season tally to 6-1 overall and a flawless 3-0 in conference.



Sophomore Emily Depew had strong showings on the mound and at bat for the Arrows.



Junior Makyla Branagan awaits action in left field against the Red Hawks last week.

**This week, the team takes on Ottawa Hills after a doubleheader on Tuesday at home. They will finish up the three game series on the road Thursday with the first pitch scheduled for 4:15 pm.**

# Looking Back, continued

car, she found Edward K. Wilder, 27, of Parnell, hidden in the back seat. He hit her on the head and demanded money from her. She threw her purse into the back seat, jumped out of the car and ran away. Wilder began shooting wildly, firing 5 shots at Mrs. Schenk. She was wounded in the arm and finger. The gash in her head took several stitches to close. A warrant has been issued by Municipal Court Judge Woodrow A. Yard for the arrest of Wilder. The police say he

has taken his sister's car and is believed headed for California. An all-points bulletin has been issued for Wilder's apprehension.

The Headhunters, Lowell High School pop music group, won another "Battle of the Bands." They came out the winners in the contest competing against the best groups from each of the six schools in the Tri-River League. Members of the Headhunters are: Roger MacNaughton, Jim Hagen, Tim McLaughlin, Tom Speerstra, Terry DeWitt and Marty Gostnell. Dick Lee is the manager of the group.

Robert Chipman, who was recently promoted from Pfc to Sp-4, has recovered from wounds received when he hit a land mine while driving a landcruiser on the battlefields of Viet Nam. He has returned to active duty with his outfit. His address is Sp-4 R. C. Chipman. RA 168986M, Co. C 2-2, 1st Inf. Div., APO, San Francisco, California, 96- 345. Bob is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Truax, Lowell.

Cliff and Lynn Kohlbeck are working this week to put the finishing touches on their A&W Drive-In at the east Lowell City Limits. They plan to open for the season this Friday, April 21.

## 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 22, 1992

The Lowell Ledger had 66 participants enter into its Easter Bunny coloring contest over the last two weeks. From the entries, the Ledger staff had the task of selecting one winner from the 3-5 year old bracket, the 6-8 division, and the 9-12 division. The winners were Nicole Elliott, eight; Cory Jones, 4-1/2; and Heather Halbeisen, 11 years old.

The Lowell community lost a unique character, friend and its dean of businessmen last Wednesday, when Hahn Hardware owner, Gurney Peckham Hahn, died at the age of 65. The Lowell businessman of 41 years battled pulmonary fibrosis before succumbing to the lung condition at 3 p.m. on April 15. A condition for which there is no known cause or cure. Hahn's Hardware has been located at 207 E. Main St. since 1951. It's the same block in which Gurney's father ran Hahn's Grocery Store from 1923 to 1943. Hahn was a veteran of World War II and went into the U.S. Navy, where he was a seaman for 16 months and then returned home after the war. The inside layout of Hahn's Hardware did not change much over the years, which led the businessman to joke that he'd swept the floor once in 41 years and may have washed the windows a couple of times. After returning home from the war and finding work, Gurney married his wife, Donna Vandenhout Gurney. The couple was married 42-1/2 years. Gurney was active with the Lions Club, the Boy Scouts, Board of Trade, First Congregational Church of Lowell and with the Masons.

Following the recommendation of the Lowell Area Parks and Recreation Board and the YMCA Board, the City agreed to close the King Memorial Pool this year. The Parks and Recreation Board reviewed the condition of the pool with YMCA Director Andy Johnson and determined that the cost to repair the pool would run between \$6-\$10,000.

The City of Lowell moved to remove the fuel tanks at the Department of Public Works and purchase its fuel through Fairchild Oil by a card system. Currently, the City of Lowell has three 1,000 gallon underground fuel tanks behind the Public Works building. In order to comply with the federal EPA requirements as enforced by the State Fire Marshal's office, upgrading of the tanks must be accomplished for leak detection and spill/overflow.

## PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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- 57. \*"Into the Wild" park
- 60. \*Oldest national park east of Mississippi
- 63. Capital of Vietnam
- 64. British mom
- 66. Where to steel a kiss?
- 68. Passion
- 69. "Farewell" to Birdie
- 70. Church topper
- 71. Office furniture

- DOWN**
- 1. Pea container
  - 2. On a cruise
  - 3. Harry Potter's mark
  - 4. Face powder mineral, pl.
  - 5. Head of the Round Table
  - 6. "Without further \_\_\_\_\_," pl.
  - 7. \*Going-to-the-\_\_\_\_\_ Road in Glacier National Park
  - 8. Hooves, alt. spelling
  - 9. For, in France
  - 10. Gram or pound
  - 11. Speed of an object divided by speed of sound
  - 12. One of Indiana Jones' quests
  - 15. Cry like a piglet
  - 20. Give the boot
  - 22. Like Methuselah
  - 24. Watercraft with skis
  - 25. \*Canyon or Teton
  - 26. Moses' mountain
  - 27. Embryo sacs
  - 29. \_\_\_\_\_ Door-stopping wedge

- 31. \*Lake in Nevada desert
- 32. Small European gull
- 33. Make a canyon, e.g.
- 34. Leg cover
- 36. "Me and \_\_\_\_\_ and the Dying Girl"
- 38. \*The Virgin River cuts through it
- 42. Mad hatter's act
- 45. Live-in helper
- 49. Chum
- 51. Go by
- 54. Not in my backyard, in text
- 56. Parkinson's disease drug
- 57. Truth alternative
- 58. Odds and \_\_\_\_\_
- 59. Barnes & Noble reader
- 60. End of grace
- 61. Author Murdoch
- 62. \_\_\_\_\_ Homesteader's measure
- 63. Owned
- 65. Sailor's affirmative
- 67. He had

*Puzzle solutions on page 14*



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## JV GOLF BOYS

First row, left to right: Alex Pollock, Braeden Ayers; second row, left to right: coach Kim Stevens, Trevor Petroelje, Lucas McMillian, Mike VandenHout, Blake DeHaan, and Robby Schneider. Missing: John Russell and Andy Russell.



## TRACK & FIELD BOYS

First row, left to right: Tristian Stephens, Conner Smithee, Chase Miller, Riley Nethercott, Parker Grant, Riley Coxon, Eric Judd, Logan Smith, Robbie Dubisky, Ben Noffke, Thomas Hubert, Jacob Bishop, Kyle Cater, and Caleb Kaufman; second row, left to right: Will Reynolds, Brett Evink, Collier Kaufman, Lucas Cossar, Tesfaldet Woldemehrit, Kenny Stump, Ryan Pawlowski, Alex Brandt, Thaddeus Swart, Casey French, Samuel Misak, and Justin McWayne; third row, left to right: Devin Cupp, Jake Rau, Andy Anschutz, Cameron Cheney, Devin Dietz, Dawson Jankowski, Ben Kinnucan, Brandon Baker, Nate Bush, Sairge Saldivar, and Brandon Hare; fourth row, left to right: Caleb Devereaux, Avery Lupton, Will Kuhns, Austin Smith, Jaden Young, Ryan Noffke, Aidan Kelley, Nihil Mika, Eddy Butare, and Richard Do; fifth row, left to right: Paul Judd, Josh Rose, Jacob Heuige, Eric Dean, Chris Robinson, and Jayce Perysian.



## TRACK & FIELD GIRLS

First row, left to right: Elizabeth Kuhns, Autumn French, Callie Ford-Weber, Kathryn Miller, Kyla Dixon, Corah Kaufman, Madison McCormack, Katrina Droski, Jillian Fidler, and Marlie Fowler; second row, left to right: Nuttanit Kingkaewrungrote, Sky Angelo, Laura Lachowski, Madeline Taylor, Amber Brown, Diana Roth, Harlie Gerth-McMullin, Abby McDowell, Joanna Link, Alexis Cook, Kendra VanOverloop, and Selena Doty; third row, left to right: Lauren Aud, Haley Nieuwkoop, Julia Pytlik, Mya Kaywood, Alyssa Miles, Kerstin Johnson, Lilly Cooper, Kyra Snyder, Jenessa Cardinal, Angi Cao, and Kanvara Siripong; fourth row, left to right: Tara Rogers, Grace Ostrander, and Ashley Boehr; fifth row, left to right: coach Paul Judd, Josh Rose, Jacob Henige, coach Eric Dean, Chris Robinson, and Jayce Perysian.

## Warm spring day welcomed children at annual Easter egg hunt



by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Scores of local children headed to Creekside Park on the west side of Lowell last Saturday for the 26th annual Lowell Moose Lodge #809 Easter Egg Hunt.

Greeted by the Easter bunny and pleasant spring weather, children aged one through nine participated in the hunt. Broken down into four age groups, children began dashing for the hidden eggs promptly at 11 am.

Utilizing the baseball fields at the park, organizers layered the outfield with plastic eggs filled with candy goodies and prizes. After switching formats last year and experiencing nearly hour-long lines to redeem prizes, planners reorganized this year's hunt. Though the change meant less prizes and more candy, both parents and kids were grateful for the newly streamlined revision.

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