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Cool, sunny day greets walkers for annual CROP Hunger Walk

Lowell residents switched from their Sunday shoes to their sneakers last week to participate in the annual CROP Hunger Walk. Hosted by the Lowell United Methodist Church and headed up by Pastor Matt Stoll of the Vergennes United Methodist Church, the event raises funds through walker pledges to provide food assistance to those in need, both close to home and abroad. Apart from an overseas donation, the monies raised through the effort will also benefit Lowell Senior Neighbors and Flat River Outreach Ministries here in Lowell. After a light lunch, walkers took to the five mile course that meandered through the city in brisk weather conditions. To date, the event raised \$1,795 this year with the final amount still being tallied. Snow United Methodist Church led all walking teams with a total of \$1,025 raised for the cause. Ryan and Rachel Ries led the individual effort raising \$385 with daughters Emma and Elsie.



Farmers' Market moves to Veterans' Memorial Park

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

With healthy eating and organic food all the rage these days, most good-sized towns have a farmers' market and Lowell is no exception. It's moving again

this year, to the parking lot by Veterans Memorial park on Main St., directly across the street from the entrance to the Riverwalk.

"Nothing makes you think of summer,

the goodness of freshly-harvested produce and the enjoyment of viewing and shopping for unique items in an outdoor atmosphere more than a Farmers' Market," said Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Liz Baker. "The Lowell Farmers' Market will be a visible indication of the support we give our local farmers and specialty retailers."

The Lowell Farmers' Market is open every Thursday, June 8 through Sept. 14, from noon until 5 pm. For more information or to reserve a vendor spot, contact market master Cinnamin Piggott at 616-916-9193.

"There will be room for over 12 vendor booths each and every Thursday," Baker said. "[We] would

like farmers, retailers and nonprofits to sign up soon to secure your spot, whether you choose a seasonal commitment or a weekly one. Go to discoverlowell.org and click the upper tab, 'Festivals and Events,' for the application and rules. With your participation and support this year will be our best ever."



City workers planted the new Farmers' Market sign at Veterans Park last week. The market will open on Thursday, June 8.

School board awards student representative

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell Area Schools Board of Education recognized a student member and heard a curriculum update at their latest meeting at the Runciman Building on Monday, May 8. The meeting lasted about 40 minutes and was attended by five people.

LHS senior Aidan Lane, the student representative on the board, was given an award for his contribution.



LHS senior Aidan Lane, the student representative on the board, was honored at this month's Lowell Area Schools Board of Education meeting by board president Jim Turner and LAS superintendent Greg Pratt.

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along main street

School board meeting, continued

“Once a year we get an opportunity to thank someone like yourself for sitting on the board, contributing on a monthly basis to our discussion and dialogue about what's happening here at our high school and at Lowell Area Schools,” said LAS superintendent Greg Pratt. “Thank you for your service.”

“Without you we really wouldn't know what was going on,” said board president Jim Turner.

The board heard a curriculum update from Bushnell Elementary principal Erin Walters about the changing methods used to teach science. The curriculum will include plenty of hands-on experimentation instead of the traditional method of having bored students listen to a teacher drone on and then repeat back what the teacher said. Modern curriculum will also intersect; lessons learned

in math and science will be reflected in the language arts curriculum, etc.

“Today's students should be observing phenomena in the world around them and making sure they understand those things and asking questions,” Walters said. “They've already done the work to connect what is happening in science to Common Core. If they're doing this well, they will tap into the Common Core literacy standards and also the math standards. There are lots of cross-connections that can be made throughout.”

The board's next meeting will be in the Runciman Building, 300 High St., at 7 pm on Monday, June 12. That will be the final regular board meeting of the 2016-2017 school year. They also have a work session scheduled for 6 pm on Monday, May 22.

BLUE WATER RAMBLERS CONCERT

The Blue Water Ramblers play a wide range of diverse folk music styles, many include lyrics about Michigan and the Great Lakes region. The concert will be held Friday, May 12 at 7 pm at LowellArts, 223 W. Main St. Moving to Main Campaign updates will be shared and a hat will be passed during intermission for donations. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$10. Call 897-8545 or visit www.lowellartsmi.org

SATURDAY VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Sat., May 13 from 10-11 am FROM will host two volunteer orientations and one will be geared specifically to students interested in volunteer opportunities at FROM.

THE PRESERVERS

This local rock band was nominated for the 2017 WYCE Jammie Awards, in the category of listeners choice, Best Album by a New Artist and Album of the Year. The Preservers will play at LowellArts, 223 W. Main St. on Sat., May 13 at 7 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Tickets at the door only, suggested \$5 donation. www.lowellartsmi.org

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Looking for a way to get involved in the community? Want to volunteer, but don't know what to do? Come to our volunteer orientation and learn about all of our day, evening and weekend opportunities. Our needs range from evening cashiers to daytime donation sorters with lots of options in between. Volunteer orientation at Flat River Outreach Ministries will be Thurs., May 18 at 1 pm. Call 897-8260 for more information.

BLUEGRASS

Free Bluegrass music jam session. Sat., May 20, from 2:30 to 5:00 pm in the King Building at the Lowell fairgrounds. Come to jam or listen. Everyone welcome.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are being accepted for the Donald G. Gerard M.D. Honorary Medical School Scholarships which are sponsored by Pink Arrow Pride. To be eligible one must be a graduate of Lowell High School and have been accepted or enrolled in a qualified medical school which confers an M.D. or DO degree. The deadline for applications is June 1, 2017. For information call Victoria Pratt, Lowell High School counselors office, 987-2913.

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

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Notice is hereby given that the Lowell City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 15, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lowell City Hall Council Chambers on the second floor of the City Hall, 301 E. Main Street in the City of Lowell to receive public comment, verbally or in writing, on the proposed 2017-18 City Budget and the proposed 2017-18 Millage Rates. The proposed budget provides for general fund expenditures of \$2,955,085. The proposed millage rates are 15.70 mills for City operations and .2424 extra voted millage for museum operations.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

A copy of the proposed 2017-18 Budget is available for review and inspection during normal business hours at the Lowell City Hall and at the Englehardt Public Library at 200 North Monroe Street in the City. A copy is also available on the City's web site at www.ci.lowell.mi.us. Interested persons may submit written comments to the City Clerk prior to the hearing or may appear and speak in person at the hearing. Persons with special needs, as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act, should contact the City Clerk at (616) 897-8457 or the Michigan Relay Center TDD 1-800-649-3777 for accommodations.



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Regional Enhancement Millage approved by voters

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The Kent County Regional Enhancement millage was approved by voters on May 2 despite low voter turnout. Overall in Kent County, there were 39,996 yes votes and 34,193 no votes. In the city of Lowell, 246 people voted yes and 171 voted no. In Lowell Township, 355 voted yes and 421 voted no. In Vergennes Township, 342

voted yes and 370 voted no. In Bowne Township, 151 voted yes and 258 voted no. "It is wonderful that our school community has, once again, provided support for the students of Lowell Area Schools by passing the Kent County Regional Enhancement millage," said Lowell Area Schools superintendent Greg Pratt. "I know that this success is due to the support of our

community and the entire county. Because of that, our students will benefit from the quality programs and educational opportunities that we offer." The millage will generate about \$19.9 million for schools in Kent County during the first year. Lowell Area Schools will receive about \$803,000 of that. The money will be used for literacy programs, career

training and other forms of training for Lowell students. "Every penny generated from this proposal will be distributed to local school districts to maintain existing programs and improve services offered to students," Pratt said. "All spending will go through an independent financial audit every year with spending disclosed on a public website

to ensure transparency and accountability. This proposal will expand career training and technical course offerings to give students real life, on-the-job training and a head start on their careers. It will also give students exposure

to the world of work and partnerships with business that prepare them for college and careers. Additionally, the proposal gives students living in poverty a good start and surrounds them with the support needed to keep them in school."

100-Mile Hiking Challenge on the North Country National Scenic Trail for 2017

In 2016, the North Country Trail Association (NCTA) celebrated the National Park Service Centennial Anniversary with a 100-mile hiking challenge on the North Country National Scenic Trail (NCNST). Over 5,000 people attempted the challenge with nearly 1,500 individuals from 26 states completing it. In 2017, the NCTA will again offer the Hike 100 Challenge with an extra Build It Challenge to celebrate the 4,600 mile National Scenic Trail and the stories of its thousands of volunteers and hikers.

Anyone who hikes 100 miles on the NCNST during calendar year 2017, in aggregate or all at once, will be eligible for a special patch and certificate. In addition, the NCTA will be offering prizes and free resources for those who sign up for the challenge, and a special grand prize drawing for those who complete the Build It Challenge. In the Build It Challenge, participants can complete

two simple activities to help spread the word about the NCNST and get more people involved. More information about the challenge and the opportunity sign up is available at www.northcountrytrail.org/hike100challenge.

Chief Noonday, your local chapter of the NCT, is offering the following guided hikes in 2017:

CND Spring Hike, Saturday, Maher Audubon, May 13

CND & W MI Chapters Combined Hike, Lowell Adventure Hike, Friday, May 19

CND National Trails Day Hike, Kellogg Bird Sanctuary, Sunday, June 4

CND Summer Hike, Fort Custer, Sunday, July 16

CND & CBB Joint Hike Lost Nations, Monday, August 7

CND North Country Trail National Scenic Trail Day, Middleville, Saturday, September 23

CND Moonlight Hike, Kellogg Bird Sanctuary, Sunday, October 1

CND Hike with the Scouts, Fort Custer, Saturday, October 21

CND Fall Hike, tentatively Ott Preserve, Sunday, November 12

CND Holiday Hike, tentatively Albion Town Trail, Saturday, December 9.

For further information and updates on local events and hikes, please contact Larry Pio at 269-341-5964 or email at Nalcoman1@aol.com, website: <http://www.northcountrytrail.org/cnd/cnd.htm>

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 Adirondack Mountains.

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.



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180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: Appointment of a Guardian.

Adult Protective Services, DHHS, Petitioner 121 Franklin St. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49507 (616) 391-1675

VAN ESSEN AND ASSOCIATES PLLC, Attys. for Petitioner by Amanda Van Essen Wirth (P75001) 3425 Kelly St. Hudsonville, MI 49426 (616) 633-0196

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Volunteer of the Month

Sue Wilterink, third grade teacher, nominated Michele Ostrander as Murray Lake Elementary Volunteer of the Month. Wilterink commented, "We

appreciate all the time that Michele dedicates to Murray Lake. I thank her for coming in every Friday to fill Friday folders with huge mounds of corrected papers!"

"I've loved helping out in the classroom since my oldest daughter, Ellery, started out in Kindergarten at Murray Lake Elementary. Ellery is now in fifth grade and my youngest daughter, Delani, is in third. I enjoy being at least a small part of my children's learning experience here at Murray Lake. I am very fortunate for the time spent here at MLE," said Ostrander.



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The ornament of a house is the friends who frequent it.

~ Waldo Emerson (1803 - 1882)

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate May 3, 2017

FILE NO. 17-201198-DE Estate of ROBERT EDWARD SCHAFER. Date of birth: November 30, 1935.

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Robert Edward Schafer, died February 1, 2017.

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viewpoint

to the editor

losing a one-of-a-kind business

To The Editor,

We are in danger of losing something that will not be replaced in our town. If RollAway closes, we will have to go miles for these activities. I know the place isn't perfect, but it is better than it was. With new synthetic lanes. We just let our other bowling alley disappear. I can not believe that the young people in our city don't want to roller skate. It was an important part of my and my children's social life. We need to support our local businesses or watch them leave.

I bowl on a league there on Monday nights, during the season.

Most of those who bowl on this league are senior citizens and it will be a chore for us to move to other lanes. I find it sad that our money will go out of Lowell. It should be noted that the place is for sale, but chances are the buyers would not continue the bowling or roller skating. If more of our kids would get out of their video games and do a little exercise it could possibly save this place.

It may not be tomorrow, but losing the last business of this kind will at some point be noticed by more than just a few. I have heard all about the place not being open when people go there. It is very difficult for the proprietor to open and not have anyone there. There must be a way to save this place from disappearing behind another nursing home or restaurant.

Frank Grover
Lowell

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Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: Is it true that fuel cell cars are finally available for mainstream drivers in the U.S.? -- Jack Mixson, Wilmington, DE

For years, green car enthusiasts have been heralding the dawn of a new era of pollution-free driving powered by fuel cells, which combine

readily available hydrogen with oxygen to fire up the engine. NASA created the first commercial grade fuel cells in the 1960s to power satellites and space capsules, and automakers have been talking up their potential for use in cars and trucks ever since.

But the idea has never gotten beyond the prototype stage, due mostly to the lack of any refueling infrastructure. After all, drivers are used to being able to refill their tanks on almost every corner, while the new generation of electric and plug-in hybrid and electric vehicles (EVs) can be recharged from any electrical outlet.

But FCVs (fuel cell vehicles) may still represent the holy grail of auto travel because they combine the environmental benefits of electric vehicles (no reliance on fossil fuels and no pollution) with the driving range (~300 miles between refueling) of conventional cars. While GM, Hyundai and Daimler are heavily invested in fuel cell vehicle production, Toyota and Honda are already offering fuel cell vehicles for sale or lease to drivers in California, given the Golden State's head start in creating a hydrogen refueling network. According to the California Fuel Cell Partnership, 27 hydrogen refueling stations

are already up and running around metro Los Angeles and the Bay Area, with 33 more coming online soon.

Toyota's Mirai FCV seats four and offers all the trimmings of any new car—touch-screen entertainment, dual climate control, steering wheel mounted controls, radar to prevent accidents and help with parking, and a 312 mile range per fill-up. The MSRP on the Mirai is \$57,500, but Toyota is currently offering \$7,500 back. Another option is a 36-month lease on the Mirai for \$349/month plus \$2,499 up front.

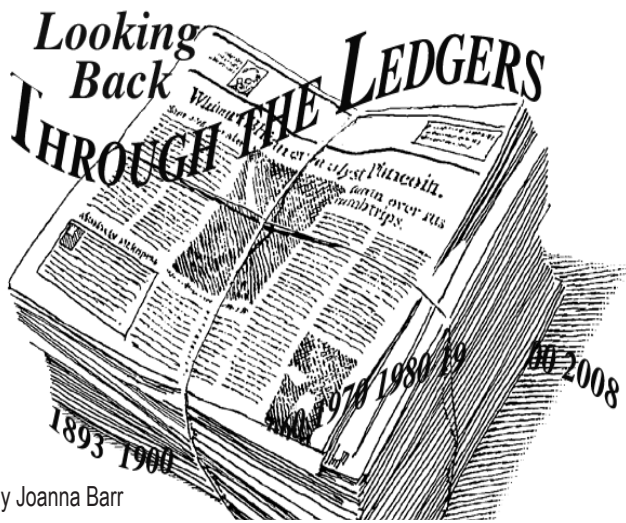
Meanwhile, Honda's new Clarity FCV is similarly appointed but offers a roomier interior (seating for five) and a longer range (366 miles per fill-up). Californians can lease the Clarity (it's not for sale in the U.S.) for \$369/month for 36 months plus \$2,868 due at signing, with Honda covering the first \$15,000 worth of hydrogen fuel.

Drivers behind the wheel of the Mirai or Clarity qualify for a one-time \$5,000 tax rebate from California for driving a green car, not to mention access to HOV lanes statewide even with just a single occupant.

Of course, fuel cell drivers won't want to leave California just yet. Outside of the Golden State, there are exactly three publicly accessible hydrogen refueling stations (Massachusetts, Connecticut and South Carolina each have one). But later this year Toyota, in partnership with France's Air Liquide, will start to roll-out a new network of hydrogen refueling stations around the northeastern U.S. so drivers there can start to enjoy the benefits of driving the latest, greatest and greenest technology ever to grace the American road.

CONTACTS: California Fuel Cell Partnership Stations Map, cafcp.org/stationmap; Honda Clarity, automobiles.honda.com/clarity; Toyota Mirai, toyota.com/mirai.

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By Joanna Barr

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 10, 1917

The Lowell base-ball park has been put under the plow. This is the right spirit. The crying need of our country is for crops. Every garden spot, every acre under cultivation will assist in preventing suffering and misery among the poor next winter, as well as providing the best kind of ammunition to assist those who are fighting for Uncle Sam on foreign battlefields: We can well do without circuses, cut-throat carnivals, horse racing and athletic contests for a year or so. Our money and our energy can be better used in various kinds of service for the general good and to the glory of the Stars and Stripes.

The railroads have removed their restrictions on the use of foreign car equipment. If traffic conditions demand the use of a foreign car in other than home bound direction or to owner of car, the car can now be utilized. This means shipments will not be tied up waiting for certain cars to be furnished. With a vast amount of shipping to be done and with a scarcity of cars, the important thing is to keep the cars moving. This applies to the shippers and receivers of freight as well as to the carriers. The word from Washington is for shippers to load cars quickly, consignees to unload cars quickly and railroads to move them the same way.

Doctor Herbert S. Bailey; son of M. L. Bailey of Vergennes, who for the last five years has been a member of the faculty in the College of Dental Surgery at Ann Arbor, was recently selected by the members of the senior class as their most popular professor. The Dental section of the Michiganensian, the University year book, is dedicated to him.

We hope the village Dads will make the license fee so high that the pick-pocket circuses, etc., will give Lowell a wide berth this year.

A nationwide movement has been started in Chicago to stop the eating of potatoes until the new crop comes in. Some states haven't enough potatoes now for seed, to say nothing of the demand for cooking. A little self-denial now will contribute to the future need of millions.

The Detroit Free Press says that a garden and a flock of chickens in the same yard are impossible; but

125 years ago Lowell Journal May 13, 1891

Segwun's population is increasing. There was born to Mr and Mrs Orlin Williams, May 6th. a nine pound boy, and to Mr and Mrs Geo. Murray, May 9th, an eight pound girl. Let the good work go on.

The Bicycle club has been organized with seventeen members who will purchase new machines. They are looking for the place where they can get the best for the least money and they think that in buying so many at a time they should get them pretty close to wholesale.

In the recent correspondence between Hon. James G. Blaine and Lord Salisbury, regarding the Behring Sea, have put another feather in the cap of the administration, and places Blaine head and shoulders above any other diplomat now in public service. They are rapidly driving the English into a hole, from which their only escape will be an absolute concession of all that is claimed by the United States. If something is not done, and that soon, to regulate the seal fisheries the fur bearing seals will soon be exterminated.

Gov Winens has signified his intention to veto any bill appropriating more than \$75,000 for making an exhibit at the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago, in 1893. The Legislature seems inclined to appropriate enough to enable this state to make a creditable showing, but it is no go.

MLE Staff Member of the Month



Murray Lake Elementary Staff Member of the Month is Lori Cyrocki. "Lori is not only an amazing teacher, but an incredibly kind, generous,

and thoughtful person. She drops everything to help those around her and can always put a smile on my face with her witty humor. Lori deserves staff member of the month not only for her hard work and dedication to teaching, but also for all the extra things she does to help those around her," said fellow second-grade teacher, Kristin Durfee.

Cyrocki commented, "I feel so fortunate to be able

to say that I have been a Murray Lake staff member since the school opened its doors. It is fun to see past students when they come back for a visit and talk about the amazing things they are doing with their lives. I love teaching second grade and witnessing all the changes and growth that

happens during the year. The staff here is so friendly and supportive and they make coming to school each day a joy. In my spare time, my husband and I like to spend time with our grandsons who are three and five years old. I also enjoy traveling to Arizona to visit family."

health



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

signs of skin cancer

The best way to find skin cancer early is to keep an eye on your skin, especially moles. It's a good idea to do a monthly self-exam of your skin. Look for any change in a mole or the appearance of a new mole. Any moles that appear after age 30 should be watched carefully and shown to your doctor.

The following ABCDE rules can help you remember what to look for when you're checking for moles:

A for asymmetry – A mole that, when divided in half, doesn't look the same on both sides;

B for border – A mole with edges that are blurry or jagged;

C for color – Changes in the color of a mole, including darkening, spread of color, loss of color, or the appearance of multiple

colors such as blue, red, white, pink, purple or gray;

D for diameter – A mole larger than 1/4 inch in diameter (about the size of a pencil eraser);

E for elevation – A mole that is raised above the skin and has an uneven surface.

You should also watch for these changes to your skin:

- A mole that bleeds
- A mole that grows fast
- A scaly or crusted growth on the skin
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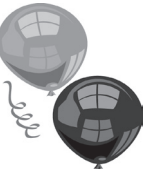
Katherine Pniewski, daughter of Michael and Stacey Pniewski, of Lowell, is a candidate for a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology from Hope College.

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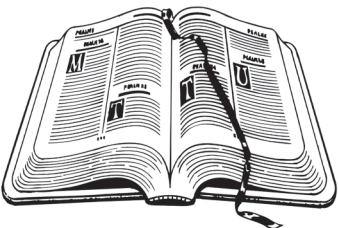
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Avid canner publishes guide to food preservation

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Known as the “Canning Diva,” food preservation expert Diane Devereaux has just self-published a new book called “Canning Full Circle: From Garden to Jar to Table.” In the lavishly illustrated book the Vergennes Township resident explains the canning process in detail and provides over 100 recipes.

“I started the Canning Diva as a way to take my passion and turn it into something fun and awesome,” Devereaux said. “When I started the Canning Diva I knew that I would be teaching and working on recipes. It was four years of recipe writing. I wanted to essentially utilize that four years of time developing and teaching into a book.”

“Canning Full Circle” begins with clear explanations of the various canning methods.

“I took a lot of what I teach on a regular basis and incorporated it into the book as ‘Canning 101,’” Devereaux said. “I think people are more apt to do something if they understand the ‘whys’ behind it. Why is canning safe? Why do I have to water bath? Why do I have to use a pressure canner? I answer all of that in there. I explain to people what keeps us safe. I give recipes for the novice canner to the advanced veteran, you name it and you’re capable of doing it all.”

After teaching the basics, the book goes on to provide over 100 recipes, from simple pickles and jams to elaborate “meals in a jar” like beef bourguignon and chile con carne.

“Then I teach individuals once it’s in a jar how to utilize it,” Devereaux said. “That’s the gap I bridge. Most books don’t do that. You either have a canning recipe book or a cookbook. I think more people would be apt to can their garden or their CSA [Community Supported Agriculture] goods if they knew how to use them. This book is ‘canning full circle’ for that reason. It fills a void. There is a whole chapter on meals in a jar. You simply heat it and eat it versus hitting up the drive through. Beef burgundy, chili con carne, chicken pot pie, it’s yummy.”

The book also busts a few canning myths. For example, Devereaux said it’s important to record the date when something was preserved, but not because you have to throw it away after one year in storage.

“There is a misnomer out there that you have to throw everything away after one year,” Devereaux said. “That’s not true. Things are at their optimal nutritional value in that first year but that doesn’t mean that they’re no longer good. The second year it drops down to like 60-65 percent, third year about 50 percent, sometimes less if it’s meat. I tell individuals that if you can eat Ho Hos, Ding Dongs and Doritos, foods that have no nutritional value, an infinite shelf life and a bunch of ingredients that you cannot pronounce, you can eat something, I think, into your third year. It’s a personal choice, though. I leave it up to the individual. In my home things don’t last that long, they get eaten. There’s not much that lasts longer than a year, maybe two.”

Devereaux lived in downtown Detroit until the age of 12, when her family moved to the tiny town of Branch, MI.

“I grew up in Detroit and then we moved to northern Michigan when I was twelve and a half,” Devereaux said. “I celebrated my 13th birthday up north. Branch, Michigan, is a little town between Baldwin and Ludington off of US-10. If you blink when you’re driving on US-10 you’ll miss it. This was a place we went to in the summer because my grandmother on my dad’s side lived there. It was a fun getaway for us to go to the country, but I never thought in a million years that we would live there. It was a completely different life. We had a hog farm with over 250 heads of hog and a two acre garden. Actually, for me, as a young child, it was pretty awesome. The versatility it taught me as an individual, it’s a valuable experience that I am very, very happy I had. I don’t think I’d be who I am if I didn’t have that. Your



Diane Devereaux has self-published a new book about canning foods.

life path... you have your vision set in one direction and that’s not always how it turns out.”

It was in Branch that relatives inspired her to learn the art of canning. The book is dedicated to one of them, her stepfather Ernie.

“We moved because my mother had a relationship with a gentleman that today is my stepdad, Ernie Gould,” Devereaux said. “In the book I’ve also got a lot of family recipes from Grandma Gould.”

Her early exposure to canning involved a lot of hard, dirty work.

“When we were kids we didn’t get to go in the kitchen,” Devereaux said. “We had to do all the picking, harvesting, prepping and cleaning, all that stuff. My cousins came up from Detroit one summer and they worked just as hard as we did berry picking. It was fun.”

The new book is the latest step in Devereaux’s mission to spread the canning gospel. As the “Canning Diva” she also teaches classes, gives seminars at local libraries, appears on television and

radio shows and has a podcast on the Survival Mom Radio Network. Her website, canningdiva.com, contains a calendar outlining all of her classes, book signings and other personal appearances.

“It’s quite a rewarding feeling to head down to your pantry or wherever you store your canned goods and see the shelves lined with all of this awesomeness,” Devereaux said.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Vergennes Township Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday May 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall located at 10381 Bailey Dr. at the corner of Parnell (Lowell) to hear the following business:

The following variance application was postponed from the April 26 meeting. Applicant Richard Perry is applying for a side yard setback variance (section 201.304 F 2) for a metal carport accessory building at his property located at 11901 Alden Pines.

The Board will review and finalize the written decision language from the Township Attorney on the appeal decision from the April 26 meeting regarding the Township Board's approval of the Verizon tower proposed for 13645 Beckwith Dr. There will be no public hearing held on this as that was taken at the previous meeting.

The members may review any other business that may come before them as permitted by the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act and Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance.

The complete variance application can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays and from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursdays or on the website at www.vergenneswp.org. Public comment will be heard at the meeting for the variance request. Written comments received by mail, email, in person or in the mail slot located at the office entrance will also be considered if received at the Township office prior to 6:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Comments may be emailed to: zoning@vergenneswp.org

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL Shops & Restaurants

Lowell's newest brewery scheduled to open this June

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell's latest microbrewery, Big Boiler Brewing, will open at 318 E. Main this June. Construction crews are currently putting the finishing touches on the interior. The completed brewery will have 12 beers on tap, a full restaurant menu, banquet facilities, catering and a private party room upstairs.

"We'll open up with a mix of traditional American and European ales, then when we get all 12 taps filled we'll start working on some lagers," said brewmaster Matt Fouts, a former brewer at Founder's. "We'd like to do some seasonal things. I'd like to do a steam house lager and a pilsner as well. There's a style called 'steam beer.' Anchor Steam [from San Francisco, CA] is the most popular commercial example of that. There are a lot of variations to that style. Its history goes back to the 1800s in California. It's a really, really good malty beverage and I think it's going to tie in well with our boiler theme. That will be a little bit down the road because they take twice as long as an ale takes to

ferment. We will have a sour program. It's in the works to do a kettle sour. When you do a sour program you have to dedicate equipment to that. If you have a fermenter that you're going to use to sour beer in, that's going to stay a sour beer fermenter. Fortunately there is a technique that you can use called kettle souring, where you actually sour in your boil kettle before you boil the beer. Once you boil it, it kills all the bugs off and then you get the souring that you want. You get really great results in a much shorter time. Some of those sour beers take at least a year. We'll have a sour, but not right away."

The menu isn't finalized yet, but expect to dine on good, classic, hearty pub food.

"We're focusing on things like really good sandwiches, burgers, chicken wings, salads, ribeye steak, pork chop and prime rib," said owner Brent Slagell. "We want to focus on craft food. The chef that we hired [Jake Warnes] is going to do a lot of original, homemade sauces and stuff like that."

Big Boiler Brewing is putting in a special event room where you can hang out and watch the beer get brewed.

"We've added a private party room upstairs," Slagell said. "It's going to have seating for about 78 people and it's going to be up over the brewing area. There are two big windows that will look down onto the brewing area. We've already got it booked for things like retirement parties, class reunions, 16th birthday parties and open houses. Some professional groups have contacted me about having meetings up there. Lowell really needed a small gathering area downtown, with a full liquor license and a full kitchen, where people could have those types of events. It should be pretty nice, with a cool view down over the brewery."

In addition to their own brews they will offer soft drinks, wine and mixed drinks.

"We can offer you a glass of wine, a Jack and Coke or a gin and tonic," Slagell said. "Many times I've had someone say something like, 'I'm a big

beer drinker but my husband just wants a glass of scotch.' We're going to be able to accommodate people like that. We are going to offer the best of both worlds. You could have one member

of the table drinking craft beer that was brewed in this building by Matt and one member of the table drinking a California wine."

The brewery is scheduled to open at the

end of June. They are currently hiring for servers, bartenders and kitchen staff. If interested in a position or for more information head to their website, bigboilerbrewing.com



Big Boiler Brewing owner Brent Slagell and brewmaster Matt Fouts are hard at work preparing for their June opening.

BREAKING NEWS

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Mr. Michael Poon
President & CEO
Metro Health – University of Michigan Health



Red Arrow

- BASEBALL

SPORTS

Lowell baseball 12-6 overall for the season

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Red Arrow varsity baseball dropped an OK White conference series against the Northview Wildcats last week 2-1 and tallied a loss against Caledonia Scots on Friday. That brings their season record to 12-6 overall.

Tuesday, the Arrows headed to Grand Rapids to take on the Wildcats in doubleheader action where

they picked up one win and one loss. It was a back-and-forth battle in game one that was tied 5-5 going into a forced eighth inning. Despite outhitting their opponent, Lowell took the loss when Northview drove one in the bottom of the extra inning for a 6-5 win.

The Arrows had ten hits in the game coming from senior Sterling Anderson, junior Connor Douma and

senior Cooper Perry. Senior Jarrod Melle opened on the mound throwing four innings; he surrendered four runs and struck out three. Senior Andrew de Voest took the loss for Lowell pitching just shy of three innings, while allowing two hits, one run, one walk and striking out two.

Game two saw the Arrows grab a quick lead that eventually became an

8-3 victory. Capitalizing on a pair of errors and a ground out from senior Jack Malone, the Arrows went up 3-0 after the first inning, adding another run in the third to lead 4-0. Northview finally lit up the scoreboard in the fourth inning driving in three runs to challenge the Arrows lead 4-3. Battling against the possibility of a second loss Lowell started swinging again in the sixth when they plated four runs. The momentum was led by singles from Douma and senior Sage Solomonson. The team tallied nine hits all together with additional action coming from Anderson and junior Brady Douma.

Thursday at home the Arrows finished up their series with Northview with a 7-6 loss, despite nearly battling back for the win in the late innings of the game. In exhibition on Friday at Caledonia High School, the Scots took a second inning lead that held until the end earning them an eventual

3-0 win. Anderson was the day's leading hitter going two for three at the plate

and junior Josh Hackstedt took the loss at pitcher completing six innings.



Harvard bound senior Red Arrow Nate Stephens makes a grab for Lowell.



Talented pitcher Cooper Perry on the mound for the Red Arrows in OK White action.

This week the Arrows play Forest Hills Northern on Tuesday with a doubleheader on the road. The series will wrap up Thursday at home with the first pitch at 4:15 pm. Lowell will also welcome Traverse City West for a pair of games on Saturday at 11 am and 1 pm.

- SOFTBALL

First loss in conference action for Lowell softball team

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell's varsity softball team took their first loss of the conference season last week against Northview in a 2-1 finish for the Arrows. They also participated in the Michigan Stars tournament in Grand Blanc over the weekend.

The team began the week with a pair of wins against the Wildcats of Northview on the road 5-4 and 8-1. Behind by two moving into the seventh and final inning of the game, the Lady Arrows stormed back

for a 5-4 win in game two plating three runs. Junior Megan Summerfield led the offensive effort going two for four at the plate with a pair of singles. Sophomore Emily Depew earned the win at the mound striking out seven batters.

Patience was key in game two as the Arrows took advantage of eight walks to pick up an 8-1 win. Sophomore Kylee Stephens led the walk effort logging three while junior Kenzie North was the leading hitter going two for three,

including a double and a single. Depew maintained her position on the mound to log a second win this time with 10 strikeouts.

The tables turned for Lowell on Thursday when they welcomed their OK White foe to their home diamond for the third game of the series. Struggling to connect bat to ball, the usually big hitting Red Arrows only managed seven hits in the game, with sophomore Maddi Jordan leading the effort with three hits in her four appearances at the plate. North and Summerfield also produced doubles for the team in the loss. Jordan took the loss as pitcher.

In Grand Blanc over the weekend the girls logged three wins on Saturday and completed the tournament on Sunday with a respectable sixth-place finish. Against Anchor Bay the girls picked up a 7-5 win with a late inning surge. Tied at three at the close of the seventh inning, Anchor Bay put two runs on the board in the eighth. The Arrows answered by blasting in four runs in the bottom. With a runner already on second, junior Miah Ransom sent

out a sacrifice fly to move the runner and landed herself on first. Ransom then scored on a ground out from sophomore Corah Miller. Fellow sophomore Allyson Lange then singled followed by a walk from freshman Kenzie Jordan before M. Jordan came to the plate and nailed one over the fence for a walk off win.

Lowell earned another win against Monroe High School 8-3 led by North who produced three runs. Depew and Summerfield went two for four at the plate logging three and four RBIs respectively. Depew also picked up the win at the mound, her second of the day. Finally, against South Lyon Summerfield sent out

two dingers and produced four RBIs. Hits were also attributed to freshman Kaia Zimmerman, North and Depew, with Depew also picking up her third consecutive win on the mound. After battling it out in the championship round on Sunday, the girls returned to Lowell with sixth-place honors.



Sophomore Red Arrow Maddi Jordan slides into home plate in OK White action.



Junior Megan Summerfield sends out a double against Northview.

On the schedule this week was an exhibition double header against Lakewood at home on Tuesday, an on-the-road doubleheader against Covenant Christian on Thursday and the Lowell Softball Invite which will take place on Friday and Saturday.

Red Arrow

- SOCCER

SPORTS

Arrow soccer players shut out Yellow Jackets

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

A trio of scheduled competitions became a duo with break even results for the Red Arrow girls varsity soccer team last week. They fell to Forest Hills Northern and shut out the Yellow Jackets of Greenville after accepting a forfeit from Ottawa Hills who was unable to field a team.

After coming together for the ultimately cancelled game against the Bengals of Ottawa Hills on Monday, the Red Arrows reconvened on Wednesday at Red Arrow Stadium to take on the Huskies of FHN. After accepting defeat at the hands

of sister school Forest Hills Central last week, Lowell saw the same fate become of them against the Huskies. The ranked FHN team dominated play shutting out Arrow scorers for a 2-0 defeat that included five saves in the box from senior Bridget Garter.

Exiting the contest with a record of 6-2-1 overall and 3-2 in conference, Lowell next faced OK White rival Greenville on the road Friday night looking to break their two game losing streak. They did so in big fashion locking the Yellow Jackets out of scoring for an 8-0 victory. Sophomore

Regan Coxon was on fire on the field pushing the ball into the back of the net four times in the win and logging an assist.

The broad offensive effort included goals from junior Maura Fitzpatrick, freshman Khloe Hayes and Molly Frederickson and sophomore Jaki Hayes. Earning assists in the game were senior Amber Curtis, K. Hayes, senior Delaney Beirlein, junior Hailey Hoevenaar and senior Darby Fuller who logged two. Garter and K. Hayes combined for the shut out in goal.



This week the team, now 7-2-1 and 4-2, battled twice in the OK White earlier in the week against Northview and Cedar Springs in a pair of home matches and will wrap up their week of competition on the road Saturday at the Grand Rapids Catholic Central Invite which kicks off at 11:15 am.

Sophomore Aly Holdridge goes to battle in the OK White conference at home.

- LACROSSE

Boys lacrosse team focuses on conference tournament

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Despite furious battle on both occasions, the Lowell boys varsity lacrosse team were defeated twice last week inside Red Arrow Stadium to Grandville and the combined Zeeland East/Zeeland West teams.

Opening their week against Grandville on Tuesday night, the Arrows watched a 4-2 lead dissipate into a 7-5 loss after a fast and furious second half scoring run from the Bulldogs. Sophomore Case Olesko, senior Collin

Bowers and junior Addison Buckius combined for the team's five scores.

Friday night, Lowell welcomed Zeeland for the second match up of the week pausing before the game to recognize the seniors graduating after this season. Fourteen members of the class of 2017 were honored alongside their parents on the field. The senior heavy roster left just eleven members remaining on the sideline during the ceremony.

After falling behind considerably in the first

against the talented Zeeland team the Arrows had a strong second, netting two goals within just a minute. Senior Hayden Barry struck first netting the first goal. Just moments later Bowers,

with an assist from Buckius, landed another. Bishop contributed one of his 16 saves just as the clock ran out setting the stage for what looked like a comeback. Unfortunately that was not

to be, as Zeeland tightened down in the third and fourth allowing only one more Arrow score in the game. The 14-3 loss tipped the Arrows' season record to a losing one, 5-6 overall.

With their regular season in the books, apart from a pair of exhibition games this coming Saturday and Monday, the team will next focus on their conference tournament which kicked off this Monday at Grand Rapids Christian High School and will continue this Friday evening. Details of the event have yet to be announced.



Senior Red Arrow Max Bishop makes a save.

Sports Summaries



BOYS GOLF

Lowell boys varsity golf hosted the fourth OK White conference jamboree last week Wednesday at Deer Run Golf Course tallying a combined total of 182 points to earn a fourth-place finish. The team earned third in their two previous conference competitions. This week they welcomed Grand Rapids Catholic Central on Monday for exhibition play, will travel to Greenville Wednesday for their fifth jamboree and battle former OK foe Jenison on Friday.

GIRLS LACROSSE

The Lowell varsity lacrosse team ladies went 2-1 in competition last week on the road. First up was a second shot at West Ottawa where they avenged a previous loss with an 8-7 triumph sealed by a last minute goal from sophomore Ella Dougherty. Junior Nikki Paulus had an outstanding night netting five goals to lead the team. Seniors Sela Bauman and Hana Steinbach were also credited with goals.

Wednesday in Spring Lake the ladies suffered a 13-2 loss with goals accredited to Dougherty and freshman

Skylar Young. They picked up the pace on Friday against Hudsonville logging a 10-5 victory after a strong second half. Senior Laurel Frederickson earned 15 saves in goal for the team who saw goals from sophomore Nichole Anheuser, freshman Marissa Berg, Paulus, junior Claire Gossman, Young and Bauman.

SHOOTING TEAM

Red Arrow sharpshooters participated in the Michigan Junior Olympic State Championships at Hillsdale College last weekend leaving the competition with four medals in hand. Winning individual honors were sophomore Abi Wester, who claimed gold in the women's bunker trap event, and junior Ethan Ettinger, won the bronze in men's bunker trap. Claiming victories as a team were Wester, Ettinger and sophomore Noah Brown who took gold in team bunker trap and sophomores Brett Hudson and Cameron Egan, with junior Josh Bush placed third in the same event to bring home the bronze.

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NEELS

Peter Neels III, age 63 of Lowell, passed away Saturday, May 6, 2017. He was preceded in death by his in-laws, Richard and Patricia Szymoniak. He is survived by his beloved wife of 20 years, Susan; brother-in-laws, Tim (Cynthia) Szymoniak, Mark (Kim) Szymoniak; sister-in-laws, Shirley (Stuart) Mitchell, Beth (Brian) Carnaghi, Patty (Dr. John) Mogor, Janet (Doug) Wolters, Bonnie (Timothy) Lalley; best friend and golf buddy, Jerry Colburn; and many nieces and nephews. Peter was a loyal and hard-working employee at the Kellogg's Company for 45 years, retiring in 2015. He was an avid golfer and fisherman, and enjoyed gardening on his property. He was loved by all, especially children, and will be missed dearly. Peter was a wonderful and devoted husband to Susan; she loved him with all of her heart, and always will. She will miss her darling husband forever. Funeral will be Wednesday, May 10 at 11 a.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331. Rev. Fr. Daniel Schumaker officiating. Interment Merriman Cemetery.



PORRIT

Nancy Gee Porritt, of Bingham Township, died at Clark on Keller Lake in Grand Rapids, on May 4, 2017. The daughter of Genevieve Alta Lane and James J. Gee, Nancy was born on December 14, 1933. She graduated from Lowell High School in 1952 and after completing a two-year secretarial degree at Michigan State University, she married John F. Porritt in 1955. She had known John since eighth grade and they both graduated from the same high school together. After their fifth child was born, Nancy and John moved to Traverse City, where Nancy enjoyed horses and was active in the Leelanau County 4-H Horse Bowl. With her strong appreciation for the natural world, Nancy passed on her love of landscape, plants and animals to her children. For decades she was an avid recycler. Nancy is survived by her sister, Sue Gee Doyle; five children, Greg, Ruth, Beth (David Poore), Jann, and Jeanine (Randy Heibel); five grandchildren, Nathan Porritt, Nicholas Porritt, Lindsey Matro, Jacob Heibel and Gabriel Heibel; and one great-grandchild, Madison Matro. We, her family, thank the nurses and staff at Clark on Keller Lake and hospice of Michigan for their respectful care of Nancy and their kind treatment of us. The Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, May 8 at 11 am at St. Mary Great Mother of God Catholic Church, 402 Amity Street, Lowell. In lieu of flowers, please consider supporting Ruby Ellen Farm Foundation, P.O. Box 492, Suttons Bay, MI 49682. www.rubyellenfarm.org/about/make-a-pledge/ or The Leelanau Conservancy, P.O. Box 1007, Leland, MI 49654.



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Looking Back, continued

either that paper is not respected in Lowell, or some folks are not concerned about gardening—in other people's yards.

WANTED—Boys to tend machines. Good wages. Lowell Cutter Co.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 14, 1942

With this issue the Ledger begins its 50th year of service to this community and for the editor it also marks the completion of 54 years of work in the printing business, starting at the age of 14. A year from now, when the Ledger will have completed fifty years of continuous publication, we aim to publish a special anniversary edition, plans for which are now under way. In the meantime the editor wishes to express his appreciation to subscribers, advertisers and friends for their patronage and good will.

Looks like cotton bags will take the place of burlap "for the duration". W. P. B. has ordered cotton mills to convert their operations to making some bags, camouflage cloth and food and agricultural bags. This action will help correct shortage in the burlap supply. It is expected the mills will be adjusted to the new work by mid-summer.

Five pike will be the new daily creel limit for pike fishermen whose season's sport begins Friday, May 15, on more than 200 of Michigan's larger inland lakes. Until this season the inland lake angler could take five northern pike, five walleyed pike, and five black bass in a day, besides panfish and trout. Now his aggregate limit of big fish will be five, rather than 15. The length limit on pike continues at 14 inches.

The poppy has become the symbol of the dead—their memorial flower. It has become the sign that the high ideals for which these brave, young men, who gave their lives, still live and are honored. That is why we pin on the poppy when we pay tribute to the World War dead. The poppy covers the soil in France beneath which they lie, and on Poppy Day we place the flower over our hearts, where the memory of the great sacrifices they made for our country is forever enshrined.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger May 11, 1967

Sgt. Abe R. DeYoung, former resident of the Lowell area, was killed in combat in Viet Nam on Tuesday, May 2nd. His mother, Mrs. Mary DeYoung of Grand Rapids, was informed that her son was killed by small arms fire in action in the Mekong Delta. DeYoung is the third casualty of the war to come from the immediate Lowell area. Tex Ford of Lowell and James Heather were good friends and classmates at Lowell High School, where they were members of the Class of 1965. Sgt. DeYoung was a cross country runner for Lowell High and was voted the most valuable member of his team as the most consistent winner. He was also a member of the baseball team and was active in the Future Farmers of America. Before coming to Lowell High School, he attended the grades at Farrell

Elementary School. At this time his family resided at 8881 Two Mile Road, NE. Sgt. DeYoung entered the Army on May 4, 1966. He was with Company A of the 3rd Battalion, 47th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division.

Trudy Schlernitzauer, Lowell's most famous sportswoman has added another title to her long list of pistol shooting records. Last month she won the Michigan State Championship at Jackson, on the indoor shoot she won the open, civilian and woman's title. There is an effort underway by Trudy's fans to see her in the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame in Detroit's Cobo Hall.

Five bands will be participating in the "Battle of the Bands" to be held this Saturday night at the Runciman Elementary Building. These popular groups will be present for the pleasure of the teen age crowd: the Head Hunters, the Plague, the Dregs, the Varmits and the Left Wing. The contest will be judged by the Chevrons. The music will start at 8 pm and end at midnight. Admission is \$1.00. This dance is sponsored by the Lowell Teen Center.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 13, 1992

The Lowell Board of Education cordially invites the community of Lowell to the ground breaking ceremony commemorating the new high school on Wednesday, May 27 at 4 p.m. The ceremony will take place on Vergennes Road between Alden Nash and Cumberland Drive.

Be present to experience history first hand. You will not want to miss the First Annual Fallasburg Historical Society Civil War Muster, May 30 and 31, to be held in the original Village of Fallasburg, just north of Lowell. This event is sponsored by the Fallasburg Historical Society and will be hosted by that group with the 3rd Michigan Infantry, Company F, Grand Rapids own Civil War unit, serving as liaison.

The Lowell FFA and the Lowell Agriculture Supporters are sponsoring their annual Hog Roast and item Auction on May 15 in the High School Cafeteria from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The auction will begin at 8 p.m. A new feature this year will be a slave auction of chapter members whose services will be auctioned off to do yard work, housework and farm jobs. There will also be a wide variety of items to be auctioned off, ranging from gift certificates from many local merchants to a large assortment of country arts and crafts. Tickets are \$5 for adults and children under five years are free. Proceeds will be used to send two FFA members to the Washington Conference Leadership Program in Washington, D. C. this summer.

The "plane" truth is Nan Neuberry hoped that her visit to Bushnell School would encourage kids to read more. Neuberry, who is seeking a specialization in reading at Grand Valley State University, is seeking an elementary endorsement in reading. That endorsement must include interaction with children. Fulfilling that obligation, Neuberry spent a day at Bushnell, Elementary talking and reading to 1-5 grade students about Wilbur and Orville Wright. "I shared a book called The Wright Brothers' written by Russell Freedman," Neuberry said.

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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SPRING SPORTS CALENDAR

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

BOYS & GIRLS TRACK

* Denotes a meet at Red Arrow Stadium

5/12 at 3 pm OK White Conference Meet

BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL

* Denotes a game at Cherry Creek Field

5/11 at 4:15 pm FHN*

5/16 at 4:15 pm FHC* - doubleheader

GIRLS VARSITY LACROSSE

* Denotes a game at the Red Arrow Stadium

5/15 at 7 pm Grand Haven*

5/17 time TBA Open Date (Harper Creek back-up date)

BOYS VARSITY LACROSSE

* Denotes a game at the Red Arrow Stadium

5/13 at 12:30 pm at Portage Central

5/15 at 7 pm at Reeths Puffer

BOYS VARSITY GOLF

* Denotes a meet at Deer Run Golf Course

5/12 at 3:30 pm at Jenison

5/15 at 3:30 pm at Lakewood

5/16 at 3:30 pm Jamboree #6 at OH

5/17 at 3:30 pm Jamboree #7 at Cedar Springs

GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

* Denotes a game at Cherry Creek Field

5/11 at 4:30 pm at Covenant Christian - doubleheader

5/12 at 4:30 pm Lowell Softball Invite

5/13 at 9 am Lowell Softball Invite

5/16 at 4:15 pm FHC* - doubleheader

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

* Denotes a game at Red Arrow Stadium

5/13 at 11:15 am at Catholic Central

5/13 at 12:30 pm at Catholic Central

5/17 at 8:45 pm FHC*

GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS

* Denotes a game at LHS Tennis Courts

5/13 at 9 am Ok White Conference Meet

5/16 at 4:15 pm at Lakewood

BOYS & GIRLS SHOOTING

5/13 at 9 am Junior Spartans Skeet & Sporting Clay

5/20 at 9 am SSW Conf. Skeet Trap Championships

5/21 at 9 am SW Conf. Trap Championships

Red Arrow

- TRACK

SPORTS

Last week's track scores

Girls Track vs Forest Hills Central (2nd place) FHC - 78 Lowell 59

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| Diana Roth | 100m | 1st |
| Abby McDowell | HJ | 1st |
| Julia Pytlik | LJ | 1st |
| Diana Roth | 200m | 1st |
| Corah Kaufman | PV | 1st |
| Alexis Cook | Discus | 1st |
| Snyder, Johnson, Pytlik, Roth | 800m | 1st |
| Lauren Aud | 1600m | 2nd |
| Alexis Cook | Shotput | 2nd |
| Ashley Boehr | 300h | 2nd |
| Lauren Aud | 3200m | 2nd |
| Julia Pytlik | HJ | 2nd |
| Callie Ford-Weber | Discus | 2nd |

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| Corah Kaufman | LJ | 3rd |
| Miller, Boehr, Dixon, Kaufman | 1600m | 2nd |

Boys Track vs Forest Hills Central (1st place) Lowell 86 FHC 51

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| Tristan Stevens | 110h | 1st |
| Eric Judd | 1600m | 1st |
| Morrison Ismond | 3200m | 1st |
| Tristan Stevens | 300h | 1st |
| Caleb Devereaux | Discus | 1st |
| Jacob Bishop | Shotput | 1st |
| Mika, Grant, Kinnucan, Ismond | 3200m | 1st |
| Dietz, Rau, Redloske, Stump | 800m | 1st |
| Misak, Dietz, Rau, Stevens | 400m | 1st |

Hopkins Invitational

(1st Place) Lowell 138 points

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| Corah Kaufman | PV | 1st |
| Diana Roth | 100m | 1st |
| Diana Roth | 200m | 1st |
| Boehr, Johnson, Ford-Weber, Roth | 400m | 1st |
| Snyder, Johnson, Kuhns, Roth | 800m | 2nd |
| Ashley Boehr | 300h | 3rd |
| Kerstin Johnson | 200m | 3rd |
| Amber Brown | PV | 3rd |

Hopkins Invitational

(1st place) Lowell 115 points

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| Caleb Devereaux | Discus | 1st |
| Will Reynolds | 300h | 1st |
| Tristan Stevens | 110h | 2nd |
| Misak, Redloske, Rau, Stevens | 800m | 2nd |
| Morrison Ismond | 3200m | 2nd |
| Reynolds, Judd, Redloske, Stump | 1600m | 2nd |
| Grant, Ismond, Noffke, Judd | 3200m | 3rd |

Men's LASSO Champions



The Lowell Area Select Soccer Organization (LASSO) Men's U-19 team won their second Crusader Cup Championship in Galesburg last weekend, led by coach Pat Heffron. The young men steamrolled their way to a perfect 4-0 record including 20 goals for and only two goals against. Wins were over opponents SWM Kickers (5-0), Kalamazoo Kingdom Black (8-2), Kalamazoo SC (5-0) and USA (2-0) in the championship. This team continues to prove what perseverance, great sportsmanship and teamwork does. Pictured, left to right: Landon Smith, Ben Noffke, Jakob Thompson, Ryan Pawlowski, Robbie Dubisky, Josh Veltman, Caleb Mast, Tristan Stephens, Ezra Stadt, Logan Smith, Riley Coxon, Jacob Homes, Trevor Sherman, Sam Hofman and coach Pat Heffron; in front: Jay Stadt and Jonah Epema.

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- 6. R&R spot
- 9. "For" in Spanish
- 13. Nimble
- 14. Not square?
- 15. South Korean port
- 16. "Superman" Christopher
- 17. Turkish military leader
- 18. 1960s abstractionism
- 19. * ___ eggs
- 21. *Small decorative appetizer sandwiches
- 23. Questionnaire check box
- 24. Insubstantial
- 25. Tank filler
- 28. Willy Wonka mastermind
- 30. #4 Down hometown
- 35. Building extensions
- 37. Charles Manson's home
- 39. Eucharist plate
- 40. Strip of wood
- 41. Batu Khan's people
- 43. *Chicken Satay is popular app in this eatery type
- 44. Separate head from body
- 46. Popular symbol of extinction
- 47. Comme ci, comme Ça
- 48. *Served on a half-shell
- 50. *These frog limbs are a French delicacy
- 52. D.C. bigwig
- 53. Two of a kind
- 55. Beehive State native
- 57. *Indian restaurant appetizer staples

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- NBA Hall of Famer Shaquille O'Neal says that he plans to run for sheriff in 2020 – not for political reasons, but to bring "people closer together."
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- 65. Mojave plant
- 66. Tube in old TV
- 68. Black in "Pirates of the Caribbean"
- 69. Papal court
- 70. Porridge grain
- 71. Broadway's famous orphan

- 72. Bird feed
- 73. II to Romans
- 74. Lodged with pigs

DOWN

- 1. Leopard or such
- 2. Curved molding
- 3. Capital of Ukraine
- 4. "Love Me Tender" singer
- 5. Wound like an old movie
- 6. Lil' Bow Wow's first name
- 7. *Appetizer wrapped in a blanket
- 8. Rapidly
- 9. Between larva and adult
- 10. Rush job notation
- 11. Steak preference
- 12. *Kids' appetizer: "___ on a Log"
- 15. Part with cash, reluctantly
- 20. Dead-on
- 22. Sun Tzu's "___ of War"
- 24. In sum
- 25. Plaster of Paris on a canvas
- 26. Homeless cat's home
- 27. Poles and Serbs, e.g.

- 29. * ___ cheese is not a dairy cheese
- 31. Encouraging taps
- 32. Community spirit
- 33. Renter's paper
- 34. *Blooming bulb
- 36. Proofreader's mark
- 38. *Serve soup
- 42. "___ One: A Star Wars Story"
- 45. Indian Ocean's saltwater inlet
- 49. Swedish shag rug
- 51. Buddhists' sacred mounds
- 54. Fancy tie
- 56. Black tie one
- 57. Cul de ___, pl.
- 58. A fit of shivering
- 59. Foal's mother
- 60. "Metamorphoses" poet
- 61. Football great ___ Graham
- 62. Jasmine of "Aladdin," e.g.
- 63. Cleveland, OH lake
- 64. Dog trailer
- 67. *Like a vegetable in cruditÉ platter

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