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## Lowell Township board passes ordinance to allow churches in commercial district

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

At their latest regular meeting on Monday, May 15, the Lowell Township board of trustees passed an ordinance allowing churches in the commercial district. This will allow the sale of the Noon Equipment property, 11930 E. Fulton, to Impact Wesleyan Church.

The meeting lasted just under an hour and 15 minutes and was attended by nine local residents. Board trustee Carlton Blough was absent.

Before discussion started, board supervisor Jerry Hale recused himself due to a conflict of interest; he is the real estate agent listing the property.

There was very little discussion, the board simply voted unanimously to pass "Ordinance 01-2017, Churches in the Commercial District."

"This [zoning] ordinance now is the way we had looked at it before the addition of requirement line item five in section three," board trustee William Thompson said. "I am satisfied with the letter that we received from attorney [Mark] Nettleton



Lowell Township board passed an ordinance allowing churches in the commercial district, which will allow a huge church to be built on the property currently occupied by Noon Equipment.

that we can require that, so I am fine with it."

Impact Church executive pastor Ryan Kresge was pleased by the board's decision and said they will start work immediately.

"I'm just ecstatic, I'm elated," Kresge said after the meeting. "Now we move forward. We're going to do everything we can to expedite. We've had to hold off on our architect doing full scale drawings. Now

they're scrambling to get all that taken care of."

Ordinance 01-2017 allowed the church as a "special use." In Lowell Township the special use process involves having a public hearing and getting site plan approval from the board.

"The ordinance says it's a 'special use,' so now we have to do the special use process," Kresge said.

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LOWELL TOWNSHIP NORTH GRAND RIVER RIVERFRONT PARK  
planned improvements to the North Grand River Riverfront Park include this concession and restroom building.

## Coffee guzzling ladies hope to blow the lid off a record while recycling plastic tops

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

A group of Lowell area women is collecting thousands of McDonald's coffee lids in a bid to get into the Guinness Book of World Records. They currently

have 1,172 lids and are still sipping away.

Wanda Lehman, Phyllis Phillips, Sue Beute, Kathy Gruizenga, Denise Dommer, Sue Lindhout, Judie Eddy, Velma Perry,

Peggy Idema and Barb Hess have been friends for decades. After their various activities at work, church or volunteering, they meet for coffee at the Lowell McDonald's nearly every

single day. A little over a year ago Wanda Lehman, Velma Perry and Judie Eddy began collecting the lids from the group's many, many cups of coffee.

"This thing started as kind of a lark," Lehman said. "They don't recycle and I do. It's easy, I have a bin right in my driveway. So I always picked up the lids and took them with me. Then other tables started giving me lids and I started seeing how we could have fun with this. I started counting them. I didn't take them to recycling for a long time, then I just said, 'Let's see how many we can get.' It's been about a year and four months that we've been collecting. It wasn't bad

collecting them, it was just figuring out where to keep them at home. I had them on my sun porch through the winter, then I moved them to the garage. I live alone so I can do whatever I want. My daughter did wonder when it was going to end."

"When [Lehman] first started doing it we thought it was funny or strange," Eddy said. "Then I said if one person in every McDonald's did that and there are millions of them, how great would that be?"

"We've got a lot of length in our friendships," Lehman said. "A lot of us knew each other from Alto, a lot of our kids went



Wanda Lehman, Velma Perry and Judie Eddy were the "instigators" among a group of Lowell area women who are collecting thousands of McDonald's coffee lids in a bid to get into the Guinness Book of World Records.

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# Lowell Township board meeting, continued

Kent County drain commissioner Ken Yonker said there are some historic drains in Lowell Township that are damaged beyond repair and must be replaced. "The Bundy drain is on Cascade Rd. by Morris Lake," Yonker said. "Early this spring I was called over there by the Kent County Road Commission

because it was ready to flood the road. The drain was totally plugged and there was nothing moving. We inspected it and what we have is a 1900 drain that is anywhere from four to 10 feet deep. It's clay tile and they're separating and there are four foot deep sink holes all the way through that field."

Yonker said the area is so dangerous that last year a man fell into a hole there and was injured. "One of the property owners, whose property most of that drain runs through, was walking last summer and fell in one of the holes," Yonker said. "Because the grass gets tall you don't see them [the

holes]. He's asking that something be done with it." The board passed a resolution to have the drain commissioner explore the matter further and provide a cost estimate. The board passed a resolution that "supports the submission of an application titled, 'North Grand River Riverfront

Park improvements' to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund of \$200,000 to be used for development of the North Park Project." The township came up with \$200,000 in "matching funds." \$186,300 from their own budget, \$8,700 cash from private donors and \$5,000 labor and materials from private donors. Therefore, if the \$200,000 grant is awarded, they will have \$400,000 to spend on the project. Planned improvements include a combined concession stand and restroom building.



**Lowell Township appointed a new clerk, Monica J. Burt.**

Township. Burt replaces Linda Regan, who is moving out of the area and therefore had to step down.

The board will have their next regular meeting at Lowell Township hall, 2910 Alden Nash SE, at 7 pm on Monday, June 19. They will also have a workshop at 7 pm on Monday, June 5.



## along main street

### 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.

### FOODMOBILE

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The annual report of the Lowell Area Housing, Inc. Foundation for the year ended December 31, 2016 is available for inspection at its principal office, 725 Bowes Road, Lowell, Michigan during regular business hours by any citizen who requests within 180 days after date of this notice.

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# Budget, Bukala and signage discussed at relatively brief council meeting

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

A handful of citizens were in attendance for a brief Lowell City Council meeting last Monday evening that wrapped up after just more than twenty minutes.

In the absence of councilman Jeff Phillips, the council began approving the agenda, committing previous meeting minutes to record and authorizing the payment of city invoices totaling \$802,797.29. Councilman Greg Canfield abstained from the vote sighting a current invoice for his business Canfield Plumbing & Cleaning.

With no citizens taking to the podium for the public comment portion, the council passed over old business having none to discuss. Moving on to new business, the council opened a public hearing regarding the city's 2017-2018 budget which was discussed at length in a budget work session held May 6. The nearly three million dollar budget was approved by the council and with no objection or discussion coming from the public.

City clerk Susan Ullery took the floor next at the

behest of city manager Michael Burns presenting a memo discussing the possible need to make changes regarding the city's temporary sign guidelines including the use of popular feather signs.

"I feel that there is a need to address an issue with our temporary sign ordinance. Currently our ordinance allows for one temporary sign for each separate establishment located on a parcel of land for not more than 60 days in a calendar year. A temporary sign is defined as a displayed informational sign, banner or other advertising device with or without a structural frame and intended for a limited period of display."

Ullery said the problem lies with businesses failing to apply for a permit and others displaying more than allowed by ordinance. She suggested amending the ordinance or taking steps to better inform business owners of the current rules regarding the display of signs. After a brief discussion the council tabled the manner finding it a better suited discussion for the city planning commission.

Councilman Jim

Hodges began monthly reports starting with the Lowell Fire Authority who met on May 8. Discussion at the meeting included cash flow concerns, the carrying of privately permitted firearms while on duty and the newly approved charge that will be associated with future fire inspections. There were 74 calls to the department's emergency line last month with 43 of those being medical emergencies. He went on to report on the planting of trees outside of the soon to open Big Boiler Brewery by the Arbor Board and the distribution of funds by Look Fund to the local Boy Scout Troop 102 for repair of the Boy Scout Cabin roof and the Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association for improvements to handicap accessibility at the Veen Observatory on Kissing Rock Avenue.

Councilman Alan Teelander then reviewed information gained through meetings with the Lowell Planning Commission who continue to work on the city's master plan, the Lowell Area Trailway and the Lowell Light & Power board. The trail will be



Councilmen Greg Canfield, Alan Teelander and Mike DeVore at this week's city council meeting.

extending the current path from Gee Drive down Alden Nash to M21 and LL&P recently launched their online app and approved an increase in customer rates.

Burns then reminded the council of the upcoming Mayor Exchange Day with the Wayland community this Friday. He also updated members on the pending discussions between Litehouse Foods and the LEAD organization as the two look for a resolution after the closing of the

biodigester. Burns also briefly discussed the absence of police chief Bukala who remains under administrative leave. He said it was his understanding that the case being built against Bukala by the Michigan State Police is nearly complete. He expects the case to change hands several times between state offices before any decisions are made to avoid a conflict of interest in the matter.

Mayor Mike DeVore closed the meeting by

thanking those involved in helping complete the annual budget discussed earlier in the meeting.

"I would like to thank everybody downstairs," said DeVore going on to list some people individually. "That budget presentation went better than I could expect. It was a lot easier to understand the way you guys presented and prepared it, so thank you for that."

Councilman Hodges adjourned the meeting at 7:24 pm.

## Coffee ladies, continued

to school there. Some of us knew each other from church or work and we just all gathered together. And then we have what we call the walkers. We have been walking together for 35-40 years."

The Guinness World Records process is involved, lengthy, intricate and expensive if you choose to expedite. They receive over 50,000 applications from potential record holders every year, almost 1,000 a week, so the wait between each step in the process can take weeks or months. You can pay extra to speed up

the process, but that costs a few hundred dollars. The first step is to fill out an application to either break an existing record or to create a new category. The application requires multiple witness statements, photo and video evidence, documentation and other data. If it's a record that doesn't already exist in the Guinness World Records database, the company has to create guidelines and rules. They will have to arrange for a Guinness-trained adjudicator to verify their record attempt on site. And even if you set the

record there is no guarantee you'll end up in the annual "Guinness Book of World Records."

"They should be sticklers," Lehman said. "And in 15 months we could have another thousand lids."

Even if they don't make it into the book, the group is having a great time trying.

"It's just a lark, we can always recycle them," Lehman said. "Getting people more aware of how little things can make a difference, even us old women. I think our combined age is over 500 years."

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## LHS Students of the Month

Paige Romig, 9th grade; Trevor Petroelje, 10th grade; and Paige DeHaan, 12th grade; are the Lowell High School May Students of the Month. In order to be eligible for this honor a

Paige is currently in my Algebra math class. It's so refreshing to see her bright smile every day running into the room to wonder what we are doing in class or what we are learning for

shows good character and willingness to help others."

DeHaan was nominated by Cari Slot and she writes, "Paige has been in yearbook for two years, this year serving as the



Paige Romig



Trevor Petroelje



Paige DeHaan

student must be nominated by a department. All the nomination forms for the month are then reviewed and voted on at the monthly department chair meeting. Students are selected based on academic achievement, character and work ethic. There are 1,200 students eligible for nomination, so this is quite an accomplishment for Romig, Petroelje, and DeHaan. The students receive a \$20 movie gift card and a certificate.

Romig was nominated by Phil Beachler and he writes, "Every once in a while you get a student in your class that make[s] you excited to be a teacher and is a reason why you go into the teaching profession. I'm talking about a student that is really excited to come to math class every day and to learn something new! That student is Paige Romig.

the day. Can you imagine if all your students were like that? There are many reason[s] why Paige should be the Student of the Month; yes, Paige is a straight "A" student in the class. Yes, she hasn't missed one homework assignment all year. Yes, she is often found helping others in her group. Yes, she is a great role model for other students. Yes, hasn't missed one point this trimester! These are all great reasons, but the unique thing about Paige is her excitement to learn math! She is a great student, but even a better person."

Juston Miller nominated Petroelje and he writes, "Trevor is an outstanding student, who shows great leadership at all times. He is a student athlete that shows hard work and dedication, which carries over to the classroom as well. He

head of the underclassmen sections. I could not be more proud of the job she has done with motivating and leading her section. She has earned their respect and is constantly exhibiting fabulous work habits. Paige puts in an extensive amount of time and dedication to making sure this section of the yearbook is beyond everyone's expectations. She is a kind and caring individual that takes such effort into making sure everyone in the school is featured in the yearbook. Her maturity, dedication, and work ethic is far beyond her peers and thus she is a leader that has earned respect and admiration. I could not think of [a] more deserving person to receive the LHS student of the month."

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# viewpoint

## to the editor

### on revenue increase

To the Editor,

A revenue increase is being suggested and believe it or not it's not a rumor. In a May 1 Lowell city council meeting different ways were suggested in how to get more revenue to fix city streets. I, for one, believe that the constituents of Lowell should not be burdened with any type of new taxation, millage or otherwise.

Lowell already has a high tax rate and the city still has a ways to go paying for a new city hall and police station. The constituents of Lowell, along with the rest of the State of Michigan, went through a decade long

recession where wages became stagnant while the cost of living continued to rise.

I recently read where Michigan's median household income is lower now than in 1969 when adjusted for inflation. The constituents have had to do with less because of stagnate wages and a higher cost of living and the city council and city manager should learn to do with less when it comes to a lack of revenue. Road replacement should be dealt with just like they're doing it now and that's without additional taxation.

Lowell spent on pet projects for forty years ignoring the need for future road replacement. Now, most of Lowell roads are twice the age of replacement.

A revenue increase would be the easy way out for the city council and city manager, but it could be devastating for the constituents.

Instead of more taxation, I suggest the city council put road replacement and city maintenance first before everything else. Everything else should be secondary. Some won't like that idea because they won't be able to spend on every pet project that comes along.

Sincerely,  
Jim Howard  
Lowell

## outdoors

### gear up

Dave Stegehuis

Fishing for walleye can be simple or complicated depending on a number of circumstances. Fishermen have their own theories and even secrets for catching a particular species. People who fish for walleye will find fish in rivers or lakes, at different depths, under a variety of weather conditions, and during different stages of the fish's life cycle. An angler will be faced with a combination of all of these factors at the same time when attempting to catch a walleye. To be prepared to effectively meet these challenges takes special equipment and a variety of techniques.

A jig is the simplest rig to set up and fish. A lead jig fished below the boat is fun because the fish takes the jig on a short line. Sometimes the take will be subtle, but often the hit is hard and startling. Tipping the jig with a crawler or minnow can help to sell the rig to a reluctant walleye. Fishing a lively night crawler under a slip bobber works for schooled fish.

When fish are scattered, a crawler harness pulled behind a bottom bouncer is a popular method with experienced walleye fishermen. The bottom bouncer, a stiff weighted wire on the main line, keeps the bait in position just off bottom.

Live bait rigging involves placing a slip sinker on the main line above a swivel then tying a floating jig to a long leader on the other end. Dragging the bait at 1 mph or less with an electric motor is our favorite way to fish walleye.

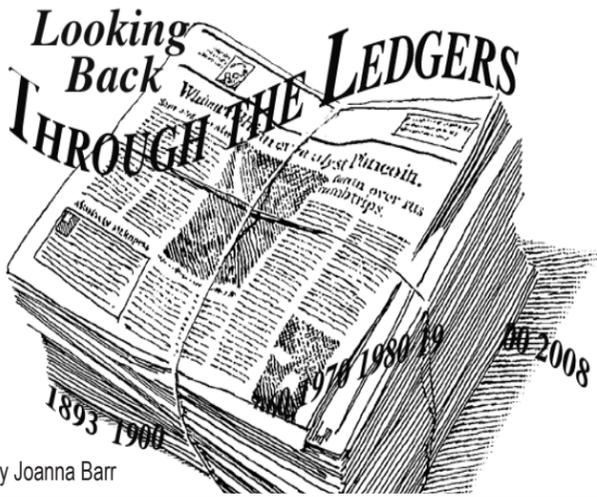
Casting spinners, jigs, or crank baits to structure

and weed lines is familiar to bass anglers and also works for walleye. Trolling crank baits on flat lines using a kicker outboard covers a lot of water at different depths which is a good way to locate dispersed fish. Planer boards guide the baits away from the boat for more stealth.

Gwen and I use three different rod and reel combinations for walleye. One is for jigging and casting. Another works well for live bait rigging. The third set up is for bottom bouncers and trolling.

The most important tool for fishing walleye is the boat. Boat control is critical for effectively presenting the selected offering. Electric trolling motors, kicker outboards, GPS, sonar, and drift socks help to keep the craft in position at the proper speed. A good landing net should be handy in case everything goes right.

If you travel very far from home to fish, it is wise to pack everything you have. Serious walleye fishing can be equipment intensive.



By Joanna Barr

### 125 years ago Lowell Journal May 20, 1891

Last Friday about 1 o'clock the most serious fire that Lowell has had for many years broke out in Fallas' livery barn and fanned by the high wind that was blowing at the time, notwithstanding the almost superhuman in efforts of the citizens and firemen, spread with incredible speed to the buildings adjoining, sweeping everything before it to the river, and one time seriously threatened the whole east end of the town.

The senate of Michigan yesterday refused to allow women to vote at municipal elections. A legislative duty that approves of its members having more than one wife at a time ought to favor women's voting. The more wives a senator has the more votes he will get, provided, of course, that he behaves equally well toward them all.—Detroit Journal.

### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 17, 1917

The Edwin Fallas canning company have just received a carload of sugar—48,040 pounds—to be used for sweetening their mince meat.

A duck belonging to Mrs. Chas. Dawson laid a large egg, inside of which was another hard-shelled egg.

Lieut. Remington, a veteran of the Civil war and widely known as a patriotic entertainer, will be a guest of the Alumni on the evening of June 15. He will afford great pleasure to those fortunate enough to be guests at that function.

Perrin McQueen, who has been employed in Detroit, has been summoned to Fort Sheridan for service in the Officers Reserve Corps, class A. Dr. and Mrs. B. D. McQueen of Lowell are offering two sons to their country.

Sol Randall had a narrow escape from suffocation under two tons of sand at 11 o'clock Friday morning, but rapid work on the part of fellow workmen saved from anything but a few bruises. He was working on the water mains on East Main street, in front of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Vincent, when the bank caved in on him. He was completely buried for two or three minutes.—Ionia Standard. Mr. Randall formerly lived in Lowell.

### 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 21, 1942

A crowd of 300 to 350 attended a showing of moving pictures at the high school auditorium last Wednesday evening, shown through the cooperation of the local Civilian Defense council. Movies shown included the bombing of Pearl Harbor, an air raid warden in action, the operations of the task force on Marshall and Gilbert islands and the Eastern Front in Russia. The event was free to the public.

The sum of \$25.85 was collected at the Strand Theatre Tuesday and Wednesday evenings by the local Post of the American Legion for Army and Navy relief.

The poppies which will be offered for sale in Lowell this week Saturday by ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary were all made by James Roach at the Michigan Soldiers' Home in Grand Rapids. Mr. Roach is nearly totally blind and has a crippled hand, yet strived to do his bit by making the 1,000 poppies for

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~ Michael Bloomberg

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# Emma and Noah remain on top as Social Security reports most popular baby names for 2016

Emma and Noah are again America's most popular baby names, for the third year in a row. This marks the fourth year at number one for Noah and the third for Emma. There is only one new name in the top 10 this year—Elijah, the first time he has ever reached the list of 10. Like a name, Social Security is with you through life's journey, starting at birth when newborns receive their Social Security number.

Here are the top 10 boys and girls names for 2016:

## Boys:

1. Noah
2. Liam
3. William
4. Mason
5. James
6. Benjamin
7. Jacob
8. Michael
9. Elijah
10. Ethan

## Girls:

1. Emma
2. Olivia
3. Ava
4. Sophia
5. Isabella
6. Mia
7. Charlotte
8. Abigail
9. Emily
10. Harper

For all the top baby names of 2016 and to find where your own name ranks, go to Social Security's website, [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

As is tradition on Baby Names Day, Acting Commissioner Nancy

A. Berryhill encourages everyone to visit the agency's website, enjoy the baby names list, and create a *my Social Security* account at [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount). *my Social Security* is a personalized online account that people can use beginning in their working years and continuing through to the time they receive Social Security benefits.

Social Security beneficiaries can have instant access to their benefit verification letter, payment history and complete earnings record by establishing a *my Social Security* account. Beneficiaries also can change their address, start or change direct deposit

information and print a replacement SSA-1099 online. People receiving Social Security can request a replacement Medicare card online.

Individuals age 18 and older who are not receiving benefits can also sign up for a *my Social Security* account to get their personalized online Social Security Statement. The online Statement provides workers with secure and convenient access to their Social Security earnings and benefit information, and estimates of future benefits they can use to plan for their retirement.

The agency began compiling the baby name list in 1997, with names dating back to 1880. At the time of a child's birth, parents supply the name to the agency when applying for a child's Social Security card, thus making Social Security America's source for the most popular baby names.

Each year, the list reveals the effect of pop-culture on naming trends. This year's winners for biggest jump in popularity in the Top 1,000 are Kehlani and Kylo.

Kehlani rose 2,487 spots on the girls' side to number 872, from number 3,359 in 2015. Perhaps this can be attributed to Kehlani Parrish, a singer/songwriter who was nominated for a Grammy in 2016. She was named an artist to watch

and clearly new parents agree her star is rising. Kehlani collaborated with Zayn Malik, the former One Direction star and current solo artist, on a song in 2016. The name Zayn also made the boys fastest riser list.

The force was strong for Kylo in 2016 as he soared 2,368 spots for the boys, from number 3,269 in 2015 to number 901. Kylo Ren, the son of Han Solo and Princess Leia and the grandson of Darth Vader, was a character in the 2015 film *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*. Perhaps Kylo can continue to harness the force and climb even higher in the coming years.

The second fastest riser for girls was Royalty. The royal family likely had something to do with this increase in popularity, or the 2015 World Series champions, the Kansas City Royals, may have influenced parents-to-be.

For boys, it was Creed. This could be attributed to the return to the silver screen of America's favorite boxer Rocky Balboa in the 2015 movie *Creed*, where Rocky trains and mentors Adonis Johnson Creed, the son of his late friend and boxing rival, Apollo Creed. The name Adonis just happens to be the number four fastest riser on the list for boys.

Please visit [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) to view the entire list.

## happy birthday



**MAY 17**  
Maurice Hannah, Andy Dibble, Shawn Witherell, Blake Yeiter.

**MAY 18**  
Ashlee Patnode, Robin Hewitt, Karen Patnode, Cody Sokolowski, Nola Beth Bristol, Karen Kennedy, Kristin Hufstader, Phil Dibble, Melissa Borton, Mike Ordway.

**MAY 19**  
Helen Tetzlaff, Kathy (Tetzlaff) Williams, James Young, Debbie DeHaan, David Main, Andrew Kiczenski, Ken Stager.

**MAY 20**  
Christine Baird, Shanda Weed, Julie Beaton, Bryan Borton, Laura Brower.

**MAY 21**  
Pat Erickson, Eric Ellis, Kayla Mohr, Katelyn Bush.

**MAY 22**  
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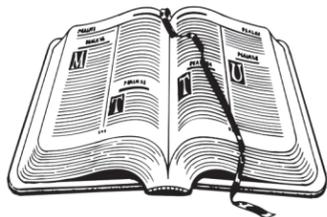


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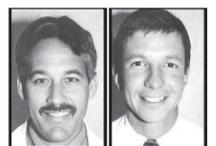
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### canker sores

Canker sores are small shallow painful ulcers that occur on the soft tissues on mouth or on your gums. Minor canker sores are the most common. They are small and will heal in several weeks.

The cause is unknown but thought to be a combination of several things. Possible triggers include:

- a minor injury to the mouth or gum.
- toothpaste or mouth rinse that contains sodium lauryl sulfate.
- spicy or acidic foods,
- B12, folate or zinc deficiencies.
- H. pylori.
- emotional stress.

They may also occur due to other more serious systemic diseases. These include celiac disease, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, and Behcet's disease.

Treatment is not typically needed, but sometimes oral steroid rinses are prescribed for severe cases.

Over-the-counter treatments include topical pastes, creams or gels that relieve pain for a short time. Cautery can also be used to speed healing and reduce pain. Home remedies include using a baking soda or salt water rinse and applying milk of magnesia to the ulcer several times per day prior to eating.



# Loving families needed for local kids in foster care

Nearly 13,000 Michigan children of all ages need loving foster parents while the state works to reunite them safely with their biological parents or find them permanent adoptive homes.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services in May is highlighting the crucial role that foster families provide in

protecting children who were abused or neglected. Gov. Rick Snyder proclaimed May as Foster Care Month.

To show support for these foster families and the thousands of children in foster care, MDHHS is encouraging Michiganders to change their profile picture on Facebook to show their #IFosterCare heart: <https://actionsprout.io/FE72F6>

“We hope others will join us in raising awareness about the great need for foster families in Michigan,” said Nick Lyon, MDHHS director. “We are always looking for more foster families so that we have the best fit to meet the unique needs of every child. Our state is fortunate to have foster families who selflessly provide stable and safe care for these children.”

In addition, MDHHS’s Foster Care Navigator program is featuring some of the many outstanding foster parents and kinship caregivers all month on its website at [www.fcnp.org](http://www.fcnp.org)

May is also a good time to recognize adoptive families,

employees of state and private agencies, the courts and community and faith-based organizations for the support they provide to children in foster care and to their biological and foster families.

Anyone interested in becoming a foster parent can call a Foster Care Navigator at 855-MICKIDS. Navigators are experienced foster care parents who can answer questions and guide prospective foster parents on their journey. Learn more at [www.michigan.gov/hopeforahome](http://www.michigan.gov/hopeforahome) or by texting MDHHS FOSTER to 64468 to receive updates about fostering.

# DNR seeks to understand more about muskellunge through online public survey

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, in partnership with the Michigan Muskie Alliance, is investigating the muskellunge fisheries of the state again this year by distributing an online angler survey.

The 2017 Muskellunge Angler Survey will gather information about muskellunge angler

demographics and catch data. Muskellunge anglers have been surveyed since 2014, but only online since 2016. Traditional methods, including creel and postcards, have not been as successful as collecting information through electronic means. The current survey can be found on the DNR website at [michigan.gov/muskie](http://michigan.gov/muskie)

and the Michigan Muskie Alliance website at [www.michiganmuskiealliance.org](http://www.michiganmuskiealliance.org)

By completing this survey, anglers assist fisheries’ managers in their evaluations, assessments and trend monitoring of Michigan’s muskellunge fisheries. Information collected includes fishing location, method used, catch preferences, catch-

and-release data, and how frequently the individual fishes for muskellunge.

The information collected via the 2017 Muskellunge Angler Survey plays a key role in proper fisheries management. Anglers may fill out one survey per person per trip and they may complete a survey for each angling trip they make.

Anglers must obtain a muskellunge harvest tag when deciding to harvest a fish. These tags are obtained when purchasing a Michigan fishing license or any date thereafter, as long as the angler has a fishing license and a valid driver’s license. Those interested in registering a harvested muskellunge (optional) can visit [michigan.gov/muskie](http://michigan.gov/muskie)

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the state’s natural and cultural resources for current and future generations. For more information, go to [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)



# Social Security helps small businesses

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information with Social Security securely over the internet. For small business owners, we’ve made it especially easy to file W-2s online to help ensure the privacy of their employees’ personal information. You can register and create your own password to access Business Services Online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/bso](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/bso)

Social Security’s Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) was established in October 1979 pursuant to Public Law 95-507. The law assigned the office the task of fostering

the use of small and disadvantaged businesses as federal contractors. To accomplish this, the OSDBU develops and implements appropriate outreach programs aimed at heightening the awareness of the small business community to the contracting opportunities available within Social Security.

Outreach efforts include activities such as sponsoring small business fairs and procurement conferences, as well as participating in trade group seminars, conventions, and other forums that promote the utilization of small and

disadvantaged businesses as contractors.

The OSDBU encourages buyers and program officials to consider small businesses, and to support all the socio-economic contracting programs in place under the Federal Acquisition Regulations.

You can learn more about the OSDBU at [www.socialsecurity.gov/agency/osdbu](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/agency/osdbu).

Business is booming in America, and you might be a part of the job-creating machine that we call small businesses. You’re strengthening everybody’s future, for today and tomorrow.

## LEGAL NOTICES

**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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COUNTY OF KENT**

**PUBLICATION OF  
NOTICE OF HEARING**

**FILE NO. 17-201193-GA**

**In the matter of JAMES EMMET JONES.  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: James Cecil Jones whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:**

**TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on June 9, 2017 at 9:00 am at Kent County Probate Courtroom 9C before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: to appoint Barbara McMeeken full guardian of James Emmet Jones.**

**05/10/2017**

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**PUBLICATION OF  
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**In the matter of BOBBY DUANE THOMAS**

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**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS, including children: Bobby, Tony, and Scott Thomas, whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:**

**TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on JUNE 9, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. at Kent Co. Probate Court, 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: Appointment of a Guardian and Conservator.**

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## Betsey Hamm

**Position:** Executive director, Learning From Scratch  
**Residence:** Lowell  
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**Experience:** Special education teacher, Grand Rapids  
**Family:** Four children, Rebecca, Peter, Alex, Aaron  
**Hobbies:** Sailing, swimming, bicycling, coloring, traveling  
**Pets:** Cat named Clawdy, dog named Lyca



# She's learned "from scratch" to reuse and upcycle

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Lowell resident Betsey Hamm is the executive director of Learning From Scratch, an "upcycle store" that takes various items, from about 30 companies like Herman Miller and Steelcase, that would otherwise be thrown into the trash and makes the material reusable. Learning From Scratch has been doing this for 17 years and is located inside the Comprenew Building, 1454 28th St. SE, Grand Rapids. There, Hamm and two volunteers sort, clean, package and then sell the material to teachers, artists, crafters and inventors for a pittance.

"I collect all year," Hamm said. "All year long I keep my eyes open. Things go out the door as fast as they come in. We get things all year long, different items all the time, so it's always fresh. We're making things for kids. It's for creative learning. It's for education. It's for outside the box

learning. It's hands-on. It's not a piece of paper with six things to do. It's very different. The materials are very inexpensive. It's very good quality stuff. I get the best. It's all clean and safe. I wash it and check it. We make all of this useful. This is all tactile stuff so kids can touch, explore and feel different textures. I'm possessed by it. It's a passion. I've been doing it for 17 years."

Unlike most business owners, Hamm is not motivated by maximizing financial profits.

"I don't take any paycheck, never have," Hamm said. "It makes just enough to be sustainable and that's okay. It's not about the money, it's about the mission. If I wanted money, I wouldn't have done this. I want this stuff to be saved and to meet the needs of people who can make things or teach kids to make things. Organization and management of all the stuff that comes in is the

biggest challenge. It takes a lot of time to do this."

Material from Learning From Scratch is used in art programs by schools and libraries all over Kent County, including right here in Lowell.

"I take things to all the schools in Lowell," Hamm said. "I've always supported them. I support FROM. I worked with the library this spring on a recycled art program. I filled 18 gallon boxes with material. That started in Lowell and spread to nine libraries."

If anybody around

Lowell is trying to sell a van, Learning From Scratch is looking for one at a reasonable price.

"My van is done, it's sitting in my yard crying," Hamm said. "I am on the hunt. I am looking for a used van for a cheap price. If somebody has a van about \$2,500, I don't care if it has a lot of miles on it as long as it's sturdy."

Hamm is originally from Philadelphia and lived in Massachusetts and New Jersey during childhood. Her family moved to Michigan when she was nine and she

graduated from Lakeshore High School in St. Clair Shores in 1965. She wanted to go to school and become a minister, but her mother refused to allow this. Instead Hamm went to Western Michigan University and got a teaching degree. She also found the time to raise four children.

"If you were to sit down with my mom the story you hear would be one of passion, perseverance and of giving more than she takes," her son Aaron Hamm said in a letter to the Ledger. "She gives to her community and has for the

past 17 years. My mother is a leader and an innovator for the greater good. She cares deeply about people and has survived breast cancer and an aneurysm. Through all this she still does what she loves. She has always cared more of others' needs before her own. She taught special education for 13 years and raised four productive children; a mechanic, a chef and two teachers."

She has had a few health scares in the last few years but has not let them hold her back.

"Unfortunately I had an aneurysm in 2004 or 2005 and that threw me off," Hamm said. "It was a bleed in my head and it took a while to heal. I was at a warehouse near Grandville and Wealthy on a beautiful September day in Grand Rapids meeting a man from Habitat for Humanity. The man had never met me before. He said, 'Hi, are you Betsey?' I said, 'Yeah.' He said, 'Are you okay?' I said, 'I'm fine.' Then I took one more step and that was it. If that man hadn't been there I wouldn't be here. I was in the hospital for about two weeks with a godawful headache, then I went home to recover. My balance was off and sometimes my speech still drags when I'm tired. And before that I had breast cancer. But I'm okay."

Learning From Scratch is inside the Comprenew Building, 1454 28th St. SE, Grand Rapids. They are open Monday through Saturday from 10 am until 6 pm. For more information call 616-901-7486, email [scraplfs@gmail.com](mailto:scraplfs@gmail.com), visit [learningfromscratch.org](http://learningfromscratch.org) or find the company on Facebook.

"I just turned 70 and people have told me to quit," Hamm said. "I say, 'Quit and do what?' I love it. It's the thing I know best. I can use my teaching background, my people skills, sharing, communication, work with kids and I meet the most wonderful people, the greatest people. Why would I give it up? I've got somebody else who can mow my lawn. I can't help but be excited, it's like Christmas every day."



Learning From Scratch executive director Betsey Hamm and volunteer Bill Spindler.

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# Thompson named Woman of the Year by LWC at annual celebration

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Jan Thompson was recently named “Woman of the Year” by the Lowell Women’s Club. Thompson has served multiple terms as the organization’s president and is one of their most active members.

“I am excited and extremely honored,” Thompson said. “I am very, very honored to be named Woman of the Year. There is a list of past Woman of the Year winners and I am in such exquisite company. I am so honored to be in with that group.”

Past Woman of the Year recipients, include Eileen McLaughlin, Ellen Moore, Bonnie Crouch, Pauline Watts, Marion Yates, Gladys Schrouder, Ella Ford-Bannan, Betty Yeiter, Rose Roberts, Emma Herron, Ruby Leeman, Marj Harding, Janet Bovee, Liz Webber, Evelyn Briggs, Ann Booth, Angie Mulder, Barbara Pierce, Barb Zandstra, Diane Thomas, Joan Cosgrove, Pat Dombak, Evelyn Tichelaar, B.J. Thompson, Dorothy Randall, June Dilly, Joanne Parker, Kathryn DenHouter, Karyn deKeiser-Moulton, Joy Smith, Kathy Horsch, Karen Thomure, Bev Hall, Susan Stouffer, Nancy Wood and Carolyn Jane Blough.

Thompson has been a member of the club for nine years. She has served two and a half terms as club president. She was shocked when she realized she was going to receive the honor at the club’s annual luncheon on Wednesday, May 10. She had no idea she had been chosen.

“It was a complete surprise,” Thompson said. “They got to ‘She was born in Lansing, Mich.’ and I thought, ‘Gee, I wonder who else in the club was born in Lansing.’ The next thing

was, ‘She moved to Ohio.’ Well, when you live in Michigan almost everybody moves to Ohio for some part of their life, so I didn’t think too much about that. Then they started talking about, ‘She came to Central High School in the seventh grade,’ and I thought, ‘Uh-oh!’ Then it went on to say ‘... with platinum blonde hair’ and I thought, ‘Oh gosh, it’s me!’ It was a complete surprise. So many people were sure that because I seem to know what’s going on I would have realized it or heard about it but I did not. Everybody kept it completely quiet. They really got me and it was such a pleasure.”

Lowell Women’s Club was established in 1928. The organization’s goal is to raise funds for scholarships and community gifts and to mentor girls from Lowell High School.

“Most of our kids are from Lowell High School, but it can be anybody from within the Lowell school district,” Thompson said. “Our goal is to mentor our junior members and also to do volunteer work which provides money for the scholarships that we give our girls. I have mentored eight seniors. That, to me, is most rewarding. We raise money through various events and then 80 percent of that money goes toward scholarships for the girls that we have been mentoring and the other 20 percent goes to various nonprofits in Lowell.”

Ten junior members were awarded scholarships and this year the Lowell Women’s Club created the Bev Hall Scholarship to honor a member who passed away in 2015.

“Bev Hall was one of the nicest women I have ever known in my life,” Thompson said. “She was

a wonderful woman. We all went through her cancer journey with her. I was with her a lot during that period because I considered her one of my best friends. Never once did she complain. Never once did she feel sorry for herself. She continued to come to club meetings as long as she possibly could. Even when she was having her treatment she would still come to the meetings. We named her ‘Queen of the Club’ during the time she was going through her chemo. We had a robe and a scepter and we would bow to her whenever she was at a meeting. She was our queen. She was always fun, she always laughed, she had an incredible sense of humor and she loved people. When she was so sick, she still wanted to mentor a girl but she was too sick to do it. The last girl that she mentored, she mentored with me, a young lady named Alon Watson who is now in college at Western Michigan University. She came to the celebration the other day along with Meghan Hoffman and Marilla Marks. They are girls who have been our mentees in the past, so it was nice to have them there.”

The mentoring doesn’t end after the girls graduate from Lowell High School.

“I keep in touch with all of mine,” Thompson said. “I hear from all of them on a regular basis. Most of them are in college. A couple of mine has graduated and have entered the workforce. One of them is in Chicago, she has been out of school and desperately trying to find a job as an editor for a magazine. She called me last week and said she got a job in her field and how excited she was. I just love the girls. It’s so much pleasure to be with them and get to know

them and be part of their life.”

Lowell Women’s Club is a constant presence at local events.

“We do Expo, we have an annual flea market at the Lowell [Area] Farmers’ Market, we have a booth at the fall festival, we have a luncheon at the chamber office during Christmas Through Lowell and we sell crafts and homemade jams at the First Congregational Church during Christmas Through Lowell,” Thompson said. “We’re involved with FROM, Gilda’s Club of Lowell, Pink Arrow Pride, St. Mary’s Pregnancy Crisis, Snyder Manor, we have two food drives each year within the club for FROM. We also bring in diapers for St. Mary’s Pregnancy Crisis and for the Alpha Women’s Center. Our members are into all the various nonprofits in town. Our membership works at FROM, they work at Lowell Area Historical Museum, they work at the chamber. Anything that goes on in this town, we have members that are in that. I love everything the Lowell Women’s Club does. It is the best club I have ever been in. We are all very close. We stand behind each other all the time.”



Lori Ingraham, LWC president presents Jan Thompson with her Woman of the Year award.



LWC junior members with scholarships, front row, left to right: Alyssa McIntire, Haley Godbold, Darby Fuller, Jillian Riney, and Katie Peterson; second row, left to right: Kara Jeffries, Alyssa Roest, Tory Fezzey, Isabel Lillie, and Hailey Taylor.

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## Arrows go 1-2 versus Huskies; break even against Titans

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Red Arrow baseball went 1-2 against OK White heavy hitter Forest Hills Northern and 1-1 against the Traverse City West Titans last week. This brings their current season record to a winning 14-9 overall and 8-4 in conference.

At the Tuesday doubleheader at FHN, senior Jarrod Melle helped the Arrows take an early lead in the first when he sent up a sacrifice fly that brought in junior Brady Douma, who had advanced to third after earning a walk and stealing a pair of bases. A Douma single paired with a sacrifice bunt from senior Sterling Anderson and a pair of errors added up to another run for Lowell in the third giving them a 2-0 lead.

FHN picked up their first run in the fifth, nabbed the lead in the sixth when they scored on a sacrifice and pushed out a triple off of Anderson to tally three runs and a 4-2 lead that the Arrows were unable to overcome. Anderson took the loss on the hill pitching less than one inning and allowing one run. Joined by senior Jake Wosinski, who threw for just over five innings in the game. Douma and senior Nate Stephens were the leading hitters in a game without an error.

Unwilling to accept defeat, Lowell came out hot in game two putting five runs on the scoreboard in the first inning and won 3-5. The big inning was propelled by a Douma walk, an error capitalized on by Anderson, a single from Melle, a single from senior Cooper Perry, walks earned by junior Connor Douma and Stephens and a passed ball. The Huskies fought back picking up runs in the second, fourth and fifth leaving the game tied at 5 moving into the sixth inning. Faced with the threat of a comeback, the Arrow bats went back to work in the last two innings.

Singles from Anderson, Melle and fellow senior Jack Malone netted one run in the sixth and the offense exploded in the seventh adding seven runs for the 13-5 win. The flurry of final inning scoring was earned via singles from B. Douma, Anderson and Malone and a walk by C. Douma. Perry and Melle combined on the mound with Melle picking up the win throwing two innings. Perry threw for just over three innings, giving up three runs off of five hits and striking out four. In total, the Arrows had 15 hits in the game with action also coming from senior Sage

Solomanson and junior Austin Whaley.

Completing the series Thursday at home, the Arrows found themselves on the bottom after seven, despite battling back from a 8-1 second inning deficit. The Huskies utilized some rare Arrow errors to gain steam early in the game before Lowell added five runs in the third inning as part of their attempted comeback. Action in the inning was led by doubles by C. Douma and Whaley and a Stephen's single.

A Melle home run added two more runs in the fourth bringing the score to 11-8 in FHN's favor. A ground out combined with an Anderson double gained Lowell two more in the fifth. The Huskies also picked up one in the fifth and managed to keep the Arrow bats all but silent in the sixth and seventh with their only base hit coming from Whaley. The game ended with Lowell down 12-10 and junior pitcher Garrett Pratt taking the loss after two innings. The Arrows collected 12 hits in the game with Whaley and Melle leading the charge with three apiece.

Saturday at home on Fan Appreciation Day, the Arrows welcomed non-



Red Arrow Jarrod Melle gets an out at first against the Titans.

conference opponent the Titans for an exhibition doubleheader coming up with break even results. A four-run first inning in game one helped set the pace for a strong 10-1 win for Lowell in game one. They put bat to ball twelve times in the game with multiple hits coming from Malone and Anderson. Malone and Solomanson

each earned three RBIs to lead offensively. Junior Travis Cornell pitched for the win, giving up one run off of six hits and striking out two in just over four innings. He was joined on the mound by junior varsity call up Jordan Dent.

A back-and-forth battle in game two left the teams tied at the top of the sixth

before the Titans ran away with the win 9-6. Anderson was the leading hitter, going a perfect three for three at the plate. Important hits also came from Malone and Anderson in the loss. Wosinski took the pitching loss following game opener junior Josh Hackstedt.

**This week the team will play Forest Hills Central, at home on Tuesday, in a series that will finish up Thursday on the road at 4 pm. This is the second to last conference series with the Greenville Yellow Jackets left on the schedule. Districts are scheduled for the end of the month at Northview High School. The team will host an exhibition doubleheader against Grand Ledge this Saturday with games scheduled to begin at 10 am and noon at Bancroft Field behind Cherry Creek Elementary.**

- SOFTBALL

## Lowell softball plays double headers and hosts invitational

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

The Lowell Red Arrow varsity softball team welcomed both Lakewood and Covenant Christian High School for doubleheaders and hosted their annual Lowell Invitational.

Tuesday the team lost two games at the hands of Lakewood whose tough pitching quieted Lowell's typically loud bats. In game one, the team only produced four hits in a 4-3 loss that was unusually threaded with errors. Game two saw the Arrows hold onto the lead until the fifth inning when their opponent pulled away for an 8-5 win. Sophomore Maddie Jordan went a perfect four for four at the plate, but also tallied the loss on the hill.

Covenant Christian arrived in Lowell Thursday for the second double of the

week which they walked away from with one win and one loss. Juniors Megan Summerfield and Kenzie North led the effort in game one nailing three hits apiece en route to a 12-0 shutout win. Junior Miah Ransom and sophomore Corah Miller also had a solid game at the plate producing two hits each. Sophomore Emily Depew added two hits of her own and claimed the victory from the mound. Depew led offensively in game two earning three of the Arrows' five hits as they once again struggled to connect with the ball. Jordan felt the loss in the pitcher position.

Over two days and on three fields, the Lady Arrows next hosted the Lowell Invitational. Only earning one win out of their three match ups, the girls did not come out with a tournament

victory, but instead saw the honor bestowed on pool A champion Hartland High School and pool B champion Allendale High School. Lowell picked up their lone win over Calvin Christian who they topped 11-3 thanks in part to three RBIs from North. North and sophomore Kylee Stephens each went two for two in the batter box to lead the team's offensive effort. Depew

logged the pitching win sitting down twelve batters.

Summerfield had two hits in each of the team's losing endeavors. She went two for two against Caledonia in the eventual 6-0 loss and also produced two hits in the game against inevitable champ Hartland which they lost 13-5. North had two hits apiece in the later game including a solo sixth inning home run.

**This week the team, now 8-1 in the OK White, will jump back into conference competition against Forest Hills Central. The three game series began Tuesday with a home doubleheader and will finish this Thursday on the road. Friday the team will host their second tournament when they welcome contestants for the annual Mandy Tichelaar Invitational which is slated to start at 4:15 pm.**



Sophomore Corah Miller takes a swing during the Lowell Invitational.

Red Arrow

- LACROSSE

# SPORTS

## Girls lacrosse celebrates outgoing seniors and two wins

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

The Lowell girls varsity lacrosse team celebrated their eight seniors and added two commanding wins to take their season.

Tuesday, in a win that showcased the team's many strong attributes, the Lady Arrows showcased a widespread offensive and thorough defensive effort

that culminated in a 9-0 shutout over Comstock Park on the road. Seven team members scored including three goals from senior Shannon Hoekstra, who coach Jesse Vasquez called a diverse threat on the field. "Shannon has been a player who can play multiple positions. She started out the year playing

strictly defense, but over the course of the season has shown development in her offensive ability and that showed against Comstock."

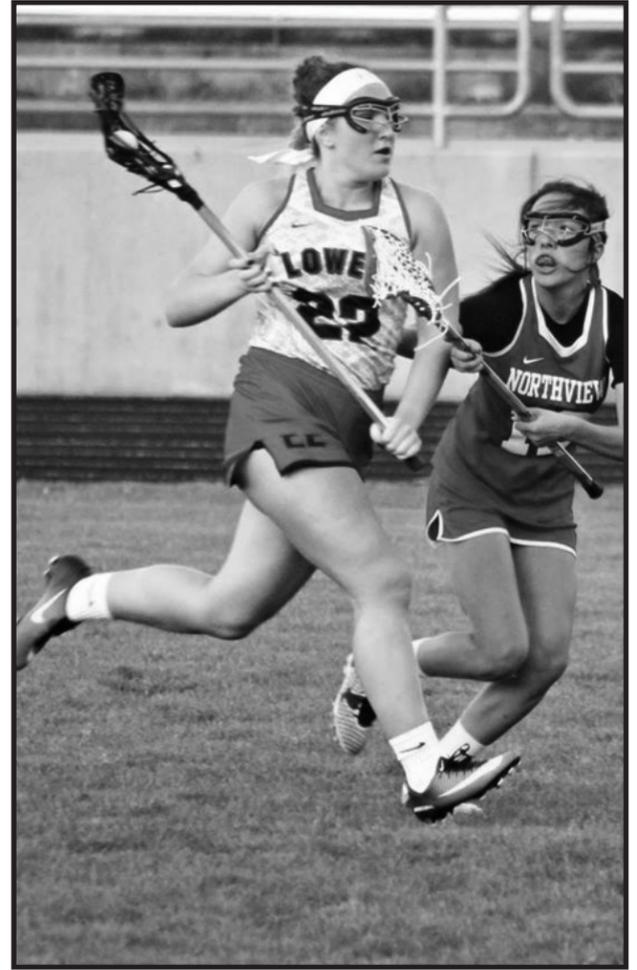
Vasquez added that the tight defense displayed in the game is the product of the team's development in practice. "Defense has been our focus point all year and we are starting to

hit our stride. To be really good on defense you need the entire team to be on the same page and that is what we have been having. Tiana Petricevic has been our defense leader all year and she was magnificent against Comstock and same with Ava Frederickson. They do a great job walling up and keep people in front of them."

The first-year lacrosse head coach also mentioned the defensive performance of junior Nichole Anheuser in the big win. "Nichole Anheuser dominated the ground balls and that gave us extra positions and more opportunity to score. It truly was a team effort from all the girls on defense and offense."

Thursday, honoring the seniors pregame, the team welcomed Northview who they topped in big fashion

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Team co-captain and senior Tiana Petricevic heads toward the goal.



Coach Jesse Vasquez congratulates the team on their 8-2 win.

- SOCCER

## Girls finish 3-1 last week in conference and tourney play

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Freshman kicker Khloe Hayes made a big impact for the girls varsity soccer team adding five goals to her double digit season total in a 3-1 week that included matches against OK White foes Northview and Greenville and two tournament duels against state-ranked Notre Dame Prep and host Catholic Central.

"Khloe Hayes has been huge for us this season," said Lowell head coach Dan Lipon. "She is extremely dynamic and dangerous every time she touches the ball in the offensive third of the field and has combined well with fellow striker and close friend sophomore Regan Coxon. The two have accounted for 23 goals and 20 assists. The two have been a handful for teams

all season and continue to improve from game to game."

Fellow underclassmen also making their presence known this season include Hayes' sister Jaki who is a sophomore and freshman Molly Frederickson who Lipon said excels on the other side of the ball. "Defensively Molly Fredrickson and Jaki Hayes have added physical strength and athleticism to solid back line that has contributed to seven shutouts this season."

Combined with the experience of six determined and experienced seniors and five equally driven juniors, the underclassmen talent has added up to a winning season record of 10-3-1 overall and 5-2 record in conference play. They picked up three of their wins last week, beginning with a 2-1 victory over the Wildcats of Northview on Monday inside Red Arrow Stadium. Top-ranked Northview led after the first half 1-0, but caught the

sharp end of the Arrow in the second half eventually falling 2-1. Lowell's late winning goals came from K. Hayes and junior Darby Dean with assists provided by junior Riley Conlan. Senior goalkeeper Bridget Garter recorded eight saves in the net.

Wednesday, in their second home match up of the week, the ladies shutout their Cedar Springs opponent 3-0 picking up two goals in the first and completing the trifecta in

the second. K. Hayes struck twice in the game with goals also coming from junior Maura Fitzpatrick and Dean. Coxon recorded three assists while Garter tallied her sixth shutout with four saves.

Saturday, on the road, the team took part in the Catholic Central Invite facing off against two of the top teams in the state, host Catholic Central and Pontiac

Soccer, continued,  
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Red Arrow junior Maura Fitzpatrick takes control of the ball.

## Sports Summaries

### GIRLS TENNIS

Lady Arrow varsity tennis competed twice last week in the OK White, facing the Greenville Yellow Jackets and the Northview Wildcats coming up with losing results in both. Monday at Greenville the girls picked up three match points in a 5-3 defeat. Tuesday at Northview, they were shutout 8-0 by the Wildcats. The team has struggled this season picking up only two dual wins against non-conference competitor Comstock Park and OK foe Ottawa Hills.

### BOYS GOLF

Lowell boys varsity golf took to competition three times last week traveling to Grand Rapids Catholic Central, Greenville and Jenison. Monday, the gents carded a total of 193 to place second. Scoring for Lowell were freshman Noah Barnhart who shot a 44, senior Alex Dommer who came in at 45, sophomore Tyler Kappcia who tallied 46 and senior Adam Anderson who came in at 49. Wednesday in the OK White's fifth jamboree of the season, the team landed in the fourth position with a combined score of 169, led by Dommer who carded a 39. Barnhart (41), Anderson (42)

and senior Alex Powell (47) rounded out Lowell scorers. Friday in an exhibition dual against former conference rival Jenison, the Arrows lost by a single stroke 180-181. The achingly close finish was propelled by the efforts of top scorers Barnhart (41), Powell (45), Anderson (47) and Kappcia (48).

### ATHLETIC HONORS

Standout Red Arrow slugger Nathan Stephens was recently selected by the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association out of nominees throughout the state to serve as a catcher in the 36th annual East West All Star Classic at Comerica Park on June 20 at 7 pm. The Harvard University bound senior is an exemplary example of a Red Arrow student participating at high levels in two sports, while avidly supporting others and maintaining a top grade point average. Tickets for the event can be purchased for \$10 at the gate the day of the event.

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# obituaries

## BULLOCK

Carol J. Bullock, age 81 of Lowell, a loving, caring, feisty and opinionated wife and mother, passed away Monday, May 8, 2017. She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Walt. She is survived by her children, Helen (Sam) Ziegler of Dexter, MI, Connie (Michael) Turnbull of Greenville, MI, Ken Bullock of Grand Rapids, MI; grandchildren, Alex Bullock, Michael Bullock, Allison (Jon) Turner, Ian (Megan) Turnbull, Jenny Ziegler, Zach Ziegler; great-grandchildren, Stella and Hallie Turnbull; brother-in-laws, Les Bullock, Lee (Jan) Bullock, Nick Christians; sister-in-law, Louise (Morey) Munn; nieces; nephews; and friends. A Memorial Gathering will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 12-2:00 p.m. at Schneider Manor Activities Center, 725 Bowes Rd., Lowell, MI 49331. Interment South Boston Cemetery.



## CHATFIELD

Chatfield, Carl L. Sr. St. Johns, Michigan, formerly of Saranac Carl L. Chatfield Sr. died Friday, May 12, 2017, at the age of 81. He was born July 29, 1935, in Coldwater, the son of Albert "Red" and Mary (Latta) Chatfield. Carl and his wife Kay have lived in St. Johns for only a short period of time coming from Saranac. He is a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in St. Johns and formerly was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Saranac. Carl was a member of the Knights of Columbus and loved bowling, hunting, fishing, traveling, coin collecting and playing cards. He was an entrepreneur for most of his working career and at one time was the owner of the St. Johns Dog N Suds.



Carl retired from the State of Michigan, Department of Corrections. On July 30, 1955, he married Kay Andrews and she survives him. Also surviving are his children, Theresa (Edward) Dobson of Coldwater, Carl Jr. (Kristal) of Lewisburg, TN, Diane (Bill) Glowacki of St. Johns, Kelly (Harold) LaLonde of Traverse City, Sharon (David) Zebell of Battle Creek, Dawn (Barry) Woodhams of Niceville, FL; 15 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one great great-grandchild; one sister, Dorothy Ernst of Adrian; one brother, DeWayne of Coldwater. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Kenneth. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday, May 15, 2017, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Rev. Fr. Michael Williams as Celebrant. There was a vigil service followed by a rosary Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Diocese of Lansing Outreach Mass 1500 E. Saginaw, Lansing, MI 48906 or Sparrow Clinton Hospital Infusion Center 805 S. Oakland, St. Johns, MI 48879.

## WIELAND

Richard Emerson Wieland, born December 29, 1931, died November 18, 2016. Parents were Leona Colby Wieland and Emerson Wieland of Alto. He was preceded in death by his brother, Earl Wieland; and sister, Marian Wieland Roth. He married his wife, Gail Poublon Wieland, in 1976. He attended Lowell High School and graduated in 1950; USAF 1951-1955; BSEE California Polytechnic University in Pomona; US Navy, USS Kitty Hawk 1965-1966; he was in the Aerospace/National Defense business all his career. He was a Gold Life Master Bridge player and national competitor. He is survived by daughters, Valerie, Charlayne and Sharyn; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A Celebration of Life Memorial will be held Saturday, June 24, 2017, at the Alto United Methodist Church on 64th Street.

# Looking Back, continued

distribution in this territory. Do your bit by purchasing one of these little flowers Saturday.

Charles Keech and Virginia Booth passed their 8th grade examinations last week. Virginia goes to the home of Dr. Grant and Dr. Cornetta Moen in Grand Rapids Sunday to assist with house work.

Mrs. Lydia Shank passed away at the home of a daughter in Clare on May 12. She was born in Allegan county in 1856. At the age of sixteen she was married to Martin O'Herron of Lowell, who was a veteran of the Civil War, and killed in an accident in a lumber mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Read received a cablegram Monday morning from their son, James saying – Safe in Australia, feeling grand, beer good, climate mild, funny money, drive on left. Love to all – Jim Read

Miss Alma Adams, teacher in the McBride school treated her pupils to a train ride Saturday on the Grand Trunk railroad as scarcely any of them had ever rode on a train, returning by auto they enjoyed a school picnic at the school house Saturday.

More and more U. S. flags are being flown in the breeze every day throughout Lowell's business district. We cannot see too much of Old Glory and thus be constantly reminded of all that the flag stands for in this struggle for the preservation of liberty and justice for ourselves and those who follow after.

No more cuffs on trousers, but Secretary Morgenthau assures us that if he has anything to do with the pockets there won't be any change, comments the Roaming Reporter of the Grandville Star.

## 50 years ago Lowell Ledger May 18, 1967

Word was received Tuesday that Corporal Michael J. Bost was killed in action in Viet Nam on Sunday, May 14. He had been on active duty in Viet Nam since September of 1966. Michael enlisted in the United States Army on December 7, 1965, and completed his basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Before departing for Viet Nam, Bost was selected to take an advanced infantry course at Fort Gordon, Georgia, where he worked in the Scout Dog program. A 1965 graduate of Lowell high school, Michael and his family have been

residents of the Lowell area for about four years. He attended Creston high school in Grand Rapids as a freshman and sophomore. He worked for the Attwood Corporation in Lowell previous to his enlistment. Michael's death brings to four the number of area boys who have lost their lives in action in Viet Nam. Previous local casualties were Abe DeYoung, Tex Ford and James Heether.

All is not going as smoothly as it appears on the surface at the City Hall; we learned this week, from unofficial sources, that one department nearly resigned enmasse. The only reason we mention this is to keep our citizens up-to-date, and not to be too surprised by any happenings that may pop out of City Hall.

A problem to Lowell Police has been the action of the young people in the community of use of bicycles at night, with improper lights. Warnings are being issued on first offenses; bicycles may be confiscated if violations continue. Police also warn area youths that BB guns and any type of fire arms will be confiscated if they are used inside the city limits.

Firemen were called to the Ralph Roth farm on Friday, at 9:30, at the corner of Cumberland and Vergennes Street, on a false alarm. A passing motorist spotted burning brush, & called the fire department. Roth was burning brush, in his orchard, and had his spray rig standing by in case the fire got away.

Royce Story was named Lowell's new Ford Dealer last week and has opened the garage at 508 West Main Street. Story has closed his GMC Truck Agency, to take over the agency formerly operated by Keith Buck. This is kind of keeping it in the family, as Buck and Story were formerly in business together in Greenville.

The paint-up program, sponsored by the Lowell Chamber of Commerce got under way this week. Workmen were getting started on several business places.

## 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 20, 1992

Hung jury! The Lowell City Council was unable to give its approval on Lowell Township's proposed water system project, despite the recommendation of the city manager and the city engineer. A proposed water system project which was substantially scaled down by the township and presented to the city in an effort to reach an agreement in concept, and to provide Lowell Township with water service was considered by the city and Lowell Township Monday night. The water system project was approved and recommended by city engineer, Tim McNamara, city manager Dave Pasquale, Lowell Township supervisor, John Timpson and the Lowell Township Board, but the Lowell city council did not see things so clearly, as it asked that it be able to go over the proposed system some more. For the cost of MTV the residents can have an improved water system they can rely on."

There have been 225 trees planted over the last three years through the Adopt-A-Tree program. The program is made possible through the Showboat Garden Club, The LOOK Fund and the City of Lowell. The tree program recently planted a maple tree in front of the Lowell Senior Neighbors Center. The Adopt-A-Tree program was initiated by Orval McKay, M.D.

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# Lacrosse, continued

8-2 during the team's senior night celebration. Defense played a large part in the win with the Arrows controlling most of the action and recovering

nearly every loose ball in the contest. "It was a tremendous night. It was great to celebrate the seniors and give them their night to

be recognized by everybody for all the great things they have done for this program. The three captains, Laurel Frederickson, Sela Bauman and Tiana Petricevic, were dominant against Northview. Laurel was superb in the net. Making great saves and being the back bone for our defense. Tiana and Sela both had two goals on the night and just played with so much passion it was very fun to watch."

Five other seniors were honored for their dedication and impact alongside their parents during the event. "The seniors have been a big influence. It starts with our senior captains, their leadership and guidance has been a big reason for our success. Hana Steinbach is another senior who has played all four years and her

knowledge of the game and her high energy is something that the young girls look up to. Maya Williams, Lucy Wade, Mackenzie Daly and Shannon Hoekstra round out our seniors. All have influenced this team whether it's with their play on the field or their energy and intensity during practice. They will all be missed," said Vasquez of the outgoing class.

Currently in third place in conference, the girls have just one game remaining on their schedule before moving into the postseason. Vasquez said that he is confident in the team's ability as they prepare for the challenge. "I want them to focus on the things we do well and know that if we play as hard as we can for every minute, everything will take care of itself.

**This week the team welcomed the Grand Haven Buccaneers to battle for the second position in the conference on Monday night and will spend the rest of the week preparing for their regional bid to be held at East Grand Rapids High School on May 24.**



**Senior athletic powerhouse Shannon Hoekstra on the field for the Red Arrows.**

## Sports Summaries, continued

### BOYS LACROSSE

Going 1-1 last week, the Red Arrow boys varsity lacrosse team dropped a contest with Grand Rapids Christian to open the week and then picked up a win against Northview to close it. Monday, on the road at GRC, both teams opened strong netting three each in the first period. The two teams moved into the third tied 5-5 where GRC pulled away 9-7 before recording a 12-9 win at the buzzer. Senior saver Max Bishop survived an onslaught of scoring pushes stopping 15 of 27 attempts on goal. Seniors Hayden Barry, Jake Pratt and Collin Bowers each had two goals to lead offensively with Pratt and Bowers each logging one assist. Friday at home the team picked up a big 16-7 win over Northview on senior night. Junior Addison Buckius and sophomore Case Olesko led the effort netting five goals apiece while Bowers added three; Buckius and Bowers recorded assists. This week the team faced Reeths Puffer on the road and will begin their regional bid Friday night at Grand Rapids Christian beginning at 6 pm.

# Soccer, continued

Notre Dame Prep. Exiting the competition 1-1, Lipon said he was very happy with the girls' performance. "The Arrows performance against Catholic Central was their best of the season with a dominating 5-0 victory. The second game against third ranked Notre Dame resulted in a 0-1 defeat. The experience was positive overall. The girls played high level competition and continue to improve as we approach postseason play."

Two goals were scored by K. Hayes in the win over Catholic Central. Coxon,

Fitzpatrick and Dean also found the back of the net with Coxon credited with another three assists. Garter made four saves and earned her seventh ice of the season. She also recorded eight saves in goal in the team's loss to Notre Dame Prep.

Currently holding the third-place position in the OK White, the team remains in the running for the conference title with two huge obstacles standing between the Arrows and their target of victory. "The

Arrows could finish in first- or third-place depending on upcoming results versus number one Forest Hills Central and number two Forest Hills Northern," explained Lipon. "Both teams are undefeated and ranked in first and second in their respective divisions. The girls certainly have the athleticism to compete and beat the Forest Hills schools, but it all comes down to consistency. If we can hold on to the ball and not defend the majority of the games, we can beat anyone."



**Senior captain Amber Curtis on the field in conference action.**

**The team will face both FHC and FHN as the regular season draws to a close starting with the Rangers this Wednesday at home during senior night. They'll travel to Ottawa Hills on Thursday to take on the Bengals who were unable to field a team the last time the two met. Game time is 5 pm.**

**Go Red Arrows!**

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MAY 10 - MAY 16

- A 101-year-old D-Day veteran has become the oldest person in the world to skydive. Bryson William Verdun Hayes, at the age 101 years 38 days, and a D-Day veteran is now the oldest person in the world to skydive. He completed a tandem skydive at an airfield in Honiton, southwestern England. He broke the Guinness World Record held by Canada's Armand Gendreau, who jumped in 2013 at 101 years, three days.
- President Trump fired James Comey the head of the FBI. It was somewhat of a surprise given the fact that Trump had previously been complimentary on Comey's discussion of the investigation of Clinton emails and talking about it right before the election last year. The FBI is, at this point investigating Russian ties to the Trump campaign and election tampering.
- North Korea celebrated the testing of a new long-range missile they say is able to carry a heavy nuclear warhead possibly to the United States. Experts doubt those claims saying the missile's range looks long enough to reach U.S. military bases as far as Guam, a U.S. territory in the Western Pacific, but not as far as the U.S. West Coast.



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10. Backward arrow command
11. Give an impression
12. Zeus' sister and wife
15. \*Taught to do this in shop class
20. Cinderella's win
22. Dog tags
24. Peoples Temple poison
25. \*End of semester assessment
26. \_\_\_\_ Wafting pleasantness
27. Like Phoenix
29. \*Junior ball
31. Prefix with phone
32. Person, thing or \_\_\_\_
33. Sometime in the future
34. \* \_\_\_\_ credit
36. Pop group "N \_\_\_\_"
38. "Que sera \_\_\_\_"
42. Yogurt-based dip
45. End
49. Likewise
51. Move sideways
54. Same as rip
56. Meryl Streep's "August: \_\_\_\_ County"
57. Gather harvest
58. James \_\_\_\_ Jones
59. Eye part
60. As opposed to gross
61. Short for Theodora
62. Poet Pound
63. Lecherous look
66. \_\_\_\_ \*Pre-college challenge
68. Bear's room

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