



Lowell officer killed in the line of duty 85 years ago honored with special service

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

On Friday, May 19, Kent County Sheriff Lawrence Stelma led a special service and dedicated a new memorial plaque at Oakwood Cemetery to honor Lowell police officer Charles A. Knapp, who was murdered in the middle of Main St. in broad daylight by bank robbers on May 24, 1932.

“This memorial will stand to recognize his sacrifice forever,” Stelma said during his graveside remarks. “We cannot forget what Charles Knapp gave up for our community.”

In a solemn scene, a bugle player performed “Taps,” then a US flag was presented to Lowell mayor Michael DeVore and city manager Michael Burns.

“In about 2010 we did some research on Deputy Knapp and another officer and we realized that there was no official marking,” Stelma said in an interview after the ceremony. “You can find his grave here but you would never know what it was all about. In 2015, we started raising funds for this marker and for one



Kent County Sheriff deputies and Lowell police officers participated in a memorial service at Oakwood Cemetery on Friday, May 19.

in Caledonia for another officer. We were not able to locate any family or any relatives of Deputy Knapp. Recognizing his supreme sacrifice is why we’re doing that today, 85 years later.

If we didn’t give him this recognition, for all we knew he could be forgotten. He paid the ultimate sacrifice for the greater good of our community. Most officers, at least in my generation,

that have been killed in the line of duty, they get recognition. There is a marker and people know what happened. There are lots of these officers from years gone by that never

got official recognition and in this case would have been forgotten forever. We wanted to recognize his supreme sacrifice for our community.”

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Community Celebration of the Life special event held

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

On Sunday, May 21, LowellArts held a special event, the Community Celebration of the Life and Art of Janet Y. Johnson. Family, friends and members of the community enjoyed her prominently-

displayed artwork and shared memories of Johnson, who passed away at home on Feb. 20, 2017, age 86. Her husband Phillip died in 2004.

“She had a huge heart,” her son Blake Johnson said. “She grew up as an artist,

went to school as an artist, married an artist, tried to do things for the community as much as possible. I keep going back to two artists meeting in art school and their love affair throughout the years. That brought the arts into our lives and into

the lives of many people here in Lowell. She was one of the founding people of LowellArts and she devoted an awful lot of time to it. This was her life.”

“She was sweet,” said Lori Ingraham. “She always had something nice to say

to people. Her art was just beautiful. She took a lot of pride and she was also a very humble person. She was never pretentious or anything like that. A nice, nice lady. Had some health issues over the years, but she never let that keep her down. She was a good volunteer and a great lady. We all miss her. It was a shock.”

“She kept active right up to the end,” Chris Hodges said. “She was helping at church the week before she died.”

“People often confused us because of the names Johnson and Thompson,” said Jan Thompson. “People would come up to me and ask, ‘So, what have you been painting lately?’

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Dozens of friends celebrated the life of Janet Johnson at LowellArts on Sunday, May 21.

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MEMORIAL DAY

PARADE AND CEREMONIES

On Memorial Day, May 29, 2017, the parade will lineup at the Lowell fairgrounds at 9:30 am and step-off promptly at 10:00 am. The parade route will head east on Main Street, then turn north on Monroe to the Oakwood Cemetery. The Parade will pause for a brief ceremony at the Veterans' Memorial on Main Street before proceeding to the Oakwood Cemetery. Band members for both the high school and middle school may be dropped off in the parking lot north of the Look Fire Station between 9:00 and 9:30 am. Other groups, including all Veterans, should be onsite with their units no later than 9:30. For Veterans unable to walk the parade route, there will be some limited vehicular transportation available. Anyone with questions about participation should call Heman Weststrate at 897-9479 or cell at 299-3619.

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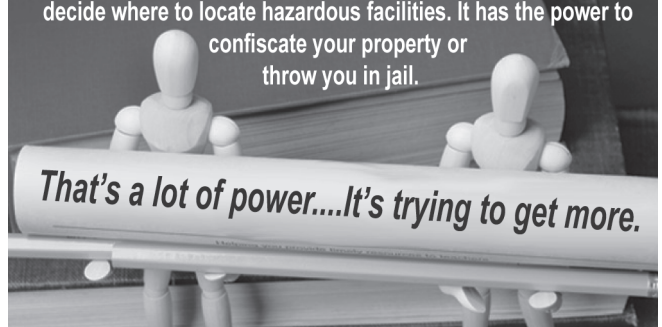
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CALL FOR ENTIRES

LowellArts will present FLIGHT: An Exhibition of Art of Things that Fly, Float or Soar. The deadline for entry is Thursday, June 1, at 9:59 pm. It is open to all visual arts media artists 14 years or older residing in Michigan. Only original works completed in the last two years and not previously exhibited at LowellArts are eligible. Artista may submit up to two works in any medium. Contact LowellArts 897-8545 or go to www.lowellartsmi.org for more details.

ART COUNCIL FUNDRAISER PLANNED

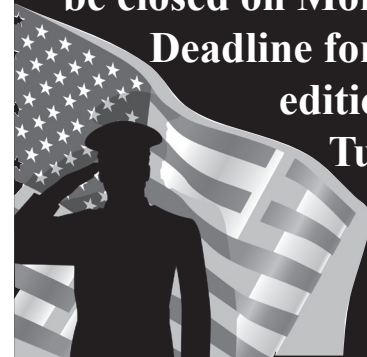
A fundraiser is being planned to raise money for LowellArts. The event will be held in June at the soon to open Big Boiler Brewing on Main Street. For every dollar donated, two will be matched by an anonymous donor up to \$50,000. Watch the Ledger for more information on this important happening.

A well-deserved treat



The Lowell Boy Scout Troop was treated to ice cream by the Lowell American Legion Post following the placing of flags on each Veterans' grave in Oakwood Cemetery last week. Monday, the scouts will be busy as we celebrate Memorial Day. The annual parade steps off at 10 am and there will be a brief cemetery program beginning at 10:45 am, as the Veterans who have passed on since last year are recognized.

In observance of Memorial Day the Lowell Ledger office will be closed on Monday, May 29. Deadline for the May 31 edition is



Tuesday, May 30 at 9 am.

Have a safe holiday

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at its regular scheduled meeting of Monday, June 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Lowell City Hall, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan. The purpose of said hearing will be to receive comments on the following:

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Chess club donates granite chess table to library

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Thanks to the Lowell Middle School chess club there soon will be a brand new granite chess table and benches outside the Englehardt Library.

"[The table and benches are] finished and sitting at Lowell Granite [306 E. Main] right now," said Karen Waid, who helped her son start the chess club several years ago. "After we thought we knew the whole cost of the project we found out we had to make a special cement pad that allows for access for Americans with disabilities. We were just waiting to get the okay to do the pad."

The Lowell Rotary is attaching a deck to the library and a reading garden is also going in back there.

"They've got a lot of stuff going on over there with the Rotary deck and the reading garden," Waid said.

The chess club has spent a lot of time working to raise the money for the granite table and benches.

"We have been raising money for it for like the last two years now," Waid said. "We have raised the money that we needed for the project. It's a go. We have all the money for it. The Lowell Women's Club will give community organizations grants of up to \$200 [every year]. We got \$200 in 2016 and we got another \$200 in 2017. We went to the

Downtown Development Authority last fall and we approached them about matching the fundraising that the chess club would do and they agreed to match it up to \$2,500. The club did car washes, Rollaway Fun Nights and candy sales. With all that, we reached our \$2,500 so the Downtown Development Authority gave us the \$2,500 that they said they would match."

Most people probably don't own a bunch of loose chess pieces. Don't worry, they've got you covered, all you need is a library card.

"The chess club has already purchased two chess sets that they're turning into the library," Waid said. "The library will be able to check them out to people who want to play chess but don't own their own pieces. They're purchased, packaged up and ready to go."

The public recently got a sneak preview of what it's going to look like.

"Saturday [May 20] was the 20th anniversary of the Englehardt Library," Waid said. "As part of that we set up a table with two benches and took some pictures. We had signs on it saying it was the future home of the granite chess table and benches. We had some cute kids stop by. It's going to be a wonderful spot."



Bike riders, Matthias Jesberg and his mother taking a chess lesson.



Trey Sullivan and Sean Henry enjoying a game at the future site of the granite chess table and benches.



Haleigh and Greyson Walkington declaring themselves the "Queen and King of Chess."

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Nichole Mitchell

Nichole is a junior at Lowell High School. When she isn't participating in the Rotary Interact Club, Nichole generously gives of her time and talent to Student Council, National Honor Society, Lowell Women's Club, and her church youth group. Nichole hasn't decided on a future career path, but does plan on attending college. Whatever Nichole decides to pursue, Lowell Rotary is sure she will continue to model "Service Above Self" in all her future endeavors.



Bryan Ashenbrenner

Bryan, a junior at Lowell High School, is dedicated to giving back to the community. When asked why he volunteers, Bryan shared he wants to give back to a community that gives so much to him. Bryan enjoys snowboarding and baseball. After high school, Bryan is interested in studying criminal justice at either Western Michigan University or Michigan State University. Lowell Rotary is proud to honor Bryan for his commitment to "Service Above Self" in his daily life.

Rotary is composed of people from a variety of experiences and perspectives. We strive to change our communities and our world through service. The Lowell Rotary Club invites you to connect with others and learn more about what we are doing locally in Lowell and globally in places like La Gonave, Haiti. We invite you to join us for lunch during one of our weekly meetings at 12:00 noon on Wednesdays in City Hall.

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Remington Phillip



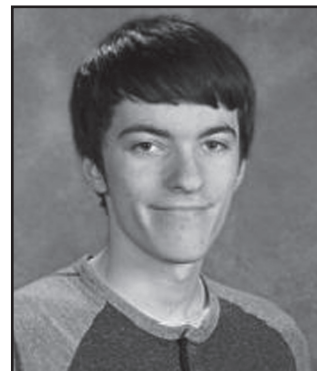
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to the editor

like it or leave it

Dear Editor,
 This says it all. Immigrants, not Americans, must adapt. I am tired of this nation worrying about whether we are offending some individual or their culture. Since the terrorist attacks on September 11, we have experienced a surge in patriotism by the majority of Americans. However, the dust from the attacks had barely settled when the "politically correct" crowd began complaining about the possibility that our patriotism was offending others. I am not against immigration, nor do I hold a grudge against anyone who is seeking a better life by coming to America. Our population is almost entirely made up of descendants of immigrants. However,

there are a few things that those who have recently come to our country, and apparently some born here, need to understand. This idea of America being a multicultural community has served only to dilute our sovereignty and our national identity. As Americans, we have our own culture, our own society, our own language and our own lifestyle. This culture has been developed over centuries of struggles, trials and victories by millions of men and women who have sought freedom. We speak English, not Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese or any other language. Therefore, if you wish to become part of our society, learn the language

of English and you will be blessed with a second language. "In God We Trust" is our national motto. This is not some Christian, right wing, political slogan. We adopted this motto because Christian men and women, on Christian principles, founded this nation and this is clearly documented. It is certainly appropriate to display it on the walls of our schools. If God offends you, then I suggest you consider another part of the world as your new home, because God is part of our culture. If Stars and Stripes offend you or you don't like Uncle Sam, then you should seriously consider a move to another part of this planet. We are happy with our culture and have no desire to change and we really don't care how you did things where you came from. This is our country, our land and our lifestyle. Our First

Amendment gives every citizen the right to express his opinion and we will allow you every opportunity to do so. But remember it's the soldier not the reporter who gives you the freedom of the press. It's the soldier not the campus organizer who allows you to demonstrate. But once you are done complaining, whining and griping about our flag, our pledge or national motto, or our way of life, I highly encourage you to take advantage of one other great American freedom that our dead service men and women gave you. It's the soldier who saluted the flag and whose coffin is draped with the flag that allows you, the protester, the right to protest and the right to leave our country....leave!
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off the cuff

Jeanne Boss

Here we are on the brink of another Memorial Day. As a proud daughter-in-law of a man who fought in the Battle of the Bulge in WWII and the daughter of an Army soldier who translated German mail for our great country during that war, I salute and honor those who defended and defend us. There are those on both sides who want to pigeon hole anyone with differing views. There are extremists in every walk of life. The term political correctness has enlisted an army of its own that has made it their mission to denounce anyone who steps out of line and says the wrong thing. It doesn't matter to them how it was said, or in what context - they draw a line and stick to it. Then there are those who have decided to draw the complete opposite line. They make a point of behaving badly, snickering and mocking, being offensive and offended at the very thought of not being allowed to say whatever they want but, at the same time, screaming foul at the opposing group.

Pledge went right from "one nation" to "indivisible" without skipping a beat. Changing it was seen as a desire to differentiate between Communism which promotes Atheism and Western capitalistic democracies. Many people of various religions and beliefs tolerate these political changes because they do know real harm and it is understood that their presence calms a certain population. But make no mistake. This is a free country, a melting pot and a great experiment in diversity that in no way, and in fact, in its very genesis (if you will) is freedom. And most notably freedom of religion. It is a broad reach to suggest that because someone is not of the Christian faith he or she is against a person who is. It is equally inaccurate to assume that a person who does not pray to a god or a Christian God is offended by the Stars and Stripes or has no morals.

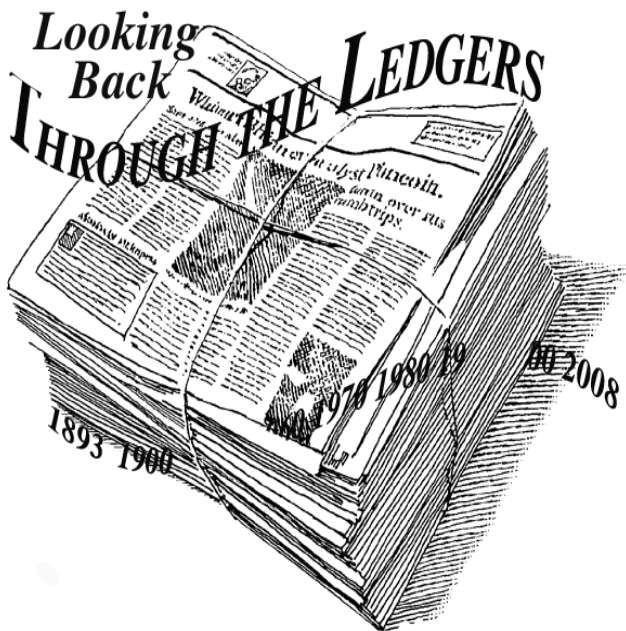
A little moderation and a dash of education please.

"In God we trust" is indeed the motto of the U.S. but it has only been so since 1956 when then President Dwight Eisenhower forged an alliance with Rev. Billy Graham to meld Christianity and patriotism as a weapon against "godless Communism" during the Cold War. Before that the motto was, "E pluribus unum - out of many, one." It has been held up in the courts citing that it is a "ceremonial Deism" not an official endorsement of religion. A similar placating event occurred in 1954 when a senator from Michigan sponsored a bill to add God to the Pledge. The "original"

The First Amendment's Establishment Clause prohibits the government from making any law "respecting an establishment of religion." This clause not only forbids the government from establishing an official religion, but also prohibits government actions that unduly favor one religion over another. It also prohibits the government from unduly preferring religion over non-religion, or non-religion over religion. (https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/establishment_clause)

We can all honor those who have served and serve in our military by at all costs, being kind (which is the true reason for being "politically correct" and respecting each other (which is the basis of most religions) and keeping the peace in our great country by finding a melting of ideas and bridging what divides us not walling others out.

If you get a chance, shake a service person's hand and take a moment to write your civic leaders, senators and congressmen and women and encourage them to compromise not compete. *Out of many - one.*



125 years ago Lowell Journal May 27, 1891

The Lowell Lighting & Power Co. have put up Arc lights into E. R. Powers & Co's and the Lowell Grocery Co's places of business. They have also just finished wiring Andy Johnson's house for Incandescents and also H. Nash's new house. Mrs E. J. Mason, since her incubator burned, has fully repaired the damage and has 23 dozen eggs now in it. Some of them hatched out Saturday night. Those hatched and hatching were of a lot of sixteen found under a hen and taken from her and placed in the incubator to finish hatching. It seems to be a business requiring close attention, but we should think it would be paying. They have their barn, which they moved and placed on a high wall, now enclosed and painted, and together with their factories, will improve the looks of the street greatly. The team found in A. Ring's yard last Sunday morning, belonged to some Belding fishermen, who took out papers from that port, loaded their boat and

fishing tackle on a platform wagon, bound for Crooked Lake, in Grattan. They inn into port at Grattan Center, took on quite a heavy jag and when near the Lake the team launched them into the ditch, ran about a mile, leaving the wagon and them to fetch up. About \$25 damage and no fish. The first planting of corn is, not quite completed, and the second has hardly commenced. One man has sown salt on his first planting, dragged the field over and is preparing to plant it again. Cause, cut-worms. Elmer Cilley, who drilled oats among his corn immediately after planting, reports that he has only found one hill but that was cut off, but so near the surface of the ground that he hopes it will continue to grow. It is thought the oats should have been drilled a little time before the corn was planted.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 24, 1917

Next week Wednesday, May 30th, is Decoration day. Again we will honor the memory of our heroes by strewing flowers over the graves of our soldier dead. Let us make this day memorable by our floral offerings. Bring flowers from garden, field and woods. Boys, girls, men, women and children, gather them and bring them. They cannot be strewn too lavishly over a soldiers grave. Bring them to the G. A. R. Post rooms, City hall, Monday afternoon or Tuesday so that they can be arranged for Wednesday morning. "Cover them over with beautiful flowers. Deck them with garlands, those heroes of ours." By the Army act approved May 18, the age for original (first) voluntary enlistment is now 18 to 40 years, inclusive. Alien residents not subjects of an enemy country are eligible. Ability to speak English is the only educational requirement. Enlistments for war period. Pay has been increased. Recruiting station 211 Monroe Ave., Grand Rapids.

anniversaries

Lacic



Al and Dot Lacic

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lacic (Dot Hanes), of Lowell, are celebrating their 68th wedding anniversary this weekend with a special dinner at 2 Hats Ranch in Stanwood, where their grandson, Colton Dillree, is a chef. They have five children, 12 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.



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“By all means marry; if you get a good wife, you’ll become happy; if you get a bad one, you’ll become a philosopher.”

~ Socrates

college news

Nearly 1,000 graduates were honored at Michigan Technological University's spring commencement held on the Houghton campus on April 29. The following are local graduates, their degrees, majors and parents: of Ada: Bradley Boverhof, Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering, Juli Duprey and Jeffrey Duprey; and Thomas Mehall, Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering, Sheila Gibson and Edward Mehall; and of Alto: Daniel Ellis, Bachelor of Science in civil engineering, Deanne Boverhof and Michael Boverhof; Nathan Duprey, Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering, Juli Duprey and Jeffrey Duprey; and Thomas Mehall, Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering, Sheila Gibson and Edward Mehall; and of Alto: Daniel Ellis, Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering, Stacy Ellis and Jeffrey Ellis.



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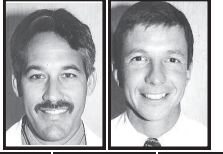
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The Literacy Center of West Michigan has scheduled information sessions for Thurs., June 1 at 10 am; Tues., June 6 at 2 pm; Mon., June 19 at 6 pm; and Tues., June 27 at 10 am for prospective volunteer tutors. These sessions last one hour. It allows persons interested in becoming volunteer tutors to find out more about the center and its literacy programs. At the end of each session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training. The Literacy Center of W. Michigan is a nonprofit, United Way agency devoted to reducing illiteracy in the community. Based on the 2003 National Assessment for Adult Literacy and the 1992 National Adult Literacy Survey, up to 14.6 percent of adults in Kent County lack basic prose literacy skills and have difficulty using certain reading and writing skills considered necessary in everyday life. By training people to be tutors, the center can offer one-on-one reading help to adults asking for assistance in reading or English as a Second Language (ESL). You do not need to speak another language to tutor ESL.

The information sessions will be held at the Literacy Center of West Michigan, located at 1120 Monroe Ave., NW, Suite 240, Grand Rapids, MI. Please call 459-5151 (ext. 10) or email info@literacycenterwm.org to register.

health



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

peritonsillar abscess

A peritonsillar abscess is an infection that forms near one of the tonsils in the soft, spongy part of the roof of the mouth. An abscess means pus has formed around an infection. Most abscesses are caused by complications of a tonsil infection. You can also get an abscess from infectious mononucleosis (also called mono) or from tooth or gum infections. People who smoke are also more likely to get abscesses.

In a very soft voice. If you have trouble breathing, swallowing, talking or if you are starting to drool, you should be seen by a doctor right away. To treat the abscess, the pus needs to be removed. The skin around the abscess will be numbed by a shot of medication. Then, the abscess can either be drained with a needle or a small cut can be made in the abscess so the pus can drain out. Surgery to remove the tonsil is also an option. Surgery is usually only needed if one has recurrent abscesses. After the pus is gone, the pain should get better. Antibiotics may be needed to make sure the infection completely goes away. Pain medicine may also be needed after the procedure.

The most common symptom of a peritonsillar abscess is a bad sore throat that seems to be worse on one side. You may also have a fever, trouble swallowing or trouble opening your mouth very wide. It may be hard to speak or you may only be able to speak

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~ Gracie Allen, comedian (1906 - 1964)

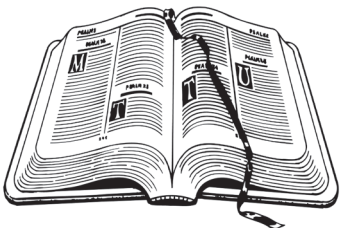
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Fallen Lowell officer, continued

Charles A. Knapp was born in Chicago on June 1, 1890. He and his wife Mabel had no children. Knapp was a World War I veteran and won several medals for distinguished service as a cavalryman. He was a charter member of the Lowell American Legion Post and held the title 'Post Commander' at the time of his death.

The Detroit-based gang of bank robbers included Henry "Baldy" Marshall (Knapp's killer), Louis and Helen Goldberg, James Gallagher, Carol Johnson and Henry Vincent.

According to the May 26, 1932 edition of the Lowell Ledger, "The Wealthy St. branch of the Grand Rapids Savings Bank [at the corner of Lake and Wealthy] was entered and robbed about 11:50 Tuesday forenoon by three men who got away with \$6,072. One of the men levelled a pistol at the bank manager. The

other two covered two other employees and a woman patron and scooped up the currency from a money desk. A moment later they forced Clifford Zinn, a teller, to open the safe in the vault and hand over currency and \$500 in gold. In less than three minutes they fled the building and leaped into an automobile at the curb, where the driver sat waiting with his motor running."

Knapp was at the Ionia County Sheriff's office when he received word that the robbers were spotted on their way to Lowell. Knapp sped back to town on his Harley Davidson motorcycle to try and intercept the robbers with tragic results.

According to the May 26, 1932 Lowell Ledger, "About 12:30 Tuesday noon, bandits, fleeing from the scene of a Grand Rapids bank robbery, shot and mortally wounded motorcycle officer Charles

A. Knapp of Lowell. The cowardly act was committed on E. Main St., opposite Henry's Drug Store [203 E. Main], as Officer Knapp forced the car with its occupants up to the curb on the south side of the street. The bandit car slowed down and as the driver turned its wheels toward the center of the street one of the occupants drew a gun and fired point-blank at Knapp as he sat on his motorcycle near the side of the car. Knapp slumped from his wheel to the pavement, but as he did so courageously summoned his fast-ebbing strength, rose to a half sitting posture, drew his revolver with his right hand and emptied its contents in the direction of the car as it sped away. Apparently none of the shots took effect, as the officer was too badly wounded for accurate aim."

King Milling employee Mike Litschewski was returning to work after his lunch break and provided an eyewitness account printed in the May 26, 1932 Lowell Ledger.

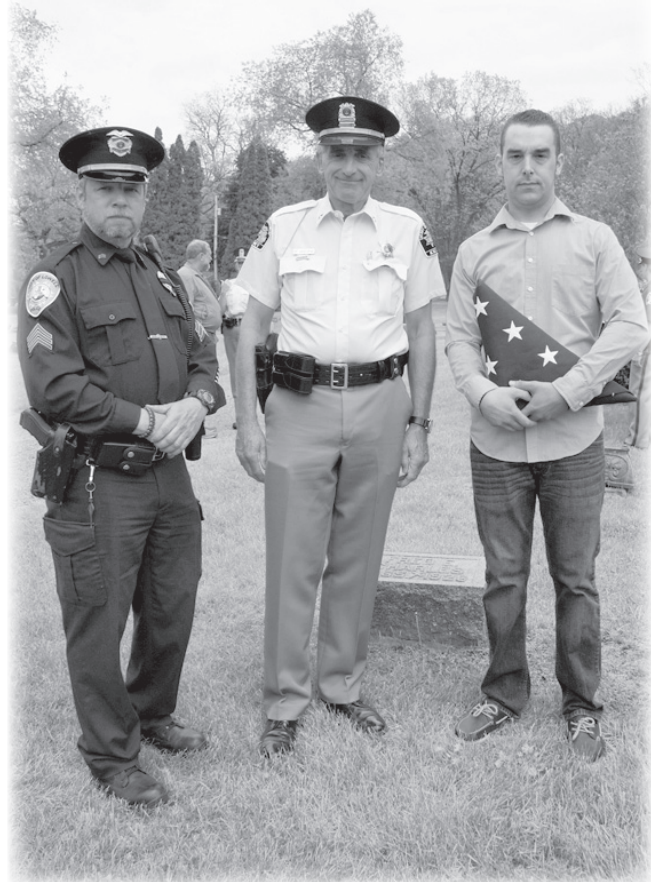
"Knapp came past on his motorcycle," Litschewski said. "He pulled almost abreast of the sedan once and motioned to the driver to go to the curb. The driver seemed to hesitate a moment and slowed down. I thought he was going to stop. In a second, however, the car swerved towards the center of the street again and forward. Knapp again motioned to the driver and pulled up almost even with the hood of the automobile, apparently trying to force the car to the curb. I saw the man seated next to the driver put his hand in his right coat pocket and pull a gun. It seemed to stick in his pocket and he had to disentangle it. He got the gun out and leveled it at Knapp. I saw Charlie hesitate. He looked stunned and surprised. The man then fired and Charlie tumbled off his machine into the street. The sedan

speeded up and Charlie sat up in the street, pulled his gun out and fired several times at the car. Other shots were fired. Probably they came from the bandits, for I saw them turn back and duck low. I saw that one

of the fellows was bald-headed. I got out of my car and ran to Charlie."

Gallagher and Goldberg confessed and testified against the rest of the gang. Alleged gang members

Johnson and Vincent were never located. Marshall was convicted of the robbery and the murder and sentenced to life in prison, where he eventually died decades later.



Lowell police sergeant and acting police chief Christopher Hurst, Kent County Sheriff Lawrence Stelma and Lowell mayor Michael DeVore.



The grave of Lowell police officer Charles A. Knapp in Oakwood Cemetery.

NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES AND PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that amendments to Zoning Ordinances regulating the Flat River District, Accessory Buildings in Lake Residential District, and Swimming Pools, were adopted at a regular meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on May 15, 2017, and are summarized as follows:

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

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

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

Violation of this Ordinance is a municipal civil infraction. This Ordinance will be enforced and administered by the Township Zoning Administrator, or such other Township official as may be designated from time to time by resolution by the Township Board.

The complete text of Ordinances 2017-1, 2, and 3 are on file at the township office, located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, and copies are available during regular business hours. The offices are open Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 to noon. It is available on the township website at www.vergennestwp.org.

This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after publication unless a notice of intent to file referendum is filed within such time and, if so, then this ordinance shall take effect at such time as is provided by MCLA 125.282 as amended.

Also occurring is a Public Hearing to take place at the Regular Meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on June 19, 2017. The Township Board adopted a noise ordinance last year on August 15, 2016. Due to many questions on the target shooting section, they sent the ordinance back to the Planning Commission for more review on clarifying the wording. The Planning Commission suggested some wording changes to clarify that target shooting is permitted but if excessive noise from continuous or loud shooting becomes a problem for neighboring properties, only then is it considered a violation.

The Board is holding a public hearing on this new change as well as the entire noise ordinance. The ordinance consists of a section on prohibited noises that are so loud or continuous to seriously affect neighbors. These types are noise such as music, animals, engines, horns, shouting/yelling, timing of construction noise, recreational vehicles and target practice. An exception section contains allowed noises such as emergency vehicles, highway maintenance and construction, warning sirens, agricultural operations, Township approved events, timing of construction projects, repair work timing, normal firearms for hunting and other approved activities. There is a definition of "person" and the municipal civil infraction process for violations.

Heather Hoffman
Vergennes Township Clerk

Celebration of Life, continued

and they would come up to Jan and ask her questions about the Lowell Women's Club. She was a wonderful, wonderful woman. She is missed very much by everybody. She was beautiful outside and inside. She had a great sense of humor."

"I only knew her very little," said Gayle Steffen. "I knew her through the museum in Grand Rapids. She was a very gentle, nice lady. I sure like her work."

"There are people who knew her better, but I knew her pretty well," said James Hodges. "I attended church with her and I was at her house many times. She was a class act, casual and comfortable to be with. She was a lot of fun to be around, easy to be with and a great storyteller. Her husband Phil was also quite a character."

"We go way back to the beginning of the arts council," said Chris VanAntwerp. "She was a charter member, as was I. Anytime we needed to have some design work completed, she was the person that would provide it.

That was what she did at Amway, she was a graphic designer. She designed the logo for Fallasburg Fall Festival and I think they still use it. She was always willing and able, warm and generous. With Phil always there at her side they were a great couple and a wonderful resource to the community."

"When I first moved here in 1975, our next door neighbors were Jan and Phil," said Cheryl Blodgett. "Since the moment we moved in they were close to our hearts. We were part of a group that got together regularly. She opened worlds for me. She took me with her to the Grand Valley Artists and introduced me to that whole world. She was a lovely, precious, sweet, warm woman. It's really hard for me to believe that she's gone."

Johnson was a charter member of both LowellArts and the Flat River Gallery. She grew up on a dairy farm in Caledonia Township, graduated from Caledonia High School in 1948 and attended

Kendall School of Art & Design in Grand Rapids where she met her husband Phillip. From there she went on to study at the Ringling School of Art in Sarasota, FL. She worked as an extra in the 1952 film "The Greatest Show on Earth," her costars included Charlton Heston, James Stewart, Betty Hutton, Cornel Wilde and Dorothy Lamour. During her long career in the arts, Johnson worked as a freelance artist, an art teacher and was a publication designer and art director at Amway for 22 years until her retirement in 1994. She even worked for the Ledger for a little while in the 70s doing layout. Johnson spent her retirement years teaching, volunteering and painting. Late in life she had some health problems, including a heart attack and cancer, but her good humor and positive attitude got her through every setback. There is currently an exhibit of Johnson's work on display at LowellArts that will run through June 3.



Gayle Steffen was one of several clowns who had their portrait painted by Johnson.

Luminaria night held to kick off "Re-Lei for Life"

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Cancer fighters gathered at the Riverwalk in downtown Lowell last Thursday for Luminaria Night held to kick off this year's Hawaiian Luau themed "Re-Lei" For Life. This year it will be held on June 24 in the same location from 11am to 11pm.

The events committee welcomed new teams and old to the festive island occasion to fill them in or register them for participation in this year's twelve hour fundraiser. With fundraising and event info onsite, attendees were able to gather supplies and check out the schedule of entertainment and activities planned for the day as well as decorate a Luminaria

bag in honor of someone fighting or lost to cancer to be lit the night of the event.

Currently eleven teams composed of business, organization and family groups are registered to participate having already raised an impressive \$18,716 toward their \$50,000 goal. Leading the fundraising effort is Mirror Images (Magna) from Alto led by team captain Melissa Lopez. The team has raised more than \$4,000 of the total raised thus far and were also last year's top fundraiser. The events sponsors include Meijer, Farm Bureau Insurance, Bimbo Bakeries, A1 Laser, Brick's Alto Marathon, Alto Bar, Discovery Toys, Grand River Veterinary Hospital,

Effex Management, New Orleans Crispy Chicken, Luc James Music Studio, Pork Fat Slim's BBQ and the Backwater Cafe.

On the lineup for the main event in June are musical performances from LHS student Archer Pina and local band Off The Radar, a silent auction filled with donated gifts, funny contests, a volleyball tournament hosted by the Red Arrow varsity volleyball team and a zumbathon hosted by five instructors among a slew of other free and low cost activities.

New to Relay this year is the Luau Community Dinner hosted by Pork Fat Slim's BBQ. The two hour Hawaiian feast will be held from 6-8 and feature a special menu of theme worthy fare cooked up in the company's traveling food truck. Menu options will include Kahlua pork, pineapple chicken and sticky ribs and come with

island rice and Hawaiian Slaw as well as a Hawaiian roll. The supper will be flanked by other fun events and includes live music on the showboat stage. Plates are just \$10 each with proceeds benefiting the

American Cancer Society through Relay For Life. Registration for the dinner, zumbathon and volleyball tournament are available online at Eventbrite.com under the heading Re-Lei For Life of Lowell.

For more information on sponsoring, joining or contributing to the event please visit the Lowell event online on the Relay For Life web page or contact Kelli Ellis at kelli.ellis@cancer.org



Committee members Jenner Willard, Kathryn Atwood, Melissa Lopez, Courtney Willard, Shelby Sakowski, Holly Milks and Kelli Ellis.

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MLE Volunteer of the Month

Diane Titche, third-grade teacher, nominated Kody McDonald because she's been a dedicated volunteer in her room all year. She said, "Mrs. McDonald always comes in every Monday to do all of her AR record keeping. She also steps up every time I need extra help."

Kody McDonald commented, "My children spend the majority of their time with the teachers and staff at Murray Lake Elementary. When these people are so caring and dedicated to the kids, it makes it easy to want to come into the classroom to help where I can. I am happy to lighten the load for any of the incredible teachers here. It also allows me to spend more time with my children, to get to know their peers and to make an impact. Thank you so much!"



Lowell welcomes group of delegates from Wayland during Mayor Exchange Day 2017

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

A delegation from the Wayland city government spent Friday, May 19, getting to know their counterparts and touring the city of Lowell. The event was called Mayor Exchange Day. Wayland will host Lowell's city government in June. The group from Wayland was led by mayor

director Rich LaBombard spent the day leading the Wayland visitors on a tour of the best Lowell has to offer. Stops included tours of local landmarks, such as the Lowell Area Historical Museum, the wastewater treatment plant, the fire station, the Riverwalk and the Showboat.

"We're glad to be here today. "It's been very interesting. The museum was very interesting. It's all been really good."

~ Wayland Mayor Tim Bala

Tim Bala, city manager Timothy McLean and other members of their city council and city staff.

"We're going to show them how we do things and then we'll go there next month and they can show us how they do things," said Lowell mayor Michael DeVore. "I'm proud to show off everything about Lowell."

Mayor Exchange Day began at city hall at 9 am. City manager Michael Burns, city councilors James Hodges and Alan Teclander, city clerk Sue Ullery and public works

"You've got a lovely downtown, so clearly you guys are doing something right," said McLean. "I'm always looking for new ideas for how we can improve things."

Wayland and Lowell chose each other to have Mayor Exchange Day with because the two towns are similar in size and population.

"We're glad to be here today," said Bala. "It's been very interesting. The museum was very interesting. It's all been really good."



The Wayland delegation was impressed by the Showboat and the Riverwalk.



Wayland mayor Tim Bala and Lowell mayor Michael DeVore.



The group from Wayland enjoyed checking out the Lowell Area Historical Museum.

Red Arrow

- TRACK

SPORTS

Both Arrow track teams wrap up their season

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell varsity track wrapped up their season with a series of competitions over the past two weeks with both the boys and girls teams competing in their last regular conference meet of the season, the OK White conference meet and the Division I regional meet.

The Lady Arrows completed their season with a loss to conference foe Greenville. The 73-64 defeat was highlighted by first-place finishes from sophomore Lauren Aud in the 1600m, sophomore Diana Roth in the 200m, freshman Ashley Boehr in the 300 hurdles and the relay team of juniors Katrina Droski and Jill Fidler, senior Kyla Dixon and sophomore Marlie Fowler who topped the 3200m.

Despite ending with a losing record of 2-4 in conference, the young team showed tremendous growth over the season seeing two of their four losses decided by less than ten points. They also kicked off the season with a series of four first-place finishes including three area wide invitationals

and scored many personal records over the season. Head coach Paul Judd said he is happy with the overall outcomes. "The coaches were pretty pleased with results this season as the kids continued to build on the tone that was set last year."

Entering into the postseason the girls faced all of the OK White and their conference meet where they landed in the fifth position overall giving them a fourth-place finish in conference alongside Northview and Ottawa Hills who had matching records. The dominating Forest Hills Northern and Central teams placed first and second at the event. Amassing a total of 70 points at the meet Lowell was led by eventual all-conference award winner Roth who placed third in the 100m and second in the 200m.

Also scoring in the top five for the Arrows were senior Corah Kaufman and junior Amber Brown who placed second and third on the pole vault respectively, freshman Julia Pytlik who placed fifth in the high jump

and long jump, senior Kat Miller who came in fifth on the 300 hurdles, juniors Isabelle Dial and Lizzie Kuhns who tied for fifth in pole vault, the 3200m relay team of Miller, Fidler, Droski and Aud who placed fourth and the relay team of freshman Kyra Snyder and Kerstin Johnson, Boehr and Roth in the 800m. The team also scored eleven other finishes within the top ten.

Moving on to their regional bid held in Holt, the girls outdid last year's performance threefold scoring 15 points good for a 15th-place finish. Earning a third-place regional finish and placing best for the Arrows was Kaufman who cleared a height of 10' 3" to qualify for the state meet to be held on June 3 at East Kentwood High School. Kaufman has been a big scorer on the event this season. "Corah consistently scored well in the pole vault winning all meets except for two which were won by two of the best vaulters in the state," Judd said adding that the successful soon-to-be graduate missed the all-

conference cut-off by just under two points.

The team's leading scorer of the season was Roth who brought the same level of intensity as in her notable freshman season.

When asked about the future of the team considering the top performance elicited from his underclassmen this season, Judd said he didn't even know where to start. "If you look at the scoring leaders of the team you see underclassmen like Roth, Johnson, Snyder, Aud, Nieuwkoop, Boehr, and Pytlik. Snyder is so new to the sport that we are surprised at every meet at what she gets done. Pytlik was just short of being all-conference this year and with a year focused on building strength will be someone to contend with in the high jump and long jump."

The boys also lost in their last dual of the season by 80-57 giving them a break-even 3-3 record in the OK White, a finish Judd is pleased with, "The guys ran tough all season and we

were able to finish with a 500 mark in the conference and capture one invitational at Hopkins. The team is young as we lose eighteen seniors with five of them being major point scorers."

Six competitions at the Greenville meet ended with the Red Arrows on top at the meet, including senior Eric Judd in the 1600m, junior Morrison Ismond in the 3200m, freshman Andy Anschutz in the long jump, the 3200m relay team of Parker Grant, Nigel Mika, Caleb Swart and Ismond and junior Caleb Devereaux, who topped both the shot put and the discus. Devereaux's 149-10" toss in the discus also moved him up to fourth place in the LHS record books. Also moving up in the books with a second-place finish was junior Will Reynolds in the 110 hurdles in 15.6 seconds to earn the eighth position.

Judd reported that Devereaux, Reynolds and Judd were the team's leading point grabbers this season making them a dependable and inspirational part of the team. "We had three boys that led the team in points scoring over 100 and they were Will Reynolds (hurdles, HJ and relays), Eric Judd (mile, 800, relays) and Caleb Devereaux (shot and discus). Scoring like that means that you are coming to work daily and are there when the gun goes off. It is a hard grind and these three guys pulled it off."

Next at Houseman Field in Grand Rapids, the guys finished with 75 points - good for a fourth-place finish. Devereaux saw

success in the discus again earning the championship in the competition, while Reynolds placed third overall in the 110 hurdles, gaining both of them all-conference honors. Also placing within the top three were Grant, Mika, Judd and Ismond in the 3200m relay and Ismond in the 3200m.

Finally in Holt for the regional competition, Lowell boys scored 17 points placing 14th overall, doubling the points total they accumulated last season as a team. The day was highlighted by several personal records, including Ismond and freshman Collier Kaufman in the 3200m. Ismond's time propels him to fourth in LHS history displacing current LHS teacher Clay VanderWarf with Kaufman just six seconds behind. Also notable was another third place from Devereaux in discus, a sixth place for Reynolds in the 300 hurdles and the 3200 and 1600m relay teams who placed fourth and eighth.

The senior heavy team will lose 18 dedicated graduates next month according to Judd, who shared some parting words, "Thank you for your leadership, your hard work, the past four plus years, your smiles and lastly your competitiveness both in practice and at meets. The group of gentlemen that we are graduating are great young men who work hard in the classroom and on the track. These are the guys who are encouraging the younger members to carry on, to work hard, to complete the journey."

Sports Summaries



BOYS GOLF

Red Arrow varsity golfers pulled in a consistent fourth place in two OK White jamborees and claimed a win over non-conference competitor Lakewood High School last week. The team teed off Monday on the road in Lakewood where they garnered a 158-184 victory. Scoring for Lowell were leader freshman Noah Barnhart who shot a 37, followed by seniors Alex Powell and Alex Dommer, who both carded a 40 and fellow 2017 graduate Adam Anderson who tallied a 41. The first of the team's two jamborees was played at Ottawa Hills on Tuesday where the team finished fourth with a combined total of 157 strokes. Dommer led with a 37 and the rest of the scoring field came in at exactly 40; Barnhart, Powell, Anderson and sophomore Tyler Karcia scored matching cards Friday at Cedar Springs, the team again placed fourth in the conference's seventh jamboree with Dommer (39), Powell (41), Karcia (46) and Barnhart (46) topping the Lowell scoring list.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Hosting Grand Haven High School for their last regular game of the season last Monday, the girls varsity lacrosse team battled until the end, but ultimately fell 6-4 despite a late three goal comeback attempt. Freshman Renee LeFebre had an impressive showing on the field netting two goals. Senior Sela Bauman and junior Nikki Paulus also scored, lighting up the scoreboard with one goal apiece. The team entered into the postseason this week traveling to East Grand Rapids Wednesday for regional competition.

ATHLETIC HONORS

Red Arrow slugger Jarrod Melle was recently selected by the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association out of nominees throughout the state to take part in the 36th annual East West All Star Classic at Comerica Park on June 20 at 7 pm. The University of Connecticut commit has been a standout on the Lowell varsity team since his freshman year. Tickets for the event can be purchased for \$10 at the gate the day of the event.

GIRLS SOCCER

A cancellation from the struggling Ottawa Hills girls varsity soccer team, who was unable to field a team, left the Red Arrows with just one competition last week. Welcoming number one ranked OK White competitor Forest Hills Central to Red Arrow Stadium on Wednesday, the host fell short of victory by 3-1. Lowell's lone goal was earned by standout freshman Khloe Hayes with an assist from sophomore Regan Coxon. Senior goalkeeper Bridget Garter made a total of nine saves in the net. Now holding a record of 10-4-1 overall and 6-3 in conference, the team will compete just twice more in the regular season before beginning their district run on May 30.

SOFTBALL

Lowell varsity softball went 2-1 last week against OK White rival Forest Hills Central and hosted the Mandy Tichelaar Invitational during a busy week. Action kicked off Tuesday with a doubleheader against FHC where the Red Arrows walked away with two victories. Sophomore Emily Depew earned both wins on the mound throwing a total of 20 strikeouts. The day's big hitters included sophomore Maddi Jordan and junior Megan Summerfield in game one knocking out two hits each. Depew, sophomore Corah Miller and junior Kenzie North each put bat to ball twice. Thursday in the final game of the series, Lowell ended on the losing side 10-9 falling in extra innings. The team went 1-1 on Friday at their memorial tournament held in honor of former Red Arrow softball player Mandy Tichelaar. In their 13-7 win over Hastings, sophomore pitcher Madison Sage picked up her first victory on the mound. Freshman Kenzie Jordan led the team with three hits including a home run, followed by Miller who earned two hits leading to two RBIs. The game was cut short due to the weather resulting in a 10-1 in favor of Rockford. North and junior Miah Ransom earned the team's only hits. Jordan took the loss on the mound.

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Synopsis of Minutes
May 8, 2017

Motions Approved:

1. Removing Simplex Station
2. Phil Rolle to Planning Commission
3. Selection of Timber Bid
4. Sewer ordinance amendments
5. Surveillance Grant Resolution
6. Voting Equipment Resolution

Our next Township Meeting
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The approved minutes may be reviewed on
our website at www.grattantownship.org

Red Arrow

- BASEBALL

SPORTS

Red Arrows win some, lose some to level out 15-13 standing

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell varsity baseball battled against Forest Hills Central in a three-game OK White series and took on Grand Ledge Saturday at home leveling their season record to 15-13.

Tuesday at home against FHC, the team came back in the fifth inning to earn a 2-1 win. Juniors Brady and Connor Douma and

seniors Sage Solomonson, Sterling Anderson and Jack Malone all tallied one hit apiece to lead the Arrow's offensive effort. Seniors Jake Wosinski and Jarrod Melle shared the mound with Wosinski earning the win after pitching five plus innings. Melle logged the last four outs to keep the game in Arrow hands.

FHC flipped the script in game two topping Lowell 6-5 despite the ten hits collected by the Arrows. B. Douma, junior Austin Whaley and Anderson led plate action earning two hits each. Senior Nate Stephens had a strong performance pushing in two runs in the fifth inning. Melle and senior Cooper Perry combined for the loss in pitching.

Completing the series on Thursday at FHC, the Arrows fell behind early and struggled leading to a 12-0 loss. Lowell's best striker in the game was Stephens who doubled in the first inning. B. Douma, C. Douma, Solomanson, Malone and senior Andrew deVoest also credited with one hit apiece. Junior Garrett Pratt took the loss throwing just over three innings and allowing ten hits that added up to eight runs and striking out four.

Saturday in exhibition play, the Arrows fell twice to Grand Ledge who traveled for the double header action. Game one ended 18-7 after Grand Ledge ran away with the lead early. Lowell collected six hits from the bats of C. Douma, Melle, Malone and varsity newcomer sophomore Brendan Milligan. Junior Travis Cornell accepted the pitching loss. Game two ended 12-1 in the same fashion with Pratt, Anderson and Perry each producing one hit each. Perry took



Senior slugger Jake Wosinski hurling for the Arrows.



Junior Garrett Pratt on the mound for Lowell.

the loss throwing for three innings while surrendering five runs and seven hits.

This week the team kicked off their OK White series against Greenville on

Monday and will finish it Wednesday at home. They will travel to East Grand Rapids on Saturday for the Gerken Tournament which begins at 9 am.

Crew team rowed to success this season

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Six seniors, three juniors, three sophomores and six freshman make up this season's co-ed Lowell High School crew team. The team has been rowing to success in a variety of local and out of state regattas and will be headed across the

border to Canada to compete this weekend.

Coached by David Cadwallader, the team began their season close to home traveling to Forest Hills Central for their annual indoor regatta. The team's best finish of the individual competition was credited to

sophomore Olivia Kamradt who placed fourth in the coxswain women's 500m race; sophomore Sydney Riffle placed twelfth in the same event. Junior Emily Brown, who joined the team just this year, also earned a top finish placing tenth in the novice women's 1500m

competing alongside fellow freshman Abby Davis who placed 21st. Wrapping up the Lady Arrow performances at the event were juniors Hailey Boggs and Alyssa Cadwallader who placed 34th and 52nd respectively in the open women's 2000m race.

In men's competition five first-year rowers competed in the novice men's 1500m. The group of freshmen athletes was led by Logan Riffle who placed 18th; Aaron Fritsma (25th), Mitchell McMillian (26th), Brady Chambers (47th) and Collin Cardinal (54th) rounded out the group. In the light weight men's 200m, the only Arrow participant senior Devon Siciliano came up with a 44th place finish. Finally, senior Logan VanderMeulen led the team in the open men's 2000m cruising into the 17th position followed by senior Noah Hawkins (31st), senior Steven Tripp (39th), sophomore Jacob Beke (40th) and senior Nate Hawkins (45th).

The team competed in the Culver Regatta in

Indiana leaving as a top-finishing team and two individual medalists. The group of Chambers, Cardinal, Riffle, McMillian and Fritsma placed second overall, while Tripp and Siciliano both placed third in their respective events.

The team competed in Ohio and in east side Michigan city Wyandotte over the season which will be wrapping up shortly after the row in the state competition at Riverside Park in Grand Rapids. This weekend they head north to Canada for their last competition of the year in London, Ontario. Complete coverage of the team's state bid and their tour abroad can be found in next week's edition of The Lowell Ledger.



Brady Chambers, Collin Cardinal, Logan Riffle, Mitchell McMillian, and Aaron Fritsma after their win in Culver, Indiana.

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obituaries

ANTAS-KNOOIHUISEN

Marilyn Elaine Antas-Knooihuisen, passed away Tuesday, May 2, 2017. On January 1st of this year we celebrated her 90th birthday with friends and family. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Robert Wesley Knooihuisen, in 1970 and her second husband, Richard John Antas, in 2000, also preceding her was her son-in-law Paul Goodwin in 2014. She is survived by her children Barry Knooihuisen, Carol Goodwin, Sandy (Craig) Rich, Debbie (Howard Clocklin) Knooihuisen; seven grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren. In 1961 Marilyn and Robert moved to Lowell with their family of four. She continued to live there until November 2015. Marilyn was a bank teller with Old Kent Bank, now known as Fifth Third, for over 30 years. She loved to bowl and won many trophies. She was proud to be a 1939 Duncan YoYo Champion. The family would like to extend their deepest and strongest thank you to the staff at Green Acres in Lowell. The entire family cannot express how much we appreciated those of you who cared for Marilyn with compassion that was beyond anything we could have expected. You touched her with your hands and your hearts. We know you loved her and she definitely loved all of you. In her final days Marilyn and her family were also cared for by the wonderful staff at Grace Hospice, who walked side by side with us, assisting us in making the choices that would ultimately bring us to our final goodbyes. There will be no public memorial. A graveside service for family will be held at a later date. Please, no flowers but do consider a donation to Grace Hospice, 3355 Eagle Park Dr NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525 or to another organization of your choice.



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ROSE


Maxine Rose, age 96 of Lowell, MI, formerly of Pleasant Lake, MI, passed away Saturday evening, May 13, 2017 at The Laurels of Kent Assisted Living in Lowell. Maxine was born in Jackson, MI on April 3, 1921, the daughter of Joseph and Augustus Will. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband Eugene Rose; son Jerry Rose; daughter-in-law Yvonne "Bonnie" Rose; great-grandson Derek Rose; brothers Ronald, Gordon, Richard, John; and sisters Harrietta, Margaret, Dorothy, Mary Louise, and Beverly Jean. Maxine is loved and survived by her sisters Joanne Bruce, Shirley Echelbarger, Betty (Gary) Bailey; sister-in-laws, Joanne Will, Donna Will; grandchildren Mary (Alan) Stemen, Sue (Tim) Rankin, Duane (April) Rose, great-grandchildren Rachel Stemen, Alec & Kaitlyn Rankin; and several nieces and nephews. Maxine spent the bulk of her career known as the "Rose" of the Rose Room, the restaurant in LH Fields (now Macy's) downtown Jackson store. Her smiling face for many years made her a favorite of the regulars who came to the restaurant. She and her husband Eugene enjoyed traveling in their trailer throughout the United States, culminating with their ultimate trip to Hawaii with their long time, great friends "Hube and Mert". Maxine's sweet disposition and easy going nature has made her loved by many, and she will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and staff/residents of The Laurels of Kent. The family would like to thank all the staff at Laurels of Kent for the great care and love they have given to Maxine over the past six years; and Southern Hospice for the assistance in the past three weeks. Upon Maxine's wishes, cremation has taken place; and a Graveside Memorial Service will be held at Woodland Cemetery, Jackson, MI at a later date.



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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL

COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Lowell, County of Kent, Michigan, held on May 15, 2017, the following ordinance was adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2017

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment of Section 2.01 of the Lowell Township Zoning Ordinance. Section 2.01 of the Lowell Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to add the following:

Church: A church includes a cathedral, temple, mosque, synagogue or similar place of religious worship and may include accessory uses that are typically associated with religious institutions.

Section 2. Amendment of Section 11.03(h) of the Lowell Township Zoning Ordinance. Section 11.03(h) of the Lowell Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

(h) Churches, public or private clubs, lodges, or similar places of assembly and banquet halls

Section 3. Amendment of Article 22 of the Lowell Township Zoning Ordinance. Article 22, Use Regulations, is hereby amended to add the following:

Standards for approval for churches, public or private clubs, lodges, or similar places of assembly and banquet halls:

1. Parcel must be a minimum of 2 acres.
2. Parcel must have a minimum of 150 feet of frontage on a county primary road or State highway.
3. There must be a minimum of two access points (driveways).
4. Consideration shall be given to specific accessory uses, hours of operation, noise, building size, impact on traffic and parking, and the intensity of accessory uses.
5. Applicant must waive its right to object to the issuance of liquor licenses within 500 feet of the building, as permitted under Section 503(4) of the Michigan Liquor Control Code, PA 58 of 1998, MCL 436.1503(4).

Section 4. Publication/Effective Date This ordinance shall become effective seven days after its publication or seven days after the publication of a summary of its provisions in a local newspaper of general circulation.

A copy of this ordinance is available at the offices of the Township Clerk, at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, Lowell, MI 49331, during Township office hours.

TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL

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Dear EarthTalk: I understand that the Trump administration has been busy pulling information about climate change and other environmental issues off of the EPA's website. What kinds of information and data are no longer accessible? -- Jim Harris, Norwalk, CA

It's no surprise that the Trump administration is looking to change course when it comes to federal action to mitigate climate change, but analysts have been surprised how quickly and drastically the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has "updated" its website to reflect the outlook of its new leader. The information purge began within just two weeks of Donald Trump taking office.

Researchers from the Environmental Data and Governance Initiative (EDGI), a group of scientists tracking federal environmental and energy websites and data, first noticed changes on January 22 when a page formerly called "Federal Partner Collaboration" was updated with new content and renamed "EPA Adaptation Collaboration." A few days later, the EPA changed the content of both its "climate and water" page to reflect the new administration's interest in freeing up real estate developers from onerous restrictions, and its "international cooperation" page pledging to stand with other countries' in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Interestingly, these early changes were made three weeks prior to the confirmation of notorious climate change denier Scott Pruitt as EPA Administrator.

The next big round of changes came almost two months later on the eve of the People's Climate March in Washington DC when the EPA removed several sub-pages under its climate section containing detailed climate data. This had originally been published during Obama's tenure to help the public understand the magnitude of the global warming threat and to provide researchers with information



"A Student's Guide to Global Climate Change" — a treasured resource for teachers across the country and beyond — is one of the sections of the EPA website that the Trump Administration has pulled down.

to put into their models to predict how climate change will affect the environment and human health.

According to The Washington Post, one of the recently removed sections challenged statements made by Scott Pruitt, while another provided detailed information on the Obama administration's Clean Power Plan (a new rule which the Trump administration is working to "undo").

Another removed section, "A Student's Guide to Global Climate Change," featured some 50 pages of content tailored to students studying environment and climate, leaving thousands of teachers who had incorporated the data into curricula high and dry for the rest of the school year. (Luckily for teachers, the city of Chicago has republished an archived version of this section on its own website.)

"At a time when Americans are increasingly experiencing climate impacts in their daily lives, the administration has seemingly buried its head in the sand," says Astrid Caldas, climate scientist at the non-profit Union

of Concerned Scientists (UCS). "The facts about climate change have not changed, however, and politics are not a valid reason to archive basic explanations of science."

For its part, the EPA dismisses the critique as partisan quibbling. "As EPA renews its commitment to human health and clean air, land, and water, our website needs to reflect the views of the leadership of the agency," says agency spokesman J.P. Freire. "We want to eliminate confusion by removing outdated language first and making room to discuss how we're protecting the environment and human health by partnering with states and working within the law."

CONTACTS: EPA, www.epa.gov; EDGI, www.envirodatagov.org; Chicago's EPA Climate Change Archive, www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/sites/climatechange/home.html; UCS, www.ucsusa.org.

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Looking Back, continued

The State Board of Health warns against the exposure of children to measles, on account of complications likely to arise, which in some cases are never overcome, and strict quarantine is insisted upon. This disease, which in times past has been considered a trifling matter and almost a necessary evil for children, has cost many lives this year. Take no chances with your baby.

June 5 is war registration day. The National Defense Council urges that church and fire bells be rung, and whistles be blown at 7 a.m., the hour for opening registration booths, that bands play all day, that men of registration age be accompanied to booths by their families and neighbors, that all men registering be given distinctive registering badges and that patriotic meetings be held after the booths are closed. Press and pulpit are urged to direct citizens to do their full duty.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 28, 1942

Postmaster F. J. Hosley states that because Memorial Day falls on Saturday the Lowell post office will give the usual forenoon delivery by the city carriers. The rural carriers will not make their routes. While there will be no window service at the post office the mail will be sorted for lock boxes.

Village authorities remind all citizens of the village ordinance and state law which prohibits the shooting of any kind of fireworks within the village limits. Failure to comply with this law may bring a fine up to \$100 and costs or 90 days in jail. One arrest on this count has already been made and all violators will be apprehended.

Readers of this paper will be interested in the

special Memorial Day page in this issue which has been sponsored by a large number of Lowell business men who have taken this way of honoring our nation's heroes, living and dead. It will doubtless surprise many to know that about 130 young men from Lowell and vicinity are now serving their country in this present war.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger May 25, 1967

Twenty youths are involved in 'gang fight' near here on Sunday. Twenty youths from Lowell and Grand Rapids were involved Sunday afternoon in a fight that caused minor injuries and damage to 2 cars at the D&M Riding Stable on Montcalm Avenue in Ionia County.

The YMCA swimming pool is being sandblasted and refinished with the directors hoping for a Memorial Day opening. Gordon Gould, YMCA pool director, says that if the weather doesn't warm up, as planned, it will mean free icicles for everyone.

The high wind last Thursday blew down a 40 ft. section of the 20 foot wall being erected for the new Eberhard store on West Main Street.

Carrying out the theme of Michigan Week, May 21-27, the sixth grade art students in the junior high school, have done colored chalk sketches on the history, industries, and recreation spots of Michigan, which have been placed on display at the State Savings Bank on East Main Street. Other Main Street windows are sporting colorful posters made by students in the elementary & junior high school.

The editor received a note from Charley lawyer, Grand Rapids City Comptroller and former resident

of the area, who spoke of the hassel over taxes by quoting Colbert's definition of taxation as "the art of plucking the goose in such a way as to produce the largest amount of feathers with the least amount of squacking!" He also stated that Grand Rapids had a fixed millage of \$10 per thousand, which would be reduced to \$8 when the income tax takes effect in 1968.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 27, 1992

See Blair Cahoon bungee jump from Bernard's True Value Hardware on Flag Day, June 14th. Will the bungee break?

Middle School students know the value of a litter-free environment. Lowell Middle School teacher Mark MacDonald and 50, students collected over 500 gallons of litter from the banks of the Flat River in Lowell, and the public recreation areas surrounding the in-town schools. "The students realized the value of keeping our environment litter free," MacDonald said. In discussions that followed afterward, a group of students brought up the theme that litter begets more litter and that we must prevent this as individuals."

A nationwide search among the country's best and brightest students yielded a local winner. Recognizing the need to award excellence, the National FFA Organization recently announced that Dave Hildenbrand of the Lowell FFA is the recipient of a \$10,000 scholarship. Hildenbrand, son of Rose and Lee Hildenbrand, both of Lowell, received notice of the scholarship after a national panel judged Hildenbrand's application among the best in the nation.

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 - 58. Wafting output
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 - 60. Grannies
 - 61. Allah's cleric
 - 62. "Iliad," e.g.
 - 63. Tart garnish
 - 66. Dream time
 - 68. *"The Munsters" network



MAY 17 - MAY 23

- With their old CEO forced out, Ford's new CEO, Jim Hackett, looks to the future.
- Bill Cosby's trial for a sexual assault that allegedly occurred in 2004 has begun in Philadelphia. So far two men and one woman have been chosen as jurors.
- Donald Trump is on his first international trip and while in Israel he's promoting peace and became first U.S. president to visit the Western Wall on his first trip abroad.
- Four climbers are killed in an avalanche on Mount Everest.
- Former national security adviser Michael Flynn takes the 5th and refuses to turn over documents to the senate panel investigating possible ties between the 2016 Trump campaign and Russia.
- The actor Sir Roger Moore has died at 89, after "a short but brave battle with cancer," according to his family and his agent.
- Another terrorist attack, this time in Manchester, England, during an Ariana Grande concert. 22 killed, 59 injured.



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