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Lowell's class of 2017 graduates under sunny skies

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Sunny skies were the order of the day for Lowell High School's 139th commencement ceremony last Sunday celebrating the class of 2017.

Students began with the traditional procession to Red Arrow Memorial Stadium down the winding hill as the band played Pomp and Circumstance. The ceremony lasted just over an hour.

Principal Amy Pallo offered opening remarks after the National Anthem. She touched upon several popular themes in her address regarding today's youth and the irony as they applied to these students.

"Kids these days are lazy, well let's talk about how lazy you are," Pallo said citing the many organizations, athletics, extracurricular activities and volunteer opportunities seized by the students, finishing, "If this is the definition of lazy, I want



more lazy people in this world."

She continued noting that this class used a senior skip day to volunteer and

one student offered the financing and wardrobe for a trip to prom for a friend anonymously. She sighted the 346 AP exams taken by

the class, the 145 different colleges applied to, the entrepreneurial spirit of the students and the obstacles

overcome to achieve this moment.

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Busy council handles an abundance of city business during meetings held this week

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell city council had a big night with two meetings on Monday, June 5. They approved a union contract, discussed a potential city income tax, approved a 50 percent tax abatement on Lighthouse's latest expansion and more during the back-to-back meetings.

The first meeting started at 5:30 pm. It was dedicated to a "discussion regarding infrastructure updates." Nobody from the public attended this meeting, but it should be archived on the city of Lowell's YouTube channel. Brian Vilmont and John VerPlank, engineers from Prein & Newhof, and Dave Austin, engineer from Williams & Works, presented the council with information about a SAW [Stormwater, Asset Management, and Wastewater] grant the city is in the process of obtaining.

"The SAW grant is about \$980,000," VerPlank said. "It's a 90/10 grant, so the city's portion [to pay] is 10 percent, so about

\$98,000 would be the city's contribution over three years. That works out to about \$32,600 a year."



Englehardt Library branch manager, Heather Wood Gramza.

There are a lot of requirements Lowell must meet in order to qualify for the grant, including the creation of an asset management plan. In order to create an asset management plan, every single piece of city-owned property must be inspected down to the manhole covers.

"What we've done last year is we had some summer crews out and they worked all summer on coming up with an inventory of the system," VerPlank said. "Part of that is to do a condition assessment and failure risk."

If the city gets the grant there are plans to improve below-ground infrastructure all over town. The council discussed methods they could use to generate the \$98,000 necessary to complete the projects.

"The argument always is with our millage rate," said Lowell city manager Michael Burns. "Well, we're

assessed 15.7 mills. [That is] what we assess currently to our residents. The council could actually go up to their Headlee limit [note: the Headlee Amendment is a state law limiting local property taxes], which is 17.2 mills without a vote of the people. That would give you \$141,750 more per year, approximately. That's not going to solve your problem. You could go to a vote of the people for a Headlee override, which would get you back to the charter limit of 20 mills. But if you take \$94,000 roughly a mill and multiply that by four, that's only going to give you roughly another \$450,000 per year. That \$450,000 extra a year might pay for a bond payment, might be enough to pay for your bond payment. Might. What you're probably going to have to do is going to be

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a whole mixture of different things between sewer [and] water bonds, road bonds, where you're going to have to pay for the bond for that. The \$450,000 that I'm talking about might just be the street component. Having done some major infrastructure projects, I wouldn't be surprised if it's more. And then on top of that you're probably going to have to reevaluate the rate structure for your water and sewer rates. It's something that you're just going to have to consider. Another option that you could consider, I know this has been talked about before I arrived here, was a city income tax. [...] People don't like to pay taxes, I don't like to pay them either, but this is an investment. It's an investment in the type of community that you want. While you do have to pay more to do it, there is a return on that investment where you should hopefully see more improved value to your community, to your homes, to your neighborhood with good streets and good system in place, it makes it a little more palatable for resale. It's something to think about."

"I think we need \$400,000 or \$500,000 a year, whether it's to pay for a bond that covers a bunch of streets long term or on our own we're just fixing a couple streets a year," said city councilor Greg Canfield. "We just have to start doing this forever. The three things that we talked about previously, we can do a bond and have it expensed that way if the voters approve, or millage raises, but I think income tax is really the fairest way to go."

After a short break the regular city council meeting

was called to order at 7 pm. There were 16 people in the audience for the 48 minute long meeting.

The council heard an annual update from Kent District Library representatives, including Englehardt Library branch manager Heather Wood-Gramza.

"I'm proud to say that we now have 36 mobile hotspots available for our community members to check out and essentially connect themselves from Lowell to the outside world," Wood-Gramza said. "This means the world to many of our students and to many parents who are seeking jobs. This is really hard. As many of you know, being in a rural area, there are pockets where it is really, really difficult to get Internet service, let alone afford it."

At their last meeting the council voted to pass the annual budget. This week they passed a small amendment to that budget. The original included a public museum tax rate of .2424 mills. Resolution 15-17 amended this to .2423 mills.

The council voted unanimously to approve a 50 percent tax abatement on Litehouse's latest expansion. The company has to reapply for the abatement after five years.

"We received a request from Litehouse seeking a Public Act 198 industrial facility tax credit," Burns said. "They are currently expanding the footprint of their property to place additional freezers for their food processing operation. There is currently an industrial development district established in the area of the city and this request would be legal for

the abatement under the public act. This credit allows for a 50 percent abatement for the investment of new

real and personal property for up to 12 years. Litehouse has submitted their application and would have

up until October 31, 2017 for both the city and State of Michigan Department of Treasury to approve the

application and provide the credit for the 2018 tax year. [...] There is no need for a public hearing."



The city council had two meetings on Monday, June 5.



along main street

FOOD COMMODITIES

Food Commodities provides for Kent County families at or below 200 percent federal poverty level or in need of food. If you or a family you know could use this assistance please have them stop by the food pantry June 8-9, Thurs. 9 am-11 am and 2-4:30 pm and Fri. 10 am - noon (no need to pre-register). Please call 897-8260 with any questions.

ART COUNCIL FUNDRAISER

A fundraiser is being planned to raise money for LowellArts. The event will be held on Saturday, June 24 at Big Boiler Brewing on Main Street. For every dollar donated, two will be matched by an anonymous donor up to \$50,000.

LUNCH BUDDIES

Lunch Buddies is a weekly food program for children age 3-18 living in the Lowell School District. Lunch Buddies meets once a week and provides five free meals

each week. Children are able to shop for the meals in a pantry designed specifically for kids. Summer Lunch Buddies meet Tuesdays from June 13-Aug. 15 (except for July 4) from 1-7 pm at FROM.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Looking for a way to get involved in the community? Want to volunteer, but don't know what to do? Come to our volunteer orientation and learn about all of our day, evening and weekend opportunities. Our needs range from evening cashiers to daytime donation sorters with lots of options in between. Volunteer orientation at Flat River Outreach Ministries will be Thurs., June 15 at 1 pm. Call 897-8260 for more information.

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Lowell students participate in Senior Give Back Day

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Giving back to the community on their last day of scheduled classes, Lowell High School Class of 2017 recently fanned out into the community to participate in the annual Senior Give Back Day. Modeled after the freshman service learning project, the day gives graduates the opportunity to a last chance, as students, to help out their community. Now in its seventh year, the day of community service is both planned and executed by members of the class who secure locations, schedule teams and arrange for proper transportation and supervision. The teams of workers were spotted in locations such as Murray Lake and Cherry Creek Elementary, The Barn for Equine Learning and along the student council adopted roadside. Jobs performed included yard work, clean up, maintenance, organization, leading field day activities and reading to younger learners.



Class of 2017 presents gift to LHS media center

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

The Lowell High School class of 2017 recently bestowed a gift to the school made possible through the work of their class officers and advisor Christine Beachler and generous community partner Enwork.

After discussing options for this year's gift, other years have included benches and water fountains, the senior class officers decided to upgrade the furniture in the media center. Beachler contacted local furniture business Enwork for help with the project.

"I sent a message to Dave Powell, who has a son in the class of 2017 and owns Enwork here in Lowell. They make office tables and furniture and I was hoping they had some ideas for us. He replied and was very supportive," reported Beachler.

She said Powell worked with them to select the perfect pieces and offered a fair price making the idea of the gift a reality. "It is just so cool for our students to have a fun new learning environment in the library. Immediately, the students gravitated right to the new furniture and now every day it is the first area to fill up when the kids come in." Beachler is also the school's media specialist. "They

are really excited about it. What they like best and what is unique is that there are outlets in the benches where they can plug in their devices...the kids think that is great!"

The school's media center is a multi-purpose space utilized for entire classes, individuals and groups for its resources and conducive environment. She said she believes the

new furniture enhances that experience for students and will be enjoyed by many classes to come.

"Our entire school community is very grateful to the class of 2017 and Enwork for their generous donation. It will be appreciated and used for many years to come and has been an exciting and creative addition to the learning space at LHS."



Class officers for 2017, left side, L to R: Hailey Taylor, Katie Peterson and Maya Williams; front center, L to R: Makenzie Daly and Emily Hock; back center, L to R: Sela Bauman, Matt Beachler, Haley Godbold and Kollin Hieftje.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES

The Board of Trustees of the Township BOWNE TOWNSHIP will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of 0.0222 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied on property in 2017.

The hearing will be held on Monday, June 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Historic Twp. Hall, 8240 Alden Nash SE.

The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at this public meeting.

If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes 0.90% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved, the operating revenue will increase by 1.36% over the preceding year's operating revenue.

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In celebration of their grand opening, the Big Boiler Brewing Company is presenting a fundraising event to support the LowellArts Moving to Main Campaign. Four seating times of 5:00, 5:30, 7:00, and 7:30 are offered for this special ticketed event. Tickets are \$50 each and include an appetizer, dessert, full menu items, and soft drinks. Server tips and alcohol are extra. This is a great opportunity to be the first to preview Lowell's newest dining experience - and support the Moving to Main Campaign at the same time. Your ticket qualifies for the \$1-\$3 Lowell Area Community Fund Matching Grant.

Purchase tickets at lowellarts.org or call 616-897-8545.

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Opponents of the idea say it would limit the amount of time legislators have to work with constituents, give more power to the executive branch and discourage candidates who could not afford to take 90 days off work to run the state.



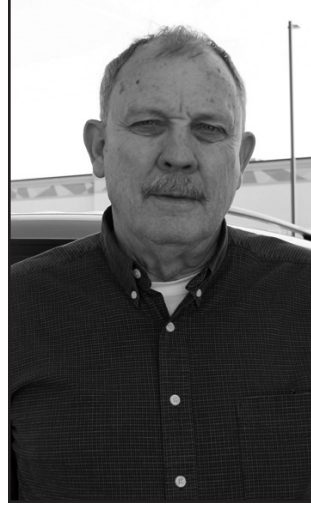
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"They can't get their work done over a year anyway. It must be nice to work 90 days out of the year. Maybe it would force them to do more work. If our taxes go down it's fine with me. It can't get much worse at this point."



BAILEY

"I have no idea. I'm not really into politics so I have no idea what the benefits would be."



GORDON

"They would have to prove to me first that they can do their work in 90 days."



JAMES

"Yeah, I think that's a good idea. In 90 days I think they could probably refine things and get done what they need to get done."



JULIA

"They could probably do it. I don't know, I don't follow the politics."

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If time be of all things the most precious, wasting time must be the greatest prodigality.

~ Benjamin Franklin



125 years ago Lowell Journal June 10, 1891

Rome is howling again at Lansing. On the heels of the Munthe-Doyle bribery case comes serious charges by the Mayor of AuSable, who claims to have paid the squaw-man Fridlender three hundred dollars to secure the passage of a bill to unite the towns of AuSable and Oscoda. He wouldn't have squealed but after introducing the bill and making a speech urging its passage, he used his influence on the quiet to have it defeated, and that is what makes them howl. The squawbucks are winning eternal renown by their strict attention to business, in getting a little out of everything, and by their wonderful swiftness in not accomplishing anything.

Arvin P. Hunter met with a serious accident last Friday night. While trying to mount a bicycle his foot became entangled in some way, throwing him. He struck on the ledge under the front of his store, breaking his hip. He was carried home and his leg dressed. He will probably be confined to the house for a couple of months.

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

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100 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 7, 1917

Walker's a climber or George Taylor's a lawyer. Look out there. Before the Lowell Cutter company's new 70-foot smoke stack was raised last week a small flag was placed at the top, Saturday, the lofty fluttering emblem caught the eye of a stranger, who wanted to know «how in the world they got it up there?»

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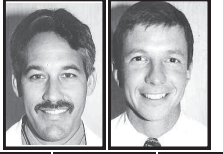
Women's club officers announced



New LWC officers, back row, left to right: Jackie Tousley, Teresa Hoffman, Lori Ingraham, Leah Vredenburg, Ellen Lietzke, Holly Freilig, Marj Harding, Diane Sherlock, Christa Wetzel, and Lynette Salzwedel; front row: Lori DeBacker.

Lowell Women's Club announced their new 2017-18 officers and board: president, Teresa Hoffman; president-elect, Lori DeBacker; secretary, Leah Vredenburg; treasurer, Jackie Tousley; deputy treasurer, Marj Harding; student liaison, Ellen Lietzke; and past president, Lori Ingraham. New board members are Holly Freilig, Diane Sherlock, Christa Wetzel and Lynette Salzwedel.

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Medications are sometimes used to help with weight loss in people who are obese and who have not been able to lose weight or maintain weight loss with diet, exercise or behavioral treatment. Sometimes, weight loss medications are

prescribed for people who are obese if they have other problems, such as diabetes, high cholesterol, heart disease, high blood pressure or sleep apnea. Using the medications along with lifestyle treatment improves the weight loss outcomes.

There are several medications approved by the U.S. food and drug administration for long term treatment (more than three months). It is important to have realistic expectations when starting a weight loss medication. The amount of weight loss is less than what many people expect, about five to ten percent of the starting weight on average. Some people do better than that, but that usually happens when a good diet and structured fitness program are added to the medication.

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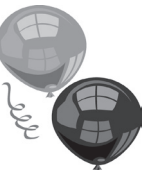


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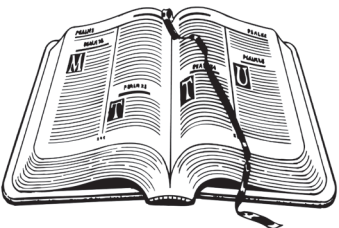
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JUNE 9
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Lowell High School Class of 2017

Class Motto

“Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory.”

~ Dr. Seuss

Class Flower - Rose

Class Colors - Gold & Black

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Jeremy Smalligan Bergin
Delaney Rose Bierlein
Dakota Lucas Bileth
Jacob Andrew Bishop
Maxwell Edward Bishop
Faith Olivia Rae Blakely
Matthew Charles Bloom
Katherine Elizabeth Bodemann
Elijah Samuel Boulton
Trevor Scott Bouman
Collin Carliss Bowers
Austin Kenneth Branagan
Majesta Elizabeth Braybrooks
Maria Noelle Briggs
Mikayla Kathleen Brooks
Clayton Andrew Brown
Mitchell Joseph Brown
Madeline Lee Burt
Elese Marie Carey
Stephanie Ann Carlson
Kyle Alexander Cater
Samantha Luciana Celori
Nicholas James Chambers
Emma Grace Chapin
Brodrick Edward Chapman
Autumn Mae Chrisman
Colton Dean Churches
Ryne John Clarke
Katie Dhanen Clemenshaw
Paige Michelle Clouse
Catherine Marie Cochran
Marreona Chavon Coe
Rachel Elizabeth Cole
Austin David Comer
Sydney Louise Conard
Riley Richard Coxon
Avery LeeAnne Cunningham
Amber Joyce Curtis
Nicholas Patrick Dalessandro
Makenzie Leigh Daly
Andrew Bennett de Voest
Maria Judith DeCator
Paige Marie DeHaan
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Casey Lynn Depew
Samuel Joseph DeVito
Kyla Marie Dixon
Sydney Ellen Dodde
Alexander Anthony Dommer
Michael Stephen Doyle
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Adam Michael Korzen
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Samuel Edward Mason
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Kathryn Ann Miller
Kennedy Lynn Mitchell
Nicole Marie Mooney
Daniel Robert Moore
Ryan James Morris
Brittney Joanna Mulder
Benjamin Lawrence Mullins
Austin Ryan Horace Murray
Matthew Jon Nelson
Riley Elijah Nethercott
Nova Magdalene Nietling
Benjamin Edwin Noffke
Hayden Gregory Noon
Olivia Marie Nurmikko
Molly Michele Olin
Hunter Ray Owens
Grace Marie Paiz
Lawrence Grey Patrick
Tiana-Marie Navarro Peavey
Nicolas Cooper Perry
Jayce Alee Perysian
Jasmine Nicole Peters
Katie Marie Peterson
Mary Beth Peterson
Tiana Catherine Petricevic
Zachary Robert Petroelje
Remington Noelle Phillips
Caleb Edward Pickens
Abigail Catherine Pickett
Richard Dale Pitcher
Josealyn Lee Pontius
Andrew Wilder Poulton
Alexander David Powell
Jacob Paul Pratt
Nathan Alexander Pratt-Harris
Griffen Mark Preston
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Lillian Kay Quiggle
Keegan Christopher Redloske
Mansel David Reed
Aiden Michael Remar
Andi Kay Reynolds
Gina Marie Ricards
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Samantha Dee Robinson
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Benjamin Donald Rolls
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Samuel Patrick Russell
Seth Horacio Salinas
Joseph Mitchell Schaefer
Kaden William Schwarz
Carleigh Rose Shalda
Autumn Joy Sheldon
Gabrielle Elizabeth Sheppard
Trevor Douglas Sherman
Christina Joy Sherwood
Devon Antanino Siciliano
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Landon John Smith
Logan Richmond Smith
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CONGRATULATIONS!

Graduation 2017, continued

“I think our comments about kids these days should sound more like this, kids these days are hard working; kids these days are kind and motivated. Kids these days are resilient and are going to make the world a better place. Kids these days care and kids these days have amazing futures ahead of them. Best wishes to the class of 2017 and thank you on behalf of the faculty and staff of Lowell High School

for letting us be a part of your journey. We are proud of you and are truly looking forward to the world you will create and the opportunities you will seize.”

Two student speakers took the podium next following a performance by the LHS band. Athlete and summa cum laude graduate Tiana Petricevic began by offering her congratulations to her classmates and encouraging them to return

to the freedoms of childhood and to follow their true path of happiness as they move forward. “I invite everyone to return to that freedom and give that inner child a chance to roam free because maybe you will end up with something more fulfilling than money, passion.”

Class valedictorian Alyssa Roest was next and compared herself and her fellow graduates as embers

about to ignite into a fire. “As we go our separate ways I think of Lin-Manuel Miranda’s musical Hamilton as a source of inspiration. He writes, “The plan is to fan this spark into a flame.” Of course, he is talking about the American Revolution but he could just as easily be referring to anyone graduating here today. This high school has given us that spark and now it is our

job to provide ourselves with the oxygen and fuel necessary to ignite.”

Superintendent of Lowell Area Schools Greg Pratt spoke next closing out the list of speakers, before the official presentation of diplomas. Graduates were announced by class president Aidan Lane and diplomas were presented by members of the Lowell Board of Education.

The graduates were congratulated by Pallo and Unity High School head Sue Sweet as they exited the stage. As students began heading back to their seats small celebrations began as the last students’ names were read, the traditional Passing of the Spade from Lane to incoming class president Quinne Duhr and mortar boards soaring to the sky.



LHS class of 2017 valedictorian Alyssa Roest giving her commencement speech.





School superintendent Greg Pratt.



Lowell High School principal Amy Pallo.



Tiana Petricevic



Red Arrow

- SOCCER

SPORTS

Girls finish 7-3 in OK White standings

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

After two huge shutout wins in postseason action the Red Arrow girls varsity soccer team lost in the district finals for an overall record of 14-6-1 and a 7-3 finish in the OK White.

Tournament action began at home for the ladies last Tuesday when they faced Lansing East in the first round of competition. Sophomore Regan Coxon

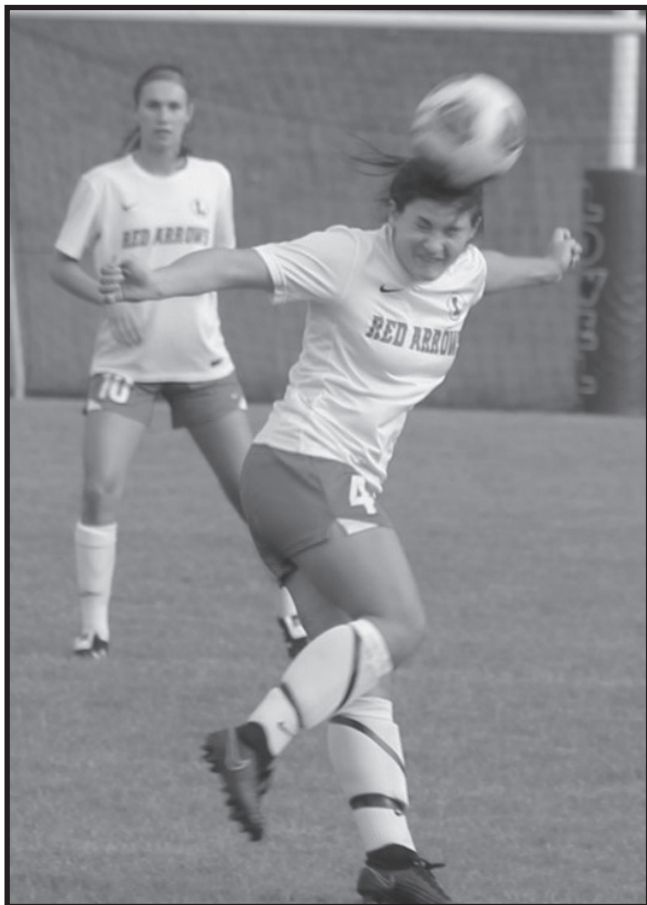
led the effort on field with an on fire performance that netted three goals towards the 8-0 victory. Junior varsity call up sophomore Isabel Remar added two goals to the scoreboard while junior Maura Fitzpatrick, senior Delaney Bierlein and sophomore Jaki Hayes each scored once.

Assists were credited to Coxon, freshman Khloe Hayes, sophomore Amber Clouse and senior Amber Curtis who tallied two. Goalkeeper senior Bridget Garter and sophomore Abby White, also up from junior varsity, combined for three saves in the net as the Arrow defense kept Lansing at bay most of the game.

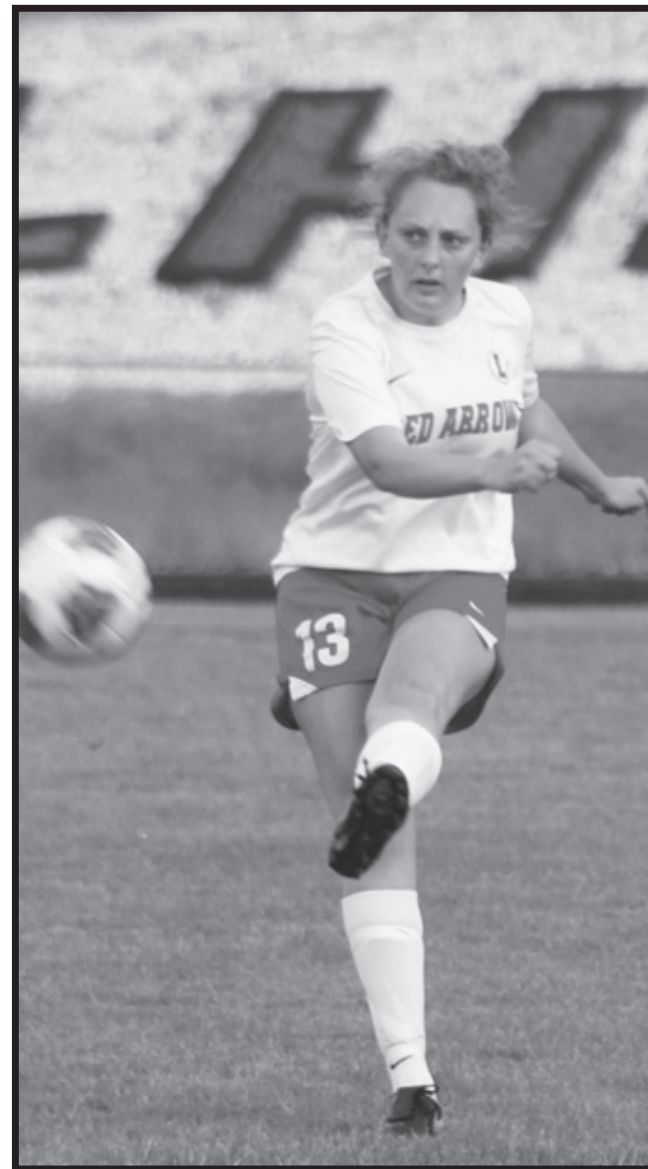
Continuing the same fierce level of combined offense and defense in the district semifinals on Thursday the team produced another shutout this time 9-0 against Waverly High School. The road game was once again driven by Coxon who matched her three goal tally from earlier in the week and logged an assist. Junior Darby Dean scored twice as

well as by K. Hayes, Remar, Bierlein and J. Hayes who all scored one in the offensive onslaught. A slew of assists were also earned including two for sophomore Aly Holdridge and one each for Remar, freshman Molly Frederickson, senior Darby Fuller and freshmen call ups Riley Fuller and Maddie Halfmann. Garter had one save in goal earning her eighth shutout of the season.

Saturday in the finals at St. Johns High School versus a tough DeWitt team the Red Arrows fell short of topping the state ranked Panthers by a margin of 5-2. Lowell goals were attributed to K. Hayes and Clouse with assists being credited to Coxon and Dean. The second-place district finish completes the team's season as they bid farewell to six seniors who celebrated graduation this past weekend. Bierlein, Curtis, Fuller, Garter, Christina Lyon and class valedictorian Alyssa Roest represented the class of 2017 on the team.



Red Arrow junior Darby Dean sends out a header in the team's last home appearance.



Junior Riley Conlan on the field in district action against Lansing East.

Sports Summaries



BOYS GOLF

Senior Adam Anderson capped off his Red Arrow golfing career last Thursday leading his teammates in their final competition of the season at Yankee Springs Golf Course. Anderson shot a card total of 76, a score that was just four strokes over par and just one stroke away from individual qualification at the state level. Also scoring for the golfers in the teams twelfth-place finish were senior Alex Powell and freshman Noah Barnhart who each carded an 84 and individual regional qualifier senior Alex Dommer who tallied an 86. The team graduates just four seniors this season in Anderson, Dommer, Powell and Patrick Davis.

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GIRLS TENNIS

The Lady Arrow varsity tennis team ended their season with an OK White conference record of 1-5 and an overall record of 2-10 this season. Despite the losing record, the young team showed improvement over the season according to head coach Chris Phillips. "I definitely saw some growth in all the players. Many of the matches near the end of the season were closer than the overall score indicated. The girls consistency improved the most. Many of the new players this season just started playing for the first time and they all enjoyed it and really want to work on their game during the off-season. I'm excited to see what the skills they'll have when they come back next season." The team's points leaders for the year were the second doubles team of Jenna Happie and Ember Fox and the third doubles duo of Sydney Vandenhout and Nicole Mooney. Vandenhout and fellow senior Jasmine Peters were the season's captains. They, along with Mooney, Natalie Alverson and Kara Jeffries graduate the team.

BASEBALL

Lowell's junior varsity baseball team had a winning 26-12 season that culminated Saturday, May 27, with the seizing of the 2017 OK White conference tournament championship. The victorious team consists of sophomores Kyle Bibbler, Nick Struckmeyer, Drew Davidson, Ethan Furtaw, Jackson Helder, Brendan Milligan, Gavin Hoffman, Gavin Coxon, Zack Post, Nick Weston, Logan Staley and freshman. The freshman Red Arrow squad also had a noteworthy season tallying a record of 26-10.

BOYS LACROSSE

Red Arrow boys varsity lacrosse recently wrapped up their season with a pair of road losses against Muskegon Reeths-Puffer and Grand Rapids Christian high schools. The team's 7-6 fall to Reeths-Puffer was their last regular season

game of the year. Called due to weather, the Arrows were unable to finish the game and gain back the lead. The team then fell out of the postseason in the first regional round dropping a furiously fought 13-7 contest against Grand Rapids Christian. Ending the year with a losing 6-9 record that does not adequately reflect the effort given, the team graduates more than half of their current roster. The 14 now graduated seniors are Hayden Barry, Brennan Battle, Max Bishop, Collin Bowers, Josh Idema, Danton Jernberg, Aron Mierendorf, Matthew Nelson, Jacob Pratt, John Rogalke, Ben Stewart, Jon Stewart, Garrett Taylor and Nick VanTil.

GIRLS TRACK

Senior Corah Kaufman outlasted the rest of the Red Arrows last week as the only member of the girls varsity track and field team to advance all the way to the Division 1 state meet at East Kentwood High School where she competed in the pole vault competition. The multi-sport athlete, she is also a state medalist in gymnastics, placed 18th in competition with a jump of 10' 3". The now graduated Central Michigan University bound student was also recently nominated as the female Athlete of the Year by the Lowell varsity coaching staff.

EQUESTRIAN

Lowell's junior equestrian team topped the co-op team of Forest Hills Central and Northern, Allendale and Cedar Springs to claim the Division C District Championship last Saturday. The three-person team consists of Sophia Fuss, Riley Taylor and Lauren King. The varsity level team is firing up for their fall competition, as well as hosting a pop can fundraiser on June 11 outside of State Farm Insurance in Lowell, in front of Meijer on M-21, to help finance expenses associated with the self-funded sport. Collection will begin at 2 pm.

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Red Arrow

- BASEBALL

SPORTS

Red Arrow baseball wins district championship

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell High School will add another trophy to their massive collection this week after the Red Arrow varsity baseball team blew through Northview, Rockford and Greenville en route to the Arrows fourth district championship last week.

Round one of post season play took place at Northview Tuesday where the Wildcats only managed one run against the Arrows who came up with an 8-1 win. Already ahead 4-0 going into the fifth inning, Lowell added four more to their game total off of doubles from juniors Brady and Connor Douma and a single from senior Sage Solomanson. The offense totaled twelve hits together with plate success also coming from seniors Sterling Anderson and Jarrod Melle.

Melle also threw for all seven innings of the game, striking out three batters and walking one while the Arrow field men handled seven of eight hits easily. The win propelled the team to the district semi-finals which were scheduled to take place in Rockford

against Rockford.

Typically a challenge for the Arrows and any other team, the Rams of Rockford could have been a formidable barrier to the finals round, but senior Nate Stephens wasn't having it. The Harvard bound slugger, also a part of the team's 2014 district championship, took matters into his own swinging hands in a forced eighth inning, nabbing a 5-2 victory.

Rockford led from the first inning after a two run homer allowed them to take control early. Their pitching staff set down Lowell batters quickly for the first five innings allowing no more than four Arrows to take the plate before achieving their outs. It was the top of the sixth before the Arrows got their bats swinging, tying the game at two after a single from senior Jack Malone that plated Anderson and a sacrifice fly from junior Austin Whaley that scored junior courtesy runner Travis Cornell. Still tied after the seventh, the game moved into an extra inning.

Enter Stephens, with Malone and Melle, having earned walks there were

two men on. Cornell, in for Melle, stood ready at third and Malone on first. Stephens wailed on the ball sending it soaring toward left field scoring three runs for the team as well as a 5-2 lead. Wosinski held the lead in the bottom of the inning earning the last three outs of the game for the save. Future University of Connecticut Husky Melle earned the win on the mound throwing for seven innings while allowing only two runs off three hits and striking out six.

Now, headed to the finals on the same day, the boys enjoyed a break and a preview of their last opponent as the Greenville Yellow Jackets pulled off their own surprise win over Forest Hills Central. Having already topped the fellow OK White member in the regular season 3-0 in their series, Lowell was in a good position for a finals win and brought it to fruition with a 2-0 victory. Hitters Whaley and Melle had two hits apiece to lead the championship effort, while Wosinski had a superb outing on the mound striking out twelve Greenville batters over seven innings.



The varsity team hoists their victory trophy after topping Greenville.

This Saturday the team will compete for the regional title at Jenison High School with the first pitch of the competition scheduled to begin at 12:30 pm. The semifinal round will pit the Arrows against the Grandville Bulldogs. A win will advance them to the regional finals in the same location later that day versus the winner of the duel between Byron Center and Grand Haven. The state quarterfinals are scheduled for June 13 at Central Michigan University, should the team nab the regional crown.



Nate Stephens celebrates a three run homer against Rockford.



Arrow Brady Douma advances to third while Travis Cornell slides into home.

obituaries

CROUT

Sterling Rex Crout of Lowell passed away Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at the age of 90. He was preceded in death by his wife of more than sixty years, Lillian Joyce. He is survived by his children, Roger and Karen Crout, Nancy L. Jones, Debra West; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. According to his wishes, cremation has taken place.



LUCCHESI

Sam Lucchesi, age 82 of Ada, passed away Sunday, June 4, 2017. He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Joan in 2013; grandson, Cody Brewer; 4 brothers; and 2 sisters. He is survived by his daughters, Joni Boire, Karen (Mark) Hays, Kim (Dan) Courser, Brenda (Mark) Schwartz; sisters, Loretta (James) Polmanteer, Mary Vanderhyde; grandchildren, David Boire, Josh (Jessica) Boire, Scott (Jodi) Hays, Erik (Stacey) Hays, Robert Courser, Samantha Courser, Adam Brewer; and 12 great-grandchildren. Following Mr. Lucchesi's wishes, a private family gathering will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Spectrum Health Hospice, 100 Michigan St. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49503; or a charity of one's choice.



Looking Back, continued

Friday evening comes the Alumni reception in the High school building. Col. Remington, a Civil war veteran and a reader of fine ability, will participate in the program; but here, likewise the spirit of economy prevails, and the usual banquet will be dispensed with. Light refreshments only will be served.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 11, 1942

Sales of war savings bonds in Lowell for the month of May amounted to \$16,800 of which \$4,025 was sold by the Postoffice and \$12,775 by the Bank. Bonds were bought in the following denominations: 158 \$25 bonds, 57 \$50 bonds, 45 \$100 bonds and 11 \$500 bonds. Sales of war savings stamps at the Postoffice for the month of May amounted to \$1,668. War bond sales in Lowell now total \$145,475 up to the first of June.

The flag pole which was purchased about three months ago, to be erected in front of the City Hall on Main St., arrived this week and it will be erected by the end of the week, Frank McMahan stated Wednesday. The pole is 84 feet long, built of welded sections of steel pipe going from 12-in. pipe at the bottom to 2-in. pipe at the top. It will be sunk in a six foot hole surrounded by a large block of concrete. The L. W. Lamb company has volunteered to use its crane without charge to raise the pole into place. The large flag when raised on the pole sometime in the very near future will wave about 30 feet over the top of the City Hall and will be a proud gesture of Lowell's patriotic feeling.

The eighth grade of Lowell high school held their annual spelling contest on Tuesday of this week under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. Berniece Smith. Darleen Holecheck won first prize and Yvonne Bieri won second place. The first prize was 50c and a game and the second prize was a game.

The Red Cross surgical dressing classes will be resumed next Tuesday afternoon in the City Hall. New materials are now available and everything will be in

readiness for the continuation of the work. Be sure to come.—Chairman.

Gifts for Father's Day. Knitted suspenders, Hickok initial belts, key chains, glass pocket-books, initial tie clasps and chains, Wembley Noreast ties, Buffer hose. Fine selections at Coons'.

No doubt all will agree that new tree plantings should be made at once in the West Side Park to take the place of the trees destroyed in the windstorm of a couple of weeks ago.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger June 8, 1967

Members of the Lowell Lions Club completed work this week on filling the new drums which will float the Lowell Showboat down Flat River, around Cat Tail bend, August 21 to August 28. A total of 180 drums, donated to Lowell Showboat. Inc., by the Amway Corporation of Ada, and Attwood Corporation of Lowell were stuffed with styrafoam, by the volunteer Lions Club members. The drums will be used to float the new boat, which is now under construction, and will be ready for this year's show which will feature Louis Armstrong.

Bob Ellis did his good deed for the week when he sprayed for mosquitoes at the nudist camp, east of Lowell on Grand River Drive. The camp was vacant at the time he reported, so he will have to return to check his work some week-end.

The State Highway Department announced this week that the M-91 bridge over Grand River will be closed for next 60 days while grading of the approaches to the new bridge is made. Traffic will be routed over the Division Street bridge, while this work is in progress. The new bridge is expected to be open this fall.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 10, 1992

The donation of a 1.7 acre parcel of land to Lowell by the Attwood Corporation will expand the municipal cemetery by 1,200 spaces, and eliminate the need for the city to develop a second cemetery. Formal deeding of the property was made at the conclusion of the Lowell Memorial Day Parade during ceremonies at the cemetery Monday, May 25. The deed was presented to Lowell City Manager, David Pasquale, by Bruce Haveman, Vice President/Finance at Attwood. According to Pasquale the donation has a significant economic benefit to the city. Attwood's generosity will enable us to continue to operate out of the existing cemetery for the next quarter century," he said. "We are rapidly running out of space, and without the Attwood land we would have been faced with the alternative of establishing a second cemetery. That would be costly to the taxpayers not only because of the expense of the land, but also since we would have had to increase the manpower and equipment budgets to maintain two sites." Attwood president Don Rocheleau said the decision to donate the land made good sense for his company and the city. "The cemetery is land-locked, and our land provided the only opportunity for expansion. This resolves a major problem for the city, and as citizens of Lowell we're proud to make a contribution."

Edrye Joslin of Lowell has been awarded a Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential in recognition of outstanding work with young children.

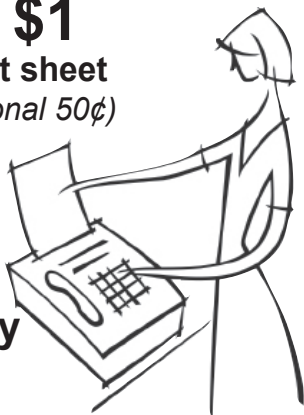
Congratulations were in order for the Middle School Band students who were scholarship recipients of the Calvin College Knollcrest Music Camp. The students will attend the week of August 3 to 7. Studies included arranging, music theory, conducting, listening, bell ringing, improvisation, popular music, folk dance, jazz and modern dance. The students also participate in one or more of the following ensembles: band, orchestra, choir, jazz band, honors chamber ensembles and music theater. The scholarships are sponsored by the Lowell Middle School Music Department. Scholarship recipients are: Deanna Anchors, Aaron Brander, Blanche Brown, Christy Ennis, Skye Fisher, Kacey Fonger, Jessica Garber, Jennifer Gingerich, Jason Haybarker, Justin Hoag, Chad Kremer, Christie Kroskie, Nick Kuilema, Nathan Lietzke, Terry Nederveld, Eric Prins, Jill Smith, Sarah Sper, Katie Stouffer, Ann-Marie Townsend, Angela Ward, Martha Wingeier.

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Lowell's college-bound athletes

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

More than twenty Lowell High School seniors graduate this year college-bound to participate in athletics taking their love of the game and their Red Arrow determination to

contend while they further their educations. The list of signed athletes includes one Ivy League destined baseball slugger who joins a hoop star, a pair of top grapplers, a talented dancer and a fellow baseball standout who are

each headed to Division 1 universities. Baseball has the largest recruitment list sending six up to the next level, followed by the wrestling and lacrosse teams who move on four apiece. Higher learning

institutions gaining the most Red Arrow talent this fall are Olivet College who signed three Lowell athletes and Wabash College and Davenport University who each signed two. The soccer, track and football programs

are also among those graduating top soon-to-be college athletes. Apart from their talent in competition, 21 students have GPAs over 3.0, 15 have GPAs above 3.5 and an impressive five have earned GPAs

above 4.0 revealing their distinction in the classroom. A complete compilation of athletes reaching the above accomplishments from the class of 2017 is listed below.



Sterling Anderson
Jack Malone
Jarrod Melle
Cooper Perry
Nate Stephens
Jake Wosinski
Max Bishop
Eli Boulton
Bryce Dempsey
Sam Russell
Brennan Battle
Sela Bauman

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Marian University

Collin Bowers
Laurel Frederickson
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Austin Branagan
Bridget Garter
Hayden Barry
Joey Schaefer
Logan VanderMeulen
Eric Judd
Logan Landman
Lisa Price

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17. To do this is human?
18. Render harmless
19. *Father of geometry
21. *Ed O'Neill's TV character
23. "Game, _____, match!"
24. Not what it seems to be
25. *What Jane Fonda's dad Henry did
28. Presidential "No!"
30. 1 1/2 calorie breath mint
35. Pastoral sounds
37. Feline line
39. Sol-fa-sol-fa-sol-fa, e.g.
40. The Fonzie: "Sit _____!"
41. Caterpillar hairs
43. Dwarf buffalo
44. Ski bump
46. Type of ballistic missile, acr.
47. *Homer Simpson's Duff
48. Pellet-stuffed 1990s craze
50. Trim a movie
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MAY 31 - JUNE 6

- The Golden State Warriors have won the first two games of the NBA playoffs against the Cleveland Cavaliers. Game three is in Cleveland on Wednesday night (tonight).
- Another terrorist attack in London (over 50 injured, 7 dead) and another Tweet from Trump. This time he misreads the mayor of London's comments and berates the mayor for reassuring his citizens.
- 91-year-old comedian Jerry Lewis has been hospitalized for an infection. He is said to be doing well and will be released.

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73. _____-di-dah
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1. C.S.A. state
 2. Milton Bradley's "The Game of _____"
 3. Shade of beige
 4. Chocolates, for short
 5. Hanukkah month
 6. *Musher's transport
 7. "____ the ramparts..."
 8. Chapter of Quran
 9. Waiter's handout
 10. Armenia's neighbor
 11. Kurdistan native
 12. TV prize
 15. Hand over, formally
 20. Things
 22. Latissimus dorsi, for short
 24. Dirtier than Dick Van Dyke in "Mary Poppins"
 25. *J. Robert Oppenheimer's project
 26. Dugout vessel
 27. Boreal forest
 29. Overwhelm like bees
 31. Mr. Eugene Krabs, e.g.
 32. Fungal skin infection
 33. Medicinal plants
 34. *Head of the Griswold clan
 36. Flabbergast
 38. *Mr. Cleaver
 42. Give a boot
 45. Finely-spun cotton, pl.
 49. Old age, archaic
 51. *Little Mermaid's royal father
 54. Bar order, with "the"
 56. AOL's "____ Got Mail"
 57. June 6, 1944
 58. Shamu, e.g.
 59. Police informer
 60. Cornelius and friends
 61. Solemn promise
 62. *Ned Stark's bastard
 63. Unagi, pl.
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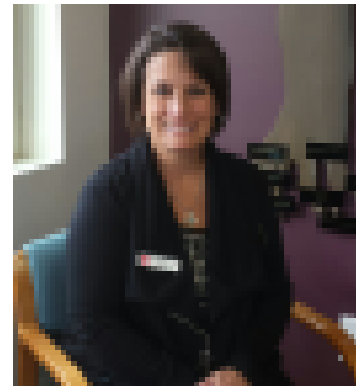


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