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## KCYF announces purchase of 140 acres

*Growing pains and flooding precipitated the need to look for a new location*

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

It's official, the Kent County Youth Fair is moving. Starting in 2020 the fairgrounds will move to the property currently occupied by Deer Run Golf Course, 13955 Cascade Rd. SE. The golf course will close its doors in spring 2019.

The KCYF's sponsoring organization, the Kent County Youth Agricultural Association, signed a purchase agreement to buy the 140-acre property and convert it into fairgrounds, a meeting center and a campground. The purchase was funded by a \$2.5 million grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corp., contributions from area foundations like the Wege Foundation and the Chemical Bank Foundation, and donations from private individuals.

"Our announcement today is the culmination of years of work done by volunteers, philanthropists,

sponsors and government representatives who all believe in the mission of the fair," said Jon Bieneman,

president of the KCYAA. "The fair gives youth a much needed exposure to agriculture and animals

that they may never get otherwise. In addition to hosting the youth fair, the fairgrounds also serve as the gathering place for the Lowell community and surrounding area for music festivals, horse shows, autumn market and Christmas marketplace."

The facilities are getting cramped and the fairgrounds keep flooding. These and other concerns caused the fair to look for alternate accommodations.

"The usable space at the current fairgrounds has continued to shrink over past decades as the city of Lowell and surrounding businesses grew," said Jessica Marks, manager of the Kent County Youth Fair. "Our primary site has only 19 usable

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The youth fair gives kids a chance to be exposed to farm life.

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## Brewery "grand opening" and arts fundraiser set for the last Saturday in June

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

There will be a "grand opening preview" at Big Boiler Brewing Company, 318 E. Main, on Saturday, June 24, the public's first glimpse inside the new

will include an appetizer, dessert, menu items and soft drinks. You can purchase your tickets until 5 pm on Friday, June 23. There is an additional charge for alcoholic beverages. Reservations can be made

owner Brent Slagell. "The entire menu will be available, featuring burgers, sandwiches, entrees and appetizers."

The tickets qualify for the Lowell Area Community Fund's "\$1=\$3" matching grant, which means your \$50 ticket turns into a \$150 donation to the Moving to Main campaign. LowellArts has raised 90 percent of the money they need to finish renovating their new home at 223 W. Main.

"Big Boiler Brewing wants to make sure we are community oriented," Slagell said. "We feel that LowellArts is a great organization and we want to support their efforts here in Lowell."

To purchase tickets or for more information check out the LowellArts website, lowellartsmi.org, or call 616-897-8545.

*"Big Boiler Brewing wants to make sure we are community oriented."*

~ Brent Slagell

brewpub. The event is a benefit for the LowellArts "Moving to Main" fundraising campaign. Big Boiler will have its public opening the next day, June 25.

Tickets are \$50 and

for groups of up to four people at a time. There are four seating times, 5 pm, 5:30 pm, 7 pm and 7:30 pm.

"We will have our own beer as well as several guest taps at the event," said Big Boiler Brewing Company

## Rotary auction raises close to \$60,000 for the rebuilding of the Lowell Showboat

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

The exact total is still being added up, but the Lowell Rotary club's Denim & Diamonds auction raised about \$60,000 to rebuild Lowell's iconic Showboat. The auction took place at the Grand Volute on Friday, April 28 and was attended by about 300 people. There were 175 donors who donated 259 items to be auctioned off. At the last Rotary auction in 2015, 86 donors donated 108 items. Up for bid were things like trips to Africa, Florida and Mexico, a free water heater installation, paintings, antiques, tickets to sports games, dinners and more.

"We announced at Rotary today [June 7] that our preliminary numbers are in the \$60,000 range," said Rotarian Betsy Davidson. "We are working on getting the numbers finalized but we still have some expenses with an ad we are running in the Ledger, thank you notes to go out and a few other things."

Held every two years, the Rotary's auction events raise thousands of dollars for charities in the Lowell area and all over the world.

"We've done this auction every two years," said Dave Abel, national sales manager of Root Lowell and one of the Rotarians in charge of the event. "Normally half the proceeds go to local projects and then we have half go to international projects, such as putting water filters in homes in Haiti and stuff like that. We still have a reserve of funds for the water filters in the international [fund], so we decided to keep it all local and put the big push on the Showboat."

For more information about the Lowell Rotary and their programs check out lowellrotary.org, call 616-293-3206 or send a message to info@lowellrotary.org.



# New youth fair location, continued

acres of land, all of which is situated on a flood plain bounded by the Flat and Grand Rivers, Alden Nash Rd., railroad tracks and city buildings. Thankfully, Dr. James Reagan also has generously allowed us to use his property during the week of the fair, otherwise we really would be constrained. [...] Due to its location the fairground can flood to the point where the water level reaches some of the barns and pavilions on the grounds. The goat, sheep, poultry, draft horse

and alpaca departments operate out of tents rather than free-standing structures and six livestock shows are all held in one building. That complicates scheduling greatly. Some dog department events are held off-site due to space constraints. Camping for the fair is rustic, without water, electric or sewer hookups, and the space is limited.”

Deer Run Golf Club was built in 1969 and opened for play in 1973. The KCYF has been held

at the 225 S. Hudson fairgrounds since 1934. Last year the fairgrounds and the dozens of events held there brought 50,000 visitors to Lowell. KCYF organizers considered leaving the area, but in the end they decided the fair had to stay in Lowell.

“We started as the Lowell Fair and that is part of our identity,” Marks said. “We did look at other options but we were trying to stay within the 49331 zip code.”

The KCYAA has launched a fundraising

campaign called “Raising Barns, Building Youth.” So far they have raised over \$300,000. This money will be spent on new structures at Deer Run such as barns, a horse practice area, horse arena and campgrounds. To donate or receive more

information check out the KCYF website, kcyf.org, or call 616-897-6050.

“It was clear to everyone that we [needed] a better solution, as the fair has continued to grow in size and stature,” Marks said.



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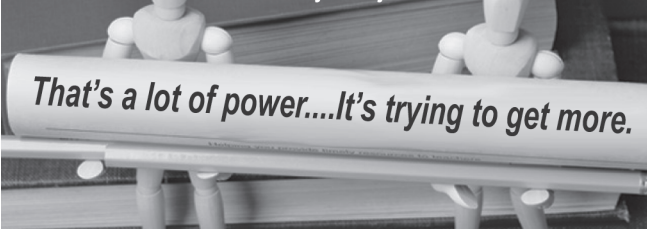
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### LUNCH BUDDIES

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.

### FOODMOBILE

Foodmobile provides food (mostly produce) to individuals in need and is available June 17 at 10 am and runs until the food is gone. Foodmobile is one Saturday a month (except December) at the fairgrounds (at the Foreman building, 225 S Hudson St SE).

### BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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# LL&P board votes for new roofs on several buildings

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

The board of directors of Lowell Light & Power had their latest regular meeting on Wednesday, June 7. The board discussed the ex-biodigester, some roof work, the VOIP project and more at the meeting. It lasted about an hour and a half and was not attended by any members of the public.

The L&P board voted to have the roofs repaired on several utility-owned buildings. The board accepted a bid of \$90,060 from Sunray Roofing, Inc., a Kentwood company, who will perform the roof replacements and repairs. Sunray Roofing has a backlog of work to catch up on, so the work in Lowell will begin in July.

"In the 2018 capital budget we designated \$100,000 for facility upgrades and maintenance," said L&P general manager Steve Donkersloot. "That money was to be used for roof improvements to really all of our facilities. The roofs we have right now are estimated to be at least 20 to 25 years old, many of which leak."

That \$90,060 will buy new roofs for the line shack, the old engine room at the office building, the lower portion of the office building and the office and generation portions of the energy center. There will also be repairs to the upper portion of the office building.

There was a brief non-update about activity at the former biodigester on Chatham St.

"Nothing really new [to report] at this time," Donkersloot said. "The city, Light & Power and Lighthouse will continue to work towards a solution. Obviously anything that transpires will be brought to the board and the council in open session for any type of decision."

The city's Voice Over Internet Protocol project has been slightly delayed to June 22. This project will streamline communications by connecting city hall, the police department, the library, the Department of Public Works, the wastewater treatment plant and the fire department.

The \$155,000 project cost was shared between the city of Lowell, the water department, Lowell Light & Power, the wastewater treatment plant and the fire authority.

"The project is going awesome and everybody is

really doing a great job," Donkersloot said. "There was a change in the go-live date. Not because there was a problem, but because after much conversation with IP Consulting, Addorio, Kore Hi-Com and Netlink, the four IT vendors that are part

of the project, they said for the long-term success and the viability of the project and for security purposes they would recommend purchasing a separate [dedicated] internet line that is only used for the VOIP project."

**The L&P board's next meeting will be at their Broadway St. headquarters at 6 pm on Wednesday, July 12.**



The Lowell Light & Power board voted to approve roof replacements and repairs at their June 7 meeting.

# New buses, curriculum on the agenda at school board meeting

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Lowell Area Schools Board of Education bought a couple buses, added new math curriculum and discussed repairs to a few buildings at their final regular meeting of the 2016-2017 school year on Monday, June 12. The meeting was just over half an hour long and was attended by four members of the public.

The board bought two school buses at \$87,187.90 each.

"This is our annual purchase to keep the fleet in order," said LAS superintendent Greg Pratt. "We're in a good spot right now."

The board bought the new math curriculum for \$73,952. They got a price break of a few thousand dollars. The curriculum includes lessons in algebra, advanced algebra and geometry.

"The total of around \$74,000 is quite a bit less than we talked about," said LAS director of curriculum Nate Fowler. "Once the quote came in, through some shrewd negotiating, the online component of that was thrown in for free."

This summer there will be maintenance, repairs and upgrades to various LAS buildings. These projects will include security system

upgrades, new freezers for the middle school, new boilers at Alto and the Runciman building, roof repairs at the high school, asphalt repairs at the football field, changes to the lunch line at the high school cafeteria and repairs to the bus overhang at Cherry Creek Elementary.

"We're requesting some things be kind of spruced up," Pratt said. "Put all that together with a busy season of going in, cleaning up buildings, refurbishing parking lots and doing some of the annual maintenance things that have to happen, it is a very busy summer. I expect that everyone will be hopping to try to get this taken care of."

**The school board's next regular meeting will be at the Runciman Building, 300 High St., at 7 pm on Monday, July 10.**

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The Lowell school board bought two school buses during their meeting on Monday, June 12.

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## FLIGHT exhibition at LowellArts opens this Saturday

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Art will take to the skies this summer at LowellArts when the organization introduces a gallery exhibit along with corresponding youth art and theater classes depicting or representing things that fly, float or soar aptly titled FLIGHT.

The seasonally appropriate gallery show will open this Saturday and feature both two- and three-dimensional works from area artists 14 and over. Works will depict objects of flight whether natural or mechanical and be on display inside the new gallery at 223 West Main through August 12. Show curators encouraged the entry of suspended and kinetic sculptures promising a visually stunning juried show.

The public may view the exhibit free of charge during regular business hours, Tuesday through Friday 10-6 and Saturday 10-5. LowellArts will also host a special evening viewing on Tuesday, June 20, from 6-8 where the public will have the opportunity to meet selected artists and enjoy light refreshments.

FLIGHT art classes will begin on June 14 and will continue for six Wednesdays throughout June and July. Welcoming students ages 7-12, the mini



hour-and-a-half workshops will focus on a different medium each week with the artwork created keeping with the exhibition's theme. Local artist Sharon Brander will serve as instructor for the first three dates, June 14, 21 and 28, when young artists can explore the arts of paper crafting, tangles and watercolor. The second half of the series held in July will be led by art teacher Christy Spaulding, who will lead classes in sculpture and print making.

Classes will be held from 10-11:30 am in the LowellArts learning space inside the gallery. Registration is required and available on a per class basis at the rate of \$8 each. Those interested can sign up online at [www.lowellartsmi.org](http://www.lowellartsmi.org). For additional information, questions or registration opportunities contact

LowellArts at 616-897-8545 or email [info@lowellartsmi.org](mailto:info@lowellartsmi.org)

Instructor Brent Alles along with Just B Cuz Productions will direct the youth theater portion of the FLIGHT series scheduled to begin with open auditions on June 24 from 10-12 at LowellArts. All young actors will be given a role in the production titled "How to Fly in Your Dreams." The theater experience will include the processes of character development, blocking, costuming, set design, stage presence and feature a full performance for family and friends in the LowellArts performance space. The class is open to those ages 7-18 and has a cost of \$65 per actor. Rehearsals will take place July 17-21 and July 24-26 from 6-7:30 with guests to be invited to the final class.

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After years of walking county roads it became apparent that the

practice was becoming too dangerous. We located a nearby public trail system and now enjoy daily walks on safe well maintained pathways.

Folks who are health conscious realize the importance of regular exercise. Walking is safe and effective exercise for most people. Because the local trail we regularly travel is so accessible, I am

surprised that it is not used by more people. Sometimes when things come easy we tend to take our good fortune for granted. This summer might be a good time to start walking on a regular schedule.

Public trails usually have a set of rules to follow in order to protect the public and the trail. Some trails are multiple use. Converted railroad grades have opened long distance opportunities for walkers and bikers. Trails come in all sizes. The

North Country Trail runs through both peninsulas and beyond. We have walked short sections of the North Country Trail in several different locations because it happened to be where we were at the time.

Be sure not to overlook a great opportunity for fresh air and exercise which could be right out your back door. Getting started is the first big step. After that, walking will become a habit. Pick a day and trail and give it a try.

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### 125 years ago Lowell Journal June 14, 1891

The King Milling Co. started up last Thursday for the first time, and took in and elevated wheat. The first load sold them and the first elevated was bought of E. P. Hudson.

Friday is an unlucky day, there is no disputing that and it can be proved by a fine lot of Detroit counterfeiters whom the officers coralled last Friday and have got sufficient proof to convict the entire gang. As part of them were arrested in Detroit and the balance in Windsor, the gang will be again separated, part of them doing time at Jackson and the rest at Montreal. This is a crooked world to a crook.

Elias D. Parker was chosen as night watch, by the council, last Friday eve. There were three applicants for the position, A. W. Morgan \$400; Wm. Gort, \$1 per night; and E. D. Parker, \$1 per night.

### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 14, 1917

Patriotic act of Lowell students excites favorable comment. The Juniors of 1917, will have a unique and noteworthy place in the history of the Lowell High school, by reason of the patriotic and sensible procedure outlined in the following announcement: For a number of years it has been customary for the juniors of Lowell High school to entertain the seniors at an elaborate banquet. An inexpensive picnic will be held this year and the money thus saved has been used to purchase a \$100 Liberty bond. This bond will be presented to Lowell High school. Each year the interest will be offered as a prize for the student in the

graduating class having the highest general average. After the bond matures the money will be reinvested and the same general plan will be followed indefinitely.

Some impression has existed in a few localities that because a man has been registered, he would be debarred from volunteering for the regular army. This impression is wrong, and all young men are advised that they can join the regulars at any time before a draft is actually made. All that is necessary is to apply to the nearest recruiting station or to the nearest postmaster, for examination. If over 21 years of age and under 31 years, he should keep his registration certificate so it can be noted at the recruiting office.

A brood of young owls about the size of pigeons made their appearance at Seven Oaks last week, keeping some people awake with their "hoots." There were about a dozen of the big-eyed birds; and their capture furnished amusement for the neighborhood boys for several evenings.

### 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 18, 1942

Mayor John Arehart and Village Clerk L. E. Johnson attended county-wide meeting in Grand Rapids Tuesday afternoon where they received instructions about starting rubber salvage. They pledged all the support possible from this community.

A house-to-house canvass for the collection of all kinds of old rubber will be underway in Lowell next Monday afternoon, June 22. The air raid wardens of Lowell under the leadership of Theron Richmond will be out in force next Monday completely equipped with trucks and Boy Scouts. This force will start out from Richmond's Cafe at one o'clock and every Boy Scout is hereby notified that his help is needed at that time. Anyone who will be away from home Monday afternoon or who wishes to avoid being bothered may place his rubber on the front porch and it will be picked up and taken care of. So comb your attic and sort through your cellars. Everything can be used as long as it is made mostly of rubber, old boots, football bladders, rubber hose, etc., all will help.

It didn't take George Story, local distributor for the Standard Oil Company, very long to get busy in the drive for collecting scrap rubber. Early the next morning following President Roosevelt's appeal to the country, Mr. Story began collecting old tires as he made his rounds and soon had a sizeable load, the largest single contribution being from Clayton Schwab, Clarksville farmer, who turned in 17 tires weighing 352 lbs., with the next largest contribution made by Harry Mathews, five miles west of town on M21, who turned in an even dozen worn out tires.

Mrs. Rosetta Rhyn, 78 who has been the faithful representative of the Salvation Army at this point for upwards of 30 years, has been obliged to discontinue

her work because of advancing age. Mrs. Rhyn was born in Berne, Switzerland, and came to this country about 33 years ago. Her regular visits to Main St. business places and offices on her weekly trips selling the War Cry had grown to be somewhat of an institution and her familiar "God bless the goodhearted giver" will always be remembered by those who knew her.

### 50 years ago Lowell Ledger June 15, 1967

New Showboat is ready for superstructure... Workmen have completed construction of the new hull of the Lowell Showboat, and will commence work this week on the cabins and superstructure. Construction has been underway for the past week, north of the Scout Cabin on the west bank of the Flat River. Wednesday, the new hull, 79 feet long and 22 feet wide, resting on 180 styrofoam filled drums, was floated down to the Showboat dock. On hand when the boat was brought through the rapids of the old mill race, and for its first trip on the river were television and newspaper representatives.

Main Street looks real sharp in its new coat of 300 gallons of paint. Richard Straub and his crew of painters are putting the finishing touches on the clean-up, paint-up project this week, being sponsored by the Lowell Chamber of Commerce. Last on the list of paint jobs is that of the west side of the R. G. Chrouch Building on West Main Street, facing the new parking lot. The Showboat Corporation is having the building painted for the privilege of putting a sign on the side of the building.

A tell-tall trail leading from the scene of a property damage accident, led Lowell police to a house down the road Saturday morning at 4 a. m., where they arrested Harold C. Raskins, Saranac. Haskins, who had struck the Division Street Bridge, has been charged with leaving the scene of a property damage accident and reckless driving. He was slightly injured in the crash; and so was his car!

Jeanne and Jessie, proprietors of the new beauty shop on West Main Street suffered a disappointing first week in business after the telephone company gave them an incorrect telephone number which resulted in all their calls going to some very surprised Lowell lady.

Lowell will be host to the Holiday Rambler Michigan Trailer Rally on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June



# college news

Western Michigan University has announced the graduation list for the 2017 spring semester. The following are local graduates, their degrees, and majors, of Ada: Alexander J. Ansell, alcohol and drug abuse, graduate certificate program; Alexander J. Ansell, social work: interpersonal practice, Master of Social Work; Jessica L. Crisci, psychology: behavior analysis, Master of Arts; Lauren Jane Donahue, dance, Bachelor of Arts; Cassandra Reed Hartline, dance, Bachelor of Arts; Michael L. Hitchcock, business administration, Master of Business Administration; Trevor M. Roberts, environmental and sustainability studies, Bachelor of Arts; Trevor M. Roberts, Spanish, Bachelor of Arts; Stephanie Marie Shreve, nursing, Bachelor

of Science in Nursing; and Weslee Joseph Tweedale, secondary integrated science education, Bachelor of Arts; of Alto: Alanna J. Bancroft, social work, Bachelor of Social Work; Sarah L. Clements, human resource management, Bachelor of Business Administration; Trevor A. Dowden, finance, Bachelor of Business Administration; Emily Ann Jacobs, child and family development, Bachelor of Science; and Alex Christopher Kapral, finance, Bachelor of Business Administration; of Lowell: Erin L. Julian, social work: interpersonal practice, Master of Social Work; Robert Daniel Nichols, aviation flight science, Bachelor of Science; and Alejandro DeJesus Vera, advertising and promotion, Bachelor of Business Administration.

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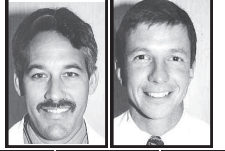
By law, employers must withhold Social Security taxes from workers' paychecks. While usually referred to as "Social Security taxes" on an employee's pay statement, sometimes the deduction is labeled as "FICA." This stands for Federal Insurance Contributions Act, a reference to the original Social Security Act.

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# health



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## restless leg syndrome

Restless leg syndrome (RLS) causes significant symptoms in about two to three percent of people in the U.S. Women are more likely than men to be affected. Most people are at least middle aged or older when the develop symptoms, but children can have restless leg syndrome as well.

Restless leg syndrome causes an uncomfortable urge to move the legs. Usually, this urge is associated with unpleasant sensations in the legs. The sensations can be difficult to describe, but include burning, aching, tingling or crawling. Symptoms are worse while at rest; moving the legs usually provides relief. Symptoms occur mostly in the evening or at night. The leg sensations

often causes difficulty falling or staying asleep.

Diagnosis of restless leg syndrome is primarily based on a medical history and physical examination performed by a health care provider. Because the symptoms of restless leg syndrome often occur at night, a sleep study may also be ordered to rule out other conditions that could be contributing to poor sleep.

If symptoms of RLS are mild and infrequent, lifestyle change such as exercising regularly may be helpful. Massaging the legs or soaking the legs in water may also provide relief. Medications may be useful if symptoms occur on a regular bases and are bothersome.



## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The Mary A. Field Trust

Re: Mary A. Field, decedent, Date of Birth 12-20-1925

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Mary A. Field, who lived at 2648 Falcon Woods Dr., NW, Walker, MI 49534, died 05-12-2017.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the deceased or the trust will be forever barred unless presented to

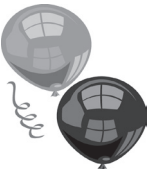
Mary Elizabeth Mitus, Successor Trustee, of 421 Alabama Ave., NW, Apt. 304, Grand Rapids, MI 49504, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

June 5, 2017

John D. Mitus, Attorney (P-31244) 410 Bridge Street, NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 616-744-4001

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JUNE 16 Roger Raymor, Michael Pretzel, Orin Comdure, Jean Bishop, Mike Kenney.

JUNE 17 David Ryder, Cody Kastanek, Tricia McGovern, Cyndi Dalga, Doug Green, Logan Wilcox.

JUNE 18 Jessica Vezino, Lindsay Anderson, Whitney Patnode, Elizabeth Mol.

JUNE 19 Matt Stone, Randy Ossewaarde, Kurt Hieshetter, Marcia Baird, Glen Waid.

JUNE 20 Fritz Ball, Gladys Metternick, Aleacia Kunard Owen, Monte Knapp, Samantha Barr.

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# Familiar face at Springgrove Variety retires after 40 years

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Linda Hamp is retiring on Friday, June 16, after nearly 40 years behind the counter at Springgrove Variety, 123 W. Main.

“It’s going to be such a change because I’ve worked with the public for over 50 years,” Hamp said. “By the time I leave Springgrove Variety I’ll have been here almost 40 years. I’ll miss the people I deal with all the time. I’ve become friends with some of the customers. That will be a little difficult for a while, I’m sure. Being on my feet five hours a day is a lot with my knees. I’ve had to taper off the number of hours I work over the last few years. You don’t get any younger. It’s time for my husband [Len] and I to spend some time together.”

“She’s been great,” said Springgrove Variety owner Mike Sprenger. “She knows everybody in town. It’s just been a great relationship. We’re sorry to see her go. It’s going to be a big void. She means a lot to us. She has served Lowell, through

the store, for 40 years. We love her. She’s going to enjoy the rest of her life.”

A lifelong Lowell resident, Hamp has been helping customers since she was a teenager. She has managed to hang on to her job at the store despite several changes in ownership over the years.

“I grew up here in Lowell and never left,” Hamp said. “I started out when I was 15 years old working at the Lowell Bakery for Barb and Ralph Fluger. I was just going to fill in for another gal over the summer. When school started they asked me to stay and I stayed until I got married and had my first baby. [Springgrove Variety] was Frank’s 5 & 10 when I was growing up. Dick and Trudy Schlernitzauer owned it then. I started here when it was a Ben Franklin owned by Jim Evans. He closed the store after a couple years, but he had been here longer than that. He had a store up in Newaygo and him and his wife lived here in Lowell. They drove to

Newaygo every day and ran that store, they had someone else manage this one. Then they decided that it was too much of a drive so they closed the store, sold their house and moved up there to Newaygo. Then Duane and Arlene Lambert bought the building and put in Lambert Variety. They lived in Caledonia and after a while they got so they didn’t like the drive so they bought the house right next to ours, they were our neighbors. It worked for them. They had it for about 14 years, then they wanted to retire and move to Florida. That’s when Mike Sprenger bought it.”

“When I first started here Linda and I both said the same thing, ‘I don’t know if this is going to work out,’” Sprenger said. “I remember on the first day we decided, ‘Well, why don’t we give it a couple weeks’ and 23 years later here we are.”

“My husband Len was retiring from his job at the time so we needed two incomes,” Hamp said.

“I didn’t know if I was going to have a job or not. Duane kept saying, ‘You’ll have a job, you’ll be fine.’ I said ‘You can’t guarantee me that, it’s up to the new owner.’ Duane and I had an understanding about certain things. So Mike and I set up a meeting and we talked. I didn’t want to work every Saturday anymore after my husband retired. Mike said ‘Not a problem.’ We had plans to take my parents down to South Carolina for a week. My daughter and her husband were stationed there with the Air Force. They were expecting a baby and I planned to go down and help out for a couple weeks. This was all lined up with Duane before I knew he was going to retire. Everything was ‘Not a problem.’ We decided that we would try it for a couple months and if it didn’t work out we would part ways with no hard feelings. It’s been 22 and half years now. It has worked out very well. There have been a lot of changes over the years. When I first started here we carried clothing, handbags, undergarments, a baby section and things like that.”

Hamp and her family have become close friends with the Sprenger family.

“It was a real blessing when they came into my life,” Hamp said. “I’ve watched his kids grow up, been to family functions, seen some of them get married. They’re just like family. They’re very nice people to work for. I never had to miss any of my kid’s or my grandkid’s school functions. His kids have all, at some point or another, worked here. One of his sons even managed the store for a while.”

Hamp plans to spend her retirement camping and enjoying quality time with her family.

“We have a trailer that



Linda Hamp is retiring soon after almost four decades at Springgrove Variety.

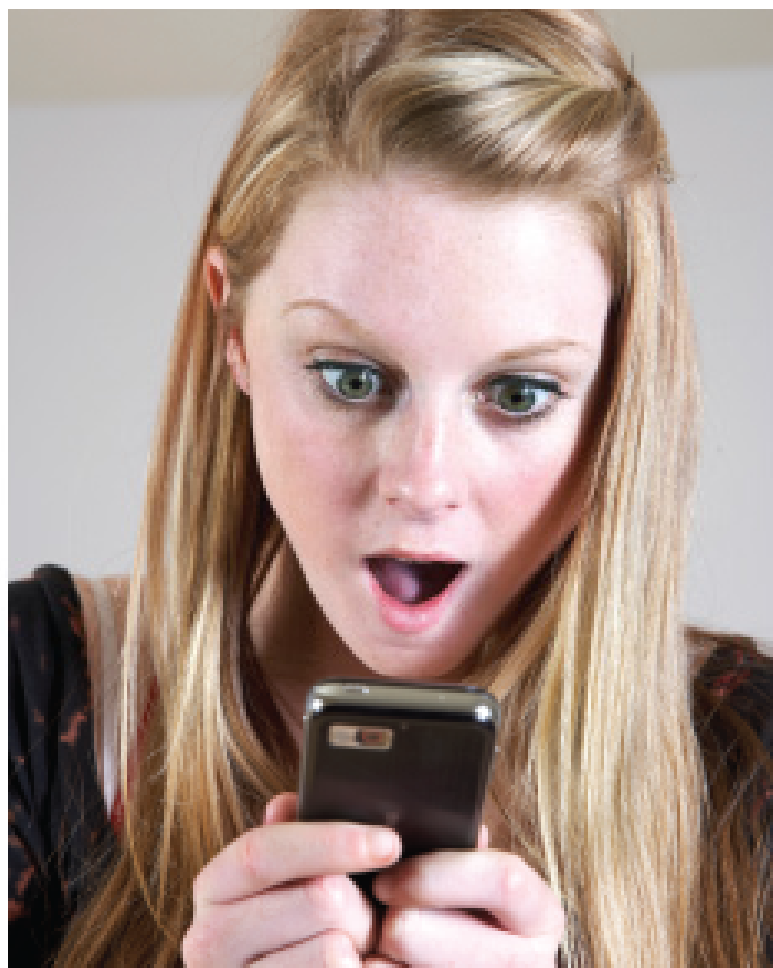
we like to go to and camp in,” Hamp said. “It’s in Fenwick, which is just east of Greenville. It’s just a little private place back in the woods, it’s not one of these big campgrounds. It’s nice and quiet and we go there on weekends. Maybe we’ll spend a little more time there this summer. Len isn’t a real traveller but we might go somewhere for a weekend or something. We’ve talked about getting a different trailer and traveling, but we’ll see how it goes. It’ll be a big change for me because I’m so used to being here and that kind of thing. I’ll definitely still shop here. I’ve always shopped here since I was a kid, so there’s no reason not to. That’s how you

keep these kinds of stores, you have to support them. We have four children, 11 grandchildren, three great grandchildren and another one on the way, due in December. It keeps you busy, keeps you young. We started our family quite young, got married right out of high school. I think it’s nice. We enjoyed our kids and now we’re going to enjoy the grandkids.”

Retirement is a huge milestone in life, but Hamp is not intimidated by life after employment.

“Life’s always changing, and you have to find a way to change with it,” Hamp said. “I’ll find out what my new normal is. I keep telling myself it’ll be okay and it will.”

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# Summer Lunch Buddies program begins at FROM

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Little bellies will be fuller this summer thanks to the Lunch Buddies program by Flat River Outreach Ministries which launches this week and will run through August 15.

Conceived more than a decade ago by FROM to ensure continued nutrition for children living within the

Lowell Area School District over summer vacation, the Lunch Buddy program serves children 3-18 using the free and reduced lunch program in the district. The Lunch Buddies program now occurs over summer, spring and winter breaks having evolved from a single distribution in the summer. Participants utilize the program to help stretch

or pad their already tight budgets by filling the food gaps that may occur when lunch is not being served between classes.

Occurring weekly on Tuesdays at the FROM food pantry from 1-7 pm, the unique distribution allows the kids to select their own healthy and fun lunch choices in an interactive pantry environment

specifically designed for youth. Choosing from a list of available meal options, children then grab a cart and shop a miniature pantry in search of the necessary items. Kids are able to choose five free meals each week and return every Tuesday through the duration of the program to refill their summer lunch choices, as well as enjoy

interactive educational activities covering the topics of fitness and nutrition. More than 10,000 meals were served last summer, assisting 133 local families.

One schedule exception exists on the calendar this year due to Independence Day falling on a Tuesday this summer. Those attending the prior June 27 session

will receive 10 lunches per child as the program will be closed for the holiday. The FROM food pantry is located at 11535 East Fulton Street. No registration is required to take part in the program, simply bring proof of residence. Questions can be addressed by calling 616-897-8260.

# Lowell Odyssey of the Mind teams travel to MSU for world finals

Over 20,000 students and supporters from around the world traveled to Michigan State University for the 38th annual Odyssey of the Mind World Finals from May 24-27. Students from different cultures and widely varying economic backgrounds proved that creativity is universal by coming together for this event. They demonstrated their creative solution to an Odyssey of the Mind problem while appreciating the creativity of others.

The teams worked throughout the school year solving an OotM problem and were judged as the most creative in a series of rigorous regional, state and national competitions. At MSU, the teams represented their state and country in hopes to prove that they are the world's most creative problem-solvers. Odyssey of the Mind had teams competing from throughout the United States and 13 other countries including Canada, China, South Korea, India, Japan, Russia, Poland, Germany, Singapore, Slovakia, Switzerland, Italy, and Mexico.

They came with interesting costumes, original stage designs and innovative inventions — all part of solving an Odyssey problem.

These problems were judged on creativity and risk-taking. The students learned to apply their creativity to problem solving. Teams also learned how to manage time and money, how to share ideas and negotiate with one another and to perform in front of an audience. Because the problems provided for divergent solutions students incorporated their knowledge and interests into their solutions such as math, history, art, music, science, acrobatics, athletics, robotics, and anything else a child can imagine and enjoy.



The Lowell High School and Murray Lake Odyssey of the Mind teams on the campus of Michigan State University. Front row, the Murray Lake team, left to right: Nicholas Lothian, Evan Berrington, Lily Richards, Ari McFarland, Hudson Newell, and Mitchell Swint; middle row, the Lowell High School team, left to right: Brecken Pawloski, John Lothian, Hope Winters, Annabelle Johnson, Chloe Looman, Leanna Rose, and Phoebe Looman; back row, left to right: coaches, Ryan Lothian, Lori Lothian, Mark Looman and Jeff Richards.

Two teams from Lowell Area Schools were represented at the World Finals competition. The team from Lowell High School competed in the “Odd-a-bot” problem. For this problem, teams had to create a humorous story about a family that brought home an “Odd-a-Bot.” Instead of being programmed to perform tasks, this Odd-a-Bot robot learned from watching others. Teams had to design, build and operate an original robot that demonstrated human characteristics when performing tasks. The Odd-a-Bot learned more than it

was expected to learn and confused its actions with humorous results.

The Murray Lake Elementary team competed in the “Ready, Set, Balsa, Build” problem. Eighteen grams of balsa wood and glue were designed into structures that held hundreds of pounds! This year teams stacked weights on the balsa structure made of odd-sized sets of wood. The more sets, the higher the risk – and the reward!

Although this is a competition to become a world champion, kids form life-long friendships with their teammates

and opponents. These friendships span the globe! Both Lowell teams had the opportunity to serve as a “buddy” team to two teams from Russia this year. Through Odyssey, they learn to communicate and appreciate different cultures.

Like most kids, Odyssey of the Mind team members will exceed expectations when given the opportunity to express themselves. At the Opening Ceremonies held at the Breslin Center at MSU, OotM founder, Dr. Sam Micklus, told the crowd of 20,000, “These are the most creative minds in the whole world!”



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~ Benjamin Franklin



# Red Arrow

- BASEBALL

# SPORTS

## Lowell falls to Bulldogs ending state tourney hopes

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

After leading through the bottom of the seventh inning, the Lowell Red Arrow varsity baseball team lost their grip on the leash of the Grandville Bulldogs dropping a nine inning battle 9-8 ending their state tournament bid and their 2017 season.



Opening the competition with a two run first, the Red Arrows saw the inning end knotted at two before taking a lead in the second with three additional runs. Maintaining their 5-2 lead through the next two innings the Arrows next struck in the fifth plating three for a 8-2 lead. The Bulldogs responded in kind in the bottom of the same inning adding three of their own to shorten the gap to 8-5.

Still seemingly in control of the game, Lowell took to the plate in the seventh failing to add to their lead before watching it slip into a tie when Grandville took the position scoring on a three run double off of senior pitcher Jarrod Melle. Having already racked up a pile of strikes in earlier innings, Melle was replaced by fellow senior Jake Wosinki in relief as the game rolled into a forced eighth. Neither team was able to produce a game winning run in the eighth moving the game to a big league ninth inning where a passed ball cost the Red Arrows a chance at the regional title falling 9-8.

Senior Red Arrow Nate Stephens at bat in season ending regional competition.

The team finishes the season with a winning 22-15 overall record and the fourth district championship title trophy. They also finished well in league play sweeping OK White competitors Cedar Springs, Ottawa Hills and Greenville but dropping series with Northview, Forest Hills Northern and Forest Hills Central by 1-2 for a 12-6 record. The Arrows graduated nine talented members of their 15 player lineup with the class of 2017, including college recruits Melle, Wosinski, Nate Stephens, Sterling Anderson, Jack Malone and Cooper Perry, as well as Sage Solomonson, Trevor VanDyke and Andrew de Voest.

Senior pitcher Jarrod Melle in his final Red Arrow appearance on the mound.



## LMS baseball wins district championship

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

After winning the schools first District 9 championship last summer, the Red Arrow middle school baseball team had just one goal in mind this season, making more history. The talented eighth grade players did just that recently, winning the middle school championship with an outstanding 20-4 record.

Starting their record a dismal 1-3, the driven team reversed their own fortune going on a 19-1 run that led to their shot at the title. Having to get through defending champions Hopkins in the first round of the playoff tournament, the team fought through a back-and-forth battle that came down to a few key defensive plays that earned the team a 3-2 victory. Lowell head coach Damien Dixon gave props to catcher Josiah Koster, shortstop Rohan Dixon and first baseman Reid Reynolds for the

successful plate action and Reynolds and fellow pitcher Kyle Teachworth who combined for ten strikeouts on the hill.

Game two of the championship series was against a tough Allendale team who the Red Arrows had topped twice in the regular season. In a runaway victory, Lowell tallied a winning score of 14-4 in just five innings before a mercy win was called. Offensive action was led by R. Dixon who went 4-4 at the plate, including a pair of doubles and Elijah Birmingham who went 3-4 totaling four RBIs. Birmingham also had a strong performance as pitcher throwing four innings for the team.

In the most suspenseful game en route to the title, the Arrows next faced Northview who had dealt

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LMS champs- Back row, coach Damien Dixon, Derek Mohr, Elijah Birmingham, Josiah Koster, Rohan Dixon, Reid Reynolds, Drew Hackstedt, Kyle Teachworth and coach Mike Taylor; front row: Brayden Teft, Terrick Stewart, Troy Taylor, Bradley Salgat and Isaiah Birmingham.



Red Arrow

# SPORTS

## All-conference honors awarded to Red Arrow athletes

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Twenty Red Arrow athletes were recently recognized by the OK White with all-conference honors in their respective team sports. Earning the honor for their work on the diamond were seniors Sterling Anderson, Jarrod Melle and Jake Wosinski representing the 2017 district champion varsity baseball team and sophomores, Emily Depew, Maddi Jordan and Corah Miller; along with juniors, Kenzie North and Megan Summerfield; who represent the 2017 OK White champion varsity softball team. Soccer standouts earning the status included juniors, Riley Conlan and Darby Dean; sophomore Regan Coxon and freshman Khloe Hayes. Senior Max Bishop received the only nod for the boys varsity lacrosse team, while the ladies team had three appointed to

the list in seniors, Laurel Frederickson and Tiana Petricevic; and sophomore

Ella Dougherty. Talented track star sophomore Diana Roth was also among the

honored, joined by fellow runners from the boys team, Will Reynolds and Caleb

Devereaux, who are both juniors. The Lady Arrow varsity tennis team rounded

out the list of recognized athletes with senior Jasmine Peters.



## Sports Summaries



### BOYS BOWLING

Recent class of 2017 Lowell High School graduate Logan Smith made a post commencement commitment to attend Davenport University next fall where he will continue his education and participate alongside the school's bowling team. Smith has been a leader as a Red Arrow varsity roller, an individual state qualifier and a consistent scorer in competition. This past winter he was part of a history shattering season that included a flawless run through the difficult OK White, a conference championship, both district and regional crowns and Lowell's first state title.

### FOOTBALL

The Noel Dean created and Davenport University hosted second annual Addix All-Star Football Game took place last Friday with the Stars pitted against the Stripes in a charity showdown benefiting Gilda's Club of Grand Rapids. Showcasing the area's top senior players, the Red Arrows were represented by three recent gridiron graduates, Max Bishop, Logan VanderMeulen and Hayden Barry, each who played for the losing Star team. The Lowell cheer was also on hand chosen to motivate the winning Stripes who garnered a 37-0 shutout. The game raised more than \$20,000 for the organization which offers free emotional support and care to those battling or grieving a loss to cancer. The 2017 Lowell football varsity team is scheduled to kick off their fall season this August when they travel to Wayne State University in Detroit to take on Warren De La Salle on the 25th.

**Congrats to all  
of the 2017 Lowell  
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**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2017**

at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, SE, Lowell, MI 49331.

James and Rebecca Kleinedler have made application for a variance from Section 4.1.2 of the Bulk Table of Regulations of the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance to allow for building a 20' addition to an existing barn which is 34' from the front lot line where 50' is required. The property is zoned R-2 - Rural Agricultural. The property is located at 14256 East Fulton St., Lowell, Michigan, 49331 - Permanent Parcel No. 41-20-01-400-005.

The application is available for review at the Township Hall during regular office hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

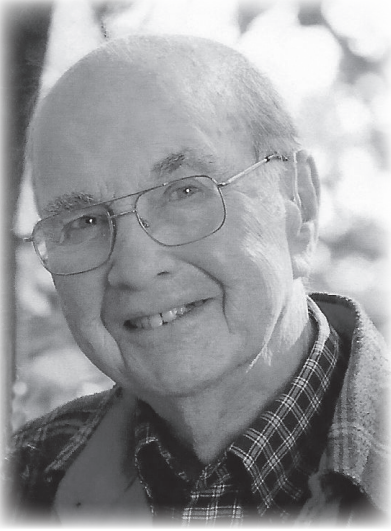
**Monica Burt, Clerk**



# obituaries

## CHASE

Floyd Chase died June 6, 2017 at the age of 99. Floyd was born on April 8, 1918 to Charles and Rose (Savage) Chase on a farm in Richmond, Michigan. He grew up on the farm until the death of his mother, followed by his father, after which he lived on a dairy farm and then with a family in the town of Richmond until he finished high school. After graduation, he moved to Detroit to work, and was drafted into the army during World War II. He served in an anti-aircraft unit in the Pacific, following the war from Hawaii to Saipan and Iwo



Jima. After the war, he returned to Detroit where he pursued a career as a skilled machinist making airplane parts. In 1979 he moved to Lowell, where he started upholstering as a hobby; and was immediately busy upholstering furniture for friends and then friends of friends, making it a full time hobby. In Lowell he was happy to once again live in the country. He loved the wildlife and watching the birds. He spent many happy hours on his tractor working the garden, plowing the driveway, and cutting firewood in the woods. He became the proud owner of a 1911 Model T, and drove it around the countryside, as well as on tours with a group of old car buffs called the Brass and Gas. Floyd had a life filled with adventure and things he loved. He was always happy sitting by a fire and drinking a glass of wine with friends. He would become thoroughly engrossed in opera. He loved good food, and shared many meals with friends and a gourmet club that stayed together for 25 years. But most of all, Floyd was a kind man that touched everyone's heart. He taught us how to be a good friend. On June 6, Floyd left us for heaven where he will join his parents; his sister, Ruth (Howard) Truitt; and his brothers, Ernie (Ruth), Ralph, and twin brother, Lloyd (Jennie); as well as friends that are waiting there for him. He leaves behind Dr. Kathleen Chase, his loving wife of 44 years; a daughter, Cynthia (Terry) Johnson from his first marriage to Phyllis Muir; a large family of nieces and nephews; and many friends who will miss him greatly, but are comforted in knowing that he is in a wonderful new place. Floyd, who was always humble, requested no fanfare or services, and left us quietly and peacefully. There will be a private service and later, of course, a celebration of friends for a wonderful man who shared so much happiness with all of us.

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## LAIRD

Barbara Jeanne Laird, age 86 of Lowell, passed away Tuesday June 6, 2017. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 65 years, Richard; her brother, Wes Smith; and brother-in-law, Tom Laird. She is survived by her children, Tom (Sheryl) Laird, Dave Laird, Terri (Scott) Madden; and grandchildren, Ally, Alex and Anna Laird, and Julianna (Will Smith) Madden. Jeanne was quick to rejoin her husband, Dick, who passed away April 26, 2017. She was a pen and ink artist, who was one of the founding members of Ledge Craft Lane and the Island Art Fair in Grand Ledge, MI. Jeanne was a hospice volunteer and an active member in her church community. A memorial service honoring both Jeanne and Richard Laird will be held Saturday, June 17, 11:00 a.m. at the First Congregational Church of Lowell, 865 Lincoln Lake Ave. SE, Lowell, MI 49331. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Congregational Church of Lowell.



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## STURGEON

Gene W. Sturgeon Jr., age 65 of Lowell, passed away Thursday, June 8, 2017. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gene Sr. and Marie Sturgeon; sisters, Therese Sturgeon, Sharon Stiles; brothers, Doug Sturgeon, and Victor Sturgeon. He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Linda; children, Gene (Avree) Sturgeon, Shawn (Nikki) Merklinger, Shannon (Carrie) Sturgeon, Amanda (Mike) Sturgeon; stepchildren, Joshua Gooch, Angela DeRivera; brother Ed (Sandy) Drougal; sisters, Junese (Don) Himebaugh, Lenora Sturgeon, Laura (Keith) Wilcox; grandchildren, Mason, Delaina, Skye-Ann, Jaiden, Arianna, Audrina, Kamron, Karter, Kaiden, and Adrian. Gene proudly served his country in the Army and displayed the American flag at home, on his truck and motorcycle. A talented artist and musician, he also loved to play pool and cards. Gene was a devoted family-man, and loved his grandchildren deeply. He will be deeply missed. A memorial service will be held Sunday, July 9 at 2:00 p.m. at VFW Post 8303 Lowell Veteran's Center, 3116 Alden Nash Ave. SE, Lowell MI 49331. Memorial contributions may be directed to the family to assist with funeral expenses.



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## WIELAND

Richard Emerson Wieland born December 29, 1931, died November 18, 2016. Parents were Leona Colby Wieland and Emerson Wieland of Alto. He was preceded in death by his brother, Earl Wieland; and sister, Marian Wieland Roth. He married his wife, Gail Poublon Wieland, in 1976. He attended Lowell High School and graduated in 1950; USAF 1951-1955; BSEE California Polytechnic University in Pomona; US Navy, USS Kitty Hawk 1965-1966; he was in the Aerospace/National Defense business all his career. He was a Gold Life Master Bridge player and national competitor. He is survived by daughters, Valerie, Charlayne and Sharyn; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A Celebration of Life Memorial will be held Saturday, June 24, 2017 at 11 am at the Alto United Methodist Church on 64th Street.

# Looking Back, continued

16-18. Lowell Chamber of Commerce president, Mike Doyle, and Ed Steffens, are co-chairmen for the community rally. Saturday, a Car-Trailer Rodeo will be held, with tests of skill in handling car and trailer displayed by the contestants. Open house for everyone in the community will be from 3 to 4:30 p. m. There will be a street dance Saturday, June 17, in front of the Showboat featuring the Dregs from Lake Odessa. It will run from 8 p.m. to midnight. Admission 50c. Sponsored by the Lowell Teen Center.

## 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 17, 1992

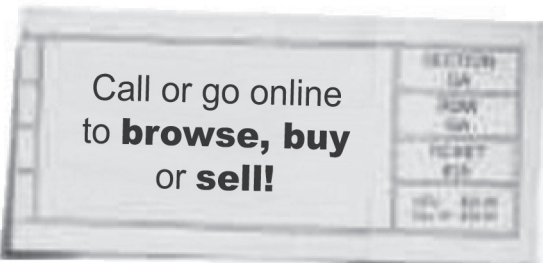
Historic Bowens Mills will host its first Old Fashion Day Festival of the season on June 10. The gates will open at 10 am and close at 4 pm. Some of the features of the day will be the Mill and its museum along with its lower level. Tours of The Bowen House and the Pioneer Park. There will be the making of Bobbin Lace, an Ox Team will be on hand for rides. Country Music, arts and crafts and lots of good food will also be featured to get the festivals off to a good start. The old mill is a State Historic Site and was built in 1864. It will be in operation, grinding corn by water power for all to see. The museum houses milling equipment along with many items from Barry County History. It also has a nice collection of Indian artifacts, including a dug out canoe. In the lower level of the mill folks can enjoy the sounds, smells and see the fascination of forming red hot metal into a useful item. The Cooper will be in his shop showing how wood barrels and pails were made in the old days. "The Bowen House", the only house the Bowens built will be open for its once a year tours. The old house was built in the 1870s and was said to be "a show place" in the little town. The 10 room home has been redone and room by room, the new was removed and put back much as it would have been when it was built. The 1840s Plank House, the 1850s One room School and The Covered Bridge will all be available for folks to tour. "The Chuck Wagon" will be grilling buffalo burgers and hamburgers over an open fire and all sorts of apple related deserts will be served from "The Cider Mill Cafe".

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- Sandy Bartram, Beverly Hills, CA

As more and more of the world develops—and smartphones become ubiquitous—electronic waste (AKA “e-waste”) is a bigger problem than ever. Around the world, people generate some 50 million tons of e-waste every year, much of which ends up improperly disposed of in landfills where toxins common in electronics like lead, mercury and cadmium can leach out and contaminate surrounding soils and groundwater. Much of the remaining e-waste gets shipped off to developing countries happy to profit from taking others’ trash despite the environmental consequences, or even worse, just dumped illegally into the ocean.

But thanks to consumer pressure to do the right thing, most major electronics manufacturers have started to pay attention to the problem and take action to reduce the flow of e-waste. Apple, for instance, long targeted by Greenpeace and others for lack of concern about the environmental and health impacts of its sourcing and production processes, has made great strides in the last five years in recovering customers’ old products and reusing the constituent parts in new products.

In 2015 alone, the company collected some 90 million pounds of Apple-branded e-waste, recovering upwards

of 61 million pounds of material, including steel, plastics, glass, aluminum, copper, cobalt, zinc, lead, nickel, silver, tin and gold, to re-incorporate into new products. Environmental advocates who love their iPhones can sleep easier knowing that lead, mercury, beryllium, arsenic, PVC, phthalates and brominated flame retardants (BFRs) are no longer welcome in or will soon be phased out of Apple’s supply chain.

But most of us upgrade our smartphones every two years, so that means that even today’s greener iPhones still contribute to the e-waste problem. That’s where Europe’s Fairphone comes to the rescue. By incorporating long-lasting design and fair-traded materials, ensuring good working conditions and making products that are fully recyclable, easy-to-fix and reusable, Fairphone hopes to revolutionize the smartphone market with its eco-conscious products.

As the electronics industry matures and moves toward more sustainable components, that combined with better design can also help reduce the steady stream of e-waste. For instance, researchers at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory have come up with a way to extend the life and boost the productivity of lithium ion batteries—the standard power source in today’s electronics—by treating their electrodes with hydrogen. Such a development could be huge for preventing e-waste, given that most of us toss our old phones within two years when the battery inside starts to deteriorate and underperform.

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**Old cell phones can leak all kinds of hazardous elements into soils around landfills and potentially contaminate nearby groundwater supplies.**

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BestBuy or through its manufacturer are important first steps in becoming part of the solution to the growing problem of e-waste. Becoming an advocate by encouraging others to do the same is another way to greatly expand your positive impact. The non-profit e-Stewards program is dedicated to teaching people how to deal with used electronics—and individuals can pledge to become one of the program’s Envoys to help spread the word about the importance of reducing e-waste.

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## LMS baseball, continued

the team two of their four regular season losses. “The game did not start out very good for us as we gave up six runs in the first inning on a number of bad defensive mistakes and errors. After three innings we found ourselves in a 7-0 hole and only had three more innings to make it up,” explained coach Dixon, who added his team rallied back for a tremendous 10-9 win. “I have never seen a group of kids that is so confident in the team that they never believe they are out of a game. Even though we were losing 7-0 the boys knew that we were going to somehow win the game they just have a trust in each other that I have never seen before.”

After a six run third inning, a huge save from left fielder Brayden Teft and two more runs in the fifth, the Arrows grabbed the lead which changed hands once again before the team clinched it for good in the bottom of the sixth off the bats of Reynolds, Teft, Drew Hackstedt, Koster and Teachworth, who plated the winning run with a just in time single.

In the finals facing Forest Hills Northern, coach Dixon said he expected a tough battle but that even he was blown away by the performance of the team on the diamond that day. “Our boys had other plans and jumped on them early scoring six runs in the second inning and following that up with three more in the third before blowing up for six runs in the fourth. For good measure the boys decided to score four more in the fifth before the game was called for mercy,” he said of the victory.

The hitting attack was led by Teft, Koster and Reynolds who went 4-4 at the plate logging a single, two doubles and a triple. In total, eight out of nine batters scored at least one run in the win. Reynolds said that the moment of victory was like no other for him and his teammates. “It felt amazing,” he said, “our team started the season with losses and worked really hard at having a great season.”

Coach Dixon said if he were to award an MVP for the series, they would need a lot of trophies. “If I

were to give one out they would go to the entire team as everyone has a role and played it to perfection. Even with the big performances that we got from individual players, if we didn’t get the contributions from everyone the others would not have been in a position to come through in the clutch. I don’t think that I can overstate just how much every player on this team from the first player to the 12th player cares about each other and is willing to sacrifice themselves in the name of the team.”

As for Reynolds, his sights are set on his high school sports career, “My goals are to keep playing and take every opportunity to learn and eventually be on the varsity team.” According to Dixon Reynolds, the rest of the team should reach that goal and more with continued dedication to the sport. “I feel like the future of the high school program is in very capable hands and am excited to see what this group of boys is able to accomplish in the next four years. I think that the sky is the limit and can not wait to see how high they reach.”



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**JUNE 7 - JUNE 13**

- The Golden State Warriors defeated the Cleveland Cavaliers and have been crowned the 2017 NBA champions after a 129 - 120 win in Oakland, CA Monday night .
- Otto Warmbier, a 22-year-old American student, was being held in North Korea and sentenced to 15 years in prison, has now been released. It is also reported that his parents have been told that he is in a coma.
- Former NBA star Dennis Rodman is once again visiting North Korea.
- Donald Trump held his first cabinet meeting and the entire group expressed their love, respect and feeling of being 'blessed' to work with him.
- Sears is struggling to stay afloat and cuts 400 full-time jobs.
- The assault case against Bill Cosby is now in the hands of the jury.
- In Waco, Texas a woman called 911 to complain her chicken nuggets were taking too long to be prepared. At the same time, a McDonald's employee called 911 about the woman refusing to move along the drive-thru lane. She was told to leave, given her money back and left - sans nuggets.

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