

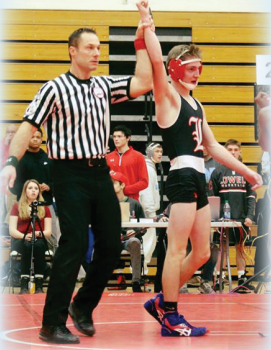
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## Participants enjoy "Love and Art" along with chocolates and champagne at art event

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Local art lovers splurged on chocolate and champagne during the "Love and Art" event at LowellArts and their next door neighbor Flat River Gallery and Framing on Saturday, Feb. 10. First, Flat River Gallery had their third annual "Champagne and Chocolate" artist reception from 1 pm until 3 pm.

"This is a wonderful event that we have every year to celebrate our anniversary," said artist Kim Gill. "This is our fifth anniversary party. We are celebrating five years in business as an artist's cooperative. In February people are looking for something to do, we figured why not come out and enjoy some art, some champagne, some wine, some chocolate and celebrate with us right before Valentine's Day? We've got three tables of goodies, homemade bon bons, strawberries dipped in chocolate, torts with ganache, homemade cheesecakes, chocolate cakes, brownies, fudge, all yummy, plus champagne and wine. It's as decadent

as we can possibly be. And when Roger MacNaughton plays piano for us, it sets a nice mood."

"This is great, this is a fabulous event," said artist Sandra Hansen. "I haven't been to this event before because I've only been here less than a year. I am excited about the crowds. The food is fabulous. And how can you go wrong with champagne and chocolate?"

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A large crowd enjoyed music, chocolate, champagne and art during the third annual event.



Lowell musician, Roger MacNaughton provided live piano at the Flat River Gallery.

## Young entrepreneur has plans for Lowell's airport, however many hurdles must first be cleared for takeoff

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Alex Taylor, a 16-year-old junior at Lowell High School, has a lot of ambitious plans in the works out at the Lowell City Airport. Taylor is the CEO of Wind Craft Aviation, a company he started in his basement that is now headquartered at the airport. Wind Craft is attempting to create a "makerspace" at the airport and competing for the \$2 million in prizes up for grabs in Boeing Aviation's "Go Fly" personal aviation contest.

"Last fall my mom texted me out of the blue and said she saw a thing

online about a contest and I should look into it," Taylor said. "At first I was like, 'Whatever, mom,' but then I looked at it and I thought, 'Wow, this is for real.' It's called the Go Fly competition. What Boeing did is instead of hiring their own guys and paying to develop them, they basically hired the rest of the country to compete for \$2 million in prizes. Really, it's just to spur innovation. They know that the end result is going to be a lot more money than \$2 million and there's going to be a lot

Young entrepreneur, continued, page 8

## Chamber of Commerce 'Winter Gathering' set for Thursday night

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

The annual "Winter Gathering of the Membership" dinner banquet will be at Deer Run, 13955 Cascade SE Thursday, Feb. 15.

This year's award winners are Greenridge Realty for the Business Appreciation Award, GlessBoards and Painted Turtle Hard Cider for Best Business to Watch, Mi Hometown Furnishings for Most Promising New Business and LowellArts for Non-Profit Spotlight. Brick Awards went to Arrowhead Golf Course, Big Boiler Brewing, Curtis Laundry and Dry Cleaners, Poultry Management Systems and Ronda Auto Centers.

Addorio Technologies co-owner Betsy Davidson was named Person of the Year.

Past Persons of the Year since 1986 were Chris Van Antwerp, King Doyle, Dr. Orville McKay, Ivan Blough, George and Dode Dey, Dr. Robert Reagan, Al Eckman, Ray Quada, Priscillia Lussmyer, Mayor Jim Maatman, Bob Pfaller, Jim Reagan, Marsha Wilcox, John Timpson, Dr. Donald Gerard, Dr. Roger LaWarre, Bert Bleke, Judy Straub, Luanne Kaeb, Jim Doyle, Jim White, Kraig and Jody Haybarker, Ray and Barbara Zandstra, Marj Harding, Betty Yeiter, John Stencil, Dave and Jan Thompson, Joy Smith, Perry and Teresa Beachum, Noel Dean, Greg Canfield, Rick Seese and Greg Pratt.

In order to qualify for the Chamber's Person of the Year award, one must "demonstrate the following qualities: Over time, the candidate has freely

donated considerable time to the community, school district, church, or humanity [...] over and above the demands of their regular profession.; the community is a better place to live because of the efforts of the candidate; the candidate positively promotes the community in both word and action; the candidate possesses new and innovative ideas that benefit the community and the candidate cannot be a Chamber board [or] foundation board member at the time of nomination."

"It's pretty overwhelming," Davidson said of her award. "It was quite the surprise. I didn't realize that that was going to happen. There are a lot of other people that are very deserving besides me. I really appreciate it, though. I'm humbled."

# 3rd annual 10-Minute play competition presented by the LowellArts Players opens this Friday, Feb. 16

The LowellArts Players presents the 3rd Annual Play Competition, A Playwright Festival: Risky Business, a production of eight, 10-minute plays written by playwrights and performed by emerging and established actors. The original works will be judged by a panel when performed for an audience and one playwright will be given a \$500 cash award. The audience also votes for their favorite play and this playwright receives a People's Choice Award.

Plays are directed by Sue Bradford and Ken Parrish. "Although it's one theme, each play is different," said director Sue Bradford. "It is interesting to see the different playwrights' interpretation of the theme. The difference in the various playwrights' interpretation of the theme is what's most interesting about these mini plays. Another interesting aspect is that we tend to have less rehearsal time. Scheduling rehearsal time between two

directors is challenging if using actors in multiple roles." Director Ken Parrish added, "I really enjoy the variety of working with many different stories and different actors." Performances are: Feb. 16, 17, 23, 24 at 7 pm and Feb. 18 and 25 at 2 pm at LowellArts Theater, 223 W Main St, Lowell. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Advanced tickets can be purchased at www.

lowellartsmi.org or at 616-897-8545. This year, 50 plays were submitted by playwrights from across the United States, Canada and from New Zealand. The competition was open to any playwright 18 years and older. Submissions of 10-minute plays were accepted with a deadline of Nov. 15, 2017. Plays submitted could be drama or comedy and were to fit the theme: Risky Business.

**The 10-minute plays and competing playwrights include:**

*Swipe Left, Swipe Right*  
by Brent Alles from Wyoming, MI

*The Wedding Topper*  
by Dan Borengasser from Springdale, AR

*Where's This Train Going?*  
by Bruce Guelden from Winters, CA

*Cliff Dwellers*  
by David A. Haddad from Lansing, MI

*How to Enjoy Fruitcake*  
by Phyllis Heltay from Alberta, Canada

*The Firm*  
by Carl Maronich from Boubonnais, IL

*Guns and Roses*  
by Mike Randall from Hamburg, NY

*Gas Station Sushi*  
by Tony Targan from West Bloomfield, MI



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# City manager says he and new assistant manager LaBombard work together as a team

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Public works director Rich LaBombard is now Lowell's new assistant city manager. The position was created for LaBombard to solve two problems. The first problem was that another city, impressed by LaBombard's work in Lowell, tried to hire him to work there.

"I'm not going to go into the specifics as to the community or really what happened because that's really his personal business," said city manager Michael Burns. "What I can say is that there was interest by another community that was larger than us, it would

have been an opportunity for him if it finalized, and it was leading towards that. At the time I felt it was necessary to do what I could to keep him. Rich has been very valuable to this organization. He's been here almost two years. He's done a phenomenal job with the public works department and I felt that I had to make an attempt to make sure I could keep him for a while. I haven't really created a job description [for the newly-created position] or anything. We probably will eventually at some point. This may be something that, if changes happen we may not hire an assistant city

manager, we might hire a public works director. It's all in flux. It's not something that we're going to always do this way. Organizations change and we'll deal with it as it happens."

The second problem was that LaBombard was doing administrative work far above and beyond what would normally be considered the purview of a public works director and he was not being properly compensated for this extra work.

"With a lot of the issues that I had been having to deal with, a lot of administrative stuff just couldn't get done," Burns said. "Certain

projects that I wanted to get going, I wanted to start revitalizing the downtown plan, been trying to stress a lot of things internally that I felt needed to get done. Rich really stepped up and did a lot of those internal things. He's gone above and beyond and really this is just more of the appropriate recognition that it should be. He did a lot of the things that I used to do when I was the assistant city manager [in Fenton, MI]. Where I was, I was the economic development director, I was the assistant city manager and I was the downtown development director. I wore a lot of hats. Rich, from what I saw, it

was identical to a lot of the things that I was doing when I was assistant city manager when I was in Fenton. I oversaw a department. I did a lot of the administrative work behind the scenes that the public doesn't always see, then the manager can go and deal with the issues that they've got to deal with. I saw Rich doing more and more similar to what I used to do. We have had an assistant city manager in the past. Jim Valentine was the police chief and he also held the title of assistant city manager. This isn't the first time this has ever happened. What I ended up doing when I discussed everything with him, we had been talking about this for some time, actually, [was] that I would elevate

him to the title of assistant city manager. Really, it's a lot of the stuff that he's already been doing. He's still going to oversee the public works department, which isn't uncommon for an assistant city manager to do. There is a lot of assistant city managers who actually oversee public works. East Grand Rapids was an example that I saw that was similar to what I wanted to go towards. Their public works director is their assistant city manager. This isn't uncommon, so we made that change. Rich has taken a lot more on with our city facilities, a lot more on with a lot of the purchasing

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## Reaching retirement age? Here's what you need to know

Every birthday deserves celebration, but some seem a little more special than others do. Think of a baby's first birthday. Sweet 16. The "Big 4-0." Then, before you know it, along comes 65, a milestone especially important to retirees.

For nearly half a century, American workers looked to 65 as the age at which they could stop working and finally reap their full retirement benefits under the Social Security Act of 1935.

Today, however, the full retirement age is increasing

based on your year of birth. In 1983, Congress changed the law to increase the retirement age over a 22-year period, citing improvements in the health of older people and increases in average life expectancy. To find out your full retirement age, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire/ageincrease.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire/ageincrease.html).

Of course, if you're insured for retirement benefits, you still can claim them as early as age 62 but your monthly payments are permanently reduced for each month that you file prior to your full retirement age.

For help in deciding which age is right for you to start receiving Social Security retirement benefits, read "When to Start Receiving Retirement Benefits" at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10147.pdf](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10147.pdf).

We have also made applying for benefits easier than ever. You can do it online! To apply

for benefits, please go to [www.socialsecurity.gov/applyforbenefits](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/applyforbenefits).

That said, age 65 should still factor in prominently as you prepare for retirement and a stable financial future because that's when most American workers first become eligible for Medicare health insurance coverage.

To see if you've earned enough credits through work to qualify for Medicare at age 65, view your Social Security Statement online using your personal my Social Security account. Create or log on to your account at [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount).

If you're already receiving Social Security benefits before age 65, we'll automatically enroll you in Medicare Part A (hospital insurance) and Medicare Part B (supplemental medical insurance) effective the first day of the month you turn 65. Watch your mailbox a few months

before your birthday for your Medicare card. Otherwise, three months before your 65th birthday, you can apply for Medicare Parts A and B online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/applyforbenefits](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/applyforbenefits).

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**CORRECTION**  
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## City manager team, continued

for internal projects and things of that nature so I felt it was appropriate to change the title.”

Burns said that having an assistant will not give him more free time, he said there are plenty of projects for him to work on.

“Is it going to free up any of my time as the manager? No, because I'm still busy. There's no free time here. I'm not sitting here at my desk, twiddling my fingers. Does it free up any time for me? No, because we're

kind of a team. Rich and I work on a lot of this stuff together anyway. He takes certain approaches to it, I take certain approaches to it, there are certain things that he's better at or I'm better at, so it's not going to free me up from anything. I don't think anything has really changed. He's already been taking on this advanced roll. He's been doing it, really, since I got here. Like I said at the council meeting, 70 percent of my time was spent on two issues. I had

to deal with those issues and I'm still dealing with one of them. That takes a lot of time away from me when you have issues like that. If somebody doesn't pick it up, it doesn't get done, so he's helped me in that aspect. We've got a lot of good things that we're working on here in the city. There is a lot of good projects we're working on. Obviously we're starting to look at our infrastructure needs. We've been looking at that. We're taking a more focused look on that. We're trying to reinstitute our downtown master plan that was being worked on before I got here. Internally, we're trying to address some more personnel policy updates and things of that nature, because a lot of that stuff is lacking, so I'll still be doing that stuff.”

## VERGENNES TOWNSHIP 10381 BAILEY DR SE LOWELL, MI 49331

### BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

The Vergennes Township Board of Review for 2018 will be held at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Dr., SE, Lowell, MI 49331, on the following dates:

- TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018 AT 10 am ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**
- MONDAY, MARCH 12 at 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm, APPEAL HEARING**
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, at 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. APPEAL HEARING**

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions and protest, and to equalize the 2018 assessments. By board resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, provided letter is received prior to March 9, 2018.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real and personal property for 2018 are as follows:

Agricultural	48.08%	1.0399
Commercial	50.83%	0.9836
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Heather Hoffman  
 Vergennes Township Clerk

## How to register to become an organ donor

(SPM Wire) February 14 is National Donor Day, an annual reminder that organ donation is a life saver.

More than 118,000 people in the United States are waiting for organs, and every 10 minutes, someone is added to the national transplant waiting list, according to the United Network for Organ Sharing.

Average people can make a big difference, simply by adding their names to The National Donate Life Registry. Indeed, one organ donor can save up to eight lives. You can register to become a donor at the DMV when applying for a driver's license or by visiting registerme.org.

With more organs needed than are actually available, consider learning more about how organ donation works and how you can get involved.



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# viewpoint

## to the editor

### liberal ideas are scary

Dear Editor,

A whole year after the inauguration of President Trump, many people are trying to understand why liberals are reacting to our President in such an emotional and negative manner. Our sleeping giant of apathy was awakened years ago. We have been listening to and reading both sides.

Roger Stone in his book, "The Making of the President 2016," explains the Pauline Kael Syndrome. Pauline Kael, a film critic, was well known to have said in 1972 after the reelection of Richard Nixon; "I live in a rather special world. I only know one person who voted for Nixon. Where they are I don't know." Her statement clarifies the insulation of the

liberal elites who are living in a bubble and hearing only the views of the people with whom they associate. Thus, the Pauline Kael Syndrome.

Liberals believe their ideology is a moral, religious thought and to disagree with them means you are morally wrong and want to harm society and the world. They have no coping skills. The media was flooded with tears of intolerant leftists following President Trump's election. There was whining, needing "safe" spaces and grief counseling. Rather than learn from their loss in a fair and free election the liberals wallowed in hatred, destruction of unity and property, their own fragile egos, violent demonstrations, and threats

of impeachment since Day One.

The media suggests everyone is against President Trump. In fact, President Trump was fairly elected according to our Constitution and our country is experiencing many benefits from his actions and leadership, a few of which are:

1. Elimination of federal regulations promoting industry and jobs.
2. Improved trade agreements returning commerce and jobs.
3. Positive pro-business atmosphere with an increase in consumer confidence.
4. Large tax cut putting money in Americans' pockets, encouraging corporations to bring back money stimulating an increase of jobs, wages and bonuses.
5. Decrease in unemployment.

6. Increase in employment.

7. Military changes pushing back ISIS.

8. Tighter border control reducing illegal immigration.

9. Exposed prior treaties taking advantage of USA's higher share of funds and regulations.

10. Eliminated ACA individual mandate.

Liberal socialism and the left's animosity and vitriol toward an elected President scares us. We were not allowed to criticize President Obama. We would prefer that all parties respect our democratic election process and the office of the President, and work with their counterparts for the common good of all Americans.

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Lowell  
Jenny Hunter  
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### tax opens door to spending

Dear Editor,

Ways to get more revenue for the city of Lowell have been discussed.

There's talk of a city income tax. I don't believe a city income tax is the right answer to Lowell's lack of revenue.

I've watched Lowell city council meetings for years and have seen little restraint when it comes to spending. If there isn't restraint there will always be a need for more taxation. Spending is the easy part. It takes fortitude and restraint not to. The constituents of Lowell shouldn't have to make up for the city's loss of revenue. A city income tax would be just another tax where the governing body could spend on whatever comes to mind. A city income tax would be a blight on the working poor and the shrinking middle class.

Having a city income tax will not guarantee that city roads will get rebuilt any sooner. Lowell's millage rate is just about as high as it can go without going to the constituents for a vote. I believe there are some that think it would be easier to

get a city income tax. There's been talk of lowering the millage rate so the city could have a city income tax. Bad idea. What if the millage rate was lowered then raised later? If that happened the constituents not only would be stuck with a high millage rate but also a city income tax. If the constituents feel a need for more taxation, I believe they would be better off with a general obligation bond.

At least with a general obligation bond, stipulated for road replacement, the constituents would know right from the start where their tax dollars would be going. Not so with a city income tax.

All a city income tax is is an open door to spending. What the city doesn't need is another open door to spending. When it comes to a city income tax - buyer beware. Beware of what you buy into. If I lived in Lowell again I would vote "no" to a city income tax.

Sincerely,  
Jim Howard  
Lowell Township



### 125 years ago Lowell Journal February 15, 1893

The annual meeting of the Old Residents, of Grand River Valley was held at the Lowell State Bank parlors last Thursday, Feb. 9th, with very light attendance. The Pres. R. Quick called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. It was decided to hold a meeting on March 3rd and the Pres. appointed the following committee of arrangements: John S. Hooker, N. B. Blain, Wm. M. Chapman, E. D. Parker and D. G. Look, who will have charge of all arrangements for the meeting and dance. These meetings of the old residents are one of the pleasures of the winter and are looked forward to with anticipation and backward to with pleasant memories.

Diphtheria has again broken out in this village and as a result the schools, intermediate and primary departments, are closed. There are at present three cases and there have been, since the last outbreak, two deaths.

L. D. Harris, Marskal and Chas E. Fink, Recorder, of Saladin Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the

Mystic Shrine, are in town trying to persuade some of our local Kaich's Templar to journey over the "hot sands on a humping camel."

The Michigan's World Fair Board will make an exhibition of its newspapers. The first page of every newspaper or magazine published in the state will be mounted on a wood veneer leaf, varnished the same as compiled maps are prepared, and hung on leaf standards.

Last evening Grattan Lodge, F & A M visited Lowell Lodge in a body and conferred the third degree. They were complimented highly for their efficient work and after the close of the Lodge tables were spread and lunch served after which an hour or more was spent in social pleasures and they parted in the "wee sma" hours.

E. A. Foreman and L. W. Aldrich have traded their village property here for a farm near Hastings and have moved there. Messrs Foreman and Aldrich have been identified with Lowell for many years and have many friends who will miss them. The last loads left Monday and with them Mr and Mrs Aldrich and the children. The best wishes, for their future prosperity, of hosts of friends go with them.

Mrs Chas. Quick, who has been confined to the house the past seven weeks with inflammatory rheumatism, was able to take a short ride last Sunday.

### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger February 14, 1918

School opens Monday, Feb. 18, after fuel forced vacation. After being closed for four weeks, the Lowell public schools will open for business Monday, Feb. 18. Following the plan adopted by Grand Rapids and other cities, school will be in session six days each week for the balance of the year. There will be no Spring vacation. There will be no final examinations for the first semester. Work will begin with the regular second semester subjects. School will close on the date already set in June.

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## We love to hear from you!



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# Annual fish fry promises good food for a good cause

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

It is fish fry season again and St. Mary Catholic Church is hosting one from 5:00 to 7:00 pm every Friday between Feb. 16 and March 23.

“We deep fry, the pre-breaded fish and our baked fish has a gluten-free breading we make ourselves,” said Tim Hess, a Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus and one of the volunteers running the event. “Last year we served 120 people a dinner, about nine boxes of fish each night. We went through about 50 boxes of fish [in total]. We buy our fish from Gordon Food Service, who have provided us with high quality cod. Our council has great cooks on board. We are an all-you-can-eat dinner and nobody has a reason to go home hungry.”

They will have baked and fried cod, macaroni and cheese, French fries, coleslaw, applesauce and corn bread. They're also having a bake sale to raise money to buy an ultrasound machine for the Alpha

Family Center in Lowell. “The bake sale is sponsored by the Catholic Women's Council at St. Mary Church and they are giving all money collected to the ultrasound project, including donating their time and materials,” Hess said. “They are a newly-formed council at St. Mary's and we are happy to have them on board. The chairperson for the bake sale is actually my mother, Barb Hess.”

The Knights of Columbus are the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. The men-only club was founded 136 years ago in New Haven, CT by Father Michael McGivney. They are dedicated to charity work, disaster relief and promoting Catholicism.

“We have 86 Knights of Columbus members on our council out of 200 families in our church,” Hess said. “We are Catholic men of faith and men of charitable action in the church and our community. In 2016, the

Knights of Columbus set a record in charitable giving for the 18th consecutive year, volunteering more than 75 million hours of service. When established in 1882, our mission was to provide aid to widows and orphans of our parish. Since then, our charitable activities encompass an almost infinite variety of local, national and international projects. Our own unique charities include the Christian Refugee Relief Fund, Disaster Relief, Ultrasound Initiative, and Coats for Kids. We also partner with international charities including Special Olympics, the Global Wheelchair Mission and Habitat for Humanity. Knights and their families have greater opportunities to participate in a variety of activities that deepen their faith, promote the 'new evangelization' and strengthen our parishes. Our council recently rented a billboard on M-21 (coming in from Saranac) to advertise our 'Keep Christ in Christmas



St. Mary Catholic Church is once again hosting an all-you-can-eat fish fry dinner.

## health

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Wayne A. Chritenson III, John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie

### - overactive bladder

An overactive bladder causes a sudden urge to urinate. It can be difficult to stop, causing urinary leakage. This is called urge incontinence. It can also cause frequent urination through the day and night. This can be quite disruptive to one's life.

In normal bladder function, once the bladder is full, it sends a signal to the brain to empty. In an overactive bladder, the bladder contracts involuntarily when the bladder is not full. Many conditions can contribute to an overactive bladder including:

- Stroke/MS
- Diabetes
- Prostate enlargement
- Chronic constipation
- Caffeine/alcohol intake

Treatment can include behavioral interventions such as pelvic floor exercises, weight loss, scheduled bathroom trips, and bladder training.

There are several medications that can help relax the bladder and these can be quite helpful. There is also a surgery involving regulating nerve impulses to your bladder which can help in more severe cases.

## college news

Western Michigan University has announced the graduation list for the 2017 fall semester. Local students are: of Ada: Norhan Tarek Khalaf Mohamed Amin, Bachelor of Business Administration, integrated supply management;

Cassandra Reed Hartline, Bachelor of Business Administration, sales and business marketing, Summa Cum Laude; Michelle Katherine Hunt, Master of Science, occupational therapy; Wen-Peng Lo, Master of Business

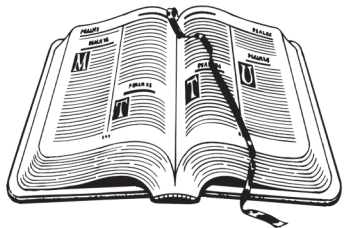
Administration, business administration: marketing; Anna Corinn Mainero, Bachelor of Arts, dance, Magna Cum Laude; Jacob A. Rilett, Bachelor of Science in Engineering, civil engineering; of Alto: Rachel Marie Van Beek, Bachelor of Science, psychology: behavioral science, Magna Cum Laude; of Lowell: Emilyn Jessica Dec,

Bachelor of Arts, English: secondary education, Cum Laude; Jonathan Richard Fox, Bachelor of Business Administration, finance, Magna Cum Laude; Alexander M. Tobin, Bachelor of Arts, theatre: theatre studies and Bachelor of Science, multimedia arts technology - music, Cum Laude.

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~ Charles Dickens (1812 - 1870)

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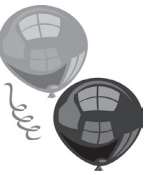
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# Stabenow leads effort to provide relief for Michigan dairy farmers

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.), Ranking Member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, today announced the U.S. Senate has reached a deal to provide immediate support for Michigan dairy farmers.

“As Michigan’s number one commodity, dairy is critically important to Michigan’s food economy,” said Senator Stabenow. “The Michigan dairy industry has been struggling because of market instability. Today’s bipartisan solution is the relief Michigan’s dairy farmers have been waiting

for, providing certainty and strengthening this important part of Michigan’s economy.”

Dairy is Michigan’s top commodity, supporting 40,000 jobs and contributing over \$15 billion to the state’s economy. The current Farm Bill created several new risk management tools to protect farmers from unexpected market instability. The new tool for dairy farmers, the Margin Protection Program has not worked as intended due to last minute budget cuts and implementation problems at USDA. Since 2014, dairy farmers have struggled from market

uncertainty without a reliable safety net.

“This is excellent news for the dairy industry,” said Ken Nobis, president of the Michigan Milk Producers Association. “We appreciate the efforts of Senator Stabenow for her commitment to address deficiencies with the dairy safety net program. The proposed changes provide additional risk management options to assist dairy producers during these challenging economic times facing the industry.”

Senator Stabenow worked with Senate Appropriations leaders to make improvements to agriculture and led the effort to provide immediate relief for dairy producers. The Senate proposal that was announced would provide immediate support for Michigan’s dairy farmers by fixing problems with the old Margin Protection Program, providing a pathway to new, customizable insurance tools, and set the stage for additional improvements in the Farm Bill.

# TIA issues updated tips to prevent identity theft

Wanda M. Stokes, director, Talent Investment Agency announced that the Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA), a part of TIA, has released updated fact sheets for individuals and businesses facing the challenges of potential identity theft.

“ID theft is a growing crime occurring in all sectors, including unemployment fraud,” Stokes said. “By taking a few simple steps individuals and businesses can prevent, or at least limit the damage, if there is an ID theft attempted.”

“We have established a new Investigations Division to help combat illegal claims from being paid,” Stokes stated. “We are also working with the National Unemployment Insurance Integrity Center to make sure we are following the best practices to prevent fraud claims from being paid.”

Steps individuals can take to protect themselves include:

- Guard your Social Security number. Give out the number only when absolutely necessary, and don’t carry your Social Security card with you.
- When an individual files a claim for unemployment, they will receive Form UIA 1575C, Monetary Determination by mail. If you receive Form UIA 1575C and you have not applied for unemployment benefits, or the name on the form is not yours, you may be a victim of identity theft. If this happens, contact the Unemployment Insurance Agency immediately using the Report Fraud or Report Identity Theft link or call the UI Fraud hotline at 1-855-UI-CRIME.

Reporting an incorrect Form UIA 1575C may be the best way to stop a fraudulent claim from being paid. Don’t respond to unsolicited requests for personal information (your name, birthdate, social security number, or bank account number) by phone, mail, or online.

• Shred receipts, credit offers, account statements, and expired cards, to prevent “dumpster divers” from getting your personal information.

• Review your credit report at least once a year to be certain that it doesn’t include accounts that you have not opened. Check it more frequently if you suspect someone has gained access to your account information.

Steps businesses can take to protect employees and the business include:

- Protect your employees’ personal information.
  - Do not use Social Security Numbers or driver’s license numbers to identify employees on internal documents, correspondence, etc. Use an alternate employee ID number.
  - Limit access to personal information to those employees who need it to perform their job duties.
  - Don’t mail, e-mail or fax correspondences to an outside source that include personal identifying information. Don’t leave any personal information in plain view in the work place.
  - Don’t share your web account credentials where personal information is utilized.
- “These tip sheets also provide useful information

for individuals and businesses if they believe a fraudulent claim has been filed,” Stokes added. “The most important thing everyone can do is be vigilant on any suspicious information involving an unemployment claim.”

Governor Rick Snyder recently signed legislation that improves identity theft protections within TIA-

UIA, including allowing the agency to immediately cease paying benefits when it receives an affidavit from a person with a stolen identity and a corroborating report from his or her employer. It is now Public Act 225 of 2017.

The fact sheets are available for individuals and for businesses.

## LOWELL AREA RECREATION AUTHORITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CITY OF LOWELL, VERGENNES TOWNSHIP AND LOWELL TOWNSHIP KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

A public hearing concerning adoption of a Five Year Recreation Plan of the Lowell Area Recreation Authority will be held on Monday, February 26, 2018 during a Special Meeting commencing at 6:00 PM at Lowell City Hall at 301 East Main Street.

The draft Recreation Plan is available for public review at the following locations:

- Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331
- Englehardt Public Library, 200 N. Monroe Street, Lowell MI, 49331
- Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Dr NE, Lowell, MI 49331
- Lowell Charter Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash Ave SE, Lowell, MI 49331

An on-line version of the Draft Plan is available at [www.lowellareatrailway.org](http://www.lowellareatrailway.org)

All interested persons are invited to submit their comments in person or in writing at or before the public hearing. In addition to attending the public hearing you may provide comments on the draft Plan in several ways:

- Complete input form (available at the above locations)
- Complete on-line version of the input form available at [www.lowellareatrailway.org](http://www.lowellareatrailway.org)
- Email the Lowell Area Recreation Authority - [info@lowellareatrailway.org](mailto:info@lowellareatrailway.org)
- Mail to: Lowell Area Recreation Authority – P.O. Box 98, Lowell, MI 49331

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# Young entrepreneur, continued

more people involved and a lot more invested than just one project. You can win in a bunch of different sectors. They knew that there were going to be teams all over the country. I left my job at All Weather Seal, a week later we moved in here and in another week's time we were up and running."

To qualify for the contest, a one-person aircraft must be capable of both a vertical take off and a vertical landing, it must be able to climb to 500 feet, it has to be maneuverable, it must travel more than 20 kilometers on a single charge, it must be able to land on a 20 meter target and, most of all, it must be a safe and commercially viable aircraft. The contest is in three phases, phase one is due April 13. Complete details are on the contest's website, [goflyprize.com](http://goflyprize.com).

"Phase one is the initial design phase," Taylor said. "They just want something on paper, they want to see your idea. They give out

CNC [computer numerical control] machine, not everybody has access to industrial printing and tooling. We knew we needed those things for Wind Craft, so the two are very interconnected."

Taylor said that, ideally, the Lowell City Airport would play host to the makerspace, but airport manager Casey Brown said there are currently no unused hangars or open office spaces there right now.

"The biggest challenge we have right now is space constraints," Brown said. "All of our buildings are currently occupied. We don't have any space set aside for them yet. We've only had passing discussions about [the makerspace]. There are numerous legal decisions that have to be made to even determine if this is feasible. Any feasibility study has not been started at this time. The airport may or may not be the best location for [the makerspace]. We're just

**"The biggest challenge we have right now is space constraints."**

~ Casey Brown

money based on that. Phase two is taking your piece of paper and scaling it to an actual prototype where you test it and collect data. Phase three is the fly-off. If you have been successful in phases one and two, you receive an invitation to the fly-off. We're probably going to start building our first full scale prototype late this summer."

A makerspace, also called a hackerspace or hacklab, is a community run work space where people with similar interests share equipment and knowledge. What is unusual about Taylor's idea is that makerspaces are not usually entirely focused on one project, in this case the Boeing contest.

"What a makerspace is, is basically something that gives everybody else the same tools to express their creativity and do their projects as somebody who has a lot of money," Taylor said. "At a makerspace people can express their creativity, they can build what they want to build. Makerspaces are organized around the community. Without makers, it's just a space. I know for a fact there are makers in Lowell. Not everybody has access to a 3-D printer, not everybody has access to a

in the very initial stages of discussion. [Taylor] doesn't have any sponsors, he doesn't have any equipment, he doesn't have any funding and we don't have any space to provide him. There are some huge hurdles to get over. Then there are the contractual, legal obligations as to what is appropriate and what is not for use of the airport. We have a number of things we have to discuss. We're just beginning those discussions and we have a long way to go."

Despite all of these potential setbacks, Taylor said he is confident he'll find some way to bring a makerspace to Lowell.

"We need a base of operations for the project, somewhere we can work and prototype freely and we need all of these tools to work and prototype," Taylor said. "We also know that we weren't going to be using every single tool 100 percent of the time. To better use our resources, why not open it up to the creativity that's happening in our area that needs an outlet? Lowell is the perfect place for this because we have so much energy as a community. We plan on having a huge impact on the community. This airport has so much potential."



Wind Craft Aviation CEO and LHS junior Alex Taylor in one of the hangars at Lowell City Airport.

It's been a long road for Taylor, from the Middle East to Michigan. All the while, aviation has been his main obsession. Eventually, he plans to turn this lifelong obsession into a career.

"I'm not originally from Lowell, I grew up in Istanbul," Taylor said. "I was originally born in California and then we moved to Istanbul when I was two. Then we were missionaries in Istanbul for 10 years. One of the main things that was always consistent in my life was planes. No matter where we went, no matter where we moved, I was always flying from one place to another. One of my first memories is looking out the port side window of an airliner when we were flying into Istanbul for the first time when I was two. I've always been enamored by flight, I just really liked it. I felt more at home in an airport than most of my homes. When I was little, you know how some kids have their trains or their trucks, I always played with planes. Then I had model airplanes. My parents probably thought I would grow out of it, but by nine, 10, I was still in love with planes. We moved back to the US in 2013 and I then just fell into drones. We lived in Clarksville for a year, during that time I started watching YouTube videos about building my own quad copters. Six months after starting that process I build my first quad, I had a blast with that. Now I'm in the KCTC program for aircraft mechanics. I'm still becoming a pilot. I'm

going to get my aircraft and power plane license and I'm going to be a certified mechanic and a certified avionics technician before I graduate high school. My ultimate goal is to become an aerospace engineer for my own company. One thing leads to another and I want to be a certified mechanic and work in the field before I do that."

Wind Craft originally began in Taylor's basement as a company that sold drones and did aerial photography and video. To achieve this, Taylor became the youngest licensed commercial drone pilot in the United States.

"This company started in the basement of the house we live in now on Peck Lake Rd. when I started building drones to sell to other hobbyists," Taylor said. "I did really, really well up to a certain point. I was building drones for all these people, I knew how to fly and I knew a little bit of cinematography. This guy needed somebody for his production company, but you had to have this certification. I was two weeks away from my 16th birthday when I could take the test. I studied and studied and two weeks later I passed the test and became a commercial drone pilot for a production company. I was the youngest commercial drone pilot in the United States then, when I got my Part 107 certification from the FAA. I started doing ads for a bunch of companies in Grand Rapids, Zeeland and Holland. We did a Pure Michigan video for Holland. I've also done a lot of aerial

photography work. It started to phase out, though. It cost a significant amount of money, and people said, 'For what we can pay you we can get like one eighth of a drone ourselves.' Basically what Wind Craft is about is bringing all the different facets of industry together to compete in this competition. It's really not about the competition either, that's just what spurred my interest. I've been thinking about personal aviation for a long time. I've always wanted to get on my drone and ride it. It's that innate desire to go flying. The contest is just what sort of lit the fire under me. Now I have a time frame."

Airplanes today work essentially the same way as airplanes manufactured 70 years ago. Innovation in aviation has been stagnant for some time. Taylor said he would like to include technology such as voice recognition and touch screens in the experimental aircraft his group creates.

"It's great that we've learned how to take care of it, for this community." There are about two dozen people on Taylor's team right now, including college students, high

school students and captains of industry. Taylor said that for legal reasons he had to keep mum about who was working with him.

"Since we started this project in October, we have about two dozen team members. As a high school student, I'm probably the least qualified person to work on the project. For example, William Trammer, president of Azimuth Aerospace Solutions, [he] is an avionics expert. He's developing the avionics platform."

Taylor said the biggest need right now is for sponsors and team members with ideas. And if putting the makerspace at the Lowell airport doesn't work out, Taylor needs somewhere for that.

"We need sponsors and anybody who has any ideas," Taylor said. "It doesn't matter if you're a mechanic, a hobbyist, a knitter, a grandma or an aerospace engineer, you can come to the meetings if you have an idea or are just interested. We meet every Wednesday at 5:30 pm here at the airport. Right now we're bouncing ideas around. It's going to be a learning experience for everybody, even if they've been working in the aviation industry for 20 years. We're even interested in ideas from people who have never flown before."

To keep track of Taylor and the team's progress in the contest, check out the company's website, [windcraftaviation.com](http://windcraftaviation.com)



# Love and Art event, continued

If you don't like one, you surely like the other."

"It's been wonderful," said Marty Chambers, owner of Red Barn Consignments and Antiques and a Lowell city councilor. "All the artists here in town get to show off their works and

it draws people to the city. Other stores and business on Main St. are going to benefit from all this. It's a wonderful thing."

Next door at LowellArts was the scene of the closing reception for the 'Grand Valley Artists: In View'

juried exhibition. Doug Klemm won first place with his oil painting "Under an English Sky," Larry Blovits won second place for his pastel "A Pause to Ponder," Joanne Swann won third place for her monoprint

"Two Palms" and Marty Klar won fourth place for his photograph "Rose Parade."

"I was on a train in England heading east to London and I snapped pictures out the window," Klemm said about his winning painting. "The pictures themselves were garbage, but I had enough where I could build my composition. When I do a painting like this I primarily concentrate on the landscape, but about two thirds of this painting is sky. Skies are something that I really enjoy painting."

Later in the evening LowellArts hosted a Valentine's Day-themed concert by Edye Evans Hyde and Mike Hyde, who performed a set of love songs.

For more information about all of the fun, interesting programs at LowellArts or Flat River Gallery, visit [lowellartsmi.org](http://lowellartsmi.org) or [flatrivergalleryandframing.com](http://flatrivergalleryandframing.com).



Doug Klemm next to his first place painting, "Under an English Sky."



There were plenty of chocolates to snack on all day.



LowellArts had their 'Grand Valley Artists: In View' exhibition on display for the last day.



Flat River Gallery artist Sandra Hansen poses with her drawings, handmade notebooks and other work.

Red Arrow

- WRESTLING

## SPORTS

## Lowell wrestlers check off another championship

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Perfect OK White season, check. Conference champions, check. District champions, check. Fourteen individual regional qualifiers, check.

Riding high off their

conference win, the Lowell Red Arrow varsity wrestling team hit the mat for individual and team district competition last week and came up with their second title of the season and more than a dozen wrestlers

are bound for regional competition.

At East Grand Rapids on Wednesday, Lowell was up against the Huskies of Forest Hills Northern and the hosting EGR Pioneers.

First facing FHN in the semifinals, the Arrows put up six wins in a row to start the match. Kicking off those wins: 71-pound senior Lane Ryan who won by fall at 5:39, followed by

sophomore Jacob Hough at 189 pounds who won by forfeit, 215-pound senior Keigan Yuhas who took down his opponent by fall in only 20 seconds, sophomore heavyweight Luke Landman

who won by fall at 1:19, 103-pound freshman Cole Huisman by forfeit and sophomore Bryce McCune at 112 pounds also by forfeit.

Wrestling champs, continued, page 16

- BASKETBALL

## Red Arrow girls victorious of Zeeland West Dux, 51-41

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Fighting their way back from a first period deficit, the Red Arrow varsity girls basketball team put down yet another season victory, on the road last Tuesday against Zeeland West Dux, 51-41.

The Dux started the game with their own offensive onslaught netting 13 while keeping Lowell to six. Zeeland was stunned by the Arrows in the second

when Lowell returned outscoring the Dux 15-6 to grab a halftime lead of 21-19. The shift in game action can be credited to the Arrows' tough defense that turned up the heat opening up scoring opportunities.

Rallying in the third period Zeeland West kept pace, but the Arrows still managed to edge them out slightly to maintain their lead 38-33 moving into the

fourth. Lowell maintained their pace for the remainder of the game outshooting their opponent.

Lowell's defensive comeback was fueled by junior Emily Depew, senior Darby Dean and junior Ava Frederickson. They opened up lanes for the top scorers: junior Regan Coxon and senior Cassie Dean who netted 17 points. Sophomore Molly Frederickson and

junior Emily Depew also nailed some important three-point shots.

The Red Arrows now hold an undefeated 7-0 record in conference with a 12-3 overall.

Currently, on their second tour of their league competitors, the team's next closest rivals are the 4-2 Northview Wildcats, the tied up 4-2 Forest Hills Central

Rangers and the 5-5 Forest Hills Northern Huskies. In their previous match ups

Lowell topped FHC 50-32, FHN 51-42 and Northview 46-31.

**Fans can catch the Arrows in action at home this Friday when they face the Rangers at 5:30 in the main gym. They will also compete earlier in the week against the Huskies, on the road, leaving just three more regular season games before the first round of district competition which Lowell will host on February 26.**

## Boys basketball starts strong but falls to Dux, 63-47

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Tuesday, due to a Friday night snow cancellation, the Red Arrow boys varsity basketball team faced only the Dux of Zeeland West last week falling 63-47.

Lowell's starting lineup of seniors: Austin Pollock,

Mitch O'Gorman and Travis Cornell and juniors, Robbie Schneider and Gavin Coxon, could not get it done in the home competition. Behind 18-11 after the first quarter, the team saw the gap widen by the half with the Dux on top 39-20. Edging back to

a 15-point deficit, 50-35, at the third Lowell was unable to make any further progress and the game ended, 63-47.

Scoring leaders for the Arrows, Cornell and Schneider, were kept to the single digits netting nine apiece.

**Now holding dismal records of 1-14 overall and 0-7 in league play which is not reflective of the team's effort, the never-surrendering Arrows will compete again this week. They'll play Forest Hills Northern and Forest Hills Central in a pair of home games. Competitions will be hosted Tuesday and Friday with a tip off time of 7 pm.**

## Sports Summaries

## BOYS BOWLING

Two wins and a second place tournament finish were the results of a busy week for the Lowell boys varsity bowling team. Last Monday, at Northview, the team topped their opponent 18-12 after winning both baker games and splitting the regular. They were led on the lanes by sophomore Collin Clark (191/242), senior Carson Clark (237/191) and senior Foster Skoog (167/172). Taking on the Bengals of Ottawa Hills on Wednesday the team picked up a lopsided 26-4 win with a top series from the eldest Clark who rolled a 212 and a 204. Other high scorers were junior DJ Simpson (181), Collin Clark (173), senior Marcel Primeau (169), freshman Jakob Reynolds (160), sophomore Aaron Fritsma (157) and junior Chase Anderson (166). Saturday at the Mona Shores Invitational the team placed second among 24 competitors at Sherman Lanes logging a combined pin total of 3,773. The team topped higher seeded Grand Haven and Rockford en route to the finals where they fell to Kenowa Hills conceding to the second place position. This week the team will face Forest Hills Central on Wednesday in their final regular conference match of the season and jump into post season play on Saturday at Northfield Lanes where they will compete in the conference tournament which is scheduled to begin bright and early at 8 am.

## COMPETITIVE CHEER

Last Wednesday at the Ottawa Hills hosted third and final OK White Conference jamboree of the season Lowell's

varsity competitive cheer team finished fourth with a score of 640.42. They placed fourth at their two previous OK meets scoring a 640.1 and a 637.06 respectively. Their best finish of the season was a second at the North Point Christian Invitational. Post-season district competition begins this Friday and Saturday with time and location yet to be announced. Regionals, should the team qualify, will be held the following weekend.

## GIRLS BOWLING

Competing in a trio of events last week the Red Arrow girls varsity bowling team fell to a tough Northview squad, picked up a win over Ottawa Hills by forfeit and added an eleventh place finish at the Mona Shores Invitational. Monday at Northfield Lanes versus Northview the team fell 27-3 with top performances coming from sophomores Emma Blakie (150/154) and Jessica Hull (134/142) and high scores from sophomore Brianna Lachowski (192) and senior Laura Lachowski (189). The team received a win by forfeit on Wednesday versus Ottawa Hills who only fielded one girl for their team this season. Rolling anyway utilizing the Lowell boys "B" team Blakie (205/174) led the team complemented by high scores from sophomore Olivia Dennie (154) and L. Lachowski (186). Saturday at Sherman Lanes in Muskegon for the Mona Shores Invitational the ladies bowled their way to an eleventh place finish out of 23 competing teams with a combined pin total of 2,586. While their competition ended in the qualifying round the girls gained good experience for the regional competition in two weeks to be hosted in the same

location. Prior to that the team will face their last regular season meet against Forest Hills Central on Wednesday and compete in the conference tournament this Saturday morning at Northfield Lanes beginning at 8 am.

## ICE HOCKEY

Taking part in the two-day, two-game Michigan Public High School Hockey Showcase hosted by Chelsea High School over the weekend the Lowell/Caledonia hockey team came up with a pair of wins over Canton and Berkeley high schools. On the ice versus Canton on day one the team picked up a 4-3 victory with goals scored by Lowell senior Austin Whaley and Caledonia seniors Ethan Pinto and Daniel Huver and junior Carter Osborn. In their second match up the team earned a slowing scoring 2-1 victory over Berkeley with Osborn picking up both goals and assists credited to Whaley and Pinto. This week the team will compete three times traveling on Monday and Friday and then hosting Grand Rapids Christian on Saturday at the Kentwood Ice Arena for an afternoon puck drop scheduled for 3 pm.

## SCHOLAR ATHLETES

Lowell boys varsity tennis was recently recognized for their academic accomplishments by the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association. Offering the title of Academic All-State to all Michigan teams with a cumulative GPA of 3.25 and above, Lowell was one of 92 teams recognized in the state and one of 21 schools from their division.

Red Arrow

- GYMNASTICS

# SPORTS

## Fantastic week of competition for Red Arrow girls

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Despite two losses last week, the Lowell gymnastics team logged a fantastic week of action earning their highest score of the season. They also qualified more than a dozen of their gymnasts for regional competition.

Monday night, battling the Rockford Rams in a non-conference meet, the Arrows fell 138.25-129.025. Three gymnasts lead the team on their four events. Junior Hadyn Nash, earned high scores on two events with an 8.8 on the vault 8.2 on the uneven bars. Junior Emily Lothian placed first on the floor exercise with an 8.375 and also finished second on the vault with an 8.35. Rounding out top scorers, freshman Aubri Lemke earned an 8.4 on the beam, a personal best.

Also finishing well on the beam, where the team sought to add more regional qualifiers, were second-place scorer, freshman Katy Hock (8.15); third-place scorer, freshman Nora Jannenga (7.825) and fourth-place scorer, sophomore Taeghan Ronchetti (7.725).

On the vault Nash and Lothian's top finishes were followed by: senior Amber Brown (8.3) and Hock (8.05) Behind Nash on the bars were Brown (8.1), freshman Theresa Judd (7.25) and Hock (7.025). Following up Lothian on the floor exercise were Jannenga (8.275) and Ronchetti and Brown who both scored an 8.1.

Wednesday on the road against the co-op team of Forest Hills the team fell 139-136 but earned their highest meet score of the season. Lemke was the teams top performer earning all-around status with a cumulative score of 33.925. She earned her top finish with top four-team scores on all events. Lothian placed within the top five on all events tallying a total score of 33.45 to also qualify for all-around honors.

Junior Corah Miller was the top points earner on the vault where she tied with Nash earning a 9.0 and on the bars earning an 8.35 to lead her teammates and on the beam with an 8.55. Hock earned the team's top score on the floor exercise, 8.875.

Other gymnasts in the events top five were: Judd, Brown, freshman Kira Jungblut and Ronchetti.

The team has now qualified eight gymnasts for all-around competition at the regional meet and seven for individual events. Competing on all four events on March 3 will be Brown, Lothian,

Miller, Nash, Hock, Judd, senior Maura Fitzpatrick and Marlie McDonald. Qualified for individuals on three events are: Jannenga, Jungblut and Lemke. Slated to compete in two events are Ronchetti, senior Marissa Grover and freshman Tressa Huizinga. Freshman Aurora Fredricks will compete on the vault only.



Freshman Katy Hock on the mat during competition.



Consistent top scorer junior Corah Miller during her bar routine.



Junior Red Arrow Emily Lothian soars on the uneven bars.

Photos by Michele DeHaan

**Before competing at the regional level, the girls will end their regular season with a non-conference meet against Kenowa Hills early in the week, then head to Rockford for a conference meet on Friday at 6:30 pm where head coach Michele DeHaan expects a third place finish for the team based on their 2-4 record.**



Forest Hills 139 • Lowell 136

<b>VAULT</b>		<b>BEAM</b>	
Corah Miller	9.0	Corah Miller	8.55
Hadyn Nash	9.0	Emily Lothian	8.55
Aubri Lemke	8.9	Aubri Lemke	8.05
Theresa Judd	8.85	Kira Jungblut	7.4
Emily Lothian	8.45	Katy Hock	7.4
<b>BARS</b>		<b>FLOOR</b>	
Corah Miller	8.35	Katy Hock	8.875
Aubri Lemke	8.15	Aubri Lemke	8.825
Amber Brown	8.125	Emily Lothian	8.575
Emily Lothian	7.875	Amber Brown	8.475
Hadyn Nash	7.6	Taeghan Ronchetti	8.25

**Go Red Arrows!**

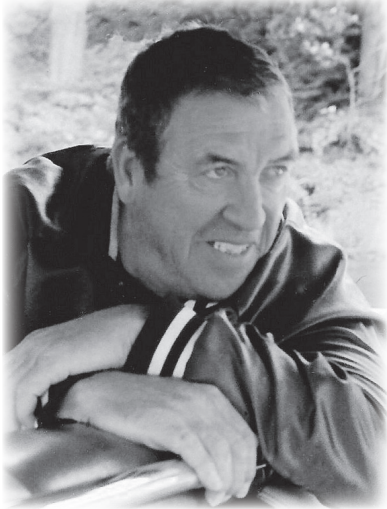
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# obituaries

## ELENBAAS

Gerrit "Gary" J. Elenbaas, age 82 of Grattan Township, passed away from natural causes Monday, February 5, 2018. He was preceded in death by his wife, Joan; brothers Fred Elenbaas, Don Elenbaas, Rich Elenbaas; and sisters-in-law Avis Elenbaas and Cora Elenbaas. He is survived by his children, Ed (Rita) Elenbaas, Don (Kim) Elenbaas, Sally (Tom) Gehrett; brothers Howard Elenbaas, Norm (Pam) Elenbaas; sister Marjorie Price; grandchildren Andy, Barb, Mike (Fay), Sam, Jessica (Chris); and 11 great-grandchildren. Gerrit loved spending time with his family. He worked construction until he retired, and was an avid hunter and fisherman. Funeral service was held Friday, February 9, at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell. Cheryl Emmette of St. Patrick Parish Parnell officiated. Memorial contributions can be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959; or the Saladin Shrine Foundation For Children, Inc., 4200 Saladin Dr. SE Grand Rapids, MI 49546.



## LYNEMA

Matthew William Lester Lynema age 34 of Lowell, passed away February 6, 2018. He was born on May 30, 1983 in Grand Rapids, MI the son of Rusty and Reta (Rogers) Lynema. Surviving Matthew are his parents, Rusty Lynema of Dorr and Reta Lynema of Lowell; son, Zachariah Lynema of Lowell; grandparents, Bill and Nancy Lynema of Dorr; siblings, Keith (Rhonda) Rogers, Sarah (Jack) Brondyk of Saranac, Jacob Lynema of Lowell; nieces, Hannah Rood, Adriana Rood, Khloe Rogers and nephew, Cooper Rogers. He was preceded in death by grandparents, Lester and Dorothy Rogers. A celebration of life will be announced at a later date. Arrangements in care of Lake Funeral Home of Saranac.

# Looking Back, continued

Among the Michigan men on the British ship Tuscania, sunk by a German torpedo, was Ernest N. Shields of Lowell, who is reported among the survivors. He is listed as a private with 107th engineers train. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. K. N. Shields, who live on the "Addition." Aside from the published list of survivors, including the name of Private Shields, his father has a telegram from Washington conveying the same assurance.

Construction between Belding and Lowell to be rushed. Belding, Feb. 7.—Construction of 13½ miles of road with a 16-foot wide gravel surface will be started early this spring between this city and Lowell as a result of two meetings held here and in Keene township attended by representatives of the state highway department which will help finance the trunk lines. This road will be important as it will provide a good road from Grand Rapids to Belding via. Lowell. Ten-year bonds will be issued and the contract for the construction work will be let soon.— Press.

## 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger February 18, 1943

The Lowell Public Schools are participating in a nation-wide "Schools at War" program. Every effort is being made by the faculty to correlate the work of the school with the important job of winning the war. Under the chairmanship of Miss Elaine Watson, Junior High teacher, the pupils are preparing a scrapbook of all school activities. This book is to be entered in a state-wide contest. The winning school will receive one of the original bricks from Independence Hall in Philadelphia which has been mounted against a background drawing of Independence Hall and enclosed in a lighted plate glass case. Included in the notebook will be reports on bonds and stamps sales, War Chest, Red Cross, Scrap Drive, and T. B. stamps; pictures, articles, letters, poems written by children and also reports by classroom teachers.

Corp. Gerald E. Rollins, who has just completed nine months' service in Iceland, was a pleasant visitor at the ledger office last Friday. He has been spending a few days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Rollins, leaving Monday night for Fort Benning, Ga., where he will enter a candidate school for officers. Corp. Rollins stated he enjoyed his experiences in Iceland in spite of the fact that the nights are extremely long there. He further says that the girls up there are nice looking.

Supt. W. W. Gumser announces that the first of a series of income tax clinics will be held Monday evening, Feb. 22, at eight o'clock in room 9 Y of the high school building. The purpose of the meetings is to explain the federal income tax forms and Mr. White, assisted by other members of the high school faculty, will demonstrate in a practical way both forms 1040 and 1040A. Those interested are cordially invited to attend.

How many milk bottles do you think go wandering each year? Be careful in your guess because you probably have three or four tucked away, and therefore out of circulation. Well, in the course of a year 500,000,000 milk bottles wander into disuse in this country. And among the milk-bottle-detectives who are looking for them are our local dairymen, one of whom reports that it cost him over \$300 last year just to replace lost bottles. These bottles got into the most outlandish places: in the trunks of cars, in dark corners of the basement or on basement stairs, in the garage, almost anywhere but where they belong—back in the hands of the dairymen. Have you any wandering bottles, that is, milk bottles? If so, round them up. They are needed.

## 50 years ago Lowell Ledger February 15, 1968

Applications are now being taken for tenancy of one and two-bedroom apartments in the Schneider Village housing project, scheduled for construction this summer under the auspices of the Schneider Fund.

Keith Avery is responsible for the caricatures used in designing new warm-up jackets for Coach Jack Kempker's basketball squad at Lowell High.

Cudos as well to C. H. Runciman, who last week celebrated his 51st anniversary as a businessman in Lowell. His colorful background will be featured in an upcoming edition.

An elderly couple walked into a local restaurant recently. They said they were from up around Howard City way, and were trying to locate an old friend, but without success. Said the man: "Maybe my friend isn't here anymore. After all, there have been some changes in Lowell since I was here." Asked when that was, he replied: "Oh, around 1917, maybe 1918, somewhere around that time."

## 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger February 17, 1993

Lowell Township may be on the verge of dropping out of the Kent County Library system due to tax assessments on the library. According to Township Supervisor John Timpson the township may be forced to drop out because this year's library assessment is too high for the township's budget. "We have asked the Kent County Library board to explain the assessment but we have gotten no answer," said Timpson.

The 13th Annual West Michigan Dental Society's Distinguished Silent Bell Award was presented to Lowell's Robert Reagan, D.D.S. at the Eberhard Center in Grand Rapids on Thursday. The award highlighted Reagan's service to his profession, his community and his family. The award ceremony also gave an overview of Reagan's private, family, civic, and professional life. Reagan and his wife, Carol, are the parents of 10 children ages 24-39 (seven girls and three boys).

Each year the students at Bushnell Elementary School participate in a Young Author project. During this time the students get to write and illustrate their own stories. Some of the students have their stories typed by parent volunteers while others print the final draft. Some of the students use specially made covers from wallpaper while others design and color their own covers. The children work hard and are very proud of their finished stories. This year as a special kickoff the Bushnell P.T.O. sponsored a workshop for all 660 students. Guest speakers came and shared with students techniques on how to develop their ideas into stories or poems and tips on how to make great illustrations. Thad Kraus, Ledger Editor; Joan Wittenbach, who writes Book Reviews for the Ledger; Tom Radamacher, who writes for the Grand Rapids Press and Pam Waterbury, who teaches children's literature at Aquinas; were the speakers for tips on writing. Mike Pelz and Terre Ritchie, artists from the Lowell area and Shelly Smith and Alice Gilbert, elementary art teachers from Grand Rapids, were able to help the Bushnell students with ideas and techniques for developing great picture pages. Finishing up the morning section, Laurie Kuna's creative writing class from the Lowell High School came and shared some great poems and tips with the children on writing poetry.

# PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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# classifieds

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## sales

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## card of thanks

We would like to thank our friends in the Lowell area for all of the kindness shown at the time of the passing of Melissa and baby Logan. All of the phone calls, cards, flowers and contributions to gofundme.com were very much appreciated.

Tom, Sarah & Jenna Roudabush, Rossmoor, CA.

## help wanted

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## misc.

LENTEN FISH FRY - Fridays, Feb. 16 - March 23, 5-7pm at St. Mary's Church, 402 Amity St., Lowell. Dine in or take out. \$8 for adults & children 13 & up; \$4 for children 12 & under or \$25 for families. Check, cash & credit cards accepted. All you can eat menu: baked & fried cod, mac & cheese, fries, coleslaw, applesauce, cornbread, juice & coffee. Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus #7719.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - at Wittenbach Wege Center, 11715 Vergennes, Lowell. Stewardship projects, trail maintenance - adopt a trail! and community events (night hikes, luminary hikes, Winter Fest, Maple Syrup days & more!) Anyone interested in these opportunities please email Courtney Cheers: ccheers@lowellschools.com

STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTION? - Lowell Serenity Club is available for all in need of relief and hope. LSC offers 12 step meetings, 365 days a year. Meetings daily 8-9 pm, Mon. - Fri. 12-1 pm, Tues. & Fri. 4:30-5:30 pm and Sat. & Sun. 10-11 am. 101 E. Main St., Lowell, 616-550-6688.

WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY - meets every Monday, 7-8 p.m. at Bowne Center United Methodist Church, fellowship hall, 12051 84th St., corner of Alden Nash. Call Sue at 868-6219 or www.womenforsobriety.org

BOWNE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY - meets the second Monday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Historical Museum at 84th/Alden Nash.

NEEDLERS - Second & fourth Monday evenings, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Schneider Manor Community Room.

ALTO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Alto American Legion Post.

V.F.W. POST #8303 - meets the first Monday at 7 p.m. at 3116 Alden Nash S.E.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 102 - every Monday, 7-8:30 p.m. during school year in Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. Ages 11 and up or completing 5th grade. Call Scoutmaster Clay VanderWarf, 616-485-3429 or Del Rockwell at 897-6814.

TECH HELP - Thursdays by

appointment from 1-3 p.m. Help with internet searching, computer basics, Facebook, ereaders, library downloadable books, etc. Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY TOPS MI #372 - every Tuesday, weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m. Key Heights, 11335 Fulton, Lowell.

CUB SCOUT PACK 3188 - meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main.

QUA-KE-ZIK SPORTSMANS CLUB - meets second and third Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at 8731 West Riverside Dr. Go to www.qua-ke-zik.org for information. New members welcome.

LOWELL LIONS CLUB - meets third Tuesday at noon at Lowell City Hall.

KNITTING GROUP - Tuesdays 10 a.m. - noon. Meets at the Village Hall. Beginning to advanced knitters welcome. Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

LOWELL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - meets the 2nd Saturday at Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 E. Fulton, 9 a.m. social gathering; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES TREASURE'S THRIFT SHOP HOURS - Tues - Fri. 10 - 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 - 4 p.m. at 11535 Fulton St. E. Thrift Shop, 897-8260; Resource Center, 897-8260.

TECH HELP - Wednesdays by appointment from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Help with internet searching, computer basics, Facebook, ereaders, library downloadable books, etc. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

ALPHA FAMILY CENTER OF LOWELL - 517 E. Main. Hours: Mon. & Wed. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Tues. & Thurs. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Diapers, formula, clothing & free ultrasounds & pregnancy testing available. www.afclowell.org

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Mon. & Sat., 9:30-1:30 p.m.; Tues. & Wed., 12 - 8 p.m.; Thurs., 1-6 p.m.; Fri. 9:30-6 p.m. Info., call 784-2007.

ENGLHARDT LIBRARY HOURS - Mon.-Wed., noon - 8 p.m.; Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. 784-2007.

LOWELL ARTS GALLERY HOURS - Tues. - Fri., 10 - 6 p.m.; Sat., 10-5 p.m. 225 W. Main St., Lowell. Visit www.lowellartsmi.org or call 897-8545.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM - open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday: 1-4 p.m. Families: \$10; individual \$3; ages 5-17 \$1.50; members free. 897-7688.

LEGOS AT THE LIBRARY - Second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. Kids ages 5-11 are invited to join. Bring your imagination & be ready to build! (The library will provide the LEGOs) No registration required. Alvah N. Belding Library, 302 E. Main, Belding, 616-794-1450.

THE LOWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION - second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building, 300 High St., Lowell.

FLAT RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL - Meets 3rd Monday of each month at the Main Street Inn in Lowell at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit our web page at flatriverwatershed.org

BABY PANTRY OF LOWELL - (formerly St. Mary's Pregnancy Center) is now located inside Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) at 11535 Fulton St. E. We are open Monday 5:30-7:30 p.m. & Thursday 2-4:30 p.m. to serve pregnant woman & families of small children in need of diapers, wipes & other baby supplies. We are non-denominational & serve families in the Lowell area. For more information, call Michele at 616-322-5957.

NEW CLASSES FOR EVERYONE - children - adults at Christian Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash SE, Lowell. Every Wednesday 7-8 p.m. Bible-centered classes for children through 5th grade, youth group for 6th grade thru high school & adult prayer & Bible study. Everyone is invited to attend.

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STORYTIME - Thursdays, 10 a.m. with Ms. Sheila at Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

MOTHERS WHO HAVE OR HAVE HAD - sons/daughters serving in the military. We are meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. For more info call Sally 616-761-2042.

# LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

## KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

### ORDINANCE NO. 01-2018

#### NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF A FRANCHISE ORDINANCE WITH CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regular meeting of the Lowell Charter Township Board to be held on February 20, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. the following ordinance will be introduced and read for the first time.

#### CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY GAS AND/OR ELECTRIC FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services, and to construct, maintain and commercially use electric lines consisting of towers, masts, poles, crossarms, guys, braces, feeders, transmission and distribution wires, transformers and other electrical appliances on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and other public places, and to do a local gas and/or electric business in the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

#### THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL ORDAINS:

**SECTION 1. GRANT, TERM.** The CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN, hereby grants to the Consumers Energy Company, a Michigan corporation, its successors and assigns, hereinafter called the "Grantee," the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services, and to construct, maintain and commercially use electric lines consisting of towers, masts, poles, crossarms, guys, braces, feeders, transmission and distribution wires, transformers, and other electrical appliances on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and other public places, and to do a local gas and/or electric business in the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

**SECTION 2. CONSIDERATION.** In consideration of the rights, power and authority hereby granted, said Grantee shall faithfully perform all things required by the terms hereof.

**SECTION 3. CONDITIONS.** No street, alley, bridge, highway, waterways, or other public place used by said Grantee shall be obstructed longer than necessary during the work of construction or repair, and shall be restored to the same order and condition as when said work was commenced. All of Grantee's structures and equipment shall be so placed on either side of the highways as not to unnecessarily interfere with the use thereof for highway purposes. All of Grantee's wires carrying electricity shall be securely fastened so as not to endanger or injure persons or property in said highways. The Grantee shall have the right to trim trees if necessary in the conducting of such business, subject, however, to the supervision of the highway authorities and provided further that, except in the case of emergency situations or service restoration, all trimming of trees in a public right of way shall be preceded by a general notice to the Charter Township.

**SECTION 4. HOLD HARMLESS.** Said Grantee shall at all times keep and save the Charter Township free and harmless from all loss, costs and expense to which it may be subject by reason of the negligent construction and maintenance of the structures and equipment hereby authorized. In case any action is commenced against the Charter Township on account of the permission herein granted, said Grantee shall, upon notice, defend the Charter Township and save it free and harmless from all loss, cost and damage arising out of such negligent construction and maintenance.

**SECTION 5. FRANCHISE NOT EXCLUSIVE.** The rights, power and authority herein granted are not exclusive. The right to do a gas business

and the right to do an electric business hereunder are several, and such rights may be separately exercised, owned and transferred provided, however, that in the event of a transfer the transferee agrees to accept all terms and conditions set forth herein. Either manufactured or natural gas may be furnished hereunder.

**SECTION 6. EXTENSIONS.** Said Grantee shall from time to time extend its gas and electric systems to and within said Charter Township, and shall furnish gas or electricity to applicants residing therein in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

**SECTION 7. RATES.** The Grantee shall be entitled to charge the inhabitants of said Charter Township for gas and/or electricity furnished therein, the rates as approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission, to which Commission or its successors authority and jurisdiction to fix and regulate gas and electric rates and rules regulating such service in said Charter Township, are hereby granted. Such rates and rules shall be subject to review and change at any time upon petition therefor being made by either said Charter Township acting by its Charter Township Board, or by said Grantee.

**SECTION 8. REVOCATION.** The franchise granted by this Ordinance is subject to revocation upon sixty (60) days written notice by the party desiring such revocation.

**SECTION 9. MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, JURISDICTION.** Said Grantee shall, as to all other conditions and elements of service, both gas and electric, not herein fixed, be and remain subject to reasonable rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission or its successors, applicable to gas or electric service in said Charter Township.

**SECTION 10. REPEALER.** This ordinance, when accepted and published as herein provided, shall repeal and supersede the provisions of a gas and/or electric ordinance adopted by the Charter Township Board on April 18, 1988 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services, and to construct, maintain and commercially use electric lines consisting of towers, masts, poles, crossarms, guys, braces, feeders, transmission and distribution wires, transformers and other electrical appliances on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges and other public places, and to do a local gas and/or electric business in the TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

and amendments, if any, to such ordinance whereby a gas and/or electric franchise was granted to Consumers Energy Company.

**SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall take effect upon the day after the date of publication thereof, provided, it shall cease and be of no effect after thirty days from its adoption unless within said period the Grantee shall accept the same in writing filed with the Charter Township Clerk. Upon acceptance and publication hereof, this ordinance shall constitute a contract between said Charter Township and said Grantee.

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

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- 13. Pentateuch
- 14. "To Kill a Mockingbird" recluse
- 15. Most famous hobbit
- 16. Enlighten
- 17. \_\_\_\_-Wan
- 18. Willow tree
- 19. \*Smallest President
- 21. \*"Oh Captain, My Captain"
- 23. Prepare to shoot
- 24. Tulip's early stage
- 25. Geological Society of America
- 28. Symphony member
- 30. Hank Williams' "Hey Good \_\_\_\_"
- 35. \*Pre-election commotion
- 37. Unpleasant road display
- 39. Actress Watts
- 40. Full of enthusiasm
- 41. Musician's exercise
- 43. Seedy source of Omega-3s
- 44. Nine musicians
- 46. What those on the lam do
- 47. Kind of palm
- 48. Threefold
- 50. Accepted behavior
- 52. \*Barack Obama's former title
- 53. Toothy tool
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- 57. \*Lincoln follower
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FEBRUARY 7 - FEBRUARY 13



- The 2018 Winter Olympics are in full swing in Pyeongchang, South Korea. At this writing, the United States has three gold medals, one silver and two bronze. Norway is in the lead for the number of medals with: three gold, five silver and three bronze.
- A 52-year-old woman in Florida has pled guilty to kidnapping a newborn baby from a hospital 20 years ago. She had given birth to a stillborn baby, then dressed herself in a nurse's smock and snatched the child. She raised the girl as her own but thanks to science the young woman was reunited with her birth parents. She did say that the woman, had given her "the best life."
- For those that are interested, the 2018 Sports Illustrated Swimsuit edition cover has been revealed.
- The gun manufacturer, Remington, is troubled by falling sales and lawsuits tied to the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre and has reached a financing deal and is seeking Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

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- 26. Enjoy yumminess
- 27. Raspberry drupelets
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- 32. Caffeine-containing nut tree, pl.
- 33. \*Candidate's concern
- 34. \*First US president to resign
- 36. She played a TV genie
- 38. Cocoyam
- 42. Chill-inducing
- 45. Group of foot bones
- 49. One from Laos
- 51. \*Inspiration for Liberia's capital
- 54. Beginning of a joke
- 56. India's first P.M.
- 57. Cup of Joe
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# Red Arrow SPORTS

- WRESTLING, continued

The Lowell team added wins at 125 from freshman Will Link by fall at :34, sophomore Gabe Hare at 135 pounds by 10-0 major decision, 140 pound junior John Russell by 7-6 decision, senior Channing Perry wrestling at 145 by fall at :53, freshman Derek Mohr at 152 by fall at 1:53 and junior Jared Hough at 160 by forfeit. FHN was only able to earn wins in the 119 and 130 weight classes taking the loss at 67-9.

In the finals, the Arrows topped the Pioneers by a margin of 65-15 to nab their

first place district finish. Losing at just 152, 160 and 189 weight classes Lowell with falls from: 215-pound senior Connor Nugent at 2:59, Landman back in at 1:19, freshman Caden Engle at 1:19 pounds at 1:59, senior Tyler Lynch at :31 making quick work of his opponent at 130, Hare at 135 wrapping it up at 1:44 and Russell who got it done in just 25 seconds. The team's five other finals winners were: Huisman, McCune, Link and Ryan by forfeit and Perry by technical fall with

a heavily lopsided score of 20-5.

Hosting the districts elite on Saturday, the Red Arrows individuals earned 14 qualifying positions including nine, weight-class champions and two runners-up. Rounding out qualifiers were third-place finishers Nugent, who topped East Grand Rapids grappler Michael Afton by fall and 12-0 major decision, and freshman Doak Dean who won, one by fall and two by technical fall. The team's only qualifying fourth-place finisher was junior Hunter Browning at 112 pounds who broke event at 2-2.

Accepting second place honors at the tournament for Lowell were: senior Austin Engle competing at 171 pounds and freshman Zeth Strejc at 125. Strejc started his run off with a fall in round one at :56, then went on to earn another fall in the quarterfinals and a third in the semis before succumbing in the first-place match. Engle received a first round bye then put down a stunning :19 second fall in the quarters, then



The 2018 MHSAA Division II District champion Red Arrow varsity wrestling team.



Senior David Kruse on the mat en route to his first place individual finish at 189 pounds.

earned an 8-3 decision in the semifinals, before losing by decision to Cedar Springs Ryan Ringler.

Seven Arrows were on top of the podium, including veteran seniors, Yuhas and David Kruse, competing at 189 pounds and juniors Jeff Leach at 130 pounds and Avry Mutschler at 135. Yuhas racked up two falls and one 8-0 major decision, after a first round bye, while Kruse followed his bye with two falls and a 6-2 decision. Leach won first by way of fall at :35, a 7-1 decision and

a 6-5 finals match decided by tie breaker. Mutschler's competition day went bye, 15-0 technical fall, fall at :53 and 18-3 technical fall to earn his first-place finish.

Rounding out first-place finishers were five sophomore grapplers who have made a big impact on the team. Nationally ranked Austin Boone earned three falls in three rounds achieving each under the two-minute mark, to earn top ranking at 145 pounds. 103-pound Nick Kornhorn earned two falls and a 14-1

major decision. Dawson Jankowski 119 earned falls in the quarter and semifinal rounds, before winning first by 3-1 decision. James Fotis earned first after two falls, a 6-3 decision and a 16-2 major decision in the finals. Finally 285-pound heavyweight, Tyler Deloof got two falls, a 3-1 sudden victory in the first round of his first place match.



One of two qualifiers 125 pound second place finisher Zeth Strejc after his quarter-final victory.

Lowell will look to repeat their impressive performance this week at the regional level traveling to Muskegon Reeths Puffer High School on Wednesday for the team tournament and to Bryon Center on Saturday for individual regional action. Their team contest will take place at 6 pm, with a win sending them to the state tournament at the Wings Event Center in Kalamazoo on February 23-24, where they will seek their fifth straight Division II title. Their individual competition, on Saturday, will start at 9 am. Qualifiers will move on to the state tournament to be held this year at Ford Field in Detroit on March 2-3.

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