

Educator of the Year awards bestowed upon four LAS teachers

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Four Lowell Area Schools employees recently won Educator of the Year awards from the Kent County Education Association.

LHS Spanish teacher Chaye Klomparens was named the High School Teacher of the Year, Cherry Creek Elementary speech therapist Meagan Baker was named the Multi-Age Grouped Specialties Teacher of the Year and LHS administrative assistant Renay Bouwhuis was awarded Support Personnel of the Year. Cherry Creek Elementary second grade teacher Kim Lum received Lower Elementary Teacher of the Year.

"I think my peers see what I do in the classroom as well as outside with various student organizations I lead, such as student council, youth advisory council and Interact," Klomparens said. "I became a teacher because I wanted to help people. I have always tried to see the good in people and by teaching I can bring out the best in my students. When I first started teaching I was very focused on my love for Spanish and social studies. Soon, I

realized my love for teaching and helping kids be the best they can be. Teaching is my way of positively giving back to society. There is a quote that I read somewhere that goes, 'I am a lighthouse rather than lifeboat. I do not rescue, but I instead help others to find their own way to shore.' I keep this quote on my desk as a reminder that whatever else is going on in my life or in the world, when I am in my classroom my students come first. I think students know when they are in my classroom, no matter what subject or class I am teaching at the time, they are my priority and that I truly care about them. They might not love Spanish or social studies but they know that in my classroom they have my support and that I strive to be a positive role model."

"I feel very blessed to

have received the Multi-Aged Group Specialties Teacher of the Year award from the Kent County Education Association this year," Baker said. "I am a speech-language pathologist within Lowell Area Schools and I work with students at the elementary and high school levels. I chose to be a school-based speech and language pathologist because communication is a major part of our lives. I want to help students feel confident in their ability to communicate, whether that



Meagan Baker

be with their articulation, fluency or language. I also love the versatility that comes with being a school-based speech-language pathologist. I love that I am able to lead social-communication lessons at the high school, teach different articulation or fluency strategies to elementary students and help students access their education through augmentative communication devices all in the same day. I am so thankful for the wonderful team of teachers, occupational therapists, social workers and many

others that I have the privilege of working with every day. Lowell Area Schools is truly a wonderful place to be and I am so grateful to be part of this team."

"I started working as a playground para pro at Alto Elementary," Bouwhuis said. "At the time I had young children and it was very nice to have the same schedule as my kids. I moved into the office and found that I really enjoyed the work and my interactions with students, parents and staff. Lowell Area Schools has an uncanny ability to find caring, enthusiastic individuals. I have a hard time saying that I am unusual or special. I would say that like many of my co-workers, I love my job and am so proud to be a part of the LAS team. I often hear people complain about today's youth. Well, I work with kids

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Pink Arrow XI football game slated for Thursday, Aug. 30

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

This year's Pink Arrow XI football game will be against Rockford on Thursday, August 30.

"It's a week early, that's the biggest change," said Pink Arrow Pride organizer Teresa Beachum. "Also, it will be a Thursday night game instead of a Friday

night game. We're hosting Rockford, which is going to be a big deal. This will be Lowell High School's second football game of the season."

They usually have volleyball and soccer games earlier in the day as part of the Pink Arrow event. It is unclear right now if that will happen this year.

"I am still working on details for volleyball and soccer for Pink Arrow games," said Lowell High School athletic director Deanne Crowley.

After last year's Pink Arrow Pride event, Beachum was able to present Gilda's Club with a check for \$72,000.

"It's more than just a game," Beachum said. "The revenue that's raised for Pink Arrow pays forward all year long to families that are on a cancer journey and it also keeps the doors open at Gilda's Club of Lowell and it keeps all of their programming free of charge to anyone that walks through the door,

whether they're from this community or another. [For] everyone in this community that buys a Pink Arrow XI t-shirt this year, we give all that revenue out Dec. 1 to Gilda's Club of Lowell and to Lowell Community Wellness. Those funds are used to support families on a cancer journey, to give scholarships to teachers who will teach about health and wellness and grants that are given out to people in the community who bring health and wellness ideas to the Lowell Community Wellness board."

Continue to check the Lowell Ledger for all of the details about this year's game as they're revealed.

"It's going to be a great game, as big as any Pink Arrow event ever," Beachum said. "Save the date! Mark your calendars!"



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Major hepatitis A outbreak in Michigan

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The most recent major incident in the Michigan hepatitis A outbreak occurred at a Buffalo Wild Wings restaurant in Warren, MI, a suburb of Detroit and the third largest city in the state.

Hepatitis A is an infectious disease of the liver caused after exposure to the hepatitis A virus. The Macomb County Health Department announced last week that a food service worker at the 29287 Mound Rd. Buffalo Wild Wings restaurant had the disease. They said that anybody who ate at that restaurant between March 24 and April 9, 2018, should watch for symptoms, including abdominal pain, yellow skin and eyes, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, dark urine, fever and chills. Anyone experiencing these

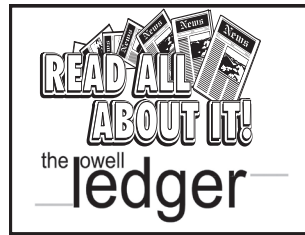
symptoms should seek medical care immediately. The health department also said that anybody who ate at the restaurant during that time frame should get vaccinated for hepatitis A. Symptoms can still appear between 15 and 50 days after exposure.

More than 800 cases of hepatitis A have been reported in Michigan since August of 2016. Due to increasing hepatitis A outbreaks the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services activated the Community Health Emergency Coordination Center on October 31, 2017, to coordinate the response of jurisdictions involved in an outbreak. The State Emergency Operations Center was active from November 2017 through January 2018 to help

coordinate the multiple state agency responses to the hepatitis A outbreak.

The state has set up mobile vaccination clinics in areas with a lot of hepatitis A diagnoses, including Lansing and Detroit.

For more information about the disease and the state's response to it, visit michigan.gov/hepatitisAoutbreak.



Many local students participate in Classical Conversations homeschool program

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

A group of about 60 local children are enrolled in Classical Conversations, a homeschooling program designed to return Western civilization, memorization, recitation, science and math to students.

Classical Conversations was founded in 1997 by Leigh Bortins and her son Robert Bortins, Jr. Leigh Bortins, an aerospace engineer who worked for Boeing, is a graduate of the University of Michigan. She created the Classical Conversations curriculum based on the 'classical model' of education, defined on the company's website

as "helping them memorize facts and definitions and the order and sequence of those facts." It became popular and successful and now more than 105,000 students participate in Classical Conversations programs in all 50 states and 15 foreign countries. Lowell area resident Stephanie Grinage has all five of her children in Classical Conversations.

"Here is a program that gives them more credits than they even need to graduate high school," Grinage said. "It is a comprehensive and well thought out program. It takes the stress off of parents. There are not going to be gaps in your child's education; they are going to be a well-educated, well-rounded individual after this program. All of the information that they're going to learn is going to help them in college. Colleges look for these types of motivated students."

With Lowell Area Schools one of the top districts in the area, it might seem strange to choose homeschooling. Grinage said that teaching methods used in schools today are not effective.

"This is called the 'classical model,' so it's a little bit different than the way traditional school systems teach," Grinage said. "Really, it's always seeking truth. We give them a lot of good information and we want them to ask questions about it and figure out what they think, not what they're told to think. If you were to talk to most classical educators, they would tell you this. I want my kids to know how to think, how

to learn and where to find things versus being fed things and being told that this is right, this is the way to think and so on. It's a little bit different, we're coming at it from different angles and there are different outcomes. Kids need to come to their own truth. Parents shouldn't say, 'This is what's right and this is what you should believe.' The kids won't really believe it unless they have wrestled with those questions and decided what they believe. We want to give them the best possible information so they can have really good questions so that they can come up with good answers on their own."

In the Classical Conversations system, all 60 students meet as a group at First Baptist Church of Lowell [2275 W. Main] once a week between August and April.

"Since we're all learning the same thing, it's really great because then we all have accountability," Grinage said. "We go home and we flesh that out. At the meetings, they're just getting the basics and showing everybody what they'll be working on that week. The parents are the teachers. The moms that lead the classes are called the tutors, they go home and then they're the teachers. They decide what gets done, how much gets done and so on. Then we meet back, review what we've done and move forward with new things. There is a lot of parental involvement. For the younger kids, the parents are sitting in the classrooms,

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Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson St. For more information call 897-8600 or visit www.gildasclubgr.org/pinkarrow

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Update on local infrastructure projects

Last week the Ledger asked Lowell assistant city manager Rich LaBombard for an update about outstanding infrastructure projects. He provided the following information.

S. Broadway

The S. Broadway project is a \$1.27 million utility replacement and paving project that affects portions of S. Broadway, Ottawa, Bowes and the Recreation Park ball field drive. The S. Broadway project is a continuation of last year's lift station and sanitary sewer upgrade project that replaced the 40-plus year old outdated main sanitary lift station in Recreation Park. A new main lift station was constructed next to the wastewater treatment plant. For this phase of the project, new sanitary sewer, water main, underground electric, catch basins, curb and gutter and select sidewalk installation is included in the scope of work. The S. Broadway parking lot will be reconfigured as well to provide better parking options and improve traffic flow.

As for the schedule, we've had great weather for construction and we have a professional crew from Kamminga and Roodvoets working diligently to get the project completed on time. The project is on schedule. Construction started in late March and the tentative completion date is late June. This is a very aggressive construction schedule considering all the challenges on the site and given that King Milling still is able to operate truck traffic through portions of the construction zone on a daily basis. The compressed schedule is beneficial to everyone that uses Recreation Park as well. Normally scheduled activities won't be impacted all summer long like a typical construction project that can sometimes last for nine months.

N. Broadway

The city has requested \$90,000 funding from the Downtown Development Authority to resurface N. Broadway between Main St. and Riverside Dr. The scope of the project will include road resurfacing, utility structure adjustments, select curb replacement and ADA sidewalk ramp installation. Water valve box adjustments and sewer structure adjustments will be completed in advance of the road resurfacing and will be paid for separately

with funds from the city's water distribution and sewer collection accounts. Motorists should expect delays and traffic detours during construction. A tentative construction schedule is set for between May and July of this year.

Hudson and Bowes traffic signal

This \$120,000 project will result in the installation of a new traffic signal and pedestrian signals at the Hudson and Bowes Rd. intersection. Layout changes on S. Broadway will

separately with funds from the city's water distribution and sewer collection accounts. The Kent County Road Commission has informed us that construction is tentatively scheduled for the week of June 11. The county anticipates that the phase north of Main St. will take approximately three days. North and southbound traffic on Hudson will be open during the construction. They have also informed us that the phase south of Main St. will take approximately two days to construct. This will cause Hudson St., between Grand River and Main St., to be closed during this phase. Unfortunately, I cannot guarantee the railroad crossings will be improved during this project since the crossings are the responsibility of the railroad that

owns the tracks.

Crack sealing project

Tentatively scheduled for late summer or early fall, crack sealing on several local roads will be completed this year. The crack sealing project is intended to seal the road surface from water penetration and further preserve pavement from deterioration.

Wayfinding signage project

The city received a grant for \$53,500 to develop a wayfinding signage program to direct motorists to key locations throughout the city, such as public parking, parks, city hall, etc. The city has been working with Williams and Works, the chamber of commerce, North Country Trail and the Downtown Development Authority to develop the signage plan. Each sign will contain the city's logo and will be designed to meet MDOT standards. Approximately 10-13 locations throughout the city will receive the new signs. Old or inconsistent signage will be removed to declutter and clean up the roadside. Tentative project completion is August 2018.


eliminate thru traffic from Main St. south on Broadway. In the Recreation Park area, traffic coming into the park will have to use S. Hudson St. and enter on either Bowes or Ottawa St. In anticipation of increased traffic volume, particularly at the Hudson and Bowes intersection, the city requested a traffic study and it was determined that current traffic volumes warranted a signal in that location. The city is working with the Kent County Road Commission to design and install the signal along with pedestrian crossings. The city will pay 50 percent of the total cost of installation and operation of the signals. A project start date has not been set; however, installation should be complete by September 2018.

Hudson St. resurfacing

In mid-June, Kent County in coordination with the city will be resurfacing Hudson St. starting at the Grand River bridge and going north to the city limits. In advance of the resurfacing project, the city is proposing to make repairs to manhole structures and water valve boxes. The utility work will be paid for



Construction on S. Broadway, near King Milling and the fairgrounds, should be finished in a couple months.



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learning along with the kids so when they go home they know what the kids have been taught and how to present it to them. The parents can take notes and use the same techniques to help their kids remember the material. The younger kids, sixth or seventh grade and under, do science projects and experiments, they do fine arts like paintings, drawing techniques and symphonies and orchestras. They do something called 'new grammar.' It's not like an English class, it's learning facts about several different strands, so you'll have history, English, science, Latin, geography and math." It may also seem strange to teach Latin to children

in 2018, but Grinage said it actually helps them in the long run. "I wasn't sure about teaching them Latin at first either, but there are a lot of advantages," Grinage said. "The experts say that right around anywhere from 40 to 60 percent of the English language comes from Latin roots. Latin is the basis for all the romantic languages, so if you try to learn French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, you'll see a lot of familiar words and derivatives from Latin. Latin is not a language that's changing, English is. For example, the word 'sick' has a different meaning than it did 20 years ago. In Latin, words don't change their meaning due to slang and

that sort of thing, it's a stable language. It's the language of science and medicine, so if any of the kids are going into scientific fields, then this would be very helpful knowledge for them to have. Just learning the nuts and bolts of a language is easier in Latin, the passive and present tenses, all of the things we don't think about [when using] in our own language because we instinctually know what sounds right." There is a free, three day training session coming up in May. For more information, visit classicalconversations.com.

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A series of turkey hunting seasons begin the last of April and alternate through the month of May. The staggered seasons spread hunters around making a quality hunt for

everyone. Michigan joins states across the country in celebrating the resurgence of the wild turkey as a major game species.

Fishermen are not left out of the action. Inland trout season shares the April opener with pike and walleye in the Lower Peninsula. Folks in the Upper Peninsula must wait until later in May. Steelhead enter streams in large numbers on the annual spawning run. The strong

silver fish are accessible to anyone willing to wade a river. Warm water draws panfish such as bluegills into shallow water to feed and spawn. The hand size fish put up a tussle on a fly rod. Boat fishing with live bait and a bobber or jig will catch a great fish dinner throughout the open water season. Suckers crowd streams and are eager to eat a gob of worms. The large fish provide consistent activity for young anglers.

Wet warm nights bring on the emergence of Morell mushrooms. It takes a good eye to spot the fungi among

the dead leaves and tree bark. Mushrooms sliced and fried in butter are worth the effort and even a failed mushroom hunt still offers a walk in the aromatic spring woodlands.

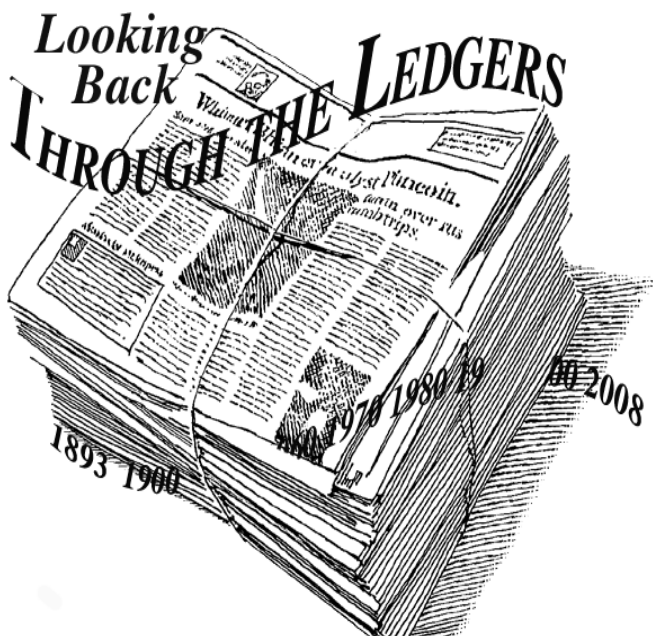
For those with the ambition and desire it is possible to mix and match activities on a single trip. It is common for all of these alternatives to be found in a limited area.

If time is a problem, one will have to pick and choose. That is a good problem to have. Let's get busy.

Lucy (Burrow) Barkly, who sustained a leg fracture on a main street sidewalk last December, has served notice on the Common Council that she intends to file claim for damages. The Ledger has been informed that a notice of intent to file suit for damages must be made within 60 days following the accident. If that is the case it would seem that the notice has been filed too late.

Official notice is hereby given that the village of Lowell by vote of the Common Council will change from Central War Time to Eastern War Time on Sunday, May 9, 1943, at 12:00 o'clock, midnight. All householders and businesses will move their clocks ahead one hour at midnight, Sunday. Signed, L. E. Johnson, Village Clerk.

The Common Council at Monday night's meeting, fixed the village tax rate at \$7 a thousand for 1943, the same as last year, to be divided as follows: \$5 general fund, \$1.50 sinking fund, and 50c band fund.



125 years ago Lowell Journal May 6, 1896

There is something mysterious in the cause of the death of so many peach trees in So. Boston. Word comes to us that nearly the entire orchards belonging to E. S. Babcock and C. H. Parsons, are dead, besides nearly half of S. E. Tucker's orchard. The trees bore excellent crops last year and made a good start this spring but suddenly died. C. C. Winegar lost several trees last year in the same manner and no one yet has been able to give the cause of their death.

To Whom It May Concern, This is to notify business men/and the Public that my daughter, Lydia Kime, aged nineteen years, has left my home wilfully and without cause; That I have requested her to return home and I would clothe, maintain and support her, but she refuses to do so. Therefore I do hereby warn all persons against harboring or trusting her on my account, as I shall pay no bills of her making, while remaining away from home. Dated, Campbell, Mich., May 6, 1896. E. S. Kime.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 2, 1918

The closing days of the saloon business in Lowell, contrary to expectations, were mostly devoid of the excitement and trouble that were anticipated. Aside from one rumpus at Shield's place, no serious disturbance occurred. Liquor sales had been heavy for weeks, stocks had run low and Saturday, reports had it, that whisky was being closed out at \$4 per quart. That evening the streets were crowded and much drinking was in evidence; but the celebrators

were usually good natured and no one was molested if he minded his own business.

At a session of Justice Andrew's court Monday Clyde Graham and Eugene Clark were fined \$10 and costs each and Fritz Schrouder \$12 and costs. They had been put off a Pere Marquette train for drinking and disorderly conduct. On Tuesday, Milton Chase was sent to the work farm for 30 days for vagrancy.

Village President W. S. Winegar has received a report on sample of water from the municipal supply A. A. Spoor, bacteriologist of the State Board of Health, saying "Findings are good, indicating it to be safe for drinking purposes." This should serve to set at rest current reports about "typhoid infected" water supply.

Two new pupils added to the Snow school this week, one from the Mullenmaker family renting Mr. Tolson's farm and one from the Baker family living on Mr. Thompson's farm.

Another packed house greeted the speakers at the Liberty Loan rally at the City hall last Friday evening. The Grotto band of Grand Rapids appeared as per schedule with about two dozen men and rendered some good music on the street and in the hall, adding much to the enthusiasm of the occasion. The members were entertained to supper at Hotel Brezina by the business men of Lowell. S. P. Hicks presided—you know what that means—P of P, meaning plenty of punch. E. L. Quarles and Mrs. Guy Davis of Grand Rapids were the speakers; and they didn't leave much unsaid to inspire patriotism or to shame slakerism. Two gentlemen from Chicago sang some rousing war songs and a little Miss from Grand Rapids sang "Bring Back My Daddy." People in the rear of the hall complain of the noise made by boys in running up and down stairs. It is difficult at times for them to hear the speakers without such an unnecessary handicap. Of course it was not done wilfully, and now that their attention is called to the matter, we hope the boys will make further complaints unnecessary.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 6, 1943

Rags, pet dog belonging to Rev. E. J. Jewell, went through a trying, three-day experience last week which no doubt left a lasting impression on his canine mind. Rags nosed his way through the open door of a neighbor's home, unknown to the family, and was locked in when they left to be gone several days. When the dog was finally released he legged it for all he was worth to his home, where he sought safe refuge under his master's bed.

Arthur Green of West Lowell called at the editorial sanctum last Saturday and in the course of conversation said: "You can raise your victory gardens and I will kill weasels and save chickens. I killed nine weasels April 30th." Now, there is a good tip.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger May 2, 1968

A willow tree, said to be about 200 years old, and located at the Collins home on S. Hudson, had to be destroyed this past week. This means that the old tree was around when the Indians set up their settlements along the Grand River, and that's a long time ago.

Over this past weekend, a road rally was held by the Mustang Club of Grand Rapids that ended in Lowell... after a number of check-point stops between Ada and Saranac. The first five drivers were handed trophies donated by Ford Motor Company and rallymaster Art Conrad of Lowell was supposed to have received a cup. Conrad came up short-handed, however. It seems his son forgot to bring along the piece of special hardware!

The body of William N. Wierenga, 64, missing since April 16, was found Friday by passing boatmen on the Grand River near the city limits. A Kent County medical examiner and Sheriff's deputies were called and removed the body to shore. Cause of death was ruled accidental by drowning. Finding of the drowned man followed an intensive search by deputy sheriffs, Lowell police and skin divers over the four-day period along the river.

J. P. Burroughs & Sons. Inc.. of Saginaw, of which C. H. Runciman Company of Lowell is a subsidiary, today reported a net loss for the first quarter of 1968 of \$140,685. Sales for the first quarter were reported at \$5,217,822. The net loss on outstanding shares of 1,424,142 was .099c per share, compared to .059c during the same quarter of 1967. A company spokesman noted that first-quarter reports traditionally reflect a loss when sale of agricultural commodities is at a low ebb. The Runciman Company services a wide area of West Michigan with facilities located in Lowell, Ionia, Freeport and Clarksville. Its basic products are beans, seeds and fertilizers.

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health

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

- H. pylori and stomach ulcers

A stomach ulcer is a sore in the lining of your stomach. They are often caused by a bacteria called *Helicobacter pylori*. They can also be caused by taking certain medications, such as ibuprofen, aspirin and naproxen.

Stomach ulcers can cause pain or burning in the middle of the stomach, just under the ribcage. This is called dyspepsia. Discuss this pain with your doctor and describe your other symptoms you may be having, because other medical problems may cause similar pain.

H. Pylori is common in people of all ages. Your doctor can test your blood, stool or breath to see if you

have the bacteria in your system. Depending on your symptoms, your doctor will determine which test is best for you. It may also be recommended to you to have an EGD done, which is a tube with a camera on it that goes down your throat and into your stomach to see the ulcer better.

If you have *H. pylori*, it is treated with antibiotics. You might need to take two or three antibiotics. You will also need to take medicine to decrease the acid production in your stomach so that the ulcer can heal. It is important to take the medicine exactly as prescribed and to take all of the medicine to make sure the infection resolves.

anniversaries

Lacic



Al and Dot Lacic

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lacic (Dot Hanes), of Lowell, are celebrating their 69th wedding anniversary this weekend with a special dinner at 2 Hats Ranch in Stanwood, where their grandson, Colton Dillree, is a chef. They have five children, 12 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Geography Bee winners



Isaiah Birmingham and Sam Sarver

The Lowell Classical Conversations Community homeschool students participated in a Geography Bee on April 13. They were tested on countries and capitals from each continent along with lakes, seas, and rivers, and several prominent features. They are also tested on Geography definitions. Isaiah Birmingham (left) took first place and Sam Sarver (right) took second place. For more information about homeschooling through high school check out classicalconversations.com

happy birthday



MAY 2

Melinda D'Agostino, Tim Mastenbrook, Madison Briggs, Glen Bryant, Jaclyn Batt.

MAY 6

Jace Bellah.

MAY 3

Wilma Roudabush, Melissa Merriman, Mimi Mitchell, Rich Bieri.

MAY 7

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MAY 8

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MAY 4

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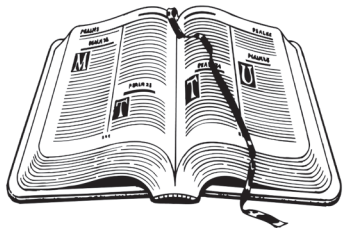
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Literacy Center of West Michigan has scheduled an information session on Thursday, April 19, for prospective volunteer tutors. This session is held at 2 pm and lasts one hour. It allows persons interested in becoming volunteer tutors to find out more about the center and its literacy programs. At the end of the session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training.

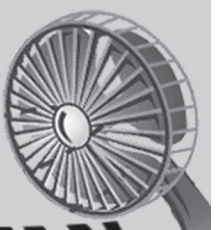
The Literacy Center of W. Michigan is a nonprofit, United Way agency devoted to reducing illiteracy in the

community. By training people to be tutors, the center can offer one-on-one reading help to adults asking for assistance in reading or English as a Second Language (ESL). You do not need to speak another language to tutor ESL.

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

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**25 years ago
The Lowell Ledger
May 5, 1993**

Want or need? That was the main question citizens of Lowell had for the City Council in regards to a proposed sidewalk along the east side of N. Hudson. The sidewalk would include 31 parcels of land covering almost 3,220 ft. The total cost is estimated at \$35,000, \$10 per foot for a new walk and \$12 per foot for replacing old and cracked sidewalk already in place. City officials have proposed that property owners assume all of the cost. Payment of the sidewalk can be paid in full or over a five year period, with a seven percent interest charge on the unpaid balance. The sidewalk placement program is part of a five year plan by city officials to outfit the community with sidewalks in areas of need. For the past three years the city has assisted home owners in building sidewalks along the area with the understanding that a larger sidewalk would be built joining all properties along the east side of N. Hudson. The one question citizens wanted answered was "Does the city want the new sidewalk to improve the looks of the city or is there a definite need for it?" City officials claim that with the new high school coming traffic along the street will increase and students will need the sidewalk. City Councilmember William F. Thompson said the new sidewalk would "accommodate the children who need it to get to school safely." Citizens were concerned that the opposite would happen and a new sidewalk would be an increased safety hazard for children, as well as ruin the aesthetic appearance of homes. "If young children have to cross the street a serious accident could occur because of the traffic," said Dan Phillips. Roger Brown said that "uprooting hedges and trees would ruin the aesthetic quality of homes along the street." Citizens in favor of the sidewalk cited a need for it because currently, kids ride their bikes or walk in the road because no sidewalk is in place. After hearing citizens comments the council adopted a resolution to obtain bids for constructing new sidewalks and prepare a special assessment roll. A second hearing will be held before any construction is to take place. If enough citizens along both sides of N. Hudson oppose the sidewalk project it may be tabled.

Wet roads and a misunderstanding of the law may have been the cause of an accident Thursday on M-21 just west of Settlewood. The accident involved two cars and a school bus. A car driven by Robert Galvin, 18, struck another car driven by Robert Christenson as he was coming to a stop for a school bus unloading children. The school bus was just grazed and no children were injured. The car driven by Galvin was carrying two passengers, Laura Radle and Darlene Hess of Lowell. No one in either car was seriously injured. Christenson was coming to a stop because the buses' red lights were flashing and it was unloading children. The other car apparently could not stop in time to avoid hitting his car. "Some police officers tell me that these types of accidents are occurring more frequently, people just don't realize that the red flashing lights mean all motorists must stop," said Larry Mikulski Bus Superintendent for Lowell. "It looks to me like the second car was expecting the first car to keep on going." Mikulski went on to explain, "until the public is more educated, either by law enforcement officials or some other organization, this kind of accident will happen more frequently. Only next time some child may get hurt."

Tree planted by Ronda Tire to commemorate Arbor Day

To commemorate Arbor Day, Lowell's Arbor Board planted a new smoke tree behind Ronda Tire, 1351 Bowes Rd., on Friday, April 27.

"We look for local businesses that are engaged in the community and Ronda Tire has been really engaged," said Arbor Board member Melissa Spino.

"There are always numerous candidates that we look at, so it can be really hard to make a decision. We really appreciate it when businesses are engaged in

the community and we were excited that they accepted the donation of the tree."

"Our Arbor Board has been very proactive in trying to promote tree planting and being conscious of trees in the city," said Lowell city manager Michael Burns. "They do a really good job. Every year they like to donate a tree to a different business in town. Last year they did Big Boiler Brewing. I think it's a nice gesture that the Arbor Board does."

The board recently approved a 'comprehensive tree plan' with a \$6,000 budget that will be used to plant 24 trees around the city this year.



Teresa Beachum, Melissa Spino, Diane LaWarre, Susan Ullery, Rich LaBombard, Tim Ronda, Michael Burns, Mark Anderson and Roger LaWarre attended a tree planting ceremony at Ronda Tire last week.

Staff Member of the Month

Murray Lake Elementary has named Amy Pike March Staff Member of the Month. Maria McGovern, fellow kindergarten teacher, said, "I would like to nominate Amy Pike as staff member of the month. Amy is a thoughtful and insightful teacher. She has excellent ideas and always strives to meet her students' needs. She works so patiently with her students that need it most. Amy knows her

stuff and demonstrates it daily."

"Murray Lake is an amazing school! I feel very blessed to be part of the school community here, as both a teacher and a parent. Seeing my students grow and change over the year is so rewarding. I always feel like it's my privilege to encourage the love of learning at the very beginning of my students' school experience. Every day is an adventure when

you teach kindergarten! I've taught first grade, second grade, young fives and kindergarten in my teaching career and I have to say that kindergarten is a wonderful fit for me. There's just nothing like having a five-year-old tell

you that you're the best teacher they ever had! I couldn't ask for a better kindergarten team and all of the Murray Lake staff is exceptional," commented Pike.



LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The Wallace V. and Dolores M. Bacehowski Trust

Re: Wallace V. Bacehowski, decedent, Date of Birth 09-21-1921 Dolores M. Bacehowski, decedent, Date of Birth 02-12-1926

Creditors of the decedents are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to David V. Bacehowski, Trustee, 76555 Fieldstone Circle, South Haven, MI 49090, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

April 23, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedents, Wallace V. Bacehowski and Dolores M. Bacehowski, lived at 206 Woodcrest Dr., N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49504. Wallace V. Bacehowski died 11-17-2017 and Dolores M. Bacehowski died 03-16-2018.

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The City of Lowell, Department of Public Works is accepting applications for seasonal staff to work in city parks and streets maintenance. Duties will be performed mostly outdoors and may require occasional heavy lifting (50 pounds). Seasonal staff will work an average of 30 hours per week and the pay is \$10.00 per hour. Must be 18 years of age with a valid Michigan driver's license. Applications are available at Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, MI, 49331 and may be submitted up until May 16, 2018, 4:00 p.m. Selected candidates must undergo a criminal background check prior to start date.

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Mobile studio debuts at WRWW open house

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The radio station at Lowell High School had an open house to celebrate National High School Radio Day on Wednesday, April 25. The open house included the debut of WRWW's new mobile broadcasting studio.

especially this summer. Our plans include bringing it to all of the Sizzlin' Summer Concerts and to the Kent County Youth Fair. The remote studio is enclosed, so it doesn't matter if the weather is bad. It should work out really well for us. We'll be all over town."

grants and donations.

"We've been in this room at the high school for seven or eight years," Eckman said. "Basically all of the equipment that you see has all been purchased by way of grants from the LCTV fund, the Lowell Community Fund and the Helen Look Daily

the city of Lowell allowed them to use a more remote, city-owned antenna that the station got their way.

"We were an Internet-only station when we started; we had that for nine years," Eckman said. "When we applied for a broadcast license three years ago, two other groups in Grand Rapids applied for the same frequency. It was the only frequency available and we got it. You have to be at least 18 miles apart or you have to share the frequency. We were all too close. In order for us to rectify that and get the frequency to ourselves

without having to share it, I went to city hall and asked if we could put our transmitting antenna on the city of Lowell's tower on Shepard Dr., which gave us another two or three miles distance, which was enough so we could get the frequency free and clear, 24-7. It worked out really good."

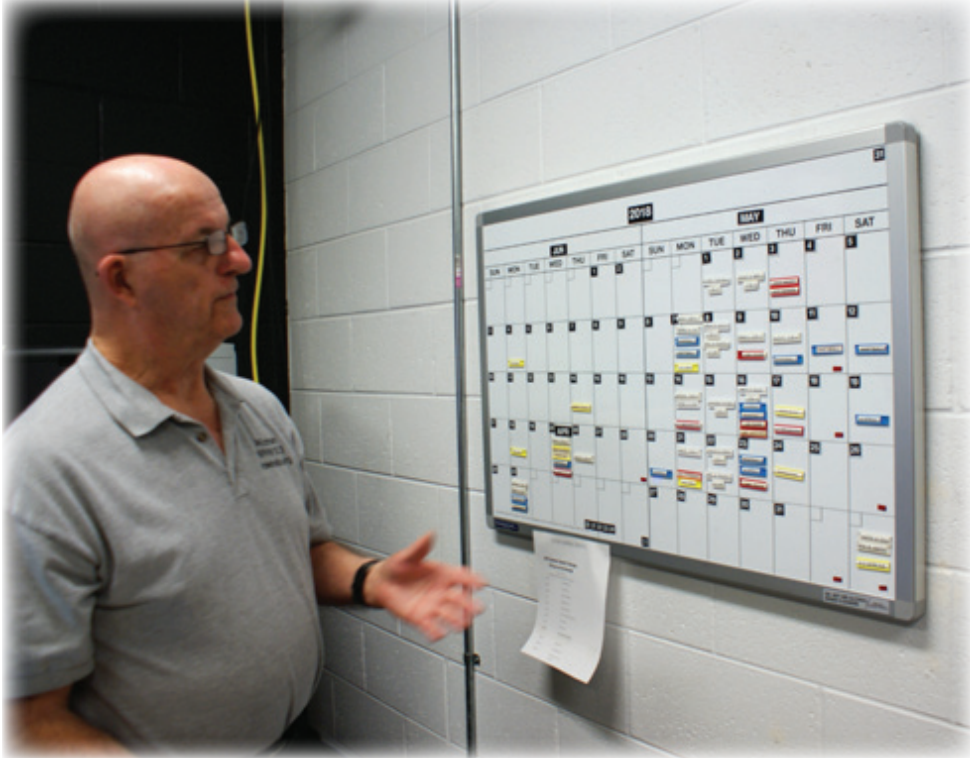
WRWW's signal takes a rather circuitous route from their microphone to your speakers.

"Our radio signal goes from here out to the tower on the west side of the building," Eckman said. "There, it goes out to a one

foot by one foot transmitting antenna that shoots that signal all the way across the river to the Shepard Dr. tower. Then it's picked up by a receiving antenna of the same size and brought back down into the building, where it goes through our FM transmitter and back up the antenna to our actual transmitting antenna."

The station's broadcast schedule is posted on the wall of their event board.

Anything with a white tag is a student's on-air show, anything in red is a concert that's coming up and anything that's blue is



LHS teacher Al Eckman explaining the station's event board.

"It's brand new," said Lowell High School teacher Al Eckman. "We got it in October of last year, then a contractor did some stuff to it. We plan to get it out in the community a lot,

A high school with a radio station is very rare. Currently about 180 high schools in the US have radio stations, three of them in Michigan. The Lowell station's existence was made possible through

Memorial Fund. Most of our CDs, from which we derive music, have been donated by citizens and students."

They almost didn't get exclusive rights to the 92.3 FM frequency. It wasn't until



LHS student Kelly Nietupski helped get the mobile radio studio set up and does an on-air show from time to time.


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“We do a lot of extracurricular events, what with the athletic contests, the concerts and things like that, we keep pretty busy,”

CDs, plus they subscribe to a service that sends them all the current top hit songs.

“We have 31,000 songs right now in our music media library and about 200 to 250 CDs,” Eckman said. “We also have a subscription

for them,” Eckman said. “Anytime we do a remote, they go with us. They help set up and monitor the equipment, make sure things are going well, then they help put the equipment away when we get done broadcasting.

Educators, continued

about today’s youth. Well, I work with kids everyday and I know that they are smart, caring and hardworking.”

“Renay is the heartbeat of our school,” said LHS English teacher Lindsay Bredin. “She is so patient, capable, organized, thoughtful, kind, generous and caring. I can hardly begin to describe what she means to the Lowell High School staff. Her level of communication with staff, students and parents is unparalleled and is one of the largest contributing factors of our success as a school. Whenever we have questions, she is there to promptly address any need. One example is last week when I needed to make a quick supplies order. Within minutes of emailing her for help, she sent me a password to access my account and then soon after helped me log in so I could submit my order properly. I know she had a million things going on that day and although my question was not pressing, she knew I was on planning and made it a priority. Equally, she has the golden touch when the copy machine is broken or jammed. I’ve witnessed her drop everything she is doing to help a struggling teacher make quick copies on numerous occasions. As if she isn’t busy enough as the lead administrative assistant in the school [and yet] she always offers assistance with a smile and helps us all do our jobs more effectively. Renay’s position running the front office is often a stressful flurry of activity and I have never seen Renay lose her temper or respond to someone in a short or impatient manner. She fields calls where parents are literally screaming

abuse at her because of their dissatisfaction with a policy or decision and she handles each complaint with dignity and grace. Renay is a wonderful mother and I have had the privilege of teaching and knowing all three of her children. [...] She has a beautiful heart and I see this same maternal care with our students at LHS. Renay treats students with equality and care, and when they are sick or need medicine or a sympathetic ear, they know the office is a safe place for them to go. I cannot fathom what this school would look like without Renay at the helm. Her weekly emails keep us organized and in the know, her prompt exam and delay schedules keep us functioning as a cohesive unit and her attention to little details while preparing for staff meetings are thoughtful and so helpful.”

to people who do not even realize they need it. She is invaluable and I am thankful for her every single day. Renay is the definition of organized, professional and courteous. People only need to spend a short moment with her to see the depth of her care and commitment to our school. Our parents, students and staff know that if they have a question, she will either have the answer or she will quickly find it. Renay truly enjoys helping people. Every teacher on our staff seeks out Renay when they need help, because they know Renay will be happy to support them, even if it is the third time they have asked the same question. Whether it is programming the copy machine, filling out paperwork or needing support for something outside of school, Renay is there to help and every single person loves and appreciates her. I feel so fortunate to have the privilege of working with Renay. Her dedication, loyalty and professionalism are second to none and her kindness shines through in every single thing she does.”

“It’s all about finding the calm in the chaos,” said LHS athletic director Dee Crowley. “If you have any experience in a high school main office, there are definitely times of chaos daily. But Renay Bouwhuis is the calm in the chaos for Lowell High School. She quietly and efficiently manages the role of administrative assistant for our principal and always is willing to take on additional tasks when I need assistance as well. Most importantly, she cares about our students and staff, and I am proud and lucky to have her calm influence just outside my office door.”

“Renay Bouwhuis is a superhero,” said LHS principal Amy Pallo. “Somewhere, she hides superpowers that allow her to be one step ahead of everyone else, find solutions before we even know there is a problem and provide care

Lum is most well known for her work with Arrow Readers on the Move, a mobile reading program that travels around helping kids keep their reading skills sharp in exchange for prizes such as T-shirts, ice cream coupons and kites.

All four were nominated by colleagues and will be honored at the Kent County Education Association Spring Banquet at the Bluff Banquet and Conference Center, 2035 28th St., Grand Rapids, on May 8.



The new WRWW mobile studio had its debut last week.

Eckman said. “Between all the remotes, we probably have close to 150 events during the year that we go to, plus all the on-air shows that the students do. Sometimes it’s a challenge to try to get everything in. We’re broadcasting 24-7. We program the computer to play certain music during the day, sometimes students come in during their lunch period and do a show. Because it’s not a class, they don’t normally come here during the day, the students start coming in here after school. We start scheduling their shows at 2:30. Student shows usually run an hour and a half. Sometimes we’ll have two or three shows an evening. We also try to get citizens involved in what we do. We’re open to other citizens, adults, coming in and getting involved in our program. If they want to get on the air, we’ll work with them to get them on the air. This console is set up so we can have five people on air at the same time. Four microphones are set up, plus one person, using a headset, acting as the operator.”

For music shows, the station has a large library of

that gets us the top modern music. We get two CDs a month from them so the students who like to play that type of music can. When students go on air they can play whatever they want to, it just has to have appropriate lyrics. We try not to let anything slip through. They can pick what they want to do. I may have some suggestions for them. They can pick the genre of music that they want. Whatever they want to do on the show to promote whatever it is they’re interested in, they’re allowed to do. I only caution them that we have to watch out for religion and government, topics like that. I don’t discourage them if they want to talk about politics, except that I ask them to present both sides of any issue.”

There are also jobs at the station for students who don’t have the urge to play disc jockey. Either way, Eckman said that hundreds of hours volunteering at a radio station looks pretty good on a college application.

“Some students do not want to get behind the microphone; we have a position called ‘technician’

The technical skills are part of it, but they also learn things like dependability and confidence. It’s amazing to watch the progression of a student from when they first come here and they go on air for the first time. They’re pretty nervous when they go on air the first time. It’s fun to watch them progress over the years. They’re usually quite surprised at the number of hours. You don’t realize how many hours you’re putting into something as you go along. When you get the final total, you could have hundreds of hours.”

Right now the station is undergoing an unofficial name change.

“We’re starting to refer to ourselves as ‘the Boat,’” Eckman said. “I guess if Lowell has been noted for anything at all, since the 1930s it’s been the Lowell Showboat. You’ve probably heard of local radio stations with nicknames like ‘the Brew,’ ‘the Bridge,’ ‘the River’ and everything, so we’re going to go with ‘the Boat.’”

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by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Two ties and a loss were the results for the Lowell girls varsity soccer team last week as they competed in both conference and non-conference action against the Bulldogs of Grandville, the Forest Hills Central Rangers and the Forest Hills Eastern Hawks.

Monday at Grandville the Red Arrows settled for a tie after a scoreless first half for both teams. Ending 2-2 Lowell battled back from a two goal deficit late in the game. Stellar soccer sisters Jaki and Khloe Hayes,

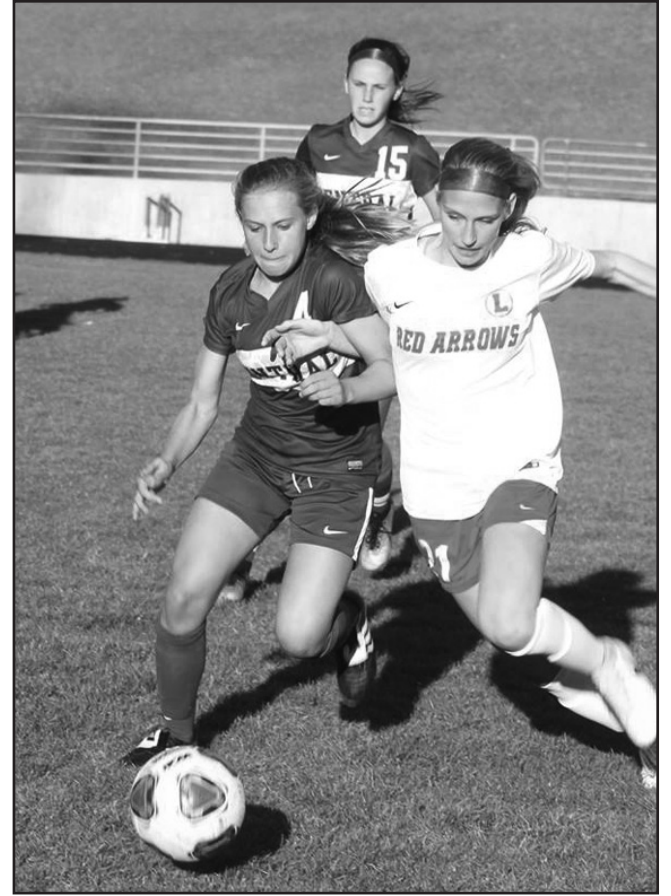
junior and sophomore respectively, earned the two goals. Assists were credited to juniors Regan Coxon and Isabel Remar.

Wednesday in their only home contest of the week the team faced the always difficult FHC who dealt the team two losses last year in the 7-3 season. Currently ranked as the number one team in the state, the Rangers dominated the game with a solid goal keeper and defense that kept the Arrows out of the net for a 2-0 loss, the Arrows' first shutout of the season.

Tying it up once again on Friday night, the Red Arrows took a 3-1 first half lead before watching it diminish into a 3-3 tie at the end of the second. Junior Amber Clouse led Arrow offense lighting up the scoreboard twice. Coxon scored a shot and was also credited with two assists. Senior co-captain Riley Conlan also logged an assist. The team, led by head coach Dan Lipon, now holds an overall season record of 5-1-4 and a conference record of 2-1-1.

Continuing their first

run through the OK White this week the girls met with the Ottawa Hills Bengals on Monday and will return to Red Arrow Memorial Stadium at Lowell High School on Wednesday to take on the Huskies of Forest Hills Northern who also slapped the Arrows with a loss last year. Game action will begin at 6:45 pm. The team will return to the road next Monday to battle another conference foe, the Northview Wildcats also at 6:45 pm.



Sophomore Khloe Hayes on the field in OK White action.

Both boys and girls take firsts in conference play, host invitational

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

In their first conference competitions of the season Lowell boys and girls varsity track teams swept OK White competitors Northview and Ottawa Hills taking dual first-place finishes. Hosting their annual Kathy Talus Memorial Invitational the boys finished second and the girls first.

Enduring wet conditions the boys team topped Northview 98-57 in

a strong performance that featured top finishes in a variety of events. First-place finishes were earned by individual runners senior Ken Stump in the 400 meter, senior Morrison Ismond in the 800 and 1600 meter and sophomore Benjamin Kinnucan in the 3200 meter. Relay teams earning top honors included senior Will Reynolds, sophomore Nigel Mika, Stump and sophomore Devin Dietz in the 1600

meter relay and the 3200 meter relay team of Mika, sophomore Caleb Swart, sophomore Brett Evink and Ismond. Reynolds also placed first in the 110 and 300 hurdles, while fielders senior Thad Swart and senior Caleb Devereaux claimed the top spot in the high jump and discus competition respectively.

Against Ottawa Hills the team earned a lopsided victory of 117-34. Repeating their success with first place were Stump in the 400 meter, Ismond in the 1600 meter, Reynolds on both hurdle events, Swart in high jump and Devereaux in the discus. Pole vaulter senior Casey French also took first place.

Relay teams trouncing Ottawa Hills were the 800 meter team of seniors Sam

Misak, Austin Pollock, French and Dietz, the 1600 meter team of Reynolds, Mika, Stump and Dietz and the 3200 meter team of Mika, C. Swart, Evink and Ismond.

On Saturday, the gents next participated in their own Kathy Talus Memorial Invitational welcoming nearly a dozen teams. Finishing the day in the second position behind former OK White rival Caledonia, the boys earned a cumulative 88 points to top Grandville (72) and Jenison (62). The Red Arrows claimed wins on three events at the meet, Reynolds in the 110 hurdles, Devereaux and senior Jacob Rau in the discus and the relay team of Misak, French, Pollock and Dietz.

Finishing second or third were Reynolds in the 300 hurdles, T. Swart and Reynolds in the high jump, Devereaux and junior Saige Saldivar in shot put and the 800 meter relay team of French, Misak, Pollock and Rau.

Also earning two first-place finishes, the ladies topped Northview 95-32 and Ottawa Hills 71-51. Taking first place over Northview included junior Diana Roth in the 100 and 200 meter, freshman Kaylee Diamond in the 400 meter, junior Lauren Aud in the 800 and 1600 meter, and junior Hailey Nieuwkoop in the 3200 meter.

Two relay teams also earned first place, the 1600 meter team of junior Grace Ostrander, sophomore Jada Millhisler, sophomore Ashley Boehr and freshman Theresa Judd; and the 3200 meter team of Aud, senior Katrina Droski, freshman Alexis Haines and Millhisler. Winning in hurdle competition were Judd in the 110 and Boehr in the 300. Senior Alexis Cook claimed first in shot put, freshman Tressa Huizinga in the high jump and senior Amber Brown on the pole vault.

Winning top spots against Ottawa Hills were Roth once again on the 100 and 200 meter, Aud in the 800 meter, Boehr in the 300 hurdles, Cook in the shot

put, Huizinga in the high jump, Brown on the pole vault and Diamond in the long jump, as well as the 1600 and 3200 meter relay teams.

Saturday the girls took first place with a 104 point finish at their Kathy Talus invitational, created to honor a former Lowell track coach. The ladies topped Grandville (98), Caledonia (80) and Jenison (73). The team collected three first-place finishes from sophomore Julia Pytlik and Diamond in the high jump and long jump and sophomore Mya Kaywood, sophomore Kyra Snyder, freshman Madison Brown and Roth in the 800 meter relay.

Collecting top three finishes were Roth in the 100 meter, Boehr in the 300 hurdles, Brown and Lizzie Kuhns in pole vault, Cook and Brown in shot put, and the 3200 relay team of Droski, Millhisler, junior Marlie Fowler and Haines.

This week the track and field teams will travel to Northview to participate in a league quad featuring both Forest Hills Northern and Forest Hills Central. They will also travel over the weekend to participate in the Hopkins Invitational on Saturday starting at 9 am. The conference finals are scheduled for May 11 at Houseman Field in Grand Rapids.



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- BASEBALL

SPORTS

Red Arrow sluggers go 4-3 in busy week on diamond

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

In an extremely busy week on the diamond the Red Arrow varsity baseball team went 4-3 last week picking up a pair of wins over former OK White foe Caledonia, tallying two losses to Traverse City West, logging a win and a loss over Covenant Christian and a single win versus Coopersville.

Dominating the home plate against the Scots of Caledonia in a doubleheader

the Arrows batted their way to 7-1 and 7-5 victories. In game one the Scots put up a run in the first with the Arrows answering in the second. A sacrificial fly from junior Jordan Dent was utilized to get a man across the plate. The Arrows went on to add another run in the fourth and five runs in the fifth by RBIs from senior Channing Perry, junior Jackson Helder, senior Josh Hackstedt and junior Gavin Hoffman.

Helder and Dent were the game's leading sluggers, each collecting two hits for the team. Hackstedt took home the pitching after allowing just one run over four innings and sitting down four batters. Fellow senior Travis Cornell came in as relief logging the final nine outs of the game.

Caledonia came on stronger in game two, but the Arrows managed to hold on to their lead for a 7-5 win after seeing it dwindle during a seventh inning comeback attempt. Red Arrow sophomore Logan Staley pitched slightly more than three innings allowing just one hit and striking out five. The double threat was also an offensive leader adding three of Lowell's 13 hits. Pitching in relief were juniors Kyle Bibbler and Nick Weston and senior Connor Douma who recorded the game's final three outs. Hackstedt, senior Brady Douma and Hoffman also had multiple hits in the game.

Hosting TCW on Wednesday for a doubleheader, the team reached the opposite result falling in both contests. Game one of the series

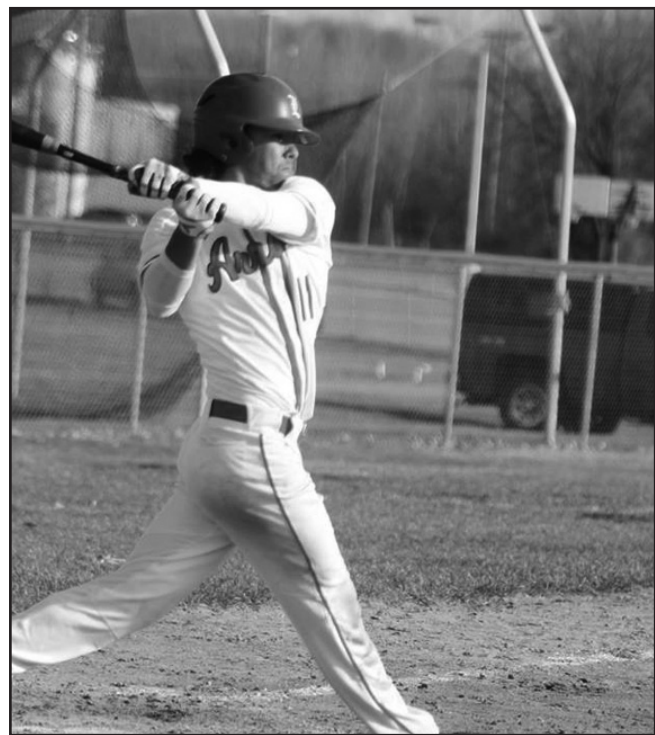
required an extra inning after a late rally from TCW ended in 4-4. The Arrows were unable to put a run across the plate after TCW scored two at the top of the inning resulting in a 6-4 loss. Lowell hits were earned by senior Austin Whaley and Dent who both put bat to ball twice. Cornell and Pratt combined for the loss on the hill.

Losing further ground, in the second game the Arrows only managed one run despite multiple hits leading to an 11-1 loss. Making some plate movement were Hoffman, Helder and C. Douma. Helder served on the mound taking the loss despite striking out eight batters.

Thursday on the road at Covenant Christian, the Arrows dominated the first game winning 12-2 after a seven-run second inning earned them the lead. Totaling 17 hits, the plates saw action from C. Douma, Dent, Whaley, Staley, sophomore Cade Solomonson, Hackstedt, junior Nick Struckmeyer and Hoffman who was the day's leading batter going 3/4. Dent and Bibbler split innings at pitcher in the win. Lowell's hits were cut to



Red Arrow senior Garrett Pratt winds up for the swing.



Senior slugger Connor Douma takes a swing during home competition.

more than half in game two where they lost 7-6. Their eight hits were attributed to Helder, Cornell, Whaley and C. Douma. Weston and B. Douma took the pitching loss.

Wrapping up at home on Friday against Coopersville

the Arrows staved off a sixth inning run to maintain the lead and clinch a 6-5 win. B. Douma led going 3/3 at the plate. Hackstedt held down the rubber for five plus innings, allowing five hits and five runs, while sitting down nine.

Sports Summaries

BOYS GOLF

Red Arrow varsity golfers hit the links twice last week in OK White action placing fifth in both contests with matching combined card totals of 188. Monday at Watermark Country Club Forest Hills Central High School hosted the second jamboree of the season. Lowell junior Tyler Kapcia earned the best score for the team tallying a 41. Sophomore Noah Barnhart and freshman Drew Davidson followed with identical 48 stroke finishes and freshman Brad VandenHout rounded out the top four with a 51. At Egypt Valley Golf Course on Wednesday, Arrows John Russell led with a 44. Kapcia (45), Davidson (48) and Barnhart (51) claimed the other top spots at the contest hosted by Forest Hills Northern. This week the team travelled to Caledonia for non-league play, then hosted the third of seven conference events on Wednesday at Deer Run Golf Course.

GIRLS TENNIS

Breaking even in conference play, the Lowell girls varsity tennis team picked up a 5-3 win and then fell one day later by the same margin. Monday taking on the Red Hawks of Cedar Springs, the team picked up their second conference win this season with success at first singles, third singles, first doubles, second doubles and third doubles. A lengthy three set match was eventually claimed by sophomore Red Arrow Mary Jo Buechler. Hosting the Wildcats of Wayland on Tuesday, Lowell picked up wins at fourth doubles, first singles and third singles ending in a 5-3 loss. Winning 2-1 in the OK White and 4-2-1 overall, the Arrows took on Forest Hills on Monday. Thursday they will compete against Central on the road at 4:15 pm.

BOWLING

Two talented senior bowlers were honored for their performances in Division II athletics at a season-ending awards banquet hosted by the Michigan High School Interscholastic Bowling Coaches Association. Lady Arrow anchor Laura Lachowski and the boys' anchor bowler Carson Clark were both named to the All-State academic team. Additionally, Clark earned third in the All-State First Team and was one of just six seniors in the state named to the "Bowling Dream Team," selected based on cumulative achievements throughout four years of high school bowling.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Traveling three times for competition last week, the Red Arrow girls varsity lacrosse team went 2-1, including a 13-0 shutout. Monday in conference action Spring Lake took a quick lead over Lowell going up 6-0 by the end of the first then adding four in the second. The Lady Arrows only produced two goals for a 10-2 loss. Wednesday against non-conference foe Hudsonville they added an 11-7 win over the Eagles with dual goals from freshman Olivia Rose and sophomore Jen Cooper and a hat trick from senior Nikki Paulus. Lastly, in Vicksburg on Saturday morning Lowell shut down the opponents' offense allowing no goals while adding 13 of their own. The 13-0 victory moves the team to a winning overall season record of 6-3 and a losing conference record of 0-3. The team will jump back into league action against Grand Haven and Grand Rapids Christian this week.

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Girls drop record 10-2 with two losses, pick up 9-1 win at tourney

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Tallying their first losses of the season in non-conference action last Wednesday against Hudsonville High School before taking part in the Gull Lake Invitational the Lowell varsity softball team

dropped their season record 10-2.

Lowell's 6-2 and 12-2 losses against Hudsonville were compiled by a lack of action at the plate and an over average amount of defensive errors that their opponent was able to capitalize on. Senior slugger

Megan Summerfield had the day's best performance picking up two hits in game two.

Fairing better in tournament action on Saturday at Bailey Park the Arrows picked up a 9-1 win over their host. Senior Miah Ransom and junior Maddie Jordan blasted out two home runs apiece. Junior

Emily Depew sat down 12 batters from the mound.

This week the ladies, who still hold an undefeated 6-0 record in the OK White, will compete only once hosting Byron Center in more non-conference action on Thursday. The game will be held at Cherry Creek Elementary on Foreman Street in Lowell and will begin at 4:30 pm.



Sophomore Mackenzie Jordan ready to defend first base.

NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 2018-01

Notice is hereby given that amendments to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance regarding *lot area* were adopted at a regular meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on April 16, 2018 and are summarized as follows:

Chapter 2 Definitions: section 201.202 Lot Area: may now include that part of the lot within public right-of-way or private road easement for minimum area and size of newly created parcels.

The complete text of Ordinance 2018-01 is on file at the township office, located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, and on the township website at www.vergennestwp.org.

This ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after publication.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 2018-02

Notice is hereby given that amendments to the Vergennes Township Alcohol Ordinance were adopted at a regular meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on April 16, 2018 and summarized as follows:

The amendments reflect changes to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission license requirements. The ordinance removed the application for *transfer of licenses* and added the application for *new on premise licenses* for Township Board approval. The State definition of "alcoholic liquor" was added, financial records requirement of the applicant was removed, and other clarification of wording was added.

The complete text of Ordinance 2018-02 is on file at the township office, located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, and on the township website at www.vergennestwp.org.

This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after publication.

LHS wrestling team visits capital



Senator Dave Hildenbrand (R-Lowell) and Representative Thomas Albert (R-Lowell) welcomed the 2017-18 Lowell RedArrow wrestling team to the State Capitol in Lansing, along with coach R.J. Boudro. The team was recognized in both the Michigan Senate and House of Representatives for their outstanding season, claiming their fifth consecutive Division II State Championship.

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LOWELL SHOWBOAT GARDEN CLUB - will be holding their meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Englehardt Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell at 6:30 pm.

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

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

NEEDLERS - Meet the second & fourth Wednesday of the month from 5 to 8 pm at Englehardt Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE - third Monday at 7:30 p.m. for business meeting.

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

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.

VERGENNES CLUB MEETS - at 1 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month March thru Nov. Meeting at Schneider Manor Community Room. Program & refreshments. Guests welcome.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY TOPS MI #372 - every Tuesday, weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m. in the activity room at Schneider Manor, 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 - Open Radio Room Thursdays, 7 pm at Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 Fulton St. E. General meeting 3rd Thursday. www.w8lrc.org 145.27 MHz.

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TAURUS


(April 20-May 20):



These days you have an enhanced ability to arouse the appreciation and generosity of your allies, friends and loved ones. The magnetic influence you're emanating could even start to evoke the interest and inquiries of mere acquaintances and random strangers. Be discerning about how you wield that potent stuff! On the other hand, don't be shy about using it to attract all the benefits it can bring you. It's OK to be a bit greedier for goodies than usual as long as you're also a bit more compassionate than usual.

GEMINI


(May 21-June 20):



I bet that a healing influence will arrive from an unexpected direction and begin to work its subtle but intense magic before anyone realizes what's happening. I predict that the bridge you're building will lead to a place that's less flashy but more useful than you imagined. And I'm guessing that although you may initially feel jumbled by unforeseen outcomes, those outcomes will ultimately be redemptive. Hooray for lucky flukes and weird switcheroos!


CANCER

(June 21-July 22):



Born under the astrological sign of Cancer, Franz Kafka is regarded as one of the twentieth century's major literary talents. Alas, he made little money from his writing. Among the day jobs he did to earn a living were stints as a bureaucrat at insurance companies. His superiors there praised his efforts. "Superb administrative talent," they said about him. Let's use this as a take-off point to meditate on your destiny, Cancerian. Are you good at skills you're not passionate about? Are you admired and acknowledged for having qualities that aren't of central importance to you? If so, the coming weeks and months will be a favorable time to explore this apparent discrepancy. I believe you will have the power to get closer to doing more of what you love to do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

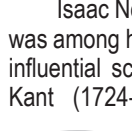


If you really wanted to, you could probably break the world's record for most words typed per minute with the nose (103 characters in 47 seconds). I bet you could also shatter a host of other marks, as well, like eating the most hot chiles in two minutes or weaving the

biggest garland using defunct iPhones, or dancing the longest on a tabletop while listening to a continuous loop of Nirvana's song "Smells Like Teen Spirit." But I hope you won't waste your soaring capacity for excellence on meaningless stunts like those. I'd rather see you break your own personal records for accomplishments like effective communications, high-quality community-building and smart career moves.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

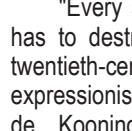


Isaac Newton (1643-1727) was among history's three most influential scientists. Immanuel Kant (1724-1804) has been described as the central figure in modern philosophy. Henry James (1843-1916) is regarded as one of the greatest novelists in English literature. John Ruskin (1819-1900) was a prominent art critic and social thinker. What did these four men have in common? They never had relationships with anyone. They were virgins when they died. I view this fact with alarm. What does it mean that Western culture is so influenced by the ideas of men who lacked this fundamental initiation? With that as our context, I make this assertion: If you hope to make good decisions in the coming

weeks, you must draw on the wisdom you have gained from entwined with other humans.

LIBRA

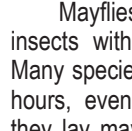
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):



"Every so often, a painter has to destroy painting," said twentieth-century abstract expressionist painter Willem de Kooning. "Cézanne did it. Picasso did it with Cubism. Then Pollock did it. He busted our idea of a picture all to hell." In de Kooning's view, these "destructive" artists performed a noble service. They demolished entrenched ideas about the nature of painting, thus liberating their colleagues and descendants from stale constraints. Judging from the current astrological omens, Libra, I surmise the near future will be a good time for you to wreak creative destruction in your own field or sphere. What progress and breakthroughs might be possible when you dismantle comfortable limitations?

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):



Mayflies are aquatic insects with short life spans. Many species live less than 24 hours, even though the eggs they lay may take three years to hatch. I suspect this may be somewhat of an apt metaphor for your future, Scorpio. A transitory or short-duration experience could leave a legacy that will ripen for a long time before it hatches. But that's where the metaphor breaks down. When your legacy has fully ripened -- when it becomes available as a living presence -- I bet it will last a long time.

SAGITTARIUS


(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):



When a critic at Rolling Stone magazine reviewed the Beatles' Abbey Road in 1969, he said some of the songs were "so heavily overproduced that they are hard to listen to." He added, "Surely they must have enough talent and intelligence to do better than this." Years later, however, Rolling Stone altered its opinion, naming Abbey Road the fourteenth best album of all time. I suspect, Sagittarius, that you're in a phase with metaphorical resemblances to the earlier assessment. But I'm reasonably sure that this will ultimately evolve into being more like the later valuation -- and it won't take years.

CAPRICORN


(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):



According to my analysis of the astrological omens, love should be in full bloom. You should be awash in worthy influences that animate your beautiful passion. So how about it? Are you swooning and twirling and uncoiling? Are you overflowing with a lush longing to celebrate the miracle of being alive? If your answer is yes, congratulations. May your natural intoxication levels continue to rise. But if my description doesn't match your current experience, you may be out of sync with cosmic rhythms. And if that's the case, please take emergency measures. Escape to a sanctuary where you can shed your worries and inhibitions and maybe even your clothes. Get drunk on undulating music as you dance yourself into a dreamy love revelry.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):




"Life never gives you anything that's all bad or all good." So proclaimed the smartest Aquarian six-year-old girl I know as we kicked a big orange ball

around a playground. I agreed with her! "Twenty years from now," I told her, "I'm going to remind you that you told me this heartfelt truth." I didn't tell her the corollary that I'd add to her axiom, but I'll share it with you: If anything or anyone seems to be all bad or all good, you're probably not seeing the big picture. There are exceptions, however! For example, I bet you will soon experience or are already experiencing a graceful stroke of fate that's very close to being all good.

PISCES


(Feb. 19-March 20):



"Enodation" is an old, nearly obsolete English word that refers to the act of untying a knot or solving a knotty problem. "Enodous" means "free of knots." Let's make these your celebratory words of power for the month of May, Pisces. Speak them out loud every now and then. Invoke them as holy chants and potent prayers leading you to discover the precise magic that will untangle the kinks and snarls you most need to untangle.

ARIES

(March 21-April 19):



I hate rampant consumerism almost as much as I hate hatred, so I don't offer the following advice lightly: Buy an experience that could help liberate you from the suffering you've had trouble outgrowing. Or buy a toy that can thaw the frozen joy that's trapped within your out-of-date sadness. Or buy a connection that might inspire you to express a desire you need help in expressing. Or buy an influence that will motivate you to shed a belief or theory that has been cramping your lust for life. Or all of the above! (And if buying these things isn't possible, consider renting.)

NEWS OF THE

weird

Irony

At Pennsylvania State University, the Outing Club, founded in 1920, provided students with outdoor recreational opportunities such as hiking and camping. But no more. Penn State has announced that after this semester, the university will no longer allow the club to organize student-led trips because it is too dangerous out in the wilderness, according to the offices of Student Affairs and Risk Management. Two other outdoorsy clubs, the Nittany Grotto Caving Club and the Nittany Divers Scuba Club, have also been restricted from club activities outdoors. Michael Lacey, president of the Caving Club, told the Centre Daily Times: "Penn State's just been clamping down really hard on the nature of activities" since the Jerry Sandusky scandal. University spokesperson Lisa Powers said Penn State will offer school-sponsored outdoor trips, but students noted the cost will be much higher.

Unclear on the Concept

In a perhaps unintentional bid for the worst criminal disguise of 2018, Kerry Hammond Jr., 22, broke into a GameStop store in St. Marys, Georgia, at 1:19 am on April 13, where he was captured on camera wearing a clear plastic wrapper (of the sort that holds bundles of bottled water) over his head. Even with the plastic "mask," WJXT reported, Hammond's face is clearly visible in surveillance video and St. Marys police quickly identified him and captured him on April 17. Hammond already had two active felony warrants for his arrest for burglary and second-degree criminal damage to property.

Techno-Weird

In Tokyo, women who have qualms about living alone may soon have a new security option. "Man on the Curtain" is a prototype smartphone app that connects to a projector and throws a moving shadow of a man onto a closed window curtain. The shadow man can be doing any of several different activities, such

as boxing, karate, vacuuming, playing guitar or getting dressed. Keiichi Nakamura, advertising manager of Leopalace21 Corp., an apartment management company where the idea originated, told Reuters that eventually his company would like to "commercialize it once we add variety, such as releasing a new video every day."

Bright Ideas

Resorting to a low-tech, but possibly offensive strategy, Largo, Florida detectives visited a dead man at Sylvan Abbey Funeral Home in Clearwater and attempted to use his finger to unlock his smartphone. Linus F. Phillip, 30, was shot and killed by Largo police March 23 after he tried to drive away from an officer wanting to search him. As part of their investigation, police said they needed to access and preserve data on Phillip's phone. Legal experts generally agreed the detectives had not broken any laws, but Phillip's girlfriend, Victoria Armstrong, 28, was less forgiving: "Nobody even calling us ... to let us know detectives were coming there at all is very disturbing," she told the Tampa Bay Times. "I'm very skeptical of all funeral homes now."

United Press International reports that in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, the mayor has employed a clever way to keep his finger on the pulse of the city. When he goes out, he wears a fake beard so he'll blend in and not be recognized as the capital city's leader. Mayor Albek Ibraimov told Fergana, a Russian news agency: "I dress in old clothes... take off my tie and I go and look and see how things actually are."

Entrepreneurial Spirit

Over the last two years, Cameron County employee Gilberto Escamilla, 53, of Brownsville, Texas, has been accepting shipments of fajitas worth a total of \$1.2 million at the Darrell B. Hester Juvenile Detention Center in Brownsville. The only trouble is, the inmates there aren't served fajitas. Escamilla had been ordering

the meat from Labatt Food Service in Harlingen and intercepting it to resell. "It started small and got bigger and out of control," Escamilla told the court, according to The Brownsville Herald. On April 20, he was sentenced to 50 years in prison after pleading guilty to theft by a public servant.

Bad Attitude

Timothy Hill, 67, of Grassington, North Yorkshire, England, having installed a laser jammer in his Range Rover, thought he was outsmarting law enforcement speed cameras. In fact, he was so sure of his scheme that he repeatedly raised his middle finger to the cameras, sometimes casually, sometimes aggressively, as he passed. What he didn't realize was that the laser jammer, rather than hiding his identity, was only blocking police from determining his speed, so when they tracked him down, he was charged not with speeding, but with perverting the course of justice. "If you want to attract our attention, repeatedly gesturing at police camera vans with your middle finger while you're driving a distinctive car fitted with a laser jammer is an excellent way to do it," Traffic Constable Andrew Forth told Metro News. Hill pleaded guilty on April 23 and was sentenced to eight months in jail and prohibited from driving for a year.

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- 9. Gumbo pod
- 13. Santa Maria companion
- 14. *Ovine mom
- 15. "He's ___ nowhere man," Beatles
- 16. SAG member
- 17. *Sean Lennon's mom
- 18. Bottled up
- 19. *TV's "Blackish" mom
- 21. *President who designated official Mother's Day
- 23. Thou, today
- 24. ___ of Man
- 25. *Rebecca Pearson's and Clair Huxtable's network
- 28. CISC alternative
- 30. Kismet-related
- 35. Winglike
- 37. Audience's rejection
- 39. Dinero
- 40. Yorkshire river
- 41. Tree in Roman Republic
- 43. Seating section
- 44. Poet's concern
- 46. "Better Sound Through Research" company
- 47. Foul substance
- 48. Angry
- 50. Pharaohs' cobras
- 52. German river
- 53. "___ in Show"
- 55. Wade's opponent
- 57. *Carrie Fisher's mom
- 60. *Gifted arrangement
- 64. Shelf material
- 65. Mate
- 67. Supercharger
- 68. Artist's model
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- 70. Was dressed in
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- 72. Mentally quick
- 73. Like a backpack

DOWN

- 1. Practice in the ring
- 2. Flexible mineral
- 3. Opposed to
- 4. Expressionless
- 5. Harbour, alt. sp.
- 6. Feline line
- 7. Have title to

- 8. #6 Down, pl.
- 9. Loads from lodes
- 10. Lotto variant
- 11. Kind of delay
- 12. Belgian brew
- 15. Radiant
- 20. Hair-raising board game
- 22. Kind of person
- 24. Watercraft with skis
- 25. *Ashley and Wynonna's mom
- 26. Gloomier
- 27. Social class
- 29. Balkan native
- 31. Campus military org.
- 32. Wavelike patterned silk
- 33. Part of small intestine
- 34. *Sent en masse
- 36. Snorkeling site
- 38. *#19 Across' real-life mom

- 42. Reproduction, for short
- 45. Waterproof material
- 49. Luau souvenir
- 51. Compass point, pl.
- 54. Photo tint
- 56. Peer
- 57. Lateen-rigged sailing vessel
- 58. Dexterity
- 59. Had been phlebotomized
- 60. To dry ink, in the olden days
- 61. Pakistani language
- 62. Deep black
- 63. Chinese immigrant association
- 64. *Treat mom to this type of relaxing day
- 66. European peak

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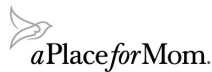
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Bob Rogers joined the FROM Board of Directors in January 2017, but says "knowing now what all FROM has to offer and how many lives they touch, I really wish I would have started to volunteer there years ago!"

When Bob thinks about the role of FROM, he says, "I can only imagine what this community would look like and how the people would feel if we didn't have FROM. The FROM founders had a vision, but I'm guessing not even they could imagine it would one day be as big as what it is now. So to try and imagine where FROM will be in twenty more years is exciting!"



"FROM has made a huge difference in our community and continues to make a difference by improving programs and impacting lives and this will continue until there is no longer a need in our community. Perhaps that day will come, but until then, FROM is there to fill in the gaps."

When asked how being a part of FROM has changed his life, Bob said, "it seems as if I try to work FROM into every conversation I have with my friends and family. I want everyone to know the great work the staff does, how essential and abundant the volunteers are, and what the current needs are for volunteers. Most importantly I want them to know about Treasures Thrift Shop and how the proceeds stay in the Lowell community and that the proceeds fund FROM programs. It's a fundraiser within the building!"