

Astronaut Roger B. Chaffee honored & memorialized by Lowell resident

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell resident David Thompson was the chairman of a group responsible for placing a seven foot tall bronze statue of astronaut Roger B. Chaffee in front of the Grand Rapids Children's Museum.

A special unveiling ceremony took place at the corner of Fulton and Sheldon in Grand Rapids on Saturday, May 19. There was a large crowd despite the chill and drizzle. The ceremony included speeches from Thompson, Chaffee's widow Martha Horn Chaffee, Skylab 3 and Space Shuttle astronaut Jack Lousma and performances by the US Navy Sea Chanters. The city of Grand Rapids declared it "Roger B. Chaffee Day" and a proclamation to that effect was read aloud by Lowell High School senior Jon Berklich.

Retired US Navy commander Dave Thompson of Lowell was the event's chairman and led the statue project with Dan Pfeiffer and Bud Vierson of the Michigan Military Preservation Society and the Lowell American Legion Post # 152. Thompson was a classmate of Chaffee at Central High School.

"Roger was a classmate, a teammate, a good friend and a great, great guy," Thompson said. "After we went to college and

graduated, we both ended up flying in the Navy. He flew a lot farther than I did, obviously!"

Thompson said the Michigan Military Preservation Society had about 50 members at its peak but there are currently only a handful.

"We had some money in the bank and we decided we ought to do something worthwhile with it," Thompson said. "We talked about it until I said, 'Wouldn't it be cool to have a statue of Roger?' So the idea was born. It has taken almost two years to get everything together. It has been a very, very rewarding process in many respects and today is the culmination."

Sculptor J. Brett Grill, a Grand Rapids native, also designed the statue of Gerald R. Ford outside of the Ford Presidential Museum and the statue of Jay Van Andel in front of the Van Andel Arena.

"The statue is incredible, absolutely incredible," Thompson said.

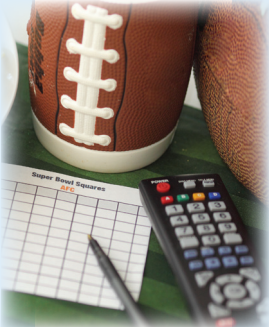
Roger's widow Martha Horn Chaffee could be seen wiping away tears at various times throughout the event.

"From my heart, thank you," Chaffee said. "You don't know what this means to me and my family. [For] 51 years Roger has been remembered and now

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Update on Showboat progress is covered before regular city council meeting

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell city council had two meetings Monday evening. First they had a meeting with the Lowell Showboat Committee to update the council about that group's progress. After that, the regular city council meeting was held.

The Lowell Showboat Committee update meeting started at 5:30 and lasted just over an hour. The council looked at drawings of the new structure, discussed the project's financial situation and decided on the "American Classic" interior design scheme. It was also revealed that the new showboat will be a

completely new structure and will not reuse any parts of the current boat. Adam Erber from Sen. Dave Hildenbrand's office made a surprise visit to the meeting to say that a time extension is available for the \$1 million grant, which came with a one year "use it or lose it" deadline.

The regular city council meeting got underway at 7 pm. The first order of business was supposed to be the swift passage of a new agreement with Cascade Inspection Services, but the vote was 2-2. Councilors Greg Canfield and Marty Chambers voted not to approve the agreement,

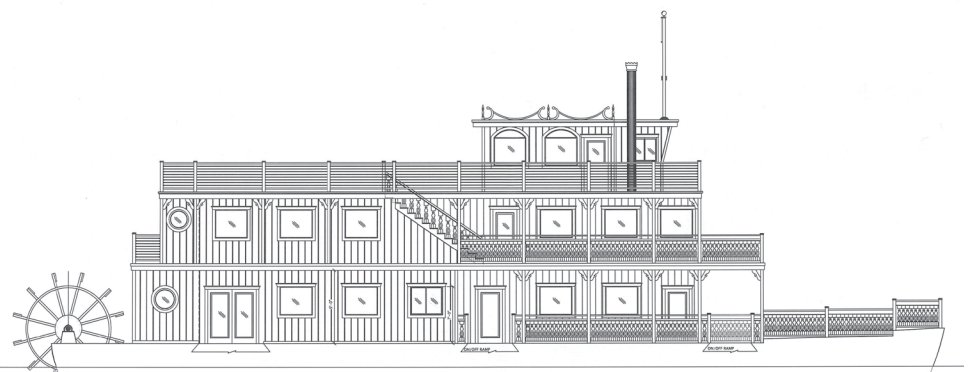
councilors Michael DeVore and Jim Salzwedel voted in favor of it. Jeff Phillips was absent.

"At the April 16, 2018 committee of the whole meeting, I was directed by the city council to prepare

an agreement with Cascade Township to continue our relationship regarding building inspection services," said city manager Michael Burns. "I am presenting this agreement for approval. The terms

of the agreement remain. Cascade will continue to provide inspection services for building, plumbing, mechanical and electrical inspections for the city

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Blueprints for the new Lowell Showboat.

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Supreme Court agrees, okays sports betting in NJ

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Last week the US Supreme Court ruled 6-3 to strike down a 1992 federal law that prohibited most states from authorizing sports betting. This act paves the way for legalized sports gambling across the country.

The court said the law violated constitutional principles because it unconstitutionally forced states to prohibit sports betting.

“The legalization of sports gambling requires an important policy choice, but the choice is not ours to make,” Justice Samuel Alito wrote in the opinion. “Congress can regulate sports gambling directly, but if it elects not to do so, each state is free to act on its own.”

Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sonia Sotomayor and Stephen Breyer dissented, saying it would have been smarter to fix the law rather than scrapping it entirely.

The stock price for Caesar’s Entertainment rose six percent immediately after the ruling was announced.

Draft Kings also said it would now enter the sports betting market.

The NCAA, NFL and NBA were in favor of the 1992 federal prohibition. The NCAA’s chief legal officer Donald Remy said in a press release that the organization is still reviewing how the court’s decision will affect college sports.

“[The NCAA] will adjust sports wagering and championship policies to align with the direction from the court,” Remy said.

Major League Baseball also released a statement about the ruling.

“Our most important priority is protecting the integrity of our games,” the MLB’s statement said. “We will continue to support legislation that creates air-tight coordination and partnerships between the state, the casino operators and the governing bodies in sports toward that goal.”

Ted Leonsis, owner of the Washington Wizards, the Washington Mystics and the Washington Capitals, said the court’s decision was a good one.

“It brings a multibillion dollar industry out of the shadows and into the sunlight, where its integrity can be guaranteed and consumers can be better protected,” Leonsis wrote in a blog post. “I think that the increased transparency that will accompany more legalized betting around the country will only further protect against potential corruption.”

It all started back in 2011 when New Jersey voters approved a measure that would have legalized sports betting in their state. The new law was immediately challenged by professional sports leagues and the NCAA, who pointed to the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act of 1992. That law made it illegal for a state to “sponsor, operate, advertise, promote, license or authorize by law” any type of sports wagering. Four states, Nevada, Montana, Delaware, and Oregon, were exempt from this law because they had already enacted state sports lotteries. New Jersey then tried to pass a new law

in 2014 that repealed the provisions of its prohibitions on sports wagering that applied to racetracks and casinos. Again, the courts ruled against the state, prompting then-Gov. Chris Christie to take the case to the US Supreme Court.

Current New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy was pleased with the court’s decision.

“I am thrilled to see the Supreme Court finally side with New Jersey and strike down the arbitrary ban on sports betting imposed by Congress decades ago,” Murphy said. “Today’s ruling will finally allow for authorized facilities in New Jersey to take the same bets that are legal in other states in our country.”

“A great day for the rights of states and their people to make their own decisions,” former Gov. Christie said on Twitter. “New Jersey citizens wanted sports gambling and the federal gov’t had no right to tell them no. The Supreme Court agrees with us today. I am proud to have fought for the rights of the people of NJ.”

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of Lowell. Cascade will continue to remit 20 percent of all fees collected by Cascade for inspections performed in the city. The city will be responsible for all code enforcement issues [like] we are currently.”

“I don’t feel that we have really done our homework on this yet, that we have interviewed other candidates,” Canfield said. “I mentioned a couple that I thought we should contact.”

Canfield said that Cascade pointlessly requires

expensive permits for simple work such as drywall replacement.

“I just don’t understand why to hang two \$6 sheets of drywall you need a \$100 building permit,” Canfield said. “I would encourage us to contact some other firms and hear presentations.”

After further discussion, the council voted 3-1 to direct Burns to contact Professional Code Inspections, Imperial Municipal Services and “a third firm of his choice” to

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Brian Wilson from Cascade Inspection Services said that permits are required for drywall because quite often people do electrical and other work when they’re only supposed to be replacing drywall.



along main street

SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are being accepted for the Donald G. Gerard M.D. Honorary Medical School scholarships which are sponsored by Pink Arrow Pride. To be eligible one must be a graduate of Lowell High School and have been accepted or enrolled in a qualified medical school which confers an M.D. or DO degree. The deadline for applications is June 1, 2018. For information call Victoria Pratt, Lowell High School counselor’s office, 987-2913.

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Sources: Crain's Detroit Business 5/11/18, The Detroit News 5/10/18

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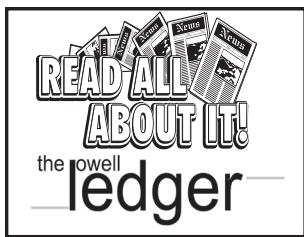
Interior designer Shannon Parnofiello offered the council three style choices for inside the new Lowell Showboat. They picked "American Classic."

determine if any of them are able to offer a cheaper, more reasonable alternative. The current agreement with Cascade Township expires July 1.

In other business, the council unanimously passed the city's 2018-2019 budget, voted to increase the fee for a zoning board of appeals hearing from \$500 to \$1,000 and voted to participate in the "Redevelopment Ready Communities" program. The city is required to participate in this program in order to remain eligible for financial assistance from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, a public-

private partnership agency that promotes tourism.

Lowell city council's next regular meeting will be at city hall at 7 pm on Monday, June 4. They will meet with the public for informal discussions at a 'Coffee with the Council' at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce building on the Riverwalk from 8 am until 10 am on Saturday, June 2.



City councilor Greg Canfield asked the council to consider using an inspector other than Cascade Township.

April police stats

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The Lowell Police Department made 13 arrests during the month of April, down from 36 in March. The arrests included two drug law violations, one for drunk driving, three for driving with a suspended license, six for outstanding warrants and one that is described in the police department's statistics as "other arrests." That adds up to a total of 111 arrests in Lowell during the first four months of the year.

Lowell police also responded to plenty of misdemeanors during April. There were eight larceny calls, four disorderly conduct calls, two dog/animal complaints, one malicious destruction call and eight assaults. Lowell police issued 40 citations and notified six residents about ordinance violations. They were called to assist 92 times and were dispatched to four accidents. Out of 155 traffic stops in April, they let 133 drivers go with a warning.

Memorial Day parade

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

To most people, Memorial Day just means a fun three-day weekend, the Indy 500 and the unofficial start of summer vacation, but here in the Ledger it's actually a solemn occasion when we pay tribute to members of the United States military who have died over the past year. Lowell will have a Memorial Day parade down the middle of Main St. on Monday, May 28, culminating in a special ceremony at Oakwood Cemetery.

"All veterans are invited to march in the parade," said Herm Westrate of the Lowell VFW. "Formation time is at 9 o'clock, step off time is at 10 o'clock. There will be groups like the Lowell area color guard, the high school and middle school bands, Lowell Boy Scouts, Lowell Girl Scouts and the 4-H youth fair court."

The first Memorial Day was celebrated in 1868, a couple years after the end of the Civil War. Southern women decorated the graves of fallen soldiers, some beginning as early as 1862. The holiday was called "Decoration Day" in some areas of the country until the name was officially changed by the Federal government in 1968. In 1871 Michigan was the first northern state to make it an official state holiday. Historically, Memorial Day has been celebrated by having parades, decorating veterans' graves with US flags, putting on concerts of patriotic music and wearing a silk poppy to symbolize the flowers that grew on soldiers' graves in Belgium during WWI. Another interesting Memorial Day tradition is lowering the flag to half-staff but only until noon, to symbolize that the living will go on and continue to fight.

One beloved Lowell veteran is among those who have died since last Memorial Day.

"In the past there have



Herm Westrate points out bullet holes on a forklift in Cam Ranh Bay, South Vietnam, in March 1968.

been four Westrates in the parade," Westrate said. "This will be the first year that there will only be three. My dad, his name is also Herm Westrate. He passed away on April 1, Easter Sunday. He was 94. Ironically, April 1, 1945, was the start of the Battle of Okinawa. At the time, he was a tanker on a troop transport heading to Okinawa."

Westrate was in the army during the Vietnam War.

"I was only a heavy equipment mechanic, but after the Tet Offensive [in 1968] I had an obligation to go on patrols with my M-14 assault rifle a few times," Westrate said.

The parade in Lowell will start at the fairgrounds

at 10 am on Memorial Day. The parade will travel along Main St, then it will turn onto Monroe and end with a special ceremony at Oakwood Cemetery, 325 Fremont.

"It's important to recognize the service of all veterans who have passed away," Westrate said.

For more information, call VFW post commander Herm Weststrate at 616-897-9479.



Herm Westrate on patrol in Cam Ranh Bay, South Vietnam, with his M-14 rifle in April 1968.

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N. Broadway construction curtails access to businesses



A major street construction project on N. Broadway has curtailed access to Larkin's, the post office and the Ledger office. At a cost of \$90,000 paid by the Downtown Development Authority, crews are resurfacing N. Broadway between Main St. and Riverside Dr., adjusting utility structures, replacing curbs and adding sidewalk ramps. Both water valve box and sewer structure adjustments were completed in advance of the road resurfacing and were paid for separately with funds from the city's water distribution and sewer collection accounts. The construction is scheduled to last for one or two more weeks.

Annual perennial plant sale this weekend

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The 16th annual perennial plant fundraiser to benefit clubs and groups at Lowell Area Schools will take place next weekend. Hundreds of plants will be on sale at prices ranging from \$.50 to \$3.

The plants were donated by local residents and businesses, as well as the city of Lowell.

I prefer encouraging students to earn and not accept handouts. The groups are responsible for all work starting one week out and through the entire sale over Memorial Day weekend."

Over the years, the event has raised about \$35,000 for Lowell school groups.

"The \$249 proceeds the first year bought a den of Cub Scouts their hats, belt

and they were an amazing fit for the event. I support any school group that I have seen out there hustling for their organization."

Waid said that although she is in charge of a plant sale every year, she isn't a very avid gardener.

"The first year I did the sale I did not know what a hosta was," Waid said. "In general I kill plants but what survives in my yard are good examples of hardy local perennials. My yard is just a big foster garden. There are lots of plants but the majority are dug up and sold during the event. We get a lot of new home owners or beginner gardeners at the sale and it helps to be able to show them what grows well in the sun or shade."

The sale will be at 520 N. Monroe. They'll be open on Saturday,



Volunteers from Cub Scout Pack 3188, the Accelerated Reading program at Cherry Creek Elementary, Lowell High School music boosters, the equestrian team, the international club, the robotics club, the winter guard, Exit 52 and Almost Home will spend a good portion of their holiday weekend helping out at the sale.

"Come see young people working hard and getting dirty," said Karen Waid, who came up with the idea for the annual sale 16 years ago. "[It's] priceless. I believe in a strong community that includes active youth

buckles and bandanas," Waid said.

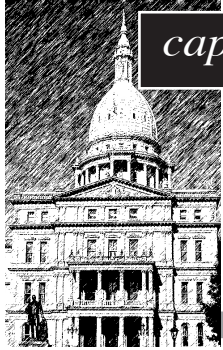
Every single penny of this year's proceeds will be donated to the color guard at the middle and high school. The first year, the sale raised a couple hundred dollars for local Cub Scouts. Last year they raised \$4,035, a new record high for the sale. This year's beneficiary will be Exit 52 and Almost Home, two color guard organizations.

"I first became aware of the color guard because I was at a meeting where their request for funding was turned down," Waid said. "I was looking for a group

May 26 from 8 am until 5 pm, on Sunday from 10 am until 4 pm and then a half price sale will be on Monday from 10 am until 4 pm. If you want to donate some of your extra plants before the sale begins, call 616-897-7808.

"The plants are all donated from local individuals, businesses and the city of Lowell," Waid said. "After 16 years there are lots of people who bring their extra plants either before or during the sale. Perennials do best when they are thinned out after a few years. As the saying goes, 'First year sleeps, second year creeps, third year leaps.'"

viewpoint



capitol matters

State Representative
Thomas Alberts



Rep. Albert May Update: A look at school safety

In the wake of the Parkland school shooting in Florida, many members of our community have asked how I will work to keep our students, educators and schools safe.

I firmly believe that the State of Michigan has the responsibility to do what is in its power to keep our children safe at school. There are many proposals that have been discussed to make our schools safer and more secure than they are today. Any real solution will require a multifaceted approach.

School safety measures:

The Legislature took action this spring and began

working on a package of bills (HBs 5828-5830 and 5850-5852) to address school safety. Just recently the package was approved by the House. It is now being considered by the Senate.

This legislation will:

- Create a commission to establish school safety standards.
- Require that schools be inspected and audited by the Michigan State Police. Schools will be provided with suggested security improvements.
- Establish grant money to be available for school safety improvements based on the school's needs.
- Require law enforcement officers to be trained in active violence scenarios.

We are putting resources behind this plan to make our schools safer. These bills were a great starting point, but there is still more work to be done. I was happy to support each bill, except for HB 5830. This bill would require that school buildings built or remodeled after July 2019 (with exceptions) include additional safety features. This bill imposes these standards on private schools as well as public. I cannot support a bill which sets a precedent that governments can set requirements on institutions of private education.

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to the editor

Study the package

Dear Editor,
When you receive a gift or a package, study the outside and how it is wrapped. Is this an expensive wrapping? Look at that fancy ribbon. Is it carefully wrapped or hurriedly thrown together? Before you open the gift, will the giver say, "This is what you always wanted." Will it be? Is it something you will always want and cherish or are you thinking "Maybe I can regift this!" If this item is clothing, will you be disappointed and wonder, "Are you kidding me?" This item will embarrass me. Maybe you think, "It will grow on me and I will like it down the way." This usually doesn't happen. If you dislike it at first, nothing usually changes with time. Would you hurry to buy a car?

We will always have candidates that will need

our votes at the state and federal level. Please take the time to study the package. Don't just scratch off a name because a friend or associate told you this person was a good choice. Don't see Republican or Democrat? Vote for who will fill that position to the best of their ability. Study past voting records, if currently in office. Look at experience. Don't consider, is this how mom or dad would vote? Be a free thinker. The gift may be in office for several years, removing the gift is a long process. Take your time on your votes. They are important. Votes should not be influenced by a person or another government. Voting is a serious matter. Our future depends on honorable individuals.

Janet Twesten
Lowell



125 years ago Lowell Journal May 27, 1896

The Council has adopted the following schedule of prices for electric lights: Arcs, \$45 for one, \$75 for two; Incandescents, 16 cp, 40 cents per month for commercial lights; residences to pay meter rates of 53 cents per 100 lamp hours.

Twenty-three from this place took in the D. & M. excursion to Detroit, Sunday. The train was only half an hour late at Detroit and about as much returning.

Geo. Morse went over the course from Monroe St. over the upper Grand River bridge to the D. & M. depot, across the lower bridge to Main St. and to the place of beginning, two and one-half miles, in seven and one quarter minutes last Friday evening. This is no track, but is average cross country riding and in view of this fact the time was remarkable.

The visit of Drs. Lee advertised for some four weeks ago was prevented by sickness. They will be here however, June 6th and remain one week, making monthly visits thereafter. There were over fifty callers for them at the Hotel Irish the other time.

Harry D. Jewell, Register of Probate, and aspirant for the Probate Judgeship, accompanied by his wife, was in town a short time Monday, the guests of Mrs R. W. Graham. Mrs Jewell was a classmate of Winnie Shaw and Ethel McDannell at Ann Arbor.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 23, 1918

A concrete floor is being laid in its middle building by the Lowell Specialty company, the one where this thriving industry was started. The new replaces the decayed wooden floor.

Miss M. Orinda Barkley a former Lowell teacher, is one of those retired with an annuity under the recently passed annuity law. She has taught 32 years in Grand Rapids and prior to that time in Lowell and Greenville. She is 71 years old and her annuity is \$500.

Mrs. Chris Bieri who took hold of Red Cross work here recently to start a unit has received word from headquarters at Grand Rapids that no more auxiliaries will at present be started owing to some changes being made and those who are anxious to do work in that line are requested to find it at those units nearest their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Bieri and son Oswald attended the union meeting for the raising of the American and service flags at the German church at Lowell Sunday evening and report it a great success.

Miss Maude Curtiss of the class of 1917, Lowell High school, and since of a Grand Rapids business college, has been called to Washington to do stenography at a salary of \$1100.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 27, 1943

By action taken by the Lowell Board of Education at their last meeting, there will be no school on Monday, May 31. This is conforming with the other schools of Kent county.

Staal's Lunch has quit serving coffee and sandwiches, and for the time being at least, there'll be no dunking of doughnuts as patrons have been wont to do while they discussed politics and baseball over their morning coffee.

Local sportsmen, both young and old, have been enjoying the best wall-eyed fishing in recent years near the spillways just south of Main St. bridge, A number of four and five-pounders have been caught. The wall-eye makes mighty fine eating and requires no ration stamps.

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Lawmakers reluctant to help MSU with \$500M settlement

If Michigan State University interim President John Engler wants state lawmakers to kick in some cash to pay for the \$500 million Larry Nassar legal settlement, the former governor may run into some strong opposition.

House Speaker Tom Leonard (R-DeWitt) said "it wouldn't be right" for the state to kick in some money when MSU has a "larger rainy day fund" than the state of Michigan.

"Quite frankly, it's been storming in East Lansing for well over a year. They created this problem. They need to pay for it," Leonard said.

Earlier in the day, the chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee said he's willing to listen to his longtime friend, but Sen. David Hildenbrand (R-Lowell) quickly added, "I'm not inclined to use state dollars to help in the settlement."

Asked if he could somehow be persuaded to go there, he said, "I wouldn't use the word persuaded either."

Sen. Rick Jones (R-Grand Ledge) was more direct saying, "No. Absolutely not" when asked if he would vote yes.

Asked what he would tell Engler, the former governor, if he asked directly, Jones replied, "You're no longer governor, John, so go find your money from MSU and not from us and not from the taxpayers."

There were similar comments from the chair of the House Law and Justice Committee. Rep. Klint Kesto (R-Commerce Twp.) said, "Look into your own funds first. Don't go to students for tuition and don't make us the first priority as taxpayers. Go look at your insurance first."

But what if the MSU president does that and still needs state aid? Kesto countered with, "Dig deeper."

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health

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

Social Security honors the nation's heroes on Memorial Day

- achilles tendon rupture

The Achilles tendon is a strong cord that connects the calf muscles to your heel. It allows the foot to move up, down and push off.

Ruptures are typically caused by a sudden increase in stress on the tendon. Sports that involve jumping, like basketball, are frequently the cause. Other abrupt stresses on the tendon like falling from a height or falling into a hole are also causes. The rupture typically happens just prior to the insertion point of the heel bone.

Rupture occurs five times more in men than in women and peak age for rupture is from 30 to 40 years old. Steroid injections

near the tendon also can increase risk of rupture.

Most people will feel and hear a pop in the back of the heel followed by severe pain. One will not be able to walk on the foot at this point; swelling and bruising will follow. This type of injury typically requires surgical repair. It is important to seek care as soon as possible after the injury.

One can decrease the risk of Achilles rupture by stretching and strengthening the muscles. Slowly increase training, and intensity, vary your exercise routine and avoid running on slippery surfaces.

On Memorial Day, we honor service members who have given their lives for our nation. Social Security acknowledges the heroism and courage of our military service members, and we remember those who have given their lives to protect our country. Part of how we honor these heroes is the way we provide Social Security benefits.

The loss of a family member is difficult for anyone. Social Security helps by providing benefits to protect service members'

dependents. Widows, widowers, and their dependent children may be eligible for Social Security survivors benefits. You can learn more about Social Security survivors benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/survivors.

It's also important to recognize those service members who are still with us, especially those who have been wounded. Just as they served us, we have the obligation to serve them. Social Security has benefits to protect veterans when an

injury prevents them from returning to active duty or performing other work.

Wounded military service members can also receive expedited processing of their Social Security disability claims. For example, Social Security will provide expedited processing of disability claims filed by veterans who have a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Compensation rating of 100 percent Permanent & Total (P&T). The VA and Social Security each have disability programs. You may find that you qualify for disability benefits through one program but not the other, or that you qualify for both. Depending on the situation, some family members of military personnel, including dependent children and, in some cases, spouses, may be eligible to receive Social Security benefits. You can get answers to commonly asked questions and find useful information about the application process at www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors.

Service members can also receive Social Security in addition to military retirement benefits. The good news is that

your military retirement benefit generally does not reduce your Social Security retirement benefit. Learn more about Social Security retirement benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/retirement.

You may also want to visit the Military Service page of our Retirement Planner, available at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire/veterans.html.

Service members are also eligible for Medicare at age 65. If you have health insurance from the VA or under the TRICARE or CHAMPVA programs, your health benefits may change, or end, when you become eligible for Medicare. Learn more about Medicare benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/medicare.

In acknowledgment of those who died for our country, those who served, and those who serve today, we at Social Security honor and thank you.

Vonda VanTil is the Public Affairs Specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 3045 Knapp NE, Grand Rapids MI 49525 or via email at vantil@ssa.gov

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School safety, continued

Mental health:

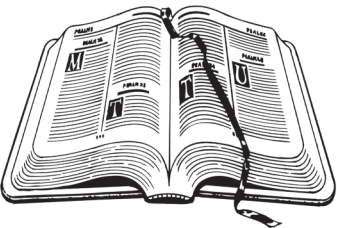
Another important aspect of our response to school violence is mental health care for students and all Michigan residents. This year the House's task force on mental health came together to see how the Legislature can expand access to mental health services in communities across the state. Since then the House has passed a variety of legislation that includes expanding access to psychiatric services. Investing in mental health resources for our education system specifically will give students and staff more tools to prevent a tragedy in our community.

I also recently supported making the State of Michigan's OK2SAY program permanent by removing a sunset date currently in state law.

OK2SAY is a hotline where students and others can submit tips regarding violence, bullying and other safety-related issues. This program has received thousands of tips from students since its start in 2014. I will continue to promote this program.

One thing is clear -- we will not find solutions to some of society's biggest problems or overcome political discourse surrounding this issue within the next year. But we can quickly help make our schools safer than they are today and the plan approved by the House will support this pursuit. This conversation needs to be continued. We need to bring all stakeholders and viewpoints to the table in order to develop policies that will protect our students and uphold our individual rights.

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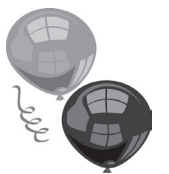
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Looking Back, continued

Don't be surprised if the telephone operator asks you to limit your long distance call to five minutes or less. Monday of this week, the Michigan Bell Telephone Company instituted the new practice in order to help conserve time on overloaded telephone lines. The request by the operator will be made only on calls which have been delayed because circuits were unavailable. The public is being informed officially of the new practice thru advertising.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger May 23, 1968

At Monday's Mayors Exchange Luncheon. Mayor Pro Tem Herb Reynolds was concerned about how to introduce Mrs. Virginia Myers. . . who serves with Herb on the Lowell City Council. "Should I introduce her as councilman or as councilwoman?" he asked of those nearby at the head table. When he arose to make the introduction of guests, the acting mayor blurted out: "And we have with us Councilman Virginia Myers . . . and her wife . . . I mean husband!" No one laughed harder than Dr. Harold Myers, who is a big six-footer with a full beard!

This year's Lowell Showboat received an unusual "plug" at the state Lions Club convention in Detroit over the weekend. George Dey and his wife Dolores were in attendance and, coincidentally, were celebrating their wedding anniversary. A note was passed to the stage where Bob Crosby and his band were performing. Crosby, who was a Showboat attraction in 1953, congratulated the Deys . . . then launched into a lengthy endorsement of the annual extravaganza while more than 2,500 Lions in attendance soaked up the commercial. Good going. George!

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 26, 1993

None of the students were sure why it was done? They all agreed it did not make much sense and they wanted to do something to right the wrong. "Actually, it was not a thought of what should we do. It was more of a reaction to come out and do it," Lowell senior Jason Myers said. Myers was one of roughly 15 high school students, mostly seniors, who spent five hours on Saturday cleaning up the grounds surrounding the Showboat and the debris left by vandals. "It's astounding what the high school students have done

here today," said Showboat maintenance supervisor Lou D'Agostino. "I'd personally like to see something like this organized every year. Hopefully, not so much to repair and paint, but more to spruce things up." The Lowell Showboat incurred vandalism and arson damage totaling nearly \$10,000. Damage included 10 broken doors, 12 broken windows, 108 linear feet of cedar siding, an air conditioning unit, and numerous light bulbs and electrical fixtures. The arson occurred a week after the vandalism was detected. The holes in the floor, which are used to hold the gate that closes off the entrance to the boat were stuffed full of flammable material and then lit. Lowell senior Bob Prins expressed the reasons high school students from Lowell got involved. "The senior class wants its graduation ceremony at the Showboat not in a gymnasium. Brandon Triplett, the son of Showboat board member, Dale Triplett, approached his father about what the senior class could do to help clean the Showboat up? He asked assistant principal Scott Vashaw to put it in the morning announcements that a cleanup session would be held Saturday at the Showboat and those who were interested should show up. "Many students told me that they thought it was a good idea and would try to come and help," Brandon Triplett said. When Jason (Myers) and I first arrived at 10 a.m. on Saturday there were only two people here, then by 11 there were more." The help

Looking Back, continued, page 12

Capitol Press Report, continued

Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich (D-Flint) said he wants to see all the details on the settlement before making a decision, but he concedes it would be a "tough sell" to go back to Flint to explain the possible use of state tax dollars to fund part of the agreement.

"There are other sources and a lot of moving pieces," he said. "I'm not ready to commit to anything."

Ananich's lieutenant, Sen. Curtis Hertel Jr. (D-East Lansing), with the university in his backyard said, "At the end of the day, do I want faculty and students hurt? No." He also warned any tuition increase over and above the cap set by the Legislature would hurt the university financially.

House Minority Leader Sam Singh (D-East Lansing) said he wants to make sure MSU has the means to cover the settlement, either through their insurance or other resources.

"It can't be done on the backs of the students," he said. Asked directly if that statement includes taxpayers, Singh repeated his quote. "It can't be done on the backs of the students."

Survivor advocate Sen. Margaret O'Brien said MSU has a "healthy endowment, they have insurance and I'm sure they can get a loan," plus "it's MSU actions that caused this problem, so they should not be looking at someone else to pay the bill."

Against that overwhelming opposition, Engler attended a closed-door, 45-minute meeting with the Speaker and key staffers to brief them on the settlement. Afterwards, he

avoided a fiscal showdown with lawmakers by basically taking the possible request for state aid off the table.

"It is not our intent to do that. We're not here to ask for that," he reports.

He said the first avenue for revenue will be with the liability insurance company "which was at the table during the negotiations."

Engler says the media incorrectly reported the university's policy at \$59 million.

"It is more than that," but he would not disclose the exact figure.

He was then quizzed on hiking tuition to cover part of the cost. He said a decision was made a year ago to freeze the tuition for the incoming freshman class next fall, but when asked about the other three classes on campus, the former governor says, "We have not made those decisions."

On a related issue, lawmakers made it clear that if some survivors are changing their position on legislation that extends the statute of limitations of sexual criminal assault cases or on victims retroactively going after their assailants in court, that is their decision.

Legislators will make up their minds on the bills regardless of whose position has changed.

"Those who think the lawsuit dictates what the Republicans do, they are mistaken . . . My vote has not been negotiated away. I'm not party to that lawsuit," said O'Brien, adding that she is willing to talk amendments to the bills currently in Kesto's committee.

Neeley was mentioned recently as a possibility along with Sen. Vincent Gregory (D-Southfield),

Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon, former Detroit city clerk candidate Garlin Gilchrist II, Dennis Archer Jr., Faye Alexander Nelson and former state Supreme Court Justice Conrad Mallet Jr.

"I've heard of the speculation. It's been on the radio in Detroit and I'm interested," Neeley said, as he sees "an all-white female ticket" emerging for the fall "that does not strike at the heart" of the black and brown community. Plus, he said he could "galvanize and energize Millennials and seniors."

Pointing to the vote rich Interstate-75 corridor that winds past his home turf of Flint, up to Saginaw and Bay City, he notes that

Napoleon, often mentioned as a front runner for the post, is not known along that stretch.

Neeley said there's been no contact from the Whitmer camp, which has established a screening committee to vet potential candidates.

"The Democratic Party has been anemic" in the post Barack Obama era, in motivating "people back to the ballot," and "we need to re-energize them," he said.

Neeley reveals he has not asked anyone to suggest his name to the Whitmer camp as he focuses on winning back his House seat, "but if they come knocking," he's more than interested to chat about the second spot on the ticket.

LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING STATE OF MICHIGAN The Probate Court for the County of Kent

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before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: Appointment of a Guardian for a person with a developmental disability.

Dated: May 15, 2018

Adult Protective Services, DHHS, Petitioner 121 Franklin St. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49507 (616) 690-7176

VAN ESSEN AND ASSOCIATES PLLC Attys. for Petitioner by Amanda Van Essen Wirth (P75001) 3425 Kelly St. Hudsonville, MI 49426 Phone (616) 633-0196

CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

The City of Lowell Planning-Citizens Advisory Commission will conduct a public hearing at Lowell City Hall, located at 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 on Monday, June 11, 2018 at 7:00 PM concerning two proposed amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance. The following provides a summary of the proposed amendment and its regulatory effect:

One amendment represents a comprehensive update to and revision of Chapter 19, Parking. Several sections of this section have been revised for clarity, including standards related to the location of parking, parking area design, parking restrictions, deferred parking, and off-street parking requirements.

The second amendment represents a comprehensive update to and revision of Chapter 20, Signs. Several sections of this Chapter have been revised and updated for clarity, to provide for sign types not previously contemplated, and to eliminate "content-based" regulations related to signs in the City.

At the above time and place, all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard. Written comments concerning the proposed amendment may be mailed or delivered to the Lowell City Clerk, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 up to the date of the public hearing. Copies of the proposed ordinance amendment may be viewed at City Hall at the address noted above during normal business hours.

The City will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to those with disabilities planning to attend upon three (3) days' notice to the City Clerk. Individuals who require such services should contact the City at the address listed above or by telephone at 616-897-8457.



Susan Ullery
City Clerk

Chaffee, continued

he'll be remembered for centuries."

Roger B. Chaffee was born in Grand Rapids on Feb. 15, 1935. He was an Eagle Scout with Troop 215 and a 1953 graduate of Grand Rapids Central High School. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Purdue University in 1957. He joined the US Navy, eventually attaining the rank of lieutenant commander. In 1963 he was one of 14 members of NASA's 'Astronaut Group 3.' After several years of grueling astronaut training he was chosen to be the pilot for the Apollo 1 mission to the moon. On Jan. 27, 1967 Chaffee was killed, along with astronauts Virgil "Gus" Grissom and Ed White, in an accidental fire during a launch simulation.

The Michigan Military Preservation Society has commissioned West Michigan filmmaker Daniel Joel Deal to make a documentary about the statue and its creation.



The crew of Apollo 1: Virgil "Gus" Grissom, Ed White and Roger B. Chaffee. (NASA photo)



Chaffee's widow Martha Horn Chaffee shed a few tears when the statue was unveiled and also gave a short speech.



Rain, gloom and chilly weather didn't keep a big crowd away from the unveiling.



The US Navy Sea Chanters sang several patriotic songs.



CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331 to consider an amendment to the City of Lowell Official Zoning Map. The proposed zoning map changes are summarized as follows:

- Property Address:** 1100 Sibley Street
- Permanent Parcel Number:** 41-20-03-477-022
- Existing Zoning:** PF Public Facilities
- Proposed Zoning:** R2 Residential

Copies of documentation on the request and the City's Zoning Ordinance are available for public viewing during regular business hours at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan. Written Comments will be received until the night of the hearing.

If you are planning to attend this hearing and are handicapped requiring any special assistance, please notify the City Clerk by calling at (616) 897-8457 as soon as possible.



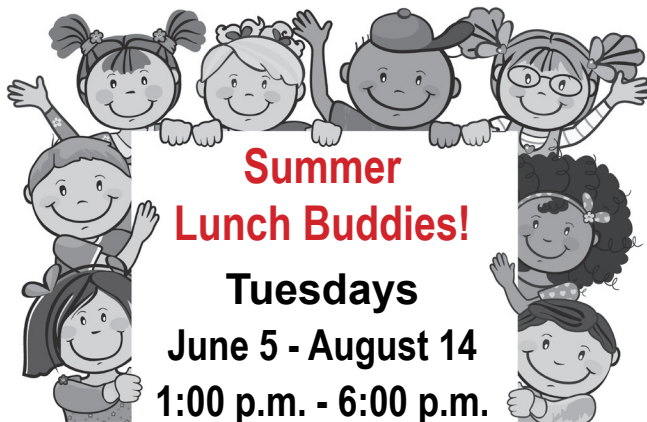
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Lowell High School senior Jon Berklich read a “Roger B. Chaffee Day” proclamation from the city of Grand Rapids.



Grand Rapids native astronaut Jack Lousma spoke for over half an hour.



Lowell resident, retired Navy commander Dave Thompson, spearheaded the Roger B. Chaffee statue project.



The Chaffee statue’s sculptor J. Brett Grill has designed other statues in Grand Rapids, including likenesses of Gerald R. Ford and Jay Van Andel.

Red Arrow

- SOFTBALL

SPORTS

Girls maintain their flawless conference record 12-0

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Maintaining their flawless conference record 12-0, Lowell varsity softball topped the Forest Hills Central Rangers 6-3, 9-5 and 10-4 and then added two tournament wins over the weekend.

Traveling to FHC on Monday for a doubleheader, they knocked out ten hits in game one led by junior

Corah Miller who earned two RBIs. Fellow junior Emily Depew claimed the win on the mound. Depew combined on the mound in game two with junior Maddi Jordan. Arrow offense was led by Jordan, Depew and senior catcher Megan Summerfield. More of the same led to the third win on Wednesday when they

completed the three-game series in Lowell.

On Friday the Arrows hosted the 23rd annual Mandy Tichelaar Tournament, played in honor of a Red Arrow softball player tragically killed in a car accident in 1995. With the support of the Tichelaar family, Lowell welcomed area teams for the evening tournament. They tore through Hastings before facing the Rockford Rams in the tournament finale. Led by sophomore Kenzie Jordan and senior Miah Ransom, earning three and two hits respectively, the Arrows trumped the Rams 9-3 to win their own tournament. Junior Madison Sage and M. Jordan together earned the win on the mound.

The young squad paid respect to their eldest members celebrating Senior

Night during the tournament. Summerfield, Ransom and Kenzie North were honored during the ceremony.

Saturday and Sunday at the Michigan Softball Challenge in Canton, Lowell picked up wins over host Canton and Schoolcraft to claim a bracket championship. Finishing off game one with a literal bang, the Arrows came from behind to claim a 9-7 win over Canton. Trailing 6-7 with the bases loaded at the bottom of the seventh, the girls had M. Jordan up to bat and she came through. Sending out a walk off a grand slam, the Arrows blew by Canton claiming the win. In the challenge finals on Sunday, against Schoolcraft, Summerfield, Ransom and Miller each were successful at bat and Depew on the mound, leading to a 3-1

victory and the tournament trophy.

The ladies will wrap up their conference season this week with their final challenge taking on the Ottawa Hills Bengals, retaining their unbeaten record and securing

their second consecutive conference title. The three game series began Monday at Ottawa Hills and finished on Wednesday. Lowell will later face non-conference competitor Wayland Union this week on the road.



Junior Kylee Stephens beats the throw to first against Forest Hills Central.



Junior pitcher Emily Depew flies a warmup to senior catcher Megan Summerfield.

Girls wrap up season with senior night

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Unable to upend Forest Hills Central the Red Arrow girls varsity soccer team fell to the Rangers last Wednesday 2-1. Then shut out the Ottawa Hills Bengals 10-0 on senior night.

On the road Wednesday at FHC, the ladies fought against the state ranked Rangers, heartbreakingly falling short once again in the match up. "The girls were really disappointed after the game, rightfully so. We felt we were the better team," said Lowell head coach Daniel Lipon.

Lowell kept pace with FHC through the first half

keeping the Rangers to one goal. Also landing one of their own in the back of the net off the foot of leading scorer junior Regan Coxon. The unassisted goal led to the 1-1 tie at the half. Gaining more momentum in the second half, the ladies planned to take control of the game. According to Lipon, "The second half we really controlled possession and were able to build throughout the midfield."

Falling off the earlier pace in the later minutes, Lowell allowed a second goal from the Rangers, leading to the unfortunate loss. "We certainly struggled

in the final third, the final pass and our runs off the ball needed to be better," said Lipon. "Overall I was pleased with the girls work rate throughout the game. We were really unfortunate to concede a goal in the second half, but that's soccer."

Returning to action on Thursday, the girls welcomed OK White underdogs Ottawa Hills to their last home game of the season. Opening with the annual celebration of senior members, the team, coaching staff and fans took pause to applaud members of the soon-to-graduate class of 2018. Recognized alongside their families during the pre-game event were Riley Conlan, Darby Dean, Maura Fitzpatrick, Hailey Hoevenaar and Katherine Kroll.

In the game that followed, all five of those outgoing seniors found the back of the net with Conlan striking twice. With the pair of goals from Coxon and single scores from sophomore Khloe Hayes and junior Isabel Remar, the Red Arrows tore through the Bengals 10-0. Assists were credited to Dean, Coxon, Remar and sophomores

Molly Frederickson and Savannah Crace.

A weather cancellation earlier in the season has the Arrows facing the Forest Hills Northern Huskies twice on the road this week to wrap up their regular season. They will face the Huskies the following week in the same location as they enter the first round of districts. "This will certainly be a challenge. The girls know they are capable of beating third ranked FHN and they are excited for the opportunity."

Last season Lowell fell 2-0 in both of their conference games against the Huskies. This season the girls must pick up two wins to clinch second place in the conference. Lipon said it's a tough outcome considering the talent on the team. "One of our goals was to win the conference and now our attention is to prepare for the post season. We are one of the best teams in the state, but anything can happen."

Lowell kickers wrapped up their regular season and will make their district debut on Tuesday, May 29 at 6 pm on the FHN campus on Leonard in Grand Rapids.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to amend Section 18.08(b) of the Township Zoning Ordinance to revise the total number of billboards permitted in the Township in order to correct a counting error when this Section was initially adopted. The proposed language would change the number of billboards allowed from 15 to 18 which is the actual number of billboards existing in the Township.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER
TOWNSHIP HALL
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
LOWELL, MI. 49331

Information on the proposed amendment is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township Offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, MI. 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Tim Clements, Secretary
Lowell Charter Township
Planning Commission



Red Arrow

- BASEBALL

SPORTS

Boys drop three games to FHC

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Succumbing three times over two days to the Forest Hills Central Rangers the Lowell Red Arrow varsity baseball team dropped their OK White record to 8-7 last week.

Scoring only one run in the three game series, Lowell was unable to connect bat to ball due to the Rangers talent on the hill. According to Red Arrow head coach Justin Miller, "FHC had excellent pitching that kept our hitters off balance."

Starting the trio of games with a doubleheader, Lowell traveled to the

Rangers home diamond on Monday where they suffered their first loss 12-1 and second 5-0. In game one the Arrows fell behind quick with the Rangers firing off a dozen runs, including seven in the fourth inning. Senior Josh Hackstedt, leading batter with a .351 average, along with senior Brady Douma and junior Jackson Helder each managed one hit. Senior Garrett Pratt took the loss on the mound.

In game two FHC scored in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth innings to add up to a 5-0 victory over the Arrows. Ranger pitching allowed zero hits

and sat down eight Arrow batters. Junior Jordan Dent and senior Travis Cornell combined for the loss on the mound.

Wrapping up the series at home on Wednesday Lowell was shut out, once again, this time 10-0 with FHC scoring in all but two innings. The Rangers offense got started quickly in the first and did not let up. Senior Brady Douma led Lowell at the plate going 2/3, including a first inning double. Hackstedt, at pitch, accepted the loss after just shy of four innings.

Preparing to celebrate their seniors this week when

they welcome Ottawa Hills for their final conference match up of the season Miller said, "Our seniors worked hard this spring and look to finish this year with a winning record in the league next week."

Holding fourth place in the OK White, the Arrows played a doubleheader on the road on Monday against the Bengals and finished the series and the season on Wednesday at home. Next they will compete in the Gerken Tournament hosted by East Grand Rapids High School.



Junior slugger Jordan Dent sends one soaring during the three game series with FHC.

Girls bring home OK White title, boys finish third in conference

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Accomplishing a feat, last achieved before a majority of the athletes were born, one half of the Lowell varsity track and field team exited the OK White conference meet with the school's first title in a decade and a half and the other half besting their 2017 placement.

Rescheduled to Lowell last Monday after rain delayed the event the previous Friday, the athletic community came together quickly to host the season-ending meet. By the end, the ladies had placed second behind Forest Hills Northern tallying 118 team points en route to a banner changing, first-place share of the OK White title. "I am not sure it has completely sunk in as many of the girls

were not born when Lowell last hung a banner," joked Lowell varsity head coach Paul Judd, referencing the school's last conference win back in 2003.



Sophomore Kyra Snyder runs her way to a second place in the 200m race. (Photos provided by Lowell Athletics)

Judd credits a no nonsense work ethic for the stellar season which ended 6-0 prior to the title win. "Other than gaining confidence as they

improved in their events, the girls approached every meet as business as normal. We competed hard, supported all, celebrated until the following day and then started working on the next meet."

He also mentioned the unique connection between the perfect season and the recent revival of a tournament named in honor of championship coach Kathy Talus, who coincidentally led during that last title win. "It is only fitting that this is the year we brought back the invitational that honors her," he said of the cosmic coincidence.

Highlights of the ladies championship performance included dual first-place finishes from junior Diana Roth in the 100 and 200m races and sophomore Julia

Pytlik leapt 15-07" in the long jump. Finishing runners-up were sophomore Kyra Snyder in the 200m race, freshman Theresa Judd in the 100 and 300 hurdles, moving her to sixth and fourth on the Lowell record board; freshman Kaylee Diamond in the high and long jumps and the 800m relay team of Snyder, sophomore Mya Kaywood, freshman Madison Brown and Roth.

Other medalists included senior Alexis Cook in the discus and shot put, seniors Amber Brown and Lizzie Kuhns in the pole vault, junior Lauren Aud in the 1600m race, sophomore Ashley Boehr in the hurdles and the 400, 1600 and 3200m teams.

The gents, who finished the season 4-2, came in third compiling 87 points. Their finish placed them third overall in the conference, a one notch improvement from last year's fourth place. "They used a total team effort to accomplish that," said Judd of the boys team finish. "Even the dual meets that we lost were close, coming down to a couple of events. Continued success will require the athletes to work in the off-season and to welcome some of the incoming freshman into the off-season workouts."

Highlights for the boys included a championship level throw from senior Jacob Rau in the discus, a personal record with a distance of 133-06. Fellow senior Caleb Devereaux claimed second place.

Senior Morrison Ismond placed second in the 800 meter (m) with a time of 2:02.25. The three were named all-conference at the event along with senior Will Reynolds.

Earning runners-up finishes were the 800m and 1600m relay teams of Reynolds, senior Sam Misak, senior Austin Pollock and sophomore Devin Dietz (1:34.40) and Reynolds, senior Ken Stump, Ismond and Dietz (3:31.47). Top five finishes for Lowell included Reynolds in the 110 and 300 hurdles, sophomores Caleb Swart and Benjamin Kinnucan in the 1600m, sophomore Lucas Cossar and Kinnucan in the 3200m, Devereaux in the shot put, Pollock in the high jump and the 400m and 3200m relay teams.

Coach Judd said that great kids, great parents and great partners in coaching add additional support as they direct the student athletes toward success on and off the field. "Our kids work hard and that is what coaches are most pleased with. Yes, we want to win, but watching the kids embrace the journey and overcoming fears and obstacles is priceless."

Post-season dreams continue at the State regional meet scheduled to take place at Lansing Waverly High School where the top two finishers in each event will advance to the state meet taking place June 2.

Sports Summaries

GIRLS LACROSSE

Wrapping up the regular and conference seasons in one game last week, the Red Arrow girls varsity lacrosse battled the Eagles of Grand Rapids Christian for a second consecutive time falling 17-6. The Eagles took flight quickly leading 10-5 at the half. The Lowell Red Arrows graduate just one senior this season, Nikki Paulus, and will have their entire roster return next year. Stepping into the post season this week with a losing record of 6-8, the ladies will make good of their clean slate against Grand Rapids Catholic Central on the road Friday at 6 pm.

BOYS GOLF

After strikingly consistent fifth-place finishes in the OK White all season, the Lowell boys varsity golf team bumped it up knocking nearly thirty points off their average combined card scores, placing fourth with a stroke count of 159. Sophomore swinger Noah Barnhart led the effort at Indian Trails Golf Course tallying the team's best score

at 37, followed by juniors John Russell (39), Tyler Kapcia (41) and Mike VandenHout and Drew Davidson (42). They will complete their regular season and tee off the postseason this week. They faced the Northview Wildcats at Thousand Oaks earlier in the week and will participate in the OK White conference meet at Boulder Creek Golf Club in Belmont Thursday at 8:00 am.

CREW

Lowell crew club took part in the Scholastic Rowing Association of Michigan State Championships last Friday and left with top finishes from junior Sydney Riffle and sophomore Logan Riffle. The co-ed team entered eight events at the season-ending regatta competing along the Grand River at Riverside Park in Grand Rapids. The Riffle duo each earned fourth-place finishes in their respective singles races with times of 8:24.58 in the women's event and 7:40.50 in the men's.

obituaries

HIAESHUTTER

Hiaeshutter, James Robert 3/28/1959 - 5/12/2018 Ada/Lowell, MI Jim Hiaeshutter, born in East Grand Rapids, Michigan, to the late Abbie Jane Weller and the late James Bernard Hiaeshutter, passed on at the young age of 59 surrounded by loved ones after a brave battle against Stage 4 rectal cancer. He graduated from Forest Hills Central high school, owned several successful companies, is the World's Greatest Dad and friend to all. James was preceded in death by his grandmother, Lillian R Julien; and grandfather, Edward John Hiaeshutter. He is survived by his daughter, Mallarie Ann Hiaeshutter; brother, Stephen John Hiaeshutter; sister, Sharon Ann Wolfson; uncle, Edward (Mary) Hiaeshutter; nieces, Heather Ann Hawthorne and Michelle Beenen; and nephews, Jason Hiaeshutter, Andy Wolfson, and Adam Wolfson. Christian Burial was held Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at St. Robert of Newminster Parish, 6477 Ada Dr SE, Ada. A Celebration Of Life will be on Father's Day: June 17, 2018 from 5-10 pm at Fallasburg Park in Lowell. Special thanks to Fr. Collin Mulhall and staff of St. Robert of Newminster Parish and David Gerst Jr of Gerst Funeral Homes.



OCKERT

Paul E. Ockert, 79, of Belding formerly of Lyons, passed away Friday, May 18, 2018, at Spectrum Health Continuing Care in Grand Rapids. Paul was born on December 14, 1938, in Remus, the son of Joseph and Opal (Decker) Ockert. He grew up on a dairy farm near Remus and graduated from Remus High School with the Class of 1958. He retired from Motor Wheel Corporation in Lansing where he had worked as a setup man. He was a shade tree mechanic, loved hunting, fishing and home cooking. Paul will be greatly missed by his family and friends. He was married on September 2, 1961 in Remus to Florence A. Myers who was working at a nursing home with Paul's aunt Bertha and met the love of his life. They enjoyed 56 years of marriage. Paul is loved and survived by his wife Florence and their children, Francie Green, Timmy Ockert, Glen (Valerie) Ockert, Melinda (Brian) Proctor and Leida (Nate) Zeigler; 14 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a sister, Irene (James) Monroe; nieces and nephews. Paul was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Robert and Russell. Funeral services were Tuesday, May 22, 2018, at Johnson-Feuerstein Funeral Home, Belding. Pastor Dan Stoneham of the Church of God Grand Ledge, officiated. Memorials may be given to Compassion International. Messages of condolence may also be given at www.jffh.com



PERRY

Paul H. Perry Sr. passed away on May 8, 2018. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Eleanor; daughters, Paula (Gary), Doris (Don); son, Paul (Jacki); grandchildren, Mike, Jackie, Joe (Becky), Jeff (Laura); great-grandchildren, Laine, Brooks, Alex, Izzy; brother, Walter Perry of New Hampshire; and two very special pups, Abbie and Brody. He was a member of Operating Engineers for 55 years and a longtime member of Alto American Legion. For information on Celebration of Life, please contact the family.



Looking back, continued

wasn't restricted to just Lowell. Senior Lynn Blough brought her friend, Mark Hoerle, Muskegon, who spent most of his morning painting doors. "Lynn is in the Showboat choir and she told me what she was doing and I decided to be a good doobie and help too." Hoerle is a 1990 graduate from Muskegon. Pulling weeds near the west entrance gate was the 1993 Lowell Showboat Queen Shannon Bennett. "I heard about the clean-up through school. I wanted to be here and help. It's fun, something to do and it makes you feel good," Bennett said. Vashaw commended the students for the spirit and enthusiasm in which they tackled the clean-up duties at the Showboat. "Sometimes we're guilty of confining school spirit to athletic events and other school activities," Vashaw said. "Some students display school spirit differently. All the students should be applauded for their work at the Showboat this past weekend." Lowell Police Chief Barry Emmons said two juveniles have confessed to the vandalism and that there will be two referrals to juvenile court next week. Emmons added that the police continue to talk to suspects and witnesses in the arson case. "Students have been upset with the vandalism and in some cases have tried taking the law into their own hands. We encourage all of them to allow the due process of the law to take care of it," Emmons said. Lowell Detective Jim Valentine said the vandalism incident has struck a nerve. "We continue to get a lot of information from the younger people of this community."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider Special Land Use approval for an expansion to Boulder Ridge Wild Animal Park:

The applicant is seeking approvals for the addition of structures including rest rooms, pavilion, additional animal species, animal display areas, additional parking, additional storm water management facilities, and the approval of certain special events to be held at the Park.

Boulder Ridge Wild Animal Park is located at 8313 Pratt Lake Avenue SE, Alto, Michigan.

The proposed additions to the Park are required to be reviewed according to the requirements of Article 14 Special Land Uses and specifically Section 14.05 X. Outdoor Recreation Facilities. The Special Land Use may be recommended for approval by the Township Planning Commission following the public hearing.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2018

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

**WHERE: BOWNE TOWNSHIP HALL
8240 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
ALTO, MI 49302**

The proposed Special Land Use and site plan are available for review at the Bowne Township offices, 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Alto, Michigan, 49302 during normal office hours on Wednesday & Thursday from 9 AM to Noon and 1 PM to 3 PM and on Friday from 9 AM to Noon or by calling 868-6846.

Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk
Bowne Township

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**Anyone who lives within
their means suffers from a
lack of imagination.**
— Oscar Wilde

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LEGAL NOTICES

**PUBLICATION OF
NOTICE OF HEARING
STATE OF MICHIGAN**
The Probate Court for
the County of Kent

In the matter of
RICHARD VANDER
Guardianship File No.
18-203,308-GA
Conservatorship File
No. 18-203365-CA

A.M. at Kent Co. Probate
Court, 180 Ottawa NW,
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
before Judge David M.
Murkowski (P35026)
for the following
purpose: Appointment
of a Guardian and
Appointment of a
Conservator.

Dated: May 15, 2018

TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS including
his children: Jason
Lee, Kim Young,
Sonja Vander, and
any other unknown
children or spouse,
whose address(es)
is/are unknown and
whose interest in the
matter may be barred
or affected by the
following:
**TAKE NOTICE: A
hearing will be held on
June 12, 2018, at 10:30**

Adult Protective
Services, DHHS,
Petitioner
121 Franklin St. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49507
(616) 260-5694

**VAN ESSEN AND
ASSOCIATES PLLC**
Attys. for Petitioner
by Amanda Van Essen
Wirth (P75001)
3425 Kelly St.
Hudsonville, MI 49426
Phone (616) 633-0196

office hours:
Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.
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classifieds

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misc.

OPEN HOUSE FOR RHETAPERSHA - Please come & celebrate Rheta Persha's 98th Big Birthday Blowout Open House! Sun., June 3, 2018, 2-5 pm at the King Building on the Lowell Fairgrounds, 225 S. Broadway.

for rent

WE DO BUSINESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING LAW - Equal Housing Opportunity. It is illegal to discriminate against any person because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of housing or residential lots; in the advertising the sale or rental of housing, in the financing of housing. Anyone who feels he or she has been discriminated against may file a complaint of housing discrimination: 1-800-669-9777 (toll free) 1-800-927-9275 (TTY).

OFFICE/RETAIL DOWNTOWN SARANAC - 1650 sq. ft. available for lease, \$1,250 per month. call Joe Rizqallah 616-822-6310 for more info.

PRICELESS STORAGE - Indoor/outdoor. New Units on Alden Nash, 1 mile South of I96. Call for specials 558-2900.^{TFN}

HALL FOR RENT - Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash. Newly remodeled, smoke-free, private, great location & great rate! www.VFW8303.org. FREE All Vets Coffee Hour at the center the 3rd Thursday of each month. Bring a friend. Call John at 299-0486 or 897-8303.^{TFN EDW}

wanted

SHORT TERM RENTAL - for June & July, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Call 863-632-0002 or email: jimdill5909718@gmail.com

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card of thanks

Thank you Chief Bukala for helping with my screen and battery of my truck.
 John Erickson

help wanted

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sales

GARAGE/HOME SALE - 409 N. Division. Tractor lawn mower & more. May 26, 8 am - 4 pm & May 27, 10 am - 4 pm.

PERENNIAL SALE - May 26 thru May 28, Sat., 8-5; Sun. 10-4 & Mon. before & after parade - 1/2 off sale, 520 N. Monroe. All proceeds - Exit 52 Almost Home. To donate call 897-7808.

UPS/FEDEX SHIPPING COPY SERVICE, (black & white & color!) FAX SERVICE, LAMINATING PRINTING BANNERS POSTERS & MUCH MORE AVAILABLE AT THE LOWELL LEDGER BUYERS GUIDE 105 N. Broadway HOURS M-Th. 8-5 p.m. Fri. 8-noon Ph. 897-9261 Fax 897-4809 email: ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com

services

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services

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services

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Community Calendar

May

AND ONGOING EVENTS

PLEASE NOTE - Coming Events are for non-profit organizations. If you are charging admission for an event - it is considered an advertisement. Coming events are on a space available basis & **ARE NOT GUARANTEED**. If you would like to make sure your event is placed in the paper, please call our office & place it as a classified ad. We will not accept ANY Garage or sales (including fundraisers) as a coming event. All Coming Events or changes to coming events should be submitted by fax: 897-4809, email: classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com, by mail: PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or in person: 105 N. Broadway.

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.

QUAKE-ZIK SPORTSMANS CLUB - meets second and third Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at 8731 West Riverside Dr. Go to www.quake-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.

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.

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

LOWELLARTS 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.

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.

FREE ALL VETS COFFEE HOUR - Third Thurs. of each month. Bring a friend. Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash, Lowell. Call 868-7426 or 897-8303 for more information.

LOWELL AREA PRAYER & HEALING ROOMS - located in the FROM building, 11535 Fulton Street, most Monday evenings, 6-8 p.m. Christian Scripture based. No cost or fees, no appointment necessary, confidentiality respected.

FREE WILL

astrology

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**GEMINI (May 21-
June 20):**

Now is a favorable time to worship at the shrine of your own intuition. It's a ripe moment to boost your faith in your intuition's wild and holy powers. To an extraordinary degree, you can harness this alternate mode of intelligence to gather insights that are beyond the power of your rational mind to access by itself. So be bold about calling on your gut wisdom, Gemini. Use it to track down the tricky, elusive truths that have previously been unavailable to you.

**CANCER (June 21-
July 22):**

"A poem is never finished; it is only abandoned," wrote poet W. H. Auden, paraphrasing poet Paul Valéry. I think the same can be said about many other kinds of work. We may wish we could continue tinkering and refining forever so as to bring a beloved project to a state of absolute perfection. But what's more likely is that it will always fall at least a bit short of that ideal. It will never be totally

polished and complete to our satisfaction. And we've got to accept that. I suggest you meditate on these ideas in the coming weeks, Cancerian. Paradoxically, they may help you be content with how you finish up the current phase of your beloved project.

**LEO (July 23-Aug.
22):**

I highly recommend that you spend the next three weeks hanging out on a beach every day, dividing your time between playing games with friends, sipping cool drinks, reading books you've always wanted to read, and floating dreamily in warm water. To indulge in this relaxing extravaganza would be in maximum alignment with the current cosmic rhythms. If you can't manage such a luxurious break from routine, please at least give yourself the gift of some other form of recreation that will renew and refresh you all the way down to the core of your destiny.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-
Sept. 22):**

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Make Art Great Again!

A French museum dedicated to the work of painter Etienne Terrus announced April 27 that more than half of its collection from the 19th-century artist are forgeries. The Terrus museum in Elne, where Terrus was born, gathered a group of experts to inspect the works after a visiting art historian noticed some of the paintings depict buildings that were not constructed until after Terrus' death. In all, 82 paintings were determined to be fake. BBC News reported that the town's mayor, Yves Barniol, called the situation "a disaster" and apologized to museum visitors.

Weird Cliche

Drivers along I-70 outside of Indianapolis thought it was raining money for them May 2 as \$600,000 in cash tumbled out the back doors of a Brinks truck and onto the highway, the Indianapolis Star reported. State police spokesman Sgt. John Perrine said an undetermined amount of cash has not been accounted for, as "people were jumping over fences and crawling on the ground" to pick up loose bills flying around. In a tweet, he warned: "Finding a large sum of money is no different than other property. If a brand-new car fell off a semi, would the 1st person to find it get to keep it? It belongs to someone else."

People With Issues

Police in Loerrach, Germany, responded May 14 to complaints about a domestic disturbance after a neighbor reported a loud confrontation that had been going on for some time. But when they arrived, they found a 22-year-old man arguing with his girlfriend's parrot, according to Metro News. The parrot had been barking like a dog and the man became annoyed with it. No charges were filed.

Contemporaries of the ancient Greek philosopher Pythagoras told colorful stories about the man. Some believed he was the son of a god and that one of his thighs was made of gold. When he crossed the Casas River, numerous witnesses testified that the river called out his name and welcomed him. Once a snake bit him, but he suffered no injury, and killed the snake by biting it in return. On another occasion, Pythagoras supposedly coaxed a dangerous bear to stop committing violent acts. These are the kinds of legends I expect you to spread about yourself in the coming days, Virgo. It's time to boost your reputation to a higher level.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-
Oct. 22):**

My counsel may seem extreme, but I really think you should avoid mildness and meekness and modesty. For the immediate future, you have a mandate to roar and cavort and exult. It's your sacred duty to be daring and experimental and exploratory. The cosmos and I want to enjoy the show as you act like you have the right to express your soul's code with brazen confidence

and unabashed freedom. The cosmos and I want to squeal with joy as you reveal raw truths in the most emotionally intelligent ways possible.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-
Nov. 21):**

French novelist Honoré Balzac periodically endured intense outbreaks of creativity. "Sometimes it seems that my brain is on fire," he testified after a 26-day spell when he never left his writing room. I'm not predicting anything quite as manic as that for you, Scorpio. But I do suspect you will soon be blessed (and maybe a tiny bit cursed) by a prolonged bout of fervent inspiration. To ensure that you make the best use of this challenging gift, get clear about how you want it to work for you. Don't let it boss you. Be its boss.

**SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):**

Ancient civilizations waged war constantly. From Mesopotamia to China to Africa, groups of people rarely went very long without fighting other groups of people. There was one exception: the Harappan culture that thrived for about 2,000 years in the Indus River Valley, which in the

present day stretches through Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India. Archaeologists have found little evidence of warfare there. Signs of mass destruction and heavy armaments are non-existent. Art from that era and area does not depict military conflict. One conclusion we might be tempted to draw from this data is that human beings are not inherently combative and violent. In any case, I want to use the Harappan civilization's extended time of peace as a metaphor for your life in the next eight weeks. I believe (and hope!) you're entering into a phase of very low conflict.

**CAPRICORN (Dec.
22-Jan. 19):**

Every human being I've ever known, me included, has to wage a continuous struggle between these pairs of opposites: 1. bad habits that waste their vitality and good habits that harness their vitality; 2. demoralizing addictions that keep them enslaved to the past and invigorating addictions that inspire them to create their best possible future. How's your own struggle going? I suspect you're in the midst of a turning point. Here's a tip that could prove useful: Feeding the good habits and invigorating addictions may cause the bad habits and demoralizing addictions to lose some of their power over you.

**AQUARIUS (Jan.
20-Feb. 18):**

Some books seem like a key to unfamiliar rooms in one's own castle," said author Franz Kafka. I suspect this idea will be especially relevant to you in the coming weeks, Aquarius. And more than that: In addition to books, other influences may also serve as keys to unfamiliar rooms in your inner castle. Certain people, for instance, may do and say things that give you access to secrets you've been keeping from yourself. A new song or natural wonderland may open doors to understandings that will transform your relationship with yourself. To prep you for these epiphanies, I'll ask you to imagine having a dream at night in which you're wandering through a house you know very well. But this time, you discover there's a whole new wing of the place that you never knew existed.

**PISCES (Feb.
19-March 20):**

Just for now, let's say it's fine to fuel yourself with comfort food and sweet diversions.



Let's proceed on the hypothesis that the guardians of your future want you to treat yourself like a beloved animal who needs extra love and attention. So go right ahead and spend a whole day (or two) in bed reading and ruminating and listening to soul-beguiling music. Take a tour through your favorite memories. Move extra slowly. Do whatever makes you feel most stable and secure. Imagine you're like a battery in the process of getting recharged.

**ARIES (March
21-April
19):**

The Aries poet Anna Kamińska described the process of writing as akin to "the backbreaking work of hacking a footpath, as in a coal mine; in total darkness, beneath the earth." Whether or not you're a writer, I'm guessing that your life might have felt like that recently. Your progress has been slow and the mood has been dense and the light has been dim. That's the tough news. The good news is that I suspect you will soon be blessed with flashes of illumination and a semi-divine intervention or two. After that, your work will proceed with more ease. The mood will be softer and brighter.

**TAURUS (April 20-
May
20):**

Do you know what you are worth? Have you compiled a realistic assessment of your talents, powers, and capacities? Not what your friends and enemies think you're worth, nor the authority figures you deal with, nor the bad listeners who act like they've figured out the game of life. When I ask you if you have an objective understanding of your real value, Taurus, I'm not referring to what your illusions or fears or wishes might tell you. I'm talking about an honest, accurate appraisal of the gifts you have to offer the world. If you do indeed possess this insight, hallelujah and congratulations! If you don't, the coming weeks will be an excellent time to work on getting it.

Ooohhhh-kkkaaayyy

Visitors to New York's Fort Ticonderoga were in for a special treat as locks of hair from Revolutionary War general turned traitor Benedict Arnold and his first wife, Margaret, were put on display during the season's opening weekend of May 5-6. Curator Matthew Keagle told The Associated Press Arnold's hair was recently rediscovered in the museum's collections and had been preserved by the family. The private historical site obtained the hair in the 1950s. Saving a lock of a deceased family member's hair was a common practice during the 1700s. Arnold helped capture Fort Ticonderoga from the British during the opening weeks of the Revolutionary War.

Armed and Clumsy

Fort Dodge, Iowa, may not exactly be the Wild West, but tell that to Balew, the pit bull-lab mix belonging to 51-year-old Richard Remme. As Remme and Balew roughhoused at home on May 9, Balew bounded back up onto the couch, where, according to The Messenger, he managed to shoot his owner in the leg. "I carry in a belly band, under my bib overalls," Remme told the newspaper. "And apparently he bumped the safety one time and when he bounded back over one of his toes went right down into the trigger guard," he explained. Remme didn't realize he'd been shot until his pant leg started to turn purple. Balew, however, "thought he was in trouble for doing something wrong," Remme said. He "laid down beside me and cried."

Inexplicable

Toronto police determined pranksters might have been behind their discovery on May 2 of a blue Honda Civic hanging from a rope under the Millwood Overpass Bridge, missing its windows, windshield and engine. Originally officials thought the burned-out car might be part of a movie shoot, but further research didn't turn up any authorized filming in Toronto. "I've never seen anything like that before," a passing cyclist told CTV News. "This is hilarious." However, officers warned that if caught, the culprits could face charges.

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ACROSS

- 1. Meat jelly dish
- 6. *Sierra Nevada country
- 9. Cut the crop
- 13. Bake an egg
- 14. Cattle prod
- 15. Notre-Dame sounds
- 16. Orange type of tea
- 17. Hula dancer's necklace
- 18. Door fasteners
- 19. *North American Cordillera's highest peak
- 21. *Himalayan peak
- 23. *Type of resort
- 24. Monetary unit of Xi Jinping's country
- 25. Nothing alternative
- 28. Big rig
- 30. Bloody Mary juice
- 35. Byproduct of combing wool
- 37. Hermes and Apollo
- 39. Whitman's famous flower reference
- 40. Small European freshwater fish
- 41. "This _____" on a box
- 43. Country dance formation
- 44. _____ vs. pathos
- 46. Swing seat?
- 47. Long adventure story
- 48. Japanese warriors' religion
- 50. Red Cross supplies
- 52. Duke of Cambridge to Prince of Wales
- 53. Foot curve
- 55. Boiling blood
- 57. *Highest mountain in Cascade Range
- 61. *Highest peak in Russia
- 64. "_____ a high note"
- 65. Increase
- 67. Shrek and Fiona
- 69. Deals

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- 70. Just one of #61 Down
- 71. Annie Oakley's show
- 72. What Simon does
- 73. "Swan Lake" steps
- 74. Lumberjack's leftover

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- 1. Nile reptile
- 2. Type of outbuilding
- 3. Toothy freshwater fish

- 4. Jordan Spieth's 3-9
- 5. Floorboard sounds
- 6. Tangerine-grapefruit hybrid
- 7. Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- 8. Farewell in France
- 9. _____-view mirror
- 10. Alleviate
- 11. *Strictly European mountain range
- 12. "_____, over here!"
- 15. _____ red, in a chemistry lab
- 20. City in Belgium
- 22. Giant pot
- 24. "Fiddler on the Roof" language, originally
- 25. *World's longest mountain system
- 26. Averse
- 27. Chinese fruit
- 29. * _____ Blanc
- 31. One thousandth of a liter, pl.
- 32. Spy's cover

- 33. Argentine dance
- 34. * _____ Ridge, word's longest underwater range
- 36. Kings of _____ band
- 38. "Why not?"
- 42. Jeopardy
- 45. "Tide" target
- 49. Mine deposit
- 51. Pergolas
- 54. Move like ivy
- 56. Cereal killer
- 57. Cold War enemies
- 58. Dwarf buffalo
- 59. Lazily
- 60. Rejections
- 61. Unagi, pl.
- 62. Pakistani language
- 63. Give an impression
- 66. *Mauna _____, Hawaii's highest peak
- 68. Oreo to milk

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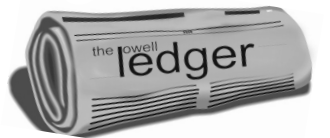
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Katie is a senior at Lowell High School and has been volunteering as a cashier in the Thrift Shop since last November. She originally started volunteering as a requirement for National Honors Society which requires students have 75 hours of volunteer service. FROM seemed like a good fit since it was within walking distance from her home. She also liked that she was able to make herself useful and help out.

Since Katie started volunteering at FROM she's gotten a job and believes her volunteer experience at FROM and her knowledge working with the cash register helped her in her new position.

One of the things Katie likes about volunteering is, "just the fact that I know I'm helping people out. It's nice to know I'm helping make life easier for people who may not have it so easy," she says.



Katie is also taking an online college course and plans to go to Grand Rapids Community College once she graduates and hopes to become a vet or work in geriatric medicine. She says volunteering has helped her become a better person. "I have more empathy for those in need," she says. "I've been introverted and shy and volunteering has helped me deal with different types of people. It feels good to help out and has given me a sense of purpose. I like doing something good for the community."

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