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by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Celebrating the culmination of thirteen years of hard work and dedication, the Lowell High School Class of 2018 gathered at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium with friends and family last Thursday for the 140th commencement ceremony at LHS.

Lowell principal Amy Pallo began ceremonies recognizing some of the many accomplishments of the 267 member graduating class which included five athletic state titles, record-breaking musical productions, service learning projects, excellence in extracurricular and innumerable academic accomplishments. Focusing on the schools slogan "Learners today. Leaders tomorrow. Red Arrows for life." Pallo urged the students to take the spirit of

the Lowell community with them into their futures. "The character and determination that has been instilled in all of you is something that will set you apart from others. Lowell is unlike any other place on earth. The support and kindness that is granted to every member of the community is something to cherish and replicate everywhere you go. Being a Red Arrow means you are strong and can meet challenges on and persevere. Take your Red Arrow character with you wherever you go and you will stand out in any crowd," she said addressing the audience.

Next, honoring the remarkable 56 summa cum laude graduates, Pallo finished with the introduction of the class salutatorian Darby Dean and valedictorian Brianna Roest,



who each later took the stage to address the audience. Students Emily Kropf and Evan Johnson took to the podium first sharing parts of their high school experiences and encouraging their

classmates toward the future. Kropf's speech focused on her own educational struggles with dyslexia and using it as a talking point for overcoming difficult obstacles. "Moments of

struggle will come, but remember who you are and the strong community you come from. Because you are stronger than any challenge you encounter."

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Impact Church has broken ground for new locale



The Noon Equipment/Impact Church site as it looks now [above] and as it could look in the future [below].



by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

As you might have noticed from the earthmovers pushing dirt around, ground was broken a few weeks ago at Noon Equipment, 11930 E. Fulton, on what will eventually become the new Impact Church. A steel skeleton of the building should be visible sometime this summer.

"We broke ground in mid April," Impact Church executive pastor Ryan Kresge said. "We wanted to move as fast as we could once we had the township's approval. We had everything geared up, everybody waiting in the wings. As soon as we got approval, it was go. Let's see how fast we can do this! It's been a cold, wet spring. We've made good progress when we've had dry spells, but it has been a little rainy. Fler Brothers is the contractor doing earthworks. Concrete work will start in the next week or two with some of the footings and some of the places that need concrete so that the earthworks can continue. There's a period in the construction process where earthworks and concrete

happen concurrently, that's the stage we're in now."

Meanwhile, shop drawings for the new building's structural steel have been approved and steel fabrication should begin soon. Kresge said that they wanted to complete the steel step of the project before any potential tariffs come into effect. President Trump announced a global tariff of 25 percent on steel on March 8, 2018, citing national security as the reason. Shocked financial markets caused commodity prices to soar. Later in March the US gave exemptions to most countries, then extended those exemptions again in April. The latest extension expires May 31.

"The cost of steel everywhere is more expensive right now, so we had to get that going quickly," Kresge said. "Because of tariffs, there is a long lead time on steel. It's been interesting to see how a little project in Lowell, MI, is drastically affected by something like tariffs. We had to get the drawings by the architect

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put together quickly. A steel fabricator who knows what they're doing looks at those drawings and puts together a whole detailed set of plans for how it all comes together. These plans have to match what the architect drew to a T. Then that has to be approved by both the architect and the general contractor. Everybody's got to look through it."

The church wanted to move because they are about to outgrow their current location at 1069 Lincoln Lake. By building a new church on the Noon property, they will double their seating capacity. However, there was controversy about the sale of the land to Impact because, as a church, they would contribute zero dollars to the township in property taxes. Lowell Township is already the home of the large, tax-exempt organizations of Flat River Outreach Ministries and Fountain View of Lowell. On the other hand, a new church could attract retail and fast food businesses to the area, so

it could indirectly generate a great deal of tax revenue for the township. The Lowell Township board of trustees weighed these issues and eventually passed an ordinance allowing churches in the commercial district in May 2017.

"The delay was unexpected and we've had to adjust the schedule," Kresge said. "Our desire has been in every way to respect and care for the business around us that we believe will benefit in extraordinary ways from our traffic and the commerce that we will generate. We do not represent competition for local businesses. It's a win-win. Here is a whole bunch of people who will leave our church and then go to Walgreens, go to Meijer, go to Biggby and so forth."

For more information about Impact Church, visit their website, impact.church; call 616-897-8304 or find them on Facebook.

"This church is going to be the introduction to our community. It's in the

doorway to Lowell," Kresge said. "It was the last piece of property that needed beautifying and needed to be redeemed. It's really good to see that happening."



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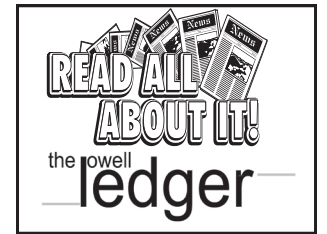
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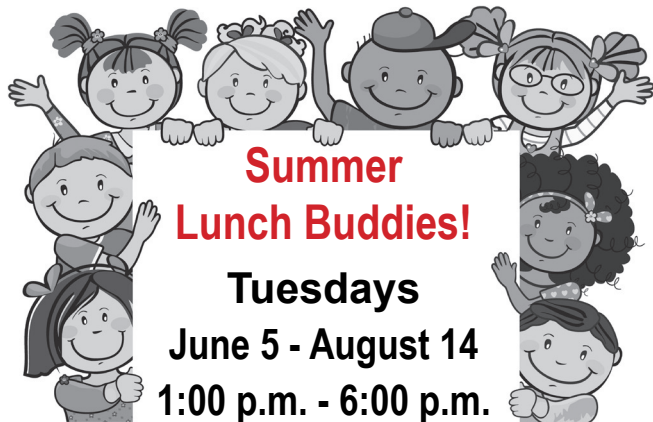
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Farmers' market opens Thursday, June 7



by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The Lowell Area Farmers' Market will open Thursday, June 7, in the parking lot at Veterans Memorial Park. The market will then be open every Thursday from noon until 5 pm until September 13.

Each week there will be products like fruits, vegetables, clothes, fudge, meat, honey, baked goods and plenty more available. Later this summer they plan to add live music from Marilyn Tennant and ice cream treats.

"Hubbert's kettle corn is back. We haven't had that for a couple years," said market master Cinnamin Piggott. "He is also going to have pork rinds and some different flavors of kettle corn. We have someone bringing crafts like berry gardens and sun catchers. And we have a new person with perennials, succulents and concrete planters."

They're still looking for more vendors, but Piggott said they're all set on vegetables for now.

"If there was anybody that had something different than what we already have, that would be great," Piggott said. "The farmers market is great because you can buy fresh food grown with no chemicals and support local businesses."

"Nothing makes you think of summer, the goodness of freshly-harvested produce and the enjoyment of viewing and shopping for unique items in an outdoor atmosphere, more than a farmers market," said Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Liz Baker. "The Lowell Area Farmers' Market will be a visible indication of the support we give our local farmers and specialty retailers."

For more information about the market or to reserve your own vendor spot, visit discoverlowell.org or contact Piggott at 616-916-9193.



Social Security delivers the most popular baby names in Michigan for 2017

The Social Security Administration announced the most popular baby names in Michigan for 2017. Liam and Emma topped the list.

The top five boys and girls names for 2017 in Michigan were:

Boys:

- 1) Liam
- 2) Noah
- 3) Oliver
- 4) Lucas
- 5) Mason

Girls:

- 1) Emma
- 2) Ava
- 3) Olivia
- 4) Charlotte
- 5) Amelia

Nancy A. Berryhill, acting commissioner of Social Security, announced that Liam and Emma were the most popular baby names in

the U.S. How does Michigan compare to the rest of the country? Check out Social Security's website -- www.socialsecurity.gov -- to see the top national baby names for 2017.

Acting commissioner Berryhill encourages everyone to visit the agency's website to enjoy the baby names list and create a my Social Security account at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount. my Social Security is a personalized online account that people can use beginning in their working years and continuing through to the time they receive Social Security benefits.

Social Security beneficiaries can have instant access to their benefit verification letter,

payment history and complete earnings record by establishing a my Social Security account. Beneficiaries also can change their address, start or change direct deposit information and print a replacement SSA-1099 online. People receiving benefits can request a replacement Medicare card online.

Individuals age 18 and older who are not receiving benefits can also sign up for a my Social Security account to get their personalized online Social Security Statement. The online statement provides workers with secure and convenient access to their Social Security earnings and benefit information and estimates of future benefits they can use to plan for their retirement.

The agency began compiling the baby name list in 1997, with names dating back to 1880. At the time of a child's birth, parents supply the name to the agency when applying for a child's Social Security card, thus making Social Security America's source for the most popular baby names.

In addition to each state's top baby names (and names for U.S. territories), Social Security's website has a list of the 1,000 most popular boys and girls names for 2017.

To read about the winners for the biggest jump in popularity and to see how pop culture affects baby names, go to <https://www.socialsecurity.gov/news/press/releases/>





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Vergennes UMC to celebrate 175th anniversary

by Tim McAllister
 lead reporter

The Vergennes United Methodist Church is celebrating its 175th anniversary later this year. The congregation has existed since 1843 and they've been in their current building at the NE corner of Bailey and Parnell since 1864.

"We are in the process of putting together the 175th now," said Mac McPherson, one of the church members in charge of putting the party together. "The celebration won't actually be until sometime in the early fall. There will be an event at that time."

It all started in the spring of 1843 when a group of families from around the Vergennes Township area formed the church in the log home of Anthony Yerkes, about a mile east of the current location. The first members of the congregation were the Yerkes family, Charles Collar, Joseph Wright, Mrs. Amos Hodges, Mrs. Anna Van Deusen, and Ebenezer Smith. Rev. Bush preached the first sermon.

"The original church organization began in 1843 in a log cabin on Vergennes Rd. owned by a family named Yerkes," McPherson said. "They hosted the first worship service in their home. There were probably a dozen people there, 25 at the very most. In 1860, a gentleman by the name of Smith Bailey donated some property at the NE corner of the Bailey and Parnell intersection for the purpose of building the Vergennes Methodist Church on it. The building was finished in 1864 and we've been holding worship services there ever since then. There are a handful of families that are descendants of the original pioneer families who still worship at the Vergennes United Methodist Church."

They have updated and added onto the building over the years. The church was named an official historical site by the state of Michigan in 1978 and an official historical marker was placed there in 1986.

McPherson said the church has lasted so long because they've always employed excellent pastors, even during the late 1800s when they relied on circuit preachers.

"Over the decades, we've had very good leadership," McPherson said. "[We have] very strong local leadership. We always have events going on and we have a good relationship with district headquarters in Grand Rapids."

For more information about Vergennes United Methodist Church, visit vergenneschurch.org or call 616-897-6141.

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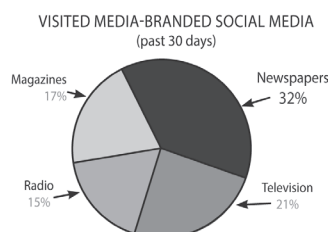
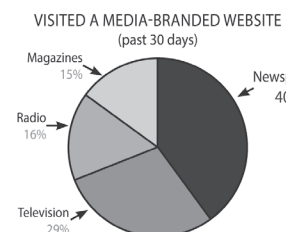
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Vergennes United Methodist Church will celebrate its 175th anniversary later this year.

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Modern transportation allows people plenty of opportunity to travel to faraway places. Much of this travel is related to tourism and recreation. For those able, major trips can be interesting and fun. However, if you don't look forward to spending hours confined to a seat in an aluminum tube with 150 of your closest friends or want to avoid hanging your chin over a steering wheel for five days, there is an alternative. Michigan residents have travel opportunities close to home which are often overlooked.

One doesn't have to fly to the Caribbean to find great beaches. Salmon swim in the Great Lakes just like they do in the Pacific Ocean. Lighthouses punctuate the 3,388 miles of rugged Great Lakes shoreline. Public access is available on many of the states 11,000 inland lakes and 36,000 miles of streams and rivers. Golfers will find more than 650 public courses across both peninsulas. Many courses merit national recognition. History buffs can explore the past of agriculture, mining, shipping, logging, fishing, and of course manufacturing. Camping is the main summertime activity for many Michigan families. Campgrounds are operated by the state as well as smaller governmental entities and private owners. We also have four National forests and a

number of National Parks including Isle Royal. The mostly wooded landscape changes significantly as one travels from south to north eventually approaching the Canadian Shield. Festivals, fairs and celebrations occur all summer and fall. A major vacation planning website recently named Mackinac Island as the number one summer travel destination in America for 2018.

Michigan's motto: "If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look about you," appears on the state flag and turns out to be good advice. The grass always seems greener on the other side of the fence. On a closer look, the grass in Michigan is just as green.



125 years ago Lowell Journal June 3, 1896

The bridges have been put in to the Island and that pretty little park is open again for the season.

Flynn's Winners defeated the Little Giants in a hotly contested game of ball last Friday, score 10 to 8.

Mrs B. J. Peck is storing her furniture in the rooms back of Dr. McDannell's office. She expects to start soon for California for an extended visit.

Floyd Goodsell left Monday for Medina, N. Y., to learn the machinist trade in the shops of the Bidwell Bean Thresher Co.

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100 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 30, 1918

The Cannonsburg Red Cross auxiliary will dedicate its service flag on Flag day, June 14, having postponed the service from Memorial day. The chairman of the flag committee, Mrs. F. E. Hartwell of Cannonsburg, has asked the people of the district to send in names of the boys in the service. The committee is giving an informal party Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Edwin Scott for a Red Cross benefit and a farewell party for the boys that soon are to leave for the training camps.—Press.

Chas. Cook, Chas. Clark, Clyde Murray and George Roush of Lowell were among the selects to leave Grand Rapids for Camp Custer Wednesday morning.

As it is the custom in all cities and many towns smaller than Lowell, we are going to close our store every Thursday afternoon during June, July and

August. We believe that our boys will serve you better the rest of the year if they have a few hours off during the hot months. A. J. Howk & Son.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 3, 1943

W. E. Vanderlip of Lansing, a former well-known resident of Lowell, was here last Wednesday getting the family lot in Oakwood cemetery ready for Memorial Day. While here Mrs. Vanderlip said that the article in the Ledger three weeks ago about "News of Main Street 50 Years Ago," was alone worth a year's subscription.

Poppy day in Lowell last Saturday passed very successfully, and the committee in charge wishes to thank the public for their generous support in this worthy cause.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger May 30, 1968

With a flurry of flags, the shuffling of many marching feet and the blaring of bugles, the annual Memorial Day parade in Lowell will get underway from Richards Park at 9:30 a. m. on May 30. Following the usual route, from the park, down Lincoln Lake Avenue to Main Street and Monroe Street to the cemetery, will be the many veterans and also the Blue Star and Gold Star Mothers, Veterans Auxiliaries, Women's Relief Corps, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Camp Fire Girls and Blue Birds. Additional color and music will be provided by the Junior and Senior bands, a baton corps and the usual assortment of bicycles and horses. At the termination of the parade at the cemetery, the Annual Memorial Day address will be delivered by Rev. M. Keith McIver of the Lowell Baptist Church.

With the LHS class of 1968 facing the final whirl of graduation activities, plans have been completed for the baccalaureate services and the commencement program. The baccalaureate services, sponsored by the Lowell Ministerial Association, will be held on Sunday evening, June 2, beginning at 8 p. m. Featured will be an address by Pastor Henry Buikema of the Calvary Christian Reformed Church in Lowell. His topic will be "Is God in Your Future?" Rev. Robert Webber of the First Methodist Church in Lowell will give the invocation and the benediction. Selections by the Varsity Choir and the Senior Band will be featured in both programs. On Thursday evening, June 6, at 8 p. m. the graduates will receive their diplomas at commencement exercises noteworthy because there will be no main speaker. This decision was made due to the difficulties the past few years with severe and inclement weather conditions. Valedictorian Laura Coons and salutatorian Gerald Thaler will each address their fellow graduates and the audience made up of parents and friends. Dr. Robert Reagan, president of the Board of Education, will present the diplomas to the graduating class. Awards will be given by Roger Bieri, Commander of the American Legion, Clark-Ellis

Post 152, and scholarships will be announced by Carl Hagen, principal of Lowell High School. Rev. Charles Davis of the Lowell Congregational Church will give the invocation and benediction for the commencement.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 2, 1993

The nursing staff at the Lowell Medical Care Center, 350 N. Center Street, will celebrate "Career Nurse Assistants Day" on Thursday, June 3. "The day will be used to celebrate and recognize efforts of the experienced health care worker," said Robin Martin, Lowell Medical Care Center activity director. The theme for the day will be "Nurse assistants make a difference." Martin explains that they provide stability and consistency to good quality nursing care, a positive relationship to residents and their peers, and they place a high value on security and friendship on the job. A new role that is emerging today is that of the career nurse assistant. "They are a very important member of the health team in the long term facility," Martin said. "We will hold a luncheon Thursday to help acknowledge the importance of what the nurses do. Every year we try to do something to say thanks and to boost their egos, letting them know we're glad to have them aboard at the Lowell Medical Care Center. Martin broke down the role of a career nurse assistant into four areas, a learner, a mentor, a peer and an emeritus. There are approximately 60 nurses working at the Lowell Medical Care Center, according to Martin.

Through the relief and aid of the Dorcas Aid International Lowell Workgroup, children of Galati, Romania will experience the comfort of compassion and hope. The Dorcas Lowell Workgroup was formed by a handful of people in the late Spring of 1992. Following an introductory meeting with Ken Sweers, the director of the organization here in the USA, the group decided to support the project of the children's wing of an infection hospital in the eastern city of Galati. After adopting the project, the Lowell workgroup began developing its strategy in June of 1992. Leading the group was Linda Grasman of the Lowell Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Meanwhile, Dorcas sent a field researcher to the Galati project in order to get an updated and current report on the hospital. After receiving the report, the group met once a month for

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- excessive sweating

The palms of your hands, soles of your feet and your under arm areas have more sweat glands than any other part of your body. Some people tend to sweat a lot in these areas. This problem is common and can be very embarrassing. Excessive sweating is rarely caused by a disease. The problem tends to begin in childhood. It often runs in the family. Sweating becomes worse with emotions and stress. It does not happen when you're asleep.

The treatment depends on how much you sweat, how much the sweating interferes with your daily activities, and to what lengths you'll go to get relief. Several treatments are available. The most common treatment is the

application of an aluminum chloride solution called Drysol. This can be applied to the skin before bedtime and then washed off in the morning. Tap water iontophoresis is a second method of treatment in which electrically charged water is applied to the skin. In several cases botulism toxin (also known as Botox) can be injected into the skin to provide relief for up to six months. And finally, as a last resort for the most severe cases, surgery can be performed to cut the nerves responsible for sweating. Any of the above treatments can have side effects. It is important that you discuss these risks with your health-care provider prior to starting any treatment.

LHS students selected to attend 70th annual Rotary conference

High school students Ella Dougherty, Marlie Fowler, Karsten Kirkendall, Kelly Kroll and Matt Stephens from Lowell High School were selected by the Lowell Rotary Club to attend the Rotary District 6290 70th Annual Life Leadership Conference, to be held June 13-16 at the Kettunen Center in Tustin, Michigan.

Designed to help students expand their roles in service to their schools and communities, this conference attracts 150 student leaders from over 50 communities in Michigan and Canada. Conferees include Youth Exchange students from other countries and leaders from Rotary high school interact clubs.

The agenda includes motivational and thought provoking speakers, learning simulations, group projects, physical activities, and discussions focused on elements of leadership and understanding leadership styles. Guest speakers focus on the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self" and how students can make a positive difference wherever

they lead. Discussion groups explore the intellectual, ethical and emotional aspects of leadership. International Students who attend lend global perspective on issues. Upon return, students report back to their sponsoring Rotary Club, and are mentored by sponsoring Rotary clubs through their school and community leadership efforts.

MLE Staff Member of the Month

Mackenzie Aaron was named the April/May Staff Member of the Month at Murray Lake Elementary.

"Aaron is a brand new teacher this year and has done a tremendous job. She is always up for new ideas. Mackenzie is also kind enough to make our math copies so I always have them. She is such a great teammate and makes learning fun for her students," commented Katherine Wills, fellow third grade teacher.

"I am so honored to be nominated for staff member of the month. When beginning my career, I knew I wanted to work in a school that not only allowed me to grow as a teacher, but also had the support that is needed to truly meet the needs of every student. Murray Lake has exceeded any expectations I ever had for my first year of teaching. I am so grateful to be a part



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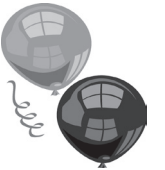
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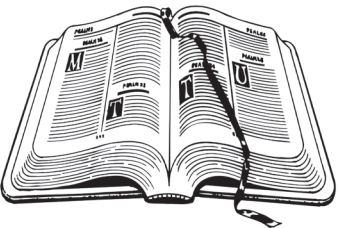
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CONGRATULATIONS
Graduates

Seniors give thanks by giving back to the community

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Giving thanks through service to the community that helped raise them, the Lowell High School class of 2018 dispatched into the community during their final week of classes to participate in the annual Senior Give Back Day.

Organized by seniors: Nikki Nugent, Miah Ransom, Brendan Sanders, Blake McVey, Zach Briggs, Dylan Eggleston, Hannah Halfmann, Lizzie Kuhns, Sam Misak and Elijah Hall-Jones from LHS's student leadership class, the day of service was designed with two purposes in mind. First to cement the act of giving the school works to instill and second as an opportunity for students to show their gratitude through service to the community that has supported them throughout their secondary academic careers.

Responsible for planning the transportation, meal and assignments, as well as choosing the location, the students in charge and those providing the labor, both

completed their tasks with Red Arrow spirit. Student leadership instructor Chaye Klomprens oversaw the project. "The seniors always rise to the occasion on Senior Give Back day. They take

According to Klomprens, "Most of the projects included yard work, pulling weeds, spreading mulch and painting. Indoor projects included playing games with elderly residents,



Senior Red Arrows pose after completing yard tasks at the Wittenbach Wege Center.



Lowell seniors get in some recess time at Murray Lake Elementary School.

great pride in giving back to the community and schools that have supported them on their journey to adulthood," said Klomprens.

Taking on projects at Murray Lake Elementary, the Wittenbach-Wege Center, Keiser's Kitchen, Fountain View, Flat River Outreach Ministries, The Barn for Equine Learning, Cherry Creek Elementary, Alto Elementary, LHS, Laurels of Kent, Green Acres, LowellArts and Gilda's Club, among others the hardworking teens tackled a varied list of tasks.

talking about high school and college with elementary level students and organizing books in the schools' media centers."

Serviced locations expressed thankfulness for the assistance and also reflected on the change in the students since their first service learning project back in their freshman year. "I know that many locations were grateful for the help and loved seeing how much these students have grown up over the years," said Klomprens.



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Lowell grad taking over entertainment industry in Colorado

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Since he graduated from Lowell High School in 2015, Bobby Destine moved to Colorado and is working as a musician, a rapper, an actor, a music producer, event planner and app developer.

Destine was born in Saint Marc, Haiti, but he was forced to flee that country with his family due to local violence. Thanks to “cool lady” Joyce Sargeant, at age 14 he was transported from the streets of Haiti to the halls of Lowell High School where he began his US education as a freshman.

“Joyce Sargeant, a missionary we met in Haiti, invited us to come stay in the US,” Destine said. “Joyce was a cool lady. Haiti was tough. Our president left the country, the UN was down there, it was a very rough political time. I lived in Saint Marc, which is a pretty big city. Lowell was pretty small compared to it, so that was a huge change, but the school seemed pretty big. I would say that overall, the people I met in Lowell were awesome, great people who were great to me.”

Destine left Lowell pretty much immediately after graduating from high school, but he did come back at least once to visit his brothers, Marc and Jone, also LHS alumni and athletes. He said one of his favorite things to do when he lived here was

drive country roads in rural Michigan.

“When we left Haiti, at first we were going back and forth between Colorado and Michigan,” Destine said. “That’s how I ended up moving out here to Colorado a few years ago, but I still have family in Michigan and I know a lot of people around Lowell and Grand Rapids. With my work as an entrepreneur, I want to make you guys proud, I want to make Lowell proud, I want to make Michigan proud; I want all of you guys to be proud of me.”

For his role models, Destine looks to moguls like Dr. Dre, who started out as a rapper but has acted in films, co-owned Death Row Records and sold his “Beats by Dr. Dre” headphone company to Apple for \$3 billion. Destine’s current strategy for music industry dominance involves gathering a stable of artists to create recordings with a unique “Bobby Destine” sound. He said he has written about 150 songs and plans to release them to the public as the studio recordings are perfected. He works on writing and recording music every day. He has a manager and an agent who are working hard to get his music on popular streaming services and his name in the media. His next major musical project is a mixtape hosted by DJ Whoop

Kid, a hip hop legend who has also hosted mixtapes with people like 50 Cent, Mobb Deep, Li’l Kim, Snoop Dogg, Busta Rhymes and Eminem. He said he is also collaborating with rising artists such as Flipp Dinero and spearheading this year’s Colorado Music Awards.

“I worked as a real estate broker for a couple years, then I started doing music and I found I was very talented in it,” Destine said. “It’s going pretty well. I want to be more in the background and try to be more of a businessman. I have to be smart with my music. There are a lot of very talented artists who are not making a lot of money while guys like Jay Z, P Diddy and Dr. Dre are making billions. They’re very smart with their music. I want to be one of those guys, so my approach has been to stay more in the background. I want to not only produce music, but write great music, understand the entertainment industry and make a lot of money with the people around me. I have my hands in a lot of stuff when it comes to the music industry.”



LHS graduate Bobby Destine is currently taking over the entertainment industry in Colorado.



Bobby Destine [left] with fellow actor Thomas Wayoro on the set of upcoming Netflix movie “The Colored Pill.”

Destine is also pursuing an acting career. Among his roles so far have been a Skol Tobacco commercial, a public service film, a Netflix movie called “Amateur” and an upcoming Netflix movie about the Tuskegee syphilis experiment called “The Colored Pill.”

“I would like to be a mogul behind the scenes because I really believe that people only live once and if you want to do something, why not try it,” Destine said. “Except for things that are bad for

you, I’ve got to try everything once, even skydiving. That’s on my bucket list. I want to stay in the background and be able to be free to do things like movies. I want to be free to do whatever I want on a daily basis and eventually I want my business to be able to run itself and have people around me able to run the businesses.”

To keep afloat financially, Destine rents rooms in his home to the disabled for a monthly government payment and he also refurbishes and sells old motorcycles. Destine’s most recent and most high tech career is as an app developer. His “Yolo VIP” event planning app is free in the Apple store, an Android version should be available later in 2018. He’s using the app to host the Colorado Music Awards.

“My vision is to be able to connect people face to face instead of always being behind their phones,” Destine said. “There could be a great party right next door or somewhere close to you, there could be people with great talent nearby but you’d never get to meet

them or interact with them. I wanted to give people a platform where they can create an event on any piece of real estate and invite people to it, but [that] they can do it safely and control it. What we have is a map of the world. You can choose any address and post a video or a flyer on there and describe your event. Maybe you want to teach people how to cook local food, maybe you want to have a backyard bonfire or throw a theme party or have a public band practice or a garage sale, as long as you’re not doing anything illegal, you can publicize the event. I think it would be great for sports, it could be great for theater, anything people are doing. You can scan your guests’ profiles at the door so if you have trouble with somebody, you can block them. All those features are available now. Yolo VIP can end up doing some big things.”

To keep up with Destine and his activities, visit bobbydestine.com or look for him on all the social media platforms.

Graduation, continued



Johnson offered sincere thanks in his address, spreading gratefulness across the stadium with his remarks. "Without your help we might not be looking at the same success that we have today. I just want to say thank you. Thank you to the teachers, the principals, the custodians, the bus drivers, the kitchen staff and the parents. You have all helped us come so far in life and you continue to push us to be our best every year."

know or ever realize we are missing," Roest said "I don't have the answers. I just have questions. Questions that I hope to one day answer. The one thing that I do know is that the questions are worth asking and the answers are worth finding. So I encourage each of you to go out into the world and have the curiosity to ask questions and the courage to seek answers," said Roest at the close of her speech.

Salutatorian Dean talked of using struggle to foster growth and offered well wishes to the class. "I hope that the future brings all of you the success and the happiness you deserve. I look forward to meeting up with you ten years from now and sharing all the great things we have accomplished."

Class of 2018 president Quinne Duhr read the names of fellow graduates next, while each walked across the stage to receive their high school diploma. Duhr, offering a sincere smile to every student as they passed, stayed onstage for the traditional "Passing of the Spade" to the incoming class president.

Valedictorian Roest, referred to by Johnson as "possibly the smartest person in the universe," said the truth is that despite her immense effort, she doesn't know much. "If there is anything that school has really taught me, it is how little I know. We start learning the moment we are brought into this world and we don't stop learning until we leave it, yet there is a whole universe of information we will never

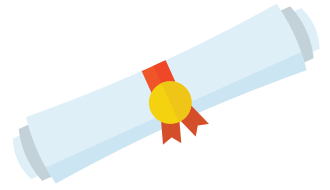
Superintendent Greg Pratt took a moment to speak to the graduates, fighting his educator's urge to write a lengthy life-changing speech. Keeping it short and sweet, Pratt closed with, "Treasure the success that you have had and go forth and work towards new goals and dreams. I wish you great success, abundant joy and boundless possibilities. Congratulations to the class of 2018 and go Red Arrows!"



Valedictorian Brianna Roest

Salutatorian Darby Dean





Smaller than normal attendance at Memorial Day parade and ceremony

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Gathering together to honor America's fallen heroes, the community of Lowell congregated Monday on Main Street for the annual Memorial Day Parade and observances.

Veterans, soldiers and patriotic supporters attended the event which began with a processional through historic downtown Lowell and continued with a brief ceremony inside Oakwood Cemetery. Planned and executed by volunteers from American Legion Post #152 and The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 8303, the parade featured local veterans, the Americana musical styling of the Lowell High School and Middle School bands, Boy Scout Troop 102, Lowell area Girl Scouts, members of the Lowell city council and the royalty of the Kent County Youth Fair Royal Court.

Briefly pausing along the parade route, near the

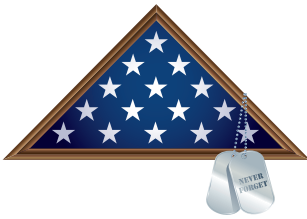
Veterans Memorial above the Flat River, tribute was paid to soldiers lost at sea with the dropping of a wreath into the water. The parade then continued down Monroe where parade watchers joined the parade to the Oakwood Cemetery for a brief ceremony.

Once again hosted by Dirk Ritzema, the ceremony, kept short due to extreme heat, lasted only 15 minutes under the sweltry sun. Notably absent was retired patriarch Dave Thompson and wife Jan, along with local war hero Herman Weststrate Sr. who passed earlier this spring. The smaller than normal crowd listened as Ritzema thanked those who made the day possible and welcomed guests. The Fusion Rock Orchestra played the National Anthem. Members of the Lowell Area Girl Scouts recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The opening was followed by another tribute of flowers left at the foot of the Civil

War Monument. Local groups and organizations, including the Lowell Area Historical Museum, Pink Arrow Pride, Lowell Rotary Club, Senior Neighbors and Gilda's Club of Lowell sent representatives to the touching ceremony.

Skipping traditional keynote speakers, Ritzema thanked those who helped bring the event to fruition before moving on to the ringing of the bell. "We have now come to the part of the ceremony where we commemorate the lives of those soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen who have left us since last Memorial Day," explained Ritzema. A local Life Scout struck the bell once after each name read by Ritzema. The event concluded with the traditional rifle salute and the playing of Taps, drawing emotion from many in attendance. "Together we say God bless our troops and God bless America," said Ritzema in parting.



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Class of 2018 achievements recognized at Senior Honors Night

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell High School welcomed the class of 2018 and their supporters to the annual Senior Honors Night. Students were recognized with awards and scholarships for their collegiate careers were announced.

"The students in the class of 2018 have had tremendous academic success," said LHS principal Amy Pallo of the gifted group of achievers recognized at the event. "Each student has followed his or her unique path and these students have taken advantage of every opportunity available," said Pallo.

The tremendous effort of the seniors was reflected in the length of the ceremony, which ran more than two hours in order to recognize all deserving parties. Departmental awards, awards of

academic distinction, specialty awards and the announcement of local and national scholarships were presented by staff members Pallo, Dee Crowley, Dustin Cichocki, Tory Parsons, Nicole Deckrow, RJ Boudro and Jacob Strotheide, along with special speakers.

Ceremonies began with the announcement of the 38 cum laude, 25 magna cum laude and impressive 56 summa cum laude graduates. The expansive list included 43 students graduating with perfect 4.0 or better GPAs. Top student and valedictorian Brianna Roest, daughter of Bill and Karen Roest, graduated with a final GPA of 4.412. Roest will attend the University of Michigan next fall where she intends to pursue a career in engineering. During her time at Lowell she was a member of the soccer and Science Olympiad teams, an active member of the Interact club

and a three-year member of the National Honor Society.

President of the class of 2018, Quinne Duhr, also took the podium to address her fellow students and their guests. Multiple scholarship recipient Duhr, the daughter of Joshua and Heather Duhr, boasts a full resume as she heads to Grand Valley State University next fall to study business administration and public communication. During her time at LHS the 4.0 GPA student was a member of Interact, a gifted thespian for the Lowell theater department, a member of the National Honor Society and a participant of the varsity sideline cheer team.

Nearly 50 local scholarships were awarded next at the event. Organizations presenting awards included Lowell Rotary, Alto Lions Club, The Alto American Legion, The Lowell Women's Club, LowellArts and

the Lowell Area Schools Athletic Boosters. Many scholarships were also gifted in the name of former students, including the Tara Behran Spirit Scholarship received by Sky Angelo, The Andrea Herrera Memorial Scholarship awarded to Tayler Chertos, the Shelby Tomczak-Offrink Scholarship bestowed upon class salutatorian Darby Dean and the Margaret McMahon Scholarship earned by Miah Ransom.

Departmental and special awards completed the ceremony with closing remarks from Cichocki. Pallo, commenting after the close of the evening, said that this class of Red Arrows are aimed toward incredibly bright futures. "These students are kind, compassionate and level-headed. They are hardworking and dedicated. They have so much success ahead of them," concluded Pallo.



Senior class president Quinne Duhr accepts the Eva & Lee Lampkin Scholarship from Wendell Christoff.

Looking back, continued

nearly a year, designing, developing and refining the campaign. The campaign is now a reality, and was fully engaged this past Memorial Day weekend and will run the course of the summer. "The workgroup acts as a facilitator to offer opportunity for an entire community to become involved in something positive," Sweers said. "Its effect is doubled in the end." Between now and the end of August, Family Fare of Lowed will act as a collection agency for monies earmarked for Galati. Family Fare shoppers will be asked to bring in a coupon each time they shop (coupons were mailed out with a fold in flyer to Lowell residences.) Customers will then be asked to return a coupon with a minimum of a \$2 donation. "It is important that each time a customer makes a donation that they have a coupon to hand in with it," Lowell Family Fare store director, Larry Coleman said. At the end of August, the money collected will be used entirely for the purchase of soap, shampoo, vitamins, food and medical supplies. "Family Fare will offer Dorcas AID International a 10 percent discount on all items purchased

at our store," Coleman said. "The Lowell Family Fare Store is the only one of its chain stores participating." Through Grasman's family acquaintance with Ron Kunnen, one of the general managers of the Family Fare chain, the Galati project and Family Fare were brought together on the project. "When the container of goods arrives in Galati, it will speak volumes to the people of their community," Sweers says. "It will tell them that there is still hope and compassion in this world. It will also tell them that they have not been forgotten." Sweers and Grasman said they hope the project encourages people to re-awaken and take the responsibility for one another back into their own hands. It was after the revolution, in December of 1989, in which communism was toppled in Romania, that many horrors of human rights were uncovered. Today, through the work of Hendy Dykstra and other volunteers, paint, food supplies, bedding, diapers, and cribs have been provided. "Their work and dedication has helped the gradual miracle of love transform the children," Sweers said. "With the people of Lowell helping, together

with Dykstra and the many other volunteers, the children of Galati can be soothed by our love and care."

On Monday, June 7, Lowell Middle School eighth-grade drama class, under the direction of Cheryl Blodgett, will present the Drama Department's fourth annual play, "Prom Night Fright." Ghostly gangsters have been happily haunting Candlewick Inn for 60 years until their privacy is invaded by the kids of Franklin High, who decide to hold their prom at the abandoned resort. The prom committee not only has to deal with a trio of ghosts, but also with some problems of their own, anonymous love notes, jealous girlfriends, a love sick janitor and threatening messages. To add to the intrigue, the gangsters have been given some angelic advice about doing good deeds for eternal peace and the high school bunch offer a plethora of opportunities. Join in the fun and treat yourself, your friends and family to a free evening of entertainment. The play will be presented in the Middle School Cafetorium at 7:30 p.m.


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Red Arrow

- TRACK

SPORTS

Boys and girls both place twelfth in regionals

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

The Lowell girls and boys varsity track and field teams garnered matching twelfth-place finishes in post season play last week. Taking on some of the best in the state at the Michigan High School Athletic Association regional meet, hosted by Waverly High School, two Lowell athletes qualified for state level competition.

The boys rallied together to earn a score of 24, placing them 12th behind East Kentwood, Okemos and host Waverly, who claimed the top three spots. Their finish, just two points shy of the top ten, was led by state qualifier senior Jacob Rau. A discus toss of 148-06 feet nabbed Raus fourth place and the number six spot in the Lowell record books. Rau will represent the team at the Division I state meet hosted by East Kentwood later this week.

Fellow senior Will Reynolds also qualified for the all-region team in the 110 hurdles where he finished fifth with a time of 15.36 and in the 300 hurdles placing third with a time of 40.22. His time in the 300 places him in the second position in the Lowell record books, missing the top spot by just two tenths of a second.

The 400 meter crew of senior Sam Misak, Rau, senior Austin Pollock and sophomore Devin Dietz set a personal record and placed number seven in the books. The 1600 meter team of Reynolds, seniors Ken Stump and Morrison Ismond and Dietz placed sixth with a time of 3:32. The 800 meter team of Misak, Reynolds, Pollock and Dietz placed eighth with a time of 1:34.26, the sixth fastest time in school history.

Lowell saw more record breaking from sophomore Caleb Swart in the 1600 meter placing seventh with a time of 4:36.22 and propelling him to sixth in the Arrow books. Sophomores Benjamin Kinnucan and Lucas Cossar, in the 3200 meter, finished at 10:07.45 and 10:08 for a third and fifth place in the event's record. Senior runner Ismond picked up a sixth place finish in the 800 meter clocking in at 2:02.42.

Lowell head coach Paul Judd said they knew the boys team, who finished the season a winning 4-2, would draw strength from their throws, distance and hurdles, pointing to Rau, Ismond, Kinnucan and Swart. "We were spot on there," he said of the group continuing, "Some

nice surprises were how well our relay teams have done and I would say that moving Devin Dietz and Austin Pollock into them really put some "zing" into the chemistry that was established last year."

The Lady Arrow scored a total of 25.6 points placing them twelfth in the field, bettering last season's performance by ten points. The team was led in field events by freshman Kaylee Diamond, who earned matching fourth-place finishes in the high and long jumps. Senior Amber Brown set a personal record with her third-place finish on the pole vault at 9' 3"; senior Lizzie Kuhns placed seventh in the pole vault and freshman Tressa Huizinga picked up a seventh-place finish on the high jump.

On the track freshman Theresa Judd placed sixth in the 300 hurdles with a time of 48.69 taking fourth in the record books; and the 3200 meter relay team of junior Grace Ostrander, sophomore Jada Millhisler, freshman Alexis Haines and junior Lauren Aud collected the team's only relay medal. Junior Haley Nieuwkoop and senior Alexis Cook also made traction in the record books.

Junior Diana Roth was the lone state qualifier earning her way to the state competition with a fourth-place 25.99 finish in the 200 meter race. Her stellar finish topped the previous Lowell record set in 1977.

Also going into the season expecting great things from the girls, Judd

was not surprised that the team had a perfect 6-0 regular season and OK White titleholder status. "The coaches knew that the girls team would be strong across the board as we had quite a few strong performers returning from last year and a pretty good freshman class coming in," explained Judd, adding, "We had a couple of surprises in Theresa Judd and Kaylee Diamond as they are new to both hurdles and long jump and have done pretty good. The other area that we received support were the mid-distances with first-year track runners Alexis Haines and Jada Millhisler."

The team also saw better-than-expected results from the relay runners. According to Judd, "Relays

are about chemistry and Madison Brown and Mya Kaywood have been welcome additions that provided not only speed but the chemistry that I mentioned."

Judd said that despite the fact that the girls and boys keep separate scores, they are by every other definition one unified team. "We share the success of each meet with one another. It is about Lowell track and field and not about the boys team or the girls team. We practice together, we travel together, we compete and get back together. We are all there for one another."

Rau and Roth compete in the Division I state meet on Saturday morning at East Kentwood High School located at 6230 Kalamazoo Avenue SE in Kentwood.

Boys beat underdog Bengals

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Packing a one, two, three punch over underdog the Ottawa Hills Bengals last week, the Red Arrow varsity baseball team picked up large margin wins to finish their regular season winning 10-8 in conference play and 14-14 overall.

Tuesday on the road for the first two of a three game league series Lowell allowed only one run from the Bengals in a 20-1 win. The Arrows earned 14 total

hits and a ten run second inning. Seniors Connor and Brady Douma each produced multiple hits including matching second inning triples, along with juniors Nick Weston, Zach Post and Jackson Helder, sophomore Logan Staley and senior Travis Cornell. Senior pitcher Garrett Pratt allowed zero hits and runs over three innings on the hill, striking out five. Kyle Bibbler stepped up for the final two innings.

Earning even more runs in the second game of

the doubleheader, Lowell topped Ottawa 27-0 with a perfect game from junior Jordan Dent on the mound. Throwing all three innings of the mercied game, Dent shut down all the Bengal batters allowing zero hits and walking five.

The second onslaught

20-0 in three innings scoring a dozen in the first. The quick contest served as the team's senior celebration paying tribute to the members of the class of 2018. The outgoing Arrows, honored for their contributions to the program alongside their parents, included Cornell, B. Douma,



Senior Red Arrow Travis Cornell in his last regular season game on the mound.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The Stanley R. and Mary Frances Henderson Trust

Re: Mary Frances Henderson, Decedent, Date of Birth 09/30/1931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Mary Frances Henderson, who lived at 2500 Lake Michigan Dr. NW A-203, died on February 9, 2018

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims

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featured a 17-run second inning fueled by Bibbler, C. Douma, senior Austin Whaley, junior Nick Struckmeyer, junior Gavin Hoffman and senior Josh Hackstedt, each sending runs in. Totalling 14 hits once again, the team also saw connections from B. Douma, Staley and Helder. Lowell also boasted an error free game and eight stolen bases by the close of the game.

Finishing up the series Wednesday in Lowell, the boys shutout the Bengals

C. Douma, Hackstedt, Whaley and Pratt.

The Arrows competed in the Gerken Tournament hosted by East Grand Rapids Pioneers over the weekend and then began the postseason early in the week at Greenville High School for round one of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's district competition. A win propels them to the second round of the district playoff scheduled for June 2 at Rockford High School beginning at 10 am.



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Red Arrow

- SOFTBALL

SPORTS

Girls seal conference championship with perfect 12-0 record

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

In a true show of sportsmanship the first place Red Arrow varsity softball team joined the last place Ottawa Hills Bengals on the field last week. The Arrows filled in the gaps in the Bengals' schedule for the final OK White series of the regular season.

Playing a lighthearted scrimmage that featured Arrows as Bengals with the return of alumni players, Lowell sealed their second

consecutive conference championship with a perfect 12-0 league record and an impressive overall record of 20-3. The forfeits heading toward the postseason.

The members of the successful team include sophomores, Kaia Zimmerman and Mackenzie Jordan; juniors, Emily Depew, Ashleigh Jarrad, Madison Jordan, Allyson Lange, Madison Melle, Corah Miller, Madison Sage and Kylee Stephens; and seniors, Miah Ransom,

Mackenzie North and Megan Summerfield; headed up by head coach Bill McElroy.

This week the team will finish off the season with a non-conference doubleheader against the 2017 state champion the Wayland Wildcats, on the road, this Thursday at 4 and 6 pm. Their post-season district run began earlier this week and will continue this Saturday at Rockford High School beginning at noon.



Red Arrow varsity softball celebrates their back to back OK White championships.



Left: The Arrows took to the field alongside the Bengals.

Sports Summaries

BOYS GOLF

The Lowell Red Arrow boys varsity golf team hit the links at Boulder Ridge Golf Club last week for the final OK White contest of the season, placing fourth with a combined card total of 340. The season ending conference meet was led by sophomore Noah Barnhart who tallied an 83. Following close behind were juniors Tyler Kapcia and Drew Davidson, each carding an 84, while fellow junior Mike VandenHout came in slightly behind with an 89. On Wednesday, the team competes in the Michigan High School Athletic Association regional contest at Thornapple Point Golf Course to begin postseason play.

GIRLS SOCCER

Breaking even against the Huskies of Forest Hills Northern last week, the Lowell girls varsity soccer team fell 4-2 on Tuesday and earned a shutout 5-0 on Wednesday

completing their regular season. The lady Arrows placed third in the OK White with overall records of 8-3-1 and 11-3-5 respectively. In their loss to the Huskies, goals were recorded from senior captain and defensive all-star Darby Dean and Lowell's offensive leader junior Regan Coxon. A solo assist was credited to freshman Mal Mrozinski who made her varsity debut at the event. Their Wednesday win over FHN saw goals from junior forward Isabel Remar, sophomore midfielders Maddie Halfmann and Khloe Hayes and junior forward Coxon who found the back of the net twice. Assists were logged by Hayes, senior captain Riley Conlan, junior midfielder Aly Hodridge, Dean and Coxon. Junior keeper Abby White saved eight shutting down FHN. The girls began district playoffs earlier in the week and continue on Thursday at Northview at 5 pm. A district winner will be determined on June 2 at Rockford High School after the 10 am game.

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NOTICE OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ADOPTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Vergennes Township Board has adopted Ordinance 2018-3, an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance of the Wireless Communications Facilities section as summarized below. The amendments were adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board on Monday, May 21, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Dr, Lowell, MI.

Zoning amendments are to section 201.432 Wireless Communication Facilities to clarify terms, add State requirements for antenna co-locations and timing of application review, clarify various sentences and terms, add more application requirements that applicants must provide, detail the application process, add more engineering review and signage details.

The complete text of the ordinance amendments can be reviewed at the **Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671** or on the website www.vergennestwp.org. This ordinance takes effect 7 days after publication.

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BAER A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Monette Fairchild Baer, 95, of Hamilton, MT, passed away Wednesday, January 10, 2018, at Kathy's Place in Florence, MT. She was born March 14, 1922, in Grand Rapids, MI. Monette spent most of her life in Michigan where she was a 4-H leader and involved in several kinds of crafts. After her husband Bernard passed away in 2001, she moved to Hamilton and continued working in ceramics. She entered many pieces in the Ravalli Fair and was honored with several blue and a couple champion ribbons. Monette is survived by her son, Maynard and wife



Deborah Baer of Hamilton, MT; daughter, Monette (Ellie) Winfield of Grand Rapids; five grandchildren, Brad and wife Holly Baer of Ionia, Wendy Hobbs of Lowell, Jason and wife Melissa Baer of Lowell, Dan and wife Jessica Drown of Ionia and Carly and husband Mike Heiland of Jackson, MT; eleven great-grandchildren; and



five great great-grandchildren. Join us for a reception on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, from 4 to 7 p.m. under the pavilion at Ada Township Park on 1180 Buttrick Drive, Ada, Michigan. The family suggests that memorials be made to an Alzheimer's disease research and prevention charity.

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— Oprah Winfrey

NOTICE OF ADOPTION LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP Zoning Ordinance Amendment

On May 21, 2018, at the regular meeting of the Lowell Charter Township Board the following Ordinance was adopted to amend the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance.

THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL ORDAINS:

SECTION 1 Section 4.46(b) of the Lowell Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby **AMENDED** to delete the following language:

(b) A Home-Based Business does not include activities allowed by right or by Special Land Use Permit in other sections of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2 This Ordinance shall become effective seven days after its publication or seven days after the publication of a summary of its provisions in a local newspaper of general circulation.

A complete copy of the Ordinance can be obtained at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash SE, Lowell, MI 49331 during regular office hours on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday or by calling 897-7600,

Monica Burt, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

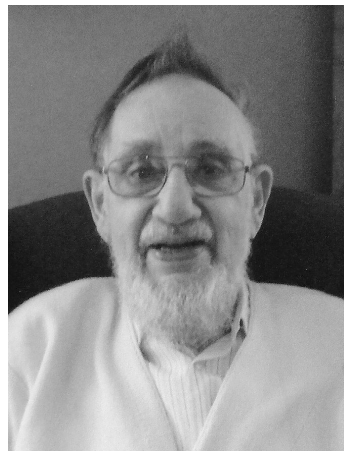
CROSS

John Raymond Cross, age 64, passed away on January 20, 2018. He was born on May 11, 1953, to Donald and Elaine Cross in Grand Rapids. He met the love of his life, Tina, and married her on April 6, 1973. John and Tina moved to the Tampa, FL area in 1998. John was a loving husband and father with a tremendous sense of humor. While he will be greatly missed, we know his spirit rests with the Lord. In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons, John, Michael and Donald; and six grandchildren, Tyler, Tanner, Emma, Evan, Damian and Arthur. A Celebration of Life gathering will be held on Saturday, June 9 from 1-4 pm at Keiser's Kitchen in Lowell. Family and friends are welcome.



OPPEWAL

Dr. Donald Oppewal, PhD, age 91 of Lowell, went to be with Jesus Saturday, May 19, 2018. Born to Teake and Gertrude Oppewal on October 8, 1926 in Mendon, Massachusetts, he was the fourth of seven children. By age 10 he was milking cows for neighboring farms part-time. Don also attended and graduated from the public school in Mendon, MA, in 1944. Six months later, he was inducted into the US Army, where he was a rifle man and machine gunner. During WWII, he served in the Philippines for two years, and then served in the Army occupation of Japan. Under the GI Bill, Don attended Calvin College; graduating with his Bachelor's degree in English and secondary education teaching certification in 1950, after only 3.5 years. During his time at Calvin, he met and married the love of his life, Jessica Leestma. He then earned his Master's degree in English and history from the University of Michigan. His career began at Illiana Christian High School in Lansing, IL, as an English and civics teacher. After five years, Don left to pursue his doctorate degree in the philosophy of education at the University of Illinois in Champaign, IL. Graduating with his Ph.D. in 1960, he joined the faculty of Calvin College. Don taught both undergraduate and graduate courses in the Education Department at Calvin for 30 years, notably the Christian Perspectives on Learning course, until his retirement in 1991. He was passionate about interdisciplinary teaching, and was actively involved in offering a variety of courses to his students. Talented and dedicated, he was impatient with theories of teaching and learning that were not grounded in the real world of practice. He insisted that educators must get "off the bleachers and onto the field."



During his time at Calvin, he also enjoyed publishing his own materials, as well as creating opportunities

for others to do the same. He helped establish the Christian Educators Journal, and served as managing editor for 12 years. He began the Calvin Monograph Series in 1963, single-handedly, with his work, Roots of the Calvinistic Day School Movement. In the early 1970s, Don produced a reader for his own class use: Alternative Perspectives in Christian Education. Don was co-editor of a departmental reader, Christian Vision in Education: The Growing Edge (1980); editor of In Touch, the departmental newsletter since it began in 1983; assisted with editing the 1988 edition of readings for the Christian Perspectives on Learning course; and had essays published in the Reformed Journal, Educational Forum, Christian Legal Society Quarterly, and Christian Scholar's Review. He was honored as a "Fellow" for the Calvin Center For Christian Scholarship 1978-79 study of public justice and educational equity. Don was skilled at detecting religious bias in public school textbooks, and his work was utilized by Paul Vitz of New York University in Vitz's book on censorship. Don served as the curriculum policy consultant for Christian Schools International for ten years; was on Calvin's Teacher Education Committee when the Master of Arts in Teaching program was conceived; served as Chairman of the Education Department; and chaired some of its integral sub-committees. After retiring, Don offered his talents internationally. He taught at a newly founded university in Nigeria for a semester, as well as assisted numerous secondary schools there. In the Reformed Ecumenical Council FOCUS, he published an analysis of 50 years of mission work in Nigeria. Don volunteered as both a construction worker and educational consultant for schools in Belize, Dominican Republic and Honduras through Worldwide Christian Schools. He represented both Canadian and US Christian Schools at a Reformed Ecumenical Council conference in the Netherlands, where leaders encouraged the founding of Christian schools. In 1997, Don published Voices From The Past: Reformed Educators, a book containing chapters devoted to numerous Calvinist spokespersons for Christian education. He also enjoyed woodworking and gardening in his retirement.

Throughout his life, Don was committed to the church schools and consistories of Cascade and La Grave Avenue Christian Reformed Churches. He will be deeply missed by his wife of 69 years, Jessica; children, Gwen Beversluis, Jo Boersma, Dan and Mary Oppewal, Jim Oppewal, Donna Oppewal, Paul and Tammy Oppewal; brother Fred Oppewal; sister Trudy Kuiper; 15 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Don was preceded in death by his daughter-in-law, Peggy Ronzoz; and sons-in-law, Joel Beversluis and Tom Boersma. Private services will be held by the family. Contributions in Don's memory may be made to Calvin College, 3201 Burton SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546, or online at calvin.edu/support. The family would appreciate comments and remembrances of Don to be left on his online obituary on MLive, or the Gerst Funeral Homes website at www.gerstfuneralhomes.com/obituary/dr-donald-oppewal-phd

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


On February 17, 1869, Russian chemist

Dmitri Mendeleev had an appointment with a local cheese-making company to provide his expert consultation. But he never made it. A blast of inspiration overtook him soon after he awoke and he stayed home to tend to the blessed intrusion. He spent that day, as well as the next two, perfecting his vision of the periodic table of the elements, which he had researched and thought about for a long time. Science was forever transformed by Mendeleev's breakthrough. I doubt your epiphanies in the coming weeks will have a similar power to remake the whole world, Gemini. But they could very well remake your world. When they arrive, honor them. Feed them. Give them enough room to show you everything they've got.

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


Ninety-five percent of your fears have little or no

objective validity. Some are delusions generated by the neurotic parts of your imagination. Others are delusions you've absorbed from the neurotic spew of other people's imaginations. What I've just told you is both bad news and good news. On the one hand, it's a damn shame you feel so much irrational and unfounded anxiety. On the other hand, hearing my assertion that so much of it is irrational and unfounded might mobilize you to free yourself from its grip. I'm pleased to inform you that the coming weeks will be an excellent time to wage a campaign to do just that. June can and should be Fighting for Your Freedom from Fear Month.

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


During the next four weeks, I'll celebrate if you search

for and locate experiences that will heal the part of your heart that's still a bit broken. My sleep at night will be extra deep and my dreams extra sweet if I know you're drumming up practical support for your feisty ideals. I'll literally jump for joy if you hunt down new

teachings that will ultimately ensure you start making a daring dream come true in 2019. And my soul will soar if you gravitate toward the mind-expanding kind of hedonism rather than the mind-shrinking variety.

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


Everyone has a unique fate that's interesting enough to write a

book about. Each of us has at least one epic story to tell that would make people cry and laugh and adjust their thoughts about the meaning of life. What would your saga be like? Think about what's unfolding right now, because I bet that would be a ripe place to start your meditations. The core themes of your destiny are currently on vivid display, with new plot twists taking your drama in novel directions. Want to get started? Compose the first two sentences of your memoir.


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

"Dear Oracle: I find myself in the weird position of trying to decide between

doing the good thing and doing the right thing. If I opt to emphasize sympathy and kindness, I may look like an eager-to-please wimp with shaky principles. But if I push hard for justice and truth, I may seem rude and insensitive. Why is it so challenging to have integrity? - Vexed Libra." Dear Libra: My advice is to avoid the all-or-nothing approach. Be willing to be half-good and half-right. Sometimes the highest forms of integrity require you to accept imperfect solutions.

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


You have waited long enough to retaliate against your adversaries.

It's high time to stop simmering with frustration and resentment. Take direct action! I suggest you arrange to have a box of elephant poop shipped to their addresses. You can order it here: tinyurl.com/ElephantManure. JUST KIDDING! I misled you with the preceding statements. It would in fact be a mistake for you to express such vulgar revenge. Here's the truth: Now is an excellent time to seek retribution against those who have opposed you, but the best ways to do that would be by proving them wrong, surpassing their accomplishments, and totally forgiving them.

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


Marketing experts say that motivating a person to say yes to a big question is more likely if you first build momentum by asking them smaller questions to which it's easy to say yes. I encourage you to adopt this slant for your own purposes in the coming weeks. It's prime time to extend invitations and make requests that you've been waiting for the right moment to need on your side will, I suspect, be more receptive than usual -- and with good reasons -- but you may still have to be smoothly strategic in your approach.

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


I bet you'll be offered at least one valuable gift, and possibly more. But I'm concerned that you may not recognize them for their true nature. So I've created an exercise to enhance your ability to identify and claim these gifts-in-disguise. Please ruminate on the following concepts: 1. a pain that can heal; 2. a shadow that illuminates; 3. an unknown or anonymous ally; 4. a secret that nurtures intimacy; 5. a power akin to underground lightning; 6. an invigorating boost disguised as tough love.

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


When I was a kid attending elementary schools in the American Midwest, recess was a core part of my educational experience. For 45 minutes each day, we were excused from our studies so we could indulge in free-form play -- outdoors if the weather was nice or else in the gymnasium. But in recent years, schools in the U.S. have shrunk the time allotted for recess. Many schools have eliminated it altogether. Don't they understand this is harmful to the social, emotional and physical health of their students? In any case, Aquarius, I hope you move in the opposite direction during the coming weeks. You need more than your usual quota of time away from the grind. More fun and games, please! More messing around and merriment! More recess!

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


For many years, actor Mel Blanc provided the voice for Bugs Bunny, a cartoon character who regularly chomped down on raw carrots. But Blanc himself did not like raw carrots. In a related matter, actor John Wayne, who pretended to be a cowboy and horseman in many movies, did not like horses. And according to his leading ladies, charismatic macho film hunk Harrison Ford is not even close to being an expert kisser. What about you, Pisces? Is your public image in alignment with your true self? If there are discrepancies, the coming weeks will be an excellent time to make corrections.

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


A critic described Leonardo da Vinci's painting the Mona Lisa as "the most visited, most written about, most sung about, most parodied work of art in the world." It hasn't been sold recently, but is estimated to be worth hundreds of millions of dollars. Today it's kept in the world-renowned Louvre museum in Paris, where it's viewed by millions of art-lovers. But for years after its creator's death, it enjoyed little fanfare while hanging in the bathroom of the French King Francois. I'd love to see a similar evolution in your own efforts, Aries: a rise from humble placement and modest appreciation to a more interesting fate and greater approval. The astrological omens suggest that you have more power than usual to make this happen in the coming weeks and months.

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


These days, many films use CGI, computer generated imagery. The technology is sophisticated and efficient. But in the early days of its use, producing such realistic fantasies was painstaking and time-intensive. For example, Steven Spielberg's 1993 film Jurassic Park featured four minutes of CGI that required a year to create. I hope that in the coming weeks, you will summon equivalent levels of old-school tenacity and persistence and attention to detail as you devote yourself to a valuable task that you love. Your passion needs an infusion of discipline. Don't be shy about grunting.

NEWS OF THE

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Oops!

On May 1, as airmen of the 91st Missile Wing Security Forces traversed the gravel back roads of North Dakota between two of the nuclear missile launch sites they are charged with protecting, the back hatch of their truck fell open, allowing a 42-pound metal box of explosive grenade rounds to fall out. Despite deploying more than 100 airmen to walk the entire six-mile route the team had driven, the Washington Post reported on May 15, the ammunition still hadn't been found. The Air Force's Office of Special Investigations has offered a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the recovery of the box and has alerted local farmers and oil field vendors in the area that the box could be dangerous if damaged.

Animal Antics

In Lodi, California, a small black cat took up residence on May 11 on a high ledge near the large outdoor sign of a Chili's restaurant and thwarted attempts by management, who self-identified as "cat people," to be rescued. As customers took pictures, Restaurant Cat, as it came to be known, stared down calmly, KTXL TV reported. But when Chili's employees used a ladder to try to reach it, the cat climbed behind the neon chili pepper and wouldn't come out, so they left food and water. Presumably it's keeping the pigeons away.

Meanwhile, in Perth, Australia, another restaurant has taken a novel approach to a different animal problem: Customers at Hillary's 3Sheets are being offered water guns to shoot at seagulls, which have been ruining diners' waterfront meals. "It was bad," owner Toby Evans told Nine Network television on May 16, admitting the idea was "a desperate measure. Before, they'd wait until customers had finished and got up, but now they're getting cheekier and cheekier." Customers are on board, saying the pistols are working. (Maybe they need a Restaurant Cat of their own.)

Awesome!

Matthew and Maria Colonna-Emanuel of Staten Island knew about the silver box partially buried near some trees in their yard for years; they thought it was a cable box. But when they decided to replace the trees, they discovered the box was a safe and it was full of treasure. In early May, the Emanuels found thousands of dollars, along with "jewelry, diamonds, engagement rings ..." said Matthew Emanuel. "It was stunning." They also found an address, which linked them to nearby neighbors. The New York Police Department told CBS New York that indeed, the Emanuels' neighbors were robbed in 2011 of a safe with items totaling about \$52,000. The couple returned the safe and its contents to the crime victims, who were thrilled. "It wasn't even a question," said Maria Colonna-Emanuel. "It wasn't ours."

Easy Way Out

Like any resourceful mom, Johanna Giselhall Sandstrom of Kyrkhult, Sweden, made lemonade out of lemons after she discovered a spelling error in her newly acquired tattoo. Sandstrom had asked the tattoo artist to entwine the names of her two children, Nova and Kevin, on her arm, and it wasn't until she arrived home that she realized the tattoo read "Kelvin" instead of "Kevin." "My heart stopped and I thought I was going to faint," Sandstrom told local newspaper Blekinge Lans Tidning. Removing the tattoo would require multiple treatments, she learned, so Sandstrom decided instead to change her two-year-old son's name to Kelvin. The Independent reported on May 16. "When I thought more about it, I realized that no one else has this name," she said. "It became unique. Now we think it is better than Kevin."

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THEME: FARM TO TABLE

ACROSS

1. *Key farm-to-table attribute
6. Goldfish or koi
10. Excessively abundant
14. Obelus, pl.
15. Black and white treat
16. Revise for publication
17. Swamp plant
18. "Saved by the ____"
19. Guilty, e.g.
20. Looking at
22. Silage storage
24. Building add-on
25. James ____ Jones
27. Baloney
29. * ____ varieties
33. Greek letter N, pl.
34. Caterer's coffee pots
35. *Key component of manure
37. Lady's wrap
41. Fleur-de- ____
42. Accustom
44. River in Spain
45. Sailing vessel with two masts
48. Evoke emotion
49. 2016 animated musical
50. Female sib
52. * ____ breeds
54. *Lettuce units
57. ____ well ____ someone
58. Small one in a large machine
59. Per person
61. Peace of mind
65. Os in XOXO
67. Takes to court
69. Away from harbor
70. Biblical twin
71. Final notice
72. *Food ____, as in distance
73. Shade-loving plant
74. " ____ a soul"
75. Game outcome

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1. Leave in the dust
2. Do as directed
3. Relinquish
4. Capital of Algeria
5. Relating to spleen
6. *Corn holder
7. Bellicose deity
8. Archeologist's find
9. *"The Omnivore's

Dilemma" author

10. One in a set
11. Lazybones
12. * ____-to-table, farm-to-table alternative
13. And others, for short
21. Search blindly
23. Cross to bear
26. Duck-like divers
28. Holy Wednesday
29. a.k.a. Dr. Robert Bruce Banner
30. It's between Ohio and Ontario
31. Research facil.
32. Oral cavity
36. Snooped
38. "Summertime" of Porgy and Bess, e.g.
39. POTUS' West one
40. Private theater box
43. Computer message

46. *Harvest subscription, acr.
47. *Honey-producing facility
49. Astringent drug
51. *What's in ____?
53. I-resembling supports
54. Canine foe
55. Daytime moth
56. Aqua-lung
58. *One who runs the show
60. George or Louis to Kate and William
62. Capital on a fjord
63. Nostradamus, e.g.
64. Alleviate
66. *"Full ____, " on a seed package
68. Wilbur's home

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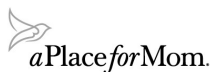
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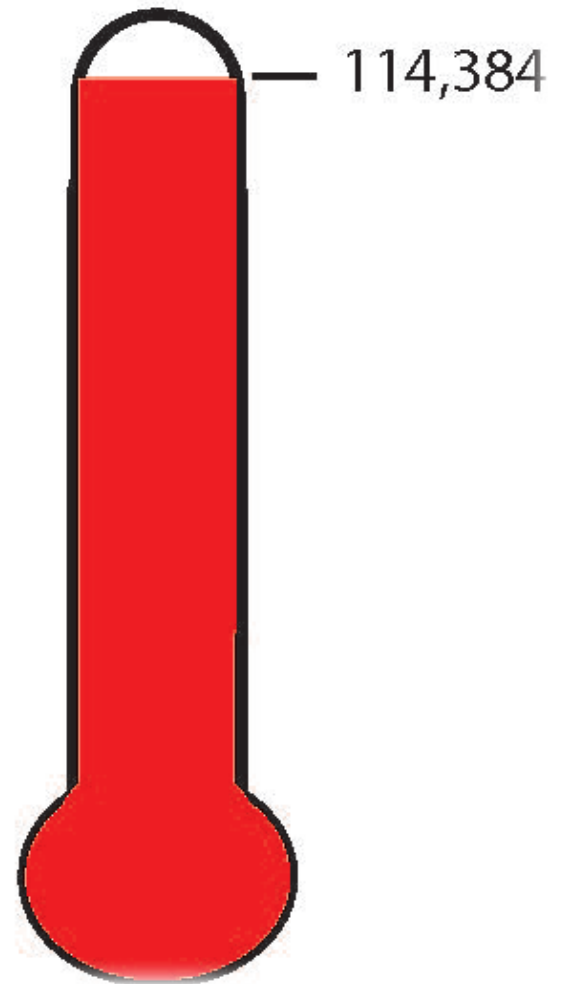
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Dawn continues, "As I look back on the last twenty years of FROM and look forward to the next twenty, I know we will continue to make a difference in our community and that happens by making a difference for one person and one family at a time."

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