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by Brendan A. Sanders
contributing reporter

Blue skies, sunshine, and wind were on the menu as the class of 2019 took one last walk together down to Bob Perry field. Lowell High School's 141st commencement lasted over an hour as many notable figures in the district and the class of 2019 offered their final remarks to the outgoing class of 260 students.

First-year principal Stephen Gough offered the opening statement after the national anthem. He touched upon the accomplishments achieved from the class, the load that the students had to work through, and the school's slogan: "Learners today, leaders tomorrow, Red Arrows for life."

"Life is about learning, never-ending learning, self-reflection and growth," Gough stated in his opening remarks. "Leadership takes courage. To be a Red Arrow, that means you have to commit to being both. I hope that we have served you well and I hope that as you go forward in life you will work as hard as you can, to do



what you think is right, own your mistakes, and take care of others."

After announcing the 49 students graduating with Summa Cum Laude honors,

Gough asked all the students enlisting in the military to stand up, earning a large round of applause. After a performance by the Lowell band, Gough relinquished

the podium to four students: Danielle Barnes, Kohl Goldsmith, Lucas Sherman, and Zachary Post.

Danielle Barnes commented on the dynamics

of learning from one another: "Each and every one of us has learned something from each other. Parents learned

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Memorial Day ceremonies and parade

by Patrick Misner
contributing reporter

The Memorial Day Parade made its way through Lowell on Monday May 27th. It began at the fair grounds, stopped at the Veteran's Memorial for a short prayer

and twenty-one gun salute, and finished with a ceremony at the cemetery led by Dirk Ritzema.

Herman Weststrate was the parade marshal for the

event and was at the fair grounds organizing the parade participants before the 10 am start time. He got involved with the parade through working with the

VFW where he is currently the commander of Post 8303 in Lowell.

"I have been in the parade since 2002. I have been the parade marshal for the past

six years. We have a lot of slots to fill, and since I am the commander, that [is] my role," said Weststrate.

He also walked in the parade with other members of the VFW including Joel Freuh. This was not Freuh's first parade.

Freuh said, "I am usually down here every year... I got out [of the Marine Corps] in 2008. I was in there [from] 2000 to 2008, served two terms in Iraq."

The recently formed American Heritage Girls chapter in Lowell also walked in the parade led by Jennie Forney and Juliet Hoak. Hoak said, "our mission is building women of integrity through service to God, family, and community."

They also took part in the Memorial Day ceremony in Muskegon yesterday at the USS Silversides Submarine Museum.

"[The girls] carried the service flags in and then did the flower rings, so they did the ringing of the bells for a

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lost boat ceremony, and they dropped off flowers in the water for every submarine lost in World War II... They asked us to be part of the ceremony because we had camped there over spring break... We did a night on the Silversides with the girls," said Forney.

The parade made a stop at the Veteran's Memorial across from Flat River Grill on Main Street and then ended in the cemetery. Dirk Ritzema noted the pleasant weather at the beginning of the ceremony saying, "What a difference a year makes. Remember last year? It was about 90 degrees out here while the sun was beating down on us and we were just melting away. I'm glad we got a little bit of a breeze this morning. It is a nice day out."

Ritzema next introduced the Lowell High School band, which played the Star Spangled Banner followed by the local Cub Scouts

troop leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Rev. Glen Martin gave an invocation and blessing for the ceremony that recognized the many veteran's that have sacrificed for the United States.

The Lowell High School Rock Fusion Orchestra played music while different individuals from local organizations placed flowers at the Civil War Memorial in the cemetery. The Lowell mayor, Mike Deboer, the Kent County Youth Fair Court, Lowell Women's Club, Senior Neighbors, Lowell Gilda's Club and Pink Arrow Project, Flat River Outreach Ministries, Lowell Rotary Club, and LowellArts all presented flowers during the ceremony.

Michael Burns, the Lowell city manager, gave a speech for the event. He began his speech by thanking the many people that have served in the armed forces, their families, as well as the people that organized this

year's parade and ceremony. He particularly thanked Sgt. Lucas Beechnauw, who was a 2004 graduate of Lowell and was killed in 2010.

"Sgt. Lucas Beechnauw served our country in Afghanistan as a squad leader of the 173rd airborne infantry in the United States Army," Burns said. "Sgt. Beechnauw was tragically killed in a firefight with Taliban fighters on January 13, 2010 in Afghanistan. If you recall, the statue at the Veteran's Memorial downtown of the soldier's boot, M16, bayonet, and helmet on top of it is dedicated in his honor... People such as Sgt. Beechnauw are [the] reason why our great nation has the freedom it does today."

Burns concluded, "We are able to be here today

largely thanks to those who are not. There are many ways you can keep our fallen as well as our injured and ill veterans in your heart and mind throughout the year. If you are so inclined, organizations like the American Legion, VFW, and many other organizations offer countless ways to give back to those who endured the physical, psychological, and emotional wounds of war. They could be driving your veteran to a medical appointment, befriending a veteran who lives alone or in a nursing facility, or reaching out to the veteran who just left military service. Please reach out to find ways you can help engage and be a part of the effort to care for those who served. Working together with friends, neighbors,

veteran's groups, and entire communities, we can ensure the sacrifices made by our nation's finest and bravest never go unappreciated and that their memories are never forgotten. I thank you all for joining in today's tribute; I hope you keep our military men and women and the sacrifices they made close to your heart today and throughout the rest of the year."

Ritzema then read off the names of local military veterans that have passed away since last Memorial Day while an Eagle Scout rang a bell for each name read. The ceremony ended with a playing of taps by Jack Misner on trumpet followed by the high school band playing "America the Beautiful" as people departed.

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Q&A with Matt Monroe of WYGR-FM

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Matt Monroe is a DJ and the director of marketing at 99.5 WYGR, aka “Jethro FM,” the “classic country with a twist” radio station that claims it is “working hard to be your third favorite.” In addition to all the great, classic country and rock music, WYGR is also the home of legendary Grand Rapids radio show “Polka Pops.”

What different radio shows do you broadcast and when are they on?

Currently our programs include ‘The Sports Project’ with host Steve Project on Saturdays from 10 am until noon, ‘Fight for Your Rights’ with host Jeff Portco of the Advocate Law Office airs Sundays from 11 am until noon, ‘The Polka



Matt Monroe

What are the various methods people can use to listen to the station?

On the air in Grand Rapids at 94.9 FM or 1530 AM, on the air in Lowell at 99.5 FM, on the ‘Tuned In’ radio app and online at jethro.fm.

Why do you aspire to be our third favorite station?

We thought it would get a good laugh. We’re not greedy and it looks great on the back of our t-shirts!

Who is/was Jethro?

Jethro Bodine was a character in ‘The Beverly Hillbillies’ we thought people could relate to. Jethro is synonymous with classic country.

Why is Lowell a good location for the station?

We love Lowell, it’s very similar to Grandville, where our studios are located. Lowell is a growing community and we want to help support the growth by helping local businesses, being a part of the fantastic community events and helping carry on Lowell’s traditions.

What does ‘country with a twist’ refer to? A twist of what?

Country with a twist is our format. We play classic country but then we throw in other music and programming that we feel our audience would appreciate, like a few crossover artists.

Who are some typical artists one might hear on 99.5?

We have a rotation of over 1,000 songs. Some artists include Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings, Patsy Cline, Merle Haggard, George Jones, Loretta Lynn, Kenny Rogers, Marty Robbins, Conway Twitty, Willie Nelson, Hank Williams (Sr. and Jr.), Charlie Pride, Glen Campbell, Jerry Reed and more. And then the ‘twist’ songs. We play the Eagles, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Gordon Lightfoot, James Taylor and lots more.



Why do you play songs like that?

We feel it’s what our listeners want. Much research goes into what we play.

What is the source of this music (record, CD, tape, MP3, etc.)?

We utilize all sources, and we employ a radio engineer to ensure our signal is clear.

Do you take requests? How is that facilitated?

We do not take call-in requests, however we encourage our listeners to engage with us via text, website and social media. We love suggestions and add new songs all the time based on listener feedback.

Pops’ airs Saturdays from noon until 3 pm and ‘Polka Overtime’ follows it until 4 pm. We do not have syndicated programming, however we are looking at possibly adding some in the future.

What is the history of the “Polka Pops?”

We are carrying on the tradition of West Michigan polka DJs Bob ‘Jasiu’ Whitcomb, Ernie ‘Pierogi’ Pickem and Jerry ‘Golombki’ Baczewski. Jerry and Ernie got into polka radio at the feet of Grand Rapids’ legendary polka DJ, the late Bob Whitcomb, and took over for Whitcomb when he retired in the 1970s. After about 15 years on various other West Michigan radio stations, Jerry and Ernie brought their act to WYGR starting Feb. 29, 1992. Despite the passing of both polka DJs, Ernie in Feb. 1998 and Jerry in Feb. 1999, WYGR has continued the great polka radio tradition. By the way, Jerry and Ernie’s Polka Pops was dubbed ‘the nation’s premier Polka show’ by a New York writer due to the great variety of musical styles featured: Chicago-style, Cleveland-style and traditional polkas, plus your favorite waltzes and obereks.



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WWC summer activities

by Tim McAllister
 lead reporter

Lowell's Wittenbach Wege Center, 11715 Vergennes, is one of Kent County's largest environmental education centers. They have many fun, rewarding activities planned all summer long, both for youths and adults.

The WWC's Junior Master Gardener camp is an eight week course exploring the strategies animals in Michigan use for camouflage and survival. Junior Master Gardener camp will take place on June 6, June 13, June 20, June 27, July 11, July 18, July 25 and August 1. Visit the center's Facebook page for more information.

"Activities will focus on Michigan's top agricultural products including poultry, dairy, pickling cucumbers, squash, blueberries, cherries, flowers and honey," said WWC executive director Courtney Cheers.

"It engages students in hands-on group and individual learning experiences that provide a love of gardening and learning where our food comes from. We develop an appreciation of the natural world and cultivate the mind. We engage youth by combining academic achievement, gardening, nutrient dense food experiences, cooking, physical activity and

stewardship engagement. All levels will meet on the same dates and participate in the same study trips and stewardship projects such as community involvement by growing fresh vegetables to donate to the Flat River Outreach Ministries food pantry, building entrepreneurial skills by selling produce at the Lowell Farmer's Market, visiting local farms and businesses to better understand Michigan's rich agricultural contributions [and]

developing stewardship and leadership skills [by] helping care for the WWC gardens."

This year, the theme for the Junior Master Naturalist camp is "Wild About Birds." The six week camp is designed for those in grades two through eight. Campers will enjoy hands-on activities, explore the center and learn all about Michigan's birds. This camp will take place from 9 am until 3 pm weekly from June 20 through Aug. 1.

"Our camp leaders will guide students towards an awareness and appreciation of our natural world, using hands on activities, incorporating citizen science tools, developing team building and stewardship concepts, and encouraging individual growth in observation and outdoor skills," Cheers said. "Each



day we'll explore the following areas: nature journaling, outdoor skills, citizen science/stewardship project, and experiential bird study."

If you plan on returning to Lowell often during the summer, since 2002 the WWC has been renting out garden plots to people who want to try their hand at gardening.

"Most people are primarily growing vegetables and accenting with flowers in the rental plots," Cheers said. "Most any vegetable

will grow because the beds have great sun exposure. We have several teaching beds in the garden as well. We are integrating pollinator plots, cover crops for soil health and native plants for landscaping, enhancing our native ecosystems. I would say from three to six hours [of maintenance] per week should yield you a decent harvest and keep you ahead of the weeds."

Plots cost \$40 and are 10 feet by 25 feet, or 250 square feet.

"Teaching kids and the community where their food comes from and the labor it involves to get it to them has been a founding principle here at the WWC," Cheers said. "Making space accessible to members of our community that don't have sunny yard space is where we start. Growing food that is close to home, eating seasonally and supporting local markets cuts down the transportation factor and allows for a greater variety of produce to choose from. Just think about tasting vine-ripened tomatoes from your own garden plot versus a supermarket tomato grown for transport. Is there really any comparison? The same is true for most all vegetables in my opinion."

Scholarships for these camps are available, and adult volunteers are needed. For more information about all the WWC's programs, contact them at 616-987-2565 or ccheers@lowellschools.com.

"Summer is a ton of fun at the WWC," Cheers said. "Not only are we seeking campers who love learning outdoors, but we are seeking adult and student volunteers to assist with summer camp, grounds maintenance and programming projects."

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determine the availability of natural foods for people who gather plants, nuts, and fruits from field and forest. A good example is fishing for bluegills in the spring. There is no closed season for bluegills, and the tasty panfish can be caught using various methods year around. The fish are particularly vulnerable during the spring spawning period. Bluegills head for shallow water where the lake warms up first. The males fan out a depression on the lake bottom where the females drop eggs to produce the next generation.

Gills defend these areas from rivals and most anything else that doesn't belong there, which could include a small jig baited with a wax worm tied to the end of a fishing line. A rubber spider on a fly line will also get the attention of cruising bluegills.

Larger fish will be found on or around these depressions or beds and will aggressively bump or take a lure. Because the big spawners are easy to catch at this time, it is best to release the larger fish so they can live to raise the next generation of gills. That way your children and grandchildren can have the same great experiences that we enjoy.

One can harvest

mushrooms anytime, but Morell mushrooms appear on the forest floor when the sun warms the damp soil in the spring. Using a mesh bag to gather mushrooms allows spores to fall to the ground and seed future mushrooms. It takes a trained eye to spot the well camouflaged fungi.

In the case of bluegills and mushrooms and many other bounties of nature, timing is important so one must pay attention to the weather and life cycles when planning to have a bluegill with mushrooms dinner. The window is not open long, so pay attention and stay flexible because Mother Nature is in charge and does not issue rainchecks if you miss it.

The mother was bending over her baby when the little girl dashed away from her into the street.

50 years The Lowell Ledger May 29, 1969

A Saranac man is listed in serious condition at Butterworth Hospital following a head-on automobile crash in Lowell Monday afternoon. Ironically, the mishap took place in an area on M-21 that just three days before had changed from a 45-m.p.h. speed zone to 50 miles an hour.

Milton Berle has become a tremendous PR man for the Lowell Showboat. Berle has on several occasions mentioned the Showboat, and last weekend, on the game of the week telecast, mention was made of Lowell's extravaganza several times.

The Veterans Administration today urged the more than 360,000 veterans and servicemen now enrolled in the nation's colleges and universities under the post-Korean G. I. Bill to complete and return VA certification of attendance cards as soon as possible.

25 years The Lowell Ledger June 1, 1994

Following a nine-month battle, the Kent County Aeronautics Board decided to condemn 230 acres of land in Lowell Township to relocate wetlands. Last week the board authorized the condemnation, through eminent domain, of the land due to failed negotiations. Under the eminent domain provision, the government is allowed to condemn land for public use.

In a move that would save Lowell Township several thousand dollars, the township is helping to pave Parnell Road from Settlewood for Richard Cooper. Cooper approached Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpson and asked for his help in getting the Kent County Road Commission to pave Parnell Road.

The circuit court case involving the State vs. Terry Kinsley was adjourned before it even got started last week to allow the prosecution time to change its charge. Originally the prosecution was to charge Kinsley with embezzling \$16,399.90 from the Lowell School District during the 1992 school year.



125 years ago Lowell Ledger June 6, 1894

Asa Teft will spend the next thirty years of his life in Jackson Prison, the judge so decreed Thursday morning. He took his sentence without flinching. Teft murdered and then robbed his uncle, Leroy Rogers, a farmer who lived alone near this village. Rogers was shot three times and then terribly cut about the head and neck with an ax. The evidence, though circumstantial, was so complete that the defense did not attempt to prove Teft's whereabouts at the time of the murder.

Burglars entered Chas. Althen's store last Saturday night and carried away about \$300 worth of clothing and jewelry. They secured an entrance by prying up a back window, the goods were taken in a wheelbarrow to the river, where the burglars loaded them into Frank Terry's boat and decamped down the river. They were seen Sunday, below Ada, from which place all trace of them was lost. The Sheriff's force is still looking for them and with prospects of success. The goods taken cause more damage than their actual value, as they took the first coming to hand and broke the suits, taking a coat of one kind, vest of another and pants of the third. This is Chas. Althen's fourth visit from burglars and he is getting rather tired.

100 years The Lowell Ledger May 29, 1919

Gov. Sleeper has signed the James bill, requiring every automobile driver to pay a fee of 50 cents and take out a license from the state department. The governor was not favorable to the bill, but delegations from Detroit and other cities appeared here in support of the measure, and convinced him that it would be the means of saving many lives by keeping reckless motorists off the public highways.

Mrs. Irene Wilsey, who some time ago reported being held up and robbed at her home in Lowell, is defendant in a suit for divorce started in Circuit court Wednesday by Harry C. Wilsey. The husband charges cruelty and alleges Mrs. Wilsey invented the story of the robbery to bring him into ill repute. The Wilseys were married in July 1914.

A justice court jury returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of Fred McGinnis, charged with larceny of a dozen fruit cans from Thomas Malone of Grattan township. The defense submitted no evidence in the case and the jury deliberated only a few minutes. Malone charged McGinnis with taking the cans to carry cider away from his home.

75 years The Lowell Ledger June 1, 1944

The timely discovery of fire in the Richmond Cafe by Nightwatch Eugene Carr about 11 o'clock Monday night and the calling out of the fire department, prevented what might have been a much more serious fire. As it was, damage estimated around \$300 was done to counters and other fixtures and in addition damage from smoke will make it necessary to redecorate the entire room.

The Lowell Community Victory Gardens are now ready for planting, and some already have their gardens in. Mr. Runciman has had the ground disked and fertilized, and anyone desiring space or information, call Mrs. N. E. Borgerson.

An accident, which might have ended seriously, occurred late Monday afternoon in front of the City Hall, when the little daughter of Mrs. Clara Merritt dashed from the sidewalk into the street directly in front of a passing car. The child was knocked down but except for severe bruises was otherwise uninjured.

We love to hear from you!

The Lowell Ledger welcomes letters to the editor from readers, but there are a few conditions that must be met before they will be published.

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- Letters that include attacks of a personal nature will not be published or will be edited heavily.
- "Crossfire" letters between the same two people on one issue will be limited to one for each writer.
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- signs of skin cancer

The best way to find skin cancer early is to keep an eye on your skin, especially moles. It's a good idea to do a monthly self-exam of your skin. Look for any change in a mole or the appearance of a new mole. Any moles that appear after age 30 should be watched carefully and shown to your doctor.

The following ABCDE rules can help you remember what to look for when you're checking for moles:

A for asymmetry – A mole that, when divided in half, doesn't look the same on both sides;

B for border – A mole with edges that are blurry or jagged;

C for color – Changes in the color of a mole, including darkening, spread of color, loss of color, or the appearance of multiple colors such as blue, red,

white, pink, purple or gray;
D for diameter – A mole larger than 1/4 inch in diameter (about the size of a pencil eraser);

E for elevation – A mole that is raised above the skin and has an uneven surface.

You should also watch for these changes to your skin:

- A mole that bleeds
- A mole that grows fast
- A scaly or crusted growth on the skin
- A sore that won't heal
- A mole that itches
- A place on your skin that feels rough like sandpaper.

If you notice any of the above signs or changes in your skin visit your doctor. Skin cancer can be treated successfully if it's treated early.

college news

Lauren Elizabeth DeBoer, of Alto, College of Letters and Science, was among the more than 3,700 prospective candidates for degree attending University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee commencement exercises Sunday, May 19, 2019 in Milwaukee.

DeBoer received a Bachelor of Arts.

Leah Brogger, from Lowell, qualified for the Spring 2019 Dean's List at Belmont University. Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

Nathanael Olander, a Computer Science major from Lowell, was named to the Dean's Honor List at Cedarville University in Cedarville, Ohio.

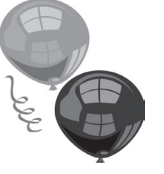
This recognition required Olander to maintain

a 3.75 minimum GPA while carrying at least 12 credit hours during spring semester 2019.

Northeastern University is pleased to recognize those students who distinguish themselves academically during the course of the school year. Ada resident Alexander C. Jarecki, a Northeastern University student majoring in biology, was recently named to the University's dean's list for the spring semester, which ended in April 2019.

To achieve the dean's list distinction, students must carry a full program of at least four courses, have a quality point average of 3.5 or greater out of a possible 4.0 and carry no single grade lower than a C- during the course of their college career. Each student receives a letter of commendation and congratulation from their college dean.

happy birthday



MAY 29

Sue Lindhout, Mike Lindhout, Justin Doyle.

MAY 30

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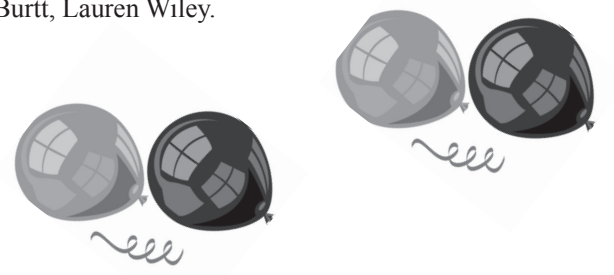
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Becki Brown, Karen Sweigert, Dwight Nash.



How Social Security decides if you still have a qualifying disability

Social Security is required by law to review, from time to time, the current medical condition of all people receiving disability benefits to make sure they continue to have a qualifying disability. Generally, if a person's health hasn't improved, or if their disability still keeps them from working, they will continue to receive their benefits.

These continuing

disability reviews help us ensure that only eligible people receive disability benefits. It supports the integrity of the Social Security system while delivering fair services to wounded warriors, chronically ill children and adults, and other people with disabilities.

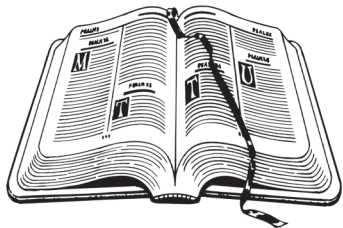
To help us make our decision, Social Security first

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area churches



CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL
897-7060
Ryan Landt
1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI
Morning Worship.....10:00 AM
Sunday School.....11:20 AM
Evening Worship.....6:00 PM
Nursery available at both services
Barrier-Free

St. Mary Catholic Church
402 Amity Street • 616-897-9820
Website: www.stmarylowell.com
Weekend Masses: Sat 5 pm; Sun 10:30 am
Confession: Saturdays 3-4:30 pm
Prayer & Adoration: Wednesdays 8 am to 7 pm
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN TO ADULTS

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
103 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod)
Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-21
www.goodshepherdlowell.org
Worship Service Sunday - 10:30 AM
Sunday School..... 9:15 AM
Joseph Fremer, Pastor 897-8307
All facilities are wheelchair accessible

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
865 Lincoln Lake SE • lowellucc.org
Pastor Jon Propper
Pastor Alyssa Anten
Worship Service - Sundays 10 AM
Open Table (No-cost meal) - Thursdays 5 - 7 PM
Open & Affirming • LGBTQ+ Inclusive
616-897-5906

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL
CHRIST-CENTERED, KINGDOM-FOCUSED HOMES
2275 West Main Street - (Barrier Free)
897-7168 • www.fbclowell.org
Pastor Jon Pickens • Lead Pastor
Pastor Andrew Bolkom • Pastor of Discipleship
Christi Swain • Director of Children's Ministries
SUNDAY WORSHIP.....9:30 AM (Nursery provided)
LIFE GROUPS.....11:00 AM (Nursery-Adult)
Awana (K-5 during school year) Wednesday, 6:15 PM

LOWELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
discover. grow. share
621 E. Main Street
897-5938
www.lowellumc.com • Barrier Free Entrance
WORSHIP
9 AM - Traditional • 11 AM - Contemporary
Kid's Crew 11:15 AM
Sr. Pastor - Brad Brillhart

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 19-205428-DE

Estate of DANIEL JOHN DYER, deceased. Date of birth: 01/27/1948.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Daniel John Dyer, died 04/17/2017.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless

presented to Jacquelyn M. Dyer, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

May 17, 2019

Meredith Curless (P78235)
410 Bridge St. NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
616-458-3699

Jacquelyn M. Dyer
1559 Broadway Ave. NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
616-366-7299

Register soon for popular Lowell Museum summer camp

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Every year, the Lowell Area Historical Museum offers a summer camp that explores different historical topics. This year they're doing an English pioneer life summer camp at Fallsburg Historical Village on Tuesday, July 16 from 9 am until 2:15 pm. The camp is designed for ages seven through 14 and will include crafts, special tours and a chance to try some activities from that era.

making a folk toy, making a candle, making a model wooden bridge or "literature to life," which involves wearing costumes and putting on a play.

"One of the options this year for an activity at the camp is making a folk craft," Plank said. "Folk crafts are handmade decorative objects or toys. Other activities to choose from this year include candle making, model bridge building and putting on a play using our costumes."



"Kids love the pioneer camps at Fallsburg Village," said Lowell Area Historical Museum executive director Lisa Plank. "The village enables them to picture themselves in a different time. They get to choose from some fun activities that are designed to be hands-on and fun while exploring parts of the past. They also love eating lunch at the one room school house and exploring the village. We will be serving the kids tea with tasty baked goods to give them the experience of having an English tea. Fallsburg Village is the perfect place for a pioneer summer camp. Many of the early buildings built by settlers to the area still stand today. The campers will be able to take a step back in time and get a sense of what early villages in our area felt like. Campers will get a chance to participate in activities in the one room school house, the Falls house and the Misner house. In addition, Fallsburg Historical Society president Ken Tamke will lead the campers on a history hike exploring the village and covered bridge."

Campers can choose one of four pioneer activities:

For even more authenticity beyond the pioneer setting at Fallsburg Village, campers are encouraged to dress like pioneers and bring a 'pioneer lunch.'

"Campers are welcome to wear a pioneer outfit but it is not required," Plank said. "There are many patterns available for pioneer clothes. They can also be purchased online through historic clothing merchants or pieced together from clothes they already have. Pioneer children would have brought lunches that included things like apples, bread, baked goods, baked potatoes, anything seasonally available at home. There would not have been refrigeration or pre-packaged food available and food would be wrapped up in cloth or paper."

The cost for the English pioneer life summer camp at Fallsburg Village is \$10 per person. Bottled water will be provided, but campers should bring their own lunches. The Lowell Area Historical Museum is at 325 W. Main. It's open to the public from 1 pm until 4 pm each Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 616-897-7688 or visit lowellmuseum.org.

NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES TYLER CREEK INTER-COUNTY DRAIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on Monday, the 10th day of June, 2019, at the Kent County Drain Commissioner's Office, 1500 Scribner Ave NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49504, the Kent County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries, from 8:30am until 4:30pm, to hear the proofs and allegations, and to carefully reconsider and review the description of lands comprising the Tyler Creek Inter-County Drain Drainage District. The Drain Commissioner shall determine whether the addition and/or deletion of lands will more accurately define the boundaries of the land benefitted by the Drain, located and established in the Township of Bowne and the Charter Township of Lowell, County of Kent, and whether such addition and/or deletion of lands is just and equitable pursuant to Section 197 of Act No 40, PA 1956, as amended.

the meeting should contact the County Drain Commissioner at (616) 632-7910, or through the Michigan Relay Center at 1-800-649-3777 (TDD), at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

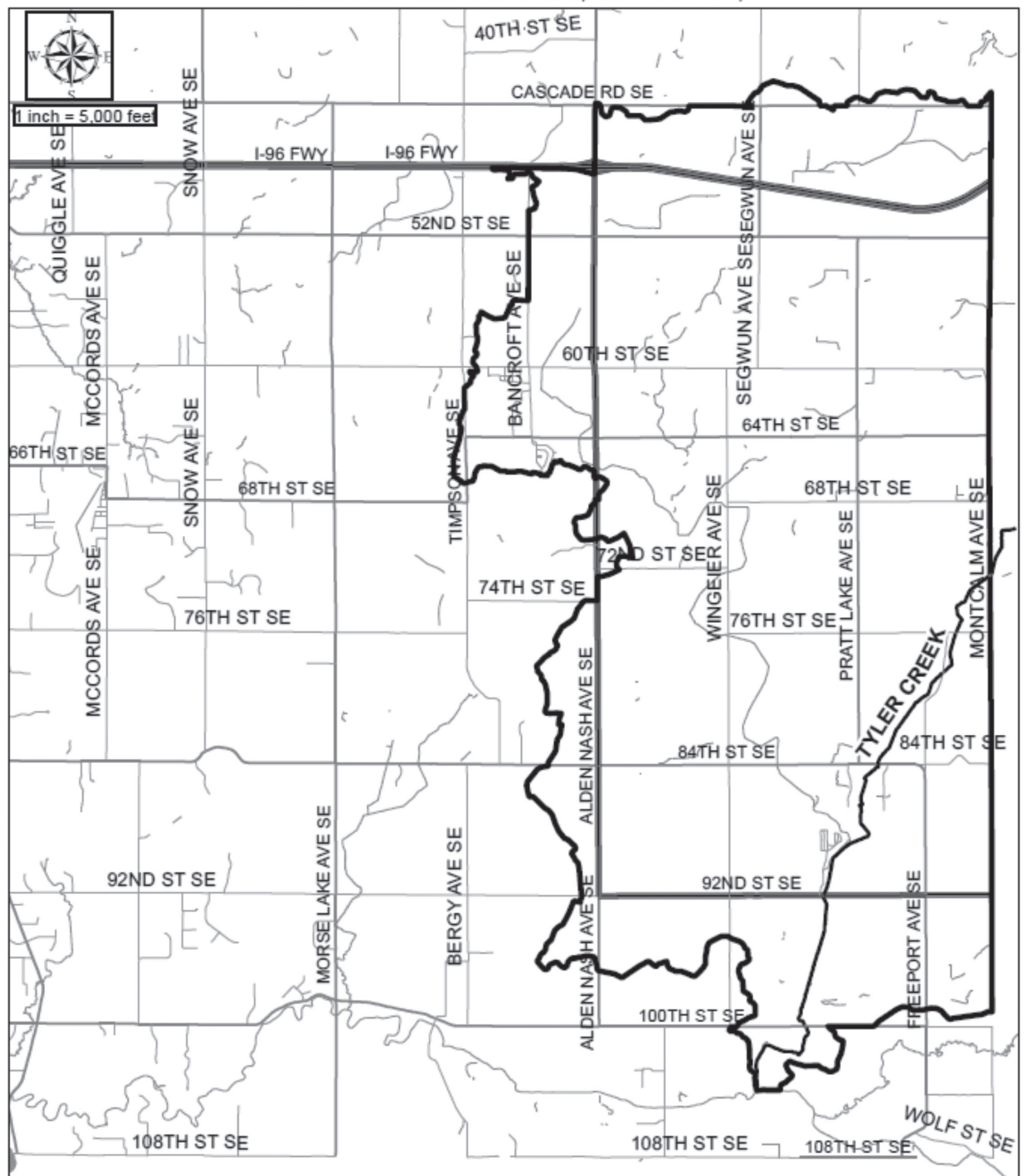
A map depicting the proposed revisions to the Tyler Creek Inter-County Drain Drainage District, as recommended by a licensed professional engineer or surveyor, is enclosed with this Notice.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that persons aggrieved by the decision of the Drain Commissioner may seek judicial review in the Circuit Court, for the County of Kent, within ten (10) days of the determination.

Dated this 24th day of May, 2019.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in Kenneth J Yonker, Kent County Drain Commissioner

TYLER CREEK INTER-COUNTY DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOWNE & LOWELL TOWNSHIPS, KENT COUNTY, MI



Office of the Kent County Drain Commissioner, Kenneth Yonker



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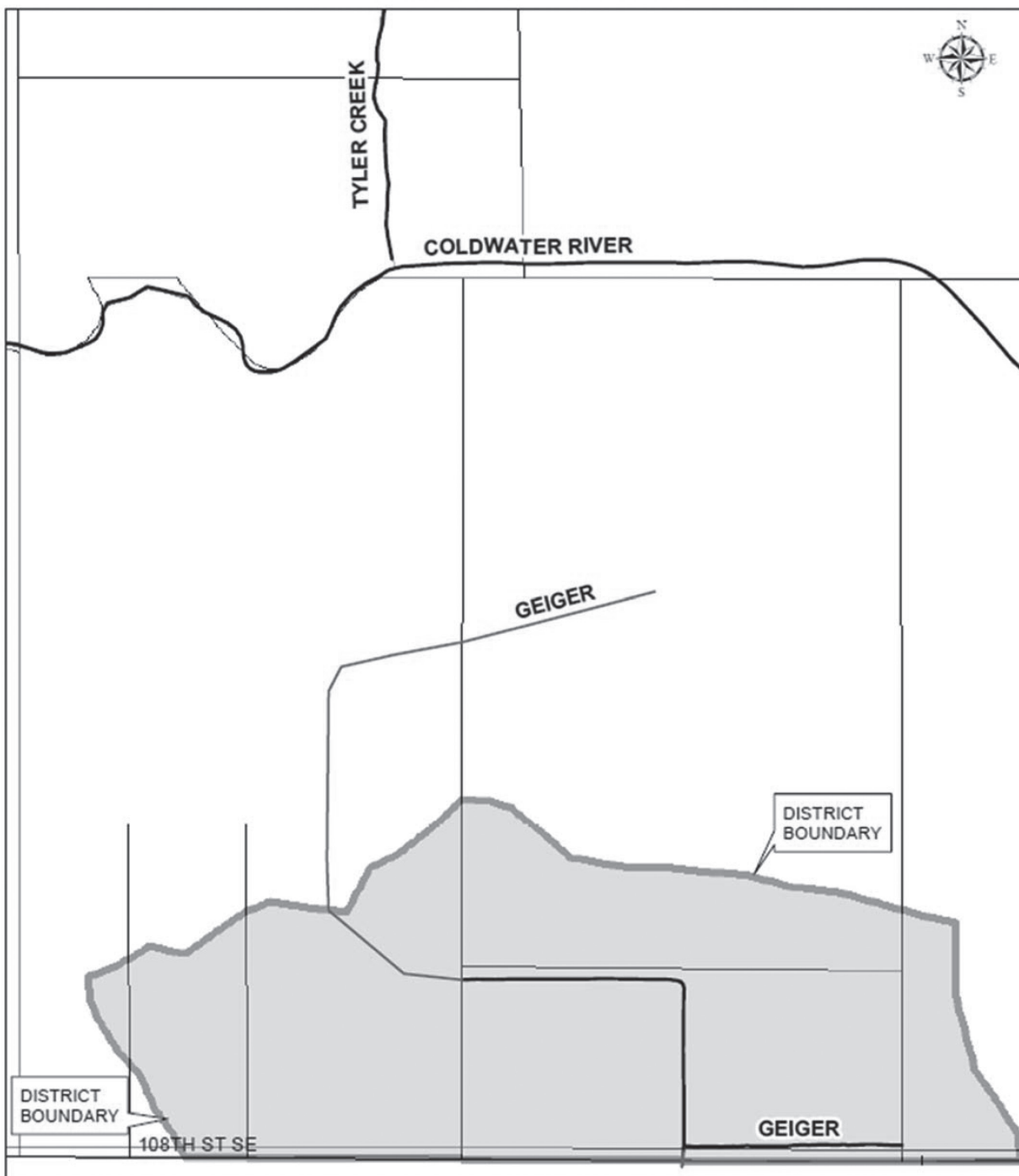
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April LPD stats



by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell Police Department made 16 arrests during the month of April, up from 13 arrests in March 2019. The arrests included two for drunk driving, one other alcohol-related arrest, two drug law violations, two for driving with a suspended license, four for outstanding warrants and five that are described in the police department's statistics as "other arrests." That adds up to a total of 64 arrests made by Lowell Police during the first four months of the year.



LPD also responded to plenty of misdemeanors during April. There were two larceny calls, two dog/animal complaints, two malicious destructions, one breaking and entering, three disorderly conduct calls and four assaults. Lowell police issued 37 citations and notified two residents about ordinance violations. Out of 126 traffic stops in April, they let 107 drivers go with a warning.

Lowell police were called to assist other law enforcement agencies six times and called other agencies for assistance 10 times in April. They were also called for assistance by citizens and motorists 33 times.

Lowell police were dispatched to three accidents during April, one with injuries.



LPD chief Steve Bukala.

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Graduation, continued

the importance of raising young adults. Kids learned that at times, parents can be superheroes. Faculty will learn to inspire seniors even on days that senioritis is trying to take hold. In turn, students absorb their knowledge and their stories. It is the strength of others that help us succeed.”

Kohl Goldsmith described life to his peers: “Graduation isn’t a finale or a start, it is a transitional period in our lives. Life doesn’t bother to lay out little starts and stops while it carefully organizes our college years, it just throws things at us and expects us to juggle somewhere in the middle.”

Lucas Sherman described life as a story, with each year of living as a chapter: “I want to thank you all for being supporting characters in these chapters for me. It’s been wonderful getting to know you. From here, we go our own ways, and become our own heroes.”

Zachary Post brought a prop to the stage, a water bottle. He described the energy put into holding that water bottle for an extended period: “To be able to continue this act of holding the bottle, it takes a dose of persistence. Persistence is what helped me be successful in high school, and it is, what I believe, to be the key factor in being successful in life.”

After a speech by superintendent Gregory Pratt, the Lowell Board of Education preceded to hand out diplomas. Each name was read off by class president Kelly Kroll. Kroll then held the traditional Passing of the Spade, presenting a spade to incoming class president Mary Jo Buechler.

“This was an outstanding group with many good leaders.” Gough said when asked about his final thoughts on the class of 2019. “My only regret is I only got to spend one year with them.”



Danielle Barnes (speaking) with Kohl Goldsmith, Lucas Sherman, and Zachary Post.



Lowell Area Schools superintendent Greg Pratt.



Lowell High School band.



Lowell High School principal Stephen Gough.



Lowell High School choir.

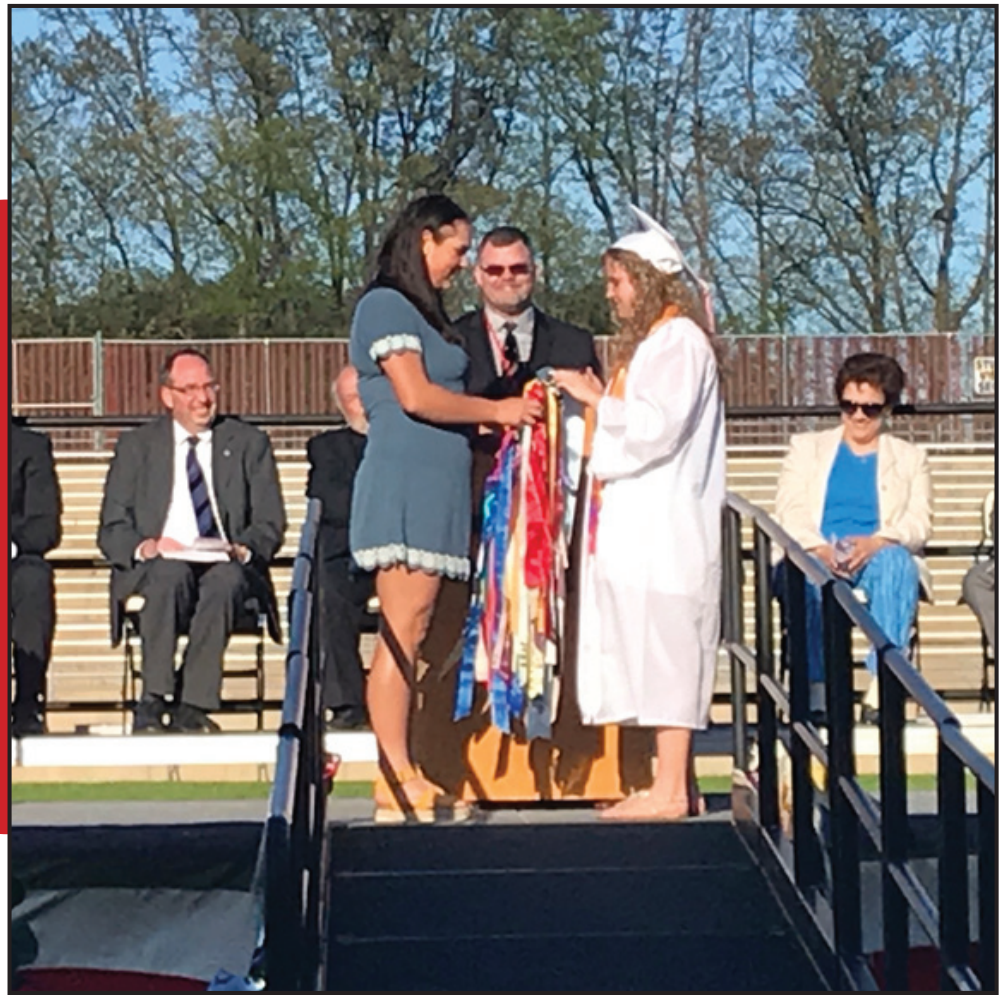
Best Wishes

to the **Class of 2019**



Kohl Goldsmith (speaking) with Danielle Barnes, Lucas Sherman and Zachary Post.





Kelly Kroll and Mary Jo Buechler.



LHS Summa Cum Laude

Zackery Nathan Post - 4.403
 Lucas Alan Sherman - 4.351
 Ella Rose Dougherty - 4.282
 Nathaniel Lee VanDeWeert - 4.259
 Danielle Paige Barnes - 4.242
 Alyvia Grace Holdridge - 4.242
 Nicholas Phillip Struckmeyer - 4.23
 Shannon Marie Havlik - 4.224
 Ryan Charles Roest - 4.206
 Philip Darwin Thompson - 4.189
 Karsten Robert Kirkendall - 4.185
 Annabelle Rose Johnson - 4.182
 Kelly Richelle Kroll - 4.182
 Charity Sue Gerig - 4.173
 Kollen Richard Gruizenga - 4.167
 Kylee Adele Stephens - 4.155
 Linnae Grace DeBoer - 4.152
 Patrick John Kargl - 4.133
 Olyvia Rene Johnson - 4.127
 Isabel Marie Remar - 4.121
 Marlie Kay Fowler - 4.098
 Lauren Essie Aud - 4.091
 Grace Irene Ostrander - 4.079
 Abigail Grace White - 4.079

Anneke Tess Breuker - 4.073
 Trevor Daniel Petroelje - 4.073
 Samantha Elizabeth Kurti - 4.067
 Ivan Jeffrey Reynolds - 4.067
 Katherine Anne Peal - 4.049
 Connor Ryan Cater - 4.042
 Colin Mathew VanderWarf - 4.042
 Allyson Marie Lange - 4.024
 Gavin Darrell Coxon - 4.018
 Leanna Jane Rose - 4.012
 Samuel Marley Simmons - 4.012
 Conner Michael DeKok - 4.006
 Jordan Andrew Dent - 4.006
 Nathan Edwin Roest - 4.006
 Carly Jane Hoekstra - 4
 Mason Bryce Simmet - 4
 Ethan Simon Kelley - 3.994
 Hope Margaret Winters - 3.994
 Meghan Marie Landgren - 3.988
 Brendan Moore Philo - 3.987
 Lin Fuxiang Gallagher - 3.982
 Harlie Denise Gerth-McMullin - 3.976
 Mackenzie Jo DeRaad - 3.958
 Mikayla Marie Boersma - 3.952
 Kohl Forrest Goldsmith - 3.946

CONGRATULATIONS LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2019

Chase Harold Anderson
Drake Anderson
Liako Astrid Simone Anderson
Alicia Nieves Angiano
Nichole Elizabeth Anheuser
Lauren Essie Aud
Kaitlyn Kay Baldwin
Rachel Marie Baldwin
Danielle Paige Barnes
Joslynn Jean Battle
Summer Leigh Anne Bean
Jacob Martin Beke
Zoe Rayne Bennett
Emily Grace Bessey
Kyle David Bibbler
Bryan Michael Bitterman
Halaina Grace Bladey
Bailey Norman Blum
Anna Marie Bodemann
Breanda Nichele Boersma
Mikayla Marie Boersma
Renee Lynn Boersma
Savanna Lynn Boersma
Anneke Tess Breuker
Noah David Brown
Tyler Mikale Brown
Hunter Stephen Browning
Warlo Xander Bruns
Nathan Allen Bush
Eddy Butare
Connor Ryan Cater
Bridgett Ann Clay
Amber Rose Clouse
Brenan Jay Conlan
Eleanor Drew Cooper
Gavin Darrell Coxon
Regan Ann Coxon
Morgan Elizabeth Cremer
Tyler Blake Cross
Andrew Michael Davidson
Linnae Grace DeBoer
Justin Christopher DeGrote
Blake William DeHaan
Sarah Michelle DeKam
Conner Michael DeKok
Savanna Kristine Dempsey
Jordan Andrew Dent
Emily May Depew
Mackenzie Jo DeRaad
Easton Latham DeWitt
Jasmine Nicole Donahue
Katarina Juliet Doty
Ella Rose Dougherty
Michaela Denice Duursma
Cameron Robert Egan
Steven Michael Eickhoff
Sarah Emily Ellsworth
Logan Earle Everhart
Zachary James Fabis
Katherine Jo Fallstrom
Laine Caroline Fleszar
Kaitlyn Mackenzie Florian
Tristan Lyn Fogarty-Thomas
Taegan Renee Folk
Jace Robert Forward
Marlie Kay Fowler
Mitchell Martin Franck
Riley Lyn Frazer

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Ethan Scott Furtaw
Lora Elizabeth Gable
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Paige DeShone Lewis
Brittney Lynn Losey
Emily Rose Lothian
McKenzie May Lythgoe
Kenzie Fiona Madden
Matthew Todd Mahalic
Addison Jade Mallindine
Avery Shane Martin
Devon James Maxim
Gramm Hall McCormack
Jarred Anthony McCormick
Connor Patrick McLane
Jared James McQueen
Megan Marie Meadows
Madison Lee Melle
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Tori Ann Miller
Brendan Joseph Milligan
Alyssa Paige Milton
Jonathan James Misak
Noah Xavier Misner
Eric Joseph Mooney
Noah Thomas Moore
Bryce Robert Morgan
Mia Marie Munger
Jada Lauren Murley
Avry Jack Mutschler
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Nadia Viktoriya Preston
Ethan Michael Ray
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Ivan Jeffrey Reynolds
Mary Elizabeth Ricards
Sydney Paige Riffle
Ruben Rios-Soriano
Nathan Edwin Roest
Ryan Charles Roest
Leanna Jane Rose
Diana Erin Roth
Andrew Steven Russell
John Matthew Russell
Madison Elizabeth Sage
Sairge Michael-Kessen Saldivar

Steven Robert Saunders
Shianna Maree Sawdy
Jasen Anthony Schaefer
Jayme Scot Schlanderer
Robert Douglas Schneider
Aaron Afton Schulte
Tyler Robert Senneker
Case James Sheldon
Lucas Alan Sherman
Wyatt Benjamin Shuck
Calvin James Simmet
Mason Bryce Simmet
Samuel Marley Simmons
Dwayne Robert Simpson
Grace Nicole Sinen
Marleigh Clare Skibbe
Gracyn Kathryn Slagell
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Alexander James Taylor
Xavier Miceal Taylor
Sydney Lauryn Thiel
Briana Elise Thompson
Jonas Erik Thompson
Philip Darwin Thompson
Irene Lee Trierweiler
Mackenzie Kathleen Uhen
Joshua Andrew Underwood
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Taylin Nicole VanDyke
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Cheyenne Marie Wolfe
Tyler Daniel Yeary
David Andrew Zenker
Madeline Marie Ziegler
Regan Cole Zimmerman
Anna Maria Zook

2019 LHS scholarships and awards

Chase Harold Anderson

The Bob Perry Memorial Scholarship

Nichole Elizabeth Anheuser

OK Conference Scholar Athlete, The Aquinas College 2019 Monsignor Bukowski Scholarship

Lauren Essie Aud

The Kathy Talus Memorial Scholarship, The Northern Michigan University Wildcat Achievement Scholarship

Danielle Paige Barnes

The Alto Lions Scholarship, The Miami University RedHawk Excellence Scholarship

Joslynn Jean Battle

OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Kyle David Bibbler

OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Halaina Grace Bladey

The Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, The Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, The Tara Beran Spirit Scholarship

Mikayla Marie Boersma

The Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship

Renee Lynn Boersma

The Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship

Anneke Tess Breuker

The Greg Eldridge Memorial Scholarship, The Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete, The Taylor University Taylor Community Scholarship, The Taylor University Taylor Presidential Scholarship

Tyler Mikale Brown

The Louise Harper Memorial Scholarship

Eddy Butare

The Hayden Family Scholarship, The C.H. Runciman Scholarship, The Calvin College First Generation Award, The Calvin College Mosaic Award, The Calvin College Warners Family of Faith Award

Connor Ryan Cater

The Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Brenan Jay Conlan

OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Gavin Darrell Coxon

The Thomas Wilcox Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Regan Ann Coxon

The Lowell High School Female Athlete of the Year, OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Morgan Elizabeth Cremer

The Tara Beran Spirit Scholarship, The Aquinas College 2019 St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship

Tyler Blake Cross

The Stephen F. Idema/Stephen M. Simmons Scholarship, The Oakland University-University Recognition Award, The Oakland University Geographic Region Award

Linnae Grace DeBoer

The Margaret McMahon Scholarship, The Lowell Education Association Susan Burt Scholarship, The Alma College Trustee Honor Scholarship, The Hope College Presidential Scholarship, The Hope College Faith Leadership Scholarship, The Hope College Violin Performance Scholarship

Sarah Michelle DeKam

The Central Michigan University Academic Excellence Award

Conner Michael DeKok

The Greg Eldridge Memorial Scholarship

Jordan Andrew Dent

The Greg Eldridge Memorial Scholarship, The Lowell High School Male Athlete of Year

Mackenzie Jo DeRaad

OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Ella Rose Dougherty

The Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, The Englehardt Scholarship, The LEA Senior Leadership Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete, The Trine University Biomedical Engineering Chair Scholarship

Laine Caroline Fleszar

The Louise Harper Memorial Scholarship

Kaitlyn Mackenzie Florian

The University of Oakland University Recognition Award, The University of Oakland Geographic Region Award

Tristan Lyn Fogarty-Thomas

OK Conference Scholar Athlete, The Ferris State University Ferris Gold Scholarship

Marlie Kay Fowler

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Lora Elizabeth Gable

The Grand Valley State University Trotter Tri-County Scholarship

Lin Fuxiang Gallagher

The Thomas A. Stahr Green and White Scholarship

Parker Alan Georgacakes

The Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship

Charity Sue Gerig

The Rotary Club of Lowell Community Foundation Dorothy J. and Clinton J. Christoff Scholarship, The Cornerstone University Presidential Scholarship, The Cornerstone University Pastor's Scholarship

Harlie Denise Gerth-McMullin

OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Kohl Forrest Goldsmith

The LMS Chess Club Scholarship, The Aquinas College 2019 Monsignor Bukowski Scholarship, The Aquinas College St. Albertus Magnus Scholarship

Zane Alexander Goldsmith

The Patricia Fox-Harberts and Robert A. Harberts Scholarship

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Jeffrey Scott Leach

OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Emily Rose Lothian

OK Conference Scholar Athlete, The Grand Valley State University Laker Scholarship

Matthew Todd Mahalic

The Lowell Bus Drivers Scholarship

Gramm Hall McCormack

OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Madison Lee Melle

OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Corah Jean Miller

OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Eric Joseph Mooney

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Mia Marie Munger

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Avry Jack Mutschler

The Gary Rivers Scholarship

Ella Grace Nauta

The Belding-Ionia Lodge #355 Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation Scholarship, The Shelby Tomczak Offrink Scholarship, The Byrne Family Scholarship

Haley Marie Nieuwkoop

The Rotary Club of Lowell Community Foundation Dorothy J. and Clinton J. Christoff Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete, The Ferris State University President's Scholarship

Grace Irene Ostrander

The Rotary Club of Lowell Community Foundation Hahn Scholarship, The Spring Arbor University Trustee Scholarship

Natalie Rose Paiz

The Shari Miller Scholarship

Andrew Clark Parsons

The Central Michigan University Academic Excellence Award

Katherine Anne Peal

The Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence, The Aquinas College 2019 Monsignor Bukowski Scholarship

Trevor Daniel Petroelje

The Michigan State University Englehardt Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Brendan Moore Philo

The Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, The Michigan Technological University

Presidential Scholars Award

Zackery Nathan Post

The Englehardt Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete, The Alma College Presidential Scholarship, The Scholars Summit Award

Nadia Viktoriya Preston

The Northern Michigan University Wildcat Achievement Scholarship

Isabel Marie Remar

The Jeff Sweet LASSO Community Scholarship, The Lowell Education Association Dependent Scholarship, The Siena Heights University Trustees Scholarship, The Siena Heights University Athletic Scholarship, The Siena Heights University Academic Scholarship

Ivan Jeffrey Reynolds

The Preferred Credit Union Scholarship, The Rotary Club of Lowell King and Marie Doyle Scholarship, The LowellArts Scholarship, The Andrea Herrera Memorial Scholarship, The Kendall College of Art and Design Esteemed Portfolio Award, The Kendall College of Art and Design Award of Excellence

Sydney Paige Riffle

The Lowell Women's Club Scholarship

Ruben Rios-Soriano

The Earl Posthumus Memorial Alto Lions Scholarship

Nathan Edwin Roest

The Peter and Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, The Michigan Technological University Presidential Scholars Award, The Michigan Technological University Student Award

Ryan Charles Roest

The LMS Chess Club Scholarship, The National Merit Scholarship Program Letter of Commendation

Leanna Jane Rose

The Wyntjes Medical Scholarship, The Michigan Technological University Presidential Scholars Award, The Michigan Technological University Award of Excellence in Chemistry

Madison Elizabeth Sage

The Kathy Talus Memorial Scholarship, The Mandy Tichelaar Scholarship

Robert Douglas Schneider

OK Conference Scholar Athlete, The Aquinas College 2019 Academic Leadership Scholarship

Lucas Alan Sherman

The Central Michigan University Centralis Scholarship

Calvin James Simmet

OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Mason Bryce Simmet

The LMS Chess Club Scholarship, The Grand Valley State University FIRST Robotics Engineering Scholarship, The Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence

Samuel Marley Simmons

The Greg Eldridge Memorial Scholarship, The Stephen F. Idema/Stephen M. Simmons Scholarship

Ryan Michael Slopsema

The Ferris State University Ferris Crimson Scholarship

Gabriel John Smith

OK Conference Scholar Athlete, The Ferris State University Provost's Scholarship

Haley Barrette Sobie

The Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, The Rotary Club of Lowell Donald and Ellura McPherson Scholarship

Maggie MacKenzie Spoelstra

The Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, The Ferris State University Provost's Scholarship

Kylee Adele Stephens

The Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, The Woody LAS Memorial Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Nicholas Phillip Struckmeyer

The Woody LAS Memorial Scholarship, The Workbox Staffing Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete, The Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence, The Grand Valley State University Thompson Working Family Scholarship, The Grand Valley State University Award of Distinction Faculty Scholarship

Emily Elizabeth Stump

OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Alexander James Taylor

OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Philip Darwin Thompson

The Peter and Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete, The University of Alabama Presidential Scholarship, The University of Alabama Engineering Department Scholarship

Irene Lee Trierweiler

The Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, The Biggs, Hausserman, Thompson & Dickinson PC Accounting Scholarship, The Northern Michigan University Wildcat Achievement Scholarship

Mackenzie Kathleen Uhen

The Lowell Area Schools Athletic Boosters Scholarship, The Ray Quada Memorial Scholarship

Michael Jeffrey VandenHout

OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Colin Mathew VanderWarf

The Calvin College President's Scholarship

Nathaniel Lee VanDeWeert

OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Abigail Grace White

The Jeff Sweet LASSO Community Scholarship, The Rotary Club of Lowell King and Marie Doyle Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete, The MSY-SA (Michigan Youth Soccer) College Scholarship, The MSPSP (Michigan Premiere Soccer) College Scholarship, The Xavier University Merit Scholarship

Hope Margaret Winters

The Peter and Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, The Michigan Technological University Husky Innovation Leaders Award and The Michigan Technological University Presidential Scholars Award

Mason Jeffrey Winters

OK Conference Scholar Athlete

NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENT TYLER CREEK INTER-COUNTY DRAIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on Monday, the 10th day of June, 2019, at the Kent County Drain Commissioner's Office, 1500 Scribner Ave NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49504, County of Kent, or such place and time, I, Kenneth J Yonker, Kent County Drain Commissioner, may adjourn, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the Tyler Creek Inter-County Drain Drainage District, and the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities in the Drainage District, will be subject to review on the above specified date only, from 8:30am until 4:30pm. Also on this date, the computation of cost for said drain will be open for inspection by any interested parties. You may also review your apportionments by phone at (616) 632-7910.

WHEREAS, you are further advised that, pursuant to Section 154 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, drain assessments against land will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If drain assessments are being collected for more than one (1) year, you may pay the assessment in full with any interest to date at any time and avoid further interest charges.

WHEREAS, you are further advised that, pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, any owner of land within the Tyler Creek Inter-County Drain Drainage District or any city, village, township, district or county, feeling aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits made by the Drain Commissioner, may appeal the apportionment within ten (10) days after the "Day of Review of Apportionment" by making an application to the Kent County Probate Court for the appointment of a Board of Review. If there is no appeal, the roll will be confirmed ten (10) days after the "Day of Review of Apportionment". The confirmed roll may be slightly different from the roll presented at the Day of Review, due to arguments made at the Day of Review.

AS A PROPERTY OWNER WITHIN THE DISTRICT, YOU ARE SUBJECT TO A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR A PORTION OF THE COST OF THIS PROJECT.

The government units and permanent parcel numbers of the parcels of land within the Special Assessment District of said drain being assessed are located at the end of this notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, all unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons interested in the above described lands, and you: Jerry Hale (Lowell Charter Township Supervisor), Randy Wilcox (Bowne Township Supervisor), Lisa Posthumus Lyons (Kent County Clerk), Paul C. Ajegba (Director of Michigan Dept. of Transportation) and Steve Warren (Managing Director of the Kent County Road Commission) that at such time and place, as stated above, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the Tyler Creek Inter-County Drain Special Assessment District will be subject to review.

AND EACH OF YOU, owners and persons interested in the above referenced parcels of land, are hereby given the opportunity to appear, at the time and place noted above, to review the apportionments and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interests in relation to them, if you so desire.

Dated this 24th day of May, 2019.

Kenneth J Yonker,
Kent County Drain Commissioner

Government units and Parcel Numbers of lands and being assessed:

412022300-013	412034200-013 thru 014	412402400-009 thru 011	412404300-010 thru 015	412413300-005	412423400-002
412023300-002 thru 003	412034200-007 thru 010	412402501-001	412404400-003	412413300-010 thru 013	412423400-011 thru 012
412023300-010	412034300-001	412403100-008	412404400-012	412413400-002 thru 003	412424100-008
412023300-016 thru 017	412034300-008	412403100-010 thru 011	412404400-017 thru 018	412413400-011 thru 012	412424100-012 thru 013
412023400-003	412034300-010 thru 011	412403100-013	412404400-028 thru 029	412414100-002	412424100-015
412024300-002	412034300-018	412403100-015 thru 016	412404400-031 thru 034	412414100-004 thru 005	412424100-019 thru 021
412024300-005 thru 006	412034300-023 thru 027	412403100-018	412404400-036 thru 037	412414200-001	412424100-028
412024400-004	412034400-006	412403100-029 thru 030	412404401-005 thru 006	412414200-005 thru 006	412424100-030
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412025100-001	412035100-002 thru 003	412403100-027	412404405-001 thru 038	412414300-001	412424200-006 thru 007
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412026100-007 thru 008	412036100-005	412403400-022	412409200-007 thru 008	412415300-016 thru 017	412425100-007
412026100-002 thru 005	412036100-007	412403400-024 thru 026	412409200-013	412415300-022 thru 024	412425100-009
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The Charter Township of Lowell and the Township of Bowne at large, the Michigan Department of Transportation on account of highways, and the County of Kent on account of roads.

Red Arrow

- TRACK

SPORTS

Lady Arrows finish fifth at MITCA state meet

With last week's regional victory the Lowell girls track and field team earned the right to compete at the MITCA team state meet. This is significant as it is the first time that Lowell has earned this privilege as a Division 1 team and the first time it has earned the right at any level since 2002 as a Division 2 team. The Arrows took advantage of the invite as they hit some high marks and finished in fifth place amongst the 15 teams that accepted the invitation to the meet. What a great learning opportunity for Lowell as there were some big names in the meet including state leaders Rockford, Kentwood, and Macomb Dakota, and the Arrows fought hard throughout the meet. The highlight was seeing the 400m relay team of Kyra Snyder, Madison Brown, Julia Tuuri, and Diana Roth taking fifth as they set a new school record of 50.45 breaking the previous record set in 1995 by the team of Jansma, Gowen, Arnett, and Burrows.

Individual highlights were seen in the high jump as Kaylee Diamond took second with a jump of 5'3" and fifth in the long jump with a jump of 15-08.75. Theresa Judd took fourth in the pole vault with a 9-09 and fifth in the 100 hurdles with a time of 16.25. Haley Neiuwkoop placed fifth in the 3200m with a time of 12:08.09.

Other top-ten finishes for Lowell were: Kyra Snyder sixth in the 200m with a time of 26.81; Judd placed ninth in the 300 hurdles with a time of 50.83; Ashley Boehr placed tenth in the 300 hurdles with a time of 51.49; Roth in the 100m with a time of 13.25 earning her tenth place; Nieuwkoop placed tenth in the 1600m with a time of 5:42.51; earning eighth place in the 800m relay was the team of Snyder, Brown, Tuuri and Roth with a time of 1:48.86; the 3200m relay team of Boehr, Haines, Fredricks and Aud earned eight place with a time of 10:41.44 and eighth place in the 1600m relay was earned by the team



The 2019 girls varsity track team.

of Tuuri, Sanders, Forward and Boehr with a time of 4:22.41.

The MITCA meet closes out the season for

the team as a whole but six individuals will continue to carry the banner as they compete at the MHSAA state meet this Saturday at East

Kentwood High School. Those competing are: Judd in the 100 hurdles and in the pole vault; Diamond in the high jump and long jump;

Roth in the 100m and the 800m relay team of Roth, Tuuri, Brown and Snyder.



MDHHS reminds Michiganders to avoid foam on lakes and rivers with high levels of PFAS

As the summer recreation season is drawing closer, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is issuing a reminder that everyone should avoid foam on Michigan lakes and rivers known to have per and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in the water. Foam on these water bodies can have much higher amounts of PFAS than the water, and swallowing foam with PFAS could be a health risk.

Health advisories for foam exist on these waterbodies:

- Van Etten Lake, Oscoda.
- Lake Margrethe, Grayling.
- Rogue River, Rockford.
- Thornapple River, Grand Rapids.

recreate on lakes and rivers shows a health risk could exist from repeated, prolonged whole-body contact with foam containing high amounts of PFAS. Repeated prolonged contact is considered to be three hours per day, five days per week, over three months of a year, representing a summer season. MDHHS' recommendation to avoid foam with PFAS is protective of everyone, including young children.

Additionally, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development recommends that people not allow their animals – especially dogs – to come into contact with or swallow the foam. Dogs and other animals can potentially swallow foam collected in their fur when grooming themselves and should be thoroughly rinsed off with fresh water after contact with foamy water.

Not all foam contains PFAS. There is naturally occurring foam that piles up in bays, eddies or river barriers such as dams. This foam is off-white and/or brown in color and may have an earthy or fish smell.

PFAS foam:

- Can be bright white.
- Is usually lightweight.
- Can be sticky.
- Tends to pile up like shaving cream.
- Can blow onto the beach.

More information about PFAS and foam under the PFAS Foam section at Michigan.gov/pfasresponse.

Secretary Benson unveils campaign on preventing crashes with motorcyclists

Campaign tackles common misconceptions to help keep road users safe

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson unveiled a traffic safety campaign – “Motorcyclists Are Hard to See. Look Twice. Save a Life.” – to inform motorists about how best to prevent crashes with motorcyclists.

“Many drivers mistakenly believe most crashes with motorcyclists happen on highways. But, in reality, about 84

percent of all crashes happen on city streets,” Benson said. “That’s why it’s important to be aware of motorcyclists no matter where you’re driving.”

Benson was joined by traffic safety advocates for the campaign announcement at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum in Grand Rapids. The campaign also will be announced Thursday in Detroit.

The campaign will run throughout the summer riding season on radio, social media and other digital channels, television monitors at gas pumps and on city buses. Billboards also will be placed at locations including high-risk corridors. The campaign website can be found at Michigan.gov/LookTwice.

The first-of-its-kind campaign promotes motorcyclist awareness, safety and education among motorists. Historically, education campaigns to boost motorcyclists’ safety have focused almost solely on motorcyclists, but Michigan’s other road users are also a part of the equation to make the state’s roads safe for everyone.

Intersections pose a particular threat. Motorcyclists can be difficult to see in heavy traffic because of their smaller profile, and motorists waiting at a red light to turn left may get distracted by their phones or other devices and fail to see an approaching rider in time. “I didn’t see him” is one of the common statements recorded on law enforcement crash reports.

Joining Benson at the news conference were Michael Prince, Office of Highway Safety Planning director, and Dave Muma, owner of Century Driving Group. Michigan’s driver education curriculum requires at least one hour of instruction about vulnerable roadway users, including motorcyclists. A safety tip sheet for young drivers reminding them to look out for motorcyclists will be made available to instructors across the state as part of this campaign.

Funding for the campaign comes from the Motorcycle Safety and Education Fund created by the Michigan Legislature in 2017. The fund includes \$2.50 from each original motorcycle endorsement and \$2 from each renewal motorcycle endorsement.

obituaries

GARDNER



William G. Gardner "Willy G.", age 87 of Lowell went to be with the Lord on May 23, 2019. He was preceded in death by his wife, Norma Gardner; sisters, Carol Albin, Virginia Gardner; brothers, Clifford

and Robert Gardner; grandson, Travis Ueberroth; and great-grandson, Brandon Starkey-Ueberroth. William is survived by his children, Teri Ueberroth, Tate (Ted) Bristol; brother, Roger (Linda) Gardner; grandchildren, Sharla (Scott) Caro, Marisa (Jimmy) Mata, Tom Mullins, Cassi Mullins, Treasure (Ryan) Krey; great-grandchildren, Crystal (Scott) Roll, Scott (Lisa) Caro Jr., Adrian (Magon) Caro, Beny Mata, Isaac Mata; great-great-grandchildren, Olivia Roll, Scotty Caro III, and Lilly Caro. William was known to many as "Willy G.". He enjoyed building and racing cars, dancing, camping and boating. In his later years of life his hobbies changed to yard sales for his ever growing dog collection, lawn mower repairs, fishing and playing cribbage. Although he never got that 29 hand himself, he witnessed that once in a lifetime hand once with his grandson Tom. Family has requested no service.



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MICHIGAN TRIVIA



The state averages how many tornadoes annually?

Answer: 17

LAMBRIGHT

Donald L. Lambright, Jr., age 56, of Alto, passed away Monday, May 20, 2019 at Metro Health University of Michigan in Wyoming. The son of Jacqueline Nellie (Crowley) and Donald Lawrence Lambright, Sr., he was born on April 23, 1963 in Grand Rapids and was employed at PurForms in Lowell. He was preceded in death by his father, Donald L. Lambright, Sr. Survivors include his mother, Jacqueline Lambright of Alto; girlfriend, Sara Brewer of Lowell; three daughters, Jessica and Danny Lambright of Wyoming, Kienna and John Mays of Hastings, and Tanna and Jeff Kamphuis of Cedar Springs; his grandchildren, James, Addison, Hunter, Allie, Haley, Ashton, McKenzie, Elliahna, Bentley, and Madilynn; three sisters, Diana Landman, Carole Shutich, Julie and Vern Wolf; a nephew, and many nieces. Relatives and friends are invited to celebrate Don's life from 2 pm to 8 pm on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at Caledonia Sportsman's Club. In lieu of flowers, donations to the family to assist with Don's final expenses would be appreciated. Contributions may be directed to any of Don's daughters. To send a message of sympathy to the family, sign Don's online guest book, or to share a favorite memory, please visit: www.ChristiansenCares.com Arrangements were entrusted to Christiansen Cremation & Funeral Care, Greenville.

LANE

Norma Ann Lane, age 87, passed away peacefully in her sleep at her home May 14, 2019. Norma, the daughter of Harold and Cecilia (Nahm) Troeger, grew up in a loving, large and boisterous family of 12 siblings on the ethnic west side of Grand Rapids. Although she came of age in the Great Depression and World War II, it was remembered fondly as a time when life was gentle, uncomplicated, and small pleasures were deeply enjoyed. She was surrounded by a happy family and dear friends. Norma graduated from Catholic Central High School in 1949 and then found a job at General Motors Diesel Division. After meeting at a city-wide dance at "the Y", Norma married the love of her life, "Jack" (John Fuller) Lane in 1952. Following, the couple had five daughters and sons, Mary (husband Amar Ourchane), Virginia "Ginger" (Dirk Koning), Jack (wife Denise Davidson), Thomas, and Linda (Charles DeVries). The Lanes had 10 grandchildren, Shaun Koning, Tarik Ourchane (Lauren Hauber), Kelly Koning-Ramic (Azur Ramic), Adam Ourchane (Kristin Avedisian), Anna Lane (fiancé Gamalier Gonzalez), Jillian Lane (Reymundo Lerma), Nadia Ourchane,



Meredith Lane, Clayton DeVries, and Colby DeVries and one great-grandchild, (Zoey Doner-Koning). Once her children were all in school, Norma enrolled in college to become an elementary school teacher. She taught second grade at Runciman Elementary in Lowell. Pursuing her own education further, Norma received a Master's degree in Education from Michigan State University and then worked as a Reading Consultant for Lowell Area Schools until she retired. Jack and Norma Lane traveled to all 50 states and abroad. Together, (often camping) they visited historic and natural beauty sites, such as the Great Lakes Circle tours of lighthouses and Civil War battlefields. They owned a beloved cottage "up North" at the Sauble Lakes, called "Duck Inn" where they spent countless blissful hours with friends and relatives. Family was everything to Norma and she devoted herself to enriching the lives of her grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She particularly enjoyed time with family at parties, holidays, card games, and traveling with her 'sistas'. In addition, Norma loved reading murder mysteries and non-fiction history, as well as attending cultural events. Norma was always grateful for having lived "a charmed life", far beyond what she ever dreamed of experiencing. She will be remembered as always optimistic and cheerful, generous, and believing in the good of the common people. Norma Lane was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Jack; and son-in-law, Dirk Koning. She is survived by her children and grandchildren (aforenoted), brother-in-law, Tad Lane; siblings, Alice DeBoer, Thomas Troeger, Elizabeth Platte, James Troeger, Susan Krestakos, and all of their families. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grand Rapids on Friday, May 24 at 10 am, Rev. Richard Host, presiding. In Lieu of flowers, the family asks to please donate a book to your local library or a needy student.



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ATTENTION SENIORS - Every Friday evening seniors get together for conversation, food, dancing and music. Cunningham Acre, 4980 W. Pepper Lake Rd. on route M-50, 1 1/4 miles W. of Lake Odessa. For more information contact Betty at 616-374-7512.

CHIEF NOONDAY CHAPTER OF THE NORTH COUNTRY TRAIL ASSOCIATION NATIONAL TRAIL DAY HIKE - Sun., June 2 at 1 pm. Free, guided hike. Hikers park & meet at the Fort Custer Trailhead, 15001 Fort Custer Dr, Augusta, MI. Please wear appropriate hiking clothing & footwear for natural surfaces. Bring supplies such as water, snacks and insect repellent. For more info contact Jane Norton, 269-808-7334 or by email: jane_a_norton@yahoo.com

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SUMMER READING SIGNUPS - Begin June 1 at 9 am at the Saranac Public Library and the Clarksville Area Library. Earn rewards for reading this summer.

Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.; Clarksville Area Library, 165 N. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

ATTN: LOWELL CLASS OF 1969 - 50-year class reunion on June 22 at King Building, 224 S. Broadway, Lowell (old field house). Please email Mary Miller Strauss at marystrauss15@yahoo.com for more information. Please pass this info onto any classmates.

SUMMER READING AT KDL - June 3 - Aug. 10. Englehardt Branch, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell and Alto Branch Library, 6051 Linfield Ave., Alto. Join the fun at the library. There is a summer reading program for all ages - babies, kids, teens and adults. All programs are free and open to the public. For more information call 616-784-2007 or visit www.kdl.org

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STORMY THE MAGICIAN - June 20 at 1 pm. Come see Dave Storms weave stories, magine & tricks into a show filled with laughter for all audiences. Clarksville Area Library, 165 N. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

NATURE DISCOVERY "MAKING SPACE FOR MICHIGAN SNAKES" - June 27 at 10 am. A thrilling learning experience for all audiences. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

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MINECRAFT CLUB - June 3, 4:30 pm. Children 6 and older. Get your Minecraft fix and show off your world-building skills. The library has a limited number of comput-

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NIGHT OWLS ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION - June 5, 6:30 pm. "The Power" by Naomi Alderman. Join us for a lively book discussion. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell. 616-784-2007, www.kdl.org

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RUFF READERS - June 12 - July 24, Every Wednesday, 6:30 - 7:30 pm. A unique read-aloud program in partnership with West Michigan Therapy Dogs, Inc that pairs kids with a trained therapy dog and their handler. Kids read their favorite book and the pooches curl up, listen and enjoy. Arrive 15 minutes early to sign in and secure a time slot. First come, first served. For ages 6 and up. No Ruff Readers on July 3. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell. 616-784-2007, www.kdl.org

Garden Club plant flowers on the Riverwalk



On Friday, May 24th, Lowell Showboat Garden Club members planted a floral arrangement of yellow king humbert canna, purple fountain grass, rainbow mix coleus, a succulent and bandana red lantana in each of the six flower pots along the Riverwalk Plaza. The arrangements will be maintained through the spring and summer months by the garden club. This year's emphasis is on flowering plants intended to attract and benefit pollinators. Pictured left to right: Cathy Cochell, Lori DeBacker, Carol McGregor and (not pictured) David Drain.

Caitlin Clover named Miss Agriculture USA

Caitlin Clover of Rockford, was recently named the 2019 Michigan Ms. Agriculture USA Queen.

Miss Agriculture USA is a new non-profit agriculture promotion organization featuring Queens of all ages that promote, celebrate and educate about all the diverse aspects of agriculture.

Caitlin is the daughter of Greg and Cathy Clover of Rockford, Michigan. She graduated from Lowell High School and Michigan State University.

Her agricultural interests include market hogs, poultry, sheep, and crop production. She was a member of Lowell FFA, 4-H, MSU Block and

Bridle, MSU Dairy Club, and competed on the 2015 MSU Livestock Judging Team. She currently works for Herbruck's Poultry Ranch as their Animal Care Supervisor.

Caitlin will be competing at the National Miss Agriculture USA Queen competition to be held in Ohio on June 29th 2019.

If you would like Caitlin to make an appearance at your event, please contact MissAgricultureUSA@gmail.com. We are AGvocates for Agriculture!

For more information about the Miss Agriculture USA organization, visit www.MissAgricultureUSA.org.

NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENT GEIGER INTER-COUNTY DRAIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on Monday, the 10th day of June, 2019, at the Kent County Drain Commissioner's Office, 1500 Scribner Ave NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49504, County of Kent, or such place and time, I, Kenneth J Yonker, Kent County Drain Commissioner, may adjourn, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the Geiger Inter-County Drain Drainage District, and the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities in the Drainage District, will be subject to review on the above specified date only, from 8:30am until 4:30pm. You may also review your apportionments by phone at (616) 632-7910.

WHEREAS, you are further advised that, pursuant to Section 154 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, drain assessments against land will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If drain assessments are being collected for more than one (1) year, you may pay the assessment in full with any interest to date at any time and avoid further interest charges.

WHEREAS, you are further advised that, pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, any owner of land within the Geiger Inter-County Drain Drainage District or any city, village, township, district or county, feeling aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits made by the Drain Commissioner, may appeal the apportionment within ten (10) days after the "Day of Review of Apportionment" by making an application to the Kent County Probate Court for the appointment of a Board of Review. If there is no appeal, the roll will be confirmed ten (10) days after the "Day of Review of Apportionment". The confirmed roll may be slightly different from the roll presented at the Day of Review, due to arguments made at the Day of Review.

AS A PROPERTY OWNER WITHIN THE DISTRICT, YOU ARE SUBJECT TO A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR A PORTION OF THE COST OF THIS PROJECT.

The government units and permanent parcel numbers of the parcels of land within the Special Assessment District of said drain being assessed are located at the end of this notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, all unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons interested in the above described lands, and you: Randy Wilcox (Bowne Township Supervisor), Lisa Posthumus Lyons (Kent County Clerk), and Steve Warren (Managing Director of the Kent County Road Commission) that at such time and place, as stated above, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the Geiger Inter-County Drain Special Assessment District will be subject to review.

AND EACH OF YOU, owners and persons interested in the above referenced parcels of land, are hereby given the opportunity to appear, at the time and place noted above, to review the apportionments and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interests in relation to them, if you so desire.

Dated this 24th day of May, 2019.

Kenneth J Yonker,
Kent County Drain Commissioner

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Behind The Scenes

Position:	Executive chef, Flat River Grill
Residence:	Saranac
Education:	Lowell High School, culinary arts degree from Grand Rapids Community College
Experience:	Executive chef for 12 years at Flat River Grill, Boyne Highlands, Rio Grande, Applebee's
Family:	Wife Lora and three daughters
Hobbies:	Gardening, smoking meats, spending time with family
Pets:	Golden retriever and eight chickens

Flat River Grill chef Stoutjesdyk develops menu

by Patrick Misner
contributing reporter

The Gilmore Collection's first restaurant was the Thornapple Village Inn, which opened in Ada in the 1970s. Since that time, the collection has increased to 14 unique restaurants known around Michigan and Colorado for providing fine and fresh dining experiences. Flat River Grill, downtown Lowell's Gilmore Collection restaurant, first opened in 2002.

Their website describes the restaurant thusly: "neighborhood restaurant located in the heart of downtown Lowell and is comprised of two unique spaces—the dining room, housed within the first floor of the Bergin building (est. 1931), and a four-season patio, which is situated alongside the Flat River and the historic Lowell Showboat. Dining options include wood-fired feasts with an emphasis on classic American cuisine. The menu is highlighted by line-caught fish, grass-fed beef, wood-fired pizza and an impressive variety of wood-grilled burgers."

Jim Stoutjesdyk has been working at Flat River Grill since 2004 and has been the Executive Chef since 2006. Part of what makes Flat River Grill unique is its ever-shifting menu, which Stoutjesdyk is instrumental in developing. "We change our menus two to four times a year depending on the seasonality of the product," said Stoutjesdyk.

He is quick to point out the many other people who have helped developed the menu.

"There are a few dishes that have been put on by two of the former chefs that were here before I was," Stoutjesdyk explained. "And then some of my sous chefs, they still have dishes that became local favorites real fast, so we keep those on the menu. But yeah, a lot of the menus just kind of change with guest requests... We try things out on our features, our daily features. If they sell well and are well received, then we'll [keep] them out. There is direction from Greg Gilmore as to how they would like their menus designed. So we try to follow their recommendations as

to how big they want their menu or what kind of items they want on their menu."

He gets his own ideas for menu items from a variety of sources.

"I look at what is trending," Stoutjesdyk said. "We pay attention to the magazines as to what is trending in the year. Most of it is, 'What food am I interested in playing with?' I pull a lot from the people I work with. It's more of a collaborative effort."

His humble introduction into the world of cooking was pragmatic.

"[Cooking] is what I was doing in high school to get money," Stoutjesdyk remarked. "I started at Burger King. And then I think I worked at Little Caesars for a little bit. And then I got into Thornapple Village Inn, while I was still in high school so that was a Gilmore Collection restaurant in '96... way back then."

He thought about working outside of the culinary arts but eventually felt drawn back in after studying criminal justice in college.

"I decided to go into the culinary arts field because that is what I continued to always do," Stoutjesdyk said. "I got my Associate's [from Grand Rapids Community College] in 2001 I think I graduated from there."

Stoutjesdyk gets further inspiration for his cooking from his home life. His wife now stays at home to watch their three daughters, but she is also a chef. They have a large garden that requires him to find ways to add in an assortment of vegetables in his meals at home. Even though he loves working creatively with food, he often finds himself making less formal meals after work.

"It's a comfort food thing for me, so if I'm going to go home, it's going to be just like a grilled cheese sandwich because I've been here all day and I want something that's going to be quick," Stoutjesdyk said.

Still, he does enjoy developing his cooking craft at home.

"Right now, a lot of smoked meats are what I like to do," explained

Stoutjesdyk. "When we hit towards the end of the growing season then I have a garden full of fresh vegetables, so we create a lot of stuff with that. And then I like to incorporate a lot of ancient grains into all of my dishes when I am at home. So that is the stuff I am drawn towards personally, all the quinoas and couscous and barleys and things like that; I like to incorporate those into my dishes at home. But also at home we try to eat healthy versus bringing in a lot of processed foods into our diet. So that is kind of how I try to create food here also. I don't want to have pre-processed and pre-packaged food. Everything is fresh, we

keep it low on the amount of processed sugar we put into it."

This trend for local food and drinks particularly in the Grand Rapids area has been influential since he started in the restaurant industry. Although this creates more competition for restaurants like Flat River Grill, he ultimately appreciates the shift in culture.

"We're oversaturated with restaurants in a small area, and that is what is going on across the nation," Stoutjesdyk said. "But it forces us to be more creative and to draw people here so that helps. And it really starts to educate a lot of the guests. The guests know

what they want. Years ago, you didn't have a lot of choices of restaurants to go to. Now there's, 'What do you want? what style of food do you want?' I enjoy seeing the good breweries and the good barbecue places. All of the local craft people have a very small niche, but they do whatever they do very well so I think it really educates the general public as to different styles of food and different methods of cooking. When I first started, I couldn't word a menu a certain way because people were unfamiliar to a term. Now, [with] the [increase of] knowledge of people in the fifteen years I've been here, it's amazing."

Flat River Grill just released their spring menu which includes ten new items that, according to their website, includes a fried chicken sandwich, tomato bruschetta, veggie chorizo quesadilla and a wood-grilled Kansas City strip steak. Stop in to Flat River Grill, 201 E. Main, and try some of Stoutjesdyk and his staff's creations. They are open Monday through Thursday from 11 am to 9pm, on Friday and Saturday they are open from 11 am to 10 pm and on Sunday they are open from 11 am until 8 pm. They have "happy hour" Tuesday through Friday from 2 pm until 6 pm and wine specials on Wednesdays.





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Fighting to Make a Difference

Kailyn Bruce, 15 years old, started volunteering with her mom in Treasurers Thrift Shop two years ago and they now spend their volunteer time cleaning the building.

Kailyn, who has volunteered over 75 hours with her mom, said she decided she wanted to volunteer after being inspired by a story she heard that encouraged people to donate to others; no matter how big or small. The story was about a boy who saw many starfish had washed up to shore and decided to put them back in the water one at a time. A passerby saw his efforts and asked the boy why he was wasting his time saying that his efforts wouldn't do anything. The boy responded by saying even one starfish can make a difference.

"Some people think that a dollar won't do enough or that there isn't a point to donate if it's just a dollar, but it's not just a dollar (not just a starfish) to someone. Even one dollar has the potential to change someone's life; even something so little has the potential to make a difference. So, I decided to follow that rule," she says. "To not just look at something that can seem so small as useless. It's why I'd encourage others to donate anything that they can since it's not just a dollar to others. Even something like fifty cents has the potential to help someone or to make a difference."



She says one of the things she likes about volunteering is knowing that she's helping people. "I don't do it to try and get any personal gain from it. I do it because I want to help others as much as I possibly can."

As far as whether she plans to keep giving back to her community she says, "I would absolutely love to do more volunteer work or possibly even charity work in the future. I don't think I'll ever stop trying to help people in or out of my community. I like to see the ways that I can change the community positively and I would like to continue doing that for possibly the rest of my life."