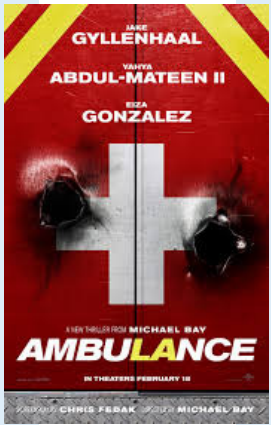


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Award-winning “Spring into the Past” museum tour back at full speed in 2022

by Emma Palova
contributing reporter

The Tri-River Historical Museum Network (TRHMN) will hold its premier special event “Spring into the Past 2022” this weekend on April 30 and May 1 with more than 30 museums and historical societies participating.

This year’s theme “Celebrating Women” depicts the many roles that women have played in history over the centuries as they serve their families in the home or community and fight for equality in many different ways.

Many museums are preparing special exhibits featuring women in their local communities such as Bowne Township Historical Society which is home to TRHMN.

“It has been a long couple of years and we are all excited to get back to business as usual,” said TRHMN president, Sally Johnson. “We’re hoping for a great turnout.” TRHMN received the 2021 State Award for Special Programs/Events in September of 2021 from the Historical Society of Michigan.

“We were all excited to receive the award for our “Spring into the Past event,” Johnson said. “We all were so pleased to be recognized for the work we have put into this event over the years. It’s always nice to be acknowledged for your work.”

Kim Culbertson, president of Bowne Township Historical Society, readied several exhibits for the upcoming tour, including a yard sale to raise funds for a major barn project last Friday. The yard sale of antiques and more will be held on April 30 from 10 am to 5 pm.

“We’re very excited about our project,” she said. “This is our first fundraiser for the barn project.”

The tour covers museums in Barry, Eaton, Ionia, Kent, and Montcalm counties. The closest museums to Lowell are: the Lowell Area Historical Museum, Fallasburg one-room schoolhouse, Bowne Township Historical Commission in Alto, Belrockton Museum in

Tour, continued, page 2



Bowne Township Historical Commission president, Kim Culbertson, by Women’s displays at the museum.

Annual Food Fight starts May 1

Flat River Outreach Ministries raises resources for greater Lowell community through friendly but fierce competition

With May just around the corner, it can only mean one thing for FROM (Flat River Outreach Ministries) – the launch

of their annual Food Fight Campaign.

From May 1 through June 1, the nonprofit is encouraging the Greater Lowell community to give from the heart in this friendly but fierce

competition to see who can raise the most resources.

The 13th annual campaign divides the greater Lowell community into two teams – north and south, with M-21 splitting the teams. Each dollar and food item that is donated to FROM counts as a point for that team.

“It’s always a joy to see our community come together to help our neighbors in need,” Arianne Hall, Development Director said. “After 12 years, the teams are tied with six wins each. It’ll be fun to watch how it unfolds this year.”

For the last Food Fight campaign, \$127,455.00 was raised and 11,071 food items were donated.

“Food Fight helps us, help the community,”

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Zoning amendment to restrict marijuana facilities defeated by the city council

by Emma Palova
contributing reporter

The Lowell City Planning commission held a public hearing on a proposed zoning ordinance amendment restricting adult-use marijuana facilities east of the river on April 11.

The impetus behind the proposed amendment was the closure of a child care facility at the Lowell United Methodist Church. The closure opened up three commercial properties for adult-use marijuana facilities east of town.

An applicant had requested such use at 805 and 825 East Main Street, at the location of

the former Roll Away and the mini-golf. However, the planning commission turned the request down late in 2021.

The most recent recommendation to amend the zoning ordinance restricting marijuana facilities was rejected by the city council on April 18.

City manager Mike Burns said that the Roll Away property is zoned C-3 and as such, it is eligible to be a marijuana facility.

The planning commission’s main argument that the Roll

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Tour, continued

Belding, Saranac Historical Depot, Blanchard House in Ionia, Flat River Historical Society and museum in Greenville, and Ada Historical Society.

The main purpose of the museum tour that started in 2002 is to showcase different

museums in the network of the tri-river area.

The participating museums of the Tri-River Network provide collaborative support to each other while recognizing the unique qualities of each museum.

“Taking your children or grandchildren to a museum provides a wonderful opportunity to share your life and memories in a unique way,” said Judy Gager, spokesperson.

Johnson said that the



A special display of old pictures at Bowne Township Museum.



Kim Culbertson readying antiques for a yard sale on April 30 at 84th and Alden Nash SE in Alto, MI 49302 from 10 am to 5 pm.

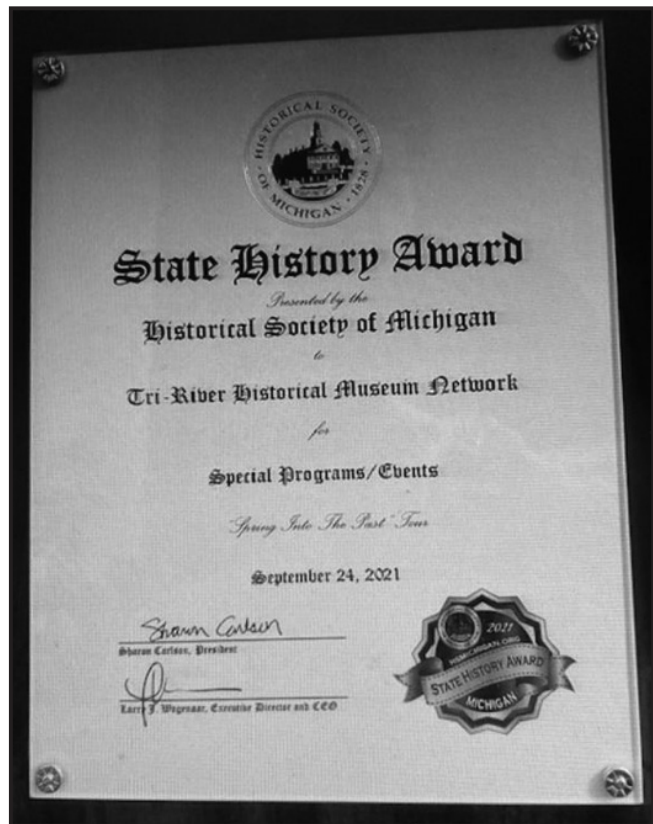
main purpose is to entice people, locals, and others, to visit our museums and see how we have been striving to preserve our heritage.

“There are so many locals who have no idea that we even exist,” she said.

All museums are free, but donations are appreciated. Each museum will have booklets with a map or you can download one for free at commoncorners.com

The time of the tour on

April 30 is from 11 am to 5 pm, and May 1 from noon to 5 pm. For more info, contact each individual museum or contact Sally Johnson at srjohnson4@charter.net or 616-868-6424.



Award for Spring into the Past Museum tour taken by Sally Johnson.

Food Fight, continued

Monica Light, Program Manager at FROM, said.

This year there is a \$34,750 match challenge, thanks to generous matching sponsors available to all financial donations, until the match challenge is met, or June 1. Funds raised through this campaign will help the mission of FROM and raise a significant portion of their annual fund.

The community can get involved in the campaign by donating funds directly

to the nonprofit, holding a Facebook fundraiser on the FROM Facebook page (www.facebook.com/fromlowell) or collecting in-kind donations of food. For the most up-to-date list of food needs, email Development Director, Arianne Hall, at ariannah@fromlowell.org or call at 616-897-8260.

“I am proud to live and work in a community that is consistent and faithful in their generosity and caring

for others,” Wendie Preiss, FROM Executive Director, said. “Last year was my first Food Fight experience as Executive Director. It was incredible to see firsthand what our generous community can do. I am thrilled to see what happens this year, especially since last year tied it up!”

About FROM: FROM is a human services nonprofit in Lowell, Mich. FROM offers more than a

dozen programs for families and individuals in need that focus in the area of Healthy Food Options, Family Support, Housing and Connection to Resources. Each year Flat River Outreach Ministries serves more than 600 families and individuals living in the Lowell Area School District who make 300% of the poverty line or less – or have an expressed need.

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

In the matter of Robert Vettese Guardianship File No. 22-210,899-GA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including his daughter, Angie, and any unknown children and heirs, whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following: TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on June 13, 2022, at 1:30 P.M. at Kent Co. Probate Court, 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids,

MI 49503 Courtroom 9C in person and via Zoom before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: Appointment of a Guardian.

Dated: April 21, 2022

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VAN ESSEN AND ASSOCIATES PLLC Attys. for Petitioner by Amanda Van Essen Wirth (P75001) 109 E. Main St. Suite 11 Zeeland, MI 49464 (616) 633-0196

Amendment, continued

Away property is surrounded by residential was not upheld by the city council.

According to Burns, Lowell has several commercial properties entrenched in residential areas such as Keiser's, Progressive, and Natural Gas on East side. So far, the city has granted 11 special land use permits, eight microprocessing and dispensaries, and three growing facilities permits. Joyology has been approved as well.

"We cannot cap these," said Burns. "You could buffer them but it would be a logistical nightmare."

Also, by capping the facilities, the city would be open to lawsuits.

There are currently six adult-use marijuana facilities in operation in Lowell. The city received approximately \$282,000 from last year's excise tax.

Buffering requirements on the predominantly commercial west side of town have been upheld in terms of putting up fences and parking lots around marijuana use facilities.

"We have not impeded anybody from having a marijuana business," planning commission chair Bruce Barker said. "This is

what people want."

In other business:

Dave Austin of Williams & Works presented the graphics for the continuation of the Lowell Area Trail project phase I and Phase II. The trail progress has been held up by the necessary acquisition of a property from the railroad, as well as Grand Rapids Gravel issues.

"We want to be respectful of business owners," said Austin.

Austin said the trail along Bowes Rd. will be very cool on both sides of the lake if allowed. There are also issues with wetlands.



Former Roll Away property on the east side of town.

Children's Trust Fund Pam Posthumus Signature Auction is set for May 17

Gala helps prevent child abuse in Michigan

The 20th annual Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event is returning to East Lansing, Tuesday, May 17 at 5 pm. Hosted by the Children's Trust Fund, the gathering features an auction that provides funding to expand prevention programs in all 83 Michigan counties. Guests with winning bids can go home with a wealth of prized items, from sports and concert tickets to travel packages and more.

The event seeks to raise \$550,000 in critical funds for the work of the Children's Trust Fund, which is within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Funds from the auction pay for programs such as parent support and education, fatherhood programs, family resource centers and adverse childhood experiences prevention. All private donations and state funding are eligible to be multiplied through the Children's Trust Fund's federal funding.

"In honor of the 20th annual Pam Posthumus Auction, as well as celebrating the Children's Trust Fund's 40th anniversary serving

Michigan, we are thrilled to announce that this event will return to the campus of Michigan State University in the legendary Breslin Center. This auction is a tribute to Pam Posthumus' heart and commitment to this mission," said Children's Trust Fund Executive Director, Suzanne Greenberg.

The funding raised through this auction will strengthen families and communities across the state by educating and supporting them to create environments where children can be safe, happy and healthy."

The honorary 2022 co-chairs are Amy Loepp, Children's Trust Fund board chair, and Daniel J. Loepp, president and CEO of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. Together they are committed to leveraging their knowledge and networks to make this year's event the biggest success yet.

"The wide range of resources made possible by this gala will protect

children and support families throughout Michigan," Amy Loepp said. "The Children's Trust Fund applauds the sponsors who've committed to this event and looks forward to partnering with more groups as we work to fulfill our vital mission."

Four key supporters of child abuse prevention will be honored at the event.

"These four visionaries have always understood that children are the future of our great state, and that healthy and happy families are the bedrock upon which our neighborhoods and communities are built," Greenberg said. "Their foresight and dedication to ensure children have safe todays and brighter tomorrows is as inspiring as it is empowering for all of us to do and be better. We want to thank and recognize them for their commitment and service in creating a Michigan where hope and fulfillment are always within reach when we act to take positive steps together."



An adjacent mini-golf course could be used as a park.

They are:
U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow: Stabenow has been a tireless advocate for child welfare and well-being since her years in the Michigan Legislature. The Democrat was elected to the Michigan House in 1979 before winning a state Senate seat in 1991. She successfully ran for the U.S. House in 1996 and served one term before winning a seat in the upper chamber

she has held since 2001.
Former Gov. Bill Milliken: There was no hesitation when Milliken signed Public Act 250 of 1982 into law creating the Children's Trust Fund. The Republican was the longest-serving governor in Michigan's history. Widespread popularity elevated him to more than three full four-year terms leading the state from 1969 to 1983. Milliken died at

his home in Traverse City in 2019.
Former Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus: A champion of the legislation that cleared the way for the Children's Trust Fund, Posthumus was elected to the state Senate in 1982 and became lieutenant governor under former Gov. John Engler in 1998. The annual auction

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Review of Director Michael Bay's new movie *Ambulance*

by Bill Lee
contributing writer

Successful bank heist movies usually share two things: intense and violent action between the robbers and the police, and a main character (the robber) who has a worthy adversary trying to take him down (the cop). *Heat* (1995) had De Niro vs Pacino, *Point Break* (1991) had Swayze vs Reeves, and *The Town* (2010) had Affleck vs. Hamm). The recent release of *Ambulance* has all the makings of competing with these great bank heist movies. It has some fantastic and violent action sequences of a heist movie, along with a unique chase like no other.

Like *Heat* and *Point Break*, *Ambulance* takes place in Los Angeles, and hence, the highlighted "la" in the movie title. Directed by Michael Bay and starring Jake Gyllenhaal, *Ambulance* looks to recreate the city bank heist movie with its own twist.

The story opens in the home of Will Sharp, one of the main characters in the film. Will is played by Yahya Abdul-Mateen II, who also had solid roles in *Aquaman*, *The Matrix Resurrections*, and *US*. The first scene pans the living room filled with pieces of Will's military past serving in Afghanistan and of his wife and new born son in her arms. He is on the phone with the VA trying to get help for his wife's experimental surgery. They deny his request. With no job and no money, Will has to turn to the only man he knows who can help him, his brother Danny Sharp, played by Jake Gyllenhaal, a well-known bank robber with 37 successful robberies to his name. At a young age Will was adopted by Danny's father, now deceased and also a legend in the bank robbing community. Will and Danny's childhood relationship is shown in a series of flashbacks of their youth playing together in the streets of LA.

Against his own better judgement, Will joins up with Danny and his gang for what Danny calls his final heist. After the robbery goes horribly wrong, the brothers hijack an ambulance with two hostages - EMT, Cam Thompson, played by actress Eiza Gonzalez, and a seriously injured police officer, played by Jackson White.

The next hour and a half of the movie is a unique chase sequence between the entire LAPD and this ambulance. Why can't an entire police department end the chase immediately? Fear for the hostages' safety and Danny's connection with an LA street gang, hold the police at bay. During the never-ending chase, we get everything from thrilling high velocity escapes full of guns and car pile ups to slow and steady joy rides with cop cars and helicopters trailing the ambulance at 40 mph. The cinematography during these runs through LA are visually stunning as the city is captured in every camera angle you can think of - close up, panoramic, from the street, above the street, and through the air. That, along with the acting of Eiza Gonzalez, are probably the only parts of the movie I can recommend.

Most of the flaws revolve around the screenplay itself.

Co-written by Chris Fedak and Laurits Munch-Petersen (Danish director who wrote the original *Ambulancen* in 2005), the story is filled with too many cliches and lack of connection between the characters. The characters themselves are cliches - Danny is the snarky, elusive, "legendary" bank robber; Will is the Marine vet who "Can drive like no other" (and perform surgeries!) and Cam is the best paramedic in LA, but no one wants to be her partner because she has a cold personality.

The movie also tries its best to show the close-knit brotherhood between Danny and Will but the flashbacks of their youth are not enough to convince the audience that these two actually care for each other. Will seems to come around to Danny toward the end as they share headphones when singing, "Sailing" by Christopher Cross, during a particularly intense scene. The scene is used in the trailer and is symbolic of the dichotomy of Danny's character and the plot itself. Are these good guys just "trying to get home" or cutthroat criminals? We're never really sure, but showing the comedic or sympathetic side

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Birds returning from southern wintering grounds add to the activity around backyard bird feeders. Permanent winter residents share the bounty with their returning neighbors as well as migrants just stopping by on their journey north.

Observing wildlife is always interesting and enjoyable. Bears and wolves are exciting to watch, and just being where they are is an adventure in itself. We share our up-north property with black bears,

so walking in the woods before daylight sharpens one's senses. Birds are common residents in most neighborhoods and can be observed from the kitchen window, so watching birdlife is comfortable and convenient.

Michigan has a great number of bird species. Many of these birds are found in backyards as well as fields and forests. Desirable accommodations will consistently draw birds to your property. Providing

food, water, and cover insures lots of opportunity to identify your feathered guests and enjoy wildlife going about their daily routine.

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of birds, there are a few things to consider when inviting them to your property. Check out the type of feed desired by the majority of the species expected to arrive. Feeders should be placed very close to the house or far out in the yard to avoid collisions with windows. Stickers on windows can warn the birds of the hazard. Cats should be kept inside or supervised when outside. Water keeps birds around and a heated source of water is very helpful in winter. Some kind of cover like bushes or trees provide weather and predator protection as well as a possible natural food source. Nest boxes are made special for a particular species. The houses must be cleaned out between occupations, and water sources should regularly be sanitized.

Learning to identify species by sight as well as by their song is a way to get more in tune with nature. We can make up for habitat loss by making life easier for the birds and enjoy their company year around.

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viewpoint



50 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 4, 1972

Bob Perry was appointed new Intramural Director of the High School as well as retaining his position as Athletic Director. Perry has given up his position as assistant high school principal and will assume the new position next fall.

Consideration of a burning ordinance for the city was on the city council's meeting agenda. Manager Blain Bacon stated that Lowell does have a fire ordinance which prohibits open burning without a permit. Mrs. Gil VanWeelden, representing the 6th grade science class, which had previously presented petitions to the council to ban all burning, said the students had made a study of the problem - observing many instances of unnecessary burning behind businesses, as well as individual residences, and had felt the interest of pollution control that something should be done to curtail this practice.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 4, 1922

Alexander Windier died Sunday, April 30, after a year's illness with cancer, aged 52 years. He spend life mostly in Bowne and Lowell townships.

James F. Sargent, a former resident of Lowell, aged 56, was shot and killed in a gun battle with Grand Rapids policemen early Sunday morning at the office of the R. M. Schornstein Lumber company in that city. Sergeant was the Lumber company's night watch and believed himself besieged by holdup men and three police officers thought they had trapped a burglar.

Orin Graham's house caught fire Thursday about noon and by plenty of help, it was soon extinguished with slight damage.

Clayton Boozing shot himself in the arm last Wednesday. He is coming along all right.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 1, 1947

Saturday evening about 6:30, Dewey Dickson, 48, of Grand Rapids, formerly of Lowell, suffered a fractured leg when he was hit by a car driven by Leslie VanTatenhove, 18, of Lowell. Dickson had just alighted from an east-bound bus and was attempting to cross Main Street. He was taken to Blodgett hospital in the Roth ambulance.

In a National Labor Relations Board election held in the Lowell Manufacturing Company plant on Tuesday of this week, the following vote was cast: 144 no union; 30 for union.

The Juniors and Seniors of St. Patrick school, Parnell, are presenting their class play, "Lie Down You're Dead," at two performances, Saturday, May 3 and Monday, May 5, at 8 pm in Lowell high school auditorium.

Glendon Swarhout came over from Ann Arbor early Saturday morning to take part in the opening of trout season, capturing six keepers. It was his first visit here since July 1943.

The by-laws of the Lowell Parent-Teach Association were formally adopted at the Wednesday evening meeting held April 23. Because of the inclement weather, the installing officer, Mrs. John Canfield, President of the Kent County Council, was unable to attend, so the installation was postponed until the next meeting.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 30, 1997

City officials, council members, planning commissioners and residents becoming annoyed with he delay of Lee's Landing's demolition. Bids to have the building demolished were taken win November and awarded in December. A one-month effort to save the building, ice and now the issuing permits have delayed the project.

Marge Rehl will be retiring on June 30 after 23 years with the Lowell Schools system, the last 16 years with working in the community education department. The Lowell Community Education supervisor said she will take July off but then begin looking for a part-time job.

Vergennes Township officials have yet to find a solution to the transition of a farming community to residential and will seek the advice from a professional to help in the matter.

Steven Koning applied and was granted a resolution from Vergennes Township Board to keep his 155-acre property agricultural for the remainder of his existence. He is one of many West Michigan farmers taking advantage of the state's newest agricultural preservative act. The act provides farmers with income and tax breaks if they agree not to develop the land.

The Lowell City Council approves Creekside Park concessions stand upgrade. The current window faces south, away from the fields. Moving the window to face the field is estimated to cost \$2,000 - \$2,300.

to the editor

Dear Editor,

Kudos to the marijuana team on the city council. They have cleared the pathway for another marijuana products store in Lowell. What does that make? Seven, eight, nine? Oh gosh, I have lost count on how many there are or will be. Oh, no matter, I can read about them. For those who use marijuana for medical reasons or perceived medical reasons, you can walk to a store with out a prescription, how good is that?

Out goes morals and in comes the miracle med. Thanks team. With a little luck, maybe a church will close and you will have another building to offer. Lowell is well on its way to becoming the marijuana capital in western Michigan per capita. Thanks team.

However, look at all the tax money they are getting. Maybe there are other options to consider like legalizing hard drugs and prostitution. Got to be good money there. Think about it, team.

Lowell is no longer a Bedroom Community where people would like to raise their children. Maybe the council's brains were a little foggy when they made those decisions, you think? (Do they allow smoking at those meetings or have special treats?) There will be people offended by this, but how many communities allow so many businesses of the same kind to locate in the community. You can make laws to avoid a saturation of this nature or just pony up.

Steven Hartley
Lowell



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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- All letters must be signed by the writer, with address and phone number provided for verification. All that will be printed is the writer's name and community of residence. We do not publish anonymous letters, and names will be withheld at the editor's discretion for compelling reasons only.
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Kent ISD Early Childhood Playgroup

May 6 from 10:30 - 11:30 am. Join Kent ISD Early Childhood Playgroup for crafts, rhymes, songs and more! For ages 0-5 with a parent or guardian.

All Aboard! Book Club

May 12, 10:30 am - 11:30 am. A fun, informal discussion of great books. This month's book is *Lila* by Marilynne Robinson. For adults.

Polymer Clay Jewelry

May 12, 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Try out clay tips and tricks to create your own, hand-made clay piece to take home and bake with easy, provided instructions. Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 30 minutes before the program begins.

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ABCs of Lowell history

The ABC's of Lowell History was introduced in 2020 as a way to share some of the many fascinating stories from Lowell's past. It was initiated in part by the pandemic shutdown which led the museum to seek alternative ways to share local history with the community. The series will continue with a fourth round of the alphabet.

Y is for Rosella Curtiss Yeiter

Rosella "Zella" Curtiss Yeiter was the wife of O. J. Yeiter. He was well known both as a businessman in furniture sales and funeral services. He served as president of the Village Council. Rosella may not be as well known but she certainly led an amazing life. She was adventurous, accomplished, active and most of all, she persevered through difficult times.

She was born in 1887, at Morse Lake near Alto. Her parents were Earl and Mary Evelyn Curtiss. Her grandfather was Sessions P. Curtiss, Civil War soldier. After high school she studied music in Chicago and became a piano teacher. In 1909, she married Orlo J. Yeiter.

Rosella was very talented in dramatic and humorous readings. She was a popular performer for special events. When the showboat acts were all local talent, she and Peter Fineis became locally famous for their performance of "Me and My Shadow." Many of her performances were locally written poems. Performance events



included a 1931 Kent G.O.P. Women's Club meeting that also included State Representative Dexter G. Look, annual flower shows by the Lowell Garden Lore Club, YWCA Guild meetings and countless church and social banquets in Grand Rapids.

At some point Orlo appears to have begun to struggle. The cause of Orlo's struggle was not identified but it appears to have affected many levels of his life.

The November 26, 1936 Lowell paper stated "The inquiry culminates a series of misadventures, apparently consequent upon some disintegration in rational judgement, which have been very painful to relatives and friends, and peculiarly lamentable in view of the high status Mr. Yeiter enjoyed as a citizen and the nature of his valued

services to the community in which he has lived." Rosella filed for divorce in 1934. The couple later remarried only to divorce again in 1945. Orlo seems to have continued living with Rosella throughout this time. He died in 1949. When life became difficult with her husband's struggles, Rosella held things together. She kept The Yeiter Company operating successfully. 1934 ads even list her as proprietor.

Rosella's children were Evelyn Yeiter Speerstra, Samuel and Robert Yeiter. Evelyn spent time with her mother, spending weekends with her and socializing together. Evelyn and her husband, Peter Speerstra owned the local Dodge dealership for a while, along with the Speerstra Insurance Agency. They left a lasting legacy to Lowell

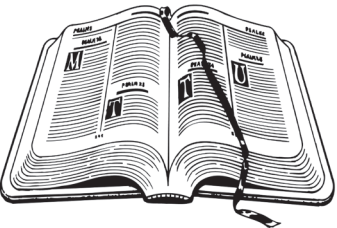
in the form of a scholarship for Lowell High School graduates.

Both of Rosella's sons served during World War II, and on multiple occasions the Yeiter name is included in the wounded in war report.

In March of 1943 the Fort Worth Star-Telegram printed an article by an International News Service War Correspondent that featured soldiers' letters. It was titled "Eating, Mail and Cigaretts top list of Soldiers' pleas in letters to Mom." The article included a letter from Capt. Samuel Yeiter to his mother, Mrs. Rosella Yeiter 527 Monroe Ave, Lowell, Mich: "Hiya, Mom: Everything's okay. They just can't spell my name right.

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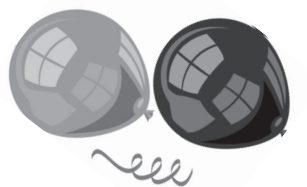
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Book Corner

The Perfect Escape

By Leah Konen

by Alison Yarger
contributing writer

What better book to read if you are in the throes of a breakup or divorce than a book about three girlfriends taking a five-day rest and relaxation holiday to the mountains! Well, perhaps it's not actually as idealistic as I thought it might be, but what an excellent and suspenseful read.

Diana, Margaret and Sam are thrilled to be getting out of New York City and away from their stressful jobs for a girl's weekend. They have bonded over their messy separations and upcoming divorces and every mile they drive feels like another step toward putting their soon-to-be-former husbands in the past. But when car trouble strands them in the most unlikely of mountain towns, Catskill, they come face-to-face with the emotional wounds and betrayals they were so desperate to leave behind.

When Diana doesn't return home after a night out,

Sam and Margaret's search for her reveals just how little they know about their friend. As weird coincidences and secrets begin to pile up, the women realize their detour may not have been a mistake, and someone wants to make sure they never make it out.

Great lines like the following keep you from putting down the book: "You think you're bad, I slept with the man who left me in the back of a bar because I wanted to feel close to him again. People don't realize when your world breaks apart, you'll do almost anything for a chance to put it back together." And, "I don't want to offer any excuses. I'm sorry, truly sorry for what I did. All I cared about was the closeness we'd developed. It wasn't right. Not when he was married to you. I knew that deep down. But, I thought I was so in love, I was so blind, that I didn't care who he and I hurt. I didn't care that I was tearing apart a family. I didn't really even think of you as a whole

person, just an obstacle in the way of getting what I wanted."

Those lines give you an idea of the type of "friends" who were on this weekend together. While all three coldhearted women were struggling emotionally, they also were callous, selfish and cruel to anyone who got in the way of what they wanted.

At times, the story was a bit repetitive and dragged in spots. Obviously, the rather egotistical characters were not terribly likeable, each having various imperfections and secrets to figure out. Clearly, being friends with three unsympathetic and self-serving women would be trying at best. Added to this mixture of the three is yet another narcissistic woman and three men - two of whom are in need of serious psychological intervention.

In this narrative, once the police become involved, the plot thickens even more. Missing keys, missing wedding rings, finding of a stash of cash, a stalking soon-to-be-former husband and of course a murder make for an idiosyncratic, easy to read and follow mystery.

Each chapter of the book is told from a different

protagonist's viewpoint, which adds some melodrama and insight into these peculiar women and helps to move the story along. With multiple twists and turns, this juicy yet bizarre story held my interest. While a bit of the story was predictable, the ending definitely took me by surprise.

The story covers loss, sadness, humiliation and rage which transforms into the psychological thriller I found hard to put down. And never have I read a better description of rage.

"People think they know what rage is, but they don't. It's not just anger; the sort that sends a flush of heat into your cheeks that makes your hands shake. This is not rage. Rage is so much deeper than anger. It's the sort of thing that bursts out of you, uncontrollable. Rage isn't content to be a feeling, something you talk about. Rage demands action, it hooks you with its claws, dragging you forward, imbuing you with tunnel vision, turning everything around you bright white except for that one image,

right there in front of you, pulsing along to the blood throbbing in your temples. I felt it in my belly, in the tips of my fingers and the back of my neck. Not anger, not frustration, but rage." And, this was the prologue that hooked me!

A rollercoaster ride through the lives of these maladjusted people turns into a masterfully crafted suspenseful story. You can't go wrong with this easy to follow, easy to read, dark and twisty thriller. I'd give the book 4.5 stars out of 5.

Movie, continued

to Danny ultimately fails. Danny reminisces, "Just like the old days" about his renewed connection with Will. But it is not to be.

The main flaw revolves around the Gyllenhaal's character Danny White. Gyllenhaal does his best to show that Danny is not to be messed with, "a different breed" as described by his once-classmate at the University of Maryland, FBI agent Anson Clark, played by Keir O'Donnell. Danny's comedic interludes throughout (when he is sprayed by a fire extinguisher, he yells "Hey, this is cashmere!") are meant to show his craziness and maybe help the audience see him as a sympathetic character. Hey, this guy has robbed 38 banks and can tell jokes while doing it! Overall, Danny's jokes fall flat and

only create confusion for the audience.

There are some good aspects to *Ambulance* like Eiza Gonzalez's excellent portrayal of courageous EMT Cam Thompson, but that, along with the cinematography, cannot save *Ambulance* from being a mediocre heist movie. If you love action and are not as concerned about the character connections, then you may like this movie, as it is filled with gunfire, explosions, car chases and many car crashes. To be frank, I really wanted to like *Ambulance*, as I like a great heist movie as much as the next person. I like Jake Gyllenhaal as an actor, but for me, character connection in movies is the most important element, and when the main characters spend most of the movie in an ambulance together,

it becomes even more essential. The movie had its own unique twist to the bank heist genre, but in the end, the cliches, confusing comedic interludes, and weak bonds between the characters were too much.

As an audience member who gets halfway through this movie, you can't help but think, how will these guys get out of this situation? Can they be saved? Of course, we find out at the end, but even then we realize that, no, despite any possible outcome, these characters never really had a chance.

Unfortunately, although it tries, it falls short to make strong connections between its characters and is the main reason I can't give it a strong recommendation and give it a rating of 2 out of 4 kernels.



Looking Back, continued

Keep the door open. Be seen' ya soon. Love, Sam" Sam led a reconnaissance regiment through Tunisia in Northern Africa against "Desert Fox" Gen. E. Rommel through Italy and France. He received the Silver Star and the Bronze Star for bravery, along with the La Croix de Guerre medal, one of the top honors of France. Sam was also Lowell's first Eagle Scout.

Bob Yeiter was a paratrooper with the 505 Parachute Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division of the US Army. He was included in the pre-dawn jump of D-Day behind enemy lines. His Division was credited with liberating the first French city of the Allied invasion at Normandy. He fought in numerous battles in Holland and in the Battle of the Bulge. He was also part of the march into Berlin.

It was not a surprise that Rosella joined in the home movement to support the soldiers. She served as district president of the 6th District Women's Relief Corp. and was also a member of the Joseph Wilson Relief Corp.

Rosella also served her community as a member of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell and enjoyed working with the women's groups. She

served as a matron and life member of the Cyclamen Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. She was also an elected official, serving as Treasurer for Lowell Township.

Through her life and the lives of her children, Rosella Yeiter's legacy and impact is still felt in Lowell today.



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Live the Life You Want

With Melissa Spino, MA, LPC, CDMS
Life Transitions Therapy, LLC

May is Mental Health Month – Back to Basics

You may be wondering why we need an entire month to promote mental health awareness, especially when counseling is so readily available. For some, therapy is difficult to obtain because of a lack of finances, transportation, or mobility. For others, there is a stigma (negative or discriminatory attitudes) attached to therapy from their community, family, friends, or they may feel shame about their mental health issues.

Yet, we know how important our mental health is to our overall well-being. Our mental health affects our physical health and vice versa. So, it's time to end the stigma and focus on our overall well-being, which includes our mental health.

The Statistics

Below are some statistics from Mental Health America and NAMI.

About 46 percent of those in the U.S. will meet the criteria for a diagnosable mental health condition at some point in their life. For the majority, symptoms start by the age of 24.

One in five people in the U.S. will experience a mental illness during their life.

21 percent of U.S. adults live with a mental health condition.

Anxiety disorders are among the most common mental illnesses in the US. The lifetime prevalence of an anxiety disorder is 31.6 percent and there are approximately 42.5 million U.S. adults with anxiety

disorders.

Major depression is also one of the most common mental illnesses. There are 8.4 percent or 21 million U.S. adults with major depression.

The number of U.S. adults with PTSD is about 12 million.

About 4.58 percent or 11.4 million U.S. adults have suicidal thoughts.

Research has found that children whose parents have Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD) are 2-6 times more likely to also have a GAD diagnosis.

About 15.1 percent or about 3.7 million youth (aged 12-17) have major depression. Those with severe depression are about 10.6 percent or 2.5 million.

Children that have been through trauma are about 1.3 times more likely to develop a mental health condition in adulthood than children who don't experience trauma.

These are just some of the eye-opening and concerning statistics about mental health in the U.S. For more statistics and information, you can go to:

<https://www.mhanational.org/mentalhealthfacts>

Know the Signs

Mental health illnesses each have their own symptoms but there are some common signs to be aware of courtesy of NAMI and Mental Health America: You used to be outgoing and positive but now want to spend most of your time alone.

You have excessive worry or fear.

You feel overly sad or down.

You have problems concentrating, learning or have confused thoughts. You have problems following conversations.

You have extreme mood changes such as uncontrollable "highs" or feelings of euphoria.

You're easily irritated or have prolonged or strong feelings of irritability or anger.

You are no longer interested in things you used to like.

You avoid friends and/or family. You may feel like you can't understand or relate to them or others anymore.

You have changes in sleeping habits (too much or too little) or feel tired with low energy.

You have noticeable changes in eating such as increased hunger or lack of appetite.

You have sex drive changes: increase, decrease, or indifference.

You have difficulty perceiving reality. This can include delusions or hallucinations, where a person experiences and senses things that don't exist in objective reality.

Inability to perceive changes in your own feelings, behavior or personality. This is a lack of insight and self-awareness.

Overuse or abuse of substances like alcohol, drugs, chemicals, or prescriptions.

You have multiple physical ailments without obvious causes. This could include things like headaches, stomach aches, ongoing aches and pains.

Suicidal thoughts.

Being unable to perform daily activities or handle daily problems and stress.

An excessive focus on appearance or intense fear

of weight gain.

Noticing possible signs of mental illness in ourselves is sometimes difficult. So, if you are feeling "off" check in with those close to you and ask for feedback. It may be hard to talk about your concerns, but simply acknowledging to yourself that you're struggling is a step in the right direction. You can also take a mental health screening at mhascreening.org to help determine which areas you are struggling with and resources available to you. So, take time this month to make your mental health and overall well-being a priority. If you have tried to resolve your mental health issues on your own without improvement it's probably time to get professional help. Obtaining professional help shows your courage and strength. Getting help is not a weakness. Due to the overwhelming need for mental health, therapists now offer counseling through video, telephone, text, and even email. I hope you find this information helpful but as always, it's not intended to diagnose or treat.

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2. Designation of Township Attorney, Auditor, Planner and Depository Institutions
3. Audio/Visual additions to rental policy
4. Road Commission project quotes
5. Heat trace installation



Flat River Cottage – a Sister Act in Lowell

by Cliff Yankovich
contributing writer

One of the most interesting places to shop on Main Street in Lowell is the Flat River Cottage at 317 East Main. FRC is the brainchild of sisters Rita Reister and Deb Urbanski. Searching for the best way to describe the store led me to their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/flatrivercottage>) where these words hit the spot: “Eclectic mix of vintage and antique treasures, custom painted furniture and accessories.” If that seems like too much to digest, then you need to stop in and visit the two floors filled to the brim with that list of items and more.

The “more” includes affordable jewelry made by local artists like Jeana Schwacha, aka “Night Forest Jewelry” and Marilyn Flaherty. It also includes fine artwork from Lowell artist Kathleen Mooney. Fine art, you say? Yes indeed, Mooney is a Signature Member

of National Watercolor Society, Acrylic Painters USA, the International Society of Acrylic Painters, and the International Society of Experimental Artists. All those words boil down to some dynamic pieces of abstract art with influences from nature that reflect Mooney’s worldwide travels.

Another Lowell artist you can find at FRC is Michelle Emaus, a master of repurposing vintage furniture, whimsical signage and providing an assortment of unique products that help achieve the FRC mission: “Our pieces will make your house a home.”

Flat River Cottage has been offering their eclectic blend of home furnishings since they opened at their original location (which is where the Main Street Inn is now located) in 2005. Reister and Urbanski worked on remodeling their present home for six months before opening the doors in July of 2007.

In addition to selling

products from local people, Urbanski and Reister are constantly on the lookout for unique vintage and antique furniture. A couple of days before writing this article, they offered up a fantastic old work bench with 24 drawers and a wonderfully aged solid wood top complete with a vise at one end. They put it on casters and posted pictures on their Facebook page. It immediately garnered lots of comments, likes and questions, and was sold in a few hours.

Urbanski described the hard work involved in getting this large piece to the store to sell. It is over seven feet long, two feet deep, and three feet high and constructed of solid wood and metal. It took a crew of people to wrestle it out of the basement and onto a truck for transport.

It is our civic duty to illustrate the “danger” of walking into the Flat River Cottage. While interviewing Urbanski, this reporter spied a really cool carved



Deb Urbanski at her desk at the Flat River Cottage.

wooden clock that the sisters had updated with a battery powered movement and it was purchased following the conclusion of the interview. We paid the ticketed price – do not confuse this article with some kind of internet style compensated review. The clock was an eye catcher that needed to go to a new home.

One of the services Urbanski and Reister offer is to sell furniture on consignment for people. After 15 years in business, Reister has a very good sense of what will sell in the store and how to price items, so that buyer and seller walk away from the transaction with a smile on their face.

You can visit the Flat River Cottage at 317 East Main, Monday through Saturday between the hours of 11 am and 5 pm. Their Facebook and Instagram pages are open 24/7 or you can call Reister or Urbanski at 616-897-8601.

Auction, continued

is named in memory of the Republican’s late wife, Pam Posthumus, who was a long-time advocate for child safety and well-being. She was appointed to the Children’s Trust Fund board of directors in 1997 and became its chair in 2002.

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SPORTS

Boys lacrosse beats Byron Center in overtime

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

There's nothing more exciting in sports than sudden death overtime. On one side, you have the instant jubilation of a game winning goal. On the other hand, heartbreak knowing one goal scored means you've lost the game. Lowell's varsity boys lacrosse team experienced the former last week in a 10-9 overtime victory over Byron Center.

Byron Center scored the game's first goal, before giving way to a dominant Lowell first half where the Red Arrows scored seven in a row. Owen Carpenter (2) and Spencer Guppy each scored goals in the first quarter giving Lowell

a 3-1 lead. Guppy, Andrew Rogers and Caden Cone (two) cushioned the lead in the second quarter with goals of their own. Entering halftime, Lowell controlled the game up 7-1.

During the break at the LHS Athletics North Complex, Lowell honored the military service of Dan Rau. Starting off the second half, the Bulldogs responded with a flurry of goals in the third quarter to tie the game at eight a piece headed into the fourth. The lone Red Arrow goal in the third was through CJ Steinebach.

In the fourth, Byron Center struck first before Andrew Rogers scored the game-tying goal that sent the game into overtime.

Byron Center had the

momentum on their side after a strong second half, but Lowell winning the all-important face-off proved to be crucial as Byron Center would never possess the ball in overtime. After a scramble in front of the net, Connor Lixie connected with the game-winner.

Last week, Lowell also beat Zeeland East 9-7 on the road, improving to 6-1 on the season. Their only loss of the season came to the state's ninth-ranked team in the Michigan Power Ratings, Grandville. Lowell came in ranked 16th overall and sixth in division two.



Boys lacrosse players celebrate a first quarter.

- GOLF

High school golfers battle the elements

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

Course conditions and unseasonably cool weather continue to make high school golf even tougher

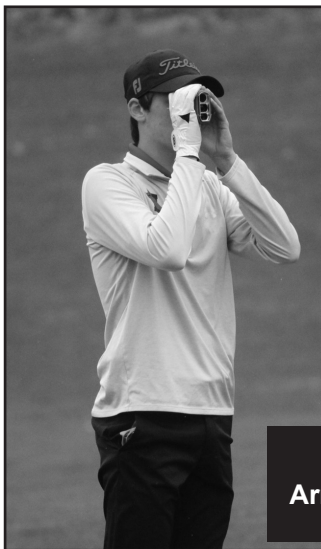
able to play the ball through the pick, clean and place rule. Used often early on in the spring season, golfers are able to mark the ball, remove any mud or debris on the ball and replace it.

Lowell finished fifth with a score of 173. Patrick de Voest led the way with a score of 41. Following him were Cam Sluss (42), Drew Veldman (44), Ty Knottnerus (46), Adam Swanson (49), and Trevor Mead (50). Mead, Knottnerus, and de Voest all recorded a birdie during the

round. Each of those birdies came on Arrowhead's par five ninth hole.

William Pollock (Northview) and Jack Zubkus (FHN) led the field with rounds of 37, or 1-over-par each. FHN won the event with a score of 155. Grand Rapids Christian and Northview followed with 164 each, then FHC at 171, Lowell at 173, and Greenville at 216.

The Red Arrows are at Brookside and Egypt Valley this week for a pair of conference jamborees.



Cam Sluss determining shot distance on Arrowhead's hole 5.

here in the state of Michigan. The Lowell varsity boys golf team hosted their only home event of the year at Arrowhead Golf Course last Wednesday.

In the conference jamboree, Lowell hosted five other OK White schools, FHN, FHC, Grand Rapids Christian, Greenville and Northview with Byron Center absent. The wet conditions on the course led players to be



Patrick de Voest follows through on a shot at Arrowhead Golf Course.

- TENNIS

Tennis opens conference play

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

In a week that was supposed to feature four consecutive days of competition, Lowell ended up playing three of them with Friday's match with Lakewood canceled due to weather.



A Lowell doubles team converses during the FHC Dual.

In a historically difficult matchup with the Rangers at the LHS tennis courts, Lowell had competitive matches throughout the lineup and scored a win at no. 3 singles with Delaney Kelley winning 6-4, 6-4. For Lowell, simply being competitive with high powered tennis programs like the Rangers is a win for the team. Lowell's last win over FHC came during the 2007-2008 season. Other singles matches included Brooke Knottnerus who

took six games in a 6-3, 6-3 loss. Lexi Royer fell 6-2, 6-0, and Ella Baker lost 6-3, 6-0.

In doubles there were competitive matchups across the board. Olivia Torline and Brynn Jackson fell 6-2, 6-3. Ella Todd and Kaylee Royer won seven games in a 6-4, 6-3 loss. Sedona Bonter and Olivia Berg won eight games in a 7-5, 6-3 loss. Amelia Wells and Emma Boston took the second set to a tiebreaker,

ultimately falling 2-0. FHC is ranked 10th in the latest MHSAA rankings. Grand Rapids Christian, East Grand Rapids, Byron Center and Forest Hills Northern are all ranked in the top ten as well in their respective divisions making the OK White one of the toughest conferences in the state.

Lowell beat Cedar Springs 7-1 and lost by a similar scoreline to Grand Rapids Christian as well last week to move to 3-3 on the dual season.

- SOFTBALL

Red Arrow softball blows by GR Christian

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

Lowell needed just 10 innings across two games to beat Grand Rapids Christian, knocking off the Eagles in a pair of mercy victories.

In game one, the Red Arrows won 11-1 with a pair of five-run innings, highlighting the win.

Macy Huver pitched all six innings in the mercy-shortened game, striking out 10 batters.

Taylor Clark, Lexi Martin and Megan Lillie all recorded two RBIs in the win.

Lillie recorded nine strikeouts pitching in the game two victory, an 18-1 four-inning win. Ava Skoog

also added two RBIs, while Lillie and Clark each led the team with three RBIs.

Lowell competes against FHC this week.



Red Arrow SPORTS

- TRACK & FIELD



Arrows beat Northview lose to FHC; place second at invite

submitted by Paul Judd
LHS track coach

Lowell lost a close battle with Forest Hills Central coming up shy by eight points in what looked like a very similar meet to last week. The Arrows took advantage of strong marks in the hurdles and all field events to keep the meet close but fell in a couple events, which prevented them from hitting the magic number of 69 points, which determines the winner.

Against Northview, the Arrows leaned heavily on the above-mentioned events but also got multiple sweeps in the distance events which helped create the large margin. During the day, the boys saw five AQ marks hit and a host of personal records (PRs), led by Isaac Graham's discus toss of 123-00 and Ramsey Ponchaud's vault of 11-06.00. Lowell is at home on Saturday hosting the Kathy

Talus Invitational and again on Tuesday with the OK White Quad #3.

Final team scores: Lowell 99, Northview 37 and Lowell 65, FHC 72.

Placing overall in the double dual for the Arrows were: Josh Rau 110MHH, 15.36; 300MH, 42.18 and shot put 42-07.00 (PR);

jump, 5-08.00 and long jump, 17-05.00; 800m relay (Young, Schmidt, Mills, Wittenbach) 1:40.90; 1600m relay (Lowrie, Wittenbach, Northup, Mills), 3:47.83 and 3200m Relay (S. Fowler, J. Fowler, Weston, Bromley), 8:38.11.

Third place finishers were: Levi Mills 400m,



The Lowell boys track team took home second place Saturday at the Kathy Talus Memorial Invitational.

Isaac Graham discus, 123-00 (PR) and Ramsey Ponchaud pole vault, 11-06.00 (PR).

Second place finishers were:

Brenden Wittenbach 200m, 24.56 (PR); Jackson Fowler 800m, 2:10.76; Sawyer Fowler 3200m, 10:01.55 (PR);

Noah VanLaan 100HH, 17.51; Ramsey Ponchaud 300mH, 44.91; Keegan Cater discus, 116-01.00; Aiden Fitzpatrick high

55.23; Sawyer Fowler 1600m, 4:43.37; Chris Wigger 300mH, 46.65; Isaac Graham shot put, 35-04.00 and Noah Van Laan high jump, 5-08.00.

Getting two wins and scoring in all but two events was the recipe for a runner up finish at the Kathy Talus Memorial Invitation on Saturday. Kathy always stressed hard work and grit and the Red Arrows demonstrated that

throughout the day as they grabbed medals (top 4) in 10 of the 15 events. The relay format also allows coaches to see new faces and how they perform under pressure.

Highlights of the meet were Rau grabbing wins in the 110HH (15.10), as well as the 300m hurdles (41.60). Isaac Graham continued his PR journey with a toss of 127-04 in the discus. There were strong relay splits

with Sawyer Fowler running a 9:47 3200m leg, Cole Weston snagging a 4:35 leg, and Benjamin Bromley a 2:06 leg.

Final scores were: Caledonia 120; Lowell 79; Hamilton 74; Fremont 50; Grandville 39; Byron Center 33; Holland 30; Jenison 16; Wyoming 10; Holland Black River 8 and Grand Rapids Covenant Christian 6.

Second place finishes on the day were: Red Arrow

relay (Young, Northup, Wittenbach, Mills), 1:39.35; distance Medley Relay (J. Fowler, Bromley, Weston, S. Fowler), 19:51.95; discus relay (Graham 127-04.00, Cater 115-04.00) and high jump relay (VanLaan 5-08.00, Fitzpatrick 5-06.00)

Third place finishes were: 1600m Relay (Northup, Wittenbach, J. Fowler, Mills), 3:38.42 and 3200m Relay (Weston, J. Fowler, Cater, Simmet), 8:37.03.

- GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

Lady arrows split double dual and win Saturday Invite

submitted by Paul Judd
LHS track coach

Lowell competed against Forest Hills Central and Northview in a cold double dual at Byron Center, splitting the meet by beating Northview and losing to FHC last Tuesday. The Arrows took advantage of strong field events as well as hurdles in both the meets, while success in all events played a role in the large score against Northview. During the meet we saw AQ marks met in two events as well as a dozen personal records (PRs).

Final Team Scores: Lowell 98, Northview 39 and Lowell 48, FHC 89.

Taking firsts overall in the double dual for the Arrows were: Emily German 100mH, 17.66; Aubriegh Oswald shot put, 34-06.00; Liberty Cook discus, 88-09.00

Second place finishers were: Annika Sandman 800m, 2:35.90; 1600m, 5:24.16 and 3200m, 11:22.53;

Kaylee Byrne discus, 82-04; Leah Krieger high jump, 4-04.00 (PR); Isabel German pole vault, 9-00.00;

Jadan Sanders long jump, 13-04.50; 800m

relay (Spaulding, Sayers, Kreiger, Flickenger), 1:59.57; 1600m Relay (Sanders, Flickenger, Harper, Sandman), 4:37.39; 3200m Relay (Sandman, German, Sandman), 10:44.15

Third place finishers were: Leah Krieger 100m, 13.97 and 300H, 53.95; Kailyn Gustin 200m, 30.45; Jadan Sanders 400m, 67.17; Katrina Sandman 800, 2:39.32; Aubriegh Oswald discus, 81-01.00.

The Lady Arrows did their part to honor Kathy Talus by outdistancing Byron Center and Caledonia for the win at the track invitational that

Lowell hosts in her name.

The Arrows used the field events and distance medley to get off to a strong start by scoring 33 points with a win in the long jump relay (Jadan Sanders 14-02.50), Jamara Harper 13-04.25) and second places in the pole vault relay (Sanders 9-00 (PR), Isabel German 9-00) and distance medley relay (Katrina Sandman, Abigail German, Keira Sandman, Annika Sandman), 24:04.98.

The strong start along with wins in the 100m hurdles by Emily German 16.68 (PR) and 1600m by Annika Sandman (5:11) put Lowell in good shape. Lowell scored in all but one event in the afternoon events.

Second place finishers were: 1600m relay (Sanders, Kowalska, Flickenger, I. German), 4:27.37; 3200m relay (Sandman, German, Sandman, Sandman), 10:44.49; Red Arrow relay (Spaulding, Sayer, I.

German, Sanders), 2:00.22; distance medley relay (K. Sandman, Abby German, K. Sandman, A. Sandman), 24:04.98 and pole vault relay (Sanders 9-00, I. German 9-00).

Final scores were: Lowell 91; Byron Center 75; Caledonia 74; Hamilton 57; Jenison 53; Holland 38; Grandville 33; Holland Black River 24; Fremont 13; Grand River Preparatory 6 and Grand Rapids Covenant Christian 1.

- BASEBALL

Baseball wins three games last week

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

The Lowell baseball team won a pair of conference games against Grand Rapids Christian last week before splitting with Fruitport and Kenowa Hills over the weekend at the Kenowa Hills Invitational.

In Saturday's 13-3 win over Fruitport, Lowell rattled off 10 straight runs, after the game was tied at three a piece, to get the win. Fruitport jumped out to a three-run home run in the first inning.

Jackson Carlisle's RBI single tied it in the third inning and a Peyton Teachworth two-run double gave Lowell the lead in the fourth inning.

Gavin Mazarka got the win on the mound pitching with four strikeouts and hit his first varsity home run. Blake Bennett stole three bases.

In the 10-7 loss to Kenowa Hills, Lowell led 7-6 heading into the seventh, but Kenowa scored four in the final inning and held on for the win. Aidan McWayne hit a home run in the loss.

In conference play, Lowell took two from Grand Rapids Christian. In game one, Lowell won 5-3, thanks in part to the bat of Teachworth who went 3-3 including a home run. McWayne was the winning pitcher while Kyler Spike recorded the save.

Lowell took the nightcap 8-3. Teachworth was the winning pitcher with seven strikeouts. McWayne hit another home run in this game, this time in the fifth inning.

Lowell has a series with Forest Hills Central this week.



The girls track team claimed first place at the Kathy Talus Memorial Invitational last Saturday.

obituaries

GLOTFELTY

At the turn of a new day, Thursday, October 28, 2021, Philip Rutherford Glotfelty III, M.D., 88, of Marshall, stepped into the Kingdom of God. He made the transition from his Marshall home of 57 years surrounded by his loving wife, Marlene, daughter, Rebecca and the thoughts of those who loved him. His passing was due to complications from Covid-19 and Alzheimer's Disease. Philip was born September 2, 1933, in Carbondale, Illinois, to Rev. Philip and Rev. Alma (Buess) Glotfelty. His active youth was spent exploring woods, attending church events within the United Methodist Church, bird watching with neighbors, sailing at Culver Military Academy, and participating in Boy Scouts. His life-long love of scouting was well-known by family and friends. In 1949, Phil was presented with the Eagle Scout Award with his proud parents at his side.

He felt the same pride when his sons, Philip and Steve, and grandsons, Philip and Parker, achieved the same distinction. Later in life, Phil was honored with the Silver Antelope from the Boy Scouts of America, one of Scouting's highest awards. The recognition was preceded by a Distinguished Eagle and Silver Beaver award. Phil attended numerous Boy

Scout Jamborees throughout his life, beginning with the second World Boy Scout Jamboree held at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. President Truman opened the event on June 30, 1950, with a speech about international cooperation: "When you work and live together, and exchange ideas around the campfire, you get to know what the other fellow is like. That is the first step toward settling world problems in a spirit of give and take, instead of fighting about them." Truman encouraged the Scouts to travel abroad to learn about other counties. Phil took these words to heart, taking his family to the 1975 Boy Scout World Jamboree in Norway. It was a memorable event for the entire family. Phil continued to attend jamborees and other Scouting events as a volunteer physician until his medical retirement. Never one to slow down, Phil volunteered at the "Sit and Chew" mess hall at the 2013 National Jamboree, which took place at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. Phil lived by the Boy Scout Motto, "Be Prepared," and could be depended on by his family to answer a phone call, help change a tire, or offer advice at any time of the day or night. One could always count on his having a band-aid in his wallet and



a jackknife in his pocket. As preacher's kid, Phil lived in several towns throughout his youth. He attended Battle Creek's Urandale Elementary School and graduated from Lowell High School 1951. He was fiercely proud of his alma mater, Albion College, from which he received his Bachelor of Science in Pre-Med. He was delighted when his daughter, Martha, and son, Steve, became Britons. To his family's chagrin, Phil would recite Albion's "Lo Triumphe" at every opportunity with fellow alums. A couple days before his passing, friends gathered at Phil's bedside to chant "Lo Triumphe" one last time. Phil gave his life to Christ at an early age and was driven to love and help other people. "I wanted to do more than just pray for people's health," he would say. He graduated from Wayne State University with his Doctor of Medicine Degree in 1959. In the fall of 1955, during his first year of medical school, Phil was introduced to a young nurse, Marlene J. Woelfle. She soon became the love of his life. Even though she was nine months his senior, and perhaps a fraction of an inch taller, Phil was not dissuaded. He proposed, and they married on August 25, 1956, at the Pinnebog United Methodist Church with Phil's father officiating. The couple and their growing family lived in Detroit while Phil completed medical school and his four year surgical residency. They moved to Marshall in 1964, and Phil started his family and general surgical practice in 1965. He served as a physician until 2000, playing a substantial part in the advancement of medical services at Oaklawn Hospital. He believed in service-above-self and took medical calls at home at all hours of the day or night. It was not uncommon for him to suddenly pull up to a house (with his children in tow) to check on the well-being of an elderly or sick patient. He always offered a cheerful, "Hey! How ya doin'?" as he buzzed by people in the halls of the hospital or on the streets of Marshall. He had a strong faith in both God and science, living by the oath, "First, do no harm." Every day of his career, he dutifully donned his surgical gown and surgical mask to prevent the spread of disease and infection to his patients. He always got his yearly flu vaccination and encouraged his friends and family to do the same. Phil always strived to do right by his family and provide them with all they needed. More important than material possessions, Phil gave of his time, attending all his children's sporting events, dance and music recitals, helping with 4-H, assisting his wife with Garden Club projects and with his daughter's home renovation. His boundless energy earned him the nickname "Energizer Bunny." In addition to caring for his patients and family, Phil was a longtime member of many organizations, including Marshall Rotary, Marshall Historical Society (of which he was the former President), Marshall School Board, Calhoun County Fair board, Calhoun County Medical Society, and the Marshall United Methodist Church. Like his father, Phil was dyslexic and worked extraordinarily hard to succeed in school. Throughout his life, especially in the later years, Phil was the model of determination and perseverance in the face of many challenges, the greatest being his struggle with Alzheimer's. It was during this time that Phil revealed his enormous capacity to love and continue to be of service to the Lord. Phil led and comforted his family as he took his final steps toward the Lord. "We have to remember, we all come from a miracle," he professed a few days before his passing. "We're all angels." Alzheimer's was personally devastating to Phil, but he made the decision not to be consumed by bitterness. He began to celebrate the little joys of life, strolling around the yard to collect a bouquet of flowers for Marlene. Phil always led grace before dinner, mentioning friends and family, far and near. No matter the meal, he'd proclaim, "This is really good!" Just after his 88th birthday, Phil strolled the yard with his youngest daughter. He bent over, cane in hand, to pick up the tiniest flower from a crack in the sidewalk. "Here," he said handing it to her. "This is for you." Sitting together in the back yard, he would proclaim, "This is paradise!" continuing to acknowledge his good fortune. Phil's world grew smaller in many ways due to Alzheimer's, but it also grew larger as he focused on the many little miracles around him. It seemed his hearing grew better by the day, and his eyesight, as well. To his daughter's dismay, he'd spot a bug no bigger than a speck on the sidewalk and try to smooch it with his cane. Phil put extraordinary effort to keep functioning despite the disease. He'd check the calendar to know what day it was or whose birthday it may be. He'd check his phone to learn about the weather conditions in the areas where his children lived. He even kept up with current events, especially concerning the pandemic. When his daughter would call and ask how he was, he'd reply "I'm Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!" He even tried saying it when he was in the hospital with Covid. "It's a

beautiful day. I'm sitting on the back porch, looking out onto the yard," he'd say to callers, even though it may be raining or snowing. Despite Alzheimer's, Phil's wit and humor never left him. While in the hospital, Phil listened to a conversation between his wife and the nurse. The nurse shared that she had moved several times during her life. Phil chimed in, "Are the police after you?" In his final days, God bestowed Phil with the clarity of mind so that he could share his love with his family. His loving wife ensured that Phil would be able to pass away in the home in which so many beautiful memories had been created with his family. On the Friday before his passing, Phil's daughter declared, "Dad, you may have forgotten a lot of things due to Alzheimer's, but you remembered all the important things." Without skipping a beat, Phil replied, "I never forgot when someone did something nice for me." Phil you will not be forgotten. You have done wonderful things for your family, friends, and community. It's time for you to soar with the angels! Philip is survived by his wife of 65 years, Marlene, his children; Philip (Suzi) R Glotfelty IV of Cincinnati, Ohio; Stephen (Cheryll) Glotfelty of Sparks, Nevada; Martha (Peter) J. Jennings of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; and Rebecca (Jerry) Glotfelty of Charlevoix/Calumet, Michigan.; his grandchildren Philip (Elle) Glotfelty, (Philip's mother-Victoria Lightfoot), Peter (Meredith)) Glotfelty, Parker Glotfelty, Spencer Jennings, Gretchen (David) Bruner and Rosa (Robert) Landis; his great grandchildren Rudy Glotfelty, Sierra Bruner, and Calais Bruner; and by many dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Phyllis R. Maxwell and her children Greg and Leslie Maxwell. Memorial contributions may be made in Phil's honor to the Alzheimer's Foundation and the Marshall Community Foundation. Visitation will be held Friday, May 6 from 3 to 7 pm at Kempf Family Funeral and Cremation Services, 723 US Hwy 27 N, Marshall, Michigan 49068. Funeral services will be held May 7 at 11 am at Kempf Family Funeral and Cremation Services. Interment will be at Oakridge Cemetery in Marshall. Arrangements were entrusted to Kempf Family Funeral and Cremation Services, 723 US Hwy 27 N, Marshall, Michigan 49068. Please visit <https://kempffuneralhome.com> to view the online obituary, to sign the online guestbook. The family invites friends to share their memories of Phil on the online condolences page.

CARBINES

William "Bill" Frederick Carbines, age 87 of Lowell, passed away at his home on Wednesday, April 20, 2022. He was born in Detroit, MI on February 6, 1935, to William and Dorothy Carbines. He was married to Marcia Behm Carbines for 25 years and has two children, Elise Marie (Carbines) Ripmaster (Colin) and Jeffrey David Carbines (Dawn). The love of his life was his grandchildren, Jacob Charles and Lucas Robert Ripmaster, and Mara Elaine Grace and Ella Felyse Bea Carbines. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Carol Bea; and brother-in-law, Don. He attended Wayne State University. Bill was a buyer for Jacobson's and Hughes and Hatcher and retired as a lumber trader with Universal Forest Products after 20 years. He was an Eagle Scout 3 Palms, who loved nature, birds, and the outdoors. Bill was a strong supporter of AA as a 25 year member. He also enjoyed watching British television, making walking sticks, and having a good cup of tea especially with his youngest grand-daughter. His favorite travel place was St. Ignace, MI, which will be his final resting place. Bill was very handy with wood, gardening, and any art. His love for succulent plants could put anyone to shame and he enjoyed trips to Fredrick Meijer Gardens. His laughter will be missed and remembered forever. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to "I understand-love heals" of Ada, PO Box 822, Ada, MI 49301.



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Red Arrow

- HISTORY

SPORTS

Red Arrows in History - LHS athletics during World War II

by Justin Scott
sports reporter

World War II was an era that was truly horrific in world history, and while this topic has been explored extensively, athletics is not often the first topic discussed when it comes to wartime in America. There are many brave Lowellians who contributed to the war effort and some are touched on here, but certainly not all. Lowell High School did have sports not only during World War II, but during other times of national crises including World War I and the Spanish Flu.

Of course, while these sports may have gone on, others stopped for a period of time and even disappeared for decades before returning to the high school athletics landscape.

The sports in question are football, boys tennis, boys basketball, boys track & field and baseball. The last known girls sport prior to the 1970's was girls tennis, which dissolved in 1937.

These sports got to know the following schools rather well: Godwin, the present day Godwin Heights, East Grand Rapids, Rockford, Grandville and Wyoming Lee, often referred to as Lee Street in those times. They formed the Grand Valley League, and these schools were well acquainted during its existence from 1935-1960.

World War II of course, started on September 1, 1939 with Nazi Germany's invasion of Poland. In the United States however, neutrality was the policy until December 7, 1941, Imperial Japan's attack on

Pearl Harbor. So when we discuss this time period in high school athletics, we are talking about the 1941-1942 school year through 1945, giving a little buffer between U.S. involvement.

Numbers weren't an issue for high school sports during this time generally speaking. In the 1910's just 10 percent of teenagers were graduating high school, a number that in a small rural town like Lowell would have been fairly accurate. In the 1940's that number had ballooned to 50 percent, so there was a larger pool of students to choose from with still a relatively limited option of sports.

You had to be aged 17 or older to enlist, and while there were instances of those who were underage enlisting, most high school boys were not enlisted. Some could enlist at 16, though 17 or older was preferred. That's not to say high schoolers didn't enlist. One in three American adult males served in the war.

"During World War II, eleven former Lowell football players gave their lives in the service of our country: Ray Barrett 1933, Gerald Ellis '34-37, Robert Fineis '36-37, Harry Gould '36, Lee Hoag '34, Edward McDonald '36-37, L. J. Nummer '34, Hoyt Phelps '35-38, Lavant Potter '41-42, Calvin Preston '43, and Gerald Schreur '42-43. Five of these men played for Wendell Emery on the 1936 team." - History of Lowell Football, Fred Lenger.

Many of these names including but not limited to Ellis, Barrett, Schreur, Potter and McDonald have

roots in Lowell schools to this day. There are many heroic tales of young Lowellians who entered the service.

Schreur was one of the youngest, born February 1, 1926 and dying at the young age of 19. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps. The following letter appeared in an archived Lowell Ledger. "My dear Mr. and Mrs. Schreur: "I wish to assure you of my deep appreciation of the conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity of your son. The late Private First Class Gerald J. Schreur, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, May 19, 1945, for which he was posthumously awarded the Silver Star Medal with citation by the President of the United States."

Lavant Potter enlisted immediately after high school graduation. He went overseas in December where he took part in the Battle of Anzio (Italy) and later died in Fremifortaine during the Liberation of France on October 18, 1944.

At Pearl Harbor, Richard Speerstra who entered the service in 1942 right at the age of 18. He attended the one room Vergennes schoolhouse. He met two other young Lowellians in the service, Edward Maloney (1939), stationed on a battleship, and Karl Hall on a cruiser. He would end up surviving the sinking of the U.S.S. Brownson. Maloney was a three-sport athlete during his time at LHS in baseball, football and basketball while Hall and Speerstra did not appear to participate in high school athletics.

As heroic sacrifices were being made overseas, it seems hard to believe that high school sports could go on as it did. For these kids though, it was an escape from the horrors taking place. A time when the United States sole focus was on the war effort.

A 1942 edition of the Ledger noted a teacher shortage. Rationing also did have an effect on schools.

One of few newspaper references to the war effort and its effects notes an effort by the school to temporarily do away with athletics due to busing in particular. The decision was met with blowback and later recanted.

"Due to the lack of transportation and gas rationing, Lowell High School has taken steps to cancel its basketball, baseball and track schedules. The football team will complete its season. Regulations have made it impossible for athletic teams to use school buses as a means of transportation.

so common not only high school sports stakeholders ask them, but professional sports as well, and even the White House had their say.

Major League Baseball Commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis reached out to then President of the United States Franklin D. Roosevelt shortly after Pearl Harbor on whether it was appropriate to continue to compete. Roosevelt responded that "it would be best for the country to keep baseball going. Everybody will work longer hours and harder than ever before. And they ought to have a chance for ... taking their

the era.

As the national pastime, baseball would play a significant role as well. Over ninety percent of the major league roster in the 40's would end up contributing to the war effort.

Back in Lowell, they all played on. Results were of particularly difficulty tracking down with many games having been played, though results not recorded in yearbooks or local newspapers. For those teams with archived records, they achieved moderate success during the war, often finishing third or



Athletics During Wartime. The 1943 Lowell baseball team. Pictured are front row - Cecil Good, Robert Kropf, Richard Fonger, Harold Krebs, Rex Collins, Jerry Roth, Robert Steward, George Rogers. Middle row - Coach Burch, Charles Hobbs, Raymond Fairchild, Donald Beachum, Phillip Schneider, Orville Harding, Vern Basler, Valdy Walker. Back row - Roland Troyer, Richard Lundberg, Merle Alexander, Kenneth Dennis, Robert MacFarlane, Vern Keim, Fred Klahn

Instead of competition between schools, a "strong intramural health education program, focused on physical fitness" will be given. Emphasis will be devoted to all students instead of a few. Lowell High School is not alone in this program. Many schools are not completing their football schedules. Detroit has been asked to ban all interschool athletics. All of which brings the war that much closer home. Lowell Ledger, October 15, 1942

This announcement never came to pass. The conference believed training through athletics was important, but opted to limit the size of traveling teams, as well as urging fans to only attend home events as a solution. These questions were common. Are athletics really important during this world crisis? The questions were

minds off their work even more than before."

That letter, referred to as "the green light letter" now resides in the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame.

Roosevelt would later say that all professional and amateur sports should continue during wartime based on their benefits. Sports contributed to a sense of national identity, patriotism, and benefited the athletes and spectators.

There was a bias toward what sports were deemed more important at the time, the ones more Americanized and that weren't being played by the Axis powers. So American football and baseball were of particular importance to the nation's morale. Football was booming at the time, and to help the cause, Army and Navy were two of the best college football programs of

fourth in the six team Grand Valley Conference.

The war consumed life in America. Lowell Ledger archives make that evident. War bonds, news of those from the area abroad and wartime news dominated the local paper. Ledger reporters and Lowellians alike were looking for things outside of the war, and high school athletics provided that outlet.

Of course, the "Red Arrow" nickname would be adopted shortly after the war, in 1947, and the Red Arrow Infantry was extremely active in World War II.

So it would appear that overall, high school athletics remained largely unaffected by the war, giving the American people, and the people of Lowell something to enjoy in an otherwise dark period of world history.



FUN PAGE

SUDOKU

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Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

ANIMAL WELFARE WORD SEARCH

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 V H A W F L E N C E S T V R G S I D T A
 L G R R C P R E T H I C S N P C V E G V
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

Puzzle solutions on page 13

ANIMAL WELFARE WORD SEARCH

ABNORMAL
 AGGRESSION
 ANIMALS
 BIOMEDICAL

CAGES
 CARE
 DECLAWING
 ETHICS
 FARM
 FERAL
 FREE RANGE

GENETICS
 LIBERATION
 MALNOURISHED
 NEEDS
 OVERBREED
 PETS
 PHARMING

RESEARCH
 RESTRAINT
 SHELTER
 TESTING
 VETERINARIAN
 WELFARE

Guess Who?

I am a singer born in Michigan on April 27, 1988. I started performing in groups in 2011 and am known as an innovator in the hip hop genre. My third solo release garnered me significant fame.

Answer: Lizzo

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to animal welfare.

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Answer: Adopted

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CLUES ACROSS

- North American people
- Chinese surname
- Fit in at the last minute
- "Very" in musical terminology
- Underwater displays
- Crosby's bandmates
- Belong to he
- Informed about the latest trends (archaic)
- Sequences of alternating turns
- Genus of grasses
- Satisfy
- Petty quarrel
- Made level
- Ruler of Iran
- Historical region of Syria
- Food suitable for babies
- Something to lend
- Zone of oceanic trenches
- Philippine island
- Domesticated animal
- Plant of the lily family
- Bluish green
- ___ Tomei, actress
- Without (French)
- Lilly and Manning are two
- Apply pressure to
- Divide in half
- Bad deed

CLUES DOWN

- Chop up
- ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
- Egyptian goddess
- Split pulses
- Afflict
- Type of area rug
- Tide
- Affirmative
- Sudden change
- One picked
- Debauched man
- Stiff bristles
- Famous arena
- Established rules and methods
- Injection
- Father
- Protein-rich liquids
- He delivers gifts
- Advanced degree
- Fencing swords
- Chinese mountain range
- Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
- Precursor to hemoglobin
- Much ___ about nothing
- Compound fabric (abbr.)
- A way to act slowly on
- Ottoman military commanders
- Popular kids' network
- Hard compound
- Sympathize with
- Northeast college
- Blood group
- Frosted
- Turn away
- Benefit
- Dry or withered
- Bangladeshi monetary unit
- Reproduced
- Contributes
- Thrust horse power (abbr.)
- Wear
- Promotes retention of water (abbr.)
- Very small

LMS Students of the trimester

Lowell Middle School has announced the students of the second trimester. Each trimester teachers chose a student from their classes that are outstanding in the

categories of academics, citizenship and attitude. The following students were recognized as Students of the second trimester:



Sixth Grade: Cora Hefner, Ella Hesche, Harlow Allchin, Audraya Wieland, Lillian Russell, Annalyn Judge, Carter Oxley, Avery Cadwell, Kaleb Block, Haydyn Paulson, Levi Charboneau, Annabel Kooistra, James Hiler, Callan Walsh, Olivia VanGroningen, Memphis Kelly.



Eighth Grade: Kyle Stauffer, Avery Krieger, Ana Fritzsche, Gracen Simmons, Brynn Chapman, Gabrielle Stodola, Cooper Byrne, Emalee Bonn, Mason Saylor, Elyse Veldman, Jacob Johnson, Mia Kinney, Faith Chipman, Callie Rottier, Madelyn Miller, Camden Smith, Eli Wilcox, Brianna Huisma.

LHS students of the month

Lowell High School has announced that senior Chloe Coon and junior Leah Davidson, are the March Students of the Month.

In order to be eligible for this honor a student must be nominated by a teacher. All the nomination forms for the month are then reviewed and voted on at the monthly department chair meeting. Students are selected based on academic achievement, character

and work ethic. There are 1,200 students eligible for nomination, so this is quite an accomplishment for Coon and Davidson. The students receive a \$20 gift card and a certificate.

Coon was nominated by Elizabeth Boonstra and she writes, "Chloe always comes into the Media Center with a smile on her face. She is always willing to cheerfully lend a hand if we need her. It has been a pleasure getting to know her and while I know she is getting a touch of senior-it is, she is getting her work done to finish her final year of high school on a high note."

Chaye Klomprens nominated Davidson and she writes, "Leah is an outstanding student and a great representation of LHS! In the classroom her attention to detail, work ethic and willingness to



Leah Davidson,

work with others makes her a role model to her peers. Outside of the classroom Leah continues to flourish in her role as Interact (Junior Rotary) board member. Leah uses her leadership skills to plan meeting agendas, communicate with the community and her peers and manage group attendance. She has truly been an asset to our group this year!"



Chloe Coon



Seventh Grade: Olivia Landes, Tration Coulier, Colin Stawasz, Kenny Harden, Olivia VanderWerf, Turan Pektunus, Ellory Vogel, Ally Hollern, Maya Zaske, Madelyn Hayes, Adrian Torres, Taylor Graham, Bryleigh Thompson, Hailey Craig, Brooklyn Jackson, Drew Gramza, Grayson Moss, Alex Force, Eli VanGroningen.

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