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Perfect weather to celebrate our fallen heroes

By Bill Lee
contributing writer

On a beautiful sunny day in Lowell, Monday's Memorial Day Parade was short but sweet as hundreds of people lined Main Street from Alden Nash all the way to Monroe Street to honor the men and women of the armed forces. Some of the community members marching in the parade were the Boy Scouts, Lowell High School and Middle School Marching Bands, members for the police and fire departments, and military veterans. There was a short ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park, honoring those who have perished at sea and after people walked down Monroe Street to Oakwood Cemetery for concluding ceremony with Grand Marshall USAF retired Legion Commander, Richard Thomas, speaking at the Ware of the Rebellion Memorial.



Leading the parade were: Legion Post 152 Chaplain, Bill Gleason; Parade Marshall, VFW Post 8303 Commander Herman Weststrate Jr.;- VFW Post 8303 member U.S. Marine, Joel Fruel. Photo courtesy of Bruce Doll.

Class of 2022 graduation goes off without a hitch

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

Nobody wants an indoor graduation. Yes, it is always an option that is available each year in the event of inclement weather,

and of course, nobody will outright say it, but really nobody at Lowell wants an indoor graduation.

This is mostly due to the limit on the number of

attendees for each graduate due to the limited space in the gymnasium. So when the weather forecast, hawked closely by Lowell administration, turned

for the better, all parties involved were relieved. Still, the chance for rain always lingered on Thursday night at Bob Perry Field as both sets of bleachers were

full of parents, friends, and relatives.

At the end of the day, the rain stayed away, no sound issues happened, not even the dreaded tripping and falling on the stage occurred. No, it was a normal Lowell High School graduation, filled with the usual camaraderie, tradition, and some of the general hijinks that are a part of each ceremony.

"We can all agree it was amazing," senior graduate, class of 2022 president, and salutatorian Emily Struckmeyer said in her speech.

"We made amazing memories, started traditions of painting the rock and painting parking spots, set a good example for our town, and made lasting memories," she said of her fellow classmates.

Struckmeyer as class president played a significant role in the



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King Milling corner building receives a major facelift, improves the downtown look

By Emma Palova
contributing writer

Close to a year in the making, the major remodel of the 1880s King Milling corner building on Main Street is nearing completion, expected in mid-July.

Part of the remodel was connecting the building on Main Street to the old office building on the second floor. The lower level will now serve as a training center, the upper level as a lunchroom. The offices will be in the corner remodeled building.

“We’re bringing everyone into a central location,” said president, Brian Doyle. “We will be very happy to have everyone under one roof. It was a badly needed improvement. It will improve the look of the building on Main Street.”

The corner building

was completely remodeled, rebuilt, and regutted with heating in the sidewalk in front of the building, approved by the city council.

The remodel of the building had to comply with the Lowell Historic District standards. The historic district is bounded on the North and South by the rear lot lines of properties abutting both the North and the South sides of Main Street, extending from Hudson Street on the West to Washington Street on the East, excluding the dams and city parking lot on the East river bank. On the North side, the East boundary extends one-half block beyond Washington Street to include the property at 413 East Main Street. The district consists of 54 commercial buildings and



The corner King Milling building received a major facelift and now graces Main Street.



The two King Milling buildings are now connected in the extensive remodel.

three bridges located on East and West Main Street in the city of Lowell. Most of the commercial brick buildings were constructed between 1865 and 1900.

The Historic District Study Committee set forth the standards for the historic

district in their final report in 1996.

“The visual importance of upper-story windows is evident in their steady march down Main Street. They give buildings an appearance of vitality and use, even if the upper floors

are vacant. They create a repeated pattern that helps tie together the facades,” the report states.

The facades were composed of similar materials, thus giving the blocks consistent, organized, and coordinated appearance.



Right: The remodel gives a unified look to the King Milling buildings.

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Bowne Township to hold info session on Barn Museum of Agriculture

By Emma Palova
contributing writer

In an effort to preserve the rich agricultural history of Bowne Township, the township and the Bowne Township Historical Commission have joined forces to create the Barn Museum of Agriculture.

The barn museum will be located on more than seven acres of land at the corner of Alden Nash and 84th Street by the existing township and museum buildings.

“We’re excited at the prospect of having a museum that explains agriculture’s important role in our area and how it impacts our lives today,” said project director Kim Culbertson.

A 1900s barn at Twin Pines Farm in Caledonia Township will be relocated to a location northeast of the existing Bowne Township Museum. As part of the

construction project, the old barn will be disassembled, moved, and reconstructed at the new location.

The museum will be a drive-through barn with numerous agricultural exhibits on display. The barn will feature an enclosed educational room for enlightening groups about the agricultural history of the Bowne Township area.

“We want to preserve our agricultural heritage unique to our area,” Culbertson said. “We want to create a unique museum that will let people know about agriculture in the past, present, and future.”

The project embodies the old saying, “in order to know where we’re going, we need to know where we came from” in its entirety including unique farming exhibits such as the collection of horse-drawn equipment and implements.

Among the goals

of the Bowne Township Historical Commission is to ensure that present and future generations better understand the importance of agriculture and give insight into present-day problems.

“So much of our community is linked together through farming,” Culbertson said. “This vital part of our past must not be forgotten.”

Moreover, not everyone with farming roots has had the privilege to stay in the township for a lifetime.

The barn museum will also host special events throughout the year to encourage visitors to view its permanent and rotating exhibits.

Currently, a fundraising campaign to raise \$537,000 is underway to pay for the museum’s construction and establish an operations endowment. There will be no taxpayers’ money



The circa 1900s barn at Twin Pines Farm in Caledonia Township will be moved to the Bowne Township building complex at the corner of 84th Street and Alden Nash Road.

involved since this project will be funded through a combination of private donations and grants.

The fundraising campaign will end in May of 2023 and the project completion is expected in 2024. The following sponsorship levels are

available: Barnraiser \$10,000, Cultivator \$7,500, Harvester \$5,000, Seed Sower \$2,500 and Irrigator \$1,000.

An info open house will be held on June 5 from 2 to 4 pm at Bowne Township Hall located at 8240 Alden Nash SE.

If you are interested in learning more about the campaign or donating to the museum, you can contact: Karen Hendrick, Bowne Township Clerk at 616-868-6846, clerk@bownetwp.org or Kim Culbertson Kculbertson1957@gmail.com

Farmers’ Market opens in Lowell on June 9

By Emma Palova
contributing writer

With returning mainstay vendors and new ones, the Lowell Farmers’ Market opens to a promising new season in June.

Maintaining the same location in front of the Impact Church, the market features a variety of produce and crafters.

“We offer more than

fruits and vegetables,” said market master Cinnamin Piggott. “We have handmade products as well.”

New this year are Janna Creations with wreaths and gnomes, Heartland Farms with seasonal produce, Brunner’s Farms with baked goods and produce.

“We’ve kept a lot of

vendors plus we have new stuff every year,” said Piggott. “It’s affordable and unique.”

Among the vendors are also children’s books, essential oils, leather goods, jewelry, wooden signs, and fudge, just to name a few.

The benefits of shopping at local farm markets range from getting fresh produce without chemicals to finding that unique treasure for your home, yard, garden, or business.

“It helps the vendors get their names out in front of the public,” said Piggott. “We’re in a great spot now with easy in and out. We’re easily seen from M21.”

The market has been moving around its location like a moveable feast until last year. It’s been at the

fairgrounds, in the city parking lot by the dam, in front of Tractor Supply, until it finally landed on a huge parking lot in front of Impact.

In response to the market hours from 10 am to 3 pm on Thursdays, Piggott said the market has tried expanding the hours but didn’t see an increase in attendance. However, there is a possibility of change coming next year.

“We wanted to keep it consistent for this year,” she said.

There are still openings left. The cost per season which runs from June 9 through Sept. 8 is \$130 per 12 by 12 feet space. This is a \$65 saving compared to the daily cost of \$15 per space. Members of the Lowell Area Chamber of

Commerce pay only \$100 per season, which is a new chamber benefit added this year.

“You need to get a hold of me,” said Piggott. “Don’t just show up there.”

You can either come to the market to apply for space or contact Piggott via

the market Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Lowell-Farmers-Market-426239604141282/>

You can also apply on the chamber website at lowellchamber.org



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Firestarter fails to ignite

By Bill Lee
contributing writer

When I was a bit younger, in the early 1980s, I used to gobble

down Stephen King books. *The Stand*, *Carrie*, *It*, *The Shining*, and especially, *Salem's Lot*, kept me

entranced before it was time to sleep. And, sleep, because of his stories, oftentimes happened with the lights on. Whether you are a fan of his books or not, the man can tell a story. Overall, he has written close to 90 novels/novellas, over 60 of which have been turned into movies. Some of the films have been cinema classics, including *Stand by Me*, *The Shawshank Redemption*, *The Shining*, and *Misery*, among many others. Some, of course have been flops. Do you remember *Maximum Overdrive*, *Lawnmower Man*, or *Thinner*? Probably not, and if you saw them, chances are you were a bit disappointed.

Unfortunately, the latest Stephen King novel turned into a movie, *Firestarter*, ranks closer to these than it does the classics.

Firestarter, based on the King novel published in 1980, was originally made into a film starring a young Drew Barrymore in 1984. It had a mediocre response by critics and audiences at the time, so for some reason, Blumhouse Productions thought it would receive a better response this time around. My gut tells me it won't.

The story opens with a young couple, Andy and Vicky McGee, with their newborn in their home in blissful contentment. That is, until they discover that their daughter Charlie, played by Ryan Kiera Armstrong, has powers to start fires with her mind. Andy, played by Zac Efron, and Vicky, played by Sydney Lemmon, also have powers of telepathy and telekinesis, respectively. While they were in college, these powers were enhanced significantly after being paid to undergo clinical trials that went horribly wrong. Enter, The Shop, a faceless organization that led the experiments and now wants the McGee family back, especially Charlie, so they can study her incredible powers that could possibly "create a nuclear explosion."

The story immediately flashes forward to Charlie as a prepubescent girl, whose powers are beginning to bubble up, and she intimates to her father that "Something feels weird. My body. Something is changing." Her parents recognize that as she gets older, her powers to create fire get stronger. They disagree with how to handle the situation. Dad wants her to suppress the powers but mom thinks it is time she learns how to use them. After a bullied Charlie blows a bathroom stall apart with fire at school in front of her teacher, her parents agree it is time to move... again. "Bad men are after us," Andy McGee warns his daughter. "They want to put us in jail." Word of the bizarre school explosion gets out, and The Shop, who have been looking for the McGees for a long time, begin their hunt.

The "bad men" are the people at The Shop whose faces begin to appear. Led by Captain Jane Hollister, played by Gloria Reuben, The Shop disingenuously "wants to help and teach Charlie," and they will do anything to catch the family. Hollister enlists a seemingly devilish villain, known as Rainbird and played by Native Canadian Michael Greyeyes, to capture the family. Rainbird has his own special powers of telekinesis, among other

things, that Hollister thinks will be perfect for the job. Let the chase begin.

The first half of the movie is indeed a chase, but the story in essence is a revenge movie. Somehow, Charlie will get back at The Shop and those running it for making her parents and herself into what she calls "monsters." And

a lot for each other and will do anything to keep the family together. The minor characters also are fine in their portrayals but don't offer us more than their face value. The character Rainbird has the potential to be a deeper character, and it seems like the screenplay tries to push him in that direction, but he never quite



this is where the movie ultimately fails. What do good revenge stories need? A clear cause for revenge, a unique journey to get that revenge, an evil antagonist who deserves that revenge, and then a sweet, usually violent ending in the final act of revenge. Think about Tarantino's *Kill Bill 1* and *2*, *Gladiator* with Russell Crowe, *Taken* with Liam Neeson, and even *Hamlet* by William Shakespeare. All of them had main characters who had been seriously wronged and all four characters had clear motives to get that revenge against fantastic villains. *Firestarter* has these elements in the plot as well but are much weaker than the aforementioned movies. Where it goes wrong is that it takes too long to establish the motive for revenge and the villains who deserve it are portrayed as ambivalent. The Shop is too mysterious and nebulous. Because it does not really have a strong villain, it is hard to be mad at it. Also, does The Shop want to help the McGee family or use them for an evil cause? The answer seems somewhere in between, even at the end when Charlie's fire power is shown at full strength.

The actors in this film do a fine job portraying their fairly static characters. Efron and Armstrong do an admirable job of portraying a father/daughter who care

connects with the audience. The music, composed by John Carpenter (famous director of *Halloween*) and his son Cody, was effective in the background to help create suspense. With that, even great acting and music can't help a poorly constructed story with stagnant characters.

In the end, as the moviegoer getting ready for the climax of *Firestarter*, I couldn't help but ask myself, "Do I really care how this movie ends? Who dies and who survives?" Truthfully, the answer was no. Movies, no matter the genre, should move you in some way. Did I care for the characters? Did the conflict get resolved in an effective way? Did the plot help move us to an excellent resolution? *Firestarter* left me unsatisfied in all of these ways. Something was missing. I was waiting for something more to happen and when nothing did, I couldn't help but think that I just spent \$10 watching a long episode of the Netflix series *Stranger Things*. Even the ambiguous ending left me with a sense that a *Firestarter2* might be in the works. If that happens, I will make sure to see something else - maybe *Maximum Overdrive 2*, *Lawnmower Man 3*, or *Thinner 4*. I give *Firestarter* a 1 and a half popcorn rating. 🍿🍿

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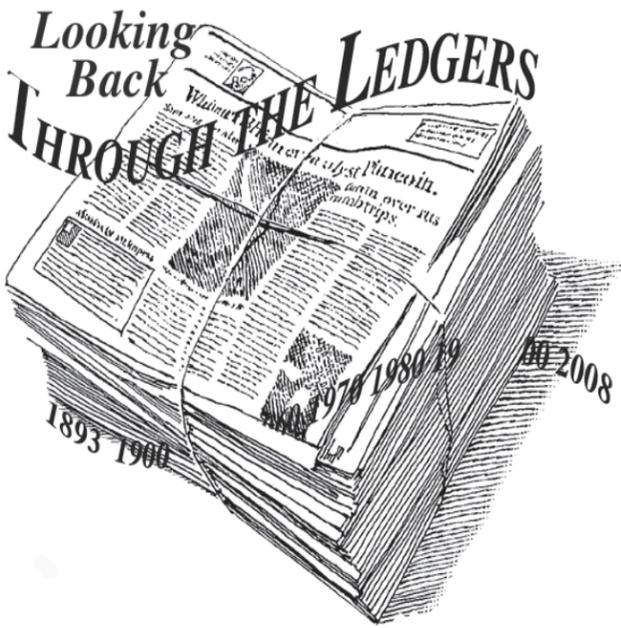
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100 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 8, 1922

Arrangements have been completed for the annual reunion of the alumni of the Lowell High School, which will take place at the high school gymnasium Friday evening, June 16 at 8 o'clock.

The largest class in the history of the Lowell High School, numbering 42, will graduate Thursday, June 15 at the City hall.

School closed with a fine little picnic on the school grounds Monday. Nearly all the parents and some others were present and were served to a fine dinner, finished with ice cream and cake.

Folks that are selling dairy cattle now are surely getting it in the neck. Why? Because so many farmers are, and have been using oleomargarine, and thus furnishing the enemy with ammunition to kill their own business. The farmer that buys oleomargarine is surely blind to his own interest.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 5, 1947

The largest class in the history of the school (87, including 11 veterans) will receive diplomas from C.H. Runciman, President of the Board of Education, in the high school auditorium on Thursday, June 12.

Anyone having seen or knowing the whereabouts of two 4 ft. X 6 ft. flags of the American Legion Auxiliary, please call Lowell phone 356-F3.

Paul Green, 21-month-old Battle Creek child, was found safe and unharmed at dawn Saturday after an extensive all-night search was synced when he was reported missing at 7 pm Friday. A plane pilot spotted the infant sleeping in a field with his dog. The boy was in good condition despite his exposure during the cool night.

Bruce McMahon and Edward Reynold announce the opening of their new store, under the firm name of McMahon and Reynolds, on Friday, June 6. The store is located at 100 Main Street and will carry a complete line of men's and boy's wear.

Mrs. Minnie Bouck's house burned to the ground Saturday night, most of the furniture on the first floor was saved.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 8, 1972

Miss Lowell Showboat beauty pageant was held Saturday night at the Lowell High School auditorium. Cheryl Hoyle, a senior at Grand Rapids Central, was crowned Miss Lowell Showboat. Second runner-up

was Linda Stankwitz, first runner-up was Cindy Ball.

Three Lowell area school students earned first, second and third place school awards for their entries in the fifth annual "America and Me" eighth grade essay contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance Group. First place was Alan Mathews, second place was awarded to Jan Chapman and third place went to Diana Keim.

Tom Martinez, Kris Kropf and Dan Murphy made the Tri-River all conference baseball team, picked by the league's coaches. Honorable mention went to Dan Hendricks, Randy Jones, Chris Steffens and Bob Yalacki.

There are five candidates seeking a spot on the Lowell Board of Education. Two vacancies must be filled soon for the seven member board from the slate of four men and one woman on the ballot for the June 12 election. Running are: Dr. William Yost, M.D., Richard McNeal, Dr. R.D. Siegle, DVM, Gerald Smith and Blanche Mullen.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 4, 1997

The Grand Rapids Foundation announced Tuesday morning at the Harold and Mildred Englehart Library, that Harold Englehardt, who died April 1 of this year, left the Lowell community \$12 million to initiate a "Lowell Fund." It is to be used for charitable purposes for the city of Lowell and its surrounding areas of Lowell Charter and Vergennes townships.

Senior girls, Skye Fisher, Ann Marie Townsend, Amy Larabee, Lisa Rollins and Amara Truax, presented Lowell High School principal, Scott Vashaw, with a new office (more commonly known as an outhouse). The fun prank was well received by Vashaw. On the inside of the door, it read, "We surveyed the berry and the bomb." In reference to the pipe bomb explosion and the tainted strawberries.

John Wojciakowski, is named 1997 class valedictorian and Brian Willmarth is named salutatorian.

Joe, an eight-year-old Chesapeake Bay Retriever, rode with his owner Rick Bettmeng from South Dakota to visit Bettmeng's cousin. After arriving, Bettmeng went into Grand Rapids; when he returned, Joe was missing. Ten days later, there was no sign of Joe. An ad was placed in the Buyers Guide and Joe was found at Creekside Kingdom.

Lowell Charter Township support staff was rewarded for a job well done with a 50 cent raise.

Students, parents, Lowell school officials and community members worked for nearly five hours on the ever-progressing outdoor science room. On Saturday, volunteers worked to construct two floating docks, a platform and stair access to the creek, and educational display signs. They also planted trees, bushes and perennials and spread wood chips.

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Thursdays, beginning June 9, 10 am - 11 am. Read and sing together as a family. Enjoy stories, music, movement and rhymes that develop early literacy skills. For ages 0-5 years.

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June 13, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm. Teen-only fun for you and your friends at the library! Stop by for activities that may include board games, food and more. For ages 11-17.

KDL Lab Experience

June 14, 1 - 3 pm. Drop in and allow children to think creatively, tinker, explore and collaborate while engaging in a variety of hands-on activities based on STEM concepts. For ages 5-10.

Cameron Zara Live

June 15, 1-2 pm. Live magic show filled with comedy, music, games and audience participation! Open to all ages.

Ruff Readers

June 15, 6:30 - 7:30 pm. This unique read-aloud program in partnership with West Michigan Therapy Dogs, Inc. 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. For ages 5-10.

ABCs of Lowell history

The Lowell Area Historical Museum is introducing a new weekly series. Each week we will explore the history of one of the buildings in the downtown Historic District.

Address: 223 W. Main
Date Built: 1883
Builder: John Giles
1st business: John Giles & Co Grocery

John and Maria Giles bought this corner lot from Freeman S. Jones after a fire destroyed the Franklin Hotel here in 1882. Giles built this brick building and opened the John Giles & Co Grocery in Nov. 1883, operating it for 23 years, until 1906. He advertised staple and fancy groceries, especially teas. He always paid the highest market price for fresh made butter and strictly, fresh eggs.

Scott Hardware opened on January 1, 1907 and operated until 1914. It was a stock held company

and Merle Gee bought an interest in the business in 1914 and the remainder in 1915. He then changed the name to Gee's Hardware

and operated it from 1914 to 1965. Gee's motto became "If we don't have it, we'll get it for you." In 1937, he opened the "Basement

Store" for farmers. There was a huge Sedgwick freight elevator that was used to move goods up and down. Mr. Gee was saluted for 50



Front window of Gee's Hardware.

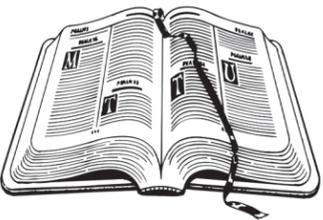


Gee's Hardware was taken January 1, 1937. Notice the Pittsburgh Paint advertisement; granddaughters, Susan and Nancy Gee, would stack the cans of paint into perfect pyramids in the front window. Also on the side of the building was a map of Lowell and vicinity intended to help travelers.

years as a business owner in 1964. Sam Myers and Cecil DeRushia managed the store for Gee when he became too ill. Cary Stiff purchased the business in 1965 and continued it as Gee's Hardware until his death in 1979.

It became Riverside Fireplace Shop from 1979-1984 and then Cousin's Hallmark from 1984 to 2014. In 2016, LowellArts! renovated the building for their art gallery and offices.

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Cornhole comes to Lowell

By Bill Lee
contributing writer

As summer approaches, people love to get the BBQ going, maybe listen to some tunes, and break out a summer game. Horseshoes has always been popular but takes a commitment to set up the pits. Also, there are some new games out there, like spike ball, that are fun but take a lot of athleticism and quick movements from its players. Put it this way, you don't see too many middle-aged people doing it (without pulling a muscle or two). The game that has become very popular in the last decade, and can be played by young and old, is cornhole. Very much like horseshoes and certainly more portable, cornhole has become one of the most popular social games during the summertime. And if you have flipped through some sports channels recently, you may have had the chance to see some professionals play it indoors and on television. "The American Cornhole League (in 2016) brought the money to the table to elevate

it to where it is at," said Richard Rozell, organizer of cornhole competitions in Lowell. "They now have sponsors like Johnsonville, so now there are guys who are making a living playing cornhole."

Rozell picked up the game about three years ago to help make the winters go by a little faster. "Instead of bowling, we decided to play cornhole," said Rozell. "When I got into it, I did not realize how big it really was. It kind of grew from there. I'm part of a club in Grand Rapids with friends and family and we played every week. Then I started running my own stuff here and there."

He began a league at Big Boiler Brewery, but then the pandemic hit, and he had to cancel. This year he started things up again and has been running leagues out at the Veterans' Center, and recently, held a couple of tournaments at the new restaurant in Lowell, Ripple. Games at the Veterans' Center are more recreational where

people pay \$15-\$20 and are guaranteed six games no matter how good or bad they are. The tournaments at Ripple (and hopefully, at The Lowell Moose Lodge soon) are more designed for experienced players and have a double-elimination format.

If you have not played the game yet, the rules are quite simple. There are two angled and elevated boards facing each other at 27-feet apart. You and your partner each have a side and take turns throwing four bean bags into a hole on the board across from you. The opponents do the same thing. Opponents alternate throws from the same side. You get three points for a bag in the hole and one point for a bag on the board and the first to 21 wins. Like horseshoes, cancellation scoring applies. There is strategy with how to place your bags on the board to block an opponent, but overall, it is a simple game that everyone can play, either recreationally or competitively. "It's bigger on the east side of the state,"

said Rozell. "There are bars and restaurants over there where cornhole takes over - where it is just players and fans. They'll be there from 3-6 hours."

The origins of cornhole are a bit of a mystery but according to the website called Cornhole Worldwide, "Many have laid claim to inventing the sport. However, legend has it that a fourteenth-century cabinet maker by the name of Mr. Matthias Kuepermann created the game after watching children toss rocks into a nearby groundhog's hole. Kuepermann was said to have been so concerned for the safety of the children that he utilized his carpentry skills and designed a safer game for them to play."

Rozell, the unofficial commissioner of cornhole in Lowell, is doing his best to grow the game locally. With games at the Veterans' Center, Ripple, and the Moose, word has been getting out. He loves the competition of the game but admits the best part of it has to do with gathering with friends and family. "Hands



Roy Morris and Richard Rozell playing cornhole at Ripple recently.

down, I love the social element of it," said Rozell. "I've picked up a lot of new friends playing cornhole. Even though it seems like its big, it is really small still. When I travel, we hang out with the pros you see on TV, especially the ones from Michigan. Even though they are pros, most

of them are very humble and love to work with the lower-level players. They are very assessable."

If you would like to play, cornhole is happening all summer. For more information, email Rozell at flatrivercornhole@gmail.com

Michigan needs more foster families as state marks Foster Care Month

Michigan needs more loving foster families to temporarily care for children while the state works to reunify them safely with their biological parents.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer proclaimed May to be Foster Care Month in Michigan.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) during the month is recognizing foster families for their contributions while raising awareness of the need for more foster

homes. There are about 10,500 children in foster care in the state. There is a particular need for families to foster older children, sibling groups and youth with special needs.

"We are facing an increased need for foster families to provide stable and safe care for children due to the department's commitment to provide family homes for children and reduce the use of congregate care settings, as well as a significant loss

of foster homes during the pandemic," said Demetrius Starling, executive director of the MDHHS Children's Services Agency. "I want to thank the 4,928 foster families in Michigan who have stepped up because they want to help children who deserving loving homes."

In most cases, MDHHS's goal is to reunify the children with their families after providing resources to them. If that's not safe, MDHHS looks to

find them permanent homes through adoption.

Anyone interested in becoming a foster parent can call a Foster Care Navigator at 855-MICHKIDS or visit www.fcnp.org. Navigators are experienced foster care parents who can answer questions and guide prospective foster parents on their journey. Learn more at www.michigan.gov/hopeforahome.



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NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING

Budget & Taxation Hearing Proposed 2022-2023 Budget

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF LOWELL, MICHIGAN; The Board of Education will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2022-2023 budget. The Board may not adopt its proposed budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the administration building. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

- DATE OF MEETING: June 13, 2022
- PLACE OF MEETING: Administration Building
Board of Education Room
300 High Street
Lowell, Michigan
- HOUR OF MEETING: 6:50 p.m.
- TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF BOARD OF EDUCATION: (616) 987-2501

Board minutes are located at the office of the Board of Education, Administration Building, 300 High Street or on the district website.

Upon request to the Office of the Superintendent, the District shall make reasonable accommodations for a person with disabilities to be able to participate in this meeting.

obituaries

ANDERSON

Ashley Lyn Anderson (Stebbins), of Caledonia, January 22, 1988 – May 25, 2022. Ashley faced many difficult challenges over the past 11 years due to ovarian cancer. She did so with courage, determination, and God's grace. Ashley leaves behind her beloved husband of twelve years, Kory; twin sister and absolute best friend, Alyssa (Devin) Kyllonen; nephews, Brycen and Caden; niece, Ember Ashley; mother, Sheryl Stebbins of Grand Rapids; father, Robert M. Stebbins; father and mother-in-law, Don and Nancy Anderson; brothers-in-law, Josh (Laura), Brad (Beth),

Kelly (Sarah); along with many nieces and nephews. The list is long, her family meant everything to her. Her many aunts who took special loving care of her, uncles, cousins, grandmothers, and extraordinary lifetime friend, Jennifer. Ashley graduated from Lowell High School in 2006. She enjoyed animals dearly, which led to her pursuing a veterinarian tech career. Ashley loved attending movies, playing frisbee golf, and wondering nature trails with her husband Kory. Visitation will be held, 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM, Thursday, June 2, 2022, at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson St., Lowell, MI 49331. A celebration of Ashley's life will be 11 AM, Friday, June 3, 2022, at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, with visitation one hour prior. Pastor Brock Graham officiating. Ashley's wishes are for you to wear your favorite colors while attending. Memorial contributions may be made to help Kory with expenses, please make checks out to Donald "Kory" Anderson.



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SAVAGE

Jean Savage, age 96 of Lowell, passed away peacefully with her family at her side on May 26, 2022. She was preceded in death by her husband of 71 years, Dick Savage, who passed away at the age of 91 in 2018. She was also preceded in death by her only sibling, her sister, Dorothy Wiley. Both Jean and Dorothy were born to George and Helen (Eldred) Karras in Detroit. Jean is survived by her only child, Rick (Carol) Savage of Lowell. She is also survived

by her two grandchildren, James (Simone) Savage and Carrie (Steve) Jones; her great-granddaughters, Liliana, Angela, and Julia Savage; her nieces, Bridget Rutherford, Doreen Wiley, Anna Scott, Linda Guy-Smith; and nephews, Brad Wiley, and Dan Savage. She is also survived by grand and great-grand nieces and nephews.



Jean was forever cheerful and devoted her life to her family and friends. She took an interest in all those she met. She moved to Lowell in 1979 and volunteered for years at Friends of Lowell Library. Jean and Dick lived out in the country next door to her son and daughter-in-law for over 30 years until moving to Schneider Manor in 2016. Partially paralyzed by a stroke in 2018 led to her move to the special care unit of Fountain View of Lowell where she continued to spread her positive disposition even though confined to a wheelchair for 4 years. She was well cared for up to her passing. Thank you for your care and love to the staff of Fountain View and thanks to The Care Team Hospice who provided tender care in her final few months of life. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Fountain View of Lowell, 11537 Fulton St E, Lowell, MI 49331, or The Care Team Hospice, 756 West Fulton St., Suite 203, Grand Rapids, MI 49504. There will be no personal service. Instead, family and friends are welcome to a virtual tribute to both Jean and Dick Savage at <https://www.weremember.com/jean-savage/8f9q/memories>. Please search Jean Savage or see the direct link on https://www.gerstfuneralhomes.com/?post_type=obituary&p=16549&previ

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college news

Benjamin Diefenbach of Alto is one of more than 700 students who received diplomas and were recognized as Harding University graduates for spring 2022 during a commencement ceremony on May 7, 2022.

Diefenbach received a Master of Science in information systems.

Alma College has released the Dean's List for those students who achieved outstanding academic performance during the 2022 winter term. Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits, at least eight of which are evaluative grades, are named to the Dean's List.

Local students include: Ava Frederickson and

Elizabeth Vredevelt, both of Alto; Lauren Austhof and Zackery Post, both of Lowell.

Collier Kaufman, a Exercise Science major at Grove City College from Lowell, has been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2022 semester. Collier is a 2020 graduate of Lowell High School and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kaufman (Eileen) from Lowell.

Students eligible for the Dean's List have a GPA of 3.40 to 3.59; for the Dean's List with Distinction a GPA of 3.60 to 3.84 and for the Dean's List with High Distinction a GPA of 3.85 to 4.0.

Paige Hahn and Molly Puglessi, both of Ada, have been named to the Saint

Mary's College Dean's List for the 2022 spring semester.

To earn this academic honor at Saint Mary's, a student must achieve a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.6 on a 4.0 scale, have a minimum of 12 graded credit hours, no incompletes, and no grades lower than a C.

Reuben Sarver of Lowell was named to the Abilene Christian University spring 2022 Dean's Honor Roll. Sarver is a sophomore majoring in Ministry and Vocation.

Sarver was among more than 1,200 students named

to the spring 2022 Dean's Honor Roll. To qualify, students must be registered for 12 or more credit hours and earn a GPA of 3.6 or higher.

Trine University students were named to the President's List for the spring 2022 term. To earn President's List honors, students must complete a minimum of 12 hours and have a grade point average of 3.750-4.000.

Local students are: Joslynn Battle of Lowell; Ella Dougherty and Troy Saylor, both of Alto.

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TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
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May 24, 2022

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Bryce Alexander Balabuch

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Paige Elizabeth Barnhart

The Alto Lions Scholarship

January Starr Basinger

The Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, The Margaret McMahon Scholarship

Blake Lawrence Bennett

OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Samantha Shayne Bennett

The Englehardt - MSU Scholarship, The Betty Jastifer Memorial Scholarship, The Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, The Michigan State University Michigan Residents Scholarship

William David Compton

The Thomas Wilcox Scholarship, The National Merit Scholarship Program - Letter of Commendation, The Platinum Presidential Scholarship at Oakland University

Carra Morgan Couturier

OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Madison Claire Coviak

The Lowell Women's Club Scholarship

Jazlynn Joy Cowling

The Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship

Emma Beth Dawson

The Northern Michigan University Wildcat Merit Scholarship

Hanna Marie DeVries

The Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, The Kathy Talus Memorial Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete, The Northern Michigan Presidential Scholarship, The Northern Michigan University Wildcat Merit Scholarship, The Northern Michigan University Kaye-Munson Scholarship

Aiden Robert Dial

OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Mackenzie Hope Elve

The Byrne Family Scholarship, The Louise Harper Memorial Scholarship

Savannah Lynn Escobedo

The Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, The Louise Harper Memorial Scholarship, The Andrea Herrera Memorial Scholarship, The Rotary Club of Lowell Community Scholarships - Donald & Ellura McPherson Scholarship

Lani Kay Fetterhoff

The Mandy Tichelaar Scholarship, The Yeiter Family Scholarship

Greta Marguerite Forward

The Shari Miller Scholarship, The Red Arrow Family Spirit Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Jackson Thomas Fowler

The Red Arrow Family Salute Scholarship, The Rotary Club of Lowell Community Scholarships - King & Marie Doyle Family Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete, The Northern Michigan University Wildcat Merit Scholarship, The Northern Michigan University Kaye-Munson Scholarship

Sawyer Michael Fowler

The Austin Lancaster Memorial Scholarship, The Rotary Club of Lowell Community Scholarships - King & Marie Doyle Family Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Winton David Garrelts

The Englehardt Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete, The National Merit Scholarship Program - Letter of Commendation, The ELKS State Scholarship

Emily Marie German

The Tap Family Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Rosemary Elizabeth Goodwin

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Shea Martin Goodwin

The Alto American Legion Scholarship

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OK Conference Scholar Athlete, Adrian College Merit Scholarship

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Alexis Edith-Marie Hofmann

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Macyen Nicole Huver

The Yeiter Family Scholarship

Brynn Alexa Jackson

The Kathy Talus Memorial Scholarship

Jaymie Lynne Johnson

The Englehardt Scholarship, The Davenport University Excellence Scholarship

David Kent Kaczanowski

OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Samuel Christian Kaminski

OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Delaney Jane Kelley

OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Evan James Klein

OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Brooke Elyse Knottnerus

OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Ty William Knottnerus

OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Amber Rose Koepsell

The Thomas A. Stahr "Green & White" Scholarship

Lillian Grace Kooistra

The Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, The Betty Jastifer Memorial Scholarship, The Jeff Sweet LASSO Community Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete, The Grand Valley State University Faculty Scholarship

Brianna Jean Laux

The Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, University of the Cumberland's Athletic Scholarship

Madison Wendy Liley

The Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete



Carter Jacob Blough

LHS Male Athlete of the Year, LHS Iron Arrow Award

Sedona Carrera Bonter

The Alto American Legion Scholarship, The LAS Athletic Boosters Scholarship

Elyse Joy Bosscher

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Eric Thomas Bryce

OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Kaylee Ann Byrne

The Greg Eldridge Memorial Scholarship, The Susan Burt (LEA) Scholarship, The Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, The Rotary Club of Lowell Community Scholarships - Jim & Bobbie White Family Scholarship, The Kathy Talus Memorial Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete, LHS Female Athlete of the Year, LHS Iron Arrow Award, The Northern Michigan University Wildcat Merit Scholarship

Cailey Alissa Calhoun

The Englehardt Scholarship, The Central Michigan Maroon and Gold Scholarship

Owen Patrick Carpenter

LHS Iron Arrow Award

Keegan Michael Cater

LHS Iron Arrow Award

Elise Cathrine Charron

OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Nathan James Cleaver

The Red Arrow Family Salute Scholarship, The Gary Rivers Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete, The Presidential Scholarship from Michigan Technological University



Scholarships & Awards

James Gerard Link

The Earl Posthumus Memorial Alto Lions Club Scholarship, The Gary Rivers Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Hayden Allen Lowrie

The Biggs, Hausserman, Thompson, and Dickinson, PC Accounting Scholarship, The Greg Eldridge Memorial Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Jackson Alan MacNaughton

The Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete

John Francis McCarthy

The Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship

Aidan Gregor McWayne

The Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Benjamin Charles Mika

OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Abigail Morgan Milley

The Tera Beran Spirit Scholarship

Branch Patrick Nietling

The Thomas A. Stahr "Green & White" Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete, The Michigan State University Michigan Resident Scholarship, The Michigan State University Alumni Distinguished Scholar Scholarship

Morgan Richmond North

The Margaret Court Memorial Scholarship, The Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Kaden James Northup

OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Cole Leigh Opperman

The Northern Michigan University Wildcat Merit Scholarship

Ethan Xavier Post

The Guardian Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete, The Michigan Technological University Platinum Presidential Scholars Award, The Michigan Technological University Leading Scholar Award, The Michigan Technological University Football Athletic Scholarship

Noah Levi Proctor

The Greg Eldridge Memorial Scholarship, The Phillip V. and Sylvia M. Frederickson Foundation Scholarship for Children of Teachers

Aubrey Grace Rasch

The C. H. Runciman Scholarship, The GreenStone Farm Credit Services Scholarship, The Michigan Apple Queen Scholarships

Carlee Michelle Rogers

The Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship

Dominick Giovoni Ronchetti

The Tap Family Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Alexis Michelle Royer

The Lowell Middle School Chess Club Scholarship, The Wyntjes Medical Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete, The Central Michigan University Centralis Gold Scholarship, The Michigan State University Outstanding Junior Academic Scholarship Award

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Cole Scott Vandervest

OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Haley Catherine VanGorp

The Phillip V. and Sylvia M. Frederickson Foundation Scholarship for Children of Heroes

Kennedi Christy Weed

The Greg Eldridge Memorial Scholarship

Amelia Rose Wells

OK Conference Scholar Athlete

Alexander Joseph Wenger

The Yeiter Family Scholarship

Cole William Weston

LHS Iron Arrow Award

Shelby Mae Wilcox

The Rotary Club of Lowell Community Scholarships – King & Marie Doyle Family Scholarship, The Northern Michigan University Wildcat Merit Scholarship

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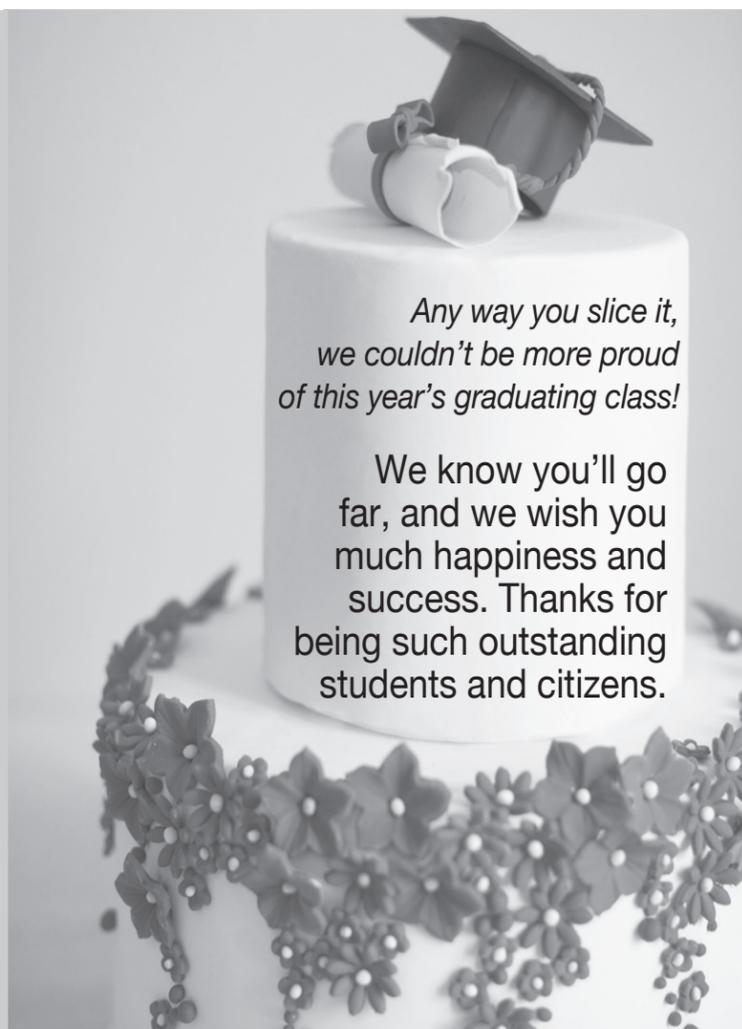
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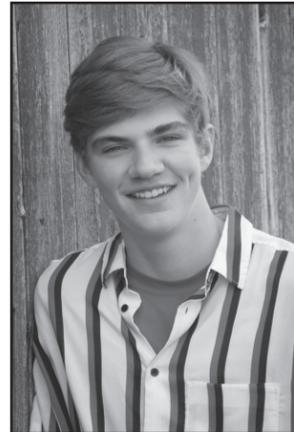
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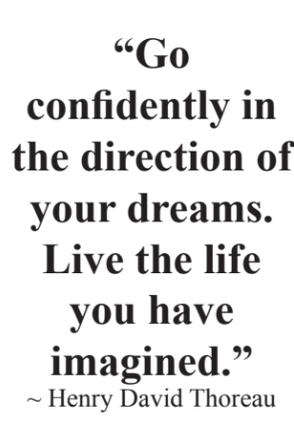
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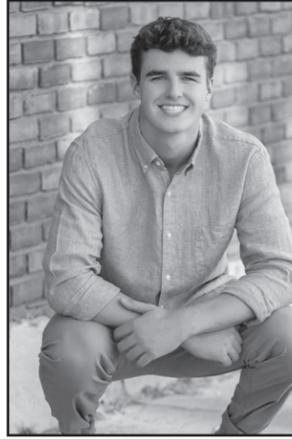
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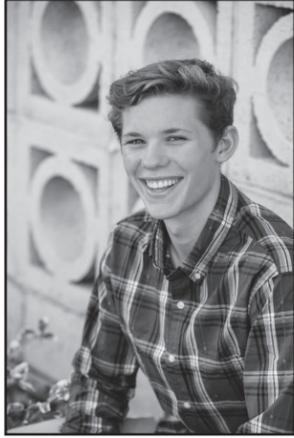
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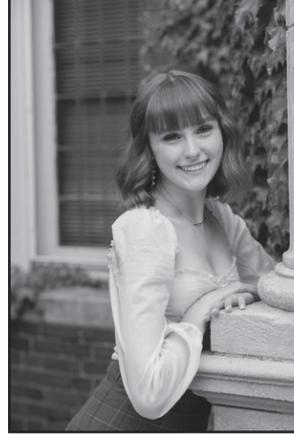
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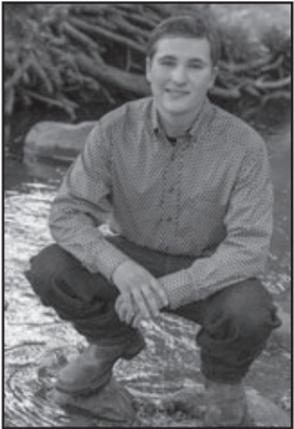


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ceremonies, reading off all of the graduate names, and being presented her diploma at the very end.

This year's class had 37 members graduate Summa Cum Laude, with GPAs over a 3.95, and a class size of nearly 300.

Valedictorian Winton Garrelts gave thanks to the staff that had helped them along the way, pointing to prominent examples during his time at LHS. Those included counselor RJ Boudro, his tennis coach, Chris Phillips, getting candy baskets from AP government teacher Steve Kampschulte, tutoring from now retired LHS math teacher Mike Michaud, fusion rock concerts with orchestra teacher Wendy Tenney, and coffee and AP literature t-shirts from teacher Jeff Larsen.

Of course the ceremony as usual had its funny moments in between and during the long reading of the names. While there were no backflips this year,

seniors Jamara Harper and Josh Rau struck dances walking down the stage, selfies were taken with staff members, and several beach balls were seen bobbing up and down the rows of graduates until one strayed near coordinator of student support Jake Strotheide, who rushed in jest to take the ball away.

The students would get the last laugh winning the next race for the stray beach ball. All in good fun of course.

In his speech to the students, Steve Gough reflected on his first year at LHS coinciding with the class of 2022. This would be the first class who he worked with for all four years of their time at LHS. He joked about how he was just as lost as the freshman of the class of 2022 were on that first day of school in 2018.

Then there were the serious moments, including Superintendent Nate Fowler sharing hugs with twin

sons Jackson and Sawyer Fowler, both graduating this year. Sue Sweet, Unity Alternative High School teacher embracing her graduates who often have to persevere through enormous challenges to find their way to the stage. Senior members of the choir and band performed their last songs with the group they've been with for four years. The hugs were shared with family members following the ceremony.

Student speaker Cailey Calhoun talked about living in the present as students would graduate before moving on to the next steps in their lives.

For 144 years now, classes have graduated from Lowell High School. Pomp and Circumstance has been used at graduations since the early 1900's and its ring across Bob Perry Field in the outdoor ceremony was loud as the next group of Lowell High School graduates began their next chapters.



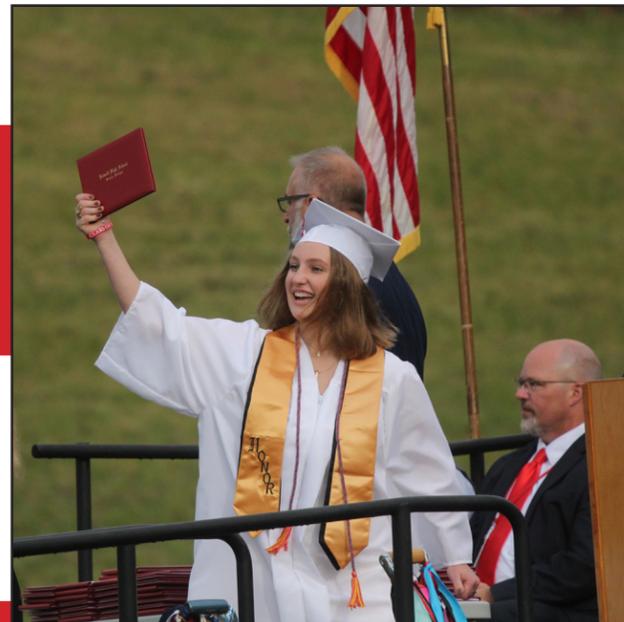
The Lowell choir and choir graduates sing the National Anthem.



Senior band members were able to play a last song with their classmates.



Parents watch on during the 2022 ceremony.



Emma Schmidt shows off her diploma.



Lowell Board of Education Vice President Laurie Kuna presenting Kaylee Byrne with her diploma.



Emily Struckmeyer looks back on the last four years in her Salutatorian speech.



Ella Baker and other senior class members show enthusiasm during the ceremony



Emma Dawson after the turning of the tassels.



Jamara Harper celebrates getting her diploma.



Cailey Calhoun bravely makes a speech to her senior class.



Vice Principal Patrick Russell and Athletic Director Dee Crowley lead the graduates at the end of the ceremony.



Winton Garrelts, alluding to his forefathers the Wilcox's, early Lowell alfalfa farmers, in his Valedictorian speech.

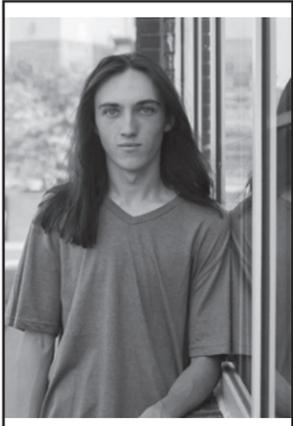


One of Lowell's graduates moving into the Army basks in the moment.





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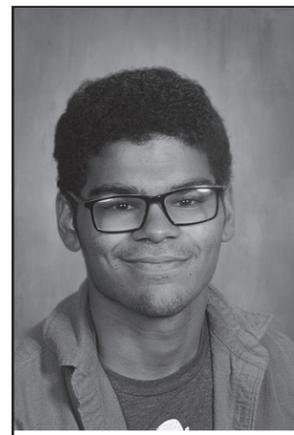
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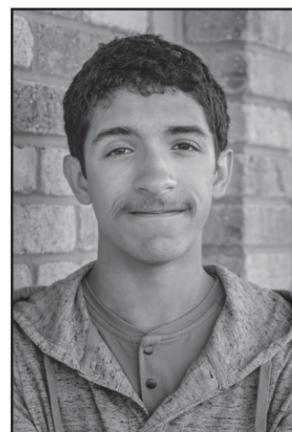
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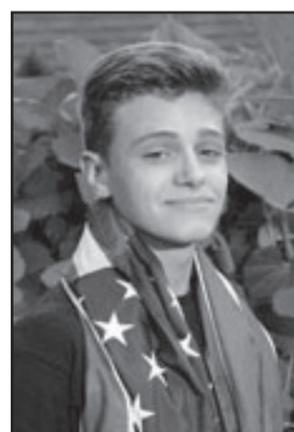
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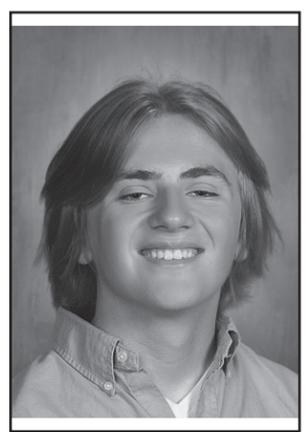
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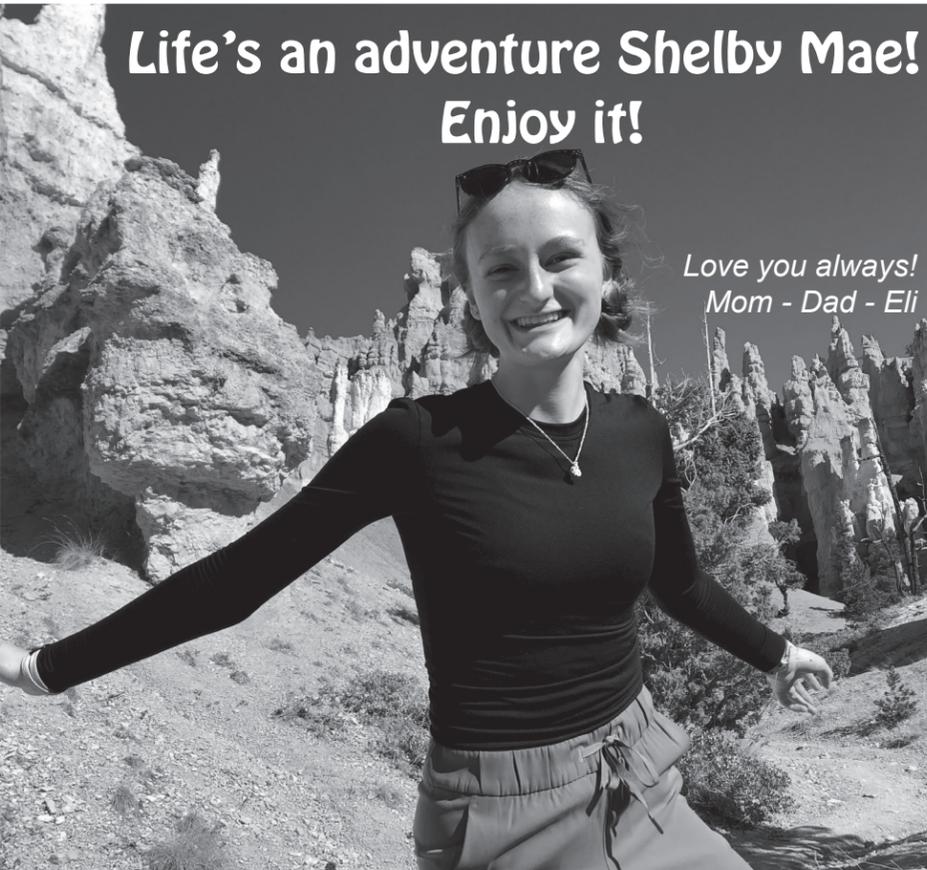
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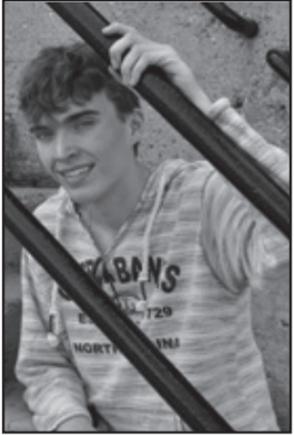
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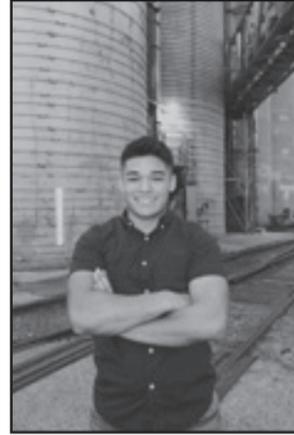
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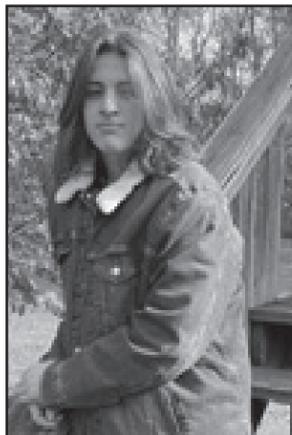
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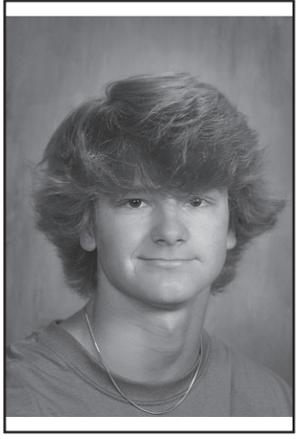
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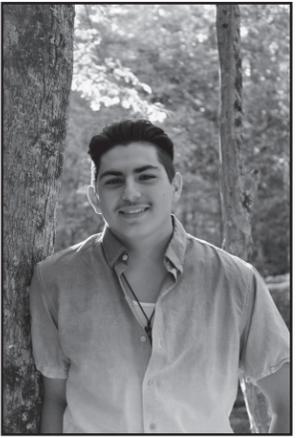


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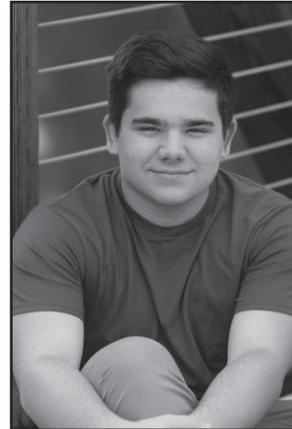
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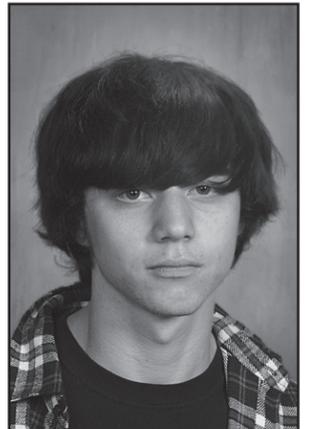
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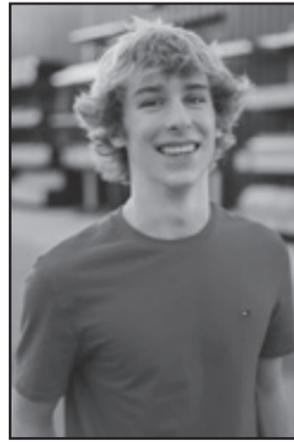
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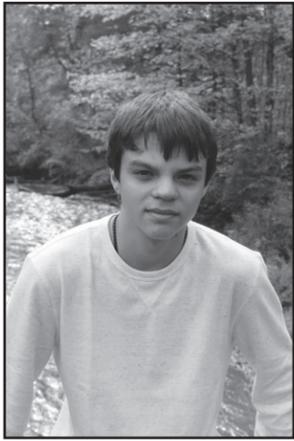
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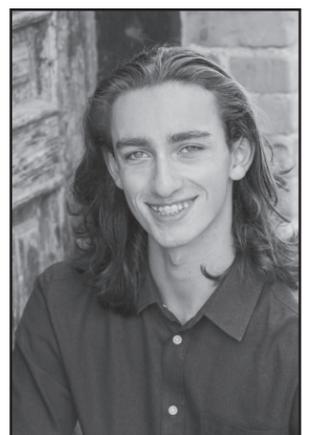
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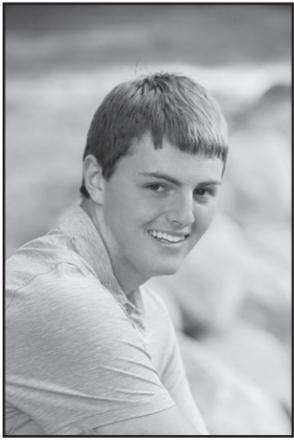
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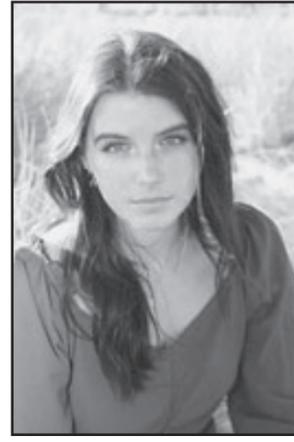
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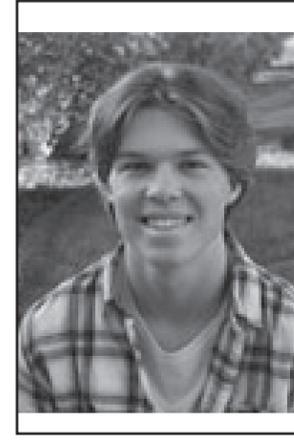
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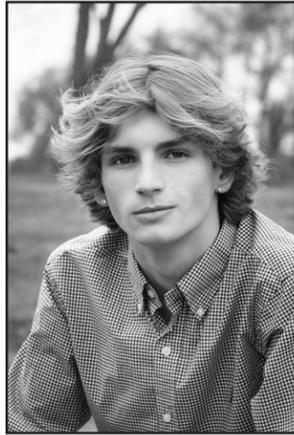


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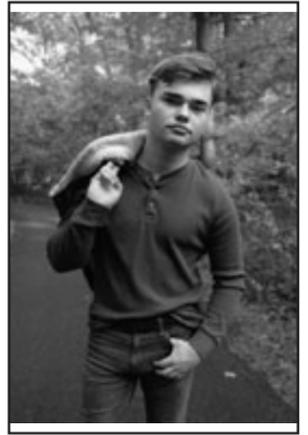
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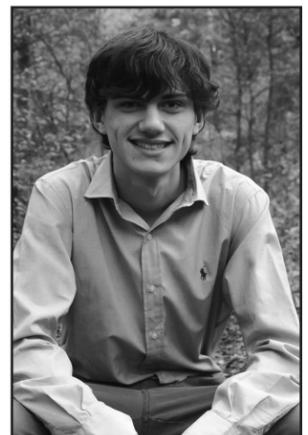
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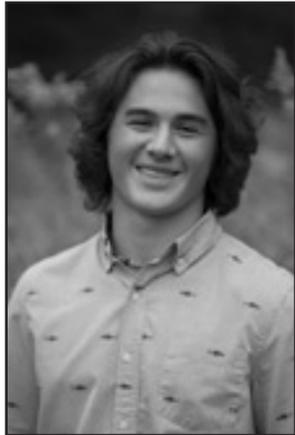
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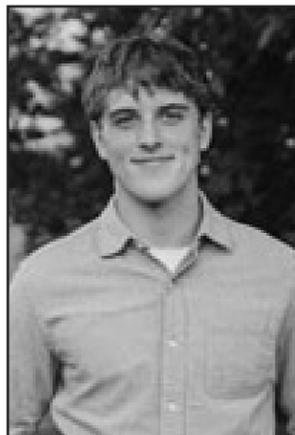
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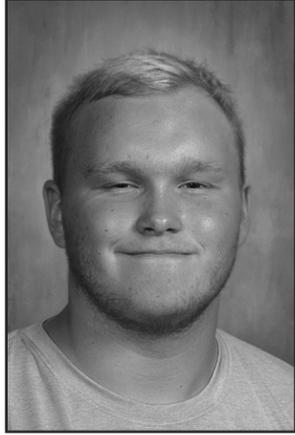
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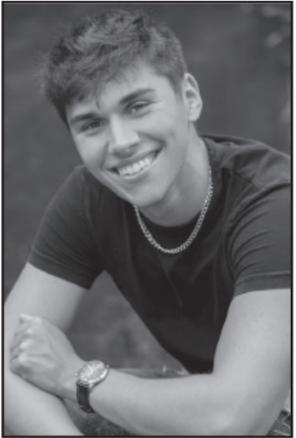
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Red Arrow

- SOFTBALL

SPORTS



Greenville bests Lowell in doubleheader

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

Two seventh inning Red Arrow rallies fell short last week in conference matchups against Greenville, who boasts a good team this season. Lowell fell in the Monday away doubleheader to the Yellow Jackets 9-5 and then 9-7 in the nightcap.

Game one saw Lowell jump out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning, holding the lead until a five-run fifth inning put Greenville ahead for good. Trailing 9-2 entering the seventh, Lowell plated three runs but was unable to make up the entirety of the seven run deficit.

Macy Huver led the team batting with an impressive four RBIs, Samantha Conrad drove in the other run. Huver had

six strikeouts pitching in six innings of work, and Megan Lillie had four hits of her own.

It was another impressive start for the Lowell bats in game two, this time putting five runs on the scoresheet in the top of the first inning. Greenville responded with one, two, and six runs in innings 1-3 respectively to retake the lead. Lowell plated a run each in innings six and seven before the rally came up short in the 9-7 loss.

Olivia Outman and Alyssa Woern each drove in two runs. Sammie Hayes and Kamie Venema combined for five strikeouts on the mound.

Huver (All-Conference), Hayes

(Honorable Mention All-Conference), Lillie (All-Conference), and junior Taylor Clark (All-Conference) earned honors from the OK White Conference.

On Tuesday of this week, Lowell will compete against Saranac in a home doubleheader. The two programs haven't met in varsity action on the softball diamond since 1983, having met each year from 1980-1983 before what will now have been a near 40 year hiatus.

Wednesday, Lowell will finish out their series at home against Greenville in their final regular season game of the year. Districts start on Saturday, Lowell has drawn Northview in the district semifinals, one of three schools in the five-



Lowell will look to continue their season this Saturday at Districts.

team district to receive a first-round bye. It gives the Red Arrows a great opportunity to compete for a district championship to

meet either Cedar Springs or two strong teams in Greenville or Rockford in the district championship game if they can get past

Northview. Semifinal is played at Cedar Springs at 12 pm, championship game will follow at 2 pm.

- GOLF

Golfers prep for regional meet

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

On Wednesday, the Lowell boys golf team competes in their Super Bowl. The event they've been working toward all year. At Lake Doster Golf Club, hosted by Otsego, Lowell will compete in this week's Division 2 Region 8 tournament. There, to get to the state tournament, Lowell will have to finish top three in the field of 18 schools to make their first state tournament since 1990.

It's a goal the team has chased all season, and they know they'll have to shoot their best to make it happen.

At regionals, Lowell

will compete against Allegan, Allendale, East Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids Christian, Grand Rapids South Christian, Hamilton, Hastings, Holland, Holland Christian, Hudsonville Unity Christian, Ionia, Middleville Thornapple Kellogg, Otsego, Plainwell, Wayland, Zeeland East, and Zeeland West.

The good news? Lowell was able to play in the Otsego Invitational last Wednesday, not only getting a preview of Lake Doster, but some of their opponents as well. At the end of the day, the field was tightly bunched up with Lowell in third with a 361. They lost to Hamilton and Holland Christian, both five strokes ahead with a 356.

Following Lowell was Middleville Thornapple-Kellogg (364), Plainwell (368), Allegan (368), Otsego (371), and Wayland (385).

The four scorers for Lowell were Patrick de Voest (87), Drew Veldman (88), Cam Sluss (91), and Ty Knottnerus (95). Nicholas Lothian (96) and Adam Swanson (101) also competed. De Voest and Veldman were each able to card one birdie during the round.

Earlier in the week, Lowell shot much better at

Thornapple Pointe for the OK White Conference Championship Tournament. De Voest led the charge with an 80, followed by Sluss (84), Veldman (84), and Swanson (85). Lothian (91) and Knottnerus (101) turned in non-scoring rounds. De Voest had two birdies on his scorecard, both on the front nine. Everyone had trouble with the toughest hole on the course, a 597-yard par 5 with water on the right side the entirety of the hole.

Northview won the tournament with a 317. Lowell came tied-fifth with a 333, beating out Greenville and East Grand Rapids.

So looking ahead to the regional, Lowell has not competed against three of the 17 schools this year, Hastings, Unity Christian, and Ionia. Lowell's 18-hole average comfortably beat Hastings and Ionia, with

Unity Christian shooting close to Lowell. The Red Arrows have beaten ten of the tournaments in the field in competition this year, Allegan, Allendale, East Grand Rapids, Holland, Middleville TK, Otsego, Plainwell, Wayland, Zeeland West, and Zeeland East. Teams they have not been able to best in the field include Hamilton and Holland Christian, teams they just lost to by just five strokes. Then South Christian, who they lost to by nine at Middleville earlier this year and Grand Rapids Christian.

Grand Rapids Christian, the fifth ranked team in the state, likely comes in as regional favorites. The Eagles along with South Christian, Unity Christian, Lowell, Hamilton, and Holland Christian likely emerge as six teams that should be battling for the top

three this Wednesday with always the possibility of the other 12 teams shoot

low as well. It is sure to be an exciting regional at Lake Doster.



CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Lowell City Council, sitting as the Board of Zoning Appeals, will hold a public hearing at Lowell City Hall, located at 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 on Monday, June 20, 2022, at 7:00 PM. The subject of the hearing will be:

Variance Request – King Milling Company

King Milling Company is proposing to add a new mill building and silos to their property located at 149 South Broadway St. The property is within the Industrial zoning district. Section 13.04 of the Zoning Ordinance requires a 50-foot minimum from yard setback. The applicant is proposing a front yard setback of approximately seven (7) feet. Thus, a variance is requested.

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

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

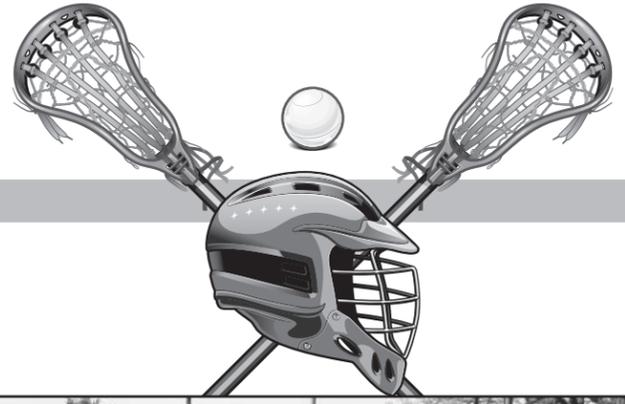


Respectfully,
Susan Ullery
Lowell City Clerk

Red Arrow

- LACROSSE

SPORTS



Season ends for girls lacrosse

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

Girls lacrosse is a sport with not a lot of parity. Lowell was beneficiary of that in 2019, but the cycle of high school sports comes and goes. With a young team this year, the varsity girls lacrosse team took on the powers of West Michigan girls lacrosse and ended the season with a 1-13 record.

Lowell's win came against Jenison, a 14-4 victory on Heroes Night. Other highlights of the season were youth night when Lowell hosted Grandville, and the debut on the program's new turf field.

The parity effect is real in this sport. It's evident in many sports. Some have plenty of parity. In high school baseball, softball, basketball, teams get hot and upsets happen. Not so much in lacrosse, especially

girls lacrosse. The top teams are dominant, especially in the playoffs where you want to close off any chance of an upset immediately. See East Grand Rapids beating a decent Mattawan team 26-3 in the first round of the playoffs.

The 2019 Lowell girls team was the one putting opponents away early en route to a 14-4 record and a conference championship.

For Lowell girls lacrosse this season, and any high school sports team that doesn't have the ideal win-loss total, at the end of the day, it doesn't matter.

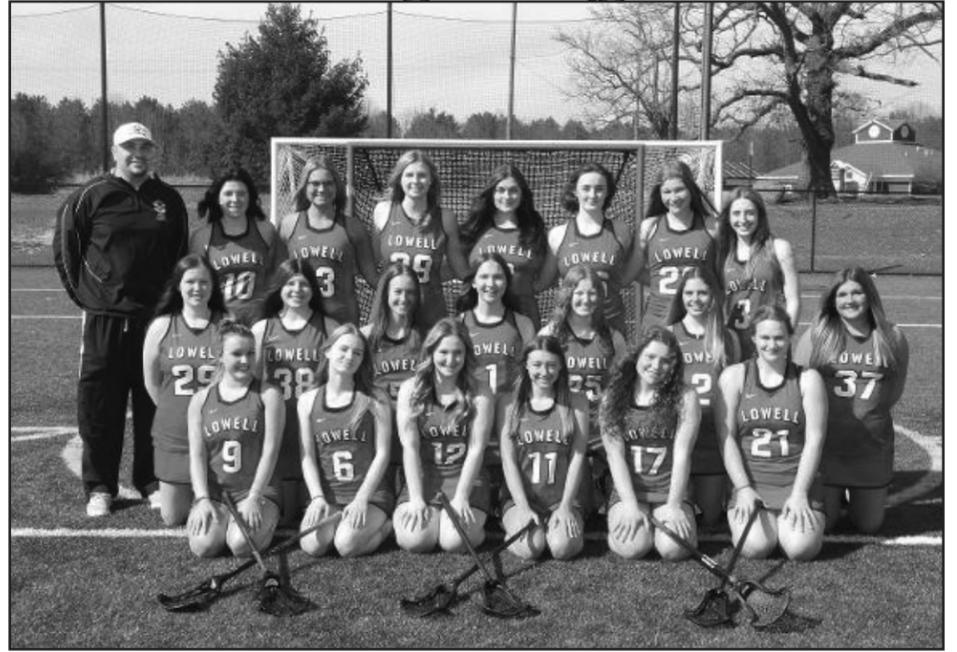
"The team stuck together, improved their basic skills and brought their best effort to every game. They mentored the next generation of ladies lacrosse and served as excellent role models. They celebrated the

people in their lives doing heroic things and they collected donations to help support their neighbors," the girls program said in a social media statement.

The latter referred to that day where the team beat Jenison, in the 2022 Heroes game where players honored those people that were heroes to them and collected donations for Flat River Outreach Ministries.

In the final game of the season in the regional round, Lowell fell to Forest Hills Central 15-1.

The program is among the 16 Lowell sports offering summer camps for youth this summer. Lacrosse takes place June 13-15 for youth interested in lacrosse. Sign ups for all youth sports camps can be done at lowellsportscamps.com



The 2022 girls lacrosse team.

Top-ranked FHC awaits boys lacrosse



The boys lacrosse team plays FHC in the regional final this week.

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

To be the best, you have to beat the best, and Lowell boys lacrosse will get that opportunity this Tuesday against the top-ranked team in the state, Forest Hills Central. The Red Arrows and Rangers faced off Tuesday at 6 pm in Byron Center. Results were not available for this week's Ledger.

The Rangers will prove to be a formidable opponent and more. They have faced a gauntlet of a schedule that they've emerged from unscathed, including a two-

game sweep over Detroit Catholic Central, one of those coming with a backup goalkeeper, Detroit Country Day, and two out-of-state wins.

Mac Boike and John Tomscheck earned Honorable Mention Players of the Week honors for the midwest from USA Lacrosse Magazine this past week, and the team sits ranked sixth in the magazines standings in the midwest.

Last week in the pre-regional final rounds, Lowell took care of business by beating South Christian

18-6 and Forest Hills Northern 15-9.

Against FHN, Lowell used strong starts in each half to help secure the win. The Red Arrows started the game on a 6-1 run lasting the entirety of the third quarter, then leading 8-6 at halftime, Lowell went on a 5-1 run in the third quarter to take control of the game.

The winner of Lowell-FHC will play the winner of Portage Northern-Mattawan in a June 3 quarterfinal held at Byron Center.

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- BASEBALL

Baseball readies for district

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

It's always a good thing when you draw a first round bye. The Lowell varsity baseball team gets to sit back and study their opponents during the district quarterfinal round because of drawing a bye at this upcoming weekend's district tournament. They'll face the winner of Forest Hills Central and East Kentwood in the district semifinal. Lowell's beaten both schools twice this season, and had one loss to the Rangers as well.

The district is a favorable one for the Red

Arrows who avoid all of the ranked area teams by the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association. Those teams are No. 4 Mona Shores, No. 5 Rockford, No. 6 Kenowa Hills, and No. 19 Hudsonville.

On the other side of the bracket is Caledonia who will be strong favorites in their game against Ottawa Hills.

Orchard Lake St. Mary's is the team everybody in Division 1 will be chasing this year. At 33-0, they are ranked No. 1 in the nation by Maxpreps and boast a

76-1 record their past two seasons with ten Division 1 college committed players. Ten Division 1 commits in a sport where you have nine players on the field at one time.

The district semifinal will be this Saturday, 9:30 am at East Kentwood. District final will take place at 1:30 pm, also at EKHS.

Last week, Lowell pounded in runs in games against Greenville winning 22-0 and 17-1. While those run numbers are staggering, they come nowhere near the 37-run school record which took place in 1928 against

Byron Center. Though not impossible, that record will not likely be broken given the MHSAA's mercy rules, which did not exist in the 1920's.

Lowell closes out the regular season with a final game against both Greenville and Grand Rapids Christian this week.



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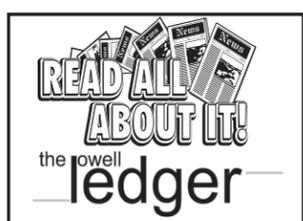
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Grid of numbers for a crossword puzzle solution

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

Puzzle solutions on page 29

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Answer: Anderson Cooper

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CLUES ACROSS

- Orator's podium
- UK-Netherlands gas pipeline
- Partner to "oohs"
- African antelope
- Indigenous Thai person
- Monetary unit of Angola
- Becomes less intense
- Insurance mascot
- Tech hub __ Alto
- Actress Tomei
- Airborne (abbr.)
- Type of smart watch
- Natives
- Incompetent person
- Rare Hawaiian geese
- Unspoken relationships
- Passports and licenses are two
- Claw
- Status quo
- Mimic
- Fur-lined cloak
- Ancient foreigner
- In an angry way
- Ill-intentioned
- Monetary unit of Serbia
- S. American plant
- One or the other

CLUES DOWN

- Used by gymnasts
- "Luther" actor Idris
- Broad volcanic crater
- Not for
- Blur
- Tots
- Acted leisurely
- About the Alps
- Gets out of bed
- Town in "The Iliad"
- Welsh given name
- Remove salt
- Calvary sword
- Mental disorder concerning body odor (abbr.)
- Keeps a house cozy
- Ballplayer's accessory
- Southwestern Russian

- city
- Pro sports league
- Congress investigative body (abbr.)
- Stop standing
- Utilize
- Sign language
- Famed ESPN broadcaster Bob
- Being of central importance
- Ruin environment
- Dessert dish
- Sea eagles
- Fertilized
- Jerry's friend Benes
- Indian river
- Pass into a specified state or condition
- Nocturnal rodent
- A way to travel
- Iron-containing compound
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Walking Alongside our Community

Last week to join your team for Food Fight!



"When I had to stay home to care for my children with special needs -- all of a sudden the monthly income from one adult could not support our family. The food pantry and commodities and mobile food pantry programs sustained us for the groceries for a year and a half. Lunch buddies was so wonderful in the summer months. Knowing we could use services at FROM was a huge relief." – FROM Participant

Food Collection Sites

A-1 Laser, Die and Engineering, Ability Weavers, AHA of Lowell, Alpha Care Center, Arby's, AutoZone, BC Pizza of Lowell, Bella Grace Boutique, Bettie's Pages, Derry Physical, Family Dentistry of Lowell, Grand River Orthodontics, Lash Haus by Otto+ Grand, Lavender and Lace Boutique, LowellArts, Mi Hometown Furnishings, New Image Sun and Spa, North Star Antiques, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Retro Electric Arcade, Ripple, River Bend East Hair Salon, Schneider Manor, Senior Neighbors, Showboat Spirits & Fine Wine, The Hammock, The Moose Lodge, Three Brothers Pizza, YMCA