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Robotics team secures third place finish

The Lowell Red Arrow Robotics Team 3234 placed third at the West Michigan District competition at GVSU on March 24 and 25, 2023. The team of dedicated students spent countless hours designing, building, and programming their robot, and their hard work has paid off with a top-three finish.

The competition brought together teams from across the region to showcase their robotics skills in a series of challenges that tested their precision, speed, and teamwork abilities. The Red Arrow Robotics team rose to the occasion, demonstrating their technical expertise and strategic thinking throughout the competition.

The team's robot was built to complete various tasks, from driving up on and automatically leveling

a seesaw platform to picking up and delivering objects to specific places. The students used advanced programming techniques and integrated multiple sensors to ensure their robot could complete each challenge efficiently and accurately.

"I am proud of Team 3234," said Trevor Stewart, Lowell High School senior and team captain. "We are part of an amazing community. We have come so far since I joined. I hope it continues to progress for many years to come."

Team members showed true sportsmanship and collaboration by lending a hand to other teams in need. Whether helping with coding, providing spare parts, or offering technical advice, the team was always ready to assist. It was the perfect example of students embracing the Lowell Area

Schools motto, "Learners today. Leaders tomorrow."

and mentors is to teach our students how to analyze

their problem-solving confidence, and develop



Red Arrows for life."

"The goal of Red Arrow Robotics coaches

and break down large challenges into bite-sized pieces, help them build

their communication skills

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LHS has their own broadcast news

By Gabrielle Yeary
contributing writer

In room B210, of the Lowell Senior High School, are cameras, students, editing software, and loads of creativity; and nearly every day at around 1:20, students gather around in the classrooms to watch the masterpiece created in B210. The Red Arrow Report is a student-run news broadcast covering a multitude of topics such as school sports, clubs, job opportunities, and daily news. The news broadcast is offered as an elective for all grade levels to take at the high school and helps students learn the technical and social aspects of the televising world. "The purpose of [Red Arrow Report] is to entertain and inform students of news in the community," explains Isaac Graham, a senior in the class, who runs the sound for the broadcasts.

Tony Ellis, the teacher in charge of instructing the course, states that the

media and the news are integral parts of daily lives all across the country, and as a teacher, he wishes to best prepare his students for their future. For the past three years, he's helped teach new and old students all the mechanics behind the scenes. His job is "to orchestrate sixteen different students with unique jobs to end up with a balanced, entertaining" report all within an hour. The class covers and teaches all the sound, editing, captioning, recording, and on-air intellect required to smoothly run a news broadcast.

And his students seem to love it! Not only is their love for the teacher evident, but their enjoyment of the material they're learning, as well. When asked, many of the current students in the class said the creative liberty the students are granted is by far the most

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Council approves North Monroe construction at brief special meeting

By Justin Tiemeyer
contributing writer

On Tuesday, March 28, 2023, the Lowell City Council held a special meeting, outside of their first and third Monday mandate, at 6:30 pm, in order to discuss two items, the approval of bids for construction on North Monroe Street this coming summer, and the approval of resolutions, 6-23 and 7-23, for the issuance of USDA water and sewer revenue bonds. Council member, Marty Chambers, was absent for the proceedings, which ended promptly at 6:47pm.

Public works director, Dan Czarnecki, took to the podium to describe the request for North Monroe Street construction, which as proposed, includes replacement of the water main and sewers, repair of sewer infiltration areas, resurfacing of the street and curbs, and replacement of

the sidewalk in many areas. "When it all gets done, it's going to be a nice project for the community and the residents," Czarnecki said.

all three bids as "competitive offers," pointing out that each bid fell below the engineer's estimate of \$3.4 million for a project of this



Jessica Woods explains the details of bond issuance resolutions 6-23 and 7-23.

The city received three bids for the construction project. The lowest bid came from CL Trucking and Excavating in Ionia, the high bid from Georgetown Construction in Jenison, and the remaining bid from Montgomery Excavating in Ionia. Czarnecki described

scale. The city has been approved for funding for this project through the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development (USDA-RD).

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Michigan income tax rate to drop, but just for one year

Michigan’s individual income tax rate will fall from 4.25 percent to 4.05 percent for the 2023 tax year, state Treasurer, Rachel Eubanks, confirmed last week. The cut will be short-lived, however.

provision that would force an income tax rate cut in any year where the state was flush with excess tax collections. A report, released late Wednesday by the state Budget Office, shows

vetoed GOP bills that would have permanently cut the state’s income tax rate. But on Wednesday, she celebrated the one-year reduction that Nessel cited. “As a result of our growing economy and



Michigan’s income tax rate will fall by .2 percent in tax year 2023, going from 4.25 percent to 4.05 percent. (Shutterstock)

The income tax rate will return to 4.25 percent in 2024, Eubanks said, citing a legal opinion released this week by Democratic Attorney General, Dana Nessel, that infuriated Republicans who contend the cut should be considered permanent.

Michigan’s “strong economic position” led to the soaring state revenues that triggered the cut called for in a 2015 road funding law, said Eubanks, an appointee of Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

“When Michiganders file their 2023 state income taxes in 2024, they will see the rate adjustment in the form of less tax owed or a larger refund,” Eubanks continued in a statement.

The 2015 law, in question, raised fuel taxes and registration fees to help fund road repairs. But to win over conservative lawmakers, then-Republican Gov. Rick Snyder agreed to include a

Michigan was indeed flush with cash in 2022, ending the year with \$14.2 billion in general fund and general purpose revenues, up from \$12.5 billion the prior year.

As of Oct. 1, the state was sitting on a roughly \$7.5 billion general fund surplus. Officials, in January, predicted that surplus could reach \$9.2 billion by fall, but Whitmer and the Legislature have already agreed to spend some of that money, and the governor’s record \$79 billion budget proposal would use most of the rest.

Every Michigander who pays income taxes will see some benefit under the one-year rate cut announced Wednesday, but the state’s flat rate means wealthier people will save the most money on a dollar-to-dollar basis. A single filer who earns \$30,000 would save about \$50, while a filer who earns \$1 million would save more than \$2,000.

Whitmer last year

strong fiscal management, Michigan’s state income tax will decrease to its lowest in 15 years,” Whitmer said in a statement. “Our state is headed in the right direction, bolstered by low unemployment, projects bringing jobs and supply chains home, and fiscally responsible, bipartisan leadership.”

Republicans, on Tuesday, blasted Nessel for her legal opinion that the tax cut will last only a year. Snyder and Republican legislative leaders, who approved the legislation eight years ago, said the cut was intended to be permanent. “The level to which Gov. Whitmer and Attorney General Nessel will go to deny the working people of Michigan tax relief has reached a new low,” current Senate Minority Leader Aric Nesbitt, R-Porter Township, said in a statement.

Republicans say Nessel’s opinion could

A Special Thank You

Dearest Lowell Community, Friends and Family,

We are not even sure where to begin with this THANK YOU!! We are overwhelmed and feel completely blessed by the love and support we were shown by all of you on Friday night, March 24th. We are so grateful for the many people who care about supporting Doak and the continued success of the Pink Arrow Pride. It was so great to see and be able to talk with so many of you, even if the ugly and the scary topic of Cancer is what brought us together. We are so very thankful for our Lowell family, and all the love shown to us, and especially to Doak! Our gratitude and love for all of you is immeasurable. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all of the prayers, phone calls, countless messages, care packages for Doak, as well as, all of the many nausea remedies that were shared with us. Lowell will always be considered our home, no matter where we physically are, and we could never thank you enough!!!

Doak has just finished his second to last treatment.

He has one more, on April 4th, to complete his three rounds. His tumor markers, taken before this last round, were all in the normal range, which means the chemo is working. These last 5 months have been some of the toughest times we have faced as a family. To watch your child suffer through chemotherapy every day, for 5 hours at a time and all of the side effects that come with it, crushes your heart. But... It did give us a chance to spendtogether, a lot of time with our college-aged son, that we hadn’t had in several years. We spent many hours talking about fears, hopes, dreams and future plans. That is a time we will never regret. Doak has wonderful high school friends, and siblings also, who have all taken turns coming to be with him during his treatments and to make sure he was never alone while we were working. Everyone has worked very hard to make him feel secure, loved and supported during this difficult time.

We will go back to Mayo Clinic on April 11th, for more scans and blood work. Hopefully, after that point, Doak will just be

under surveillance for the next several years. Until then, we continue to seek joy in every day and be thankful for all that we have been blessed with, and you; the Lowell Community is one of those things!! Thank you again, and we hope to be able to continue to Pay-It-Forward by continuing to support the Pink Arrow Pride.

Special thanks to these people who played important roles in the planning and organizing of this great event: Julie and Brian Krajewski, Mike and Jessica Curtis, Andy and Lyndsey Graham, Perry and Teresa Beachum, Greg and Liz Pratt, Bucky and Kathy Curtis, Jason Lamereaux, Sue Kruse, Kim Stephens, Scott and Mandy McDowell, Angie Fonger, Tom Kaywood, Tony Domer, Bill Simonson, Derek Krajewski, Jake Henige, Ken and Heather Palcowski. Also special thanks to Restaurant Row: Keiser’s Kitchen, Mainstreet BBQ, Flat River Grille, Big Boiler Brewing, Sneakers, Sabor Mexicano and Rio Plano Taqueria.

Sincerely,
Jill and Noel Dean.

spur lawsuits. But because Democrats now control the Legislature, it’s likely any legal challenge would have to come from outside groups. “In the last 24 hours, we’ve heard from taxpayers, small businesses, and elected officials regarding this latest attempt by Governor Whitmer and Democrats to deny an income tax cut required by state law,” Nesbitt spokesperson Jeff Wiggins said Wednesday. “At this

point, we’re keeping all options on the table in our fight to defend Michigan’s working families.”

Cutting the income tax rate to 4.05 percent will cost the state about \$650 million in lost revenue, according to the Michigan Treasury.

The one-year rate cut is the latest development in a long-running tax policy battle in Lansing, where Whitmer last year vetoed multiple GOP bills before working this year

with new Democratic majorities to approve more targeted tax breaks for low-income workers and retired pensioners.

Tax relief legislation Whitmer signed into law earlier this month also proposed \$180 “inflation relief” checks for Michigan taxpayers, but Republicans blocked those checks in order to preserve the expected income tax rate reduction.

CITY OF LOWELL
KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO. 23-02

NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND GENERAL WELFARE OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY WITHIN CITY OF LOWELL, MICHIGAN, LIMITING THE MAIN STREET OVERNIGHT PARKING PROHIBITION TO WINTER MONTHS.

The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 23-02 amending Division 1, “Generally,” Article IV, “Stopping, Standing and Parking,” Chapter 21, “Traffic and Motor Vehicles,” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell on April 3, 2023. Ordinance No. 23-02 amends and restates that parking is prohibited on Main Street from Hudson Street to Jefferson Street between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from November 1 through March 31. A copy of Ordinance No. 23-02 is available for inspection at City Hall, 301 East Main Street, in the City during regular business hours of the City.

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Project engineer, Katie Mendez, of Williams & Works, prepared the recommendation for the city to work with CL Trucking & Excavation on the public works project based, on distributed to in-person council members during the March 28 meeting, but those interested in the details will find the text of these documents included with the minutes from the March 28,



Dan Czarnecki breaks down the details of this summer’s North Monroe Street construction project.

their bid coming in at just over \$3 million, which is 11.8 percent lower than the engineer’s estimate. CL Trucking & Excavation has performed a number of projects for the city over the years, including work on North Jefferson (2015, 2017), Grove and High Streets (2015), and Sibley (2010). They intend to begin work by the end of June and complete their work before the end of the 2023 construction season.

Czarnecki has already begun meeting with business owners, down the street from the city building, and intends to reach out to all affected residents and business owners before the project launches. In most cases, these meetings will allow for people to prepare their own work-arounds during construction, but in some cases, special dispensation has been made to lessen the inconvenience. Czarnecki discussed delaying alley work until after the conclusion of the Thursday concert series, for example, and finishing work before fall activities begin in September.

Council member, Jim Salzwedel, expressed concern about lot restoration for citizens whose property is affected by construction, and Czarnecki added that they will include soil, straw, and seed to the affected properties. The bid for approval for CL Trucking LLC to complete construction on North Monroe Street was unanimously approved, save for council member Chambers’ absence.

The next item was approval of resolutions 6-23 and 7-23, to authorize issuance of water supply bonds and sanitary sewer system bonds, respectively. Paper copies of the resolutions were

meeting in the April 3, 2023 city council meeting packet, at the City of Lowell home page, lowellmi.gov.

City attorney, Jessica Woods, explained that the government would issue bonds in order to pay for any costs associated with water and sewer maintenance and upkeep. The revenue generated from these utilities is pledged to pay off the bonds, which function for the city the way a home mortgage might function for a resident. The city has 40 years to pay off the bonds at 2 percent interest, and there’s no penalty for prepayment. “Which is unheard of,” Woods said. “This is a really good deal for you.”

Mayor, Mike DeVore, expressed concern that establishment of a water or sewer authority might affect this deal. It is worth noting that the City of Lowell is currently in talks with Lowell Township regarding the establishment of a water authority. Woods explained that a change like this would not affect the details of the bond agreement, but that it would have to be reported to the USDA per an ongoing responsibility to report changes. Following this explanation, the council voted to approve the two resolutions unanimously, again save for Chambers’ absence.

The city council returns for their next regular session meeting on Monday, April 3, 2023, where citizens can expect a return to parking ordinance, water and sewer bonds, and the establishment of a joint water-advisory committee. Those interested in watching the March 28th meeting can find it on the City of Lowell YouTube channel, [@cityoflowell](https://www.youtube.com/@cityoflowell). The agenda can be found at the City of Lowell home page, lowellmi.gov.

Cliff’s By Cliff Yankovich Riffs



Maybe we need moms to solve school killings

The statistics are mind-numbing. We are given the news of another mass shooting, at a school, on an increasingly regular basis. Sometimes, if “only” two or three people are killed, we do not even hear of it. Meanwhile, the hands of legislators are tied by two things: the massive amount of lobbying money from the NRA, and the weapons manufacturers and their fear of upsetting the extreme portion of their base, who think any attempt at gun reform is a threat to “take all of our guns”. Maybe we just need a group of motivated moms to get the job done. Let me give you two examples.

In 1980, a drunk driver took the life of Candice Lightner’s 13-year-old daughter, Cari, as she was walking alongside a road on her way to a church carnival. This tragedy spurred Lightner into action and Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) was formed. Over the following few years, chapters of MADD sprouted up across the country, as more and more moms got involved.

Over the course of the next five to ten years, significant changes were made to the laws regarding driving under the influence, as well as the public perception of doing so. There was, and is, statistical proof that the efforts of MADD saved lives, and continues to save lives, and impact the way we think about operating vehicles under the influence of alcohol or any other mind altering substance. A case can be made, for which was the most important thing to come out of MADD’s work, the laws or public perception. One big example of the perception battle is how MADD worked to change our thinking of drunk driving as an “accident,” to perceiving it as a crime.

Did the efforts of MADD eliminate drunk driving and the attendant deaths? Sadly, no. However, there are estimates that MADD has saved over 350,000 deaths and they have helped hundreds of thousands of victims. Pretty amazing for an organization formed by a mom, who reached her limit, and turned her grief and outrage into action.

A mom with a direct tie to the subject of school shootings is Angeli Rose Gomez of Uvalde, Texas. She rushed to the school,

fearing for the lives of her two sons. Can you imagine her frustration when the contingent of police officers on the scene saw fit to put her in handcuffs when she arrived and loudly began demanding action to save her kids? Angeli was able to convince the police that she would cooperate and they released her from the restraints. She immediately jumped a fence, ran to the school, found her oldest son, and got he and some classmates out.

Law enforcement was not done with Angeli. They tried to stop her again, after she went to a door leading to her younger son’s classroom and began banging on it. She told the police she would not leave her spot there until they started evacuating some children. Her second son was among the many who were saved because of her persistence and bravery. The school was surrounded by armed officers doing little, to nothing. Children were saved by an unarmed, fearless mother on a mission to save her kids.

The US Senate has 100 members and the overwhelming number, 75%, of them are men. The House of Representatives sees a slight uptick, in that, 28.7% of the 435 members are women. My point is that the men who control our national legislative bodies cannot seem to get anything done about gun control and mass shootings at schools. Many of these men are very quick to tweet out their “thoughts and prayers” to the victims, in what appears to be a cut and paste operation. They simply change the date and the school where the shootings occurred.

Before we get any further, let me clarify two things. First, do I think gun regulations will completely put an end to mass shootings? Certainly not. People continue to kill others, and themselves, by driving intoxicated, in spite of laws prohibiting it. But failure to take any action because an outcome of one hundred percent change is not likely is totally illogical. My cholestorol count is creeping up. Will eating more oatmeal and fiber guarantee me a longer, heathier life? No, but I am giving it a good try anyway.

Secondly, do I believe all guns need to be tossed in the smelter and turned into plowshares? Not even close.

But the numbers of deaths from mass shootings, since we loosened the regulations surrounding assault-style weapons, is quantifiable and easily demonstrated. If you want to argue with facts, then get on with it, but don’t expect me to participate. No one shoots a deer with 45 rounds per minute. Do you feel more safe with a pistol in your house, purse, or vehicle? Rock on. For those who might cite defending themselves against the US Military, gone haywire under the control of some imagined uber-lefty President hell-bent on taking all your guns: Do you really think you will be standing your ground effectively against an Apache helicopter warship that could turn your home into kindling in a matter of a minute or so?

For whatever reason, the male-dominated legislative bodies in DC have taken the stance that there is nothing we can do in the US to stop school shootings. My research indicates that after multiple injuries and three deaths from lawn darts occurred, they were outlawed. Seven people

died from poisoned Tylenol, and almost instantly, the effort we have to make to open medicine bottles changed. Do kids still die from playing with dangerous things? Yes. Do people still die from pills and chemicals they manage to access in spite of the difficulty the lids and tops present in gaining access to them? Yes. But we did something.

Traffic deaths and injuries are cut in half by the use of seatbelts, which has been mandated on a national basis, with the exception of New Hampshire. Did the government stop us from driving or take our cars and trucks away? No, but they did recognize a disturbing trend and took action to fix it. Death, by being shot at school, was never on the radar for most of us. Why on Earth are we content to sit on our hands while this issue torments our kids and grandkids? Consider this a plea, to all the mothers out there, to jump on this issue and force some changes because our legislators seem to be following the example of the officers in Uvalde, Texas.

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Lowell City Council, sitting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, will hold a public hearing at Lowell City Hall, located at 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 7:00 PM. The subject of the hearing will be:

Variance Request for 2212 Gee Drive

A variance request has been submitted by Bernie and Carolyn Diekevers for an accessory building on their property located at 2212 Gee Drive. The Zoning Ordinance limits the size of detached accessory buildings to 1,200 square feet in area, and the applicant is seeking an accessory building of 2,000 square feet in area. Thus, a variance of 800 square feet is requested.

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

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

How we protect you from misleading advertising and communications

By Hillary Hatch, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Social Security works with the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) to protect you from scams that use Social Security as bait. Section 1140 of the Social Security Act allows the Social Security Administration to impose severe penalties against anyone who engages in misleading Social Security-related advertising or imposter communications. You can review Section 1140 at www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/ssact/title11/1140.htm.

For example, the Social Security Administration may impose a penalty against anyone who:

- Mails misleading solicitations that appear to be from, or authorized by, Social Security.
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If you receive a misleading or suspicious Social Security-related advertisement or imposter communication, please let us know immediately. Try to capture as much information about the communication as you can.

Here's what you can do:

For suspicious websites or social media accounts, please take a screenshot of the page. Please note the website address or social media link – and how you came across it.

For emails and text messages, please capture the entire message and any message links.

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Please share this information with friends and family and help us spread the word on social media!

DIFS shares mortgage guidance with consumers

As interest rates continue to rise, the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS) is offering important guidance to consumers considering a mortgage in the near future.

“Getting a mortgage, even during times of low interest rates, is a significant financial commitment that should not be entered into without first understanding the terms and conditions,” said DIFS Director Anita Fox. “Many consumers focus on the loan option with the lowest monthly payment, but this may end up costing you more over the lifetime of the loan. It is important that Michiganders are informed about mortgage types and risks so they can make the best choice for their financial future.”

There are many different types of mortgage loans, each of which has risks and benefits depending on your financial situation. Both fixed-rate and adjustable-rate mortgages have multiple options for borrowers, but it is important to know which mortgage type is right for you.

A fixed-rate mortgage is a home loan with an interest rate that remains the same over the lifetime of the loan. An adjustable-rate or variable rate mortgage is a home loan with an interest rate that changes over the lifetime of the loan.

If you are thinking about getting a mortgage to purchase a home but are not sure which type is right for you, consider these questions:

- Is my income enough to cover higher monthly payments if interest rates go up?
- Tip: Don't just ask for the lowest monthly payment without understanding the terms of the loan and whether it's possible for your monthly payments to increase.
- How much of a down payment can I afford to make?
- Will I be taking on other sizeable debts, such as a loan for a car or school tuition, in the near future?
- How long do I plan to own this home?
- Tip: Changing interest rates could significantly impact the amount you owe over the lifetime of your loan depending on the type of mortgage you choose.
- Do I plan to refinance the loan at any time? When?
- Do I plan to make any additional payments or pay the loan off early?
- Tip: Some adjustable-rate mortgages have a prepayment penalty.
- Am I a military veteran, on active military duty, or a surviving spouse of someone in the armed forces who may be eligible for a VA backed loan?

Michiganers considering applying for a mortgage can find this information and more in a newly published resource, Mortgages: Fixed Rate vs Adjustable Rate. Consumers who have questions or disputes that cannot be directly resolved with their financial institutions can contact DIFS Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 877-999-6442 or file a complaint online at Michigan.gov/DIFScomplaints.

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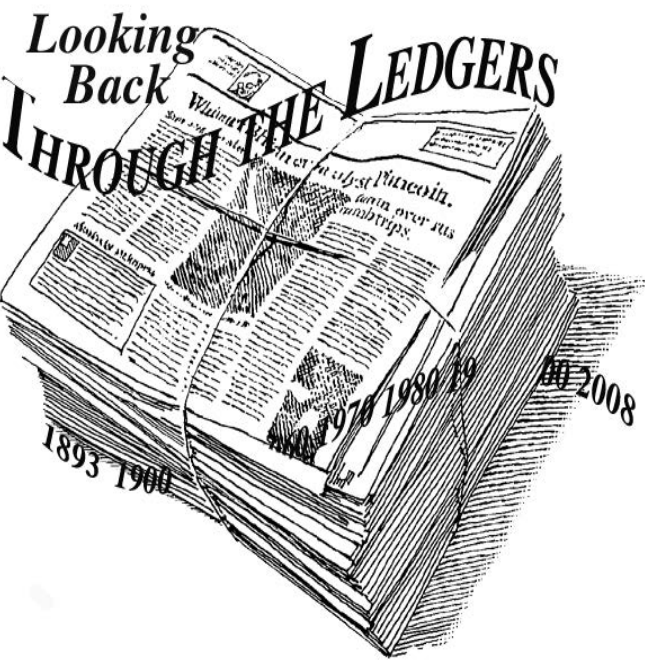
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Mandy Jo Rindhage, Amaranth, A Stormy Travel Through Time, April 14
Jen Rinaldi, One Day Closer to Death, TBA

viewpoint



125 years ago
The Lowell Ledger
April 14, 1898

A fancy dress party will be given at Music hall Friday evening, April 22, under the auspices of Cyclamen Chapter, order of Eastern Star. Music by Lowell orchestra. This will be a Star event.

Prof. W. A. Ludwig made a trip to Buchanan this week, looking after an opening at the schools there. Mr. Ludwig is an excellent teacher and is worthy of the best there is on tap.

George Johnson and George Alloway, who have been looking for trouble for some time, have found it at last. They get 90 days at Ionia for stealing a carriage robe at Saranac last week.

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100 years ago
The Lowell Ledger
April 12, 1923

A handsome Buick Sedan, brand-spanking new, worth \$1500, was reduced to junk value in a second, when the elegant car was hurled with its driver from the Grand Trunk railroad track at Cheetham's crossing just east of Lowell, at 3 o'clock, p.m., Saturday. The driver was cut and bruised, the sedan's windshield being smashed into bits. That the driver escaped above is a miracle.

Don't forget to get up an hour earlier Sunday morning if you would get to church on time.

The International Battery Company, of Grand Rapids scouts prospects for a plant in Lowell. It makes auto batteries.

It is illegal to spear pickerel on the high-water flats in the spring. Carp and suckers are OK.

A foot-operated dimmer switch is now available, safer than taking one's hand off the wheel, when on soft gravel or slippery roads.

75 years ago
The Lowell Ledger
April 8, 1948

The offices of Dr. Shepard, Vining and Feibing have recently been equipped with x-ray apparatus and

an electrocardiograph, better known as an E.K.G.

Owners of dogs are advised that officers will be requested to pick up their "pooches" which persist in frequenting the school grounds. They have become a nuisance and a danger to children. Kiddies have been bitten and school officials feel that action must be taken to protect them.

Miss Lorema DeLoof and friend Martin DeYoung were Saturday evening guests of her sister, Mrs. Bruce Tower and family. *(These are my grandparents!)*

Lowell has had a request in for traffic lights on Main Street, M-21, for the past year, and has not as yet received anything definite from the State Highway Department as to when the control of the speeding cars through town will be made.

50 years ago
Lowell Ledger Suburban Life
April 5, 1973

The Lowell High School Concert Choir wins a number-one rating at the Tri-River Choir Festival, after missing the first date with a winter storm. Paul Balaam is the director.

Michigan holds its first million-dollar lottery. Lowell has had its share of \$25 State Lottery Winners eligible for the two million dollar drawings...but none have held a winning number. For the state's first 'million' give-away, 52 Lowell residents held \$25 dollar winners - 54 qualified for the second 'million' coming up.

Lowell Showboat Corporation has announced that the star-headliners for the two consecutive weekends of the 1973 will be the Mike Curb Congregational and Boots Randolph.

Very few area residents attend townships annual meetings. Last Saturday, in Vergennes township, 15 people (out of 800 taxpayers, with a total population of 1,400) were present; Lowell Township reported 12

people in attendance; ten people were present in Grattan Township and Bowne Township had 15 in attendance.

25 years ago
The Lowell Ledger
April 15, 1998

Lowell Moose Lodge #809 held its fifth Annual Easter egg hunt, Saturday, at Creekside Park. Over 7,000 colored eggs were found by approximately 200 children.

Tom Richards is the new director of Lowell Cable Television.

The second annual Lowell Rotary Auction will be held on Saturday, April 18th. This year, the proceeds will benefit Lowell ACCESS 6 Food Pantry, Lowell Fire Department and a project for the Rotary International Foundation.

Ryan Conlan is the new girls varsity soccer coach.

Vergennes Township Planning Commission granted a special assistance use addition amendment for Paul Quinlan, owner of Precise Engineering. The tool and die shop will have a 2,500 sq. ft. separate building constructed on its site at 683 Lincoln Lake.

college news

Emily Depew of Lowell State University is a comprehensive university with more than 90 programs of study for its more than 6,500 students. Located on a suburban campus in Michigan's Great Lakes Bay Region, SVSU is committed to a supportive and empowering environment for students.

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Fantasy Festival

Wednesday, April 5, 1-3 pm. Explore wonderful wizardry for the whole family, making potent potions, flying through the obstacle course, or creating your very own adorable mandrake. For ages 5-10.

Night Owls Book Discussion

Wednesday, April 5, 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Join a fun, informal discussion of great books. This month, we’ll discuss *Hamnet* by Maggie O’Farrell. For ages 18+

KDL Lab Experience: Architecture Adventure

Friday, April 7, 10 am - 12 noon. Don’t miss your chance to have your own architecture adventure and build the tallest tower or coolest castle with all sorts of different materials. The only limit at this program is your imagination — and the amount of supplies available. For ages 5-10.

ABCs of

The Lowell area Historical Museum continues it’s weekly series. Each week we explore one of the buildings in the downtown Historic District.

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210 W. Main was the 1st building to the right of Train’s Opera House. On this photo in 1908, it is labeled Pool Room.

his former location, on the 2nd floor of Train’s Opera House, where he had been



Cora Adams, left, is representing Luther Severy’s Tin Shop in the Businessmen’s Carnival, which was held at Train’s Opera House in 1890. She has items made of tin attached to her dress. Mary

since the 1870s. This became The Lowell Journal printing office in 1910 until 1932 ,when he retired and suspended publication. Mr. Hutchinson continued at this location as a job printing business.

In 1933, fire broke out in the partition separating the barber shop and the printing shop and gutted the building. All of the equipment in Harvey Haysmer’s Barber shop, on the east half of the building, were destroyed. The printing equipment of Hutchinson was destroyed, as well as the contents of his living quarters on the 2nd floor. Damage was also done to machinery in the carpenter shop of J. C. Hatch, located on

the 2nd floor at the rear.

The building was sold to the Michigan Masonic Lodge who had it extensively remodeled in 1941. The improvements included a new storefront, strengthening of the foundation walls, a new roof and remodeling of the second floor for living quarters.

Rittenger Insurance Service was here from 1943-1958; Richmond Real Estate, 1959; Sortex, 1960s; Hallmark and Story & Thorne Mobil Oil, 1969-1971; Century 21 Office of Reedy Real Estate, c. 1975-1985; W. J. Wheeler CPA; and the Flat River Antique Mall had expanded to this building by 1998.

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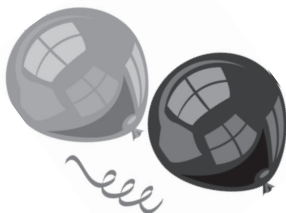
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Same as it ever was

By Bill Lee

(Kind of)

Life “Off the Grid”

I lost my phone last week. Then, found it three days later. Long story. No need to go into it. I’m sure you have all been there. I give myself a little grace, as I’ve had this phone for almost five years. How is one supposed to keep something like that with you at all times? Impossible. Overall, I want to report that, for those three days, I enjoyed not having it. I really did. Also, I learned several things about myself and about my dependency on that little, but powerful, rectangular device.

The first thing I learned is that I’m quite dependent on the navigation systems provided by my phone. I never used to be like that. I took pride in finding places I had never been before. If you got lost, you asked the gas station attendant. And he was usually okay with telling you where to go. Also, I’m old enough to remember using an Atlas or a AAA TripTik, you know, the one with the pages that unfold AND flip? Now that was technology at its best. Last week, without the use of my phone, I needed to drive from Rockford to Greenville, so I had to go to my computer before leaving home and write the directions down on a piece of paper. Old school, baby! I have been to Rockford, but I have not been to Greenville, and needed to go to Montcalm Community College on an errand after Rockford. Seemed easy enough but having directions would help.

Directions from Merrill Shoe Outlet in Rockford to Montcalm Community College: Take South Main to East Division St. NE; Take M-57 E. to S. Greenville W. Dr. in Greenville; Follow S. Greenville W. Dr and Yellow Jacket Dr. to your destination

While driving, I had to keep looking at the scraps of paper to make sure I was in the right spot and not missing an important turn. I thought, “What if I am going in the wrong direction and end up in Cedar Springs or Sparta?” I had never been to those places either. I just trusted my scribbly notes and kept going, but what if...

I was born with one foot in the land of limited television stations and no personal computers (I took a typing class in high school, nuff said) – watching the Three Stooges on Saturday mornings on local UHF channels – and one foot in the world of technology/internet, which began somewhere in the mid-1990s. It is an interesting place to be. Some of my contemporaries grabbed ahold of the new stuff and some of us decided to live in the Land of Luddites. I lean toward the latter. I admit that those who learned about the technology seem to be doing much better than I, in regards to finances. I guess I missed that boat. Oh well.

Another thing I learned is that I am more obsessed with my phone than I care to admit. The device fills

the “in between” boring moments. If I have a free ten minutes, I will go to the newsfeed on my phone and see what happened in the thirty minutes since the last time I checked. Characteristically, of course, with our to-the-minute newsfeeds, there is something new that has popped up. For example, one of the big banks has helped acquire one of the failing banks - an important story to let me know that big banks are helping us, the average citizen by buying up things to get bigger. Then, of course, there are all the articles about the troubled democratic and republican parties – will Mitch McConnell be the same after his concussion? Well, let’s read for the next five minutes and find out. Then there are the ancillary articles about fashion, retirement, sports and, of course, the article about the “Amazon Driver Delivers Package During a Police Standoff.” Oooohh, that sounds interesting. Let me check that out for about 5-10 minutes.

When I lost my phone, I actually sat down on the couch, during those “in between” moments, and read the newspaper or shut my eyes for a little bit. I didn’t peruse my phone every 30 minutes because it wasn’t there! Then there was the terrible inconvenience of not incessantly checking my texts or emails during that time while I was away from my computer. I found that 99 percent of the time

I was missing nothing. I’ve always found my cell phone overwhelming but what would happen if I didn’t have one? Is that possible in this day and age? “Maybe I should just get rid of my phone or just have a tracfone,” I tell my wife. She is not amused. “What if something went wrong? What if I got into a car accident or you hurt yourself? Or...”

Yes, all true, I suppose. So, then, how did we do it before? I guess we were more reliant on ourselves and on each other. If I had a flat tire, I didn’t call AAA, I actually changed the tire or found someone to help me. If I got lost, I asked the gas station attendant where to go and he knew where to point me.

On my ride home from Greenville, I did miss a key turn to get onto Lincoln Lake Road. I thought I had passed it already, so I turned into a gas station – which are now stores, too – and I asked the woman behind the counter (with a clarification). “Excuse me, I lost my phone. Is Lincoln Lake Road around here? I’m not sure if I passed it.”

“Sure. You didn’t pass it, hon. It’s about another half a mile east,” she said.

“Thank you, I really appreciate it.”

“Y o u ’ r e quite welcome.”

Hmmm... the “human” cell phone can be a nice thing too, and it’s not as easy to lose.

LHS news, continued from front page

exciting bit of the class. “My favorite part [of Red Arrow Report] is being able to take my creative ideas and work them into a school setting,” junior Antonio Casarez informs me. While Ellis helps oversee and troubleshoot problems, the Red Arrow Report is mainly run by the kids; their ideas, technical abilities, and intelligence are what keep the show going.

Recently, for St. Patty’s Day, the students celebrated with a holiday special, where they put together exciting and humorous clips and acts on the Red Arrow Report. When it comes to these events, the students put their all into the product, “I always want to go full out when it comes to holiday specials for RAR, and these St. Patrick’s Day specials have been my favorites!” Casarez adds. The special was a hit with the rest of the high school student body and staff!

However, just like every other class at the high school, the course work is rigorous and the broadcast has faced its own difficulties. A big part of each broadcast is troubleshooting; the sound sometimes doesn’t come through for some videos or sometimes the green screen is off. Some of the reporters experience difficulty memorizing their lines, and for the cameramen, issues arise when rerecording scenes. Fortunately, the point of the class isn’t to produce perfect news broadcasts, it is to inform the school and teach students technical media skills they can apply in the future, which Lannie Wester says the course does well, “It’s improved my leadership skills. If I end up going into production, all of the skills I’ve learned in this class will be valuable.”

Overall, the course has been an absolute success. The students in the class enjoy learning all the new and valuable skills, and the students and staff in the school enjoy watching all the broadcasts. We hope to see the media courses at the high school expand in the coming years!

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Rainbow Rowell’s *She-Hulk* is a comic not to miss

by Justin Tiemeyer
contributing writer

During March of 2023, the comic book industry celebrated Women’s History Month. This was particularly poignant for Marvel, not just because they published *Women of Marvel #1* with an introduction by Gail Simone, but also because the hashtag #VisibleWomen means that every woman, Sue Storm (AKA Invisible Woman) included, ought to be noticed, represented, and respected. Here are the highlights.

- Not only did *Action Comics* deliver two issues this month (#1052 and #1053, DC Comics, 3/1/23 and 3/29/23, respectively), but the team of writers delivered enough arguments against retributive violence to unseat anyone’s faith in the 2013 film *Man of Steel*.

- *BRZRKR #12* (3/15/23) concludes Boom! Studios’ epic action comic book, co-written by Matt Kindt and renowned actor Keanu Reeves.

- Writer Jeremy Adams announced the conclusion of his run on *The Flash* in June, just as Chip Zdarsky announced the conclusion of his run on *Daredevil* in August. *The Flash #794* (DC Comics, 3/8/23) and *Daredevil #9* (Marvel Comics, 3/29/23) came out this month.

- In *Storm and the Brotherhood of Mutants #2* (Marvel Comics, 3/22/23), writer, Al Ewing, honors the power and importance of the mutant weather manipulator, Storm, in an incredibly *Star Wars*-adjacent space drama.

She-Hulk #11 (Marvel Comics, 3/22/23)

The first scene of *She-Hulk #11* is a fight club. She’s joined by Titania, Volcana, and the ever-loving, blue-eyed Thing, at an abandoned site in

New York City, duking it out with Luke Cage, and Iron Fist, on the sidelines. The fight club get-togethers have the feel of pre-Krakoia era *X-Men* comics where Storm, Rogue, and Nightcrawler gather for a pick-up gang of baseball on the grounds of Xavier’s estate. It also paints readers a picture of what they are getting into with Rainbow Rowell’s *She-Hulk* series, which is largely a slice of life story about a woman who wants a career, a love life, and clothes that fit.

Fans of the Disney+ miniseries *She-Hulk: Attorney at Law* will see many similarities, and that’s no mistake. The release of Rowell’s *She-Hulk* series in January of 2022 was intended to build hype and context for *She-Hulk: Attorney at Law*, which, in turn, was intended to boost comic sales. There are clear points of divergence, however. In the show, we meet Jennifer Walters at the beginning of her superhero career, when she feels the first itch to stop evil instead of just thinking of herself.

The comic book series, on the other hand, meets Walters after forty years of superheroing. She is inextricably connected to everything in the Marvel Universe, staying at an extra apartment the Wasp had forgotten she had, eating cake with Hellcat, who just happens to be dating Iron Man, and casually stopping in for check-ups with Mister Fantastic. What the two have in common is their loyalty

to the original material.

Rowell’s *She-Hulk* is one of the best comics Marvel has put out in years. Like DC’s *Flash*, *She-Hulk* is the perfect support character on any team, but, like Marvel’s *Dazzler*, she wants more out of her life, and, like Fraction and Aha’s *Hawkeye*, this is a run that readers ought not to miss. It just so happens that now is one of the best times to get caught up on *She-Hulk*, because issue #12, coming in April, is the landmark 175th issue in legacy numbering. It’s bound to be something really special.

Human Target #12



(DC Comics, 3/1/23)

Since Tom King brought the world an emotionally available Bruce Wayne, in his epic *Batman* run, he’s been the gold standard in the DC universe, and *Human Target* is already being hailed as his greatest work. *Human Target* follows the story of Christopher Chance, a master of disguise and impersonation who gained his code name by taking hits intended

for other targets. In this instance, he’s the stand-in for Lex Luthor. Chance knew someone was going to attempt to assassinate DC’s most heinous villain, and he was prepared for the shot, but he was unprepared for the poison that followed. The result: Chance now suffers from an illness that defies conventional science. *Human Target* follows the last twelve days of his life.

Positive reviews of *Human Target* do not exaggerate. King spins a nuanced character study surrounding, not just Christopher Chance, but all of the primary members of Justice League International.

ventures, Smallwood’s characters feel like they are modeled after actors, which gives the whole thing a classic cinema feel. Chance, for example, looks like a mix between actors Timothy Olyphant and Anson Mount, and, who knows, if Warner Brothers can get their act together, maybe one of these actors will play Chance on the big screen.

It’s true that *Human Target* both interrogates and innovates the noir genre, but, in the bitter-sweet finale, it’s important not to overlook the importance of small stories within large, overarching multiverses. Everything

that happens in this book spins out of how Chance’s father faced his own mortality decades ago, and how Chance now faces it himself. What would you do if you only had twelve days to live? What does that say about you as a person? How do you view your life differently, now that you can see it in its entirety?

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles #138 (3/22/23)

As the *Armageddon Game* story arc winds to an end, it’s clear that that status quo is about to change. Since the tragic events of *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles #100*, the team has been cooped up in a walled-in New York City ghetto, called Mutant Town, with a number of recently transformed mutants under strict observation by human authorities. This is writer Sophie Campbell’s reign over one of the best titles in comics today, and with the wall to Mutant Town

destroyed, it’s clear that Campbell is about to usher readers into yet another new era for the series.

What’s also clear in *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles #138* is that the actions of the members of these various factions, all manipulated by a chaos god who calls himself Rat King, are going to have consequences for generations to come. Already, a baby Triceraton, named Regenta, was force-aged

to adulthood in order to save her people, which, itself, is a painful metaphor for how the wars, waged by adults, force children to grow up too fast. It’s even scarier to think of children as casualties, which is brought into focus as adolescent mutant weasels Mushroom, Zanna, and Zink are assumed dead in an explosion. War is hell, and Sophie Campbell has promised that nobody will leave this one unscathed, not even the readers.

It was a massive lift for Campbell to take on *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*, at a time when some of the major pulls for the series, Splinter, Shredder, and the sewer lair, were removed from the equation. However, the new restrictions have allowed Campbell to take Leonardo, Donatello, Raphael, and Michelangelo to places they have never gone. *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* continues to be one of the best series out there.

Other Noteworthy March 2023 Comics

- *Adventures of Superman: Jon Kent #1* (DC Comics, 3/8/23)
- *Batman #133* (DC Comics, 3/8/23)
- *Behold, Behemoth #4* (Boom! Studios, 3/15/23)
- *Captain America: Sentinel of Liberty #10* (Marvel Comics, 3/1/23)
- *Captain America: Symbol of Truth #11* (Marvel Comics, 3/15/23)
- *Fantastic Four #5* (Marvel Comics, 3/8/23)
- *Immoral X-Men #2* (Marvel Comics, 3/15/23)
- *Marauders #12* (Marvel Comics, 3/22/23)
- *Mighty Morphin Power Rangers #106* (Boom! Studios, 3/22/23)
- *Mighty Morphin Power Rangers / Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles II #4*
- *Nightwing #102* (DC Comics, 3/22/23)
- *Punisher #10* (Marvel Comics, 3/23/23)
- *Silver Surfer: Ghost Light #2* (Marvel Comics, 3/8/23)
- *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: The Armageddon Game #6* (IDW Comics, 3/15/23)
- *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: The Last Ronin -- The*
- *Lost Years #3* (IDW Comics, 3/25/23)
- *X-Men #20* (Marvel Comics, 3/8/23)



Water taxis to make a comeback on Detroit River?

Before the bridges, the roads, and the highways, there were ferries. In Detroit, some are pushing for a comeback after more than a decade of discussion.

Earlier this month, City Council member, Angela Whitfield-Calloway, asked the Detroit-Wayne County Port Authority to conduct a feasibility study on connecting 25 miles of the Detroit River by passenger ferries.

“Detroit and Wayne County has an immeasurable asset in the Detroit River that is wholly underutilized in commercial, recreational, and public use,” Whitfield-Calloway said in a memorandum to Mark Schrupp, the Detroit-Wayne County Port Authority’s executive director.

In the letter, Whitfield-Calloway inquired about the port authority’s plan to improve the city’s “blue economy,” citing investments in the global blue economy that now top several trillion dollars. The council member also asked if the port authority had ever considered creating a county-run ferry system, and what the cost would be to study the feasibility of ferry service between Detroit’s Atwater Street dock and Grosse Ile. Schrupp told BridgeDetroit, the authority plans to provide Whitfield-Calloway with an estimated cost for the study.

David Gifford, a public transit advocate and creator of Transit Guide: Detroit, said he feels like a feasibility study has “been done before.” And it has. Talks of water taxis in Detroit have been happening for at least 13 years.

In 2010, the city was

awarded a \$2.4 million federal grant to buy water taxis and several feasibility studies were conducted. But years went by and the city never used the money.

In 2019, Crain’s Detroit Business reported that the port authority might finally start to use the money by the end of the year, focusing on service for the downtown area. Kyle Burleson, the port authority’s director at the time, told Crain’s that the authority hadn’t forgotten about water taxis, but the idea had taken a back seat.

“The taxi was for a cross border service that was not feasible and would have required a significant subsidy to operate,” Schrupp said, referring to the 2010 proposal. “The port authority has an annual budget of \$1.2 million and no ability to raise funds to subsidize, annually, the cost of operating a ferry boat service.” The grant, Schrupp said, is no longer available.

Schrupp said when he became executive director in 2021, he was informed of two options for ferries that had been explored; a cross-border ferry, and another that would connect Hart Plaza, Milliken State Park and Belle Isle. “Both studies concluded, without action, steps due to funding challenges. Neither ferry could sustain operations with fees and would require annual subsidies,” he said. According to Schrupp, the ferry would only be possible if passengers paid 100% of the costs. He said the past studies would need to be updated but would probably be more than \$30 per person for a trip across the border.

Presently, federal funding for states to use on ferries is “at historic

levels,” according to the U.S. Department of Transportation. There is \$912 million in federal funding available to state departments of transportation to use for ferry boats over the next five years, from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed by the Biden-Harris Administration in 2021.

Last year, Michigan

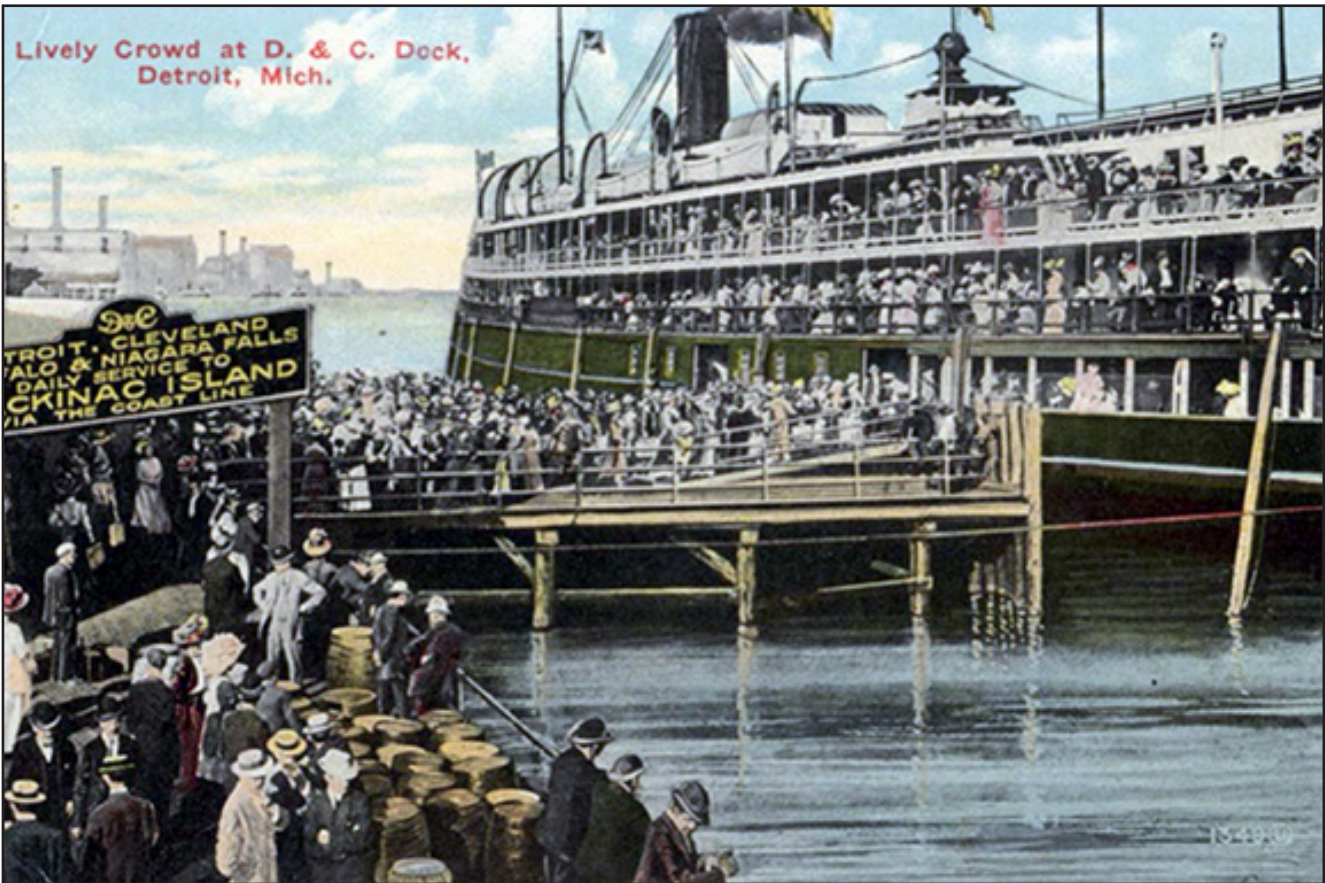
ferry to add to the two that already run from Charlevoix.

Jeff Cranson, a spokesperson for the Michigan Department of Transportation, said the Detroit port authority hasn’t applied for any federal ferry service grants yet. “That initial \$3.8 million is spoken for, but there could certainly be more opportunities, if they

started a multimodal study to see the ways traffic congestion can be reduced on the island, including by using a ferry or shuttle service. The study is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

There’s also private interest. In 2014, the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, a nonprofit committed to the development of

found that there was definitely interest in water taxis along the riverfront. If funding sources could be identified, we would certainly take another look at the concept,” he said. “Water taxis would be a great way for people to experience and enjoy the award-winning Detroit Riverfront.” The past three years in a row, the Detroit Riverfront has been



Passengers board a ferry docked on the Detroit Riverfront. Date unknown. (Detroit Public Library photo from the Burton Historical Collection)

received \$3.8 million from the program, which can be used for maintenance facilities, purchase of transit vehicles for residents to get to and from ferries, and upgrades to existing ferry operations. Across the state, there are several other ferries including Muskegon to Milwaukee, Wisconsin and the Mackinac Island Ferry.

In January, Michigan received another \$6.6 million from the federal government for Beaver Island to renovate the docks and build a new

demonstrate an interest in providing services,” Cranson wrote in an email to BridgeDetroit.

In the past, the port authority has worked with the Belle Isle Grand Prix to take passengers by ferry from the port authority’s dock, off Atwater, to Belle Isle and back, a trip that took about 12 minutes.

This year, state officials at Belle Isle

the riverfront, funded a feasibility study of a mixed-use system of trolleys on the riverfront and ferries on the waterway.

“We first looked into the concept of water taxi service in a 2014 study we commissioned,” said Marc Pasco, director of communications for the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy. “The study

named Best Riverwalk in America by USA Today.

Residents like Gifford might also be willing to pay at least some money for the experience. “Ferries aren’t just about the transportation, they’re about the experience,” he said. “The more ways to connect to the river, the better, and if they can serve as transportation, even better.”

He should have placed an ad in the Lowell Ledger to get rid of that stuff!

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SPORTS

Soccer in the cold. Lowell adapts, stays unbeaten.

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

It’s hard to tell who was the happiest when Lowell scored their eighth game before all 80 minutes would be played. The fans, bundled in blankets, looking into a bitter cold wind. The players in long sleeve temperatures they were playing in. Those not on the field, wrapped in coats. The Portland players, outshot 29-2 and outmatched by a bigger school on the road. Maybe it was the Ledger sports reporter?

Regardless of the answer, when that last goal went in there was relief. Soon enough, they’d be back in the warmth. The bitter cold was a fitting end to pre-spring break competition at LHS, a culmination of one of the snowiest winters on record, and a winter that does not seem to want to go away.

On the field, it has been all smiles for Lowell, one goal away from a perfect 3-0 start to the season.

With 17 returning players, and an important addition from the sophomore ranks, the Lowell girls soccer team is looking forward to a strong season. Lowell is anchored at the front and back of their lineup.

At the top of the formation is sophomore, RJ (Reese) Wagamon. She plays her club soccer in ECNL (Elite Club National League) with Midwest United and chose to play high school this year. The ECNL is one of the highest levels of youth soccer in the nation and is sponsored by Nike. Focusing on only club soccer, or balancing club and school soccer, is amongst the most difficult decisions for elite high school players in Michigan.

At the back is junior goalkeeper, Aubree Lee. The 2022 team MVP is coming off a 230 save performance last season. She earned OK White accolades along with all-district honors last season as well.

Sandwiched between them is a talented group of returning players. “This team is a tight knit group that looks to outwork and outplay every team we face and looks to achieve major goals this season,” Coach Joe Woodruff said of his team.

Outplay is something they certainly did on a frigid evening against Portland last week. With a wind chill of 21 degrees, the Red Arrows defeated the Raiders 8-0, with the game ending by mercy in the second half.

Lowell started off the scoring in the first three minutes, as Wagamon sent in a corner that would

to play at Cornerstone, and a senior captain this year.

“We have 17 returning



Gracyn Hamilton battles for possession against Portland. Hamilton’s brother, Braiden, played soccer at Trine University (OH) last season.

goal in last week’s win over Portland, that completed an 8-0 mercy and ended the

jerseys, made of polyester, built for performance, not the enduring sub-freezing



Leah Davidson on defense against FHE.

prove to be extremely tricky for the Raider keeper. It looked like the ball was going in, which would be rare to score directly off a corner, a goal nicknamed an “Olimpico”. The ball went toward goal and deflected off the Portland keeper’s outstretched hand, falling into the back of the net.

The Red Arrows made it 2-0 on a cross-chested down by Gracyn Hamilton, which fell into the back of the net. Shortly after, Emily Ake made it 3-0 on a one-timer from the left side of the box. A quick lead in the first ten minutes. Ake is committed

players this year from the end of the season of last year’s varsity team,” Woodruff said of the squad.

One new face this year is freshman, Olivia Blood, who added two goals in the win. Ake added another goal and Wagamon added two more, to complete the mercy in some of the coldest weather high school soccer players in Michigan will have to endure. These games in tough conditions are challenging, but helping Lowell prepare for a difficult conference schedule.

“We have every game circled this year., as we will be looking to win every game we play in,” Coach Woodruff added. “Since we play in one of the toughest conferences in the state for girls soccer, every game will be entertaining.”

Earlier in the week, Lowell drew with Forest Hills Eastern 1-1. A game in which Lowell debuted their new red home Adidas kits. Ally Seevers, a GRCC soccer commit, scored the go-ahead goal in the first half off a corner. The Hawks tied the game in the second half off a long throw in.

Along with Seevers, Hamilton, Lee, and Ake, other returning starters include Alyse Miles, Sophomore, Mid; Carmen Mika, Junior, Mid; Lauren Malone, Junior, Mid; Abby Hewitt, Senior, Defender, Captain; and Leah Davidson, Senior, Defender, Captain. Ashley Powell also returns, but is sidelined with injury to start the season.

Lowell is 2-0-1, heading into the break, and plays East Kentwood after spring break on April 11th, on the road.

Girls tennis fights off the cold

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

Spring weather hasn’t been kind to the Lowell girls tennis team. One sport that can’t play in the rain, the snow, or whatever mixture we’re given on a given day.

“The weather has been horrible. Other than one day, we’ve actually gone outside every day, but we just bundle up and head out there. It’s not ideal and it’s not a great way to run tryouts or practices, but we do what we can. It will take me a little longer than normal this year to figure out the lineup,” girls tennis coach, Chris Phillips, said about the start to the season.

Over three early matches, Lowell has a 2-1 record. Jenison bested Lowell 8-0. Sienna Berg and Emma Boston, at #4 doubles, won four games to lead the Red Arrows.

True to Coach Phillips early season difficulties figuring out the lineups, Lowell switched things up a bit in an 8-0 win over Ionia. Kaylee Royer was a constant at the top of the lineup, winning 6-3, 6-3 at #1 singles. Ella Todd and Olivia Berg also remained steady at #2 and #3 singles and picked up wins.

Boston was moved up to #4 singles and won 6-1, 6-0. At #1 doubles, Ariana Fredricks and Izzy Mosier won 6-2, 6-2. Kyra Boersma and Haleigh Stickney won in straight sets, as did Zoey Mierendorf and Berg. Katie Meyers and Becca Grey won 6-0, 6-1 to close out the match.

“We have five returning girls from last season, but lost seven seniors from last year. So we’re kind of in a rebuilding process. We have a lot of new faces and that’s good to see. We brought up six girls that played on

the JV team last year and then one new girl is a freshman,” Phillips added of his roster.

Royer, Berg, and Boston won their matches against Lakewood in a 5-3 win for the team. At #3 and #4 double, the team of Mierendorf and Berg and Meyers and Grey recorded wins. Lowell lost a pair of three set matches at #2 singles and doubles.

With spring break comes a break in the action for the team, and for many, a chance to take a break from the cold. The team is hoping for warmer weather to return on April 11th, when they take on East Kentwood.

“I’m looking forward to this season and working with new players, along with returning players, and most importantly, I’m looking forward to sun and warm temps,” Coach Phillips concluded.

RED ARROW SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES

VARSITY SOFTBALL

* Denotes a home game at LHS softball field
3/25 at 10 am Kenowa Hills * - doubleheader
3/27 at 4:15 pm at Cedar Springs - doubleheader
3/29 at 4:15 pm Lakewood* - doubleheader

GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS

* Denotes a home game at LHS tennis courts
3/27 at 4:15 pm at Ionia
3/29 at 4:15 pm at Lakewood

BASEBALL

* Denotes a home game at LHS baseball field
3/25 at 10 am Kenowa Hills*
3/27 at 4:15 at Cedar Springs
3/29 at 4:15 pm Howell* - doubleheader

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

* Denotes a game at LHS North Athletic Complex
3/24 at 6:45 pm Thornapple Kellogg*
3/27 at 6:45 pm Forest Hills Eastern*
3/29 at 6:45 pm Portland*

GIRLS VARSITY LACROSSE

* Denotes a home game at LHS North Athletic Complex
3/24 at 6 pm at Northview
3/27 at 6 pm at Hudsonville

BOYS VARSITY GOLF

* Denotes a home meet at Arrowhead Golf Course
4/12 at 3:30 pm OK White meet at Brookside Golf Course

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3/27 at 4 pm at Sparta
4/11 at 4:15 pm at Forest Hills Northern



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Steps to help you reach self-forgiveness

In my last article, I shared why self-forgiveness is so important. This article will provide some general tips that may help, if you want or need to work on self-forgiveness. The purpose of self-forgiveness is to get unstuck from a place you don't belong. When you forgive yourself, you work to let go of the pain and anger, along with negative emotions about yourself, so you can move forward. You learn, grow, make better decisions, and work to fully accept yourself. This leads to healthier behaviors, attitudes, and more positive emotions about yourself. The goal is to learn to love and respect yourself because

this brings more contentment and happiness to your life.

Self-forgiveness steps

The below steps are provided for general information and some are much more involved than what I am able to share in a brief article. However, they are a good place to start on your path to self-forgiveness.

- Be aware of, acknowledge, and work through the barriers mentioned in the prior article titled "The Need for Self-Forgiveness".

- Think about the situation for which you need forgiveness and write out all the details you can think of, including everyone's actions. Identify your

actions and why you feel hurt by this situation. This could take several days or weeks of really analyzing your emotions and feelings about the situation. Avoid the blame-game during this process.

- List everyone you are angry at or were hurt by, who was involved in, or knew about, the situation and didn't help. List details of why you are angry at each person, including yourself.

- What are any benefits of you holding on to your anger and blaming yourself? Think about some of the ones mentioned in the prior article titled, "The Need for Self-Forgiveness".

- When you are in a safe space and mindset, let yourself feel the pain and anger. Don't judge the feelings or tell yourself you shouldn't feel them. The emotions are what they are, just process through them and focus on why you feel the way you feel. Then work to let them go. If you can't

let something go, you may subconsciously feel there is some benefit to holding onto the emotion. Figure out the benefit, process it, and let it go. If you don't identify the benefits, limiting beliefs, self-blame, and other negative emotions about your role in the situation, you will find it difficult to forgive yourself. There are many self-help resources available at your local library or you can also do a google search on self-forgiveness.

- Give yourself a break when negative thoughts pop back up. Self-forgiveness can be a struggle and is a gradual process not a one and done. So be patient with yourself during this process.

- Practice kindness, self-compassion, respect, and caring toward yourself during this process.

- Finally, when you have done all the above steps, make the choice to forgive yourself for what you didn't know at the time and any missteps or mistakes you

may have made. Trust that you did the best at the time with what you knew.

- In addition to the above steps, there are many therapeutic modalities you can also use. One is called "The 4 R's of Self-forgiveness" and may help you on your journey to self-acceptance and forgiveness.

The 4 R's of self-forgiveness

1. Responsibility – accept any "true" responsibility you have for what happened and avoid blaming others. Accept it with compassion and kindness toward yourself.

2. Remorse – when we take responsibility for our actions, missteps, mistakes, etc., it's normal to then have feelings such as guilt, shame, remorse, etc. Acknowledge these feelings and work to understand your role in the situation.

3. Restoration – this is making amends. Is there anything you can do to fix part or all of the situation? To

repair relationships? If any moral values you hold were broken, this is the time to reaffirm them. What can you do to avoid this happening in the future? This can include adding healthy boundaries, apologizing (even to yourself), and forgiving yourself.

4. Renewal – this is learning and growing from the experience. Do this with self-compassion and respect. Don't beat yourself up during this process. Actively work to avoid similar situations in the future by using what you have learned to make conscious choices/decisions.

Self-forgiveness is more difficult than you might imagine and many really struggle with it. So, if working through this on your own doesn't help you reach self-forgiveness, it may be time to find a license professional counselor to assist. This article is for informational purposes only. Stay safe and healthy!

Worth the Popcorn?

By Bill Lee

This "Champion" Leaves More to Be Desired

by Bill Lee
contributing writer
Champions – PG-13, 2 hours and 4 minutes.

Starring Woody Harrelson (Marcus), Kaitlin Olson (Alex), Kevin Iannucci (Johnny), Ernie Hudson (Coach Perretti), Cheech Marin (Julio), Madison Tevlin (Cosentino).

Director: Bobby Farrelly

Writers: Mark Rizzo, Javier Fesser, David Marques

Woody Harrelson is one of those actors who not only appears in four or five movies a year, but he can also play any type of character. The man has range. For example, in 2013, Harrelson starred in four movies: *Now You See Me*, a movie about criminal magicians, *Free Birds*, an animated movie, *The Hunger Games Catching Fire*, and *Out of the Furnace*, where he played a redneck villain Harlan DeGroat. Not many actors can pull this off. Harrelson does it again in the recent release of *Champions*, a movie directed by Bobby Farrelly. The Farrelly

Brothers are known for their wacky comedies *Dumb and Dumber*, *There's Something About Mary*, and *Kingpin*, which starred Harrelson as Roy Munson, a one-handed bowler.

Champions is not a typical Farrelly movie, and if you are hoping for something odd, you will be seriously disappointed. There are no wacky storylines and characters. In essence, *Champions* is a romantic comedy that explores the relationship between Harrelson's character, Marcus, a washed-up professional basketball coach, and Alex (played by Kaitlin Olson of *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia* fame), an older single woman, taking care of her intellectually-disabled brother, Johnny. And oh, yes, there is another storyline involving Marcus coaching intellectually-disabled characters but that one falls a little flat.

Champions opens one morning with Marcus in bed reviewing a basketball game on his laptop, while Alex dresses to leave after their one-night interlude together. The two

characters, having just met the night before, exchange sarcastic and sassy remarks about their night together and her awkward departure. Even though they don't necessarily like each other, there is chemistry between them that provides some foreshadowing for the rest of the movie.

has failed to recognize this tragic flaw in himself.

His firing leads to a night of binge-drinking, and as Marcus drives home, he smashes into a parked police car. For his crime, the judge gives Marcus 90 days of community service with a local basketball team of intellectually-disabled

wants to do his 90 days and move on back to the pro league, but with each day, he begins to develop strong relationships with The Friends, a point that shows growth in his character.

The real story of *Champions* is the relationship between Marcus and Alex. Both characters have their own personal demons to conquer and both help each other reach that goal. Harrelson's acting is commendable, as the edgy coach trying to open his heart to others, and Kaitlin Olson's portrayal of the over-protective big sister, who is afraid of change, is solid.

Overall, *Champions* is a feel-good movie that sends the message that being a champion is not about winning games but about challenging yourself by taking risks and growing as a person. In the end, though, the movie was

missing something, and I left the theater thinking, "Meh." Maybe it had to do with the cliché storyline, a movie we've seen so many times: disgruntled man gets in trouble with the law; disgruntled man is forced to do community service; disgruntled man learns his lesson and even changes as a person. The way in which this message is delivered is unique but *Champions* fails to bring it to a higher level. There were other directions it could have pursued that would have moved the audience more, but Farrelly, not known for playing it safe, sort of did. Overall, it was a nice movie that would be good for a family with preteens and teenagers. There are several important lessons about acceptance, tolerance, and courage. I give *Champions* 2 and a half out of 5 popcorn kernels.



Marcus is a self-involved, J-League, semi-pro basketball coach, who has a shady past filled with altercations between players and coaches, including a physical altercation with the head coach of Marcus's team, the Iowa Stallions. The head coach, Phil Perretti, played by Ernie Hudson, has known Marcus for a long time, but fires him anyway, and says, "You know the game but you don't know the guys. You've got to learn to build relationships." Marcus, who believes he should be coaching in the NBA,

adults, called The Friends, a band of misfits who do not play basketball very well. Marcus's job, "to coach them up," will be a difficult one.

Kudos to Farrelly for using real intellectually-disabled actors to fill the roles as The Friends. There are about ten players on the team, each one brings his/her own disability and unique personality to the team. There are several funny moments throughout the movie where The Friends challenge Marcus's viewpoints. In the beginning, Marcus just



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DENMAN

Bonnie Lou Denman, age 76 of Lowell, passed away peacefully on March 31, 2023. She was preceded in death by her son, Steven Howard; and parents, Wesley and Lucile Adrianse. She is survived by her husband of 30 years, Gary; children, LuAnn Palcowski, Mindy Dicks, Micky (Jim) Arnette, Marc (Molly) Denman; 8 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; brothers, Robert (Becky) Adrianse, David (Tammy) Adrianse; several nieces and nephews; and special dogs, Sami and Sophie. Bonnie was a supervisor for Amway for 46 years. She was a loving, caring person, always putting others before herself. In her spare time, she enjoyed scrapbooking. Bonnie will be missed by many. Family will greet visitors 6-8PM on Thursday, April 6, 2023 at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson St., Lowell, MI 49331. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at https://www.alz.org/gmc?form=alz_donate



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Robotics, continued from front page

to share their solutions,” said Coach Brian Forney. “They have certainly done that this year. Our students have represented their team and the Lowell community well, from building and driving an excellent robot to working exceptionally hard to help other teams.” They are currently ranked 129 out of 479 in the state. This Saturday’s competition will determine if they remain in the top 160 teams, qualifying for

the State Competition. No matter how they finish, this has been the most successful season for Red Arrow Robotics since 2016, when they went to the World Championship. For more information about the Lowell Red Arrow Robotics Team 3234, please contact Bryan Forney at bforney@lowellrobotics.org or their website at lowellrobotics.org.

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WINGEIER

Rev. Dr. Douglas E. Wingeier of Asheville died on Dec. 19, 2022, of a cerebral hemorrhage at age 92. He was born in Lowell, MI, in August 1930, son of Dan A. and Ellace Earlene Wingeier. Dr. Wingeier is survived by daughters Ruth (John King) of Long Prairie, MN, and Martha Emily of Boulder, CO; sons Stephen (Dawn Aura) of Atlanta, GA, and Philip (Diana Rayo) of Silver Spring, MD; nine grandchildren and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by his wife Carol, his parents, his sister Joan Dannette Smith, and two infant granddaughters. He was a retired clergy member of the Michigan Annual Conference, United Methodist Church. Dr. Wingeier attended the Lowell Public Schools, graduating in 1948 as Valedictorian of his class. He was brought up in First Methodist Church, strongly influenced by visiting overseas missionaries, and a mother who was the daughter of missionary parents and a teacher of mission studies. For a time in high school, he attended the Lowell Nazarene Church, participating in a closely-knit youth group led by a dynamic young pastor. This led him, after college, to volunteer to serve as a Youth Caravaner in Texas, during the summer between college and seminary, where he and Carol met. He earned degrees at Taylor (BA) and Boston University (MDiv, PhD, Distinguished Alumnus), and did post-doctoral study at Chicago Theological Seminary. After serving several churches in the U.S., Doug and Carol spent eight years as Methodist missionaries in Singapore. For the next 27 years, Dr. Wingeier taught Christian



Education and Practical Theology at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL, and directed the Doctor of Ministry, Continuing Education, Field Education, and Summer School programs. During those years, he spent sabbaticals teaching in Samoa, Korea, Malaysia, Indonesia, Central America, Haiti, Palestine, Hong Kong, and the Philippines. He authored numerous articles and ten books. In 1997 the Wingeiers retired to Asheville, NC, where they were active in several churches and multiple peace, justice, and environmental groups. During his long life, Doug Wingeier gave courageous witness to the plight of the poor and the victims of war. He was unstintingly compassionate and open to listening and learning from everyone he encountered. His commitment to peacemaking, justice-seeking, and environmental healing spoke quietly but clearly of a deep faith in the Creator and the human family. He left an inspiring legacy and will be widely missed by family, friends and colleagues around the world. Dr. Wingeier's cremains will be interred on July 15, 2023, at his wife Carol's family cemetery in Calhoun, Georgia. A full obituary can be found at <https://www.morrisfamilycaregroup.com/obituaries/Douglas-Wingeier/#!/TributeWall>, where you are invited to post remembrances, photos and videos. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be sent to the Doug and Carol Wingeier Field Education Fund at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, 2121 Sheridan Rd., Evanston, IL 60201 (<https://www.garrett.edu/alums-and-donors/give/>); the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR, umcmmission.org/give-to-umcor/), 458 Ponce de Leon Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA 30308; the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance, P.O. Box 5743, Oak Ridge, TN 37831 (www.orepa.org); or the Alliance for Global Justice, 225 E. 26th St. Ste. 1, Tucson, AZ 85713-2925 (earmarked for the Nicaragua Solidarity Committee and/or School of the Americas Watch, afgj.org/donateafgj).

GERRED-SINKE

Wilma Jean Gerred-Sinke, age 96 of Lowell, went to meet her Lord and Savior on Tuesday morning, March 28, 2023. She was preceded in death by her parents, Patrick and Edna Fegan; first husband, Irvan Gerred (2002), second husband, Leonard Sinke (2016); daughter, Dianna Lee (1949-3 days old); brother, Charlie Fegan; and sister, Luella Griffith. She is survived by her daughter, Charlene Sherry (Phillip) Johnson of Lowell; grandchildren, Randy (Cheryl) Johnson of Lowell, Diane (Jesse) Davidson of Lowell, Danielle (Luke) Davidson of Lowell; brothers, Robert (Lila) Fegan of Prescott, Kyle (Diane) Lomeson of Gains; sister, Mary Lee (Robert) Welock of Flint; sister-in-law, Carolyn Fegan of Albuquerque, NM; step-daughter, Susie Sinke (Eberhard) Roder; 8 grandchildren, Austin and Katlyn Johnson, Drew, Leah, and Max Davidson, Jacob, Emilyn, and Kayla Davidson; and 2 step-grandchildren, Leni Sinke and Franz Roder. Wilma was born and raised in Prescott, MI and graduated from Prescott High School in 1944. She lived there



until she met Irvan Gerred then moved to Evart, MI and resided there for 25 years. At that time, she went to nursing school to become an LPN at age 40. Wilma went back to school to be an RN where she worked at Reed City Hospital for 20 years, retiring after the death of Irvan. She decided to then move to Lowell to be closer to her daughter and met Leonard Sinke who she married at the age of 80. They lived in Lowell, spending the winter months in Florida. She was passionate about traveling, working in church activities, sewing, and her quilting was loved by everyone. She spent her last 3 years at Maple Ridge Manor in Lowell where she was a social butterfly and enjoyed every activity they offered. She loved living at Maple Ridge and had many friends. They made her last few years very enjoyable, up until her passing after a short stay at Blodgett Hospital. We would like to thank Maple Ridge Manor for the excellent care given to our mom and grandma. Funeral services will be held at 11AM, Monday, April 10, 2023, at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson St., Lowell, MI 49331, with visitation one hour prior. Interment Forest Hill Cemetery, in Evart, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Gideon's International, P.O. Box 140422, Grand Rapids, MI 49514.

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Level: Intermediate

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!

LETTER WRITING WORD SEARCH

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

Puzzle solutions
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I am a professional makeup artist born in the Netherlands on March 2, 1994. I joined YouTube in 2008 after being inspired by other online makeup artists. I joined Colourfool Agency in 2011, and now have more than 14 million subscribers on my YouTube channel.

Answer: Nikkie de Jager

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to letter writing.

T S D F R A

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Answer: Drafts

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Colas
- 7. Single-celled animals
- 13. The rear car of a train
- 14. Endangered
- 16. It cools your home
- 17. Helper
- 19. "The First State"
- 20. More aged
- 22. Partner to cheese
- 23. Type of wrap
- 25. From a distance
- 26. Satisfies
- 28. "Dallas Buyers' Club"
- actor Jared
- 29. God of battle (Scandinavian)
- 30. Cooking utensil
- 31. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 33. Able to perform
- 34. Big man on campus
- 36. Second epoch of the Tertiary period
- 38. Porticos
- 40. Alban and Peter are two
- 41. Gets up
- 43. Humble request for help
- 44. One-thousandth of an inch (abbr.)
- 45. Unhappy
- 47. Hint or indication

48. A way to plead

- 51. Digits
- 53. Broadway actress Daisy
- 55. Jewish calendar month
- 56. Author Gore ____
- 58. Peacock network
- 59. White poplar
- 60. Promotional material
- 61. A period of calm
- 64. Take too much
- 65. Emit energy
- 67. Something you can take
- 69. Mended with yarn
- 70. Inconsistent

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Calm down
- 2. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
- 3. One who pretends
- 4. Hang glide
- 5. Distinctive practice
- 6. Mariner
- 7. Peaks
- 8. Queens ballplayer
- 9. Geological times
- 10. Twofold
- 11. Atomic #13
- 12. Tranquillizing
- 13. Metric weight unit
- 15. Indicates

18. Unwanted rodent

- 21. Partly cooked with hot water
- 24. One who can be recommended
- 26. Resembles a bag or pouch
- 27. Midway between south and southeast
- 30. Sets up for a photo
- 32. California white oak
- 35. More (Spanish)
- 37. After B
- 38. Decorated tea urn
- 39. Island
- 42. Car mechanics group
- 43. Wordplay joke
- 46. Cut a rug
- 47. Prickly plant
- 49. Speech in praise of a deceased person
- 50. European buzzard
- 52. Influential linguist
- 54. West African languages
- 55. Siskel's partner
- 57. Skinny
- 59. Oblong pulpit
- 62. Consumed
- 63. Small, mischievous sprite
- 66. Powerful lawyer
- 68. Indicates position

David Johnston to shoot clay targets at MCC

David Johnston is varsity clay-shooting team my high school's var- my skills in this sport.”
the first athlete to sign as at Lowell High School, sity clay target team and He started clay tar-



a member of Montcalm Johnston said he is look- was excited to discover get-shooting in seventhh
Community College's ing forward to continuing that MCC has a team,” grade. At the Scholastic
clay target-shooting team. with this sport at MCC. Johnston said. “I’m look- Clay Target Program Na-
As a member of the “I enjoy shooting on ing forward to growing tionals in 2022, Johnston

placed first on his team in Sporting Clays. He also placed third on his team in American Skeet and American Trap. At his team banquet, he was awarded the Top Gun award. He also placed in the top 10 for the state of Michigan in International Bunker Trap at the 2022 Junior Olympic trials.

Johnston is excited to shoot for Coach Hunter Derenski and learn from his extensive experience.

“It means I’m part of something bigger,” he said. “I’m helping to build a great team and compete in a more rigorous and competitive arena.”

In his spare time, he loves anything having to do with plants. He chose MCC because of its partnership with Michigan State University’s Institute of Agricultural Technology, which allows students to complete a two-year degree at MSU and MCC simultaneously.

“It will allow me to pursue a career in agricul- ture, while earning an As- sociate in Applied Science from MCC,” he said. “It is the best of both worlds for me. I can simultaneously be a Spartan and a Cen- turion, with all the great benefits of both schools.”

Johnston owns his own hydroponic and mi- crogreen business, called Cêva Farm. He’s very thankful to his high school FFA adviser, Mr. Nugent, for believing in him and helping him get started. Johnston is also vice pres- ident of the Lowell FFA, and he’s an Eagle Scout.

Clay target-shooting is one of several sports offered at MCC as part of its Centurion Athlet- ics program. Visit Mont- calm.edu/athletics for more information about MCC Centurion Athlet- ics or contact Athletic Di- rector, Hunter Redman, at athletics@montcalm. edu or 989-328-1095.

Spring Fling and Cookie Adventure

Saturday, April 15th

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Along with this event, you can participate in the 4th Annual Cookie Adventure by purchasing a \$10 passport. Hurry, there are only 100 passports available and will go on sale April 11th at the Chamber and Lowell Area Historical Museum. As you travel along to ten different stops, you will have both your passport and postcard stamped. You will receive a specialty cookie, made by our own Kim's Gourmet Treats. Proceeds benefit the Lowell Area Historical Museum.