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## Lowell Olympian Kate Brim is on a roll

By Cliff Yankovich  
contributing writer

**WARNING:** Trying to keep up with Kate Brim can lead to amazement, jet lag, fatigue, wonderment, and the overuse of the word “Wow.” For those of you new to her story, Kate has taken her love of para-cycling from the streets of Lowell, MI to the mountains of Colorado, the desert around Phoenix, AZ, and across the ocean to Maniago, Italy, where she just blew by the competition in three days of road racing and time trials there. Did we mention her appearance in the Corewell Health Super Bowl ad *Can We?* Did you know she has been named an Ambassador for Team Novo Nordisk? If that were not enough, she took time to go to Las Vegas for some national competition with the Grand Rapids Thunder rugby team.

How about we slow down a bit and dive a little deeper into the last few months of our favorite Olympian. To say Kate was over the moon excited, when she was accepted as a member of Team USA, would be selling her reaction short. The timing of finally getting her new racing bike, that was specifically made for her,

was fortuitous indeed. New training location on a brand new bike. She won both national and international races and qualified for Team USA on a borrowed bike that really did not fit her body. (Can you imagine Usain Bolt competing in some borrowed shoes?) The last quarter of 2022 found Kate training “at altitude” in Colorado on her new, custom-built bike.

When we asked Kate how much of a difference the new bike made, she shot us back a screen shot of her winning time in a 17-mile road race in Maniago, Italy, on Saturday April 22nd. (Love the internet, right?) The numbers showed her taking first by a crazy wide margin. “That big of a difference,” Kate replied, “beat second by 16 minutes.” The gap between Kate and her nearest competitors is a consistent trend; she won the time trial event last Thursday by just over six and a half minutes.

“Endurance is my jam,” Kate responded when we asked her how in the heck she was dominating her

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Kate on her bike in Colorado.

## Feeding the Family theme for Spring into the Past museum tour

By Emma Palova  
contributing writer

The theme for this year’s Spring into the Past museum tour, organized by the Tri-River Historical Museum Network, is “Feeding the Family.” The museum tour, which spans five counties and 30 museums, received the 2021 Historical Society of Michigan State Award for Special Events. It is always

held on the first weekend in May.

Special displays at each museum will depict everything from growing food on the farm, hunting, and fishing, selling in a store, to cooking and preserving food, and many other creative ideas.

“Come out and enjoy their history,” Sally Johnson, president of the Tri-River Historical Museum

Network, said. “See how people used to live and cook before all this modern technology.”

There will be lots to see in the school and the old carriage house; for example, the Bowne Township Historical Museum will have demonstrations of cooking over an open fire, items used for food preparation and preserving, recipes and cookbooks, and old-fashioned sour cream cookies to taste.

The display will include old-fashioned cooking utensils, an old stove, and dishes, and there will be a table set-up with silverware. “We will have

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## Lowell Community Wellness - Pink Arrow Community Grants

The Pink Arrow Pride has empowered Lowell Community Wellness to use a portion of the proceeds, raised each year, to provide grants to support our community. There are several grants available and each is summarized below. Both individuals and businesses can submit for a grant, if the requirements are met.

The grants provide funding for innovative learning and enhancing programs for students, and to promote programs or events that inspire and educate the Greater Lowell Community in cancer prevention, education and support. Applications for all three grants can

be found on our website at: <https://www.lowellcommunitywellness.org/grants>

### Pink Arrow Family Support Program

The purpose of the program is to provide a financial gift as a way of showing community support to those who are experiencing cancer. This gift is not based on financial need. So, if you know someone that may need assistance and meets the below criteria, have them complete the application on our website. Please note that

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recipes from years past, from the old cookbooks,” Johnson said.

Civil War re-enactors will put on a show by the Bowne Township Historical Museum on Saturday, May 6, from 11am to 5pm, and on Sunday, May 7, from noon to 5pm.

Saranac will have packets of old recipes and much more. The Fallasburg Historical Society will have cookbooks, as well.

The displays will be set up for the rest of the year. During the tour, all museums will be free, but donations are appreciated, according to Johnson.

Tri-River Historical Museum Network is a support group formed to raise awareness of the existence of the member groups and to be of help to each other. The mission statement is to provide collaborative support to the small museums within the Tri-River area while recognizing the unique qualities of each museum. The members are a group of about 30 small museums, societies, commissions, and historical groups from the counties of Kent, Montcalm, Ionia, Barry, and Eaton. The Tri-River in the name depicts the Grand, Flat, and Thornapple Rivers, that flow within the network area. As the group was formed in 2002, the members discovered that they were all having the same issues: membership, funding, collection management, etc. The members wanted the public to realize that there were many people and groups in the area, trying to preserve and share their local history.

With just six museums to start, the group formed the Tri-River Historical Museum Network. TRHMN

charges no dues and the first big event – Spring into the Past - was to be the first weekend of May, in 2003, devoted to encouraging the public to spend two days visiting the museums, with free admission for programs/events for Spring into the Past!

In 2014, as the organization grew, TRHMN decided to have a set of by-laws and applied to the State of Michigan for a non-profit license to protect the name and all the hard work that went into forming the group. The membership averages about 30 museums, historical societies, historical commissions, and associated groups. The logos are designed by one of the members.

TRHMN works with the State of Michigan to allow the “Pure Michigan” logo to appear on some of the booklets and brochures. The Tri-River Historical Museum Network does not have one meeting place, but members take turns hosting the monthly meetings.

This gives an opportunity to visit the various member museums located in Barry, Eaton, Ionia, Kent, and Montcalm counties. The meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the months of March through November at 10 am.

A booklet of information is available at any member museum and it can be downloaded at [commoncorners.com](http://commoncorners.com). Other information is available at [trivermuseum.com](http://trivermuseum.com)

The hours of the museum tour are May 6, from 11 to 5pm, and May 7, from noon to 5pm.



Belding Belrockton "Feeding the Family" special display for SITP tour.

# Michigan Municipal League honors graduates of 2022 Elected Officials Academy

The Michigan Municipal League is honoring 18 graduates of its 2022 Elected Officials Academy.

Now in its 25th year, the Elected Officials Academy is an ongoing four-level program that educates and recognizes elected officials across the state for their dedication to becoming as professional and knowledgeable as possible in the role of public servant. The Elected Officials Academy, a voluntary education and recognition program, was created in 1997 by a board of elected officials working with League staff.

The officials were honored during the League’s CapCon that took place in Lansing April 18-19.

“The Elected Officials Academy is an outstanding program that helps local officials improve their understanding of municipal governance, which allows them to better serve their communities and constituents. We are thankful to have so many dedicated public servants who have participated in

the program this year,” said League Board President Barbara Ziarko, Sterling Heights Councilmember.

Lowell Mayor Pro Tem, Marty Chambers, was one of the recipients of the 2022 Level One Education

Award, he completed 25 academy credits.

Lowell Mayor, Mike DeVore, was one of the recipients of the 2022 Level Two Leadership Award, he completed 55 academy credits.



Pictured above: Lowell Mayor, Mike DeVore received the 2022 Level Two Leadership Award.

Pictured left: Lowell Mayor Pro Tem, Marty Chambers received 2022 Level One Education Award at a ceremony in Lansing on April 18 & 19.

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# Detective Aubrey Culver honored with Distinguished Service Award at council meeting

By Justin Tiemeyer  
contributing writer

Though it was not the shortest meeting of the Lowell City Council, (that record stands at eighteen minutes), the thirty-minute meeting, on the evening of Monday, April 17, 2023, was certainly a change-up compared to highly contested meetings surrounding 990 N. Washington, two-hour parking, and the like, lasting late into the evening. With only two items on the docket, old business pertaining to the city’s tree maintenance ordinance, and new business pertaining to the installation of smart pumps at the city’s water plant, the majority of the meeting was dedicated to public comment and non-traditional business items, like the recognition of Detective, Aubrey Culver, for the Distinguished Service Award.

Though Detective Culver has only been with the department since 2020, Police Chief, Christopher Hurst, described her as a veritable force of nature. He

spoke of the turmoil that the department was facing prior to Culver joining the team.

“A lot of shifts were open because of situations that happened,” Chief Hurst said, “and she was there working almost full-time as a part-time officer, so she really saved our butts when it came to the schedule.”

To qualify for the Distinguished Service Award, a rank-and-file officer, deputy, or trooper, in a non-supervisory position, must show excellence in either innovations in community policing, criminal investigations, or field operations. Chief Hurst chose detective Culver, in particular, for her powerful work ethic and her willingness to work some truly challenging cases.

“She’s never backed down from an assignment, she’s always ready to do something different, and when she’s not investigating cases, she’s working on some of this stuff that I’ve mentioned here,” said Chief Hurst. “There’s not enough paper here to mention the

things that she does, but she has really turned out to be a fine officer for us.”

During public comment, Greg Canfield shared concerns regarding right-of-way construction permits. This past week, Canfield had stopped over to purchase a permit for the regular price of \$50, only to be told that the price had gone up to \$500, and finally, a corrected price of \$250. “I don’t know if that’s a 400 percent or a 500 percent increase,” Canfield said, “but it’s a big one.”

Canfield purchases permits like this whenever his work with Canfield Plumbing and Heating puts him in a position of having to work on city property. Following the flooding of the previous week, Canfield was working with the owners of a house on Foreman Road. The house had never flooded before, but it took on enough water that it took six days for the sump pump to remove the water from the lower levels. Canfield believed he would need to dig, by hand, underneath the sidewalk to resolve the issue, and he lost the job because of the additional \$500 he quoted his customer for what he believed, at the time, to be a \$50 permit. He expressed concerns that the customer would go with another company who is unfamiliar with city permitting and get into yet another difficult situation.

Dan Czarnecki, the Director of the Department of Public Works, explained that the price of these permits was changed two years ago when the city was dealing with larger companies like Comcast, AT&T, and Point Broadband, whose subcontractors took up a



Police Chief, Christopher Hurst, presents Detective, Aubrey Culver, the Distinguished Service Award for going above and beyond the call of duty.

lot of time and required the city to incur more costs. “At the time, we tried to have one permit, one size fits all,” Czarnecki said. “In hindsight, we probably should have looked at a two-tier or three-tier system.”

Czarnecki researched comparables, and other cities were all over the board when it came to these permits. Canfield, himself, conducted some research, and he had a handout ready for the council members. He noted that Saranac does not charge fees, Belding did not answer his call, and Ada does not charge fees, but they are able to pass off the cost on Kent County. Canfield did an internet search on “public right-of-way permits,” and quoted an article that said the charge should only cover necessary and reasonable costs, and, following authorization, the municipality is responsible for providing an itemization

of all costs to the permit holder.

“You can cover your costs, but it can’t be a revenue source,” Canfield said, “and I think that \$250 is a revenue source.”

As for tree maintenance, City Manager, Mike Burns, provided an update to what was discussed at past council meetings. Previously, the city had estimated that nine locusts, along Bowes Road, needed to be removed in order to keep them from causing problems with the power lines, but his updated estimate was eleven locusts. The city has committed to donating \$250 per tree to a fund that will allow them to plant trees in another location where the trees do not threaten safety and reliable energy for the citizens of Lowell. Burns also noted an interest in transplanting trees where possible.

Charlie West, the

General Manager of Lowell Light & Power, noted that previous efforts to trim the trees, in order to give the city more time to make a decision, were unsustainable. With warmer weather, he fears the trees will create reliability issues, and he wishes to remove the trees in the next week or so.

“We’re not confident that we’d be able to trim the trees in a manner that wouldn’t encourage growth,” West said. “In order to trim them in a manner that discourages growth, we’re afraid it’s just going to be ugly, and we’re ultimately going to need to just take them down.”

Czarnecki voiced concerns regarding the wording of the city’s nuisance tree ordinance, claiming that the city needs

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Greg Canfield accuses city council of generating revenue from right-of-way permit fees that are only supposed to cover reasonable administrative costs.



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# Same as it ever was

By Bill Lee (Kind of)

## My name is Skinny Pants

My name is “Skinny Pants” and my day will come. Until then, I will wait patiently at the bottom of my master’s drawer. I will sleep and dream of all the places I will go in the future. When that day comes, it will be a time of great joy and celebration. I will laugh and play just like the others — and then it will be my turn to make jokes, to tease and mock.

No longer will I have to hear the other pants call me “old geezer”, “toothpick” or “32-Inch Dreamer.” No longer will I have to grunt and sweat or flatten from the weight, as my master piles the others on top of me. No longer will I be tried on every six months and have to stretch as far as possible to fit my master, and then be folded up and placed in the dark corner of this cave. No longer will I have to breathe

this stale air.

No. For one day, I will hike through the woods and work around the house and go to parties just as I did back in my master’s younger days. One day I will be called his “best pants,” just like those arrogant 36-inch-waisted blue jeans, who rest on the top of the pile. Someday he will be at the bottom and it will be my turn again.

For now, I will be silent and wait. I know my day will come, for I hear my master riding his stationary bike in the wintertime. And in the summer, he is always grabbing his athletic shorts, who sometimes rest beside me. One day he will do it, and then we will be together again. And I will be happy.

There have been times when my master has been close — where he has nearly buttoned my waistband

together. And one time, a few years ago, after a great deal of straining effort on both of our parts, he actually wore me and I was free.

It was my first taste of life again, in years. But only ten minutes later, my master could not breathe, and he got a terrible stomachache, so he had to take me off (which took a great deal of straining effort on both our parts), folded me up, and again, placed me back down at the bottom. And I heard the teasing even more. But I was silent and waited for my time to come again. I

knew my master loved me and thought about me.

And then, after many months, this morning, it finally happened. I felt some movement above me, and the sounds got closer; unbelievably, I felt my master’s soft, warm hands on me. “Today would be the day!”, I thought joyously, as my master unfolded me so that I could show all my glory.

He put my right leg on first (as he always does), and then the left. Slowly, he raised me closer to his waist. When I reached his waist, my master let out a

deep sigh — for this was the time of reckoning. He grabbed both sides of me — one hand with my button and one with the buttonhole. I could feel that I would need to help him as much as possible this time. I would sacrifice anything for him.

My master then inhaled deeply, which was the signal to begin. He pulled and pulled, and I stretched and stretched. He grunted and I quietly ripped a few of my threads so that I could get bigger. We continued for another minute — stretching and ripping and grunting, but my button was

still about one inch away from my buttonhole. Come on! I screamed. But it would not connect.

After a while, we rested, and my master sat on his bed and sighed. It was over. He took me off his legs and folded me up and placed me in the bottom of the drawer, and I heard laughter all around me. I was angry, and the laughter soon subsided.

My name is “Skinny Pants” and my day will come. Until then, I will wait patiently at the bottom of my master’s drawer.

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once the fund has been depleted, no further requests can be considered until the fund has been replenished.

## Eligibility Requirements

The family lives in the Lowell Area School District and has a member of the household who is currently experiencing cancer. OR -

The individual who has cancer is an alum of Lowell Area Schools and has family currently living in the Lowell Area School District.

The family/individual is eligible for this gift once, each calendar year (for a total of three times), as long as the cancer continues or continued expense results from the cancer experience. A representative from LCW will contact the applicant via phone to determine the most appropriate distribution of available funds. All information is held in confidence.

## Educational Initiatives Grants

This grant provides funding for innovative learning and enhancing programs for students in

the Lowell Area Schools district, with an emphasis on cancer prevention through maintaining health and wellness and the study of science. The requests will be reviewed three times per year. Grants have a maximum limit of \$500 per calendar year. Application requests are reviewed upon receipt with only one grant awarded to a recipient during a calendar year. A 45 to 60-day time frame is required to process all applications and will guarantee a review by the Grant Committee.

LCW would like to fund grants that may be used to provide and purchase equipment, curriculum, trips or experiences with a lasting educational impact. Please consider local vendors first when purchasing supplies.

To be considered, please

complete the application specific to this grant on our website. Grants cannot be awarded for more than the budgeted amount and cannot be modified following final recommendation. A carefully itemized project budget must be returned with the completed application.

## Community Initiatives Grant

The purpose of this grant is to provide funding for community-wide programs or events that promote cancer prevention, treatment or other education or support through innovative learning and inspiring initiatives. The emphasis of programs or events should be focused on the importance of cancer prevention through maintaining health and wellness.

Grants have a maximum limit of \$500 per calendar year. Application requests are reviewed upon receipt, with only one grant awarded to a recipient during a calendar year. A 45 to 60 day time frame is required to process all applications and will guarantee a review by the Grant Committee. Please consider local vendors first when purchasing supplies.

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## 125 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 28, 1898

The Charge on which F. A. Sessions was arrested in Grand Rapids yesterday, on a charge of misappropriating \$2,000 belonging to the estate of the late Russell Ward, of which he was one of the administrators.

About seventy couples participated in the Eastern Star party at Music Hall last Friday evening. Many spectators witnessed the scene from the high seats.

The well-advertised school meeting, Monday evening, was attended by but twenty-four others. Strange how little interest people take in such matters, particularly where their pockets are affected.

Now that war is upon us, people should prepare themselves for all sorts of false rumors. Probably half of the reports made by sensational newspaper will prove to be without foundation. By remembering this, much unnecessary worry and excitement may be spared.

## 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 26, 1923

The second serious automobile accident of the season on M-16 occurred about two miles east of Saranac, when a new Studebaker driven by J.W. Foster, of Detroit, turned turtle in the ditch.

At a meeting, Friday afternoon, of the Kent County Jury commission, a panel of 60 jurors, one from each township and 12 from each ward, was drawn.

Erma Scott, 3 years-old-daughter of Mell Scott, had narrow escape from drowning in Flat River. Saved by Harrison Blakeslee, aged 10 years.

Joseph Cole, of Philadelphia, had the experience of being notified that he was dead, by police of the Branchtown Station. Mr. Cole answered a phone call himself and received the startling information. Later he viewed the body mistaken for himself and identified it as that of his brother, William Cole.

In Winsted, Connecticut, a 10-year-old boy was playing in a tree last fall, when he felt something spike the back of his head. The wound healed rapidly and the boy gave the matter little thought until a few days ago, when a hard lump appeared on his head where the wound was. A surgeon's knife revealed a .22 caliber bullet.

## 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 29, 1948

Miss Donna Thorne, who left Lowell, November

1, 1947, for Honolulu to assume duties as a nurse in Queen's hospital on the Island of Oahu, has recently written a very interesting letter to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Thorne, of a conducted tour she had taken to the Island of Hawaii.

The local Clark-Ellis Post of American Legion has reorganized completely the program for the establishment of a Community Memorial Center on the site of the former east ward school. Committeemen have spent many hours preparing facts and figures to present a clear picture of the job ahead.

Michigan needs a million Freedom Gardens this spring, according to Mrs. Alice Smith, Supervisor of Nutrition Division, Michigan Department of Health. These gardens are needed to improve nutrition and reduce the cost of living in our own state, as well as to increase the national food supply.

## 50 years ago Lowell Ledger Suburban Life April 26, 1973

A warning was issued by Lowell Chief of Police, Barry D. Emmons, alerting homeowners against advertising and selling practices, which are here today and gone tomorrow, frequenting the area during this time of the season. Emmons urges all area residents who are approached by suspicious, fast-talking salesmen, to contact his department immediately.

The YMCA Spring Euchre Party will be held Saturday, April 28, 7:30 pm, at the Bushnell All-Purpose Room. This climaxes the Euchre Club season and trophies will be awarded to the top woman player, the top man player and the couple with the highest number of points.

Maintenance trucks, and crews by the hundreds, will be moving slowly along state highways in the next few weeks, collecting bottles and cans and rusted-out mufflers, and all the rest of the accumulated litter of winter.

## 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 29, 1998

"A History of Retailing on Lowell's Main Street" will be the subject of a panel discussion at the meeting of the Lowell Area Historical Association on Wednesday, April 29.

Lowell is the first school in the Grand Rapids area to test "Fast \$50" Silent Observer pilot program. The program will pay a student at the middle school or high school \$50 when they call in a lead that leads to the recovery of a weapon, drugs, or the identification of the culprit of stolen or damaged school property.

The Lowell Planning Commission sent Admiral Petroleum back to the drawing board with their site plan request for the construction of an 8,250 square food building. There was a lack of such information as sidewalk, landscaping, signage and lighting.

## outdoors

streaming Dave Stegehuis

Michigan has 11,000 inland lakes, as well as tens of thousands of miles of rivers and streams. The majority of this water resource supports a variety of fish species. Fishing in streams, rivers, and creeks opens a vast range of opportunities for the angler. Different fish species are found in deep, wide rivers, as well as jump across creeks. Fishing techniques are tailored to the species, location, and the time of the year. Fast flowing water and stream-side foliage present interesting challenges for the angler.

The springtime sucker run provides the young angler with consistent action. Suckers readily pick-up a gob of worms and when hooked, put up a spirited fight in the swift current of spring runoff. Rivers which flow to the Great Lakes welcome anadromous salmon and steelhead trout during the spawning season. As these fish migrate from the big lakes and congregate in the rivers, they are accessible to more anglers. Steelhead sometimes remain in rivers where the season is open year-around. Brown trout and rainbow trout hang out in small streams, as well as the larger rivers. Brook trout prefer smaller and colder creeks. The small streams leave little room for casting, so patience is required for getting the bait to the fish. River walleyes on spawning runs provide some of the most productive fishing in the Midwest. Some of the best walleye fishing is in close proximity to high population urban areas. Smallmouth bass find favorable habitat in our local rivers.

Stream fishing can draw one to unique natural environments. Encounters with wildlife and close-up observation of the natural community is a bonus. The majority of stream fishing is done in less traveled areas, so the general public may not be aware of the opportunities to get out and experience fishing in a different environment; bring a new meaning to the term streaming.

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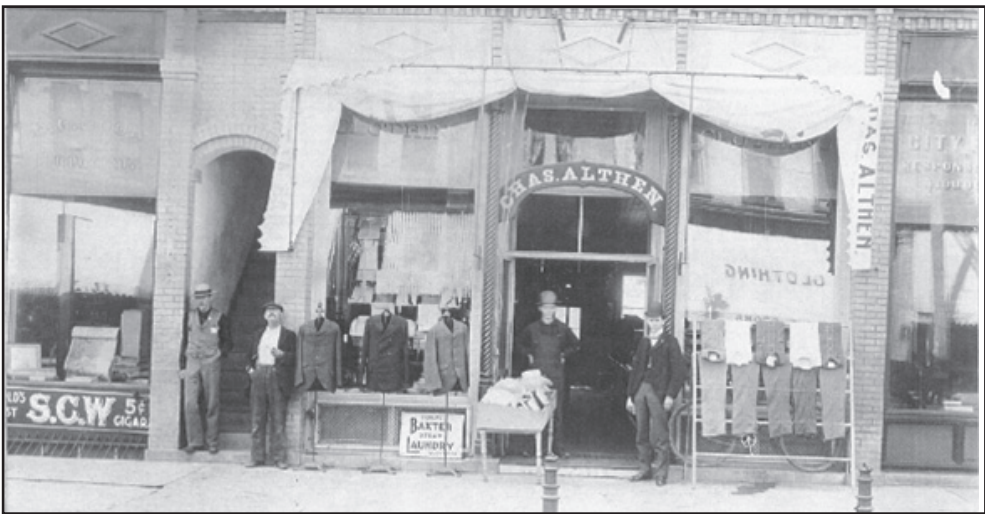
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## ABCs of Lowell history

Address: 216 W. Main  
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Built by: Barney McGee  
Built: 1867  
1st business: C. R. Hine & Co., Drugs

C. R. Hine & Co., which included Jas. W. Hine, who later became editor of The Lowell Journal (1873-1886), was the first business to open in the new brick block in 1867. C. R. Hine had operated a small grocery since 1862 but now changed to a business in drugs. Wooding and J.Q. Look purchased Hine's drug business in 1870; Wooding retired and it became J. Q. Look, Druggist after 1876. John Quincy Look was the older half-brother of D. G. Look, who also became a druggist (and was later located next door at 214 W. Main for 50 years.) J.Q. moved across the street to 215 W. Main in 1883, when that new block was built. Dr. L. D. Sunderlin, Drugs, followed J. Q. at this location (1883). There was



Chas. Althen Gent's Clothing, photo taken between 1892 and 1904 The D. G. Look drugstore is on the left and City State Bank on the right. Althen's son-in-law, Martin Simpson, purchased the business in 1904.

a barber in the building in 1885. In 1889, Orton Hill purchased this building from Barney McGee. He repaired it and put a new plate glass front in, at once.

Charles Althen occupied the building next, in 1890. Previously, in 1868, Charles Althen had a gent's clothing store across the street in the Lee Building at 123 E. Main. In 1874, he

moved to the corner store of Train's Opera House, 202 W. Main. In 1890, he moved to this location and operated here until 1904, when he sold his business to his son-in-law, Martin Simpson. Althen was an innovative entrepreneur. In 1895, he "fitted this store with gas fixtures and manufactured his own gas by putting the machinery in the cellar and a tank stuck seven feet underground, in the rear of his buildings across the alley."

It was R. VanDyke's Men's Wear until 1932. In 1934, it became M. D. Hoyt Hardware and Farm Implements. Hoyt had recently disposed of the Hoyt Lumber Co. and then decided to re-engage in business by opening a builder's hardware here. The Chicago Bargain

Store opened in 1941 and advertised Dry Goods, Ready-to-Wear Gents' Furnishings and Notions. Clayton Mallery was the owner and C. E. McLaughlin, the manager. In January 1945, when Mrs. McLaughlin went to the alley to see where the glow of light was coming from, she discovered a fire two doors away. The fire destroyed much of the building at 220 W. Main, but thanks to her, they only sustained smoke damage in their building.

Miller Electric Co. was here in 1949. Ralph's Furniture and Appliance opened in 1959; it later was called The House of Townsend. The Flat River Antique Mall used this building from 1987 until 2006. Olivia Grace Salon & Facial Bar has been operating here for three years.

R. VanDyke retired from the Grocery business across the street, after 25 years, in 1919. He then operated R. VanDyke Men's Wear here until 1932. Photo, 1928. G. W. Parker Farms office, Michigan Bell Telephone Company, and Springett Insurance are on the 2nd floor above 214, 216 and 218 W. Main. The sign for "Art Hill Shoes" is also visible.



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# Cole Hansen: LowellArts Artist of the Month

By Bill Lee  
contributing writer

Cole Hansen, LowellArts Artist of the Month, has always been intrigued by the concept of confidence, and in her line of work as a performing musician, it is imperative to have it. But like a lot of performing artists, confidence is something she is always wrestling with and trying to attain. “Confidence does not come easy to me,” said Cole Hansen. “I seek out support from my community... it is one of those topics that fascinates me. It goes in waves like anxiety and it seems to follow the opposite wave length as anxiety and depression. It’s sort of like



Cole Hansen. Photo by Dogtown Studio.

you are always chasing it. The trick is how do you maintain that over a long period of time.” It seems, she has almost caught it. At 39-years-old, the Grand Rapids resident has spent many years honing her craft and gaining confidence. Presently, her creative endeavors are spilling over. She will be completing her third album soon; she is publishing a children’s book; she and her husband are organizing a new podcast; and she is hoping to plan a national music tour in the future. Also, Hansen was pleased to be named the LowellArts Artist of the Month. “I felt very honored to be nominated,” said Hansen. “I’ve had a bunch of friends who have been featured in recent years and I’ve just continued to chip away at my craft, and put myself out there, so I think this is

one of those things where people are starting to notice that I put music out into the world.” People are indeed noticing, but the road has been a long one filled with flashes of doubt and imposture syndrome. For many years, she thought she wasn’t good enough to perform, and she even spent much of her twenties, working in retail and managing offices and bars. She continued to play music but on a very part-time basis. Then she noticed a trend after her performances. She was receiving great tips and positive feedback from listeners. They told her she should be playing at

feel as though they’d be upset with me. Also, a performance coach told me ‘You have this gift and if you keep it to yourself, then that is selfish. It is meant to be shared.’” In 2017, with a strong nudge from her husband, she began to explore music full time. Her fans have been thankful for this decision. Part of Cole Hansen’s appeal to listeners is her powerful voice and accompanying guitar, paired with her simple but meaningful lyrics that many people have related to. One popular song, *Get Out of Your Head* speaks to those dealing with doubt and anxiety.

*Let thoughts come,  
just don’t let them stay  
You only have this  
moment, stop standing in  
your own way  
It’s a big beautiful  
world out there full of  
people needing hugs and  
laughter to share.*

Hansen is hoping that getting her songs into the world will not only be therapeutic for herself but also help others with their anxieties. “I try to write about depression and anxiety that is uplifting,” said Hansen. “I just feel like there is enough suffering in life that when I write music and express these feelings, people are already suffering. What they need is some hope and encouragement and that is

what I feel I need during those times. When I write these songs, the messages take shape, it starts coming out as a letter to myself ... it feels like advice from an old friend or an aunt.” Besides the deeper themes of her music, there is a whimsical side too – songs about simple things, like riding her bicycle or being a tightrope walker. In one song called “26-Inch Beauty,” about her bicycle, there is a childlike chorus, along with lyrics, personifying her bike. “I like to bring fun into whatever I do because life is short,” said Hansen. “And if you can make something fun, or you can choose to make it boring, why would you not choose to make something fun? Those songs are part of a childish sensibility that I have. It’s light and to remind people of the simple joys, like riding a bicycle.” Eventually, Hansen is hoping to perform on a national level. She has been making many connections in the industry and knows the process won’t be easy, but she has grown a tremendous amount as a musician since 2017. Although she still wrestles with doubt, Hansen’s confidence as a performer gets stronger and she seems, in a word, undaunted. It is her goal to press on and share her vision and help others to tap into their own gifts. “It’s



Cole Hansen. Photo by Mod Bettie Portraits.

kind of heartbreaking when you think about it because there is so much talent all around us,” said Hansen. “There so much singing to be discovered, but there are so many people trapped inside their heads and think they are not good enough, and gosh darn it, if I can prevent one more person in the world from thinking that - so that they can come out and share their gifts - I

just think the world is going to be a better place the more people feel comfortable to share their gifts.” You can see Cole Hansen sharing her gifts on Youtube, her Facebook page, and her website colehansenmusic.com. Also, she will be performing this summer at Meijer Gardens’ Tuesday Evening Music Club.

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# Kate, continued

races and posting these wide margins of victory.

Brim gives a lot of credit to training, in the hills and mountains surrounding her new digs at Team USA, with building her endurance even further. All of this road racing is leading up for her to participate in the World Championship races that will be held in Glasgow, Scotland, later this summer. (*Ledger* has it in the budget to fly yours truly over there for in-person coverage?)

Getting a new custom-built bike and becoming a member of our Olympic team would be enough for most people but that kind of thing is just a warm-up for Brim. Before she focused on para-cycling, Kate satisfied her love of sport and competition by being a member of the Grand Rapids Thunder, a wheelchair rugby

team. Kate traveled to Las Vegas earlier this month to participate with them in six games, in a national tournament. We guess her idea of a relaxing break from powering her bike up and down the mountain roads is to spend a few days immersed in the rough and tumble action of rugby.

Working backwards to February, Kate became a desert rat when she traveled to Phoenix, AZ, to be involved in the Valley of the Sun para-cycling races that took place there. Sharp-eyed watchers of a little football game, that same month might have noticed Kate being featured in the Corewell Health *Can We* ad that ran during the Super Bowl. If you missed it, sources tell us that the ad runs on TV8 on a regular basis.

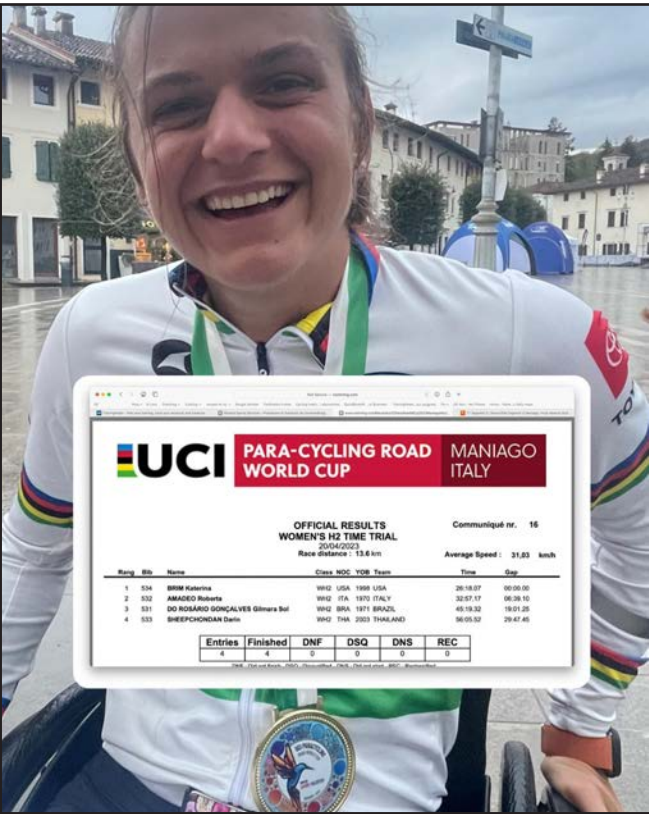
Another amazing Kate Brim fact is that she does everything she does while managing diabetes. She was diagnosed with Type 1, a little over a year ago. Novo Nordisk is a global pharmaceutical corporation. One of the products they manufacture is the insulin Kate and other diabetics depend upon. Novo Nordisk has recently named Brim as one of their ambassadors. Stay tuned for more details about this development.

When we traded messages with Kate, while she was still in Italy, we asked her what her favorite thing about the last few months of her life has been. The second part of her answer will resonate with all the readers who are a bit tired of gray skies. “The amazing riding Colorado has to offer! Being at

altitude has strengthened me so much,” Kate related. “The endless amount of sunshine. We get snow but it’s gone by the end of the day because of how sunny it is here!”

That response was classic Kate Brim. Most competitors would have gone on about the thrill of winning races minutes ahead of the next racer, as opposed to winning by seconds or portions of seconds. Most of us would brag about appearing in a commercial that aired to the vast majority of the American population. Our question opened the door wide for Kate to brag on Kate. That is not how Brim rolls. Instead, she was rejoicing in the physical challenge of training where the air is thin and bragging about how the sunshine is plentiful there.

Kate’s humility is not lost on her family and friends. When we spoke to Melanie Brim, Kate’s mom, she spoke about how, in spite of being a determined athlete competing on an international level, it is NOT “all about the winning” for her hard-charging daughter. Her parents are proud, pleased and a bit overwhelmed at the developments over the past few months.



Kate at the finish line of her time trials in Italy, where she finished 6 1/2 minutes ahead of 2nd place.

“I am actually at a loss for words,” Melanie said. “To say we are proud of her is an understatement, for sure. For me the best thing has been watching her come into her own. Winning is great, but upon reflection, the best thing is how she is managing her life as a professional athlete. That makes us so very proud.”

If Kate Brim keeps up with her current pace, this reporter might quit his full-time job and apply for a position as her Personal Assistant and Publicist. We can hardly wait to see what comes next for the unstoppable Kate Brim. She has races coming up in Belgium in May. If you want to follow Kate Brim around the world from the safety of your screen, then look for her on Facebook and get ready for a great ride. [www.facebook.com/katie.brim.7](http://www.facebook.com/katie.brim.7)



Kate, front left, with her Thunder teammates in Las Vegas.

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# Meeting, continued

“better interpretation, and probably better language.” He has worked with Andy Moore from Williams & Works, who provided a quote for cleaning up the language, and the City Council voted to approve his recommendation to have this legal work carried out. Also

approved was Czarnecki’s request to purchase two smart pumps that, barring an increase in electricity costs, will save the city money by regulating the flow of water through piping throughout the city.

The Lowell City Council meets the first and third Monday of each month, barring Monday holidays, which often delay the meeting until the



Lowell Light & Power General Manager, Charlie West, wishes to remove nuisance trees on Bowes Road this coming week.

# Magnolia restaurant offers southern entrees

By Emma Palova  
contributing writer

The new Magnolia restaurant, located in the old Springgrove building, at the corner of Riverside Drive and Main, features New Orleans-style dishes, as it pays tribute to a torn-down restaurant by the same name in The Big Easy.

The entrees, such as fried chicken and fried okra are a staple of New Orleans cuisine, along with beignets, not to be confused with Louisiana cuisine, according to one of the owners, Connor Jacob Mikkelsen. “This is a beautiful location,” co-owner Cameron Hessing said. “We like the aesthetics of being on the river. The community is very supportive of new businesses.”

Upon entering the restaurant, a colorful ambiance strikes you, with the painting of a huge white magnolia on the left and purple leather high chairs by the high-top, with the best view in the house - the Showboat.

The chalkboard sign on Main Street announces the daily must-have beignets. Beignets are fried dough balls, covered with powdered sugar, to be found all around New Orleans. Both owners are avid chefs; Hessing, sporting a black chef’s apron, puts the menu together with daily entrees and a rotating menu.

The rotating items are: seafood on Fridays, such as shrimp and corn bisque, jambalaya on Thursdays, red beans and rice on Mondays, closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, sausage and peppers on Saturdays, and sticky chicken on Sundays.

The sticky chicken is a delicacy made with soy sauce and baked with butter, served on a bed of white rice. The perfect combination is with fried okra. The sides which go with anything, are fried okra, mac and cheese, black-eyed peas, green beans, mashed potatoes, creamed corn, collards, and more.

The restaurant opened on March 15 and the venue

is still waiting for a liquor license to offer a full bar and packaged liquor. When licensing for liquor is obtained, the restaurant that seats 150, will extend its hours to have a night scene. They will have a shaved ice machine making adult snowballs like a Daquiri and more. Also, the grocery up-front will carry southern items, everything necessary to make a southern dish, as well as essentials like milk, eggs, and bread. “The community has been very supportive,” Mikkelsen said. “We want to bring a taste of the South with its sounds. We want to make this a comfortable place for people to hang out on the river.” Thus, the name Magnolia is reminiscent of the South. “It’s a simple southern flower,” Mikkelsen said.

“We’re looking to have a nice relaxing scene,” Mikkelsen said. “You can have a coffee, work on your computer, listen to music on the free jukebox.” There will be open-mike on the first Saturday of the month

with jazz, blues, contemporary, and alternative music. The next one is on April 29 from 6 to 8 pm.

The plans include having a house band. Currently, Magnolia is negotiating with Blues Express from Detroit, a band that performs at the oldest lounge in Motor City, The Raven. “They are an inspiration,” Mikkelsen said.

Magnolia employs five part-time employees including Trent Heesterbeek, who is in charge of the open mike night. The restaurant is looking to hire more employees.

No breakfast is served; however, beignets can be served for breakfast, as well. “We’re hoping for a lunch crowd,” Mikkelsen said. “And evening crowd, as well.”

Trending are fried chicken and fried okra, roast beef with mashed potatoes and turkey sandwiches. The official take-out number is 616-987-5014. Depending on the entrée, the dish with two sides can be ready within 10 minutes; more complex entrées may take the longest, 15 to 20 minutes.

The restaurant is located at 123 W. Main, with opening hours Thursday through Monday, from 10 am to 8 pm.

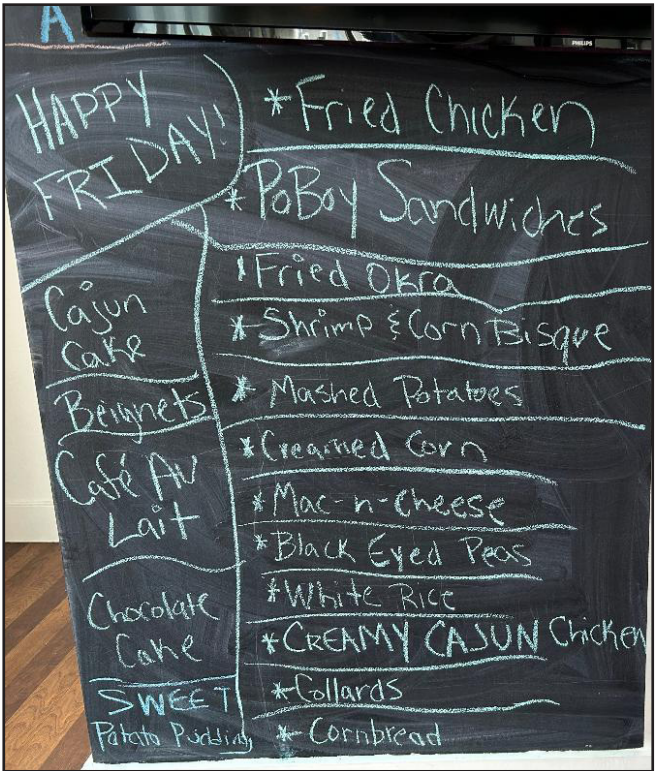
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Magnolia owners, Jake Mikkelsen and Cameron Hessing, by the beautiful white magnolia painting.



Magnolia owners, Jake Mikkelsen and Cameron Hessing, by the Springgrove sign.



Magnolia menu.

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# Lowell comes up short, then places second at Kathy Talus Invite

Submitted by coach Paul Judd

Tough competition brings out good performances, and that held true on Wednesday, when Lowell hosted Christian and FHC in a triangular meet. The weather-shortened meets were won by FHC and GRC but Lowell kept the meet close throughout the evening. Isabel German and Katrina Sandman both moved up the record board in their events. Isabel moved to No. 6 in the 200m, running a 26.73, which was good for first place, while Katrina won the 800m in 2:22.96, which is No. 2 all-time; she also took third in the 1600m with a time of 5:15.27, which was also good for a No. 2 spot on the record board. Aubriegh Oswald grabbed a couple of first place finishes taking the shot put and the discus. Her throw in the discus of 102-03 was a giant PR.

Team scores FHC 67, Lowell, 56 FINAL; GRC 71, Lowell, 54 FINAL.

Placing first for the Arrows were: Isabel

German, 200m, 26.73, No. 6 LHS Record Board; Katrina Sandman, 800m, 2:22.96 No. 2 LHS Record Board; Leah Krieger, 300H, 51.01 and Aubriegh Oswald, shot put, 33-03 and discus, 102-03

Second place finishers were: Annika Sandman, 1600m, 5:00.00 and Leah Krieger, 100H, 17.04 and high jump, 4-04

Placing third were: Isabel German, 100m, 13.36; Brooklyn Wobma, 400m, 1:06.38; Katrina Sandman, 1600m, 5:15.27 No. 2 LHS Record Board and Ivy Mcdonald, high jump, 4-04.

The Lady Arrows used strong field event and distance crew to grab runner-up honors at the Kathy Talus Invitational, held Saturday at Lowell Memorial Stadium. The Arrows bested Grandville high school by 1.5 points in a meet won by fellow OK White Member, Byron Center. The Arrows grabbed four first-place finishes and had some near record

performances. Annika Sandman won the 1600m in 5:06.26, which was a second off the meet record. Sandman also joined the team of Audrey Latchaw, Mia Kinney, and sister Katrina in the DMR, which took first, but again came up short of the meet record. In the field events, Isabel German won the individual pole vault, and teamed with Brooklyn Wobma, to win the pole vault relay in 17-00. German came back later in the meet to take silver medalist honors in the 100m in 13.10.

Final team scores were: Byron Center, 89; Lowell, 67.5; Grandville, 66; Caledonia, 56; Charlotte, 46; Hamilton, 44; Holland, 32; GRTC Peregrines, 20; West Michigan Aviation, 16; Northview, 12; Wyoming Kelloggsville, 11; GR Covenant Christian, 5.5.

Scoring first place were: Annika Sandman, 1600m, 5:06.26; Isabel German, pole vault, 10-00; German/Wobma, pole vault



Katrina and Annika Sandman in action last Wednesday.

relay, 17-00; DMR relay team of: Latchaw, Kinney, Sandman, Sandman, 23:27.90.

Second place finishers were: Isabel German, 100m, 13.10 and Gustin/Krieger, long jump relay, 27-10.75.

Placing third were: Katrina Sandman, 1600m, 5:17.94 and Oswald/McDonald, shot put relay, 62-09.50.

Other medalists were: Oswald/McDonald, discus relay, 170-11.

# Arrows hitting stride with personal and season records

Submitted by coach Paul Judd

Lowell took advantage of hosting two strong teams last Wednesday, Grand Rapids Christian and FHC, as they set numerous personal and season records in a very competitive meet. The meet was stopped,

with two laps to go, as thunderstorms hit the area. FHC had already hit the winning number, but the meet with GRC still isn't final, as GRC is leading Lowell 68-64, with one event to go. If standings require, the two schools will

meet to run the 1600m relay to see who wins.

Ramsey Ponchaud had a good night, as he won three events, taking the 110HH, 300H, and pole vault. The hurdle events were strong, as Lowell swept the 110HH and took the top two spots in the 300H.

Team Scores: FHC 72, Lowell 50 final; GRC 68, Lowell 64 pending.

Placing first for the Red Arrows were: Levi Mills, 400m, 52.17; Ramsey Ponchaud, 110HH, 17.75, 300H, 43.96 and pole vault, 12-00 Isaac Graham, discus, 137-09.

Second place finishers were: Noah VanLaan, 110HH, 17.97; Christopher Wigger, 300H, 44.93; Isaac Graham, shot put, 42-00.00; Ben Bromley, discus, 118-03 and the 800M relay team of: Young, Wigger, Mills, Wittenbach, 1:35.72

Placing third were: Xavier Young, 100m, 11.80; Christopher Wigger, 110HH, 18.18; Drew Weber, shot put, 39-05.00 and Noah VanLaan, high jump, 5-06.00.

On Saturday, Lowell scored three first place finishes during the Kathy

Talus Invitational, held at Red Arrow Stadium. Ramsey Ponchaud went 12-06 in the pole vault and had two good attempts at the 13-00 mark. Isaac Graham won the discus with a toss of 135-6, and teamed-up with Benjamin Bromley, to win the discus relay. Graham would team-up again with Drew Weber to take second in the shot-put relay. The relay team of Xavier Young, Brady Smith, Brenden Wittenbach, and Levi Mills grabbed second in the Red

Arrow Relay. It was a pretty good day for the Arrows, as they continue to grow, we are mid-way through the season.

Final score for the day were: Caledonia, 124; Hamilton, 80.5; Charlotte, 62; Byron Center, 49; Grandville, 45; Lowell, 37; GR Covenant Christian, 17; GRTC Peregrines, 13; Holland, 12; Wyoming, 12; Northview, 6.5; GR West Michigan Aviation, 6; Wyoming Kelloggsville, 1

Taking first place for

the Arrows were: Ramsey Ponchaud, pole vault, 12-06; Isaac Graham, discus, 135-06; Isaac Graham/Ben Bromley, discus relay, 244-09

Taking second were: Red Arrow Relay team of: Young, Smith, Wittenbach, Mills, 1:40.98; Graham/Drew Weber shot put relay, 83-03.50

Other medalists were: Christopher Wiggers, 300H, 43.86; 1600m relay team of Polczak, Ponchaud, Wittenbach, Mills, 3:42.35



Isaac Graham in competition against FHC and GR Christian last Wednesday.

# Post spring break bustle for tennis

By Justin Scott  
sports reporter

Six matches in two weeks has meant a lot of tennis for the Lowell girls tennis squad. The weather still has not been especially co-operative, despite a short-lived reprieve from cooler weather.

Lowell swept past both Wyoming and Greenville 8-0. Kaylee Royer, playing at #1 singles, the top spot for the team, lost just three games in four sets in the two wins. Ella Todd, Olivia Berg, and Emma Boston

were all similarly dominant in their wins at #2, #3, and #4 singles respectively.

In the win over the Yellow Jackets, Zoey Mierendorf and Sienna Berg won the only three set match, winning 6-4, 2-6, 7-5.

Boston was Lowell's lone winner in a 7-1 loss to Byron Center. She won her match 3-6, 6-2, 6-4 completing the comeback.

High school tennis matches with full squads are out of eight points, with

each of the four singles teams and four doubles teams facing off for a point each in best two out-of-three set matches. Teams can tie at four or win by securing five or more of the matches.

Just after spring break ended Lowell won a pair of close matchups with East Kentwood (6-2) and Cedar Springs (5-3). Kyra Boersma and Haleigh Stickney won a close match to seal the win

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SPORTS

Soccer digs in with heart of conference schedule

By Justin Scott  
sports reporter

But can they do it on a cold rainy night in Stoke? This expression is pretty well known in the soccer world. It came from commentator, Andy Gray, in 2010, discussing then Barcelona striker, Leo Messi’s, prolific goalscoring in Spain’s top league, suggesting that Messi couldn’t duplicate his performances in the English Premier League even against a middle-of-the-road team like Stoke City, then known for their strong defensive performances at home. Messi never did test that theory in England, but to say he did pretty well for himself, since 2010, is an understatement.

Now the question for the OK White soccer teams, can they do it on a cold rainy night in Lowell? Forest Hills Northern faced this test against a high flying Red Arrow offense and a tough goalkeeper in Lowell’s Aubree Lee. The result was a thriller in the absolute worst of weather conditions for spring soccer. Cold, rain, wind, and narrowly missing a line of thunderstorms to the area’s north that had everyone on edge.

The Huskies are one of three OK White teams ranked in the top fifteen teams in Division 2, and Lowell was able to earn a tie with the Huskies, nearly taking all three points.

Under a dark and threatening sky, the Huskies took the lead on a solo effort from the left wing in the 10th minute, the ball bouncing past an outstretched Lee, and put into the back of the net.

With 18 minutes to go in the game, Lowell equalized as a RJ Wagamon corner kick was sent in, and was meant to be chested down and cleared by an FHN defender; instead, the ball deflected cruelly for the Huskies into the back of the net, and would go down as an own goal.

It followed some stout defending by Lee and the Red Arrow defense, frustrating the Huskies, who had been looking for that crucial second goal, one they did technically score, just into the wrong net.

As time wound down under two minutes, the aggressiveness of both teams came into play, both knowing that with limited time left, a more direct route would be needed to score goals. An interception and immediate half-field lob pass from Olivia Blood was collected by Wagamon, who looked to slow play a bit and shield the ball on the right side of the box; she got bumped and went to the crown, and with 94 seconds left, Lowell had a penalty, that if converted would all but win the game.

It wasn’t meant to be this time, with a tricky playing surface that helped cause the own goal, making the penalty attempt that much trickier, and it sailed just narrowly over the crossbar. A sigh of relief for the Huskies players who walked away with a tie.

The following day, Lowell were bested by visiting Byron Center 2-1, continuing a high-drama week of soccer. This time it was Lowell who suffered the heartbreak, trailing 1-0 with five minutes to play, when a high bouncing ball was gathered by Ally Seevers in the midfield, who got it to Wagamon, who wove through traffic and got off a contested shot that found the back of the net. The soccer gods are cruel sometimes, and Byron Center would lob a shot from near 40 yards that would fly high into the air and fall in the net, which won the Bulldogs the game.

The Red Arrows head on the road this week for matches with Forest Hills Central and Grand Rapids Christian.



Freshman Olivia Blood deals with an FHN offensive player, and the rain, last week.

- GOLF

Golfers keep pace with high-flying Eagles

By Justin Scott  
sports reporter

Division 2 boys golf state rankings. Number one, OK White team. Number two, OK White team. Number three, OK White team. Hey, we’re used to that. If there were a conference power rankings across all sports, the OK White would be right up there with some of the strongest athletic programs in the state. What we’re not used to is seeing Lowell boys golf perched up at number two in the state. A team, whose best state finish ever was eighth in a sport, dominated by schools within more affluent areas. The team knows that history too and are eager to continue to show the state what Lowell golf, a program full of kids who grew up playing the area’s public courses, can do.

The Red Arrows proved they belonged among the state’s best programs at the Hillsdale Academy Tournament at Bedford Valley, where they kept pace with Division 2 top dog, Grand Rapids Christian. Lowell shot a 314, just four shots off the Eagles, and 10 shots off tournament champion, Chelsea.

“We played well, had some mistakes, and we would love to reduce a few of them. Golf is still a sport of managing the errors,” Koert said of the performance.

Cam Sluss led the pack with a 74; Nick Lothian (77), Drew Veldman (80), and Patrick de Voest (83) followed suit. Lowell was able to bring their JV team out, as well, not normal for 18-hole tournaments. Most JV teams play only a select few 18-hole tournaments a year, and most of them aren’t at golf courses that host state championship tournaments.

“Bedford was meant to inspire our JV guys, and I think it did just that,” added Koert. Brycen Peters shot an 89 to lead the JV pack, no small feat to break bogey golf at a course like Bedford Valley.

On Wednesday, Lowell hosted their only home match of the year, a conference jamboree which did not include Grand Rapids Christian. It did include third-ranked Forest Hills Central, though; the teams went back and forth, tying with scores of 159 for first place.

“We wanted the win. We know we are a good team and we needed to make a statement at our home course,” Coach Koert said of his team’s mentality going in.

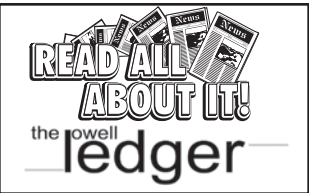
De Voest had a 38 to pace Lowell, followed by Sluss (39), Lothian (41), and Veldman (41). Patrick had straight pars outside of two bogeys in Arrowhead’s newest hole additions, 4 and 5, that dip into a valley at the edge of the course.

Last Tuesday, Lowell finished fourth in the conference jamboree at Railside, hosted by Byron Center. The Bulldogs took advantage of their home course and went low with a 152. FHC (162), FHN (164), and Lowell (165) followed. Sluss had back-to-back birdies on holes 4 and 5 at Railside, finishing with a 39 to pace the squad.

“Our conference is so balanced and that gives us some good competition. We are a good team, but we missed out on an opportunity to make an impression on the Conference. We missed a few shots, and those cost us dearly.”

This week, Lowell gets another shot at GR Christian, where they will play at Detroit Country Club in a tournament hosted by UD Jesuit. The Eagles finished fourth in the state last year, and returned all six of their players that competed in the state finals, held at The Meadows last season. The scores between Lowell and GR Christian, over the course of the year, will be of particular interest throughout. They’ll then travel to Bedford Valley again on Thursday for a tournament hosted by Gull Lake

“Bedford is a historic site, as Bedford has hosted more state adult tournaments than any other golf course, and The Detroit Golf Club, of course, hosts the PGA’s Rocket Mortgage Classic. We’re excited to play these courses,” Koert concluded.



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over Cedar Springs at #2 doubles. Berg, Boston, the team of Becca Grey and Katie Meyers at #4 doubles, and the team of Ariana Fredricks and Izzy Mosier at #1 doubles also picked up wins.

Against the Falcons, all four doubles teams picked up victories to help secure the win. Lowell improved to 5-3-1 historically against East Kentwood, one of the larger schools in West Michigan.

In the Lowell Invitational hosted on a chilly Saturday, Zeeland West, Unity Christian, and Reeths-Puffer came to town. Lowell scored three points, thanks to wins by Berg, Royer, and Meyers/Grey. Reeths-Puffer won the invitational with 17 points.



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# obituaries

**DAVIS**

Sandra Lee Davis, age 82 of Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, peacefully passed away while being held in the arms of those who loved her on April 19, 2023. Sandy was preceded in death by her grandmother Mattie Jacobi, her father Frederick Jacobi and her mother Miriam Hutchinson. Sandy is survived by and will live on in the hearts of us who hold her so dear, being her husband Richard Davis, her daughters Gina Servizzi and Melissa Savage, her sons Robert Servizzi, James and John Savage, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, her sister Sue Worswick, and her brothers Bob and Jerry Jacobi. Along with her husband Richard Davis, Sandy was influential in seeding the Charlotte White Center counseling program, some 30 years ago in Dover-Foxcroft, Maine. As a teenager, Sandy lived in Lowell, Michigan. She worked there at the local Five & Dime. Sandy loved to have fun, especially with her best friend, Sandy Kern, and loved playing with her dog, 8-ball. She accepted responsibilities, helping her younger siblings, meeting their needs as her heart loved their hearts. Sandy was a mother who always placed the needs and wants of her children above her own. When visiting Mom, if she noticed you liked something of hers, she would often say, take it with you. Mom was a giving tree. She wanted to be, and was involved, with her children's lives, even into their adult years. When there were problems she would pick them up, dust them off and put them back on the right path. Sandy gave her children the greatest gift of all. She taught her children what love is, how it is given and received, by her example, every single day of her life. If we could "Love You" any more, each of us would have to have a second heart to hold "So Much" Love. The family would like to extend their sincere appreciation and gratitude to the wonderful staff at Northern Light Mayo Hospital. The kindness and compassion shown to their mother will never be forgotten. Sandy will be remembered and celebrated by her family with a private service at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home in Lowell, Michigan on Wednesday, April 26, 2023.



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**DYKHUIS**

Gladys Elaine Dykhuis, age 90 of Alto, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday April 22, 2023. The daughter of William and Gertrude Lachniet she was born December 9, 1932, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ken; children, Kevin, Steven, and Cynthia Mitchell; and brother, Carl and two infant brothers. Surviving are her children, Sharon (Alonzo) Miller of Clarksville, Kenneth (Shirley) Dykhuis Jr. of Carson City, Scott (Peggy) Dykhuis of Greenville, Jelaine (Mark) Smoes of Lowell, Kimberly



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(Gerald) Hale of Lowell; 15 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; brother, Roger Lachniet of Kansas; son-in-law, John Mitchell of Lowell. Elaine, her preferred name, loved the Lord, family, friends, gardening, and crafting (sewing, card making, and painting). She was a hard worker and had a giving heart. She was a crafty woman and could always find a way to repurpose things. Visitation with the family will be held from 3-6pm on Friday, May 5, 2023, at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, Michigan 49331. Funeral services will be held at 11am on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at First Baptist Church of Alto, 6015 Bancroft Ave. SE, Alto, Michigan 49302, with visitation one hour prior. Pastor Timothy Teall officiating. Interment Merriman Cemetery. Memorial Contributions can be made to Mel Trotter Ministries, 225 Commerce Ave. SW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506 or Alpha Family Center of Lowell, 519 E Main St, Lowell, MI 49331. "The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." Deuteronomy 33:27a

**EMMONS**

Emily Catherine Emmons passed away peacefully on March 25, 2023. She was born on October 31, 1934, in Bell County, Kentucky. Emily was preceded in death by her husband, Wallace Emmons, and by her parents, Emily and Elihu Lewis. She is survived by her nieces and nephew, Marsha Sondys, Sean Lewis Katrina Stevens. Emily came to Grand Rapids after High School. A cousin asked her to come here, as there was more work. She worked at a few jobs and then got hired by the YMCA to help in the kitchen. Met her husband, Walley, and got married. Then moved to Vergennes township, where she lived most of her days. The last few months were spent at Maple Ridge Manor of Lowell. Emily loved the Lord and was always happy to have conversations about Him. She was a member of the Vergennes United Church, and attended regularly, until her health was too poor. Later years, you would find her watching westerns or cartoons on her VHS or DVD machines. There will be a memorial service held at Vergennes United Church, 10411 Bailey NE, Lowell. This will be on Sunday, April 30, 2023, at 12:00 PM (noon). Later, her ashes will be added to the family plot in Grandville, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to the Vergennes Church.



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**TOMPKINS**

Freda Mae Tompkins, age 99 of Lowell, passed away Tuesday, April 18, 2023. The daughter of Joseph & Mabel (Bennett) Kendjerski, she was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Freda was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Tompkins and grandson, Todd Timmermans. She is survived by her children, Thomas (Benna-Lea) Tompkins, Patricia (Douglas II) LaDue, Debra (Gary) Timmermans; grandchildren, Adam, Alicia, Andrew, Douglas, Daniel, Nicolle, Michelle, Tara, Tracy and 8 great-grandchildren; special niece, Sharon (Gary) Misner. Freda graduated from Creston High School in 1941. She enjoyed gardening, jig-saw puzzles, playing cards, and crocheting. Freda was known for her wonderful sense of humor. The family would like to thank the staff of Legacies of Caledonia for their wonderful care. Visitation with the family was held on Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 2-4pm & 6-8pm at O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst Chapel, 3980 Cascade Roads SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to The Care Team Hospice, 756 Fulton St. W Suite 203, Grand Rapids, MI 49504 or Faith Hospice, 2100 Raybrook SE, Suite 300 ,Grand Rapids, MI 49546.



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obituaries

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KEMPKER

Ann Marie Kempker, age 88 of Lowell, passed away April 23, 2023. The daughter of Bert & Gladys (Bailard) Thomas, she was born April 1, 1935, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. After graduating Holland High School in 1953, she married her high school sweetheart John “Jack” Kempker. Then she started working as a secretary for Holland Color. In 1961 the family settled in Lowell ,where Jack was teaching. In 1971 Ann started working for State Savings Bank, which transitioned over the years to FMB, and then to Huntington Bank. She was a highly valued employee, winning ‘employee



of the month.’ Ann was known to greet her customers with a gracious smile, and she was always so helpful. Ann enjoyed reading and swimming, but most of all taking care of her grandkids. Her family will miss the many wonderful summers spent with her at the family cottage on Beaver Island. Ann is survived by her husband of 70 years, Jack; children, Deb Kempker-Collins, Kathy (Bucky) Curtis, Tom Kempker, Ron Kempker; grandchildren, Mike (Jessica) Curtis, Andy (Arika Williams)Curtis, Chris Curtis, Devon (Adam Benedict) McQueen, Jackson Kempker, Kendall (Jake Murphy) Kempker; great-grandchildren, Isaiah, Gabby, and Christian McQueen, Kyli, Taylor, Hudson, Ella, Macy, Kellen, Henley, Maddox, and Pippa Curtis; sister-in-law, Mary Kempker; nephew, Paul TerBeek; along with many other family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Leslie Thomas, Frank J. Thomas, Burton Thomas, Ray Thomas, Frank B. Thomas; sisters, Helen Funckes, and Ida Mae TerBeek; parents-in-law, John & Fayne Kempker, and brother-in-law, Dave Kempker. Visitation with the family will take place from 5-7pm on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, Michigan 49331. Memorial Contributions can be directed to Careline Hospice, 770 Kenmoor Ave Ste. 100, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546.

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PURDY

Robert “Bob” Gerald Purdy, age 83 of Clarksville, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, April 21, 2023. The son of Robert and Elvina (Hubbard) Purdy, he was born on December 9, 1939, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Bob grew up in Middleville, Michigan and graduated from Thornapple Kellogg School. In his teenage years he worked for Otto’s Turkey Farm and then went on to work for Caledonia Elevator. Bob attended Michigan State University. He then was employed for EW Bliss in Hastings, then General Motors, then, Diesel Technology from where he retired. Bob was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Jim Purdy, sister, Cheryl Purdy; niece, Kelly (Purdy) Helmus; father-in-law, Russell Aspinall; and sister-in-law, Judy (White) Purdy. He left behind his loving wife of 60 years, Judy



(Aspinall) Purdy; daughter, Robin Porter (James); son Randall Purdy (Becky); grandsons, Jamie, Jared, and little Eli – they were all his pride and joy! – brothers, Tom (Marlene) Purdy, Lee Purdy; sisters, Karen Coleman, Pat (Rodger) Modreske; mother-in-law, Ella Aspinall; and sisters-in-law, Janet (Larry Shear) Allison, Janet Purdy; his little buddy, Sonny; along with many other friends and family. Bob was great at taking care of his family. They took many camping vacation trips together, with many memories to cherish. He liked to hunt and fish and enjoyed his garden. Bob loved to tinker around and fix different things. There were very few things he couldn’t fix. Later in life, Bob found his Savior and is now with his Heavenly Father. Visitation with the family will take place from 5-8pm on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, Michigan 49331. Funeral services will take place at 2pm on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at Roth-Gerst Chapel with visitation one hour prior. Rev. Nate Gray officiating. Interment Bowne Mennonite Cemetery. Memorial Contributions can be directed to Elmdale Church of the Nazarene, 11830 Drew Rd, Alto, MI 49302.

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CITY OF LOWELL WWTP  
EXPANSION AND UPGRADES  
AND COLLECTION SYSTEM  
EXPANSION PROJECT

NOTICE OF PROJECT PLAN  
PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Lowell will hold a public hearing on the proposed City of Lowell Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion and Upgrade and Collection System Expansion projects for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons.

The hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 2023 at the following location: 301 E. Main St., Lowell, Michigan 49331

The purpose of the proposed project is to expand and upgrade the existing wastewater treatment plant to accommodate growth in service area, to upgrade or replace existing aging components, and extend sanitary sewer 4.8 miles into Lowell Township.

Project construction at the WWTP will involve a new headworks building with a larger fine screen, larger grit removal system, a new oxidation ditch, a new larger secondary clarifier, and a sludge storage tank to increase average day plant capacity to 2.13 MGD, and the maximum hydraulic flow to 6 MGD. Construction of the sewer collection system extension will include gravity sewer, a lift station and forcemain.

Impacts of the proposed project include expanded treatment capacity for peak and average flows resulting in better treatment and cleaner effluent discharges into the environment, and expanding the sewer service area into Lowell Township.

The estimated cost to users for the proposed project will be Twenty-Six Million dollars (\$26,000,000). The new annual debt from a 20-year SRF loan at 2.75% interest is approximately One Million Seven Hundred Eight Thousand dollars (\$1,708,000)

Copies of the plan detailing the proposed project are available for inspection at the following locations: Lowell City Hall at 301 E. Main St., Lowell, Michigan 49331, and Lowell Township Hall at 2910 Alden Nash Ave. SE, Lowell, Michigan 49331.



Written comments received before the hearing record is closed on May 15, 2023 will receive responses in the final project plan. Written comments should be sent to: sullery@ci.lowell.mi.us.

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BOWNE  
TOWNSHIP  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
PLANNING COMMISSION

On Tuesday, May 23, 2023, the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hear public comments about the following Zoning Ordinance amendments. The public hearing will be held at 7:00 P.M. at the Historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash SE, Alto, concerning the following:

- 1. Amendment to add Section 2.73, amend Section 3.28, and add Section 3.29 of the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance to amend small-scale and utility-scale solar energy systems.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BOWNE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE; TO AMEND ARTICLE 2 TO ADD A NEW SECTION 2.73 FOR DEFINITIONS RELATED TO SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS AND RENUMBER SUBSEQUENT DEFINITION SECTIONS ACCORDINGLY; TO AMEND CHAPTER 3 TO AMEND SECTION 3.28 TO RENAME TO "SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS, SMALL SCALE"; AND TO ADD A NEW SECTION 3.29 NAMED "SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS, UTILITY SCALE" AND RENUMBER SUBSEQUENT SECTIONS ACCORDINGLY.

The Draft Ordinance is available for review, inspection, and purchase, and written comments will be received by 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at the Bowne Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash Avenue SE, Alto, Michigan 49302. All interested parties will be heard at the meeting.

Sometimes the questions are complicated and the answers are simple. ~ Dr. Seuss

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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!

Guess Who?

I am an actress born in Texas on April 16, 2002. I started in theater, playing “Annie” on Broadway. I’ve been in a number of TV shows, but I am best known for my work on an ensemble show about strange happenings in a Midwestern town.

Answer: Sadie Sink

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TICK DISEASES WORD SEARCH

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

Puzzle solutions  
on page 13

- TICK DISEASES  
WORD SEARCH
- ACUTE  
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ALTERNATIVE  
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- ANTIBIOTIC  
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- PETS  
REPELLENT  
SYMPTOMS  
TICK  
TREATMENT  
WOODS

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to summer.

R T D H G O U

Answer: Drought

- CLUES ACROSS
1. It's all over the beach  
5. A cirque  
8. Corpuscle count (abbr.)  
11. Influential report author  
13. Satisfaction  
14. Recurring only at long intervals  
15. Islamic calendar month  
16. Neither  
17. Gelatinous substance  
18. American electronic music producer  
20. Old computer system  
21. Professional organization  
22. Malaria mosquitoes  
25. Not composed of matter  
30. It's in the ocean  
31. Peyton's little brother  
32. French commune  
33. Eyelashes  
38. Equal (prefix)  
41. Quality of little or no rain  
43. One who beheads  
45. Sung to  
48. Influential punk artist  
49. Amount of time  
50. Polio vaccine developer
55. Abba \_\_, Israeli politician  
56. Job  
57. Flat-bottomed sailboat  
59. Japanese wooden clog  
60. Folk singer DiFranco  
61. FL city  
62. Naturally occurring solid  
63. Language of indigenous Asian people  
64. Dark brown
- CLUES DOWN
1. Soviet Socialist Republic  
2. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire  
3. Venomous snake genus  
4. Uninteresting  
5. Straightforwardness  
6. Expression of wild excitement  
7. Arrange in order  
8. East Indian cereal grass  
9. Hillsides  
10. Bird beak covering  
12. Baseball stat  
14. Edge of a surfboard  
19. Wrapping accessory  
23. Express approval
24. Deduce  
25. Similar  
26. Born of  
27. Automobile  
28. Obligated to repay  
29. Live in  
34. Influential journalist  
Tarbell  
35. Set aflame  
36. OJ trial judge  
37. Scottish town  
39. African nation  
40. Egg-shaped wind instrument  
41. Mimic  
42. Frees  
44. In slow tempo  
45. Sword  
46. Related on the mother's side  
47. Mars crater  
48. Plant of the lily family  
51. Suitable in the circumstances  
52. Hillside  
53. Metrical foot  
54. Amazon river tributary  
58. Adult male human

# Alpha Care Center will host taco lunch and tours on National Prayer Day on May 4

By Emma Palova  
contributing writer

The Alpha Care Center has changed its name to reflect a more welcoming atmosphere. “We wanted to emphasize the care to everyone we serve,” said executive director, Christa Wetzel.

Last year, the center started offering testing for STD (sexually transmitted diseases), and a Ladies’ Luncheon was held at

Fairway in March. The focus now, according to Wetzel, is on the annual fundraiser “Strides for Life,” which is a 5K walk or run, held on Saturday, June 3 at the Riverfront Park, from 9 am to noon.

“The goal is that people raise funds with their own fundraising page,” she said. “It is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year.” The registration fee is \$25 or a maximum of \$60 per family.

The event started in 2004 before the opening of the center in Lowell, in 2007. The participation averages 100, and the most funds ever raised were in 2020 during the Covid-19 shutdown. “We raised \$1,700,” Wetzel said. “Our goal is to raise \$1,500.”

For the upcoming National Day of Prayer, on May 4 at noon, the center will have a taco lunch and tour of the center after the prayer.



**Lowell Light and Power is incredibly grateful for the outpouring of love and support from the Lowell Community and so many generous people & organizations.**

**April 18th is National Lineworker Appreciation Day and for 5 years now, except during the pandemic, Marty and Laurie Chambers have organized an amazing dinner & celebration.**

thank you

**This year’s event was full of laughter & camaraderie, and we want to thank the Chambers’ for organizing such an enjoyable evening!**

**In addition, the Light & Power Team would like to thank all the local businesses and community members that contributed to the event. Our dedicated team works hard in service of this wonderful community and the love and support we receive back is greatly appreciated.**

**As we give a shout out below to everyone that played a role in the Lineworker Appreciation event, please know how much you and your kindness means to the entire LL&P team.**

**From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you!**

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## New display window in Lowell.

“We continue to serve the families and individuals in Lowell, providing medical and educational services, as well as material assistance,” said Wetzel.

There is no residency requirement, the only requirement is that the applicant is pregnant or has a child under five.

“We have agreements with other centers,” she said, “so the applicant feels more comfortable in a place that is not their hometown.”

The center in Lowell is located at 519 E. Main Street. The phone number is 616-987-9533. There is a center located in Lake Odessa at 1040 Fourth Ave., 616-537-4200.

## CITY OF LOWELL WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND WATER SUPPLY EXPANSION AND UPGRADES PROJECT

### NOTICE OF PROJECT PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Lowell will hold a public hearing on the proposed City of Lowell Water Treatment Plant and Water Supply Expansion and Upgrade project for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons.

The hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 2023 at the following location: 301 E. Main St., Lowell, Michigan 49331.

The purpose of the proposed project is to expand and upgrade the existing water treatment plant to 3.0 MGD to accommodate growth in service area, to upgrade or replace existing aging components, and expand the raw water supply.

Project construction at the WTP will involve adding a duplicate system to the existing treatment WTP. This would add a second solids contact clarifier, two anthracite/sand filter beds, drill a new well, install additional high service pumps, expand the treatment building, and improve the existing electrical and controls system.

Impacts of the proposed project include expanded treatment capacity for peak and average flows resulting in a reduction in sprinkling bans or other water use restrictions.

The estimated cost to users for the proposed project will be Six Million Six Hundred Thousand dollars (\$6,600,000). The new annual debt from a 20-year SRF loan at 2.75% interest is approximately Four Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand dollars (\$435,000)

Copies of the plan detailing the proposed project are available for inspection at the following locations: Lowell City Hall at 301 E. Main St., Lowell, Michigan 49331, and Lowell Township Hall at 2910 Alden Nash Ave. SE, Lowell, Michigan 49331.



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