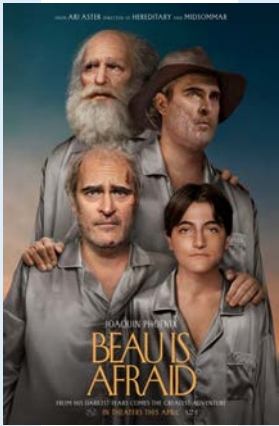




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Historic Hale House to be sold

Senior Neighbors has spent over 30 years and has shared space with Gilda’s Club Grand Rapids since 2009 in Lowell’s historic “Hale House.” Gilda’s Club Lowell, a cancer and grief support organization, and Senior Neighbors, a nonprofit that serves to enhance the lives of senior citizens, will relocate from their current location to the

so kind to us and embraced Gilda’s Lowell Clubhouse as we served community members in their beautiful farmhouse,” said Wendy Wigger, Gilda’s Club Grand Rapids president. “While we leave behind the fond memories we’ve had in this home, we are excited about the new home that awaits us at First Congregational UCC of Lowell, where

Senior Neighbors and Gilda’s Club Lowell Clubhouse relocate to large community space.

First Congregational UCC of Lowell (UCC), located at 865 Lincoln Lake Avenue SE. Senior Neighbors, which owns the farmhouse at 314 S. Hudson St., will give the community an opportunity to own a piece of Lowell history when it lists the house for sale in the coming weeks. The organizations will begin offering their respective programs at UCC beginning May 22.

“For the past 14 years, Senior Neighbors has been

we can grow and better support our members and the communities we serve in Kent County and beyond.”

First Congregational UCC of Lowell’s mission includes community outreach, which started with Open Table, a non-profit completely run by volunteers that prepares a free meal once-a-week, where all are welcome. Senior Neighbors and Gilda’s Club will join

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Lowell Senior Neighbors and Gilds’s Club are relocating to a larger community space at the First Congregational UCC of Lowell.

Dixon’s Violin performs at Sound Check

By Cliff Yankovich
contributing writer

Dixon’s Violin captivated a full house of music lovers, at Sound

Check last Friday night. Who or what is Dixon’s violin? Great question – it is a musical experience provided by Ann Arbor musician,



Dixon performing at Sound Check, inside the Lowell United Methodist Church, last Friday.

Dixon, and his violin. What or where is Sound Check? It is the great music venue tucked inside the Lowell United Methodist Church at 621 East Main Street. If you appreciate local and regional music in a quiet, intimate performance space, with great sound, then this is the place for you. (www.facebook.com/SoundCheckLowell)

Back to Dixon – he just goes by the one name. When considering Dixon, it is a hard call to talk about his music or his personal journey first because the two are so integral to the Dixon experience. (Excuse me while I flip a coin.) Music wins the toss.

Dixon approaches his

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From Delton to Churchill Downs, Chase Chamberlin becomes a Kentucky Derby winner

Jayson Bussa
Contributing writer

Not everyone gets to turn their passion into a profession, but Chase Chamberlin is one of the fortunate few.

Growing up as a kid in the Delton area, Chamberlin might have participated in plenty of other activities available to him, but those hobbies would eventually fall to the wayside for his one true passion: horses.

“At that point in my life, I was basically like, ‘I need more horses,’” the 33-year-old Chamberlin said about growing up. “I played all the sports there was to play as a kid and slowly but surely gave all those up to focus more and more on horses.”

In what he described

as a surreal experience, that former kid who went on his first horse ride on Hallock Road in Hickory Corners nearly 30 years ago found himself at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky. for the 149th Annual Kentucky Derby last Saturday. And he wasn’t just there to watch — he found himself hoisting the sterling silver trophy as one of the proud owners of the derby-winning colt named Mage.

HORSIN’ AROUND

While Chamberlin’s career in horse racing is still young, Saturday’s win could have been considered a storybook ending by all definitions, especially

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considering how passionate he was about horses growing up. Chamberlin attended Gull Lake Community Schools, but his parents and grandparents went to Delton Kellogg, placing the family's roots firmly in that community, as well.

Like many kids, Chamberlin became interested in horses when he went on that fateful ride along Hallock Road.

"My obsession took off from there," Chamberlin said.

Chamberlin would go on to participate in 4-H throughout his school years but also had the opportunity to show Arabians and half-Arabians on a national level.

But, when it came time to head off to college, Chamberlin was looking at a few different schools and wasn't sure how he was going to balance school while continuing to pursue his passion for horses.

"I was considering a lot of different colleges and my parents were like if you want to keep your horses — I had a bunch of show horses at the time — you have to stay in the state," Chamberlin said. "I don't know if they thought I was going to want to leave. I don't know if that was an impetus to get rid of the horses but it didn't work. It had the opposite effect."

Chamberlin landed at Western Michigan University, remaining in the state, and was able to keep his horses.

Life after WMU was about the only time that Chamberlin's path to a career with horses took a bit of a detour. He went to work as the head of growth for a digital video agency in Cincinnati, where he produced video content for some of the world's largest companies and start-ups.

That's when an acquaintance of Chamberlin, who had graduated from Gull Lake High School eight years before him and went

into the corporate finance field, reached out with a professional opportunity — and it involved horses.

"He had this business idea and he sent me SEC documents — it was like 500 pages of SEC documents over Instagram," Chamberlin said of his now-business partner Brian Doxtator. "Horses were the only thing that could make me pore through a 500-page SEC document. No chance otherwise."

Chamberlin liked the idea, but that didn't make the decision to pivot his career an easy one.

"It's a special thing — I feel fortunate that I had a job that I loved that made it difficult to leave for a job that was square in line with my passions," Chamberlin said.

OFF TO THE RACES

The two started what is called Commonwealth, an investment app that allows anyone around the world to invest in athletes, receiving dividends if, or when, that athlete's carer takes off. Right now, Commonwealth specializes in racehorses, but the company is also in the process of incorporating athletes of the human variety, beginning with a couple of golfers.

With only society's affluent able to purchase these top-dollar racehorses, Commonwealth allows people of all walks of life to buy shares of a horse for as little as \$50.

There are some successful horses on Commonwealth's roster, too, including Country Grammer, which was the world's highest-earning racehorse in 2022.

But one horse has stolen the attention from all others: Mage.

This colt was the one to win last week's Kentucky Derby in just his fourth race start. Chamberlin said that the ownership group would soon decide whether or not Mage would continue to run in the Preakness on May 20 at the Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore, the second race in the Triple Crown series.



Chase Chamberlin (right) and Brian Doxtator, both of whom attended Gull Lake Community Schools and Western Michigan University, celebrate a Kentucky Derby victory last Saturday after their colt, Mage, won the race. (Photos provided)

Mage was found at an auction in Maryland by what is called a bloodstock agent, essentially a scout for racehorses. Mage's bloodline was a strong one, his sire (father) was a horse called Good Magic, who had logged a second-place finish in a Kentucky Derby. Coincidentally, Good Magic's sire was a third-place Kentucky Derby finisher of his own.

Mage went for \$290,000 and Chamberlin and his company purchased a 25 percent stake. This allowed them, through Commonwealth, to attract micro investors around the world. Chamberlin said, at the time of the horse's Kentucky Derby victory, Mage had 382 shareholders through Commonwealth.

While these shareholders will receive a payoff for the win, the real money will start flowing when Mage becomes a breeding horse, where past Kentucky Derby winners can fetch anywhere from \$30,000 to \$50,000 per breeding and can breed up to 200 mares a year.

"This is a thing you buy a ticket and take the ride," Chamberlin said of his company. "And that's important to us. I don't want to get hard-working people

to part with their money and be foolish about it. I want them to come in with an amount they're comfortable with and have a lot of fun. It's an amazing journey.

The journey hasn't been too shabby for Chamberlin, either. Last Saturday wasn't the first Kentucky Derby he has attended, but the experience was much

stage you do have to take a moment, take it in and just be grateful that you're there."

And while the sport of horse racing has long been associated with the upper class of society, Chamberlin said that both he and Doxtator are proud of where they came from.

"We're proud of our



Jockey Javier Castellano, perched on top of Mage, looks up at the sky in celebration after winning last Saturday's Kentucky Derby. Bran Doxtator and Chase Chamberlin can be seen to the left.



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LAS Board of Ed honors retirees, hears medical emergency report, approves latest book review

By Michelle Smith
contributing writer

The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education met for its regular meeting, May 8, at the Administrative Offices building.

The meeting started with public comments in regards to items on the agenda. Stefanie Boone spoke about the Board's vote to approve a recommendation from a book review committee to keep *The Sun and Her Flowers*, by Rupi Kaur. Boone said she wanted to provide all of the content of the book, including drawings, to the Board before the vote.

Boone recommended the Board use the rating system from BookLooks.org. She said it is an unbiased resource that uses the rating system based on the Motion Picture Association ratings for movies.

Boone said BookLooks rated the Kaur book a 4 out of 5 for being inappropriate for minors, as it contains visual and written sexual activity, assault, nudity, and abortion commentary. "I don't think there's anyone in this room who would deny that these pictures are sexually explicit," Boone said.

Boone denied there is literary value in the Kaur book and recommended ProtectYoungEyes.com to learn more about how pornography affects teens and children.

Superintendent, Nate Fowler, recognized the 2023 LAS retirees. "We've got a group here, a distinguished group of people who have given many years of service and touched hundreds and thousands of lives of our students, including my own kids and my own family's."

The following are the recent retirees:

Cindy Donahue – Teacher

Tammy Dent – Teacher
Dee Crowley – Athletic Director

Catherine Wisner – Bus Driver

Steve Turnbull – Director of Operations

Molly Burnett, the principal at Murray Lake Elementary, introduced the LAS nursing staff. Delynn Wright works full-time for the district and Linda McElroy works part-time. Burnett said students regularly need medical care with things such as bumped heads and skinned knees, which teachers and staff can provide, but they sometimes need a medical professional to attend to them.

McElroy was hired as a part-time LAS nurse in 2019, and Wright was

hired at the beginning of the current school year. Before that time, LAS did not have a school nurse employed for many years prior.

With Wright and McElroy now designated as the LAS medical team, Burnett said she has more confidence in the district's ability to handle any issues. She said Medical Emergency Teams have been formed and trained, and plans are in place for specific students with chronic health issues. "I will confidently say that I have more medical knowledge and willingness to handle a situation than I ever did because I feel like I have that training," Burnett said.

McElroy said the school district has about 350 students with chronic health needs, such as asthma, diabetes, and seizures. The nurses provide staff training on how to give medications safely to students and provide ongoing supervision.

The district has 19 Automated External Defibrillators, and the nurses monitor those machines, as well as organize CPR certification and First Aid training sessions. Wright said LAS has applied to be a "Designated Michigan Heart-Safe School," which is a recognition that a school district is prepared for a cardiac emergency. Currently, Lowell High School and Murray Lake Elementary are eligible for that designation.

Wright said goals for the 2023-24 school year include making all LAS schools "heart safe" and expanding and improving upon the CPR training and emergency drills. "Healthy students are better learners, so that's really our main goal - to make sure our students here are healthy," Wright said.

Parent, Jenny Wittenbach, has a fifth-grade son at Murray Lake Elementary with multiple chronic health issues. She said having Wright and McElroy on staff has made a substantial impact on her son, Lucas' care and education. She said having a professional checking Lucas' vitals and having a discerning eye on him has meant far fewer unnecessary trips to the emergency room and time out of the classroom for her son.

"It's awesome to be able to have a competent adult who is able to understand his needs, knows what his baseline is. I can talk medical terms with her, and she understands where we're at, what we're doing, what I'm saying," Wittenbach said.

The Board passed the second reading of revised new bylaws and policies, yearly Kent ISD budget resolution, and yearly Foodservice Management Company resolution.

The Board also passed the book review committee approval for *The Sun and Her Flowers*. High school seniors, or students with parental approval, may check out this book.

Board member, Jared Blough, said the book's hand drawings makes him question the appropriateness of allowing students access to this book. He later said, "The pictures were very descriptive and blatant, and I just feel that it shouldn't be in our library."

Board member, Jennifer Dougherty, said the book's poems, that speak to marginalized people, give the book value. Board Vice President, Laurie Kuna, said the book challenges people's perception of beauty, and gives a statement of how women are valued in society.



LAS Medical Team presents during the May Board of Education Meeting. Linda McElroy (left) Delynn Wright.

The Board voted 6 to 1 to keep the book in the LAS media center, with Blough as the dissenting vote.

Fowler reported that the district emergency operations plan is continuing to be reviewed and will be brought before the Board at a later date. He said the new bus driver contract results in a pay raise for drivers, and LAS is in the middle of the county as far as pay. "Our hope is that it will be an incentive to attract new drivers to our fleet," he said.

Several members of the public came forward with comments. Kim Lum expressed appreciation for school nurses and teachers. Carmen Tawney said she is saddened that people, who do not reside in Lowell, criticize the school and town.

April Harrington said she is concerned about the school threat policy and communications to families. She said she would like the district to better communicate with parents, when threats arise, so she can better discuss with her children. "When there's a

threat that happens, I want to be able to confidently tell them that they're safe and that we know we can send them to school," Harrington said.

Soon-to-be LAS graduate, Gabi Yeary said she is concerned about people "cherry picking" information without context in regards to the content in the media centers. Yeary said she learned in literature class that context is important to understand the topic. "In literature every word is connected. Every word, every sentence, every paragraph, and every chapter is all connected to each other

to create a bigger image," she said.

Yeary urged community members to read books in their entirety and to read with empathy and an open mind. She said debates regarding disputed books are a good thing, but people should not base their opinion solely on their own biases, and they should acknowledge that these disputed books can be a positive influence in people's lives. "The library isn't something to restrict and limit, but instead, something to expand." It's a place of comfort, knowledge, and of progress for many," Yeary said.

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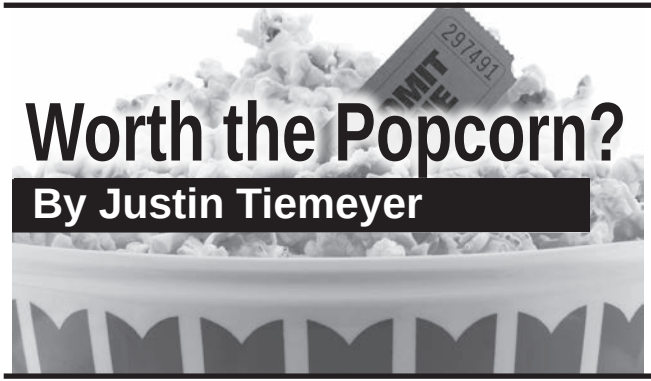
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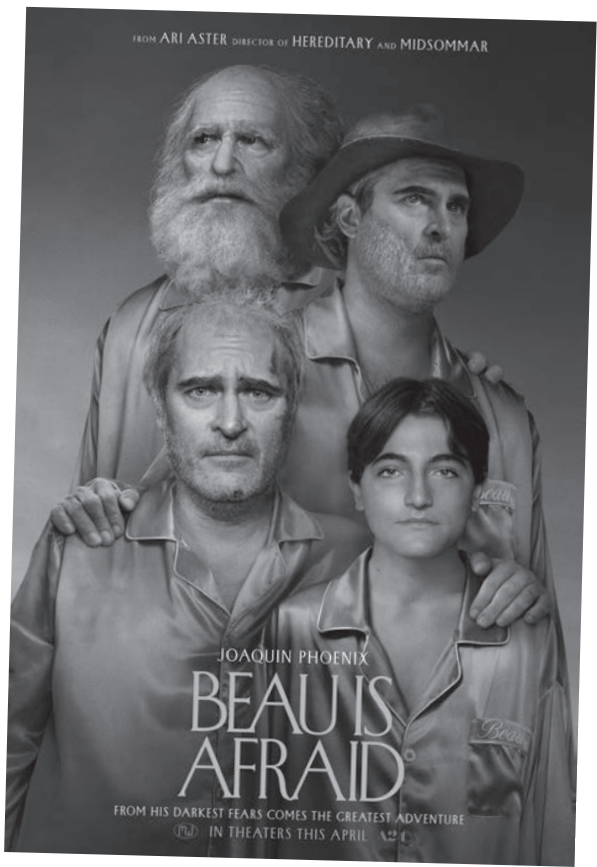
Beau is Afraid

Ever since the premiere of his debut film *Hereditary* at the Sundance Film Festival on January 21, 2018, writer/director, Ari Aster, has developed quite the following. Originally conceived as a family drama, *Hereditary* evolved into a horror movie about family dysfunction and loss. Aster, who claims he “exhausted the horror section of every video store” he could find as a child, became an overnight success, and after the release of his second major film, *Midsommer*, in 2019, he joined many critics’ short lists as a perfect creator, a visionary who does not know how to make a bad film. Early reviews for his 2023 film, *Beau Is Afraid*,

which Aster wrote, directed, and produced, shed doubt on how long Aster’s “perfection” might last. With confusing headlines and conflicting conclusions, the reviews suggested that *Beau Is Afraid* might be one of the most controversial films since star, Joaquin Phoenix’s, 2019 film, *Joker*. *Beau Is Afraid*, which clocks in at 2 hours and 59 minutes - nearly the length of a Peter Jackson epic! - is a tone-poem about anxiety. It is both absurdist and realist, simultaneously, effectively blurring the line between the metaphorical and the literal. The film meets Beau at a therapist appointment in a bustling, big city. Since so many films take place in

New York City, this may as well take place there also, because the odd characters - a nudist stabber, a salsa dancer who doesn’t stop to sleep, and a menacing tattooed man who cannot handle hot food - feel like people one might actually meet in NYC, adding to the confusion about whether the events of the film actually take place or exist only in the unreliable narrator’s worried consciousness. For what it’s worth, the film was shot in Montreal, so take the New York commentary with a grain of salt. The protagonist in question, Beau Wasserman, displays a litany of mental health issues. Hypochondria, for instance. One of the first things the audience learns about Beau is that he swallowed some mouthwash, twice, which his therapist brushes aside, convincing Beau that two swigs of mouthwash, across a couple weeks’ time, will not kill him. Depending on one’s interpretation of the film, this evolves, over time, into paranoia and delusion. The tattooed man is not, in fact, racing after Beau like a scene from the cult classic zombie film, *28 Days Later*. The police officer does not use his

gun as his only means of resolution... Swirling around his frightened consciousness, viewers find, at the middle of it all, his mother, Mona Wasserman, who Beau, has a codependent, emotionally abusive relationship with. Mona is Beau’s entire world. The film begins with his birth, and his mother screaming worries that newborn baby Beau, has hit his head or that he should be crying already; it ends with Beau awaiting her judgment. She is Mona Wasserman, and she lives in Wasserton, a municipality Mona put on the map with her incredibly successful business and an army of employees who seem to blanket the entire world. Wasser is a German word that translates to “water,” calling to mind the Presocratic philosopher Thales’ proclamation that “all is water” in the 6th Century BCE. It’s possible to interpret all instances of water in the film - from Beau’s fear of taking medicine without water, to Beau’s awkwardly interrupted bath, to Beau’s boat ride at the end - as instances of his mother’s intervention. Ultimately, Beau is presented as a protagonist with no agency. When the key to his apartment goes mysteriously missing the morning of his plane ride back to Wasserton, Beau begs his mother, over the phone, to tell him what to do, to make the choice for him. The audience sees Beau as a child in a flashback, unable to choose food at a cruise ship buffet because he’s been indoctrinated that the colors in the rainbow cake make cancer. He’s merely transported from arbitrary situation to arbitrary situation, as if on a rail, with only the most tempo-



rary of comforts among constant cruelty, much like the American dream presented in Franz Kafka’s *Amerika*. The film is a walking trigger warning, broaching a number of topics, situations, and realities that may make a viewer feel uncomfortable enough to walk out of the movie. It’s not a campy horror film though. Its purpose is not to throw blood, gore, violence, nudity, and sex at the viewer for its own sake, but it also does not shy away from all of those things in its honest painting of a human psyche. All the same, those who wish to avoid confronting painful subjects should do some research before watching *Beau Is Afraid*. Additionally, the film bucks against the status quo in terms of length, narrative presentation, and general movie-going experience. It’s never clear exactly where the film is going. As a re-

sult, to enjoy *Beau Is Afraid*, one must be at peace with this fact; one must remain in the moment and connect with the textures presented on the screen in the here and now. This is not just another Friday night movie. One must set aside time to be affected, or avoid it altogether. The question on many people’s lips is whether *Beau is Afraid* contributes to, or detracts from, the legacy of Ari Aster. Some have described it as a self-obsessed film that references other movies instead of ever finding its mark, but that definitely seems unfair. *Beau Is Afraid* knows what it is, takes the viewer where it wants to go, and Aster should not be faulted for trying something big. It’s true that it harkens upon *American Psycho* here, *Catcher in the Rye* there, and maybe even Pink Floyd’s *The Wall*, as well, but it also makes viewers think, and it makes them feel. *Beau is Afraid* proves that the Ari Aster legacy continues. Those who feel comfortable with the level of discomfort a piece of art like this presents should definitely set aside a day to see it, to think about it, and to pine for the day Aster’s fourth feature length film is released.

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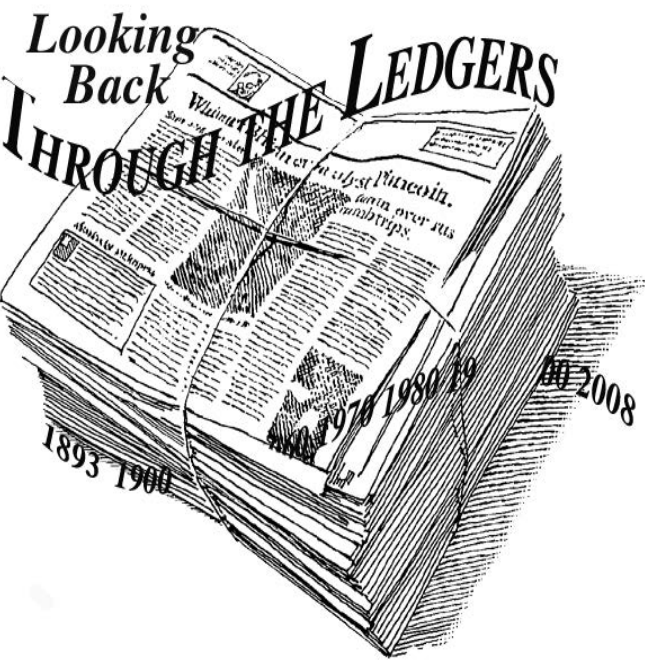


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125 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 19, 1898

Fire broke out in the rear of J.E. Lee’s meat market last evening, and before it could be quenched, the entire block was in ruins or badly damaged.

Lowell patriotism bubbled over Monday and all ages and conditions of life were represented in the vast throng that gathered at the Lowell & Hastings depot to see our brave boys off to war.

The Toledo woman, who sued for divorce on the ground of nonsupport, wore a \$14 hat; and her husband hasn’t got rid of her yet, poor thing.

Mrs. Alex Hawley’s youngest son came near having to sleep out on E. Hull’s Lake the other night. He started out to fish in the boat and the boat got the start of him without any paddles. People were going to bed and he had to do some loud calling. He was so far out that it was hard work to get him to land.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 17, 1923

School Commissioner Freehand, has invited everybody to attend a program at the athletic field on Friday, May 25. Wear school clothes, bring your dinner and know how much you weigh. Athletic events will make up the forenoon program.

Fifty-second Michigan Legislature passed 335 bills during session. Some of the new laws are: No. 160: Provides that wife deserters may be sentenced to hard labor and wives paid \$3 a week out of earnings, with \$1.50 a week additional for each minor child. No. 25: Amends act dealing with offenses against chastity and decency to facilitate convictions in such cases. No. 96: Gives motor funeral processions the right-of-way on roads.

Miss Spring Weather made a mistake in her calculations. She thought she had lost her bad winter cold, so she left off her heavy underwear, put on a short skirt and rolled down her stockings. Then, on May 9, came a heavy fall of snow filled by a bad freeze. No, she is having a relapse.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 20, 1948

May 27, 28 and 29 have been designated as Poppy Days. From early morning until nightfall, Legion Auxiliary volunteer workers will be on the streets

offering Memorial poppies to be worn in honor of the dead of both World Wars.

The council authorized the village attorney to draw-up a deed to 32 feet of property, off the side of the Peter DeHaan property on M-91, for a right-of-way into the Lowell airport. For this right-of-way, the village has offered Mr. DeHaan the sum of \$500.00.

Donna Geelhoed, who won the Shetland pony, “Queen”, at the Rodeo, is pretty proud. She was so very overcome with joy she could hardly walk to her pony.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger Suburban Life May 17, 1973

Lowell’s Dave Avery will leave May 20 for New York to tape a segment of the television show “To Tell The Truth.” His occupation? Calf-roping, of course. When the show is to appear locally, we’ll notify our readers. Dave is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Avery.

The editor tries out her new motorcycle in the backyard. The lawn furniture and a retaining wall conspire to put her on crutches.

The Chamber of Commerce plans a big Flea Market at the fairgrounds to pay off the Christmas decorations.

Fallasburg Schoolhouse will be the focus of a workable this weekend to get it ready to be open on Memorial Day.

The Woman’s Club identifies this year’s officers in the annual photo by their husband’s names (Mrs. John Smith, etc.)

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 20, 1998

Richard Korb has served Lowell Area School District for 21 years and announced that he has been offered, and accepted, a superintendent’s position with the Ipswich School District in Ipswich, Mass.

Bill Schreur Jr. becomes the first person in Kent County, approved for Designated Open Space Easement, for his property on Flat River Dr. SE.

Suzanne Olin and Char McNab appointed to finance roles with the City of Lowell. Olin is now the city treasurer and McNab is now the assistant finance director and investment officer.

Lowell schools has tweaked its kindergarten program in an effort to make it parent-friendly. Bushnell and Alto elementaries, which are the only elementary schools that operate kindergarten programs in the district. Bushnell schedule is Monday and Thursday for one group, and Tuesday and Friday for the other group with Wednesdays, a half day, for both groups. Alto’s schedule is Monday and Wednesday group and a Tuesday and Thursday group, with Friday being the half day.

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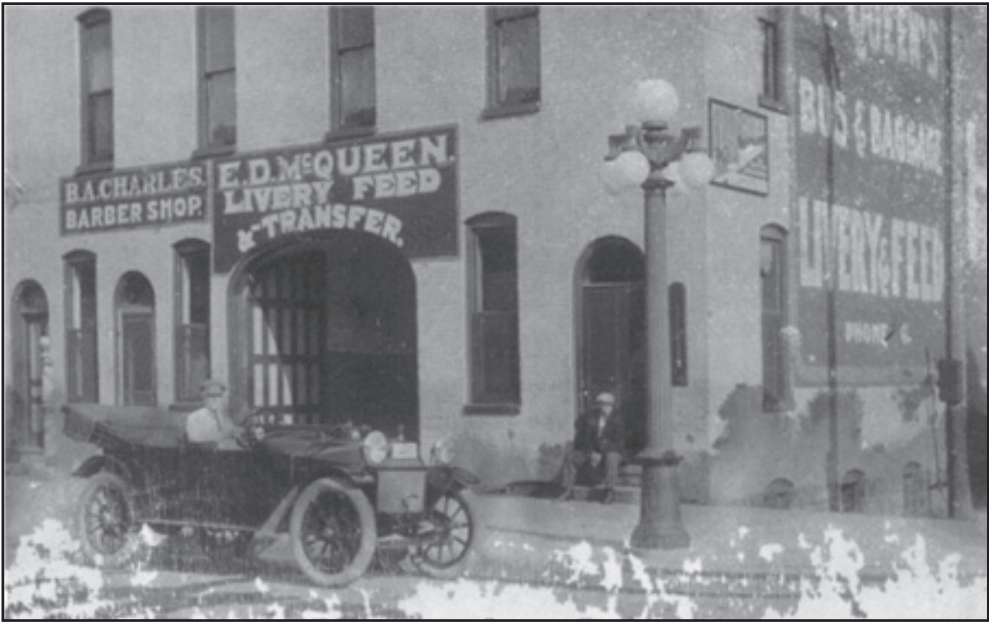
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Address: 222 W. Main
Date Built: c. 1889-1891
Builder: 1st bulidng - McDole Shaw; current building-John E. Fallas
1st business: John E. Fallas Livery

McDole Shaw built the first building on this site in the 1840s, one board at a time, as he collected income from driving his stagecoach route from Grand Rapids to Ionia before the railroad came to town. He built a wooden three-story building: there was a tavern on first floor, living space on the second floor and pigs and chickens in the basement. The newspaper editor called it “Shaw’s Ark.” Shaw operated a livery stable (1863) and was Justice of the Peace (1867). He had been a dance master in Vermont and he usually wore a silk hat, cutaway coat, high collar, cravat and red top boots.

In the 1870s, Coppens & Parker sold hardware, Modern Vulcan cooking stoves, Harrison wagons, implements and farm machinery at this site, followed by Coppens & Bates. Mrs. Shaw Millinery was upstairs in 1874. In 1885, E. W. Wilson sold farmer’s tools such as plows, harrows, and binders.



Rear view of the McQueen building, pre-1917

In 1885, the Sanborn map lists it as half harness shop and half tenements. It had become so dilapidated “that the unsightly ruins of the old Shaw building have been screened from view by a high bill board.” (1888). They wanted to hide the view from visitors at Train’s Hotel, which opened in 1884, across S. Broadway St. to the west.

A new livery building, with a Farmer’s Hitching Shed to the south, appears on the Sanborn map in 1892. John E. Fallas Livery Stables was here by 1893. He sold his livery business and building to Chas. Westbrook in March, 1894. Westbrook had a nervous condition, which only got worse, so he was unable to keep working. Westbrook sold the livery and bus line to C. M. Watters in July, 1894. In 1902, Watters purchased the livery and bus building from J.E. Fallas. Fallas planned to go west to locate some pine land in Idaho or Oregon.

In 1906, the McQueen stand-in barn was built on N. Broadway opposite the livery. In 1912, McQueen was listed opposite Waverly Hotel. Dr. E.D. McQueen, VS, a veterinarian, who had recently graduated from Ontario Veterinary College, Toronto, began working with the Perrin and Perrin Livery business (1888), located where the post office is today. McQueen married Perrin’s daughter, Mattie, and eventually took over the business. He operated a hospital for lame and diseased horses. The livery boarded horses and took customers to and from the Grand Trunk railroad depot, located a mile south (across the Grand River).

As automobiles began to replace horses, McQueen purchased 222 W. Main, selling cars from the front of the building and operating a livery from the back. In 1917, the livery and bus line were moved to the McQueen barn on N. Broadway and

this building was used for auto sales, exclusively. He first sold Oakland Pontiacs, then Chevrolets, and finally, Chryslers and Plymouths. His son Bruce McQueen later took over the McQueen Motor Co. Bruce sold it to his son-in-law Marcel Kropf and Alfred Thomet in the 1960s. They had a car lot across Main Street next to the Strand. In 1965, McQueen Motors moved to a new building on the western edge of town where they had more space.

Next, Erwin (Red) Bristol moved his auto repair shop here, operating for 30 years, from 1966-1996. King Milling Co. purchased the building in 1996; they showcased the old Lowell fire truck, and briefly, rented to Touch of Country before it became a meeting room for the mill. Recently, it was remodeled into the King Milling office building complex in 2022.

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Same as it ever was

By Bill Lee (Kind of)

Trouble in Candy Land

I’ve tried to explain to people what it is like to live with a four-year-old. It’s not easy to put the feeling, the experience, the state of utter joy and complete exhaustion into words. Those who have had children, who are older now, sort of remember, right? There is a general fondness of such times. I’ve been wracking my brain on how to describe it and have finally cracked the code. I will share it with you. The essence of living with a four-year old is symbolized by one image: being forced to play Candy Land at 7:08 in the morning. As I take my first sip of coffee, my daughter says in her sweet voice, “Can we play Candy Land please?” Hmmm...

I say “forced” because

does any adult, in his or her right mind, really want to play Candy Land that early in the day? If your answer is yes, then I would accuse you of lying. If you answered no, then I would add you to the brutally honest side of parenting. I’m sure you all remember Candy Land. It was a game made by Hasbro that hit the markets in 1949, through the toy company Milton Bradley, until Hasbro bought the company in 1984. When it was released in 1949, it immediately became the most popular children’s game, surpassing the game, Uncle Wiggly. Like most classics, this game has withstood the test of time. I give the game credit. It is the perfect game (for parents!)

to play with your four-year-old because of three reasons: **It’s simple.** The road begins at the bottom and your goal is to get to the top, Candy Land. Each player takes turns flipping cards that show single or double-colored squares, that allow you to progress up the road. If you flip a special candy card, you immediately go to that spot. Sometimes that special card will allow you to go up, or unfortunately, go down. There is joy and sometimes pain; a good lesson for the kiddoes. **It’s fast.** A game of Candy Land usually last 5-10 minutes. Perfect board game for a bored parent who has played his or her fifth game in a row. **It’s easy to clean up.** There are four gingerbread men pieces, a few dozen cards, and game board. A 30-second clean-up, unless you are playing with a four-year old. Somehow, since receiving Candy Land as a gift this year for Easter, my

four-year old has found a way to shred my three theories above. Presently in the Lee household, Candy Land, the perfect game, has turned into a painstaking process filled with manipulation, deceit, and sloth. Let’s delve into a slice of life of a parent with a four-year old, shall we? The game doesn’t start with one of us flipping a card to begin. No, that would be too easy. We need some pre-game manipulation first. Before beginning, we have to discuss who is getting what color. There are only four: blue, green, red and yellow. “Daddy, what color do you want?” Easy enough right? No, instead it is like a game of chess. If I choose blue, her favorite color, she will want that, then I can pick green, my favorite color. “I’ll take blue,” I answer. She retorts quickly, “No, I want to be blue.” “Okay I’ll be green.” “No, you are yellow.”



“I want to be green.”
“No, you are yellow.”
I capitulate. “Okay, I’ll take yellow.”
“No, I want you to be red.”

After the pre-game wrangling, we start flipping cards and this is where deceit rears its ugly head. In the beginning, she was okay with losing, saying, “That’s okay. Sometimes you lose.” That is no longer the case. Conquering Candy Land is now a mission, and my wife and I are left lifeless at Peppermint Pass, as she steps over our bodies to enter the Candy Castle. She has resorted to skipping spaces; creating a special place on the game board (a heart sticker she placed on the board) where we are sent to lose three turns in a row; and the worst of it all, pre-shuffling the cards so that only she will flip the important cards. “I got the chocolate truffle!”, she gloats, allowing her to move right to the top. Whoa. That is something I would do. Is it bad that my four-year old has already learned how to stack-a-deck?

The last bit of trouble is when the game is over: the clean-up period. This is where sloth comes into the picture. She has made a rule that the loser has to clean up, which is okay by me - but since she has manipulated just about every part of the game so that she can win. She usually celebrates by walking over to the couch and lying down, while we pick up. But when she loses, which does happen on occasion, one would think that we are Spanish Inquisition torturers. The sky has fallen, cats and dogs are sleeping together, and any other catastrophic clichés apply. We hold our ground, but a 30-second pick-up process becomes a 15-minute crying session, filled with lessons about “how to lose” and “how to pick up after yourself” and “it’s only a game”, etc. So there you have it. I think she is ready for Chutes and Ladders. Now talk about a game of manipulation, deceit and sloth!



Live the Life You Want

With Melissa Spino, MA, LPC, CDMS
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Mental Health Month 2023 – Look Around

May is Mental Health Month and Mental Health America’s (MHA) focus this year is “look around and look within” for ways to improve and boost your mental health. Look around brings focus on the areas of home, community, and nature and how they affect your mental health. Looking within focuses on self-awareness, overall wellness, and self-care. This article will provide a brief overview on the factors of home, community, and nature. Factors, like where you live, work, obtain education, and spend time ,along with who you spend time with, are called “social determinants of health” (SDOH). These SDOH can play a role in positively or negatively affecting your mental health. While not all SDOH factors are within your control, some can be changed. Below are some changes you can make to improve your SDOH and better support your mental health.

Safe and stable housing. Make it a goal to obtain safe and stable housing. If you have financial difficulties, reach out to state/local agencies to see if they can assist you with obtaining secure housing, securing your existing home, help in removing safety hazards, provide mobility remedies etc. **Make your home a calm and inviting space.** Reducing clutter has been shown to decrease stress and anxiety, along with promoting better focus. Only add, to your space, items that you really love and that make you feel calm and happy. Keep curtains open to bring in natural light and brighten your space. Live plants can help with air quality and bring natural elements to your space. Small things like adding a table-top fountain can produce a calming effect. Make your bedroom a calm, sleep-friendly space. Make

your home a place you enjoy spending time. **Make connections with neighbors & your community.** A sense of belonging, and connection within your community, supports good mental health. So, get to know people in your neighborhood. You don’t have to go so far as hosting a neighborhood cook out, but you can make small connections with your neighbors and those in your community. Just saying hello and chatting with your neighbor for a few minutes can create a connection. Want to get more involved? We have many local non-profits in need of volunteers such as: FROM, Lowell Community Wellness, Gilda’s Club, Lowell Showboat Garden Club, North Country Trail Association and many more. A list can be found online at: <https://discoverlowell.chambermaster.com/list/>

category/non-profit-groups-12?o=&dm=True There are so many ways to be part of, and to support, the community, like taking classes and shopping locally. **Get outside.** Fresh air and sunshine supports good mental health. Lowell has so much natural beauty, from the rivers to woods. Go for a walk, a bike ride, or a hike. Go swimming or kayaking. Go sit on your porch or patio and people- or critter-watch. Focusing on improvement in any, or preferably, all, of these areas can improve your mental health and support your overall wellness. If you are still struggling after making some of the above changes, it may be time to seek help from a professional mental health counselor. I hope you find this information helpful but it is for informational purposes only. Be safe and well!

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Dixon, continued

musical performances in a manner unlike anyone I have ever experienced or worked with. Most artists have a set list: a list of the songs they will be performing at a given show. Some artists have a lot of flex in their list, but Dixon flies without one. In fact, he begins every concert

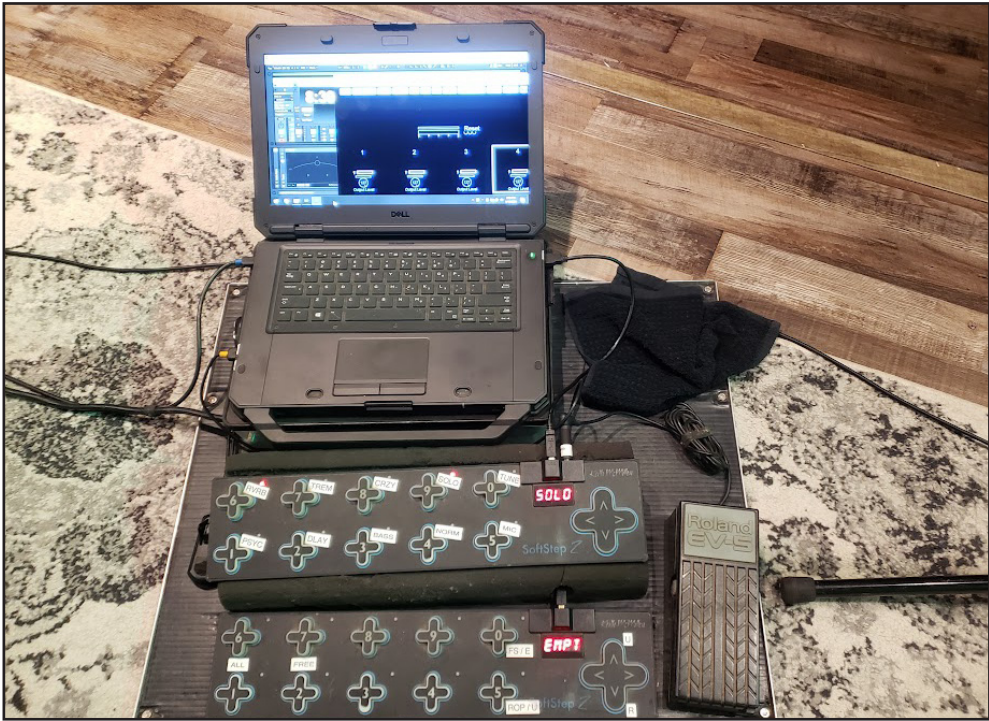
with a piece of music no one has ever heard before – not even Dixon! The key word here is “improvisation”, which is defined as: “a piece of music created without preparation”. This is Dixon’s wheelhouse.

Dixon is a classically-trained violin player who started his musical journey with the pursuit of perfection. Each note of a piece was to be played in a particular manner and the key was to practice those particulars to the point where playing a specific concerto or symphonic movement was dialed into the musician so completely it could be replicated at any time. There is a place for such a playing style and Dixon

walked away from the place to one of his own making – dare we say he Dixonized playing the violin?

First, he plays a five-string electric violin, which allows him to plug into amplification, as well as a host of “goodies”. As he told the audience, “Once I stepped away from classical music and started playing with all kinds of musicians, I began to notice most of the guitar players did things with their feet.” Dixon started to incorporate various kinds of effects pedals that let him treat the sound of his violin with delays and echoes, as well as making short loops of sound that allowed him to sound like more than one player.

Fast forward after more than a decade of performing and the rig Dixon uses to affect his violin is purely Dixon. For this to make



The Dixon magic foot pedals.

sense, we need a little dip into his personal story. He was a busy computer geek, writing code and spending way too much time working, before he chucked it all to travel the country with his instrument of choice. After

adapting guitar pedals to his violin, he began to hear things in his head that he could not replicate with his equipment, so he wrote “thousands of lines of code” and created his own piece of high-tech wizardry that allows him to hold crowds of people spellbound, while he generates a symphony of sound from one five-string instrument.

After his many years of performing, he has certain phrases and melodies that he revisits and replays. However, he begins every show with a song no one has heard before. You really need to hear it for this to make sense. Dixon coaxes so much from a violin, you need his reassurance

the bottom and try a little Dixon for yourself.

Interspersed with the music, Dixon takes us on his personal journey of walking away from work and music that “kept him in his head,” to his journey of performing his heart music to people all over the country. He has done more than one TED talk and played many festivals and musical venues, from sea-to-shining-sea. Dixon is a delight. He greeted people warmly during intermission, and stayed way after his performance was over, to meet people and sign merchandise and give hugs. He is currently on his HumanKindness Tour. Hop on your computer



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that nothing you hear is prerecorded. He might start with some percussive plucking to lay down a rhythm or perhaps a bed of soaring; lovely drawn-out notes will serve as the base layer. He even whacks the violin with his bow to create drum sounds. All of this might sound like the net result would be anything but pleasant, but nothing could be further from the truth. The room of people was with him from start-to-finish. Check the links at

and learn more about him; listen to some music and make arrangements to experience his music in person. You will not regret it. www.Dixonsviolin.com will provide a great entry point for you. Dixon tells us all that we are “more powerful than you know,” and encourages everyone to pursue their passion with all of their heart. Great message, Dixon. Thank you for a wonderful evening.

Hale House, continued

other area organizations, including Lowell's Women Club, Flow Tai Chi, Lowell Pride, and Girl Scouts. The campus also offers rental space for a variety of community gatherings, which includes a health department-inspected commercial kitchen.

"As a faith-based community serving Lowell for more than 165 years, we are excited to partner with Senior Neighbors and Gilda's Club to expand their services at our location," said Pastor Shannon Jammal-Hollemans of First Congregational UCC. "We are proud to be part of the Lowell community and be able to share our campus with those serving the needs of our community. Our mission of feeding Christ's

The farmhouse was originally part of 100 lots platted as the "Snell Addition" by Caroline Snell in 1871, abutting railroad tracks to the north, Bowes Road to the south and Flat River to the east. It was then owned by Snell's daughter, Susan (Snell) Williams and her husband, U.B. Williams. In 1877, the house was sold to John Look, who moved to Lowell with his wife, Charlotte, and their 14-year-old son, Dexter, from Lapeer County. In 1893, Dexter Look, who grew to become a local pharmacist, owned a store in town on W. Main Street and served as state representative for five terms, owned the home with his wife, Evelyn Rickert.

In 1938, George and Dorothy Hale moved to

Lowell with their family and purchased the farmhouse that is now commonly known in the community as the "Hale House." George Hale served as postmaster for 16 years from 1949-1965, while Dorothy Hale

breast cancer support, cancer support, grief support and learn, share laugh support.

In 2010, Senior Neighbors purchased the Hale House and adjoining property from Schneider Manor. The building



worked as a clerk in the postal department for nine years.

In 1989, The Hale House became the location for the senior center in Lowell, providing a welcoming space for seniors to socialize, share a meal and participate in exercise classes or other various activities. A year later, it was purchased by the Schneider Manor Cooperation, a nearby retirement community and leased to Senior Neighbors, Inc.

Since 2009, Gilda's Club Lowell Clubhouse has provided weekly activities and support groups at the Hale House, including:

was renovated through the support of the Red Arrows/Pink Arrow Pride Foundation.

About Gilda's Club Grand Rapids:

Gilda's Club Grand Rapids provides free emotional healthcare to children, adults, families and friends on any kind of cancer journey or those grieving the death of someone in their life due to any cause. Its comprehensive program, delivered by licensed mental health professionals, meets individuals where they are, when they need it, with a variety of social and emotional support options to choose from, including

support groups, educational opportunities, as well as healthy lifestyle and social activities.

Gilda's Club Grand Rapids runs entirely on charitable donations and currently provides in-person, virtual and hybrid support options through its clubhouses in Grand Rapids and Lowell, Mich., and community programs in various schools and community centers. An affiliate of the Cancer Support Community, the largest professionally led nonprofit network of cancer support worldwide, Gilda's Club Grand Rapids is independently-owned and locally-operated. At Gilda's Club no one faces cancer or grief alone. For more information, visit gildasclubgr.org.

About Senior

Neighbors:

Senior Neighbors is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting and enhancing the lives of older adults in Kent County. Annually serving over 5,000 seniors in Kent County, they provide a wide range of services and programs, including transportation, prescription assistance, home repairs, social activities, daily meals, and wellness programs, all aimed at promoting independence and improving the well-being of seniors. Through their compassionate efforts, Senior Neighbors strives to foster a sense of community and ensure that older adults can age with dignity and thrive in their own homes. For more information about Senior Neighbors, visit: seniorneighbors.org/.

community in mind, body, and spirit allows us to bring the great work provided by both Senior Neighbors and Gilda's Club under our roof."

As Senior Neighbors and Gilda's Club have outgrown the current space in Lowell, Senior Neighbors is hoping to sell the farm house to a new owner who will help preserve its historic grandeur.

"This home, which has served us and Gilda's Club Lowell for over three decades, has a rich history in the Lowell community dating back to 1870," said Robert Barnes of Senior Neighbors. "As our organizations continue to grow, moving our services to the First Congregational UCC of Lowell will give us a larger space that is also centrally located in the community to continue our mission and serve our residents' needs. Given the farmhouse's significance in Lowell, we look forward to seeing its next owner breathe new life into this local gem and preserve its historic charm."

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SPORTS



Lacrosse caps home schedule with memorable Saturday

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

A firetruck, military and hero-themed jerseys, senior posters, banners, and a large crowd greeted fans at Saturday's boys lacrosse game against Vicksburg. The drizzle that had blanketed the JV game



CJ Steinebach, who played in honor of his grandpa, battles for possession.

prior, had faded away and the sun poked out on senior day for the program, which additionally served as the program's second annual Patriot Game.

A half hour before opening face-off, players walked in honor of a hero in their lives, from a Military or

first-responder background.

"Our military and first responders protect and allow us to be able to have events like this. It's a selfless task and it's a very small way for us to say thank you. Everyone seems to be feeling the excitement in the air with games like these," said program director, Paul Lixie.

On the field, Andrew Rogers started off the scoring from a tight angle. The visitors from Vicksburg held together pretty well in a game, they were the underdog the first two periods, leading 4-3, before Jackson Roudabush knotted the game at four a piece, and Lowell went on a 6-0 run in the third quarter. A two minute non-releasable penalty against the Bulldogs, late in the third, helped Lowell get another goal and really solidify their hold on the game. Austin Parcheta, at defensive



Lacrosse players line up during the program's second Patriot Game.

midfield, has been an important part of Lowell's play lately, disrupting the opposition, causing turnovers, and coaches are eager to see him continue to see the Lowell junior improve.

Seniors, Jace Blakely, Case Huisman, Morgan Kistler, Connor Lixie, Conor McDowell, CJ Steinebach, and Hunter Stepanovich were honored at halftime in their last home game as Lowell Lacrosse players.

A big lead at the end of a lacrosse game means you get to have some fun, as seniors went out and played positions they might not usually play. Senior Conor McDowell went from his defensive position to attack. Andrew Rogers normally attacks switched to midfield. All in fun for Lowell, just trying to kill the clock. As Lowell went to kill clock, Blakely would find himself in front of the net, open, and fired one in. A memorable moment for a player not usually on the goal sheet. Final score was 15-4.

"We are hoping that our good second-half will give us confidence for our play-off game against Caledonia. We can play well as a team when we put our minds to it," said boys lacrosse offensive coach, Bill Lee.

Roudabush and Andrew Rogers each led Lowell with four goals, followed by Teige Bredin, Blakely, Connor Lixie, Caden Cone, Weston Godbold, and Steinebach (2).

Custom jerseys for the game were made by local custom sports uniform provider, RaizedUp, co-founded by LHS graduate, Jason Welsch. The jerseys had the names of the players' honorees on the back, along with the logos of Military branches and first responder logos.

"My favorite part of the Patriot Game is uniting the community for a great cause, showing us all what it means

to be a part of something truly special & larger than ourselves. Remembering the sacrifice & honoring the achievements of these great Americans helps us connect with our history & Honor the Game," said Defensive Coach, Jordan Nurmikko

Earlier in the week, Lowell lost 14-5 to Spring Lake, a game where the Red Arrows, simply could not gain traction and struggled at times to get possession. Lowell trailed 3-2, in the second period, with both goals scored by Connor Lixie, but the Lakers, at home, went on a 6-0 run aided by faceoff wins and turnovers. Andrew Rogers, CJ Steinebach, and Chris Rogers got on the scoresheet

The win against Vicksburg gives Lowell some confidence heading into the postseason. "It's something we've known all season; this team is capable of playing at a very high level. They play with heart; it was great to see such a strong second half," added Nurmikko.

The Red Arrows drew the six-seed and will play third-seed, Caledonia, in the first round, an opponent Lowell went toe-to-toe with earlier this year. The first round MHSAA Regional game will be held at Caledonia, on Friday, May 19th, at 6:00 pm. Please note that admission is \$7 for MHSAA Regional games.

"Our strong offensive players have been Connor Lixie, Weston Godbold and Andrew Rogers; we know they're going to produce some goals for us, but if we are to succeed in the playoffs, some of the other guys need to step-up," Lee concluded.

Girls lacrosse honors seniors and exchange students

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

With regionals around the corner, the end of the spring sports season approaches for some sports. One of those is girls lacrosse, who picked up their third win of the season, completing a thriller of a game, by beating West Ottawa 10-9.

The game winner came from Alma-bound, Emma Sage, with just 27 seconds left, to complete the win after a back-and-forth game.

On Saturday, Lowell hosted senior day, where

not only Lowell's seniors, but exchange students were honored, 11 players in total. There were four exchange students who played for the team this year; Elena Mauri, Gabri Amoroso, Wei-Ting Chang, and Paula

Morilla. The seven seniors honored were Sage, Avery Miles, Lena Clark, Macy Luce, Grace Larson, Lexie Lamoreaux, and Maeve Dougherty.

Grandville came out victorious, winning 11-4,

after Lowell only trailed by a goal at halftime.

The Red Arrows face Caledonia next week in the first round of regionals. Face-off is home next Monday, at the LHS North Athletic Complex, at 6:00.



Lena Clark in possession for the Red Arrows.

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Boys volleyball flying high

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

There’s one Lowell sports team ranked top of their division this year, and it’s the one that’s not quite a varsity sport yet. It’s not competitiveness that keeps the team at the club level. The boys volleyball team plays in a non-MHSAA sanctioned sport, so its status remains as a club sport for the time being. Competition-wise though, the Red Arrows are on top of their game.

“We are definitely one of the teams to beat this year, having only dropped games to Forest Hills Northern and Eastern. South Christian and Eastern will be great matches during playoffs and we’re looking forward to the tough competition,” said assistant coach, Kadence Tiede, a Lowell girls volleyball player, whose brother, Brant, is on the team.

Lowell picked up four wins this past week to move to 26-2 on the season and sit ranked as the top team in Division 2. The team is coached by Drew

Davidson, a former Lowell boys volleyball player, in his second year at the helm. Davidson has the unique position of coaching not only his cousin Jacob, a senior on the team, but also his brother Max, a freshman.

“Max is doing an incredible job as a first-year setter. He is super athletic and turns a lot of bad passes into usable plays. He does a great job of moving the ball around and is starting to become a more offensive setter, as well. Additionally, Luke Wolters is a senior right side, playing his first season with us. He’s another incredible athlete who switched from baseball to volleyball, and he has a great swing. Luke and his brother, Ean, are really an unbeatable block against a lot of outsides, so we call them the Wall of Wolters. He’s done a great job stepping-in this year.

Lowell won the Lakeshore Classic this past weekend, sweeping highly-ranked Grand Haven in the process, in their home gym. It followed Lowell’s home

competition on Wednesday, where they beat Rockford and an outmatched Potter’s House squad, completing an 11-0 conference record and winning the conference championship. Lowell is in the GR North Division, along with FHN, Greenville, NorthPointe Christian, Potter’s House, Rockford, and Sparta. They also celebrated their three seniors, Jacob Davidson, Luke Wolters, and Mason Wade.

“Jacob is obviously a huge playmaker; he’s an incredible asset for both our defense and offense, and he really has an all-out mentality during each game. Our middles, Ean Wolters and Nick Williams, both put up a huge block against every team and really make it possible for us to play defense. Gavin Barber is a returning player, who transitioned from middle blocker to all around outside hitter this year, and he brings a lot of knowledge and passion for the game, onto the court, while putting down some huge kills. Brant Tiede is our sophomore libero;



The team after winning The Lakeshore Classic.

he is consistently putting up good passes in serve receive and gets amazing touches on defense,” added Tiede, speaking about the playmakers on this year’s team whose sights are set on the playoffs and a potential state championship, an achievement that has eluded the young program, but not by much. Last year the team’s season ended after winning districts.

Boys volleyball continues to grow in popularity around the state, with 58 teams this season. The sport doesn’t require a huge pool of players; it helps, of course, but it does allow schools, like Potter’s House with an enrollment of just over 500, to field a team right alongside with enrollment powers like Rockford.

“Each year more and more teams join and the sport has been growing so fast. I anticipate it will be MHSAA official within the next couple years. Boys volleyball has also been growing at the club level and at the college level. It’s super exciting to see the sport get more love,” Tiede concluded. Ohio recently approved it as a state-sanctioned sport. Michigan gained 25 teams this year, in its sixth season.

The Red Arrows are looking forward to playoffs starting this week.

Boys golf goes back-to-back at Lincoln

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

Four matches in five days meant for another hectic week for the boys golf program, but the team brought home a tournament trophy out of it.

After winning last year’s Reeths-Puffer Invitational, Lowell came back and did it again, winning by one stroke over Mona Shores.

Lowell shot a 316, led by senior Drew Veldman’s 73. Veldman overcame

a triple bogey at the par four ninth hole, by going two under par the other 17 holes with four birdies, two bogeys, and the rest were pars. He was joined in the 70’s by Patrick de Voest who shot a 78, then Cam Sluss came in at an 81, and Nicholas Lothian at 84, to close out the scorers.

Mona Shores mounted a furious rally toward the end with Lowell up a few strokes, but the Red Arrow quarter held their own for a one-stroke victory. Junior

Ben Gaskin led the B-squad with an 87,

They started off the week on Monday, out at Spring Lake, placing fifth at Spring Lake Country Club. They were down their usual fourth score Nicholas Lothian. Drew Veldman led the way with a 79. He was followed by Patrick de Voest (83), Cam Sluss (87), and Daniel Mitchell (87). Veldman medaled and all four golfers were in the top 30.

Wednesday was a welcome sight for coaching staff, who saw the team’s potential come together in a jamboree. Lowell took second, two strokes off top-ranked Grand Rapids Christian, on their home course. “Our wedge work was the difference. This is what these guys are capable of. There is still a third to go in conference play, so we want to continue our ways if we can, but to nearly beat GRC on their home course and pins, we just want to keep this going,” said head coach, Tom Koert.

De Voest led the way with a 35, one under par, with two birdies, a bogey, and six pars. He was followed by Veldman (36), Sluss (38), and Lothian (41). That 150 scoreline was just three strokes off the top spot on the LHS record board, shot in the 1980 season.

Lowell has finished fourth, fourth, second, second, and second in jamborees, and with Grand Rapids Christian’s dominance, bringing home

a conference title is likely unlikely for the team, but plenty of hardware is on the line going forward. FHC followed Lowell with a 160, followed by EGR (162), FHN (166), and Byron Center (173). Byron Center, finishing in last with a near 43 stroke average, is telling of how difficult the OK White conference is, in general, this year.

Lowell sits at tied-second with the Rangers so far, and it will be a battle down the stretch for second. Second place in conference would be Lowell’s best conference finish since the 1990-1991 season.

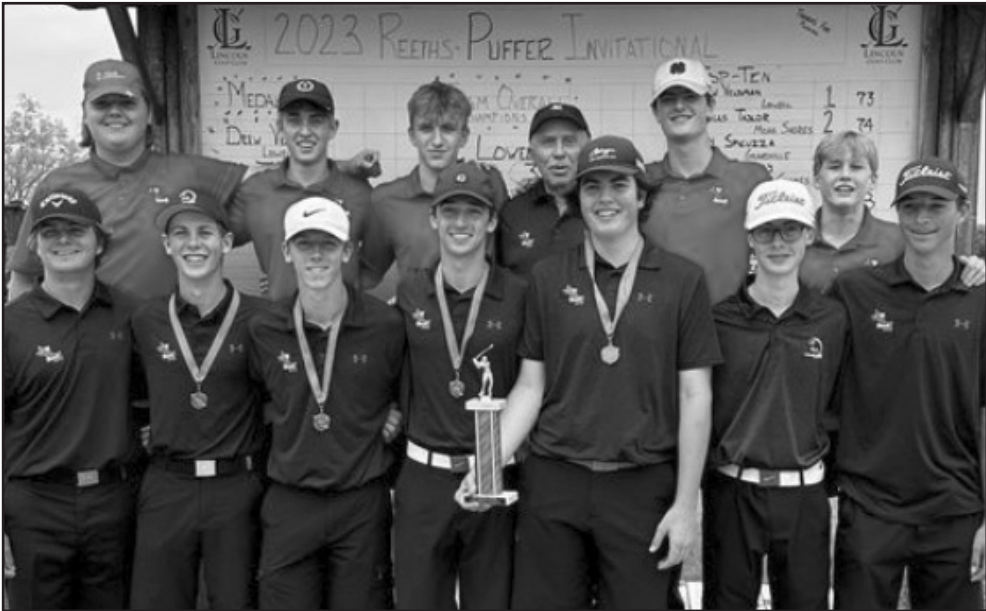
That second place claim was strengthened on Thursday at FHC’s home course Watermark, as Lowell finished second place to GRC, but again beat out the Rangers, this time by six strokes.

“We enjoyed another good day of golf at Watermark, as we fight to take second place in the Conference. FHC is our competition and we had quite a battle all day with them. Watermark is their



home course and that is usually a difference. Everything was decided on the last hole by our whole team, as we basically played match play to defeat Central. Everyone had a blast and the guys were really into this situation. That attitude and showing should help us the rest of the way.”

De Voest again led the way with a 37, followed by Sluss (38), Veldman (39), and Lothian (41). Trevor Mead (42) and Daniel Mitchell (43) weren’t far off the scorers.



Lowell capped-off a solid week with a win at Reeths-Puffer.

obituaries

OSBORNE

Bonnie Jean Osborne, age 60, of Lowell, passed away Wednesday, May 10, 2023. She is preceded in death by her father, Frederick Peters; and step-father, Glenn Marble; sisters-in-law, Elizabeth Magnus, Kitty Ryskamp; brother-in-law, Steven Osborne. She is survived by her husband of 25 years, Ron Osborne; children, Greta (Scott) Cook, Lena (Chad) Nieboer, Jamal Dhayni; grandchildren, Ernie Cook, Tristen Nieboer, Sylvester Nieboer; mother, Janet Marble; brothers, Adam Peters, Benjamin (Katie) Peters, Matthew (Paula) Peters; sister, Grace (Keane) Lambert; siblings-in-law, Jim (Connie) Osborne, Tim Osborne, Kathy Wolfe, Kim(Tom) Gless, Scott(Kim) Osborne, Pat Osborne, Rick Osborne; many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and other extended family, along with a plethora of friends. Bonnie was an artist, she loved to paint pastel landscapes, and was recognized for her work. She studied art at both Grand Valley State University and Wayne State University. Over the years, she held the title of President of the Great Lakes Pastel Society and was a member of the Grand Valley Artists. Bonnie was also heavily involved in the Lowell Area Arts Council and volunteered a lot of her time at the Flat River Gallery and Framing where her art hangs currently. She loved to spend time hiking in nature. She was able to name each tree, flower, plant, bird, and even recognize the different animal tracks. Bonnie earned a brown belt in karate, became a swim instructor due to her love of swimming, ran many 5Ks; including the Fifth Third Riverbank Run; and enjoyed skiing in the mountains of Colorado. Bonnie had a passion for traveling; she went abroad to Italy and Ireland to paint their unique landscapes. Together, Ron and Bonnie loved to travel as their kids had families of their own; recently taking a 2-month trip and visited 23 National Parks. Bonnie was a devoted and loving mother; she adored her children. A Memorial Service will be held at 11am on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at Lowell United Methodist Church, 621 E Main St, Lowell, MI 49331, with visitation one hour prior. Interment Ashley Cemetery. Memorial Contributions can be made in Bonnie's name to Faith Hospice, 2100 Raybrook SE Suite 300 Grand Rapids, MI 49546, or Lowell Arts, 223 W. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331.



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SPORTS

Lowell uses strong day two to finish third at conference meet

Submitted by Coach Paul Judd

Throughout the regular season, Lowell's losses were all by small margins, coming down to one event going one way or another. Because of that, it was no surprise that the Arrows were in the top three teams throughout the conference meet. Lowell used a strong second day of the OK White Conference meet to stay in contention, as there were four conference champions, as well as scoring in five other events, to tie GR Christian for third place (two points behind EGR) in a meet won by FHC. Lowell tied for third in the overall OK White (combining regular season and conference meet) with Byron Center, which was not a surprise, as Lowell beat them by one point in the regular season.

Leah Krieger started the day off winning a controversy filled 100H setting a PR time of 15.85. Krieger would follow-up the win with another PR and win in the 300H with a time of 48.96. Annika and Katrina Sandman were up next in the 1600m, running in the top three for the majority of the race as they placed third and fifth, respectively. Annika would later win the 3200m title with a time of 10.55.64. Katrina would score points in the 800m, placing third and closed the day with silver medalist honors in the 3200m. Isabel German lowered her 400m PR to under the minute mark, going 59.80, to grab the title. Isabel would close her day with a third place finish in the 200m, which capped a conference meet where she also took second in pole vault and fifth in the 100m.

Lowell got some great scoring on Thursday as Aubriegh Oswald captured second in the shot put and sixth in the discus. Krieger earned a PR in the long jump, going 15-8.50, which was good for third; Brooklyn Wobma grabbed fourth in the pole vault, and Ivy McDonald set a new PR in the high jump, going 4-10, which was good for fifth. The 3200m relay was the only running final on Thursday and the team of Annika Sandman, Audrey Latchaw, Jady Young, and Katrina Sandman went 10:05.50 to grab fourth place. The team's time was less than 1 second off the school record.

All conference athletes were Leah Krieger, Annika Sandman, Isabel German, Katrina Sandman, and Aubriegh Oswald.

Lowell is off until Friday, as they head to Portage for the MHSAA Division 1 regionals, where the girls will try and punch their ticket to the state meet.

Final team scores: Forest Hills Central, 127; East Grand Rapids, 115; GR Christian, 112; Lowell, 112; Byron Center, 96; Northview, 34; Forest Hills Northern, 21; Greenville, 13

Placing for the Arrows were: 1st place, Isabel German, first place, 400m, 59.80 PR and No. 4 on the LHS record board and second place, pole vault, 11-00 and third place, 200m, 26.39 PR and No. 3 on LHS record board and fifth place 100m and No. 8 on LHS record board; Annika Sandman, first place, 3200m, 10:55.64 and third place, 1600m, 4:59.28; Leah Krieger, third place, 100H, 15.85 PR and No. 4 on the LHS record board and first, 300H, 48.96 PR and third place, long jump, 15-08.50 PR; Katrina Sandman, second place, 3200m, 11:34.40 and third place, 800m, 2:20.88 and fifth place in 1600m; Aubriegh Oswald, second place, shot put, 33-06 and sixth place, discus; Ivy McDonald, seventh place, high jump; Brooklyn Wobma, fourth, pole vault; Anna Seddon, eighth place, 300H; 3200m relay, fourth, team of Sandman, Latchaw, Young, Sandman, No. 2 on LHS record board

Lowell has pole-vault champ and four all-conference athletes

Submitted by Coach Paul Judd

The Lowell Arrows took a fifth place regular season finish to the OK White conference meet, looking to move up a place in the overall standings. At the end of the meet, Lowell was able to set 14 personal records on their way to scoring 81 points, which was good for fifth place. Lowell was .5 away from Greenville, and three away from EGR in the meet, won by Byron Center.

The highlight of the meet was Ramsey Ponchaud winning the pole vault, going 13'3" PR and followed it up on Friday with a second place finish in the 300H and as a member of the third place 1600m relay team. Two relays also were showcased, as they ran times good enough for the record board. The 800m relay team went 1:33.91, which hit the No. 4 mark and was good for silver medalist honors in the meet. Isaac Graham was a double medalist as he earned second in the discus and third in the shot put. Benjamin Bromley earned three medals, as he was third in the discus, seventh in the 800m, and was part of the 1600m relay team.

The meet gives the Arrows something to build on, as we work on the little things that will result in the single points in a big meet that would move us from fifth to third.

All-Conference athletes were Ramsey Ponchaud, Levi Mills, Isaac Graham, and Benjamin Bromley.

Lowell is off until Friday, as they head to Portage for the MHSAA Division 1 regionals.

Final team scores: Byron Center, 148; GR Christian, 102.5; East Grand Rapids, 84; Greenville, 81.5; Lowell, 81; Forest Hills Central, 71.5; Northview, 34.5, Forest Hills Northern, 25.

Placing for the Arrows were: Ramsey Ponchaud, first in pole vault, 13-3 and second in the 300H, 42.05; Levi Mills, second place, 400m, 51.01 PR and No.4 on LHS record board; Isaac Graham, second, discus, 139-00 and third in shot put, 42-11.75; 800m relay, second team of Wigger, Baker, Mills, Young, 1:33.91 and No. 4 on LHS record board; Christopher Wigger, third, 300H, 42.34PR; Benjamin Bromley, third, discus, 138-05; 1600m relay third, team of Polczak, Bromley, Ponchaud, Mills, 3:32.04, No. 10 on LHS record board; Xavier Young, eighth, 100m; Dylan Polczak, eighth, 400m; Benjamin Bromley, sixth, 800m; Noah VanLaan, seventh, 110HH; Drew Weber, fourth, shot put; Avery Elmhirst, sixth, shot put

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Red Arrow

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SPORTS

Lowell plays spoiler against Tigers

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

It was the first-ever meeting between Lowell and Allegan on the soccer pitch for the girls programs. For Allegan, it came at a cost, as Lowell traveled an hour down south and knocked off the Tigers, who came in touting a ranking in Division 3 and a 12-0 record.

RJ Wagamon, the Lowell striker, did what a good striker does and struck first. The sophomore wove her way through the Tiger defense, but an errant leg tripped her up and gave Lowell a penalty. Wagamon, also Lowell's penalty specialist, converted it with four minutes left in the first half to give Lowell a 1-0 lead.

The Red Arrow defense

held the Tigers to just seven shots on goal, which goalkeeper, Aubree Lee, kept out of the back of the net to preserve the shutout, and an upset win in just the second game on grass for Lowell this season.

Coming into the game, Allegan had a 73-3 scoring advantage over their opponents, and while it was the first time Lowell and Allegan had met in girls soccer, Lowell was all too familiar for Allegan girls soccer Head Coach, Paul Legge. Legge coached both the boys and girls programs at Lowell, where he led both teams with plenty of success. He was head of the girls program through 2010, when Lowell went 16-4.

Later in the week, Lowell honored their seniors, on senior night,

against Coopersville at home. Lowell took immediate control of the game on the field. Ashley Powell started the scoring on an indirect free kick outside the box, which she hit with power down the middle, took a deflection, and went in. Later in the half, the Broncos scored a surprise equalizer against the run of play, on a rare defensive miscue by the Red Arrows, and the score was knotted at one. Play continuously was heading toward the Coopersville goal, and the onslaught of shots was too much for the Bronco defense, who gave up three second half goals.

Lowell celebrated seniors, Amelia Hancock, Ally Seevers, Leah Davidson, Emily Ake, Olivia Staley, and Abigail Hewitt. Hancock and Seevers each scored goals,

along with Powell and Gracyn Hamilton. Assists were contributed by Ake and Seevers, along with Carmen Mika and Alyse Miles.



Emily Ake heads the ball on goal.

The team begins OK White Conference Tournament play this week, with districts next week.

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Lowell Planning Citizens Advisory Commission will hold a public hearing at Lowell City Hall, located at 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 7:00 PM. The subject of the hearing will be:

Special Land use Request for Multiple Family Dwelling at 115 Riverside Drive

An applicaton for special land use approval has been submitted by Todd Schall to construct a four-unit multiple-family dwelling at 115 Riverside Drive. The property is within the C-2 Central Buisness District, where multiple-family dwellings are permitted only if approved as a special land use approval by the Planning Commission.

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

Baseball team wins Dansville Tournament

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

The Lowell baseball team won the Dansville Tournament this past weekend and hosted senior day in a double-header against Hopkins.

Seniors, Gavin Mazarka, Aidan Dennings, Peyton Teachworth, Will Johnston, Colton Byrne, Kevin Topolinski, Gus McDonald, and Nolan Jannenga were honored.

At Dansville, Lowell bested an unfamiliar opponent, Charyl Stockwell Preparatory Academy. The charter school, out of Brighton, began MHSAA Tournament play in fall of 2015 and it was Lowell's first-ever



meeting with the Sentinels in any sport. After beating Charyl Stockwell, Lowell defeated host Dansville in the finals 8-5 ,after the Aggies beat Webberville in

the other semifinal. Earlier in the week, Lowell was swept in a series against third-ranked in the state, Grand Rapids

Christian. The Red Arrows play EGR in a three game series this week and a double-header against Thornapple-Kellogg.

Go Red Arrows!

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FUN PAGE

SUDOKU

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Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

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

SKIN CARE INGREDIENTS WORD SEARCH

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

Puzzle solutions
on page 13

- SKIN CARE
INGREDIENTS WORD
SEARCH
- ACIDS
ALPHA-HYDROXY
BALM
- BETA HYDROXY
COLLAGEN
COPPER PEPTIDE
DIMETHICONE
ELASTIN
GLYCERIN
GLYCOLIC
- HYALURONIC
HYDRATION
HYDROQUINONE
KOJIC
LACTIC
L-ASCORBIC
LOTION
- LUBRICANT
NIACINAMIDE
RETINOL
SALICYLIC
SUNSCREEN
WATER

Guess Who?

I am a singer born in New York on May 20, 1981. I began taking piano lessons at age 4. My style has been called catchy, light pop with lyrics that share hard truths about life. I have been compared to Alanis Morissette.

Answer: Rachel Platten

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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to skin care.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
4. Chinese philosophical principle
7. Branch
8. Jewish spiritual leader
10. Slang for requests
12. "So Human An Animal" author
13. Rocker Billy
14. British Air Aces
16. Type of tree
17. "Tough Little Boys" singer Gary
19. State attorneys
20. Goddess of fertility
21. Localities
25. Beloved singer Charles
26. Clue
27. Ridge of jagged rock below sea surface
29. Helsinki neighborhood
30. Farm resident
31. Ocean
32. Where ballplayers work
39. Unable to hear
41. Cool!
42. Cape Verde capital

CLUES DOWN

43. One point north of due east
44. Kilo yard (abbr.)
45. Middle Eastern nation
46. It yields Manila hemp
48. People operate it (abbr.)
49. Regenerate
50. Not healthy
51. Chinese sword
52. Mild expression of surprise

CLUES DOWN

1. Unit of angle
2. Headgear to control a horse
3. Clots
4. Follows sigma
5. A woman who is the superior of a group of nuns
6. Greek units of weight
8. Radio direction finder (abbr.)
9. Systems, doctrines, theories
11. Stony waste matter
14. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
15. Hostile to others

18. U.S. State
19. Not wet
20. Something one thinks up
22. Where beer is made
23. Clumsy person
24. Belonging to us
27. Canadian flyers
28. Greek goddess of the dawn
29. Snakelike fish
31. Unhappy
32. Fruit
33. Not good
34. Zero degrees Celsius
35. Goo Goo Dolls' hit
36. Crawls into the head (folklore)
37. Legally responsible
38. Move in a playful way
39. Regarded with deep affection
40. Partner to flowed
44. Native American tribe
47. Head honcho

2023

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Rogers Neighborhood Realty – new Food Fight Match Base Sponsor!



Amanda Rogers is a wife, mother, friend, volunteer, leader, and business owner. Her business, Rogers Neighborhood Realty, is FROM's newest Food Fight Match Base sponsor for 2023.

Volunteering and serving at more than nine local organizations, including FROM, you may wonder how one person could be involved in so many heartfelt organizations.

For Amanda, the answer is simple: Dedication, heart, and persistence.

"I am convinced that if everyone tried to make the world a better place right where they are at, in their little sphere, that we would all be a lot better off," Amanda said. "[I'm] just trying to do my share and make opportunities for others to make a difference as well."

Amanda started Rogers Neighborhood Realty in December of 2020. When asked to capture Rogers Neighborhood Realty, Amanda shared, "We enjoy being able to serve the community we live in with intentional care and extensive knowledge of all things real estate."

The business now has four agents and a permanent location in historic downtown Lowell.

Amanda's time at FROM hasn't always been as a volunteer or donor. Her first experience was as a thrift store shopper.

"The more I see of how the organization works, and how they process through decisions, the more I want to help them continue in their endeavors. It's a natural fit for me!" she said about why she partners with FROM.

Thank you, Amanda, and all our Food Fight Match Base sponsors. We're thankful that they have generously helped provide a more than \$40,000 match challenge! Make a donation online today at: fromlowell.org/donate