

Stop the Bleed event at fire station Feb. 20

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Metro Health, Lowell Community Wellness and the Lowell Area Fire Department are having a free “Stop the Bleed” class at 6 pm on Thursday, Feb. 20.

Stop the Bleed is a national initiative sponsored by the American College of Surgeons. The goal is to train millions of civilians to identify and stop life-threatening bleeding during the crucial first few minutes after an injury.

“Metro Health is part of a large national campaign where we teach civilians how to stop traumatic bleeding,” said Michelle Rademacher, of Metro Health. “[We will use] tourniquets, gauze and pressure. The event will be facilitated by Jenna Heraghty. It is a free, one hour session. The first 45 minutes will be lecture on why this is so important, the history of how it came about and the techniques that will be shown during the hands-on portion. The last 15 minutes of the class, we bring in fake limbs and



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people can use tourniquets, gauze and the techniques that they learned on those to make sure they know how to stop bleeding that may occur. There is no gushing or anything!”

The event is recommended for those over age 16.

“There are some gory images, so those with a weak stomach should be aware of that,” Rademacher said. “Images will be displayed that are of real injuries.

Blood is not always a clean thing.”

The session will take place at the Lowell fire station, 315 S Hudson. For more information or to sign up, visit [lowellcommunitywellness.org/events-1/stop-the-](http://lowellcommunitywellness.org/events-1/stop-the-bleed)

facebook.com/events/1348801881965256.

“We are glad to be doing this in Lowell,” Rademacher said. “We hope we can get as many people as possible signed up, because this is a very life-saving event.”

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Public may now use phones/devices in court



The Michigan Supreme Court adopted amendments to its rules on Jan. 8, 2020 that explicitly allow the public to bring their cellular telephones in courthouses and courtrooms.

Starting on May 1, 2020, all state courts must allow the public to use a cell phone or other electronic device to retrieve or store information, access the internet and send/receive text messages as long as the user is silent. The public will also be allowed to use their devices to reproduce court documents

as long as doing so leaves no marks and does not unreasonably interfere with the operation of the clerk’s office.

These rules do not impact the original 1989 and 2012 rules on the ability of the media to record proceedings with the permission of a judge. It does, however, provide the media with the opportunity to more easily and affordably review court records and obtain digital copies.

The rule changes were opposed by many court

clerks, as they could potentially reduce revenues generated by copying fees.

There are, however, limitations. All devices must be in silent mode, and the public may not make or receive calls when court is in session, communicate with any courtroom participant, photograph or record any juror or potential juror, record court proceedings without permission of a judge or record and/or photograph people in the courthouse without their explicit consent.

Whitmer TV ad doesn’t include call to action

The day after Governor Whitmer revealed her \$3.5 billion road fix bonding proposal, she showed up driving a vehicle in a commercial touting her idea to the motoring public.

The \$750,000 in commercials are paid for by the Road to Michigan’s Future chaired by Rich Wiener, the former state Democratic Party chair and chief of staff to former Gov. Jennifer Granholm. Donors to the group do not have to be disclosed.

However, the buzz in the multi-client community in town was the lobbyists were expecting a call from the governor’s supporters to bankroll the spot. They did not. Instead, they watched like everyone else a spot that was unusual in that it does not call for citizen action to pressure lawmakers to fix the roads.

Rather, it notes that the governor is “moving

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Correction

The story about Riverview Flats on page 16 of the Wednesday, Feb. 5 edition of the Lowell Ledger incorrectly stated that there are 16 units currently under construction. This was a typographical error, they are actually building 14 units.

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Public gets more info on economic development grants under bills

Michigan Strategic Fund credits would no longer be shielded from public view as part of a five-piece transparency bill package sponsored by conservative Republicans and progressive Democrats in both the House and Senate Tuesday.

The bills require the MSF to post draft contract agreements, modifications, job-creation estimates and information on failed projects, among other things. The bills have been at least a year in the making and were described by one sponsor as “common-sense legislation.”

“If we’re going to continue down the road of providing corporate funding, it has to be with greater transparency,”

Sen. Stephanie Chang (D-Detroit) told MIRS. “The public has a right to know about major agreements that use their tax dollars and have an opportunity to weigh in with their input instead of being blindsided by vague, last-minute agendas, and this bipartisan bill package is a good first step.”

Rep. John Reilly (R-Oakland) and Sen. Jim Runestad (R-White Lake) are sponsoring bills that would make tax credits under the Michigan Economic Growth Authority subject to disclosure through the Freedom of Information Act. Currently, the state does not report the dollar amounts received.

“This is a basic transparency measure for Michigan taxpayers who deserve to know where their money is going,” Reilly said. “If the state is giving companies special tax treatment that essentially amounts to taxpayer subsidies, the taxpayers who paid those agreements should not be blocked from seeing where their money is going.”

SB 767, sponsored by Chang, and HB 5458, sponsored by Rep. Yousef Rabhi (D-Ann Arbor), would require the MSF to post draft contract agreements, as well as any briefing memoranda and term sheets, on its website 10 business days

before it can approve a grant, award, tax credit, loan, or other assistance.

SB 768, sponsored by Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich (D-Flint), and HB 5461, sponsored by Rep. Lynn Afendoulis, would require that a description of any modification of a project, including changes to the number of jobs it’s expected to create, be posted on the MSF website.

SB 769, sponsored by Sen. Tom Barrett (R-Pottsville), and HB 5462, sponsored by Rep. Aaron Miller (R-Sturgis), would require that money returned to the state from repayment of a loan, grant or other economic assistance which

the recipient is no longer eligible to receive must be returned to the state’s General Fund.

SB 770, sponsored by Sen. Lana Theis (R-Brighton), and HB 5459, sponsored by Tenisha Yancey (D-Harper Woods), would require that projects failing to meet requirements be posted online to include details of the failed project and an estimate about whether the state will get its money back.

SB 771, sponsored by Runestad, and HB 5460, sponsored by Reilly, makes MEGA and MSF disclosable under FOIA. Currently, these credits are considered confidential taxpayer information.

The House bills were all sent to the House Tax Policy Committee. The Senate bills were all sent to the Senate Economic and Small Business Committee.

“Taxpayers pay for these economic incentives, and they deserve to have better information about their effectiveness,” said Afendoulis, chair of the House Tax Policy Committee. “In cases where corporations don’t deliver the number of jobs promised, their tax assistance should be reduced accordingly. This is what’s fair and right for Michigan taxpayers, and I am ready to help these measures advance in the Legislature.”

ACLU: Legislature needs to fix unconstitutional portions of sex offender registry

The American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan asked a federal judge Wednesday to tell the Legislature that the state’s Sex Offender Registry law cannot be enforced if they don’t fix the unconstitutional portions.

ACLU senior staff attorney Miriam Aukerman said pointedly: It is the Legislature’s job to write laws and they have “utterly failed” to fix Michigan’s sex offender law, portions of which the courts have held are unconstitutional.

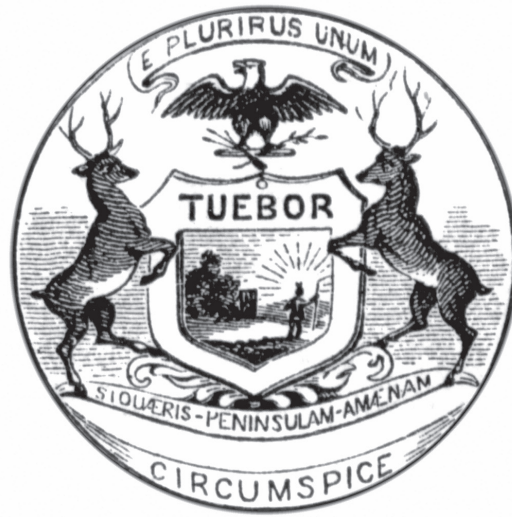
“It’s time for Michigan’s legislators to finally do their job,” Aukerman said following the court hearing at US District in Port Huron. “If they actually want to protect Michigan’s families, they have to reform the registry. The system

we have right now is not just unconstitutional. It’s ineffective; it’s a total failure . . .

“Our goal here has to be to end sexual offending but the way to do that is not through this failed, bloated, ineffective system. We need to invest in prevention, support survivors and ensure that people who are returning to the communities have the support they need to succeed,” she added.

Alyson Oliver, managing partner and attorney with Oliver Law Group who also represents the class plaintiffs, added that the registry is exposing registrants to penalties that have been deemed unconstitutional.

US District Judge Robert Cleland ruled in 2015 that portions of the Sex Offenders Registration Act



were unconstitutional and in 2016 the US Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled it is unconstitutional to impose new severe restrictions on people long after they were convicted with past offenses. The courts also ruled it can’t be applied retroactively.

The state continued to enforce the law. That prompted a class-action lawsuit that argued that the state had to follow the earlier rulings.

In 2019, Cleland gave the Legislature 90 days to

replace or amend the statute, but they failed to do so, prompting the ACLU to seek an order saying the state can’t enforce the law as is.

Cleland then wanted to hear arguments on whether a 2011 amendment to SORA -- that added a requirement that registrants be divided into three tiers based on the severity of their convictions -- can be severed from the statute, and if not, whether the requirements apply to any offenses committed before April 12, 2011.

Aukerman told the court that stakeholders did meet and were hopeful changes would come, but none did.

Cleland expressed curiosity as he asked which legislators were key during those discussions and Aukerman said she didn’t recall specific legislators as it was staff members who reported to the caucuses.

Aukerman noted, however, that legislators agree that the “law is counterproductive and doesn’t work.”

After the hearing, Aukerman said she thinks it’s a “politically difficult issue” for the legislators and “people are unwilling to stand up and be heard.”

Assistant Attorney General Joseph Froehlich asked Cleland to send the matter to the Michigan Supreme Court because it is the “master of Michigan law” and heard arguments in a similar case, *People v. Paul J. Betts Jr.*

The MSC heard arguments in *Betts* in March. At that

time, Deputy Solicitor General Eric Restuccia, who appeared at Wednesday’s hearing but didn’t address the court, told the justices that the Legislature needs to take action on fixing SORA.

If Cleland instead chooses to sever portions of the law, Froehlich then asked that he sever only those portions that are inconsistent with the federal Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act, which numerous courts, including the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, have ruled is constitutional.

The Legislature, Froehlich noted, clearly intended to have Michigan’s SORA in compliance with SORNA.

Cleland asked Froehlich about the remedy should the MSC rule portions can be severed. Froehlich responded that the Supreme Court’s decision would supersede the federal ruling, repeating multiple times that the MSC is the “master of Michigan law.”

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‘Uncommitted’ accidentally left off of nearly 400 overseas ballots

Local Michigan clerks are resending roughly 400 presidential primary ballots back to military personnel and civilians serving overseas after an initial version of the Secretary of State’s template ballot was mistakenly published without the “uncommitted” position printed as an option.

The Bureau of Elections first released its presidential primary ballot for clerks to use on the Friday before last, Jan. 17. Some clerks acted quickly with the information, promptly sending out the special absentee ballots. However, by the following Tuesday, Jan. 21, after the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday, the error had been discovered and a new template provided.

Ann Arbor clerk Jacqueline Beaudry said her staff caught the problem immediately and notified the state. Her staff flagged the roughly 100 impacted



people in their system, but did not send a ballot to any of them until the information was corrected the following Tuesday.

However, local clerks who did send out the wrong ballots weren’t notified about the situation until a 6 p.m. Jan. 24 email. Lansing clerk

Chris Swope and his team came in on Saturday to send out the updated 31 ballots. Over in Troy, clerk Aileen Dickson was wrapping up her work on a little more than 36 new ballots when MIRS called Monday afternoon.

Numerous other clerks were impacted. Some of

the larger municipalities impacted were Battle Creek, Sault Ste. Marie, Flint, Harrison Township, Roseville, Park Township, Northville Township, Livonia and Meridian Township.

Clerks in these jurisdictions sent out their

Military and Overseas Voters immediately on Jan. 17. Now, they’re letting their voters know that a second ballot is on the way because the first one didn’t include the “uncommitted” option.

“It’s one of those times when being on the ball wasn’t a good thing,” quipped Dickson, who had already received a few ballots back. “We’ve gotten in contact with the voters and let them know they can choose to revote if they want.”

Elections director Jonathan Brater said they counted 379 ballots that were sent out without the correct options. He has informed clerks that the overseas voters can send back either one of the two ballots sent to them. If they send back both, the corrected ballot -- or the second one sent -- will be the one counted. Either way, their votes will count.

Under the Military and Overseas Voter

Empowerment Act, local clerks have to send out absentee ballots to military and civilians serving overseas at least 45 days before a federal election. To meet that requirement for the Mar. 10 presidential primary, clerks had to have their ballots in the mail by the end of the day last Friday, Jan. 24.

Because of the tight timeframe, Swope questioned why clerks weren’t given information on the initial error until Friday if the error was initially caught and fixed on Tuesday.

Genesee County clerk John Gleason quipped of the situation, “Trammel to Whitaker to Bergman for a Tiger twin killing. Detroit Tigers open training camp next week. Box score for Michigan presidential primary reads so far: No hits, no runs and a few hundred errors. Go Tigers!”

Lawmakers say ‘¡Hola!’ to Cuban markets

Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey (R-Clarklake) and the chairs of the House and Senate agriculture committees will be among some 30 leaders in the state’s agriculture industry to tour farms and markets in Cuba next week.

The point of the economic trade mission organized by the Michigan Agri-Business Association is to put Michigan at the front of the line when all US restrictions on the communist nation are lifted, which is projected to happen within the tenure of the current president or his successor.

Department of Agriculture and Rural Development officials also will join private-sector farmers and members of the ag industry to learn about the opportunities in a country that has a \$2 billion agriculture import market, according to Engage Cuba, a coalition pushing for the lifting of the 60-year embargo.

“Sooner or later, we’re going to be doing business there and the whole purpose is to establish relationships and see what we can do now and what we could do in the future,” said Jim Byrum, the outgoing president of

the Michigan Agriculture Commission.

Michigan has the country’s second-most diverse offering of agriculture products, which creates a lot of potential for Michigan producers, said House Agriculture Committee Chair Julie Alexander (R-Hanover), one of the five or six legislators expected to make the trip.

“There’s a strong demand for vegetables, onions, dry beans and apples. Those are the areas where they’re looking at securing more new sources,” said Alexander, who owns a crop farm with her husband. “And those are all products where we have an abundance of supply.”

This is not Byrum’s first trip to Cuba. In fact, he’s taken a couple of groups of lawmakers to the former home of the late Fidel Castro before. Each time he’s gone, restrictions seem to have loosened just a little more. The last time he visited, the American cell phone market was opened up for the first time. The calls were expensive, but they were available, he said.

“The times are changing and we need to make sure policy leaders understand

that,” Byrum said.

Anyone wanting to make the trip is having to pay their own way, even legislators. The Agri-Business Association is organizing the trip, but it’s not giving anyone a free ride, he said.

It will be about a week of activity, however, and the Senate is already planning on not taking any roll call votes next week, Shirkey spokesperson Amber McCann confirmed.

“The Senate Majority Leader is looking forward to learning about the different opportunities that are available between Michigan and Cuba,” McCann said.

Prior to being a legislator, Senate Agriculture Committee Chair Dan Lauwers (R-Brockway) visited Cuba as part of an old Eisenhower Foundation program known as “People



to People.” He’s interested to learn how things have changed since the early 2000s, but he said he’s more interested in seeing the potential for Michigan producers.

As the owner of a 300-acre farm that grown soybeans,

corn, and soft white wheat, Lauwers said he sees the value of connecting with people in other markets and what that can mean down the road.

Asked to opine on any perception that the trip is a junket, Lauwers said bluntly,

“That’s not accurate. This is something I’ve hoped we could have done for years. This is something that can improve the lives of the people there and in our own country. It’s the type of thing we should be working on.”

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ahead with a responsible bond plan to start fixing the roads. Now.”

John Truscott of Truscott Rossman has seen the spots and wonders why she is doing this. “It’s a puzzle,” he reflected.

Someone who led the media effort for the last big public road funding push, Dave Waymire of Martin Waymire Advocacy Communications, said, “This isn’t an ad about roads. This is an ad about the governor. It’s an ad about protecting her brand and that’s probably appropriate because she doesn’t need anybody else to sign off on the bonds.”

He noted that the ad makes it clear that she “can’t do it all by myself, but I can do a lot by myself.” It will take legislative assistance to take care of the “driveway-to-the-highway” county and city roads that have deteriorated

over the last 20 years.

It does accuse the “Lansing legislators” for “putting up roadblocks to road repairs.” Note that she doesn’t single out Republican lawmakers, but refers to the body as a whole. And the answer warns, “We are paying for it” but the ad does not say what drivers are paying for.


The spot begins with video of a pothole-infested neighborhood street, which would not be repaired under the governor’s program, with the voice over, “The worst roads in the nation. Right here in Michigan. Dangerous. And the longer we wait to fix them, the more expensive it gets.”

The spot, which some may see as a pre-2022 re-election commercial, ends with “No politics. No tax increases. Just action. When she said, ‘It’s about time to fix the damn roads,’ she meant it.”

Mark Fisk, spokesperson for the Road to Michigan’s Future, noted that as a non-profit, it is not required to disclose donors, but that those individuals and organizations who did contribute to the ad campaign support the governor’s plan to fix the roads without tax increases or are waiting for the Legislature to act.

“The Road to Michigan’s Future was launched to support Governor Whitmer’s bold plan to fix Michigan’s crumbling roads and deteriorating infrastructure without increasing taxes or waiting for the Legislature to act,” Fisk said. “Our mission is to educate the public about her plan and encourage lawmakers in both parties to start tackling this urgent problem before Michigan’s dangerous, worst-in-the-nation roads get even worse.”

Managing Fear
by Stan Popovich

Do you ever feel that your overwhelmed with anxiety and your mind is overrun with fearful and negative thoughts? If so, this can be very challenging in terms of getting any kind of relief from your current situation.

As a result, here are six tips on how to quickly relieve your nerves and clear your head from your current anxieties and stresses.

1. Exercise: The best way to get rid of your anxieties is to do some kind of physical activity such as taking a brisk walk or a short run.

Exercise is a great way to help relieve your tension and to get your anxieties under control, however, make

sure you talk to your doctor before doing any type of exercises.

2. Go to a social event: Taking part in a social event will help get your mind off of your problems. Socializing with others or being around people is a great way to feel better when your feeling anxious and stressed out.

3. Hang out with your friends: Spending time with your friends is a great way to relieve your stresses. Talking to your friends will help you to focusing on other things rather than thinking about your problems. Your friends will help you to relax, make you laugh, and help you to relax.

4. Do some breathing

techniques: Taking deep breathes is another great way to relieve your tension and to clear your mind. By taking ten minutes out of your busy schedule to do some breathing techniques, you will feel better and you will be able to think more clearly.

5. Do something you enjoy: Doing something that you like to do is another way to get rid of your anxieties. A person could perform their favorite hobby or activity that will help you feel better and give you a fresh perspective on things.


6. Talk to a professional: If you need some professional advice or just need to express your feelings, take some time to talk to a counselor, your minister, or somebody that you trust. You can also spend some time praying and talking to God which is another way to express your feelings and frustrations.

Stan Popovich is the author of ‘A Layman’s Guide to Managing Fear, Using Psychology, Christianity and Non Resistant Methods. For more Info go to Stan’s website <http://www.managingfear.com/>

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125 years ago Lowell Ledger February 15, 1895

Mr. and Mrs. James Hyatt, four children and an uncle, John Hyatt, who was living with the family, were all at the point of death from the effects of drinking coffee in which poisoned candy was found.

Frank Lord, a young man of this village who has no apparent vocation, is in love with Miss Courtney, a pretty and highly respectable young lady. She does not appreciate his affection and has told him that she did not wish to receive any of his attention. This evening as Miss Courtney and four other ladies were going to church Lord met them on the sidewalk. He asked Miss Courtney to go with him, without saying where, and when she refused seized her as if attempting to carry her away. She resisted and screamed and two of the ladies who tried to assist her were roughly thrown off the walk into a snowbank. The struggle attracted the attention of others on the street and Lord fled.

The Legislature is in session now and they are working to have Arizona admitted into the Union. There are nearly all classes of people here. Mexicans, Indians, Chinese, Italians, and Americans.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger February 12, 1920

It was not until one of the women of the family demanded of a strange man what business he had on a ladder opposite her window, that B. W. Raseman became aware that the house was a mass of flames. The strange man was a fireman who was mounting to the roof with a line of fire hose.

The total influenza cases in Michigan reached approximately 15,000 last week. Eleven more counties reported the appearance of the disease. They are Iron, Cheboygan, Alcona, Gladwin, Arenac, Newaygo, Huron, Clinton, Hillsdale, Monroe and Cason There are 22 counties in the two peninsulas which had not yet reported cases. Local conditions should govern the closing of schools and public gatherings the state health authorities say. Dr. R. F. Oiln, state health officer, advises surgeons not to operate except in emergency cases, because of the shortage of nurses and the prevalence of the germ streptococcia.

Bernard Shay, of Ionia, had a tooth pulled last week and bled to such an extent that he died. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Shay, of Orange, and had been working in Portland.

75 years The Lowell Ledger February 15, 1945

Fire of an undetermined origin broke out suddenly on the second floor of the C. H. Runciman company elevator about 4:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, and although the flames were soon under control, damage in the neighborhood of \$10,000 is estimated.

A telegram from the War Department to Mr. and Mrs. Jasper D. Spidell of Ada, brought the sad news of the death of their son, Pvt. Jasper L. Spidell, killed in Morotai Island in the Dutch East Indies on January 4. Private Spindell, 20 years old, had attended Ada school, and entered service on the 5th of March two years ago. He was serving in the infantry.

The Michigan Bell Telephone Company has further emphasized the role that rural service will have in its postwar plans by announcing the appointment of Theodore H. Dawson, district commercial superintendent at Lansing, to head up its farm-line development and improvement process.

50 years The Lowell Ledger February 12, 1970

Final plans for reconstruction of M-21 between the I-96 freeway and Ada have been submitted to the Federal government by State Highway Commission Director Henrik Stafseth.

Housing for an Alto couple and their 12 children is being sought in this area following a fire that gutted their home at 12037 84th Street last week. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Banfill and six youngsters are staying with relatives and the six other Banfill youngsters are housed with friends while the search for a new home continues.

Two students representing Lowell High School in the second annual One Act Play Festival at St. Johns High School were awarded top places in two of the competitive categories. Seniors Pat Hobbs and Mitch McMahon captured first place in the best play competition with their 45-minute rendition of Edward Albee's "The Zoo Story." Pat is a three-year veteran in drama at Lowell, but Mitch, who took first place as best actor, is a first year member of the Lowell players.

25 years The Lowell Ledger February 15, 1995

DeWayne L. Watson began serving as the Oakwood Cemetery caretaker in April of 1979. He held that position until February of this year when he announced his retirement. "I just decided it was time," Watson said. "I'd been thinking about it the last couple of years." As the city sexton Watson has been responsible for the mowing and upkeep of the cemetery grounds as well as the opening and closing of burials. He has also kept records of where plots are located and an alphabetized listing of those who have been buried in the Oakwood Cemetery.

Lowell Area Arts Council's version of John Van Druten's heartwarming family tale "I Remember Mama" is based around a family living in San Francisco during the time period of 1935. Actually, it was written for the 1910 era, but finding clothing to match that era presented a problem, so LAAC play director Jim Marron moved the play 25 years ahead.

The parking peril reported at 600 Chatham St. seems to have been remedied by a proposal brought forward by Lowell Police Chief Jim Valentine. A concern was brought forth by a citizen and a business who share a driveway which enters the south side of Chatham Street across from Newell Mfg. Company.

to the editor

Letter to the Editor,

Fix our roads Michigan, well how about using the taxes on the new gambling venues that will open now that the laws have been signed. The now legal marijuana stores? Seems that both of these ventures would produce enough tax revenue to repave every

road including gravel and dirt. Just curious what this influx of these new taxes is earmarked for. And they want to raise our sales tax. Why?

That's all.

Regards,
Deb Apol
Alto



At Your Local Library

Kent District Library programs at Englehardt Branch, 200 N. Monroe St. For additional information call 616-784-2007.

Cookbook Club

Join us for an informal discussion about cookbooks and sample delectable examples, potluck style. Stop by the branch for more details. Mon., Feb. 24 at 6:30 pm. Mary Berry (collection).

Leap Day Laser Tag: After Hours

Laser Tag in the Library. Space is limited in this amazing, after hours team event for teens in grades 6-12. **Pre-registration is required.** Pizza and ice cream provided. Sat., Feb. 29, 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Night Owls

Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Join us for a lively book discussion. Please note, if Lowell Area Schools is cancelled for the day, Night Owls will not meet. March 4 book discussion: Ready Player One by Ernest Cline.

We love to hear from you!

The Lowell Ledger welcomes letters to the editor from readers, but there are a few conditions that must be met before they will be published.

The requirements are:

- All letters must be signed by the writer, with address and phone number provided for verification. All that will be printed is the writer's name and community of residence. We do not publish anonymous letters, and names will be withheld at the editor's discretion for compelling reasons only.
- Letters that contain statements that are libelous or slanderous will not be published.
- All letters are subject to editing for style, grammar and sense.
- Letters that serve as testimonials for or criticisms of businesses will not be accepted.
- Letters serving the function of "cards of thanks" will not be accepted unless there is a compelling public interest, which will be determined by the editor.
- Letters that include attacks of a personal nature will not be published or will be edited heavily.
- "Crossfire" letters between the same two people on one issue will be limited to one for each writer.
- In an effort to keep opinions varied, there is a limit of one letter per person per month.
- We prefer letters to be printed legibly or typed, double-spaced.

HEALTH

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- croup

Croup is a viral respiratory tract infection that typically affects young children between the age of six months through four years old. The infection causes the trachea (windpipe) and larynx (voice box) to swell. The swelling of these areas is what gives croup its classic “barking” or “seal-like” cough. Other common symptoms of croup include difficulty breathing, flaring the nostrils, restlessness, retractions (your child’s chest and stomach muscles will suck-in when they breathe), and fever.

Children with mild cases of croup are typically managed supportively at home. Crying can make the symptoms worse, so try to keep your child comfortable and calm. Encourage the child to drink plenty of fluids and decrease their normal activity. Over-the-counter cough/cold medicines do not typically help the cough from croup.

Tylenol or Motrin may be appropriate if your child is old enough, and has a fever. Consult your health care provider for the correct dosing of these medications. Because croup is a viral illness, antibiotics are not effective. Children usually recover from their croup symptoms in three to five days. In severe cases, children may require nebulized medications or steroids.

Like many viral illnesses, croup is spread through coughing and sneezing. It can also be shared by contaminated hands, toys, or drinking glasses. The best way to contain the spread of a virus like croup is to wash your hands! Also, avoid spending time in public places if you or your child is coughing.

If you have questions or are concerned your child might have croup, please schedule an appointment with your child’s health care provider.

college news

Donovan Doran, of Ada, was among more than 325 graduates honored at Michigan Technological University’s Midyear Commencement held on the Houghton, Michigan campus on Dec. 14, 2019.

Michigan Tech alumna Jennifer (Fuller) Julien delivered the commencement address. While educated as a civil and environmental engineer, Julien has transitioned into a successful entrepreneur, investing more than \$25 million into the Houghton community with her husband Jon.

The student speaker was Victoria Quinde Serrano. The native of Cuenca, Ecuador was a three-time captain on Tech women’s tennis team and served as an assistant coach in the fall season. Doran received a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering.

Angela Girard, of Ada, earned her degree from Western Governors University (WGU). The online, nonprofit university has graduated over 167,000 students from across the country since its inception in 1997.

WGU has recognized 5,617 undergraduate and 4,302 graduate degree recipients, who have completed their degrees since October 2, 2019. Their areas of study include business, K-12 education, information technology, and health professions, including nursing.

Girard has earned a Master of Science, Nursing - Education (RN to MSN) degree.

Michigan Technological University, in Houghton, Michigan, has released the Dean’s List for the 2019 fall semester. More than 1,880 students were named to the Dean’s List this past fall.

To be included, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Among the honorees are the following from the local area: of Ada: Connor R. Cater, computer science; Chloe F. Looman, biological sciences; Tom E. Mikolay, geological engineering; Clara M. Mosentine, bioinformatics; Seth A. Mosentine, finance; Benjamin A. Neely, mining engineering; Dylinh M. Nguyen, computer engineering; and Ryan C. Roest, computer science; of Lowell: Kat A. Miller, biomedical engineering; and Leanna J. Rose, chemical engineering.

Zoe K. Reep, of Ada, mathematics, earned a straight-A average of 4.0.

Brianna Massey, 2016 Senior Class President at Lowell High School, earned Dean’s List honors at The George Washington University in Washington D.C. by completing the fall semester of her senior year with a 3.94 GPA. She majors in Political Science and Journalism.

Massey’s parents are Sterling and Rose Massey.

happy birthday



FEBRUARY 12
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Student of the month at KTC

Lowell High School has announced that a Lowell High School student has been named Student of the Month at Kent Transition Center. Miya Cance, 11th grade is enrolled in the child and family care program.



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The mystery of Newton Grimwood's 1947 disappearance

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell resident Newton Grimwood made headlines around the Midwest in the summer of 1947 when he

the Grand Rapids Herald picked up the story from that point in vivid detail.

"Sheriff Hugh Blacklock

[age 26] declared her husband said there was no need of taking an employee away from his work in the

to Grand Rapids to have an x-ray taken," Speerstra said. "I asked him why he wasn't driving one of his own cars

The Grimwoods were originally from Illinois. Newton was a World War II Navy veteran who endured some of the heaviest combat of the war. A year before his vanishing act, Grimwood saw a newspaper advertisement for the Lowell Creamery, bought it and moved his wife and children - two-year-old Douglas and seven-month-old Neil - to a home at 1188 Vergennes.

"A veteran of five major engagements in the Pacific theater, he was a gunnery officer on the USS Salt Lake City, a heavy cruiser," read a story in the June 17, 1947 Herald. "He is a member of Lowell VFW Post No. 8303 and the American Legion. He had been head of the Lowell Creamery for a year, coming to Lowell from Chicago where he and his wife were married. He is a native of Plano, IL and a graduate of the University of Illinois."

"Everyone in this community has felt deep concern over the absence of Newton I. Grimwood, proprietor of the Lowell Creamery, who dropped from sight, so to speak, about noon last Thursday, June 12," read an article in the June 19, 1947 edition of the Lowell Ledger. "Immediately following the accident, Mr. Grimwood



Grimwood was owner and proprietor of the Lowell Creamery, currently home of the Chimera Design jewelry store. (Lowell Ledger, May 22, 1947)

was taken to his home by his employee, Mrs. Donald Lind. [...] Mrs. Grimwood said that just before her husband started for Grand Rapids, ostensibly to have x-rays taken of his head injury, he told her he had tried to reach a Lowell physician but without success. 'I am sure my husband is suffering amnesia,' said Mrs. Grimwood."

"Grimwood [...] started to hitchhike to Blodgett Memorial Hospital here and has not been seen

Grimwood, continued, page 8



NEWTON GRIMWOOD



NEWTON GRIMWOOD.

Newton I. Grimwood was a Navy veteran who fought in the Pacific theater during World War II.

vanished after a brick to the head apparently gave him amnesia. Grimwood appeared in Illinois nine weeks later with no idea how he got there or what he'd been doing all that time.

On Thursday, June 12, 1947, Grimwood, age 28, was standing on a ladder doing some repair work to the rear of his business, the Lowell Creamery.

Contemporary reports from the Lowell Ledger and

said that some bricks had worked loose in the rear outside wall of the creamery," read an article in the June 14, 1947 Grand Rapids Herald. "One of them fell just as Grimwood was passing under it, about 11:15 am Thursday. It struck him on the head. The injury at the time did not seem to be severe and Grimwood went to his home. Later he decided to go to the hospital. [...] Mrs. [Ruth] Grimwood

creamery to drive him to Grand Rapids, as he would be able to hitchhike.

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and he said that he wasn't in fit condition to drive a car. He kept rubbing his head. He talked clearly, however, and did not impress me at the time as being dazed."

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NOTE: After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the above locations and times.

City offices will be open from 7 am to 8 pm on Election Day, March 10, 2020, for the purpose of registering voters.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified electors of the County of Kent who are not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the City Clerk; the Office of the appropriate County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency.

Registration forms can be obtained at www.mi.gov/vote and mailed to the City Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.

QUALIFICATIONS TO REGISTER TO VOTE:

- Citizen of the United States
- At least 18 years of age on or before March 10, 2020
- Resident of the State of Michigan



Susan Ullery
City Clerk

Grimwood, continued

INJURED, HE NEVER REACHES HOSPITAL

The Man Who Vanished

Struck by a falling brick Thursday afternoon, Newton Grimwood, 28, proprietor of the Lowell Creamery, started to hitchhike to Blodgett Memorial Hospital here and has not been seen since.



NEWTON GRIMWOOD

SHERIFF'S officers and employees of Grimwood have searched along the highway between Lowell and Grand Rapids in an attempt to find the missing man. Meanwhile his wife, frantic from worry, is at home caring for their two small children.

Mrs. Grimwood and employees at the creamery informed the sheriff's office, Sheriff Hugh Blacklock said, that some bricks had worked loose in the rear outside wall of the creamery. One of them fell, just as Grimwood was passing under it, about 11:15 a. m. Thursday. It struck him on the head.

The injury at the time did not seem to be severe, and Grimwood went to his home. Later he decided to go to the hospital.

DEPUTY SHERIFF Frank Stephens of Lowell, who investigated the case, said that Mrs. Grimwood declared her husband said there was no need of taking an employe away from his work in the

creamery to drive him to Grand Rapids as he would be able to hitchhike.

Grimwood is described as six feet tall, weighing between 170 and 180 pounds, with dark brown hair and hazel eyes. He was wearing a brown leather jacket, tan trousers and was bareheaded.

Peter Speerstra, Lowell Village President, is the last

person known to have seen Grimwood. Speerstra said he picked Grimwood up just outside Lowell Thursday and let him out at the Ada bridge. Speerstra was not coming to Grand Rapids.

"Grimwood told me that a brick had hit him on the head and he was on his way to Grand Rapids to have an X-ray taken," Speerstra said. "I asked him why he wasn't driving one of his own cars and he said that he wasn't in fit condition to drive a car. He kept rubbing his head. He talked clearly, however, and did not impress me at the time as being dazed."

"HE'S NOT the kind of a man who would leave home," his wife said Friday. "I'm afraid that something drastic may have happened to him, because he was in need of immediate medical attention."

"Some of the people in Lowell saw him Thursday afternoon walking along the street as he started for Grand Rapids and they said he was acting kind of dazed," she added.

"I hope somebody may see this story about my husband and know they should get him to a doctor right away," Mrs. Grimwood said.

the banks of the Thornapple River, but after weary hours of minute search no trace of Grimwood had been found," it said in the June 16, 1947 Herald.

The Herald ran stories about Grimwood day after day for a short period as false leads were tracked down, but the news eventually petered out and authorities remained stumped by his vanishing act.

Somebody matching Grimwood's description was reportedly begging for food from houses on Burton, Butler, Franklin and Hall Streets in Grand Rapids. Police tracked the man to Knapp St. where they found him eating sandwiches on somebody's back steps. It turned out to be a different man, James Creighton of Buffalo, NY. Grand Rapids police arrested Creighton for disorderly conduct.

The mystery surrounding Grimwood's disappearance deepened when an anonymous letter was received by the state fire marshal on June 15 complaining of the condition of the building in which the Lowell Creamery was located.

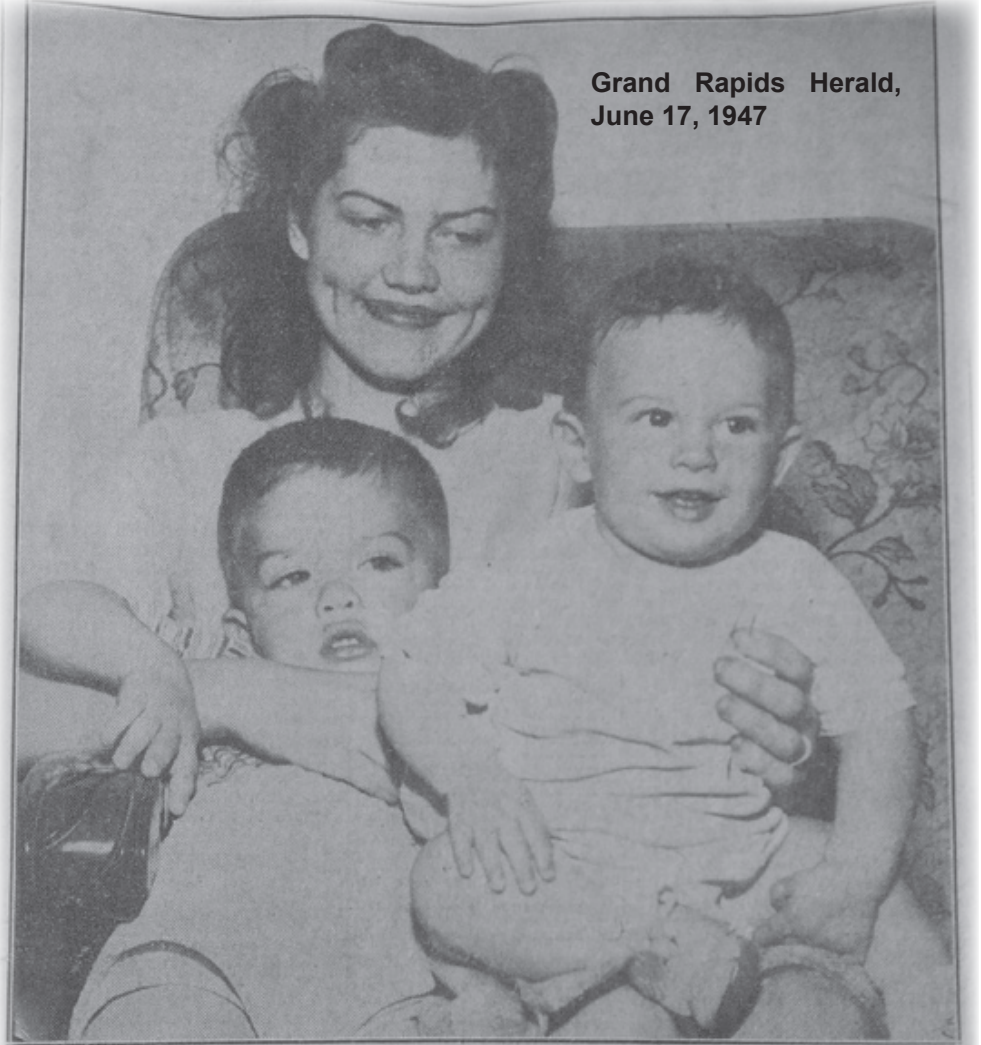
"Rockford state police officers said an anonymous typewritten letter in their possession would be checked against typewriting on a machine in Grimwood's creamery," it said in the June 16, 1947 Herald.

disappearance but conceded it was possible Grimwood may have sent the letter."

In the next day's Herald, however, they reported the letter was a red herring, a Lowell Creamery typewriter was not used to type it.

relatives, and made inquiries in Tucson, AZ where his in-laws resided. Newspaper articles appeared across the country with Grimwood's story, photo and a description of his appearance and demeanor.

Grand Rapids Herald, June 17, 1947



'I Can't Think of Anything More'

"I can't think of anything more to tell about him," said 25-year-old Mrs. Ruth Grimwood, wife of Lowell business man Newton Grimwood, 28, who disappeared after he was hit on the head by a brick Thursday.

days for the mother of Douglas, 2, and 7-month-old Nell, shown as she was interviewed in their home at 1188 Vergennes Rd. Monday. Mrs. Grimwood believes her husband is an amnesia victim. These have been anxious

BOWNE TOWNSHIP NOTICE

BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE 2020

The Board of Review of Bowne Township will meet in the Township Office Building located at 8240 Alden Nash SE., Alto, Michigan on:

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020 1:00 P.M.
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020
9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON
& 1:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2020
1:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
&
6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

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"The letter, postmarked in Lowell June 2 and received in the state fire marshal's Lansing office June 3, described deterioration of a Lowell building which fits the description of the one in which Grimwood's creamery is housed. An officer of the post said the building is in need of repair and the owner would be ordered to have necessary work done. Deputy Frank Stephens of Lowell said he did not believe there was any connection between the letter and Grimwood's

"Grand Rapids police continued to receive calls from citizens who felt they had seen Grimwood, but in three cases no one was found in the neighborhood when the police arrived," it was reported in the June 17, 1947 Herald. "Every lead I have at this time has been exhausted," deputy sheriff Frank L. Stephens of Lowell said Monday night. "Until something new turns up I have nothing to work on."

Private detectives scoured the Chicago area, where Grimwood had many

"Wide publicity regarding Mr. Grimwood's disappearance is being given through the Associated Press," read an article in the June 26, 1947 Lowell Ledger, two weeks after the disappearance. "It is thought that he is a victim of amnesia and it is sincerely hoped by all that he will soon be found and returned to his wife and children."

Cash rewards totaling \$200 were offered by Ruth Grimwood, the Lowell American Legion, Lowell VFW and Lowell Board of Trade, but nobody came forward with any information about Grimwood's whereabouts for over two months. Grimwood suddenly surfaced in Monmouth, IL, about 210 miles SW of Chicago, on Friday, Aug. 8, 1947. He was unaware of the missing time and had no idea where he had been or what he had done for the previous nine weeks.

"Newton Grimwood of Lowell, missing for two months, walked into a police station at Monmouth, Ill., Friday, laid his billfold on the desk and fainted," read the front page story in the Aug. 9, 1947 Herald. "Sgt. James Ward of the Monmouth police said a doctor was

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Grimwood, continued



GRIMWOOD FOUND; IN DAZE, HE SAYS

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Missing Vet in Illinois

Lowell Man Faints After Walking Into Police Station

Early Shows

FATAL EXPERIMENT
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FATHER KILLED
Prosecutor Names Wife

Grimwood's return on Aug. 9 was front page news around the Midwest. For example, this was the Grand Rapids Herald on Aug. 10, 1947.

called immediately and Grimwood seemed well after he was revived, although in weakened condition. Identification was made by means of papers in Grimwood's wallet. Rockford state police were notified and the information was relayed to his wife, Ruth, at Lowell. [...] Sgt. Ward related that Grimwood walked into the police station, said, 'Someone accused me of stealing this,' referring to his wallet, and fainted on the floor in front of the desk. [...] Authorities theorized he may have wandered to southern Illinois because he was born and raised there."

"Newton was glad to be home, surely, but his mind was a blank those nine weeks and, to him, it had only been overnight," read an article in the Aug. 11, 1947 Herald. "When he opened his eyes he was a well man, knew everything except for a nine-weeks hole

in his life. He told the doctor he remembered being struck on the head. 'When was that?' asked the physician. 'Thursday,' said Grimwood. The doctor could feel no bruise nor bump. Neither he nor Grimwood knew it had happened Thursday, nine weeks before."

Grimwood finally returned home to his family in Lowell just before midnight on Saturday, Aug. 9. Ruth was described as "ecstatic" upon his arrival, and exclaimed, "Oh, but you're a sight for sore eyes!" as her husband stepped through the door.

Nobody will ever know where he went or what he did those nine weeks in the summer of 1947, but it was reported that when he arrived home his hands were heavily calloused, as if he'd done some farm work.

"I don't remember anything clearly since the bricks fell on my head," Grimwood was quoted in the Aug. 11 Herald. "I

don't remember fixing the screen my wife says I fixed, nor of starting for Grand Rapids to see a doctor. I vaguely remember getting into a man's car just outside Lowell. Next was the Monmouth police station."

The Grimwoods moved to Phoenix, AZ in 1956, where they spent the rest of their lives. Newton became a landscaper, Ruth worked in market research. The couple went on to have four children, Doug, Neil, Mark and David.

Newton Grimwood passed away at home on March 13, 1987, age 68. Ruth Grimwood died on April 23, 2009, she was 87. The site of Grimwood's "Lowell Creamery" is currently home to the Chimera Design custom jewelry store. Owner Cliff Yankovich said that no evidence remains of the creamery other than a "pile of broken bottles in the NW corner of our basement."

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SPORTS

Competitive cheer finishes third in conference

by Justin Scott
Contributing reporter

At Cedar Springs last Wednesday, the Lowell varsity competitive cheer

team finished in third place. The team earned a score of 675.6 points including

a strong round of 278.9 in round three, which represents their highest

overall score of the year. At the meet, seniors from each school were honored.

The seniors for Lowell this year are Neely Bardwell, Iyleighsha Hopkins, Sophia Katsul, Kara Korcek, Phoebe Looman, Alyssa Miles, ShiLeigh Shepard, Kyra Snyder and Kayla VanOosten. The finish for the Lady Arrows secured a third place overall finish for the team.

LMCCOA competitive cheer scholarship competition, Lowell earned their highest score of the season (at that time which was surpassed at Cedar Springs) with a 669.38.

The Lady Arrows head to Lakewood on Friday for their final competition before districts. Districts will be held February 21 at St. Johns.

Last weekend at the



Lowell competitive cheer after their meet in Cedar Springs. Photo Courtesy of the Lowell competitive cheer Instagram page.

Go Red Arrows!



Wildcats get best of Red Arrows last week

by Justin Scott
Contributing reporter

The varsity girls basketball team split their two games last week.

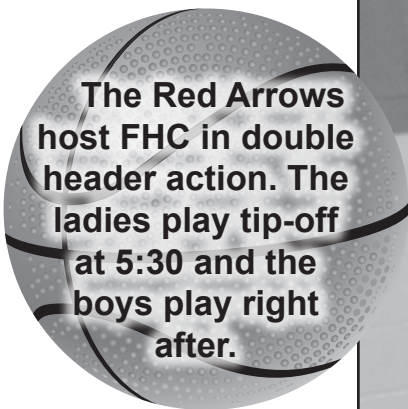
On Tuesday, the Lady Arrows took a break from conference play and headed to Caledonia for a matchup with the OK Red's Fighting Scots. The team was led by Molly Frederickson, Addison Bruwer and Summer Havey who all scored in double digits in the 56-34 win.

LHS fell to Northview 44-29 on Friday night.

Four straight home games will be welcome for

the Lady Arrows who have played eight of their last eleven on the road. Lowell hosts FHN this Tuesday, as well as FHC this Friday in the first game of a boys-girls doubleheader that also is teacher's appreciation night. The girls game tips off at 5:30 at LHS, with the boys game following after.

The boys team fell to Caledonia 73-45 last week, and to Northview by a score of 55-31.



Summer Havey looks to score against Northview.



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Red Arrow

- WRESTLING **SPORTS**

Wrestling begins postseason play

by Justin Scott
Contributing reporter

After winning their 11th straight conference championship, the Lowell wrestling team has their sights set on the postseason.

The Red Arrows dominated the OK White Conference meet last Friday, finishing first with 279.5 points. Greenville, the hosts, finished in second with 159 points followed by Forest Hills Northern, Cedar Springs, Forest Hills Central, Northview and Ottawa Hills. LHS went 6-0 in conference duals and finished first overall in the conference for the 11th straight season.

Easton Lyons, Ramsy Mutschler, Zeth Strejc, Dawson Jankowski, Will Link, Austin Boone, James Fotis, Doak Dean, Jacob Lee, Carter Blough, Jacob Hough, and Keegan Nugent all won conference

championships. Lowell recorded 19 pins during the tournament.

Team districts are this Thursday at East Grand Rapids. Lowell received a bye in round one and will face the winner of EGR and Ionia in the district championship match. The match is projected to start at 7:30 pm.

LHS will be hosting individual districts this Saturday. Wrestlers from Byron Center, East Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids Christian, Hamilton, Hastings, Holland, Ionia, Lowell, Middleville Thornapple-Kellogg, Wayland, Wyoming, Wyoming Kelloggsville, Zeeland East, and Zeeland West will be participating. Wrestling begins at 9:00 am.



Wrestlers line up for conference finals. Photo courtesy of Lowell Wrestling Club.

Regionals this week for ski team

by Justin Scott
Contributing reporter

The Lowell ski team will be participating at Caberfae Peaks for regionals on Monday. LHS will compete in Division 2 against Cadillac, Caledonia, East Grand Rapids, Catholic Central (girls), Grand Rapids Christian, Forest Hills Central, Northview, West Catholic (boys), Mattawan, Onokama, South Haven (boys) and Spring Lake in the regional. The top three teams in both the girls and boys/co-ed divisions will

move on to states, as well as any individual qualifying racers. Regional results will be available in next week's Lowell Ledger.

Last week in conference action at Cannonsburg, the girls were led by Kaylee Byrne, Gina Redondo, Emma Schmidt and Sydney Spanbauer in slalom. Redondo's 1:26.64 was good for 36th, while Schmidt's 1:27.33 was good for 39th. Overall, the team took seventh in the

conference and fourth in Division 2 for slalom.

Kaylee Byrne's time over 51.33 was second place overall in grand slalom. Overall the team placed eighth in the conference and fifth in Division 2. Following Byrne in Grand Slalom was Redondo taking 37th, Olivia Torline (59.05) and Emma Schmidt (102.64) also adding to the team score.

For the boys/co-ed team, LHS was led by

Colton Byrne and Preston Sobeck in slalom. Byrne's time of took 1:04.24 was good for ninth place. Preston Sobeck (1:07.90) wasn't far behind in 19th. The team took seventh in the conference and fourth in Division 2 for slalom. Also, adding points were Clara Eriksson and Hunter Stepanovich.

In grand slalom, the boys also took seventh in the conference and fourth in Division 2. Byrne's 54.34 second time was good for

fourth overall. Following Clara Eriksson (1:15.38) Byrne was Sobeck in 28th, Stepanovich (1:02.41) and

finished in 45th and 59th respectively.

Boys bowling tops FHC

by Justin Scott
Contributing reporter

Boys bowling defeated Forest Hills Central 18-12 last week. Individual points during the match were scored by Lucas Sloma (2), Aaron Fritsma (2), Jacob Reynolds (1) and Mitchell Anderson (1). High scores were recorded by Collin Clark (187) and Mitchell

Anderson (179). FHC does not have a girls bowling team, so Lowell had an extra day of practice.

This week the boys team hosts Ottawa Hills in conference action at The Bowling Alley - Ionia.



RED ARROW WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES

BOYS VARSITY WRESTLING

* Denotes a home game
2/15 at 9 am Individual Districts*

BOYS VARSITY SWIM & DIVE

2/20 at 6 pm at Grand Rapids Ottawa

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

* Denotes a home game at LHS
2/17 at 7 pm Non-conference Quad

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

* Denotes a game at LHS main gym
2/14 at 5:30 pm FHC*
2/18 at 7 pm Greenville*

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

* Denotes a home game at LHS main gym
2/14 at 7 pm FHC*
2/18 at 7 pm at Greenville

GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER

2/14 at 6 pm Lakewood Valentine Challenge

BOYS VARSITY HOCKEY

* Denotes a home game at Kentwood Ice Arena
2/15 at 5 pm at Northview
2/21 at 8 pm Portage Central (senior night)*

BOYS & GIRLS BOWLING

* Denotes a meet at The Bowling Alley - Ionia
2/17 at 3:30 pm Northview at Northfield Bowling Lanes
2/19 at 3:30 Cedar Springs*

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- 10696 Mazurek Drive, Zoning Variance

DIMENSIONAL AND NONUSE VARIANCE (SECTION 3.02(b) and SECTION 3.02(h)).


Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Lyons have submitted an application for Zoning Variance based upon a dimensional hardship that presently restricts the property owners from constructing an accessory building within the front yard. The parcel has an unusual shape and steep slopes and wetlands on-site prevent the Lyons' from constructing the accessory structure within the rear yard. Mr. and Mrs. Lyons have requested a Zoning Variance to construct said accessory building at the most logical location on-site. The parcel number for the referenced address is 41-24-33-300-022

The application and plans are available for review and written comments will be received until 4:00 P.M. Thursday, February 20, 2020 at Bowne Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash SE, Alto, Michigan 49301. All interested parties will be heard at the meeting.

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LHS SENIORS - General local scholarship applications are available online beginning Fri., Jan. 31. Check your school email for details. Non-LHS students in the Lowell area, scholarship information is available at both the Englehardt & Alto Branch libraries & the LHS Counseling Office.

TEEN ZONE - Mondays from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm. Teen-only fun for you & your friends at the library. Stop by for activities that may include board games, food & more. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

SATURDAY CRAFTERNOON - Saturdays, 1 pm, now thru February 29. Come enjoy open crafting at the library! Bring your current project and see what others are working on. Hot beverages provided. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

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TECH SESSIONS - 3-5 pm by appointment on Wednesdays. One-on-one assistance with basic computer, tablets, smart phones, downloadable library materials, etc. Please call to schedule your appointment, 616-693-1001. Clarksville Area Library, 165 N. Main, Clarksville.

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NEEDLERS - Meet the second & fourth Tuesday of the month from, 5 to 8 pm at Franciscan Life Processing Center, 11650 Downes St. NE, Lowell.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE - third Monday at 7:30 p.m. for business meeting.

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BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB - Meets second Tuesday of the month at 10 am. March 10 book: Crazy Rich Asians by Kevin Kwan. If Lowell Schools is cancelled for the day, Bookworms will not meet. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

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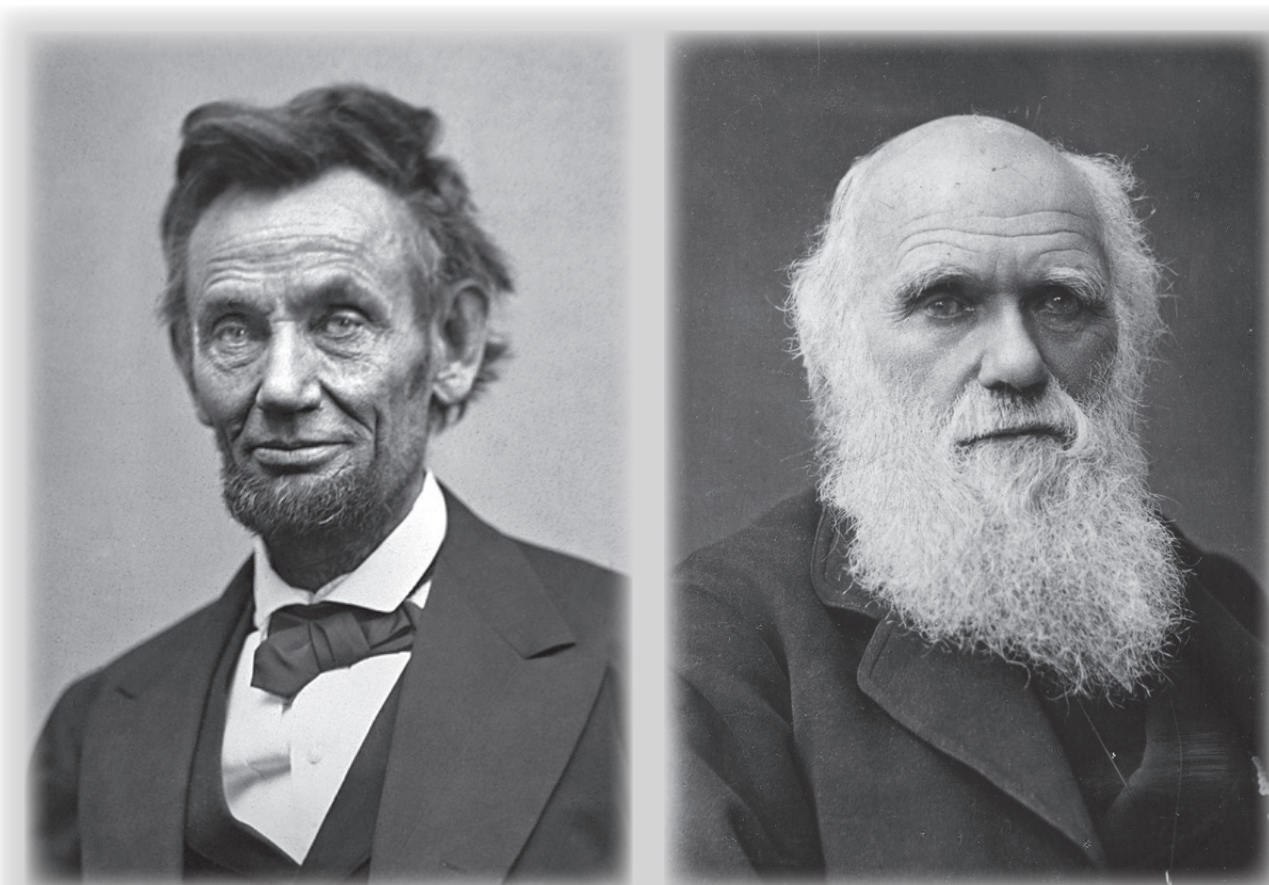
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February 12 is the 43rd day of 2020. There are 323 days remaining until the end of the year.

Historical Events

1429: English forces under Sir John Fastolf defend a supply convoy carrying rations to the army besieging Orléans in the Battle of the Herrings.
 1502: Queen Isabella I of Spain issues an edict outlawing Islam in the Crown of Castile, forcing virtually all of her Muslim subjects to convert to Christianity.
 1541: The city of Santiago, Chile is founded by Pedro de Valdivia.
 1733: James Oglethorpe founds Georgia, the last of the original Thirteen Colonies.
 1771: Gustav III becomes King of Sweden.
 1855: Establishment of Michigan State University.
 1909: The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is founded.
 1915: The first stone of the Lincoln Memorial is put into place.

1924: George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" received its concert premiere at Aeolian Hall in New York City, performed by Paul Whiteman and his band, with Gershwin himself on piano.
 1935: The USS Macon, one of the two largest helium-filled airships ever created, crashes into the Pacific Ocean off the coast of California and sinks.
 1946: African-American Army veteran Isaac Woodard is severely beaten by a South Carolina police officer to the point where he loses vision in both of his eyes. The incident galvanizes the civil rights movement and inspires Orson Welles' 1958 film "Touch of Evil."
 1963: Construction begins on the Gateway Arch in St. Louis.
 1968: Phong Nhị and Phong Nhất massacre.
 1974: Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, 1970 winner of the Nobel Prize in



President Abraham Lincoln and scientist Charles Darwin were both born on this date in 1809.

Literature, is exiled from the Soviet Union.
 1983: One hundred women protest in Lahore, Pakistan against military dictator Zia-ul-Haq's proposed Law of Evidence. The women were tear-gassed, baton-charged and thrown into lock-up but eventually successful in repealing the law.
 1988: Black Sea bumping incident: The missile cruiser USS Yorktown (CG-48) is intentionally rammed by the Soviet frigate Bezzavetnyy in Soviet territorial waters. The Yorktown claims innocent passage.
 1990: Carmen Lawrence becomes the first female Premier in Australian history.
 1994: Four thieves break into the National Gallery of Norway and steal Edvard Munch's iconic painting "The Scream."
 1999: United States President Bill Clinton is acquitted by the United States Senate in his impeachment trial.
 2001: NASA's NEAR Shoemaker spacecraft

touches down in the "saddle" region of 433 Eros, becoming the first spacecraft to land on an asteroid.
 2002: The trial of Slobodan Milošević, the former President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, begins at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal. Milošević will die before he is convicted.
 2004: The city of San Francisco begins issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples in response to a directive from mayor Gavin Newsom.
 2009: While on approach to Buffalo Niagara International Airport, Colgan Air Flight 3407 crashes into a house in Clarence Center, NY, killing everybody on board and one person on the ground.
 2019: In accordance with the Prespa agreement, the Republic of Macedonia renames itself the Republic of North Macedonia, settling a long-standing naming dispute with Greece.

Birthdays

41: Britannicus, son of Claudius
 661: Princess Ōku of Japan
 1567: Thomas Campion, composer, poet, physician
 1606: John Winthrop the Younger, governor of Connecticut
 1663: Cotton Mather, minister, author
 1768: Francis II, Holy Roman Emperor
 1775: Louisa Adams, first lady of the US
 1791: Peter Cooper, founder of Cooper Union
 1794: Alexander Petrov, chess player, composer
 1794: Valentín Canalizo, president of Mexico
 1809: Charles Darwin, geologist, theorist
 1809: Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States
 1876: Thubten Gyatso, 13th Dalai Lama of Tibet
 1877: Louis Renault, engineer, businessman, co-founder of Renault
 1881: Anna Pavlova, ballerina, actor
 1882: Walter Nash, prime minister of New Zealand
 1884: Max Beckmann, painter, sculptor
 1884: Alice Roosevelt Longworth, author
 1893: Omar Bradley, US general
 1897: Lincoln LaPaz, astronomer, academic
 1898: Wallace Ford, actor, singer
 1902: William Collier, Jr., actor, producer, screenwriter
 1904: Ted Mack, radio and TV host
 1914: Gordon "Tex" Beneke, singer, saxophonist, bandleader
 1915: Lorne Greene, actor
 1917: Dom DiMaggio, baseball player
 1919: Forrest Tucker, actor
 1923: Franco Zeffirelli,

director, producer
 1926: Joe Garagiola, Sr., baseball player, sportscaster
 1926: Charles Van Doren, academic
 1928: Vincent Montana, Jr., disco drummer, composer
 1930: Arlen Specter, lawyer, politician
 1933: Costa-Gavras, director, producer
 1934: Bill Russell, basketball player, coach
 1935: Gene McDaniels, singer/songwriter, producer
 1938: Judy Blume, young adult author
 1939: Ray Manzarek, keyboard player, The Doors
 1945: Maud Adams, model, actor
 1950: Steve Hackett, singer/songwriter, guitarist, Genesis
 1950: Michael Ironside, actor
 1952: Michael McDonald, singer, keyboard player, The Doobie Brothers
 1953: Joanna Kerns, actor
 1955: Bill Laswell, bass player, producer
 1955: Chet Lemon, Detroit Tigers outfielder
 1956: Arsenio Hall, actor, comedian, talk show host
 1956: Brian Robertson, guitarist, songwriter, Thin Lizzy
 1961: Michel Martelly, president of Haiti
 1965: Rubén Amaro, Jr., baseball player, manager
 1968: Josh Brolin, actor
 1968: Chynna Phillips, singer, actor
 1969: Darren Aronofsky, director, producer, screenwriter
 1970: Jim Creeggan, bass player, Barenaked Ladies
 1973: Tara Strong, actor, singer
 1980: Sarah Lancaster, actor
 1980: Christina Ricci, actor
 1980: Radric "Gucci Mane" Davis, rapper

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF LOWELL

2020 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

The City of Lowell Board of Review for 2020 will be held at Lowell City Hall, 301 E Main St SE, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting:
 Tuesday, March 3rd, 3:00pm

Appeal Hearings:
 Monday, **March 9th**, 10:00am to 4:00pm
 Tuesday, **March 10th**, 3:00pm to 9:00pm

Meetings are by Appointment, to schedule, contact: City Hall @ ph. 616.897.8457

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests and to equalize the 2020 assessments

By City Charter, residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 3, 2020


The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2020 are as follows:

Commercial	47.43	1.0542
Residential.....	47.22	1.0588
Industrial.....	47.60	1.0504
Personal Property.....	50.00	1.0000

Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice

The City will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon 3 days' notice.

Contact: Michael Burns
 City Manager
 ph. 616.897.8457



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FUN PAGE

SUDOKO

	3							
		2		1	9			6
5			2			4		
	9		4	5		3		
		7						
			3	2				4
	5							9
			8					
		1			2	7	8	

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!

LIBRARY LESSONS WORD SEARCH

S D E W E Y K O R X N O I T A T I C T W
 D L E N D V S H W D K F U G I N D E X B
 W O R H C R A E S E R V L T Q A Q U W G
 C C X X G H E K N T O Y I C W T R W N Q
 T T H O T Q O D D C G R E S O U R C E S
 X H E E E A N L A G V K G G D O E G B F
 V Q V O C D F B D K D N K H K S T L S W
 G G O K W K U C C H I O B H A S B O O K
 L O N K F L O A F T N R W B X R E N B C
 O R Q O A O T U Y H H W A N G S V D W K
 S E F R O A A D T W Y T R E L U Q G H U
 S N Y H L Y L Y S U A A B H O O Q C F B
 A E B O G L U B E D F T H Y K W A Q E I
 R W G H V A B O D R O N I V S H V D H H
 Y A C I R C U L A T I O N W W O R R O B
 G L B R O W S E E C N E R E F E R T V W
 D A U U O S T A C K S K A N X G B R O D
 E X V S S W X X R X F A U T H O R Q Q U
 Q T Q C X R E B O N H Q D X X B N C Y E
 H G E W S G T H T F V E Q U I E T V E O

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

Puzzle solutions
on page 12

LIBRARY LESSONS
WORD SEARCH

CHECKOUT
CIRCULATION
CITATION
DATABASE
DESK
DEWEY
DOWNLOAD
GLOSSARY

HOLD
INDEX
LEND
QUIET
REFERENCE
RENEWAL
RESEARCH
RESOURCES

STACKS
TEXT
VOCABULARY

AUTHOR
BOOK
BORROW
BROWSE
CATALOG

Guess Who?

I am a singer born in California on February 8, 1961. I played basketball and football in school and also enjoyed surfing near my LA home. I rose to fame in the 1980s, when I was part of a "crüe" with other hard rock musicians.

Answer: Vince Neil

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the library.

S I E S L A

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Answer: Aisles

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14			15					16				
17			18					19				
20			21				22					
23					24	25					26	27
		28			29			30				
31	32				33	34	35	36			37	
38				39	40					41		
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51				52	53	54			55		56	57
		58						59				
60	61					62	63				64	
65					66						67	
68						69					70	

CLUES ACROSS

- Small deer
- Khoikhoi peoples
- South African statesman
- Keyboard key
- Remove
- A conspicuous constellation
- Data executive
- Retired NASCAR driver
- Tightens
- A picture of the Virgin Mary
- "The Mission" actor Jeremy
- Confidently
- More (Spanish)
- Sports highlight show (abbr.)
- Hand out cards
- Distinctive Asian antelope
- Arabic greeting
- Of I
- Hip hop trio
- Meat roll
- One's mother (Brit.)
- __-GYN
- Belgian city
- Plucks
- Leak slowly
- Denotes a particular region
- General's assistant (abbr.)
- Divides

CLUES DOWN

- Kid
- Inland Empire Expanded Learning Symposium
- Engaged in conflict
- Former CBS sportscaster
- Characterized by unity
- Working-class
- Corners
- __ de plume
- Influential French artist
- "Very" in musical terms
- Financial account
- Long, flat abdominal muscles
- Small Eurasian willow
- Justified in terms of profitability
- Required
- River that starts in Turkey
- Disfigure
- A way of communicating (abbr.)
- Leaks slowly
- Shady place under trees
- Made a speech
- Long, angry speech
- Mortar trough
- Autonomic nervous system
- Southern India island

- Grab quickly
- Ancient Mesopotamian city
- With three uneven sides
- Football visionary Hunt
- Primordial matters
- Facing towards the flow of a glacier
- "A Delicate Balance" writer
- Emits coherent radiation
- Commercial
- Groups of foot bones
- Out of print
- Partner to cheese
- German river
- Concluding speech
- Spanish dish
- Prominent California cape Point __
- Any high mountain
- Ethiopian lake
- Mr.
- Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
- Large, flightless bird
- Oil industry term (abbr.)
- Something one can draw
- Officers in charge
- Greek island



This is another installment in the Lowell Ledger's series of feature articles about the many different types of artisans who do business in the Lowell area. Some use the Internet as their storefront, others sell their wares out of a brick and mortar location. All of them are fascinating people and incredibly talented.

If you know of somebody who makes things and sells them, we want to do a story about it! Contact the Lowell Ledger at 616-897-9261 or send a message to ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com

Fandangled Custom Apparel

Fandangled Custom Apparel offers custom-printed items for personal and promotional use, which are produced through screen printing, dye sublimation, vinyl cutting, embroidery, digital transfers, and rhinestone application. She also makes photo puzzles, pinback buttons, and cuts vinyl for vehicles.

Cheryl Pratt, a mother of three and grandmother of seven, is the owner of Fandangled

route, I want to start a little business. I had no experience. I bought a couple of things, watched a lot of YouTube videos and went to some classes and trainings. I started out with one embroidery machine and I did some dye sublimation and I bought a vinyl cutter and a heat press."

Dye sublimation, a process that applies ink below the surface of a material through heat transfer, allowed her to customize literally thousands of different

She and her husband, Brian, began looking for a new house with an outbuilding that would provide enough space for the ever-expanding business. What they found instead, was an airplane hangar. The current location on Vergennes backs up to the Lowell City Airport. Brian built walls, and installed heat and running water inside the hangar to better suit the business. Now she's reached a point where it may be time to remove the walls to make space for further growth.

The hangar houses all of her equipment, including three embroidery machines that she affectionately refers to as, Cranky, Spanky, and Franky. "It's fun to watch. It's almost like therapy when you're watching a large design stitch out."

She recently acquired a five-color automated screen printing press. She was previously printing orders that consisted of hundreds of pieces by hand. As incoming orders steadily increased over time, she decided it was time to get a bigger press. The manual press is still in the shop, and Pratt says it remains the best option for small jobs or printing t-shirts in youth sizes.

Fandangled currently



has two employees in addition to Pratt, including a graphic designer who makes sure that customers are able to see their vision become a reality. Pratt doesn't send anything out to be completed all of her products are customized in-house. There are no minimums on orders and she emphasizes that she likes to take time to make sure customers are happy with their design.

"We had a woman come just the other day whose husband is in the Marines. He has a shirt that is 15 years old and he loves it and it's worn out. So, we are recreating the design so we can make some more shirts for him. I love doing that custom stuff!"

She also hosts fundraisers for nonprofit organizations. She has previously worked with Little League Baseball to streamline the ordering process for uniforms while simultaneously raising money for the organization. She is currently hosting a fundraiser for Wings of Mercy, a nonprofit that provides transportation to medical facilities for patients who cannot afford to fly.

"One young lady drew a design, my graphic designer turned it into vector artwork for her

and we're going to do a fundraiser for her to go on a mission trip. I'm passionate about helping groups like that, especially locally," she says.

Pratt says that most of her orders come from

future would be to get a building in Lowell for manufacturing with a small store for customers. We are just busting at the seams and will need to expand sometime in the future to service our customers well."



Custom Apparel. She graduated from Lowell High School and after moving away for a few years, realized how much she missed Lowell and returned for good in 2001.

Pratt, who drove a bus for Lowell Area Schools for 16 years, started Fandangled Custom Apparel eight years ago, "I thought, in between my bus

items. The variety of products and processes grew quickly from there.

"That was going well, so [I thought] let's add a few more things. That was in my basement at the time. I just kept buying stuff." Pratt was acquiring more equipment and offering new products all the time, "We knew we had to move out of our basement."



local businesses. She has shirts displayed in her shop that are printed with several recognizable logos from area businesses including: LowellArts!, Red Barn Market, and Big Boiler Brewing, "I would say 80 percent of my business comes from Lowell."

She is passionate about what she does from start to finish, especially when it comes to helping small businesses and nonprofits in Lowell. "It's fun to do and be part of that creativity. Everyone needs a t-shirt; everyone likes logo wear."

In the future, Pratt hopes to expand the shop and perhaps even find a storefront downtown.

"Our hope in the

Pratt will be inviting local businesses and individuals to visit her shop on February 20 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm 7:00 pm, for an anniversary open house complete with complimentary snacks and beverages.

"It's just a cool way to get people here to see what I do, area businesses, clubs, organizations...just a way to get the word out and celebrate my eight years of being in business."

For more information or to order, contact Cheryl Pratt at 616-897-0697, or visit www.gofandangled.com or Fandangled Custom Apparel on Facebook.

