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## KCTC skilled trades programs attract students



LHS senior Keegan Laux demonstrating some of the welding skills he's learned in the lab at KCTC.

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Thousands of students from all over Kent County are eschewing the traditional college prep track and enrolling in one or more of the skilled trades programs at the Kent Career Technical Center on the East Beltline in Grand Rapids. Offerings on campus include high tech, hands-on courses in welding, culinary arts, medical, aviation and many other options. Three busloads of Lowell High School students attend KCTC classes every day.

“Kent Career Tech Center has over 20 career-focused programs offering college, technical school and high school credit, plus opportunities to earn industry-recognized certifications,” said Katie McClintic, Kent Intermediate

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## Red Creek Waste Services still collecting recycling, but don't show up there

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

It was announced last week that the Kent County Recycling Center, including all of its recycling drop-off stations, will be closed from Feb. 24 until March 13 while they replace the mechanical screens on their paper sorting machines.

According to a press release from the facility, “The scheduled shutdown is necessary so we can replace the paper screens that separate paper from plastic and metal. The original paper screens have had more than 230,000 tons of recyclables pass over them in their ten years of operation. The new screens will require less daily downtime for maintenance because of the anti-wrap design and help ensure the facility remains a reliable outlet for processing recyclables in West Michigan.”

“Periodic upgrades and renovations, like the replacement of our paper screens, ensure the recycling facility is up-to-date and can efficiently and reliably process clean materials for recycling markets,” said Nic VanderVinne, resource recovery and recycling manager for the Kent County department of public works. “The Kent County Recycling

and Education Center allows residents to conveniently recycle materials with a single-stream sorting process. That requires we have screens to automate the sorting process for materials like glass, metal, plastic and paper.”

In Lowell, many use Red Creek Waste Services to haul away their trash and recycling.

“The temporary closure of the Kent County recycling center has not affected us or our customers, as we do not bring any of our recycling to their processing facility,” said Eric Schelhaas from Red Creek. “We believe in and encourage residents to recycle. We do not take recycling lightly. The recycling we collect is sorted by item, compacted into bales, and brought to numerous processors [and] marketers that create usable end products with the recycling we collect. Some of the companies we use are Pratt Industries Paper, Strategic Materials, Padnos Recycling, Grand Rapids Iron and Metal, et cetera. These are reputable national and regional companies that specialize in the reuse of recyclable material. We employ a group of local



The Red Creek Waste Services facility on Main St. is not equipped to handle drop-offs of household recyclable items.

women from 9 am to 3 pm daily. They sort recycling when their children are in school. It works out good for all parties.”

They, however, are not equipped for customers to drop off their unwanted items.

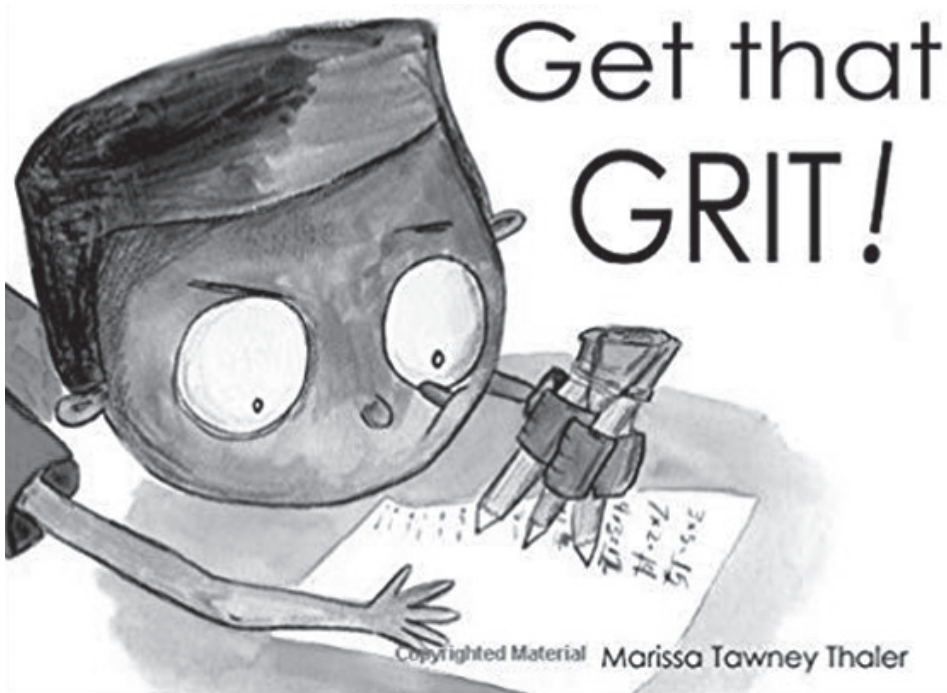
“We are not open to the general public and

unfortunately cannot accept items from area residents,” Schelhaas said. “We are not set-up for that and do not have a drop off site. The recycling that is brought there comes exclusively from our trucks that are doing curbside collection from customer residences. It is not set up or safe to have

the general public dropping off their own recycling, because it is an industrial setting. Households must subscribe to our weekly trash collection service, and then they can add on the recycling pickup if they desire. Cost of the recycling collection can vary depending on the container.”



# LHS grad to present new book at local schools



Copyrighted Material Marissa Tawney Thaler

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

A Lowell author is returning to her hometown school district to do some special events at two local elementary schools.

LHS '03 graduate Marissa Tawney Thaler spent 10 years working in Lansing as an elementary art teacher and is now pursuing her dream of becoming a children's book author. Her first book "Get That Grit!" was inspired by her decade in the educational trenches.

"I found that [in students] there was a disconnect between understanding that you can grow your brain and accepting that you may not get it right on the first try," Thaler said. "I still had so many students frustrated to tears over not drawing something exactly how they saw it, or misunderstanding a concept at first. So, at the end of the 2017-2018 school year when I resigned

from teacher to become a full-time illustrator, I created a little book with a simple story to bridge the gap between growth mindset and perseverance."

The purpose of the book is to teach perseverance, no matter how intimidating the task. As it says in the story, "The next time you feel you can't handle it, scrunch up your face, make up your mind, nod your head, and GET THAT GRIT!"

"The book itself shows some frustrating every-day situations that elementary aged kids might face," Thaler said. "A long book, frustrating math homework, being afraid of the dark, et cetera. It highlights that everybody feels like giving up now and then, and explains how 'grit' is not being perfect, but having the courage to try again. Then, the characters learn

easy steps to try to make this big concept attainable. The book finishes with an encouragement that, as you get older and your problems get trickier, the same concept applies and you can learn to handle it."

Thaler said she went the self-publishing route with "Get That Grit" because the traditional method takes a very long time.

"I went the indie route and self-published this book in order to get it in my student's hands as quickly as possible, though it is being queried for further representation," Thaler said. "I do have other books in the works. Because the process of kid lit takes a while, they will not be out for some time."

Portrayals of minority characters in mainstream children's books have been rare. Thaler's characters break that old mold.

"The book's diverse set of characters are very much inspired by my old students, as well as not wanting to contribute to the historically huge disparity in representation for children of color in children's books," Thaler said. "One

of my old students, that I had actually had in class for five consecutive years, asked me straight out if the main character was him!"

Thaler will meet with students at Bushnell Elementary on Monday, March 16 and Cherry Creek Elementary on Friday, March 27. You can purchase "Get That Grit!" on Amazon. For more information, visit [tawneythaler.com](http://tawneythaler.com).

"My book is available for purchase on Amazon, and children have the option to order a signed copy before or after a school visit,"

Thaler said. "During a school visit, I love to open with a little bit of my story and some tips about how to write/illustrate/publish a children's book. Depending on the time frame, I may show a short video and give a drawing demo. We then read the book together, which has a bit of call and response/practice that goes along with it. I finish the presentation with examples of other adults that have grit and some inspirational words from other writers. With whatever time is left, I answer questions."



Marissa Tawney Thaler

## Deputy State Treasurer: there's a \$9B untold story

There's a story that hasn't been told by the media, according to Deputy State Treasurer Jeff Guilfoyle. It's a tale involving personal income, taxes and big changes over a short period of time.

At the annual legislative conference of the Michigan Society of Association Executives last Tuesday afternoon, Guilfoyle was asked by reporters what he viewed was the biggest "untold story" about the state's economy.

His response was that the change in personal income and the percent of that income that taxpayers contribute to state and local units of government.

"I think, on the revenue side, it's how much our revenue situation has changed since 2000," he told MIRS. "Both in terms of how we compare to other states, and then our taxes, state and local taxes, as a percent of personal

income. Both have seen pretty dramatic changes."

On income, Guilfoyle notes that in the 1940s and 1950s, the state's per capita income average was above the national average. Then, from 1960 to 2000, it settled to about 99 percent of the national average. Today, following the economic recession earlier this century, the state's per capita income sits at 89 percent of the national average.

In short, Michigan moved from a wealthy state to an average state to a poor state. The other part of the story is the declining share of personal income being spent on government.

For example, the Deputy Treasurer noted that combined local and state taxes as a percentage of personal income are at a 50-year low.

"And that's meaningful money if you do the calculations," he added. "If we were at the same percent of personal income (going

to state government) we were at in 2000, we would raise \$6 billion more per year in state-level taxes."

So how do we compare to other states in the Great Lakes region? Guilfoyle said he hasn't crunched the numbers that way, but he did say he's looked at the change in real per capita income growth for all the states from 2000 to 2017.

"We're one of only a handful of states that have gone negative over that time [in personal income growth]," he added.

How much of that personal income goes to the government? Guilfoyle has a slide noting that the national average of per capita state taxes totals \$5,170. In Michigan, the average is \$4,267.

"If we raised what the typical state raised, we'd raise \$9 billion more a year," he added.



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# Blue Water Ramblers coming to LowellArts

by Gerald Browning  
contributing reporter

On Saturday, March 7, the Blue Water Ramblers will be performing for the LowellArts crowd at 7 pm.

The Blue Water Ramblers are comprised of ‘Banjo-Jim’ Foerch on banjo and vocals, R.H. ‘Bear’ Berends on guitar and vocals, California Dan on bass fiddle and vocals and Deacon Marten on fiddle.

The Blue Water Ramblers’ repertoire comes right out of their Michigan life experiences

and the history of the Great Lakes region. It includes lake shanties, lumberman ballads, union rallying cries, farmers’ paeans, Michigan humor, love songs, gospel music and children’s ditties.

Foerch gave the Ledger some inside hints as to what to expect from a Blue Water Ramblers performance.

“The Blue Water Ramblers write and sing traditional music with modern themes,” Foerch

said. “You will hear contemporary folk songs with a definite bluegrass feel. You can expect clever songs, hot picking and rich harmony. [They are] the songs of Michigan, America and your life. The Blue Water Ramblers sing the songs of Lowell! We all write songs, so the listeners know all our personal secrets.”

Foerch elaborated further about the band’s sound.

“[Mostly] guitar and bass,” Foerch said. “I switch between my bluegrass banjo for the bluegrass, my electric banjo for the swing and country rock songs and my pedal steel guitar for the country songs. This really evokes a song styling that seems to tell a story. [...] We’re singing the people’s lives and they can join right in and sing along.”



Illustration by Brandon James

Foerch also spoke about the creativity of the group’s songwriting. Some of the influences and inspirations that the songwriters get for their music comes from real life.

“Quite often a phrase will spark a whole song,” Foerch said. “For instance, I just wrote ‘Dump the Chump’ for a friend who has had bad luck choosing her boyfriends.”

The Blue Water Ramblers are no strangers to Lowell.

“We have performed at LowellArts and Fallsburg Art Festival,” Foerch said. “We perform wherever people want to celebrate, festivals and concerts, paddle wheelers and lake ships, in cities and out in the woods, on stages and around campfires, at church gatherings and traditional dances.”

For more information or to buy advance tickets, contact LowellArts at 616-897-8548 or [lowellartsmi.org/gallery-concerts](http://lowellartsmi.org/gallery-concerts).

## 2020 Sizzlin’ Summer Concerts lineup announced

The lineup for this year’s Sizzlin’ Summer Concerts in Lowell was announced last week. The free concert series will take place on Lowell’s scenic Riverwalk each Thursday evening at 7 pm between June 11 and August 20, plus there will be a bonus concert on Friday, July 10 during the Riverwalk Festival.

Presented by LowellArts and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, the Sizzlin’ Summer Concerts bring over 1,000 people to downtown Lowell every week all summer long.

“These concerts showcase and support a diverse selection of musicians and musical styles from throughout Michigan,” said Liz Baker, executive director of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. “Styles include blues, world music, country, rock, big band, and jazz.”

Parking is free, seating is free (but bring a blanket or chair if you don’t want to sit on the ground or in the bleachers), it’s wheelchair accessible and there will be plenty of food and drinks to enjoy.

For more information, visit [lowellarts.com](http://lowellarts.com) or [discoverlowell.org](http://discoverlowell.org).

- June 11: Gunnar and the Grizzly Boys [[gunnartunes.com](http://gunnartunes.com)]
- June 18: Nicholas James and the Bandwagon [[nicholasjamesthomasma.com](http://nicholasjamesthomasma.com)]
- June 25: Soul Access [[facebook.com/Soul-Access-Band-109361320496643](https://facebook.com/Soul-Access-Band-109361320496643)]
- July 2: Sam’s Swing Band [[samsswingband.com](http://samsswingband.com)]
- July 9: Soul Syndicate [[thesoulsyndicate.com](http://thesoulsyndicate.com)]
- July 10: Conestoga [[conestogacountry.com](http://conestogacountry.com)]
- July 16: Paradise Outlaw [[paradiseoutlaw.com](http://paradiseoutlaw.com)]
- July 23: Lighten Up Francis [[twitter.com/francis\\_theband](https://twitter.com/francis_theband)]
- July 30: Midnight Madcat Blues Journey [[madcatmusic.net](http://madcatmusic.net)]
- August 6: Melophobix [[melophobix.com](http://melophobix.com)]
- August 20: Escaping Pavement [[escapingpavement.com](http://escapingpavement.com)]



The Blue Water Ramblers (Facebook photo)

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## High waters could cause \$100m in road repairs

Road damage caused by rising water levels across the state could cost taxpayers \$100 million, according to preliminary Michigan Department of Transportation estimates.

The department has already identified 40 locations on state trunklines where the problems run from "full-on slope failures" to failing drainage systems, said Brad Wieferich, director of MDOT's Bureau of Development.

Wieferich said in the short-term, repairs to these locations could be in the \$5 million range, but it could grow to more than \$100 million if roads have to be physically moved away from bodies of water. But both of those are preliminary estimates at this point.

Also, at this point, that money is coming out of MDOT's budget, meaning it could affect other road funding priorities, including those in the department's five-year plan. MDOT can't access federal monies for this purpose unless the state has declared an emergency.

The roads affected are all over the state, Wieferich said, from the Upper Peninsula to metro Detroit down to Monroe and over to Benton Harbor and St. Joseph. Wieferich indicated the road that rings around Mackinac Island also is affected, saying it's "eroded away."

The roads issue was among topics discussed Monday by state officials after the Michigan High Water Coordinating Summit, convened by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to address the record water levels affecting residents across the state.

State department officials hosted a call with reporters Feb. 10 after the summit, which also featured federal agencies, local government organizations and tribes.

Liesl Clark, director of Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy said the water levels are affecting people near inland lakes and streams as well, and the problems aren't just limited to the erosion going on near the Great Lakes that are threatening people's homes.

Clark said Michigan saw the wettest September through December on record this past fall. She also said the state went from record lows to record highs in water levels on the Great Lakes, and in record time. The state also is in the midst of the wettest 12 to 60

months on record.

The issues have led the state to form an ad hoc Michigan High Water Action Team across a number of agencies to identify assets to put toward high water incidents and provide coordination among the different levels of government, according to a press release issued by EGLE Feb. 10.

One solution EGLE doesn't want in its current form is SB 0714, which would excuse Great Lakes beachfront owners from getting an immediate permit to build emergency breakwalls.

Clark said EGLE is moving those permits out quickly as it is and sometimes doing them after the fact. In emergency situations, EGLE is telling property owners to do what's necessary to protect their properties but to pursue the permitting after that's done.

The state officials also were asked for their opinions as to whether these

water levels are attributed to climate change or climate cycles.

Dan Eichinger, director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, said "some people would still want to debate" as to whether climate change is causing the effects being seen on the landscape.

"It's not much of a debate in my mind, for some people evidently it still is," he said. "I don't think there's a lot of debate about whether or not climate is an aggravating factor in what we have seen on the landscape."

Gary McDowell, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, said climate is a factor and that the earth is warming.

McDowell said farmers last year suffered from a wet spring and summer that prevented a lot of crops from being planted, and "unfortunately, the weather forecast doesn't appear to be any better for our farming community in 2020," he said in a statement.

## CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

The City of Lowell Planning-Citizens Advisory Commission will conduct a public hearing at Lowell City Hall, located at 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM concerning a proposed amendment to the City's Zoning Ordinance. The following provides a summary of the proposed amendment and its regulatory effect:

One amendment represents a comprehensive update to and revision of Chapter 18, Site Plan Review. Several sections of this section have been revised for clarity, including standards related to applicability, review processes, standards that apply to approve site plans, and appeals.

At the above time and place, all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard. Written comments concerning the proposed amendment may be mailed or delivered to the Lowell City Clerk, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 up to the date of the public hearing. Copies of the proposed ordinance amendment may be viewed at City Hall at the address noted above during normal business hours.

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.



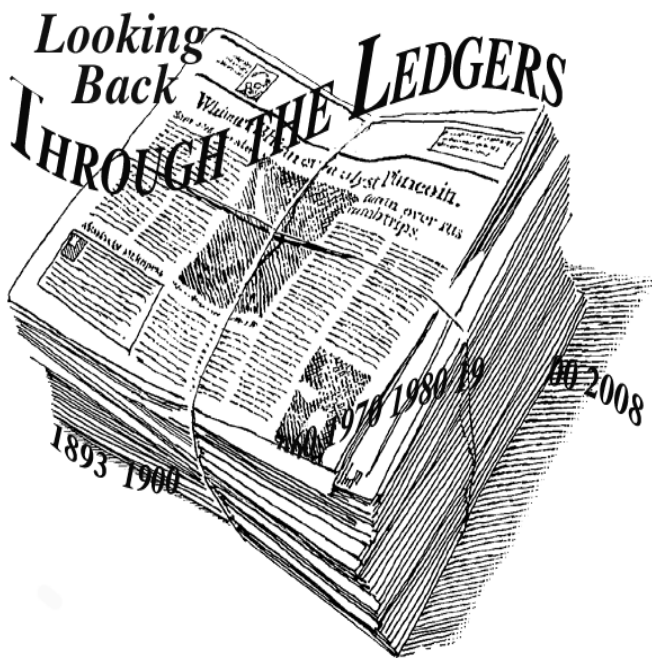
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**125 years ago  
Lowell Ledger  
February 20, 1895**

LiliuKalani Dominis, ex-queen of Hawaii, was arraigned on the 5th instance on a charge of misprison of treason. The original charge was treason. She is represented by Paul Neumann. The first day was frittered away by the argument of counsel, who objected to the court at every turn. His objections were overruled in every instance. After the charge was read the matter went over for a day. The case was called again day before yesterday and the deposed monarch refused to plead, so a plea of not guilty was entered.

Mrs. R. A. Weekes has eight children very sick with scarlet fever, some of them dangerous. It was thought one little boy was dying Feb. 16, but he revived. Mrs. W. has the sympathy of a large circle of friends in the affliction.

In the examination of Adam Arnold, charged with murdering his son and concealing the body in the river, it was shown that drowning was not the cause of death. The physician who made the post mortem believes that Arnold was choked to death.

**100 years ago  
The Lowell Ledger  
February 19, 1920**

Quite a lot of silverware was taken from the City hall kitchen during or after the Board of Trade banquet Tuesday night. Pieces belonging to the Masonic and Eastern Star orders, the Ladies Aid society and private individuals are missing.

Six hundred inmates of the Michigan Soldiers' home have organized the Lincoln Republican club of Veterans of the Civil War. The club expected to increase its membership to 1,000 although there are only 800 men in the home and only 270 in the women's annex.

Recurrence of the influenza epidemic in cycles, 33 or 66 weeks apart, is described in a statement by the bureau of the census, based on a study made by Dr. John Brownice, an English physician, who advanced the cycle theory.

**75 years  
The Lowell Ledger  
February 22, 1945**

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Thebo of Lowell, R. 1, received a telegram last Thursday morning from the War Department informing them that their son, Pfc. Roy Waldron, was reported missing in action on January 25 in France, where he was serving in the infantry. Pfc.

Waldron had his first few years of schooling in Lowell but finished in the Grandville schools, to which town his parents had moved. He entered service in June, 1944 and went overseas in November. He would be 19 this coming March. The Thebos have two other sons in service, Sgt. Roy Thebo in France, and Cpl. William Thebo, who is an instructor at an army air corps school in Kansas.

Final agreements with insurance companies show that a total of \$96,500 will be collected for damage and losses to the high school building and equipment and supplies. The school board states that it is likely that about a quarter of the sum will have to be used for the purchase of supplies and equipment and for the reconditioning of the rooms in the high school building which were not completely destroyed by fire.

The Fahrni Cream Station at 216 E. Main-St., which has been operated by Mr. and Mrs. John Fahrni for the past seven and a half years, has been purchased by Dr. J. W. Trumble of Lowell, who took possession on Monday of this week. William Frost will be in charge.

**50 years  
The Lowell Ledger  
February 19, 1970**

Contruction of the long-awaited Schneider Village, a 24-unit apartment for senior citizens, was underway in Lowell today with workmen pouring footings even before the contracts had been formally signed. Scheduled for completion by late summer or early fall, the privately-financed project features one-bedroom apartments in two different sizes that will carry monthly rentals of \$85 of \$75 for persons qualifying to occupy them.

Incumbents Carlen Anderson and Mrs. Virginia Myers and political newcomer Dr. Herbert R. Mueller out-distanced four other candidates Monday in the primary election to determine six nominees for city council seats in the April 6 general election ballot.

Area law enforcement officers and court officials still are trying to determine the cause of a wild-and-wooly weekend that taxed manpower and facilities to the breaking point. "We just don't know what caused it," said one veteran police officer, "but it sure seemed that a lot of folks were bent on breaking the law."

**25 years  
The Lowell Ledger  
February 22, 1995**

The future of Lee's Landing building at 109 W. Main may now rest in the hands of an investing firm. Equivest Financial purchased one of three years of delinquent taxes on the building at the Kent County Sheriff's Department tax sale.

Lowell golfers may have a new course to play on if Woodruff Palmer proceeds with his proposed Beechtree Golf Course. Recently Palmer made an informal presentation to the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission about a proposed 18-hole 80-acre golf course north of Cascade Road near Hilton Avenue.

Low income families in Vergennes and Lowell Charter Townships can get a break on their property assessment this year if they fall within certain federal guidelines. The two township boards approved a resolution granting poverty exemptions to qualified home owners in an effort to ease the assessment burden on low income families.

## to the editor

Letter to the Editor,

I wish to thank all those Lowell City and Vergennes Township officials and all others who participated in the return to its rightful spot of one of Kent County's oldest historical designation

markers. Please visit the new Grand River Riverfront Park and read the big stone and be glad for its return.

Sincerely,  
Mark D. Johnson  
Lowell

## outdoors

looking ahead

Dave Stegehuis

Mild springtime weather is months away, but there are opportunities to get a head start on the next season and cure a case of cabin fever at the same time. From now until the sun shines again, there will be a variety of shows around the state featuring such warm weather activities like boating, camping, fishing, gardening, and golf. Fall is a long way off, but hunting shows also use the mid-winter down time to whip up excitement within the hunting crowd.

These events provide an opportunity to see what is new and gather information. For people who are considering getting involved for the first time, the shows offer an opportunity to check out a new activity without making a serious commitment. Even if one has no intention of making a purchase in the near future, it is still fun and interesting to check out what is happening

with your favorite pastime. Most of these shows schedule seminars on related topics. Experts in the field share their knowledge and answer questions.

The main purpose of these shows is to provide an off season opportunity for retailers and manufactures to market their products. The consumer benefits by having access to a variety of brands and models under one roof in a warm dry and often festive environment. This makes it easy to compare products first hand without traveling around. Outfitters and resorts are ready to book your next hunt, fishing trip, or golf outing. For popular destinations it is often advisable to book early to get your best dates.

Whether you are a beginner or experienced, the shows are fun and interesting. Keep watch for a show in your area and think spring.

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- Letters that include attacks of a personal nature will not be published or will be edited heavily.
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# HEALTH

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### - anxiety

Anxiety, stress, overwhelmed, busy. Seems like everyone is talking about “anxiety” these days. The medical definition of anxiety involves excessive worry about a variety of every day problems for more than six consecutive months. People experiencing anxiety spend most of their day filled with an exaggerated worry of the unknown/unexpected, with very little to provoke these feelings. Common triggers for people are money, work, health issues, family circumstances, or natural disasters. People with anxiety cannot simply “get rid” of their worries. Anxiety can cause issues with insomnia, fatigue, headaches, muscle tension, dizziness, nausea, chest pain, and trembling.

There are several approaches to addressing anxiety, and many of these strategies can (and should) be used together.

1. **Exercise.** Daily, light-to-moderate exercise can help manage many of the symptoms of anxiety.

2. **Meditation.** Calming your thoughts, even for a few seconds or minutes can help slow down your racing mind.

3. **Counseling.** Talking to an un-biased, trained professional is critical to help re-train the brain on how to work through anxious thoughts, and how to manage them going forward.

4. **Medications.** There are many prescription medications that are safe and effective for managing the symptoms of anxiety. These must be prescribed by your health care professional.

Struggling with anxiety? Talk to your health care provider at the next office visit, to find out what resources, therapies, or medications might benefit your so you can live your healthiest, happiest life.

# college news

Grand Valley State University announced the names of students who were placed on the dean’s list for the Fall 2019 semester concluding in December. The list includes those students who have maintained a 3.5 grade point average and been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits. The honor is noted on the students’ official records.

Students honored for the fall semester include:

**Ada:** Jacob E. Abel, Zachary J. Aboufadel, Kathryn J. Allen, Charles J. Anderson, Skyla M. Anderson, Carly B. Andrus, Jennine J. Aqel, Navjot S. Azad, Madeline T. Becker, Emma R. Bieniewicz, Leah M. Boerkoel, Alison C. Bonney, Casey J. Brownley, Nicholas A. Buursma, Keryn G. Buyce, Jake A. Carlson, Hannah G. Clark, Michaela E. Cloud, Hannah R. Derwent, Jacob P. DeVries, Eugene S. Dimenstein, Molly C. Dlugos, Olivia J. Domine, Ellie A. Doyle, Jack K. Doyle, Kaitlyn J. Droge, Margaret C. Farmer, Alexander A. Figueroa, Natalie E. Fischer, Kathryn N. Frazer, Samantha M. Gann, Bryce N. Gerondale, Maggie E. Goebel, Aubree E. Hamilton, Jessica M. Hoover, Nicholas J. Hughes, Bisam M. Javaid, Wesley B. Johnson, Robert M. Killeen, Landon W. Klausung, Meghan M. Landgren, Kayeleigh N. Lubbers, Cameron R. McClary, Kelly M. McDonagh, Ryan T. Merrill, Amrutha R. Patil, Ashley J. Perschbacher, Mykola A. Prischenko, Danielle

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# happy birthday



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### FEBRUARY 22

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### FEBRUARY 25

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# LEGAL NOTICE

### TO ALL CREDITORS:

The Settlor, Joyce Elaine Cupp (date of birth November 17, 1933), who lived at 938 Royal Oak SW, Wyoming, Michigan, died November 4, 2019. There is no personal representative of the settlor’s estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Joyce E. Cupp Trust No. 1 dated July 31, 2013 and restated February 2, 2016, as amended, will be forever banned

unless presented to Marty Perez, Trustee, within four months after the date of publication.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Date: February 10, 2020

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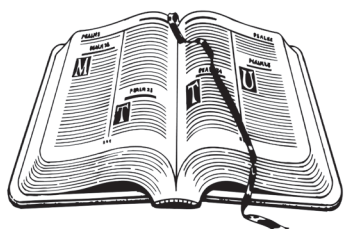
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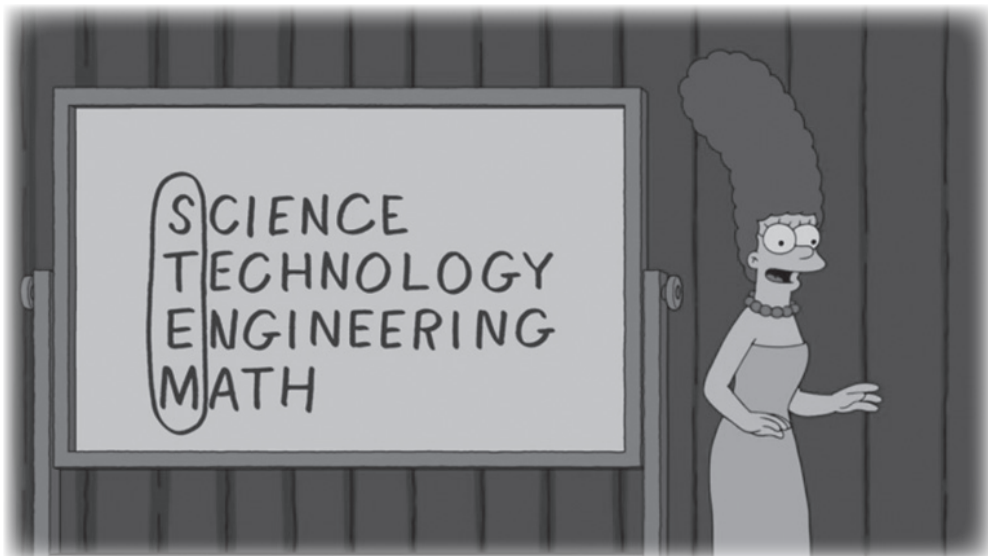
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School District art and communications specialist. “More than 2,400 students attend on campus and at four satellite locations. It is one of the most advanced tech centers in the Midwest and provides real life [and] real learning in award-winning programs. These range from healthcare and IT, hospitality and criminal justice, to mechatronics, aviation and automotive, sustainable agriscience and the skilled trades. The Tech Center offers over 20 career focused programs where students can explore careers and get hands on experience in the field they study. Students in many programs even get to do real work for actual clients and others get to participate in internships. Students earn high school credit. Credits are determined by their regular high school. Depending on the program, [students] may earn college credit, technical school credit and professional certifications. Programs are free and available to all high school juniors and seniors - public, private, parochial and homeschooled - throughout Kent ISD. That’s all of Kent County plus Thornapple Kellogg in Barry County. We have satellite locations at the Gerald R. Ford Airport (aviation electronics and aviation maintenance), the Downtown Market (hospitality and marketing), Cook DeVos Center for health sciences (biomedical technology), and GRCC’s

Applied Tech Center (precision machining). We also have a program called Design Lab which is only for 10th graders.”  
 “We have almost 24 programs for 11th and 12th graders here at the Tech Center,” said KCTC principal Ryan Graham. “We have a large number of programs that are ready to serve the great students of Kent County. Coming to KCTC counts for your third year science, your senior math and some potential English and foreign language credits are in there as well. Welding is one of the newer ones, and then we have everything from culinary to engineering to IT to health, which has a number of programs embedded in it, auto tech, auto collision, diesel, we have avionics and aviation out at the airport, the criminal justice program involves the US Marshals and the FBI, precision machining is down at GRCC and there is a biomed program at GVSU.”  
 “We have students from over 60 high schools in Kent County,” said KCTC assistant principal Duane Kiley. “Any student who has an interest in welding should check out that program, there are wide opportunities available. We can service almost any kid in this program. Mr. Swenson does a great job of working with kids who struggle academically. They can still weld! We also have kids in

welding who are going on to get advanced degrees from universities.”  
 The welding program at KCTC is in its first year, and there are already over 90 students currently enrolled.  
 “I’ve never seen a new program fill like this before,” Kiley said.  
 “Last year we were thinking maybe we’d get 50” said KCTC welding instructor Kurt Goodman. “We have a waiting list that is incredible right now. Once

the enrollment numbers started coming in, we were looking at maxing out our space that we could utilize. Right now we have 25 welding booths and we’re looking at adding another five. That would give us 30 booths per session.”  
 They have a huge lab full of real welding machines and other heavy equipment next door to KCTC in the Kent Transition Center building. Many local organizations and companies supply materials and expertise to the KCTC welding program, including the Andy Egan Company, Boilermakers Local 169, DeWys Manufacturing, Express Employment Professionals, Grand Rapids Community College, Bradford White, Lincoln Electric, Miller Welding Supply, Moiron, Pridgeon and Clay, Purity Cylinder Gasses Inc., Rite-Way Plumbing and Heating Inc., Sheet Metal Local 7 and UA 174.  
 “This is the first year we’re running the program, so

everybody enrolled is a first year student at this time,” Goodman said. “We have a great group of students this year. [Starting next year] we’ll have two separate labs and they’ll be divvied out into sessions. The first year of the program gets them through basic structural welding, we’ll try to give them some of the basic concepts right off the bat. I’d say about 85 percent of their time is spent in the lab, hands-on. The other 15 percent is theory-based, only a little bit of time is spent in the classroom. They’ll design a belt buckle and they’ll get into a little bit of technology. They’ll use cutting equipment and some CNC [computer numerical control] plasma equipment, they’ll use Torchmate, which

is an AutoCAD [automatic computer-aided design] program. We’ll go through the process and learn how much is involved in it. They’ll look at what the final product looks like versus the simulation on the computer. We’ve had a lot of fun with that, the students really got into it. Then we’ll have a second year program next year for returning students where they can utilize those skills. There’s more critical thinking, like in real world situations, as much as we can possibly simulate. In the second year, they really dive deep into technology. We get to have some fun with the students, and we’re excited about that. They will be doing more advanced projects, project-based learning and

## 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

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

#### 2020 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

The Vergennes Township Board of Review for 2020 will be held at the

**NEW VERGENNES TOWNSHIP HALL**  
**69 LINCOLN LAKE AVE NE,**  
**LOWELL MI 49331**

on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting:  
Tuesday, March 3th, 9am

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

**Meetings are by Appointment, to schedule, contact: Township Office at 616-897-5671**

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

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

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Commercial .....	45.27 .....	1.1044
Residential.....	47.05 .....	1.0626
Industrial .....	47.16 .....	1.0602
Personal Property.....	50.00 .....	1.0000

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# KCTC, continued

community service projects like park benches and things of that nature. Or they could fabricate a bumper for their truck if they wanted, or something else they would

waveforms that effect weld quality. Then it gets more into the engineering aspect of it. They may or may not realize it, but we really push them forward.”

complete with a VR helmet and gloves, that allow students to experiment, practice and make limitless mistakes. The computer tracks every twitch of the



Red hot welding action.

otherwise have to purchase. Speaking of simulations, We'll teach them about they have several virtual pulse control and different reality welding stations, each

user's hand and offers pointers, definitions and other information.

“We have a virtual reality that system gives students the opportunity to create a lot of the muscle memory that is key to successful welding,” said KCTC welding instructor Jim Swenson. “It builds on theory and what they learned in the classroom. They can do a lot of self-learning with a tool like this. It's also a good marketing tool for prospective students whenever we set it up somewhere!”

It's not all video games, welding students are



constantly tested, challenged and evaluated. Welding is very dangerous, students are literally playing with fire, and the instructors stressed repeatedly that student safety is always their primary concern. To make sure students understand every aspect of the craft thoroughly, they are required to pass a welding qualification examination.

“We'll bring in a certified welding inspector, they'll test the students and they'll leave with what we call 'qualification paperwork,'” Goodman said. “More or less, that just helps them with getting a job because it proves that they passed the test.”

LHS senior and KCTC welding student Keegan Laux described some of the typical activities that go on in the welding lab.

“First, we come into

the building and we sign in,” Laux said. “We write the time we got in and the time we leave, so it's kind of like clocking in. Sometimes we're in the classroom, like to get our OSHA [Occupational Safety and Health Administration] cards took about a week in the classroom. Other times we've had to go in the classroom to learn welding symbols or things like that, but otherwise we're in the lab. The lab is definitely what we like more. We have a workbook, and inside of it there are different blueprints. You have to follow the blueprint exactly, and when you're done you bring it to the professor and he tells you whether you

passed that topic or not. There are different types of welds, like sometimes you have to weld in a horizontal position, sometimes vertical, downhill, there are a bunch of different positions. All of these projects are made with what are called 'coupons.' They start as four foot by eight foot sheets of metal. We have a hydraulic shear and we cut a bunch of six inch by two inch coupons. That machine is awesome. It doesn't waste anything, it's super loud and fun to use.”

“I first got interested in welding in Mr. Ellis' shop class at Lowell High School,” said LHS senior and KCTC welding student Kenny Kropf, who said he plans to attend Ferris State

## 2020 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE

Lowell Charter Township  
2910 Alden Nash Ave SE  
Lowell, Mi. 49331

## 2020 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

The Lowell Township Board of Review for 2020 will be held at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash Ave SE, on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 9 a.m. =  
**Organizational Meeting**

**Monday, March 9, 2020**  
9:00 a.m. to 12 noon & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

&  
**Thursday, March 12, 2020**  
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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

**By board resolution, residents are allowed to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 9, 2020.**

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

Agricultural	44.26	1.1297
Commercial	44.01	1.1362
Residential	47.31	1.0569
Industrial	48.76	1.0255
Personal	50.00	1.0000

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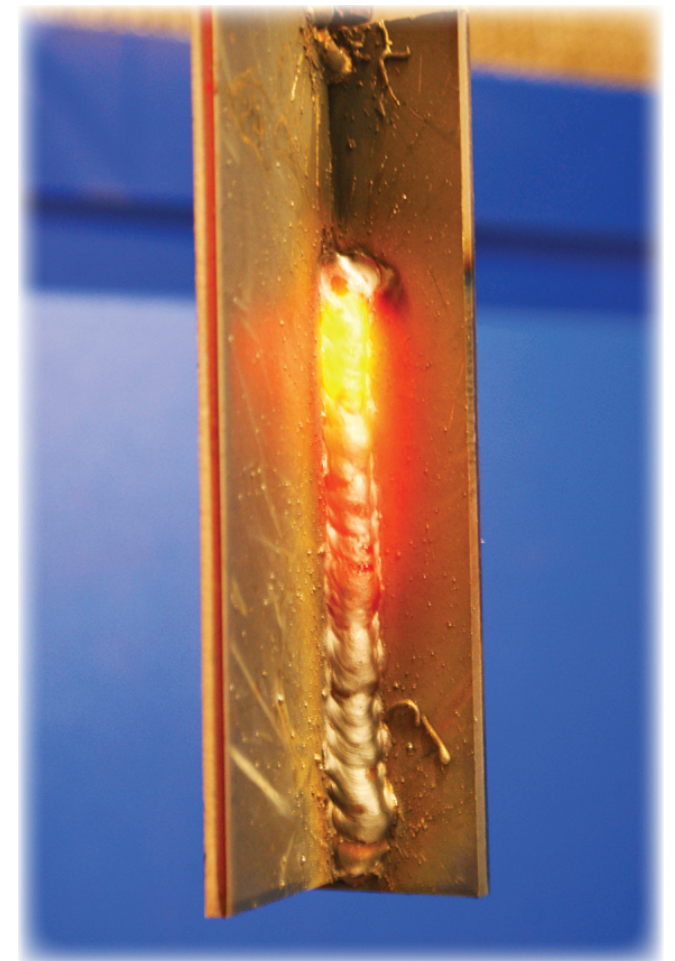
**Contact: Supervisor Jerry Hale**  
2910 Alden Nash Ave SE  
616-897-7600

Board of Review Members, Sandra Graham, Nancie Mathews & James Foerch.  
Jerry Hale, Township Supervisor, Secretary of Board of Review.

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

On March 9, 2020, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell Charter Township offices at 2910 Alden Nash Avenue SE, Lowell, Michigan 49331, the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on proposed text amendments to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance regarding fill operations and activities. More specifically, the Planning Commission will consider adding a new and additional Section 22.10 to the Zoning Ordinance that will regulate and govern fill operations and fill activities, including, but not limited to, definitions, special land use or permit requirements, hours of operation, required site and reclamation plans, monetary security, lawful nonconforming uses, standards, and similar matters. A full copy of the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments, the Zoning Ordinance and zoning map can be reviewed, inspected or purchased at the Lowell Charter Township offices during regular business hours (Monday and Tuesday - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Thursday - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - closed Wednesday and Friday). Public comments are welcome at the public hearing. Written comments will also be considered if received by the Township up until the time of the public hearing. Any questions should be directed to the Township Clerk at (616) 897-7600.

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# KCTC, continued

University next year. “I liked his class, then I heard about this and thought I’d do it senior year. Why not? Most any job you get that involves welding is a six figure job. And the industry changes every day, so it’s interesting. Most people don’t like doing it, maybe they don’t like getting dirty.”

A representative from the Stryker Corporation, a Fortune 500 high tech medical devices company based in Kalamazoo, visited the KCTC welding students last week. High tech

their Kalamazoo facility and work for them. They are very high tech. The welding they do down there is amazing, it’s like ‘Star Wars!’ They have a lot of equipment that’s robotic, and we can fit our kids right into those jobs. A student can walk out of here and get a nice job with an employer like Stryker.”

“It is not uncommon around our center to have companies coming in doing presentations to students,” Graham said. “Presentations about their industry, about what it takes to become part

to see what’s going to happen over the next 10 or 20 years. The demand for welders is nationwide. According to the American Welding Society, by 2025 we’re going to be somewhere in the neighborhood of 250,000 jobs going unfilled because of lack of talent. I’ve got former students with no college degree making six figures by the time they’re 25 years old. And with no college debt, which is huge.”

In most developed countries, a college or university education is either free or available at a nominal cost. Here in the US, tuition costs never go down. So unless you’re rich or can get a scholarship, earning a college degree can leave you deeply in debt. According to the June 13, 2018 issue of Forbes Magazine, there are “more than 44 million borrowers who collectively owe \$1.5 trillion in student loan debt in the US alone. The average student in the class of 2016 has \$37,172 in student loan debt.”

“I have kids at home too, and I don’t want them leaving college with an \$80,000 tab,” Kiley said. “You don’t have to if you play it smart.”

“Before there was always an emphasis on ‘you have to go to college,’” Goodman said. “Not everybody has to go to college! Also, I think there was a stigma with manufacturing and industry, but that’s changing. We’re starting to move into utilizing more technology, and the more we use technology, the easier it is on our bodies, which makes more people interested in getting into it. Also, lot of students have been sitting in a chair for 11 years, but they might be more experiential learners. That draws them to come out to KCTC. We want students to have the opportunity to do something other than sit at a desk. That’s how I learn best too, so that’s what I strive to provide. And welding is something that

is just cool and different to some students, and they’re seeing that they can make a viable career out of it.”

“I’m not a big fan of school, so I really don’t want to have to go to college for four years and then have to pay off four years of college,” Laux said. “I would rather go to a trade school or the GRCC program, which costs a lot less than college and you’re only there for one or two years. After that, you’re pretty much guaranteed a job.

People in welding are getting old. It’s a high-demand job and they’re leaving fast. They’re always showing us job postings or having visits from companies. Like today we had somebody here from Stryker talking about critical welds.”

“Students want to learn how to weld, they don’t want to study the science behind welding in a book,” Graham said. “They want hands-on. That is what pulls them in and that is what keeps them

here.”  
“If a student does a year in welding and a year in aviation maintenance, now you’ve got somebody in aviation maintenance who can weld,” Kiley said. “Holy cow, the opportunities will just open up. Or precision machining and welding, construction and welding, diesel and welding, there are many combinations.”

“We’re targeting students that would go into engineering, work



Keegan Laux and Kenny Kropf in the KCTC welding lab on Wednesday, Feb. 12.

companies often send people to the campus to interact with students and collaborate with instructors.

“Stryker is here today, and Benteler Automotive was here on Monday,” Kiley said. “The number one reason they’re here is they want employees. Industry is changing so rapidly, it’s advancing so fast, and everybody is crying for welders. Stryker wants to find people to go down to

of that industry, the benefits of the journey they may take. This program wouldn’t work without involvement from people in industry, because that is exactly what kids come here for.”

“We want to open up opportunities for these students that weren’t available when we were their age,” Swenson said. “The skill level of the students coming out of this program is very high, so I’m excited

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## SPORTS

## Bowlers place well in recent tournaments

by Justin Scott  
contributing reporter

On the heels of a busy week, the Lowell High School boys bowling team picked up a 29-1 win over Ottawa Hills last Wednesday

in conference bowling action. High scores were earned by the team's anchor, Collin Clark, with a 211 and 204. Jared Boland bowled

his personal best with a 192. Eight bowlers won points against the Bengals.

The Ottawa Hills Bengals do not have a girls

team, so the Lady Arrows had an additional day of practice.

At the rescheduled Lowell Bowling Invitational, which was postponed earlier this year due to weather conditions, the Red Arrow boys team placed fifth out of 12. Clark earned all-tournament honors with an average game of 192, and eighth overall. Caledonia beat Cedar Springs in the tournament finals. The girls team fared slightly better placing fourth out of 10 teams, with conference opponent Forest Hills Northern

winning the tournament. Courtney Witten earned all-tournament honors placing eighth, a 152.5 average.

The girls team impressed at the Mona Shores Invitational placing third out of 18 teams, despite missing some starters. Witten again earned all-tournament honors. Clark took 4th overall leading the

boys team, which placed 14th out of 25 teams.

Both teams have several chances to bowl this week, competing at Northfield Lanes against Northview on Tuesday, a match with Cedar Springs at home, then Rockford Lanes on Saturday for the OK White Conference Tournament.



Lowell's Haylee Beers looking to get a strike earlier this season.



## Wrestlers win 25th straight team District Championship

by Justin Scott  
contributing reporter

A 35-22 loss to Caledonia in 1995 was the last time Lowell lost a district wrestling dual, and that stretch of victories continued last Thursday.

The Red Arrows made easy work of East Grand Rapids in the district championship match, beating the Pioneers 70-6 to win their 25th straight district championship. Lowell was able to rotate in several members of their B team to get postseason experience. Wins were recorded by Bryce McCune, Dominik Peplinski, Landon Miller, Easton Lyons, Tyler

Delooff, Carter Blough, Will Neeley, Jacob Cutler, Gabe Hare, Carson Crace, Case Huisman, Josh Meier, and Cole Huisman. The Arrows only loss of the night came to defending state champion from EGR, John Shelton. The Pioneers beat Ionia to advance to the district final, while Lowell had a bye.

At individual districts on Saturday at Lowell HS, LHS advanced all fourteen wrestlers they entered in the tournament to the regional round. The top four in each weight class moved on. 12 of the 14 advanced

to the finals, avoiding the "blood round", the round where winning meant advancing and losing meant being eliminated from the individual tournament for the season.

Both wrestlers who dropped to the blood round bounced back with wins to place. Grant Pratt will be wrestling above his normal weight class of 215 for the postseason, and outlasted a 30-12 senior from East Grand Rapids at 285 to advance to regionals. Ramsy Mutschler picked up a quick technical fall in his blood round match to move on.



James Link looks to pin a Zeeland East wrestler at Individual Districts.



Arrows group together for a District Championship photo.

Keegan Nugent, James Link, Zeth Strejc, Dawson Jankowski, Will Link, Austin Boone, James Fotis, Tyler Delooff, and Jacob Lee all won district championships. Nick Korhorn, Jacob Hough, and Doak Dean all took second place. Mutschler (third) and Pratt (fourth) rounded out the 14 who all advanced to regionals. One of the Red Arrows preseason goals was to advance 14 wrestlers to state, and they will have that opportunity on Saturday as Lowell hosts the Division 2 individual regional.

Thursday, Lowell will head to Thornapple

Kellogg for team regionals. There, they will look to earn their ticket to the team state tournament with the hopes of repeating as state champions for the seventh year in a row. LHS will take on Thornapple Kellogg in the regional semifinal, with the winner taking on the Holland-Byron Center matchup winner in the finals. The Red Arrows are 10-7 historically against the Trojans, and have not lost to Holland (2 duals) or Byron Center before (12 duals).



Red Arrow

HOCKEY

# SPORTS

## Hockey looks forward to playoffs

by Justin Scott  
contributing reporter

After Grand Rapids Christian blanked the Lowell Caledonia Hockey team 5-0 to end their five-game winning streak, the team quickly bounced back with a win over East Kentwood.

A four-goal first period gave Lowell Caledonia an early cushion against the Falcons. Drew Klomparens scored the game's first two goals with Nick Lockhart and Dylan Olsen adding on. Lockhart added two more in the second period to earn his hat trick. Klomparens scored the game's final goal in the third period to earn a hat trick as well. Assists were recorded by

Austin Douma (2), Colin Clairmont, Dylan Olsen (2), Owen Carpenter, and Massimo Piccione. The final score was 7-2.

The win over East Kentwood means the team will finish the season in fifth place in the challenging Baum division, ahead of the Falcons.

In other recent games, Lowell Caledonia lost a heartbreaker to Byron Center 4-3 in overtime and fell 7-2 to Forest Hills Central. The team hosts Portage Central on Friday for senior night, then next Tuesday heads to Walker Arena in Muskegon for the first round of regionals against Grand Haven.



Dominic Huver with possession of the puck earlier this season.

## Byrnes headed to State Ski Finals

by Justin Scott  
contributing reporter

Lowell's Kaylee Byrne and Colton Byrne will be competing at the Division 2 State Ski Championships on Monday at Nubs Nob.

Oneskama. The boys took ninth, beating out Oneskama and Northview. East Grand Rapids won both regionals hosted at Caberfae.

finish in grand slalom as a freshman last year.

Colton Byrne's fifth place finish in grand slalom and fourth place finish in slalom earned his ticket to state finals as a freshman.



Colton Byrne and Kaylee Byrne after advancing to the Michigan State Ski Finals. Photo courtesy of Lowell Ski Team.

Results from the state finals will be in next week's article. Tuesday at the team's final race of the season, they honored lone senior Mattie Towline.

At regionals, the Lady Arrows finished tenth just behind Forest Hills Central and beating out

Kaylee Byrne's second place finish in Giant Slalom and a third place finish in slalom punched her ticket to the state ski finals for a second straight year. She will be looking to improve upon her 12th place finish in slalom and 13th place

### Complete Results

**Slalom:**  
Kaylee Byrne, third; Colton Byrne, fourth; Gina Redondo, 34th; Olivia Towline, 45th; Sydney Spanbauer, 47th; Mattie Towline, 53rd; Preston Sobeck, 24th; Cole Lillie, 54th; Hunter Stepanovich, 56th; Clara Ericsson, 57th; Elise Charon, 58th.

**Giant Slalom:**  
Kaylee Byrne, 2nd; Colton Byrne, 5th; Gina Redondo, 34th; Emma Schmidt, 45th; Mattie Towline, 54th; Olivia Towline, 55th; Sydney Spanbauer, 57th; Hunter Stepanovich, 46th; Preston Sobeck, 48th; Cole Lillie, 51st; Elise Charron, 55th; Clara Eriksson, 56th.

## The Red Arrows are hitting their peak at the right time

The Lowell varsity competitive cheer team earned its highest round one and two point totals of the season, and finished with its best overall score of the year Friday at the Lakewood Valentine's CheerFest 2020.

The Arrows gained the most ground in round one, upping their season-high point total in the round to 227.0. The team's previous best round one score came a week prior at the NorthStar Invitational

(212.3). Lowell went on to eclipse the 200-point mark in round two for the first time this season with a score of 201.54 in round two.

Lowell closed the meet with a score of 269.1 in round three.

The Red Arrows were fifth in a field of five talented teams going at it Friday, finishing third in the large school division behind Hastings and Hamilton. Hastings had an overall score of 727.76, Hamilton 717.68 and Lowell 697.64.

Lakewood won the small school division, earning the day's top point total of 767.76. Michigan Center was the runner-up to the host Vikings in the small school competition with a score of 740.58.

Lowell heads to St. Johns for its Division 2 District Tournament Friday where the top four teams qualify for the regional round of the state tournament.

## Red Arrow SPORTS SCHEDULES

Can be viewed on LAS website page - under athletics  
[www.lowellschools.com](http://www.lowellschools.com)



# obituaries

## KREBS

David R. Krebs, age 84 of Lowell, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Thursday, February 13, 2020. He is survived by the love of his life, his wife of 61 years, Susanne (Blanksma) Krebs. David was born in Alto, MI on March 11, 1935 to the late John and Mary (Wingeier) Krebs. He was preceded in death by his siblings Claire (Marian) Krebs, George (Mary) Krebs, Harold (Gladys) Krebs and Irma (Frank) Porter. David is also survived by his darling daughters Cheryl (Terry) Metternick, Beth(Mike) Wisner and Denise(Vern) Nise; grandchildren, Janelle (Chris) Zachcow, Amanda Archambault, Ben (Whitney) Wisner, Ashley (Jim) Collins, Andrew Metternick, Johnathan Nise and Madison Nise; great grandchildren, Alexis, Logan, Evelyn, Mitchell, Ansley, Sadie, Eli, Breckon, Boone and Porter. David was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army 11th Armored Cavalry. He was stationed in Germany, where he and Sue made lifelong friends whom we consider family. As a boy he was raised on the family farm. He then transitioned into being a skilled builder after returning home from the service. He had a passion for his career and enjoyed working until September of 2019. David was a man of faith. His life of servitude was evident to all the lives he impacted, which was many. He was a caring man with a huge heart which was so apparent in the way he cared for Sue and his family. He will be missed by all who knew him. The family met with friends and relatives for visitation Saturday February 15th from 2-4pm and 6-8pm at Roth Gerst Chapel, 305 N Hudson, Lowell, Michigan. Funeral services were 4pm Sunday February 6th, with visitation one-hour prior at Roth Gerst Chapel. Rev. David Wheeler will be officiating. Memorial contributions can be made to Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes St SE, Lowell, Michigan.



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**We should all start to live before we get too old. Fear is stupid. So are regrets.**  
*- Marilyn Monroe*

# Four Lowell Odyssey of the Mind teams advance to state finals

The Region 1 Odyssey of the Mind Tournament was held recently at Forest Hills Eastern High School as over 50 teams gathered to show off their creativity. Lowell Area Schools sent seven teams to the competition. The top teams in each problem and division qualified for the state finals competition to be held on March 14 at Thornapple Kellogg Schools.

In the “Longshot Solution” problem, teams were asked to present a performance about Longshot characters who save the Earth from a disastrous event. Three team-created vehicles traveled and delivered Arm & Hammer baking soda and vinegar to an area where they created a reaction. The vehicles traveled simultaneously from different start areas and overcame team-created obstacles. Certainly a difficult problem, but two Lowell teams accepted the challenge. The young elementary team of Ciarra Krueger, Carson Geiger, Evangeline Trujillo, Suzanna Oesch, Lauren Harrington and Savanna Kresge placed seventh out of eight teams in their division. The Lowell Middle School team of Nicholas Lothian, Teige Bredin, Isabelle Sternisha, Eliana Thompson, Eli Wilterink and Lily Franks brought home a first place finish with the highest long term and spontaneous score in their division advancing them to the state finals competition.

Computers, satellites, and servers work continuously to allow people from all over the



The Lowell Middle School “Classics....Effective Detective” team received the top award in the Odyssey of the Mind competition - the Ranatra Fusca award for exceptional creativity. The team also brought home second place medals. Pictured, back row, left to right: Evan Bray, coach Jamie Bray-Merritt, Madison DeSmyter, Isabella Cramer and coach Erin DeSmyter; front row, left to right: Gabriele Stodola, Natalie Bray, Ayla Charon and Dalton Charon.

world to communicate. These networks give us access to information including communications, messages, and videos. In this “Networking” problem, an image, a text message, and an email were transmitted between locations by a team-created network device. The team of Olivia Lothian, Ally Hollern, Ella Anne Pike, Adelle Krueger, Brooklyn Jackson, Henry Oesch and Claire Greenwood took some risks in solving this problem that paid off as they placed second in their division advancing them to the state finals competition. In the Classics... Effective Detective problem, teams introduced their audience to one of the greatest detectives as they uncovered the truths behind some of history’s

real-world mysteries. The team was also challenged to use the smallest space possible to store its solution. Lowell had two teams solve this problem. The elementary team of Garrison Winters, Olivia Landes, Logan Arnswald, Bryleigh Thompson, Zack Shea, Neriah Peters and Finn Bredin gave a solid performance with a fifth place finish out of nine teams. The Lowell Middle School team of Evan Bray, Natalie Bray, Madison DeSmyter, Isabella Cramer, Dalton Charon, Gabriele Stodola and Ayla Charon placed second out of nine teams advancing them to the state finals competition. The middle school team also received the very coveted Ranatra Fusca award for exceptional creativity in the spontaneous portion of the competition. Receiving this award is quite an accomplishment.

Nick Momany, Josh Momany, Hayden Burt and Brendan Duursma brought home a first place medal advancing them to the state finals competition.

In every known language there are examples of short statements that are not supposed to be taken literally. These statements provide information in a brief and recognizable way but have nothing to do with their literal interpretation. Can you imagine what it was like when commonly known statements were first used metaphorically? How about trying something new and being the “guinea pig?” In the “Gibberish or Not” problem, teams were asked to create and perform a story about how statements that make no literal sense can be given meaning. The elementary team of Lillian Russell, Lindsey Cramer, Greylon Vandembosch, Aeric Mullins and J’Lynn Bruinekool worked hard to come up with a great solution.

The Lowell High School team competed in the equally challenging “Balsa Limbo” structure problem where they had to build a structure made only of balsa wood and glue to hold as much weight as possible. This year the structures had to be created by adjusting its interconnected parts. Before weight placement, the structure had to be passed under a limbo bar with a higher score awarded for how low the bar was when the structure passed under it. The team of Phoebe Looman, John Lothian, Brecken Pawloski,

# PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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# February

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LOWELL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - Open Radio Room Thursdays, 7 pm at Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 Fulton St. E. General meeting 3rd Thursday, www.w8lrc.org 145.27 MHz.

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SCI-FI BOOK CLUB - Meets the second Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. March 9 book: The Testaments by Margaret Atwood. 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

ATTENTION SENIORS - Every Friday evening seniors get together for conversation, food, dancing and music. Cunningham Acre, 4980 W. Pepper Lake Rd. on route M-50, 1 1/4 miles W. of Lake Odessa. For more information contact Betty at 616-374-7512.

QUA-KE-ZIK SPORTSMANS CLUB - meets second and third Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at 8731 West Riverside Dr. Go to www.qua-ke-zik.org for information. New members welcome.

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

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AMERICAN LEGION #152 MEETING - fourth Monday of the month, 7 pm. Lowell Veteran's Center, 3116 Alden Nash SE, Lowell.

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CUB SCOUT PACK 3188 - meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main.

CANCER - NEW MEMBER MEETING - Every Tuesday, 5-5:30 p.m. Introductory meeting for those who wish to join the cancer support program. Please register in advance. Gilda's Club, Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

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Red Arrow

- BASKETBALL

# SPORTS

## Arrows drop games against Forest Hills

by Justin Scott  
contributing reporter

Midway through the third quarter, the Lowell boys basketball team had clawed their way back to only an eight-point deficit

against a team that was unbeaten in the conference. From there, the Rangers athleticism took over as they beat the Red Arrows 64-38.

The Red Arrows carried momentum into halftime by hitting a buzzerbeater for the second straight week. Braiden Hamilton dribbled

the ball up the court and through a group of Rangers. He was able to get it out to Brett Spanbauer, who returned the favor to a wide open Hamilton on the wing who hit the three-pointer. LHS trailed 34-21 at the break.

Hamilton's 12 points led the Red Arrows followed by Brett Spanbauer who added 10 points.

The Rangers, coached by former Red Arrow head coach Kyle Carhart, moved to 12-3 on the season, and 9-0 in the conference.

The girls team were also able to hang with the Rangers through most of

the game, but were unable to close the gap. The Lady Arrows trailed by nine at halftime, and kept the game within reach throughout most of the second half before FHC took advantage of a 15-9 fourth quarter and pulled away for a 43-28 win. The ladies were led by Molly Frederickson, Kyleigh Rau, and Lexi Howell who each had six points for the Red Arrows. Jena Lyon pulled down 11 rebounds to lead the way on the glass. The team had 11 steals, three of which were by Summer Havey.

On Tuesday, both teams fell to Forest Hills Northern.

The boys lost by a score of 74-34. The girls lost 35-32 as their buzzerbeater attempt just narrowly missed. Defense has been a strength for the girls, holding their opponents to an average of just 31 points a game over the past five games. Both teams competed against Greenville on Tuesday, and host Cedar Springs on Friday Night.

Correction: Last week we mixed up Summer Havey and Lexi Howell in our photo caption, our apologies.



Lexi Howell ready to go up for a basket against Forest Hills Central.

## Gymnasts score big win

by Justin Scott  
contributing reporter

On senior night for the Lowell Gymnastics team, the girls pulled off their biggest win of the year knocking off Forest Hills United by a score of 137.6-136.65.

Marissa Wever had a strong night for LHS taking high score honors in three of the four events. She recorded a 8.95 on vault, 8.65 on bars and 8.85 on floor. Greta Forward also earned an 8.85

on floor. Leading the Red Arrows on the balance beam was Paige Barnhart.

During senior night, Lowell honored senior Taeghan Ronchetti. Ronchetti scored a strong



Lowell gymnasts prepare for the uneven bars at the Kenowa Hills Tournament. Photo courtesy of Paige DeHaan.

8.7 on vault for LHS. Aubri Lemke had a solid 8.85 on vault as well.

The Lady Arrows travel to Kenowa Hills for the conference tournament on Wednesday.

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Susan Ullery  
City Clerk



# FUN PAGE

## SUDOKO

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Level: Intermediate

### Here's How It Works:

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

# BREAKFAST WORD SEARCH

B A G E L S O E C I U J L U T L V G K A  
 J T T V N F B R E T T U B R L E H R P R  
 A I U P J G E P V A H U S I L W F M T O  
 M I L K G L A G B R M T H E A R T Y V M  
 L J W L V N P A O I S E L W U H T N C E  
 F M H F C R A K L I M J A F J W F C Y A  
 B T S A F K A E R B Y F E E F F O C O L  
 O B K J V P S N I F F U M B T P T V Y K  
 F E H V E L L H S L T S A V O R T E N I  
 S N G J T S A C E F K V F M M S L W A A  
 Y F W W S T I S Y C E C O L A W A U C H  
 J O H P Y O W R C C F R P O O W E U N A  
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 F V I S Y I H A E U J E R C P A B I G O  
 A F A O I M G B A I K C N E C G I B R W  
 O N C C O E J U H N U O H G A W H V Y N  
 T O V E R E A S Y L U J T R N L F M O S

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

Puzzle solutions on page 12

BREAKFAST WORD SEARCH

CROISSANT EGGS HASH BROWNS

MEAL MORNING MUFFINS

TEA TOAST WAFFLES

BAGELS  
BREAKFAST  
BUTTER  
CEREAL  
COFFEE

HEARTY  
HOT  
HUNGRY  
JAM  
JUICE

OATMEAL  
OVER-EASY  
PANCAKES  
SAUSAGE  
SAVOR

## Guess Who?

I am an actress born in the Philippines on February 22, 1971. I made my stage debut at the age of 7 in "The King and I." I have been in many theater productions and also provided the singing voices for two Disney princesses.

Answer: Lea Salonga

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to hot breakfast.

C P E N A A K

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Answer: Pancake

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### CLUES ACROSS

- Expression of disgust
- A place to unwind
- A type of cooking range
- Grasp tightly
- Sea eagles
- Carb dish
- Late-night host
- Revolutions per minute
- Indicates odd or erroneous
- FDR's military chief of staff
- Swiss river
- Norwegian district and river
- A form of motivation
- Car mechanics group
- Once a must-have home theater accessory
- Broken branch
- Apple and pumpkin are two
- Skeletal muscle
- Small Eurasian deer
- Tight-lipped fellow
- Comes after a cut
- A place one lives
- Cognizant of
- Albanian monetary unit
- Carrot's partner
- Famed garden
- Chilean seaport

- Days (Spanish)
- Sudden anxiety
- 100 square meters
- A type of beer
- French/Belgian river

### CLUES DOWN

- Spanish dish
- Concurs
- \_\_ and her sisters
- Patti Hearst's captors
- Used to refer to cited works
- A state of excited movement
- Advertising term (abbr.)
- Nocturnal S. American rodent
- New York art district
- Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- Pre-release viewing
- Northwestern Canadian territory (abbr.)
- Consumed
- Falters
- Radioactive form of an element
- Catch a wrongdoer
- Breeze through
- Thick piece of something
- Yellowish-brown color

- "The Raven" poet
- Rural free delivery (abbr.)
- Creating
- Supervises flying
- Northwestern state
- Was obligated to repay
- Diverging in lines from a common center
- Bleak
- We all have them
- Hit with the palm of one's hand
- Sea that's part of the western Pacific
- Political action committee
- Famed Spanish soldier El \_\_

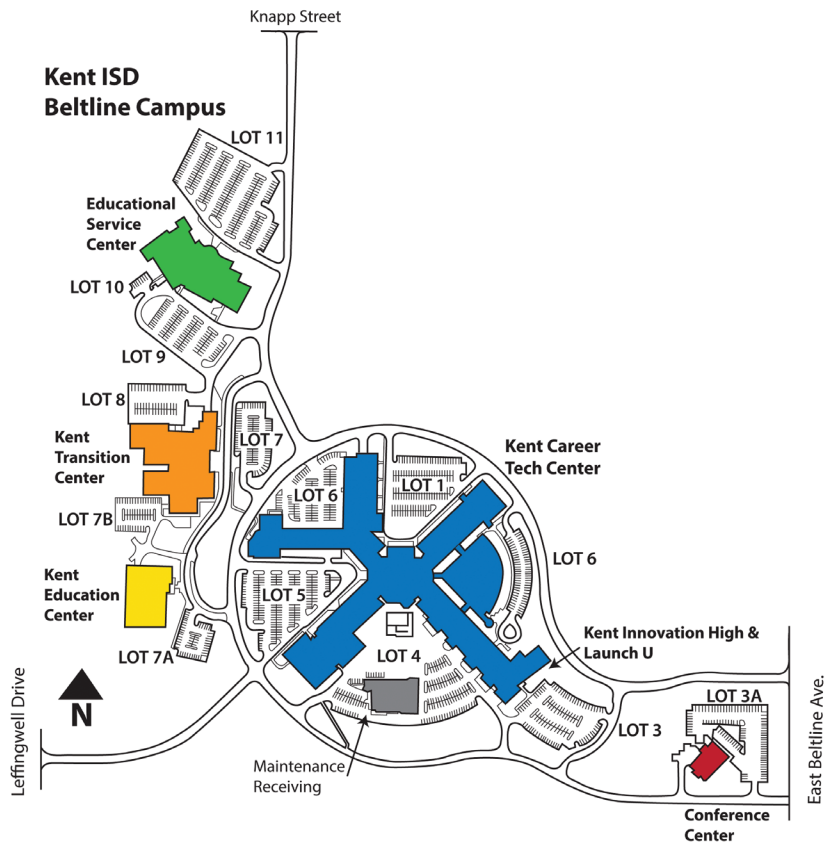


# KCTC, continued

in construction, become boilermakers, pipefitters, sheet metal workers, welding inspectors, and so on,” Goodman said. “We don’t train them specifically for that, but we teach the basics and encourage them to look at all those different career pathways.”

“You’re looking at an economy where we are constantly seeing vast numbers of positions unfilled across all of the trades and you’re seeing that supply and demand drive up the entry-level wage,” Graham said. “You’re also seeing students who have

left college with degrees that are very open-ended, that don’t lead to a career that’s fruitful. Here, it’s about being career-ready, not college-ready. It’s about attaining the skills that you need, and you can get skills in different ways. College might hold some



Practicing on the virtual reality welding machine. A small monitor allows those nearby to watch the student work.

of those skills, but it’s not the only lane. For a lot of our students, looking at their career journey, it’s not ‘college or bust.’ College could be part of that journey or it may not be. It could be later on. But if you’re leaving this welding lab, you have opportunities to make serious income for a family or a young adult that’s leaving high school. Let companies pay for your college down the road.

Let companies pay for the skill training that you want specifically.”

“There is a huge demand for employees in [the welding] industry,” Goodman said. “There are people retiring from the field and they’re not able to keep up with replacements. I tell these students that if they come back and see me in two years and they’re making more money than me or Mr. Swanson, then we’ve done our job.”

Students who choose to pursue secondary education after KCTC will most likely find themselves far ahead of their peers.

“Most Tech Center students continue on to some sort of education beyond high school,” McClintic said. “It’s often not an either/or situation. Quite a few of our students head into associate or bachelor’s programs, and many who enter apprenticeships are required to complete a certain number of college

credits.”

“After graduation, our students have multiple options,” Graham said. “They can head directly into industry or they may also choose to head to a university. Students can leave here and arrive on that campus already knowing how to weld. I would argue that puts them in a role, as a student, where they can lead. Another example, some of our culinary students have already earned enough credits to be second year in the Secchia Culinary School. They are leaders there, and they have come back here to present to our current students.”

To find comprehensive information about all the programs at KCTC, visit [thetechcenter.org](http://thetechcenter.org).

“It really feels nice when I’m struggling to pass some project, when I finally get it done and it looks nice, then I have something to be proud of,” Laux said. “And then I throw it on the scrap heap!”

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FILE NO. 20-207021-DE

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TO ALL CREDITORS:  
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Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against

the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Carli Nicole Haviland, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Suite 2500, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

February 14, 2020

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