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## Special council meeting on Showboat's future

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Lowell city council had a nearly 90 minute special meeting on Monday, Oct. 26 to discuss the management and budget of the Lowell Showboat, still under construction on the Riverwalk. Also in attendance were members of the Lowell Showboat Committee and the Lowell Area of Chamber of Commerce board.

To begin the discussion, Lowell city manager Michael Burns explained that after all the funds raised, donated and/or pledged to the project

are added up and balanced against the outstanding bills, \$95,123 will still be required to complete the Showboat. They also plan to build public restrooms near the facility for an additional \$160,000.

The main point of contention was who would be responsible for its day-to-day operations. Burns said that the city's point of view was that the Showboat would be an endless drain on city finances to own, run and maintain, so they would prefer the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce take care of it.

Members of the Chamber board and the Showboat Committee said that it would also be cost prohibitive for the Chamber to run the boat and, because the city owns it, the city should be in charge of its operations.

"We are not in any financial position, a year after asking people for an income tax, to spend their money on an event center," said Lowell mayor Michael DeVore. "We're not an event management company. We don't have the staff, we don't have the knowledge, we don't have the time."

"It can't bankrupt the city, either," said councilor Marty



YouTube screenshot of the Lowell city council in session at their special meeting at 6 pm on Monday, Oct. 26.

Chambers. "We only have so much funds that we can do so much with."

The council decided to have the city attorney create

a LLC to own, maintain and schedule events on the Showboat. The committee also agreed to attend future council meetings and provide fundraising updates.

## Greg Canfield resigning from city council



by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Lowell city councilor Greg Canfield stepped down from his seat on the council at the end of the last meeting on Monday, Oct. 19.

Canfield was elected to the council in 2016.

"Four years ago, the city council was in a turbulent state," Canfield said in an email to the Ledger. "Since then we have learned how to move forward gracefully, advancing the city's best interests and respectfully recognizing and discussing our differing opinions."

At the meeting, Canfield cited "developments in my family" as the reason for his resignation.

"Currently I need to spend more time taking care of my family, my aging parents and myself, and less time worrying about the city's problems," Canfield said. "Something I failed to do in the past and regret. You

have to save yourself before you can save the world. [...] To do the job right requires more time than I have to spare."

He said that his goal was to influence the city to make the most financially-sound choices possible every time, even if it required changing how things were done.

"I think we as a council have become more aware that the city needs to operate like a business, recognizing the relationship between revenues and expenses," Canfield said. "We are realigning policies so that, long term, we can survive financially."

He said the most surprising thing to him about the city

council was the tendency of constituents to sound off before fully investigating issues.

"The never ending criticism from our constituency over decisions we've made, from people who never attended [meetings] or let us know how they felt," Canfield said. "[For example], opting in to recreational marijuana. First, it was passed by the voters in Lowell nearly 60/40. Second, revenue. In addition to us getting a cut of the 10 percent excise tax, property values have tripled on the west end. Property tax revenue will increase significantly and some property owners have made

stupid money selling. We'll know in five to ten years whether or not it was the best move."

Canfield said he hopes a woman will replace him.

"We really need a woman's presence on the council," Canfield said. "Ladies, please step up. It's a great opportunity to make a difference in our community. On the state and federal level, I'm afraid we're just along for the ride. We need letters of interest from anyone who is considering a seat on the council. Twisting JFK's words, 'Ask not what can your community do for you, but instead what can you do for your community.'"

## Area school superintendents ask residents to help mitigate spread of COVID-19

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Although many talk and act as though it is over, the COVID-19 pandemic continues with no end in sight.

According to the "Kent ISD COVID-19 School Dashboard" [https://tableau.kentisd.org/t/COVID-19SchoolDashboardLIVE/KentISDCOVID-19SchoolDashboard], as of Oct. 23 there have been 14 cases of COVID-19 in Lowell Area Schools, seven cases among students and seven among staff. Lowell Middle School reopened on Oct. 21 after it was closed for two weeks after three positive tests among

staff members led to quarantining of many other students and staff at the school.

On Monday, Oct. 19, 46 local school superintendents from Kent, Ottawa and other counties, including Lowell Area Schools interim superintendent Nate Fowler, sent an open letter to the entire community asking local residents to help keep schools safe by continuing to respect all of the COVID protocols in their personal lives so they don't send anything nasty to school.

"Schools are vital in meeting the academic, social, emotional and

physical wellbeing of students and families," the letter read. "We must do everything we can to keep schools safe and open. To mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our communities and to keep schools open, we ask that all social and community gatherings continue to adhere to safe mitigation protocols. We've worked too hard over the last several months to reverse course now. Together, we can slow the spread of COVID-19."

"While the number of COVID-19 cases in our area continues to rise, we are encouraged that incidences of transmission during the

school day remain low," Fowler said. "Quarantines and shutdowns have created

disruptions for families and have had a negative impact on students. By continuing to work together, we can keep our students and staff safe while keeping schools open. Lowell Area Schools' goal is to continue to provide opportunities for in person learning for our

students, including extra curricular activities."



Nate Fowler

# Frequently asked questions to the Michigan S of S

## Election Day is Nov. 3. Can I register to vote on that day?

Yes. You must show proof of where you live. Documents must have your name and current address. You can show a digital copy of any document.

Acceptable documents include:

- Michigan driver's license or State ID card
- Current utility bill
- Bank statement
- Paycheck or government check
- Other government document

After registering, you can vote an absentee voter ballot at the clerk's office or you can vote at your polling place on Election Day. The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for all elections.

## What are the requirements to register to vote in Michigan?

You must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be 18 years old by the next election
- be a resident of Michigan and at least a 30-day resident of your city or township by Election Day
- not be confined in a jail or prison after being convicted and sentenced

## Can I vote before Nov. 3?

Yes. Michigan voters can vote before Election Day through a process called absentee in-person voting. The period for absentee in-

person voting runs from Thursday, Sept. 24, 2020, to Monday, Nov. 2, 2020, but dates and hours may vary based on where you live.

## Do I need to bring anything when I vote?

You will be asked to show current photo ID to vote in Michigan.

Acceptable forms include: Michigan driver's license or state ID card; current (non-expired) driver's license or personal ID card issued by another state; federal or state government-issued photo ID; US passport; military ID card with a photo; tribal ID card with a photo; or a student ID with a photo from a high school or an accredited institution of higher education.

• Voters without ID: If you are unable to provide ID, you can vote like any other voter by signing an affidavit.

## What are the deadlines to register to vote for the Nov. 3 election?

If you register online: Oct. 19

By mail: Postmarked by Oct. 19

In person: Nov. 3

A request for an absentee ballot must be received by 5 p.m. Oct. 30.

It may be returned in person by 8 p.m. Nov. 3 to be tabulated.

## Can I track my ballot?

Yes. All registered voters can track their ballots by looking up their information

in the voter information section of the Michigan Secretary of State website.

## Do I need my voter registration card to vote?

No. As long as you are in the correct polling location, your name will appear on the registration list supplied to your precinct.

The Voter Identification Card is for your reference and is not required to vote. If you did not receive or lost the Voter Identification Card, call your local clerk for a replacement or visit the Michigan Voter Information Center to check your registration status.

## Can I wear election-related clothing to the polls?

Michigan has prohibited the practice of displaying election-related materials at the polls for decades. This includes clothing and buttons as well as materials such as pamphlets, fliers and stickers. You cannot display such items in the polling place or within 100 feet of an entrance to a polling place. If you go to the polls with a shirt or button bearing election-related images or slogans, you will be asked to cover or remove it.

## Explain the difference between "split" and "mixed" tickets.

Voters may quickly vote a "straight ticket" for all candidates of one political party — they vote for all partisan candidates by marking the ballot for one party. Or voters may "split" their tickets in the general election by voting for their party and for the individual candidates of their choice. A mixed ticket is when offices are selected by the voter solely for the individual candidate and the party is not a selection criteria.

## Must I vote the entire ballot?

No, you are not required to vote the entire ballot.

You may pick and choose the races or ballot questions for which you want to vote. Skipping sections of the ballot does not invalidate your ballot.

## I have a disability, can I vote in person?

Call the clerk's office ahead of time to make sure your voting site is free of obstructions. If your site isn't accessible, you will be directed to an alternative site that is. Hearing impaired residents with questions may contact the Department of State's Bureau of Elections by email at [elections@michigan.gov](mailto:elections@michigan.gov).

The Bureau of Elections now has an "Ombudsperson for Accessible Elections" to respond to and assist individuals with disabilities attempting to vote. To speak with the Ombudsperson, call 800-292-5973 ext. 3 or email [MDOS-ADAVoting@michigan.gov](mailto:MDOS-ADAVoting@michigan.gov).

## How do I apply for an accessible absentee ballot?

Voters with print disabilities may apply for an accessible electronic absent voter ballot that can be completed electronically, printed, and returned to the local clerk. To apply online

for an accessible electronic absent voter ballot, click here.

## How do I vote in person with an accessible machine?

All voters, including voters with disabilities, have access to a Voter Assist Terminal in all polling places. The Voter Assist Terminal helps the voter mark a ballot. It will mark the ballot with the voter's choices, but does not tally the votes. Once the ballot is marked, it is counted in exactly the same fashion as all other ballots.

## What to expect outside the polling place

Voters have the right to an accessible polling place and an accessible voting machine.

If it is Election Day, a voter may send someone into the polling place to request curbside voting on their behalf. The election officials will bring a ballot outside so the individual can vote.

Election officials must consider accessibility outside the polling place, including unblocked doorways and alternatives to stairs, such as ramps or elevators.

## What to expect inside the

## polling place

Voters have the right to vote independently using an accessible voting machine. If voters would like to use an accessible voting machine, they should tell an election official when they arrive to vote.

Voters have the right to assistance from the election officials. They can ask the election officials for instructions on how to use the voting equipment or assistance at any time, even after they've entered the voting booth.

If a voter is blind, disabled, or unable to read or write, they have the right to assistance from anyone they choose.

However, the person who assists them cannot be:

- Their employer
- An agent of their employer
- An officer or agent of their labor union

Election officials also must consider accessibility inside the polling place.

Voters should find:

- Adequate lighting and seating
- At least one voting station that can accommodate a person who is seated
- Access to a Voter Assist Terminal

## New owners cut low income housing

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Birchwood Garden Apartments, 765 Hunt, is in the process of being sold to a new owner, and the new owner has decided to stop providing low income housing.

Until recently, the owner of the 34 unit complex was a company called Medallion Management, headquartered in Kalamazoo. The identity of the new owner has not yet been publicly revealed.

Resident manager Christine Koehler said that some residents have already begun receiving notices about the impending change.

"It won't be low income housing anymore, it's going conventional," Koehler said. "The government is kind of dragging their feet. After they said it would take 120 days to process, they sent our residents a notice giving them 30 days to respond!"

Koehler said more information would be forthcoming by the end of the year.

"When the sale takes place, USDA Rural Development is going to give the residents vouchers to cover up to the market rate rent, and the new owners are going to honor that for a year," Koehler said. "That is all I know about it at this point in time."

## VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Board will be held at a regular scheduled meeting on **Monday, November 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI** to consider a special exception use permit application as follows:

Richard Perry has applied for a special exception use permit to have farm animals with a shelter building at his property located at 14791 Grindle Dr in the R-2 Medium Density Residential District.

The complete application can be reviewed at the **Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671 or on the Township Website at [www.vergennestwp.org](http://www.vergennestwp.org)**. Written and oral comments will be received from any interested party until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Township Clerk at the Township Offices. Comments may be emailed to: [clerk@vergennestwp.org](mailto:clerk@vergennestwp.org)

Shantell Ford  
Vergennes Township Clerk

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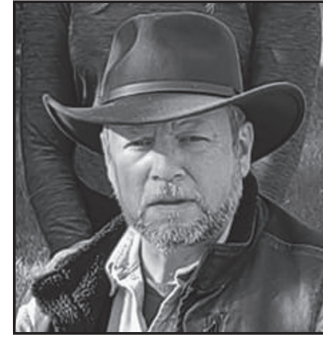
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# What does the Lowell Showboat mean to you?



**Christopher Goggins**

“What the Lowell Showboat means to me... Dearest memories of loved ones, and the inspiration of a community, preserved for future generations.”



**Christopher Hurst**

“I’m happy to see the Showboat’s return. It’s our community’s symbol. I’m hopeful it will become a year round facility and attraction.”



**Sierra Hieshetter**

“To me, the Lowell Showboat represents our great community. I spent every holiday season when I was little meeting Santa on the Showboat, I did photoshoots with my friends using it as a backdrop. It is an iconic part of Lowell and it will always mean a lot to me as a member of our community.”



The brand new Lowell Showboat, still under construction.

## LOWELL SHOWBOAT



**Rick Seese**

“While growing up, I always looked forward to Showboat time. I met many headliners and obtained many celebrity autographs through those years, while tagging along with my grandfather as he tended to his nightly Showboat duties. I remember the smell of popcorn in the air, feeling our community pride swell and experiencing thousands of people visiting our little town. It was, and still is, Lowell’s pride and joy.”



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The first Lowell Showboat, 1932



**Al Eckman**

“The Lowell Showboat is all about community and pride. We, as band members in the late 50s, always looked forward to playing on the bow of the Showboat to the crowds lining the Flat River and Main Street, eventually coming around ‘cattail bend’ to dock, but not before playing ‘Here Comes The Showboat.’ Great community involvement. Great memories of past Lowell Showboat events and more memories to come in the future. Can’t wait to see what the new Showboat has in store for our community.”

### LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS PUBLIC NOTICE OF BOARD OF EDUCATION VACANCY

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Area Schools Board of Education is seeking applications from those persons interested in filling a vacant seat on the Board of Education. The person appointed to this position will serve through certification of the annual Board election in November, 2022.

Applicants must live in the Lowell Area School District.

Interested persons are requested to submit a letter of interest and a resume that describes the applicant’s background and qualifications. Letters should be addressed to:

Lowell Area Schools  
 Board of Education  
 300 High Street  
 Lowell, MI 49331

All applications must be received at the address above by 3:00 p.m., November 13, 2020.

Patrick Nugent, Secretary  
 Secretary, Board of Education

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of the City of Lowell may register to vote in person with proof of residency at the Lowell City Clerk's office located at 301 E. Main Street for the November 3, 2020 General Election as follows:

- Regular business hours: Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday November 3, 2020 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Please note absentee ballots are available for any qualified elector.



Susan Ullery  
City Clerk

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The Reid Hansen Trust, dated August 22, 1999.

Reid Arthur Hansen,  
Date of Birth:  
November 5, 1925

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:**

Your interest in the above-referenced Trust may be barred or affected by the following:

The decedent, Reid Arthur Hansen, whose residence was 16935 Shawano Dr., Sand Lake, Michigan 49343, died on October 10, 2020.

The decedent was the Grantor of The Reid Hansen Trust. Creditors of the decedents are notified that all claims against the Trust will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustee, Owen Moore of 133 Greenfield Dr., Ionia, MI 48846, within four (4) months of the date of the publication of this Notice.

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

**Karen S. McFadden**  
(P-57043)  
Attorney for Trustee  
403 W. Main  
Belding, MI 48809  
616-794-1220

## Lowell police and fire stats

The Lowell Police Department made seven arrests during the month of September, compared to six arrests in August, seven in July, five in June, seven in May, zero in April, 10 in March, 13 in February and 12 in January.

One of the September arrests was for driving on a suspended license, five were for outstanding warrants and one was described on the police department's monthly statistics sheet as "other arrests."

LPD also responded to plenty of misdemeanors during September. There were four larceny calls, one breaking and entering complaint and five assaults. Lowell police also issued two ordinance citations. There were 89 traffic stops in the city in August; 59 of those drivers were released with a warning.

Lowell police were called to assist other law enforcement agencies 14 times and called other agencies for assistance four times in September. They were also called for assistance by citizens and motorists 69 different times.

Lowell police were dispatched to nine accidents, none with injuries, during September.

The Lowell Area Fire Department responded to 58 incidents during September; 28 in the city of Lowell, 18 in Lowell Township, 11 in Vergennes Township and one in Ada.

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# viewpoint

## outdoors

draw the line

Dave Stegehuis

Deer hunting is a long standing tradition in Michigan. Deer have had to adapt to habitat changes brought on by human activity, but otherwise remain the same animal hunted by the earliest native residents of the region.

Methods for hunting deer, however, have changed a great deal in relatively recent times. The development and marketing of hunting related products has provided the hunter with many choices when

developing a hunting strategy.

Clothing is designed to conceal human odor as well as conceal the physical presence of the hunter. Bath soap, laundry soap, and fabric sprays also are used to limit the ability of deer to use their acute sense of smell to detect human predators. Ozone scent elimination devices create an ozone envelope around the hunter to trap human scent.

Locating the animals using regular scouting

methods is aided by posting trail cameras capable of producing still pictures and video or transmitting images to cell phones in real time. Laser range finders take the guesswork out of determining the distance between hunter and prey. Tree stands are used to get above the normal line of sight of deer as well as reducing human scent. Firearms, archery equipment, and sighting devices have become more sophisticated to provide even more advantage to the hunter.

With all of this technology available, the hunter must decide where

to draw the line on what he or she will employ to pursue the whitetail deer. Long bows and flint-lock rifles are still available, so one can hunt the game the same way people did in the distant past.

Harvesting the animal to provide food for family and others and balancing game populations with available habitat while connecting intimately with nature are the outcomes of the hunt. It is up to the hunter to make decisions regarding the hunt based on current regulations and personal beliefs. Be safe and good hunting.

## to the editor

Dear Editor,

As we're winding down to that first Tuesday of November, most are breathing a sigh of relief, myself included!

At this point there shouldn't be any "undecideds", and I honestly can't believe that there ever were. The differences between the two candidates are stark. Those that value freedom in most every aspect of their lives will vote Trump, those that want reliance upon government in most every aspect of their lives will vote Biden. That being said, I would hope that folks voting Biden take a closer look behind the scenes, because it doesn't appear that Biden, should he manage to win, will actually be the one you voted for.

Recently Nancy Pelosi, in discussing the 25th Amendment, was promoting a bill sponsored by Representative Jamie Raskin (D). This bill, if signed into law, would create a "bipartisan" commission that could allow a vice president to declare a president unable to serve his term. She also stated that this was NOT about President Trump. Hmmm.

One would have to be

blind to not see that Biden is having some difficulties, in speech and at times his thought process. It is sad to watch anyone with what appears to be dementia. The question then becomes, does he have the stamina for this job? You can be honest and say, probably not, or you can kid yourself and hope for the best.

With the FBI now in possession of a laptop that allegedly contains damning information, and with the statement from Tony Bobulinski, it appears Biden's candidacy may be compromised. Unfortunately, a complete investigation probably won't conclude until after the election.

Finally, you need to consider everything that Trump's administration has accomplished in four short years. It's quite a list, including most all of his campaign promises. Then, you need to look at what our legislators have been doing over the course of the same four years, both democrats and some republicans. They have done NOTHING for the people. Their all-consuming hate of our President rendered them ineffective and "off the clock." The Mueller investigation,

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**125 years ago  
Lowell Ledger  
November 1, 1895**

The nailers of the big Pottstown Iron company have had their wages advanced 14 percent. Calamity howlers must take vocal stimulants or cease their wailings.

The children of James G. Blaine seem to be unfortunate in their matrimonial alliances. Mr. Blaine assisted in securing a divorce for one of his sons and now his daughter Hattie is suing for divorce from Truxton Beale. Our Prominent people might be expected to set a good example for common folks, and they do it—in a horn.

Secretary Baker, of the state board of health, on account of the prevalence of typhoid fever in the state, advises everyone to boil all water used for drinking purposes.

**100 years ago  
The Lowell Ledger  
November 4, 1920**

It was a Republican landslide from Maine to California and from the Lakes to Mason and Dixon's line, or beyond. Harding and Coolidge have apparently carried every Eastern, Northern and Western state, except possibly Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma and the Dakotas. The new president will have good working majorities in both Senate and House.

Mrs. Fitzgerald and Miss Emma Brenner, of Grand Rapids, escaped death or even serious injury in a miraculous manner about 10 o'clock Tuesday forenoon when the Hudson Sedan car, the former was driving, smashed through the guard planks on the east side of the south end of the Lowell upper Grand river bridge, having turned end for end.

Excellent marksmanship under difficult conditions enabled Sergeant Walker and Trooper Hedt of the Michigan State Police to capture a car full of whisky on the Michigan Avenue concrete road just outside of Ypsilanti recently. The troopers were on watch for booze-runner at the intersection of Belleville Road with Michigan Avenue, when a Steans-Knight roadster bearing an Illinois license number flashed by. They gave chase and attained a speed of 71 miles per hour on their motorcycles but the automobile was just as fast.

**75 years  
The Lowell Ledger  
November 1, 1945**

Jud Clark has resigned as carrier at the Post Office, a post which he has acceptably filled for the past three or four years and has taken a position with the Lowell Municipal Plant.

There are thrilling scenes as the veterans coming from overseas sail up the harbors of American ports, and land at our docks. One can hardly imagine their joy as they see the familiar sight of an American city. They have been fed up with foreign lands and the ancient dwellings of old countries. There is a newness and a modernity about our cities that strikes them pleasantly, and it suggests that this is a land of hope and progress.

You may have observed that Lowell's topography is undergoing a change, in at least two respects. The residential growth of the town is tending toward the north and northwest and west Main St. is changing from a residential to a business district. No doubt but that this is as it should be. What do you think?

**50 years  
The Lowell Ledger  
November 5, 1970**

Lowell police confiscated about four bushels of garbage and 30 dozen eggs from Halloween pranksters Saturday night, Police Chief Barry Emmons said. "We caught the kids tossing garbage in the street and

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## 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.
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# HEALTH

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# ABCs of Lowell History

The ABC's of Lowell History was introduced this year as a way to share some of the many fascinating stories from Lowell's past. It was initiated in part by the pandemic shutdown which led the Museum to seek alternative ways to share local history with the community. The series will continue with a second round of the alphabet.

### D is for Doctor

Dr. Solomon S. Lee (1871-1940) was the grandson of Vergennes pioneers, Solomon Lee, and his son J. Edwin Lee who came to Lowell in 1868. J. Edwin Lee's farm was located on Foreman Road and he was one of Lowell's builders and also had a meat business. He built the 'Lee Block.' The Lee Block contained five storefronts and was located from the Main Street Inn west to the corner. The easternmost storefront contained his business, J. E. Lee Meats. He had to rebuild the Lee Block twice because of destructive fires, in 1884 and again in 1906. He was known as the Father of the Lowell Lighting and Power Plant.

S. S. Lee was born in Lowell on October 27, 1871 to Edwin and Helen Boyce Lee. He attended the University of Michigan Medical School in 1898 and became a Doctor. Dr. Lee began his practice in Calumet working with miners. He became interested in developing copper and other metal mines and invested in those

stocks. The stocks did very well. He and his wife, Irene, moved back to Lowell in 1912 and practiced here until his retirement. He was well known and trusted by his patients, in whom he always took a personal interest. He was characterized as precise, accurate, sociable, and pleasant.

Dr. Lee served as Health officer during the Spanish Influenza of 1918. He guided the City of Lowell, along with Lowell and Vergennes Townships through that devastating time. He suggested preventative measures citizens could take to attempt to prevent the spread of the disease.

The Lee family was known for their interest in civic affairs. Dr. Lee served on the Village Council as did his father Edwin. Upon his death, Dr. Lee's will listed personal disbursements and then the rest of his estate was left to the village of Lowell "to be used in any way the Village Council may see fit for the general benefit of the village and I would suggest that a part of the same, or said residue, be used for the gradual improvement of Recreation Park located in the said Village of Lowell."

The investment from the fund was used for general maintenance of the Lowell park system. In 1951, earnings from the investment were added to Showboat revenues and a building was constructed at Recreation Park to be used for 4-H exhibits, stock sales and indoor ice skating. The building was later named the "Foreman Building" in



Dr. Solomon S. Lee

honor of the late Ernest C. Foreman 'North America's foremost poultry-man' who had been chairman of the building project.

The Fire Department was blessed by Dr. Solomon Lee and the city by extension. With funding from the Lee fund in 1946, a new 1,000 gallon per minute pumper was purchased. The other engine was only able to pump 500 gallons per minute. The engine, appropriately named 'S.S. Lee' made the Lowell Fire

Department one of the best equipped departments around.

The Lee fund has been used to bless many of the Lowell area parks, including renovations at Richards Park, the King Swimming Pool, and it contributed over \$125,000 to assist in the creation of Creekside Park on Gee Drive.

The Lee family and specifically Dr. Solomon Lee left quite a legacy here in Lowell.

### - frozen shoulder

Frozen shoulder is a condition in which the shoulder gradually becomes painful and stiff to the point of limited range of motion. It is also called adhesive capsulitis.

It typically develops slowly, over a year or more. It will go through three stages. The first stage is called the freezing stage, this is where any movement causes pain and motion becomes limited.

The second stage is called "frozen" and pain will improve but motion is quite limited. The final stage is called the "thawing" stage and motion of the shoulder starts to improve. This can take up to three years.

Often pain is worse at night and can make sleeping difficult.

The shoulder joint is encased in a capsule of connective tissue. This capsule becomes tight and thickens around the joint, causing the above symptoms. We aren't sure why this happens in some people. It does occur frequently in people who

have had to immobilize their shoulder, after an injury or arm fracture. It occurs more often in women and those over 40 years of age. It seems to occur more often in those with diabetes, thyroid disorders, cardiovascular disease, and Parkinson's disease.

Diagnosis is made through physical examination. Imaging studies like x-rays or MRI's may also be needed.

Treatment involves using anti-inflammatory medications and physical therapy. Sometimes steroid injections into the shoulder joint are used. In severe cases, shoulder manipulation under anesthesia is used to loosen the tight capsule. Surgery is rare but can be done if the above treatments are not successful. You can prevent a frozen shoulder from happening by starting range of motion exercises after an injury to the shoulder, or starting these exercises when the shoulder seems to be losing range of motion.



# area churches

### CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL

897-7060  
 Pastor Ryan Landt  
 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI  
 Morning Worship..... 10:00 AM  
 Sunday School..... 11:20 AM  
 Evening Worship..... 6:00 PM  
 Nursery available at both services  
 Barrier-Free

### St. Mary Catholic Church

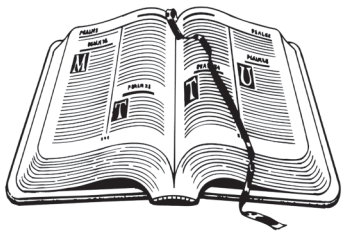
402 Amity Street • 616-897-9820  
 Website: www.stmarylowell.com  
 Weekend Masses: Sat 5 pm; Sun 10:30 am  
 Confession: Saturdays 3-4:30 pm  
 Prayer & Adoration: Wednesdays 8 am to 7 pm  
 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN TO ADULTS

### GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

103 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod)  
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Access Services at  
[www.goodshepherdlowell.org](http://www.goodshepherdlowell.org)  
 Left hand side, click on Sermons, etc.

Joseph Fremer, Pastor 897-8307  
 All facilities are wheelchair accessible



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 616-897-5906

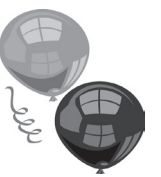
### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL

CHRIST-CENTERED, KINGDOM-FOCUSED HOMES  
 2275 West Main Street - (Barrier Free)  
 897-7168 • [www.fbclowell.org](http://www.fbclowell.org)  
 Pastor Jon Pickens • Lead Pastor  
 Pastor Andrew Bolcom • Pastor of Discipleship  
 Christi Swain • Director of Children's Ministries  
 SUNDAY WORSHIP.....9:30 AM (Nursery provided)  
 LIFE GROUPS ..... 11:00 AM (Nursery-Adult)  
 Awana (K-5 during school year) Wednesday, 6:15 PM

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 WORSHIP  
 Traditional Service: 9 am  
 Contemporary Service: 10:30 am  
 Sr. Pastor - Brad Brillhart

# happy birthday



**OCTOBER 28**  
 Aaron Stencel, Bonnie Essich, Debbie Stoutjesdyk.

**OCTOBER 29**  
 Tammy Barber, Al Mulder, Jared Spencer, John Butler Jr., Jeremy Drake, Valerie Stuewe.

**OCTOBER 30**  
 Jeremiah Russo, Joseph Russo, Justin Wilczewski, Jim Momber.

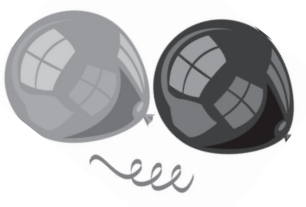
**OCTOBER 31**  
 Bob Richter, Connor Duiven, Larry Taunt, Thomas Alberts, Patricia VanSickle.

**NOVEMBER 1**  
 Walt Batt, Abbot Kastanek, Brenda Lea Owen, Suzanne Olin, Anthony Kiedis, John Luc Richmond.

**NOVEMBER 2**  
 Barb DeLoof, John Mogor.

**NOVEMBER 3**  
 Connie Stencel, Jennifer Zoodsma, Denise Davidson, Christina Dixon, Becky Myers, Ken Kline.

*If you would like to add someone's name to the birthday list, please call our office at 897-9261.*



# Sample ballot for Nov. 3 election: front and back

Partisan Section	State Boards	County
<b>Straight Party Ticket</b> Vote for not more than 1	<b>Member of the State Board of Education</b> Vote for not more than 2	<b>Prosecuting Attorney</b> Vote for not more than 1
Democratic Party <input type="radio"/>	Ellen Cogen Lipton <input type="radio"/> <small>Democratic</small>	Chris Becker <input type="radio"/> <small>Republican</small>
Republican Party <input type="radio"/>	Jason Strayhorn <input type="radio"/> <small>Democratic</small>	Sheriff <input type="radio"/> Vote for not more than 1
Libertarian Party <input type="radio"/>	Tami Carlone <input type="radio"/> <small>Republican</small>	Marc Burns <input type="radio"/> <small>Democratic</small>
US Taxpayers Party <input type="radio"/>	Michelle A. Frederick <input type="radio"/> <small>Republican</small>	Michelle LaJoye-Young <input type="radio"/> <small>Republican</small>
Working Class Party <input type="radio"/>	Richard A. Hewer <input type="radio"/> <small>Libertarian</small>	John Glen Stedman <input type="radio"/> <small>Libertarian</small>
Green Party <input type="radio"/>	Karen Adams <input type="radio"/> <small>U.S. Taxpayers</small>	
Natural Law Party <input type="radio"/>	Douglas Levesque <input type="radio"/> <small>U.S. Taxpayers</small>	<b>Clerk and Register of Deeds</b> Vote for not more than 1
<b>Presidential</b>	Mary Anne Hering <input type="radio"/> <small>Working Class</small>	Devin Ortega-Ferguson <input type="radio"/> <small>Democratic</small>
<b>Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States</b> Vote for not more than 1	Hali McEachern <input type="radio"/> <small>Working Class</small>	Lisa Posthumus Lyons <input type="radio"/> <small>Republican</small>
Joseph R. Biden <input type="radio"/> Kamala D. Harris <input type="radio"/> <small>Democratic</small>	Tom Mair <input type="radio"/> <small>Green</small>	Jamie Lewis <input type="radio"/> <small>Libertarian</small>
Donald J. Trump <input type="radio"/> Michael R. Pence <input type="radio"/> <small>Republican</small>	<b>Regent of the University of Michigan</b> Vote for not more than 2	<b>Treasurer</b> Vote for not more than 1
Jo Jorgensen <input type="radio"/> Jeremy Cohen <input type="radio"/> <small>Libertarian</small>	Mark Bernstein <input type="radio"/> <small>Democratic</small>	Beth White <input type="radio"/> <small>Democratic</small>
Don Blankenship <input type="radio"/> William Mohr <input type="radio"/> <small>U.S. Taxpayers</small>	Shauna Ryder Diggs <input type="radio"/> <small>Democratic</small>	Peter MacGregor <input type="radio"/> <small>Republican</small>
Howie Hawkins <input type="radio"/> Angela Walker <input type="radio"/> <small>Green</small>	Sarah Hubbard <input type="radio"/> <small>Republican</small>	<b>Drain Commissioner</b> Vote for not more than 1
Rocky De La Fuente <input type="radio"/> Darcy Richardson <input type="radio"/> <small>Natural Law</small>	Carl Meyers <input type="radio"/> <small>Republican</small>	Elaine Isely <input type="radio"/> <small>Democratic</small>
	James L. Hudler <input type="radio"/> <small>Libertarian</small>	Ken Yonker <input type="radio"/> <small>Republican</small>
	Eric Larson <input type="radio"/> <small>Libertarian</small>	Alex Avery <input type="radio"/> <small>Libertarian</small>
	Ronald E. Graeser <input type="radio"/> <small>U.S. Taxpayers</small>	
	Crystal Van Sickle <input type="radio"/> <small>U.S. Taxpayers</small>	<b>County Commissioner</b> 4th District Vote for not more than 1
	Michael Mawilai <input type="radio"/> <small>Green</small>	Kari Smith <input type="radio"/> <small>Democratic</small>
<b>Congressional</b>	Keith Butkovich <input type="radio"/> <small>Natural Law</small>	Diane Jones <input type="radio"/> <small>Republican</small>
<b>United States Senator</b> Vote for not more than 1	<b>Trustee of Michigan State University</b> Vote for not more than 2	
Gary Peters <input type="radio"/> <small>Democratic</small>	Brian Mossallam <input type="radio"/> <small>Democratic</small>	
John James <input type="radio"/> <small>Republican</small>	Rema Ella Vassar <input type="radio"/> <small>Democratic</small>	
Valerie L. Willis <input type="radio"/> <small>U.S. Taxpayers</small>	Pat O'Keefe <input type="radio"/> <small>Republican</small>	
Marcia Squier <input type="radio"/> <small>Green</small>	Tonya Schuitmaker <input type="radio"/> <small>Republican</small>	
Doug Dern <input type="radio"/> <small>Natural Law</small>	Will Tyler White <input type="radio"/> <small>Libertarian</small>	
	Janet M. Sanger <input type="radio"/> <small>U.S. Taxpayers</small>	
<b>Representative In Congress</b> 3rd District Vote for not more than 1	John Paul Sanger <input type="radio"/> <small>U.S. Taxpayers</small>	
Hillary Scholten <input type="radio"/> <small>Democratic</small>	Brandon Hu <input type="radio"/> <small>Green</small>	
Peter Meijer <input type="radio"/> <small>Republican</small>	Robin Lea Laurain <input type="radio"/> <small>Green</small>	
	Bridgette Abraham-Guzman <input type="radio"/> <small>Natural Law</small>	
<b>Legislative</b>	<b>Governor of Wayne State University</b> Vote for not more than 2	
<b>Representative in State Legislature</b> 86th District Vote for not more than 1	Eva Garza Dewaelsche <input type="radio"/> <small>Democratic</small>	
Sue Hayes <input type="radio"/> <small>Democratic</small>	Shirley Stancato <input type="radio"/> <small>Democratic</small>	
Thomas A. Albert <input type="radio"/> <small>Republican</small>	Don Gates <input type="radio"/> <small>Republican</small>	
	Terri Lynn Land <input type="radio"/> <small>Republican</small>	
	Jon Elgas <input type="radio"/> <small>Libertarian</small>	
	Christine C. Schwartz <input type="radio"/> <small>U.S. Taxpayers</small>	
	Susan Odgers <input type="radio"/> <small>Green</small>	

VOTE \* VOTE \* VOTE \* VOTE \* VOTE

Nonpartisan Section	Local School District
<b>Judicial</b>	<b>Board Member</b> Lowell Area Schools Vote for not more than 4
<b>Justice of Supreme Court</b> Vote for not more than 2	Laurie C. Kuna <input type="radio"/>
Susan L. Hubbard <input type="radio"/>	Danny Lee Stephens, Jr. <input type="radio"/>
Mary Kelly <input type="radio"/>	Tom Kaywood <input type="radio"/>
Bridget Mary McCormack <input type="radio"/> <small>Justice of Supreme Court</small>	Brian A. Krajewski <input type="radio"/>
Kerry Lee Morgan <input type="radio"/>	
Katherine Mary Nepton <input type="radio"/>	
Brock Swartzle <input type="radio"/>	
Elizabeth M. Welch <input type="radio"/>	
	<b>Proposal Section</b>
	<b>State</b>
<b>Judge of Court of Appeals</b> 3rd District <b>Incumbent Position</b> Vote for not more than 2	<b>Proposal 20-1</b> A proposed constitutional amendment to allow additional money from oil and gas mining on state-owned lands to be collected in state funds for development and maintenance of parks, nature areas, and public recreation facilities; and to describe how money in those state funds can be spent.
Mark Thomas Boonstra <input type="radio"/> <small>Judge of Court of Appeals</small>	This proposed constitutional amendment would:  •Allow the State Parks Endowment Fund to continue receiving money from sales of oil and gas from state-owned lands to improve, maintain and purchase land for State parks, and for Fund administration, until its balance reaches \$800,000,000.  •Require subsequent oil and gas revenue from state-owned lands to go into the Natural Resources Trust Fund.  •Require at least 20% of Endowment Fund annual spending go toward State park improvement.  •Require at least 25% of Trust Fund annual spending go toward parks and public recreation areas and at least 25% toward land conservation.
Jane E. Markey <input type="radio"/> <small>Judge of Court of Appeals</small>	
	Should this proposal be adopted? Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Judge of Court of Appeals</b> 3rd District <b>Partial Term Ending 1/1/2023</b> Vote for not more than 1	
James Robert Redford <input type="radio"/> <small>Judge of Court of Appeals</small>	
<b>Judge of Circuit Court</b> 17th Circuit <b>Incumbent Position</b> Vote for not more than 1	
Kathleen A. Feeney <input type="radio"/> <small>Judge of Circuit Court</small>	
<b>Judge of Circuit Court</b> 17th Circuit <b>Non-Incumbent Position</b> Vote for not more than 2	
Scott A. Noto <input type="radio"/>	
Stephen Willison <input type="radio"/>	
Maureen A. Gottlieb <input type="radio"/>	
Jenny Johnsen Sarber <input type="radio"/>	<b>Proposal 20-2</b> A proposed constitutional amendment to require a search warrant in order to access a person's electronic data or electronic communications
	This proposed constitutional amendment would:  •Prohibit unreasonable searches or seizures of a person's electronic data and electronic communications.  •Require a search warrant to access a person's electronic data or electronic communications, under the same conditions currently required for the government to obtain a search warrant to search a person's house or seize a person's things.
<b>Judge of Probate Court</b> <b>Incumbent Position</b> Vote for not more than 1	Should this proposal be adopted? Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>
David Murkowski <input type="radio"/> <small>Judge of Probate Court</small>	
<b>Judge of District Court</b> 63rd District <b>Incumbent Position</b> Vote for not more than 2	
Jeffrey J. O'Hara <input type="radio"/> <small>Judge of District Court</small>	
Sara J. Smolenski <input type="radio"/> <small>Judge of District Court</small>	
<b>Community College</b>	
<b>Board of Trustees Member</b> Grand Rapids Community College Vote for not more than 2	
Brandon Sinclair <input type="radio"/>	
Daniel Williams <input type="radio"/>	
Brandy Lovelady Mitchell <input type="radio"/>	

## \$9 million in grants for MI arts and cultural projects

The Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) approved a total of \$9,168,440 in grants to 470 organizations including arts and history centers, performance arts and cultural institutions for arts and culture projects in Michigan, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation announced today. These needed funds are being infused into communities and organizations across the state, representing 58 of 83 counties. Lowell Area Schools received \$5,175.

"It is really wonderful to see so many great grant applications," said Alison Watson, Director of MCACA. "During these tough times, it is a strong

affirmation that the field is still vibrant, and the value of our programs is not only recognized, but can contribute to ongoing efforts and support vibrancy in our communities throughout the state."

MCACA received 597 applications requesting \$19,432,218 for fiscal year 2021 programs. MCACA used a peer review process over the course of 30 days of panel reviews to evaluate the grant applications and made recommendations to the MCACA Governor's Council. The applications were evaluated by 153 peer reviewers during the open panel process. Nearly 500 interested members of the public attended the panels online.

Earlier this year, MCACA awarded a total of \$502,400 in Emergency Relief Fund grants to 176 nonprofit arts and cultural organizations around Michigan to provide relief from the negative impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak. MCACA also leveraged \$83,834 in funds from Arts Midwest, a nonprofit regional arts organization and partner to MCACA, to award grants to an additional 28 Michigan organizations.

The Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs is dedicated to ensuring that every citizen and community in Michigan enjoys the civic, economic and educational benefits of arts and culture.

**Make sure to read your ballot very carefully before you either fill it out and mail it or head to the polls and vote in person!**



# New memoir by Emma Palova about family's escape from communism

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Former Lowell Ledger reporter Emma Palova has a new book coming out, "Greenwich Meridian Memoir." It's the story of her parents' long journey from Vizovice, Czech Republic to Big Rapids, MI and it will be available on Nov. 12.

"What I have in this upcoming book is five decades of our lives," Palova said. "It was one of my most challenging projects. The time period is from August 1968, when I was eight years old, to the present. I wrote the introduction to the memoir in April."

Palova's father Vaclav Konecny was a mathematician and scientist, and his academic work took him all over the world, through Italy, Africa and Canada. Palova was often cared for by her grandparents during this time period. Palova said she visited the United States once as a child and moved here permanently in 1990 with her husband, Ludek Pala, and their children.

The family was determined to leave their home country after the "Prague Spring" events of 1968, when the country was invaded and occupied by the Soviet Union. The Russians remained in control until Vaclav Havel's 1989 "Velvet Revolution."

"That was a moment when my dad decided he was not returning from Africa," Palova said. "In 1969, he said he was not going back to an invaded country, a country occupied by the Russians. In 1973, mom decided to go back to Czechoslovakia, then dad joined us later that year. During that time, we left Africa for Canada, and we left there for Texas. America was good for me, and I cherished those memories when we returned to Czechoslovakia. My mom finally got an exit visa in 1980 because her husband was here, but I couldn't leave with her because I was married by that time so the officials would not let us leave the country. But my goal was always to

make it back to America. So my husband escaped, then I applied for an exit visa."

Eventually, Palova's parents, Vaclav and Ella Konecny, settled in Big Rapids, MI when her father got a job as a math professor at Ferris State University.

"I wanted to be close to them, so [Ludek and I] started looking for jobs in Grand Rapids," Palova said. "We wanted to build a house, and land was reasonable in this part of Kent County at that time. That's how we ended up in Lowell. We built our house here in 1995."

Palova's parents still reside in Big Rapids, and both somewhat reluctantly contributed to "Greenwich Meridian Memoir."

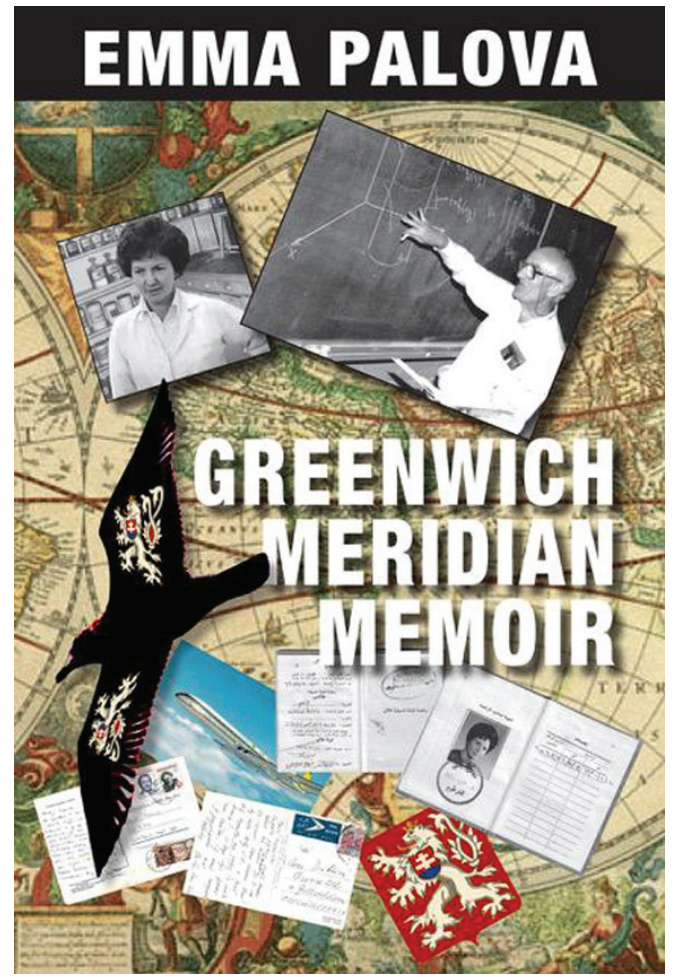
"I am grateful they were able to do that," Palova said. "I wrote the story for each chapter, then, for most of them, my mom had something to say about her experiences. I had to force her to do it, she didn't want to do it! She was a pharmacist by trade, and she loved her job. She didn't want to leave Czech. My dad is only in a few chapters.

He wrote a chapter, 'How a Professor of Math Escaped Czechoslovakia.' It's the account of his physical escape from the country, and his plans for how he plotted the whole escape. It was risky. Can you visualize a math professor taking a dinghy across the Black Sea to Turkey?"

Palova said that life during the COVID-19 pandemic reminds her of living under Soviet communism, an era vividly depicted in the memoir.

"Fear and caution," Palova said. "You had to be on the lookout constantly that somebody wasn't listening behind your back. The constant awareness that you had to be careful, that is the number one similarity. That is another sort of 'lockdown.' Also, the constant lack of toilet paper and the fact that we couldn't leave the country. There was scarcity of everything. Whatever you wanted or needed, you couldn't get it. We didn't have to wear masks, though!"

"Greenwich Meridian Memoir" and Palova's



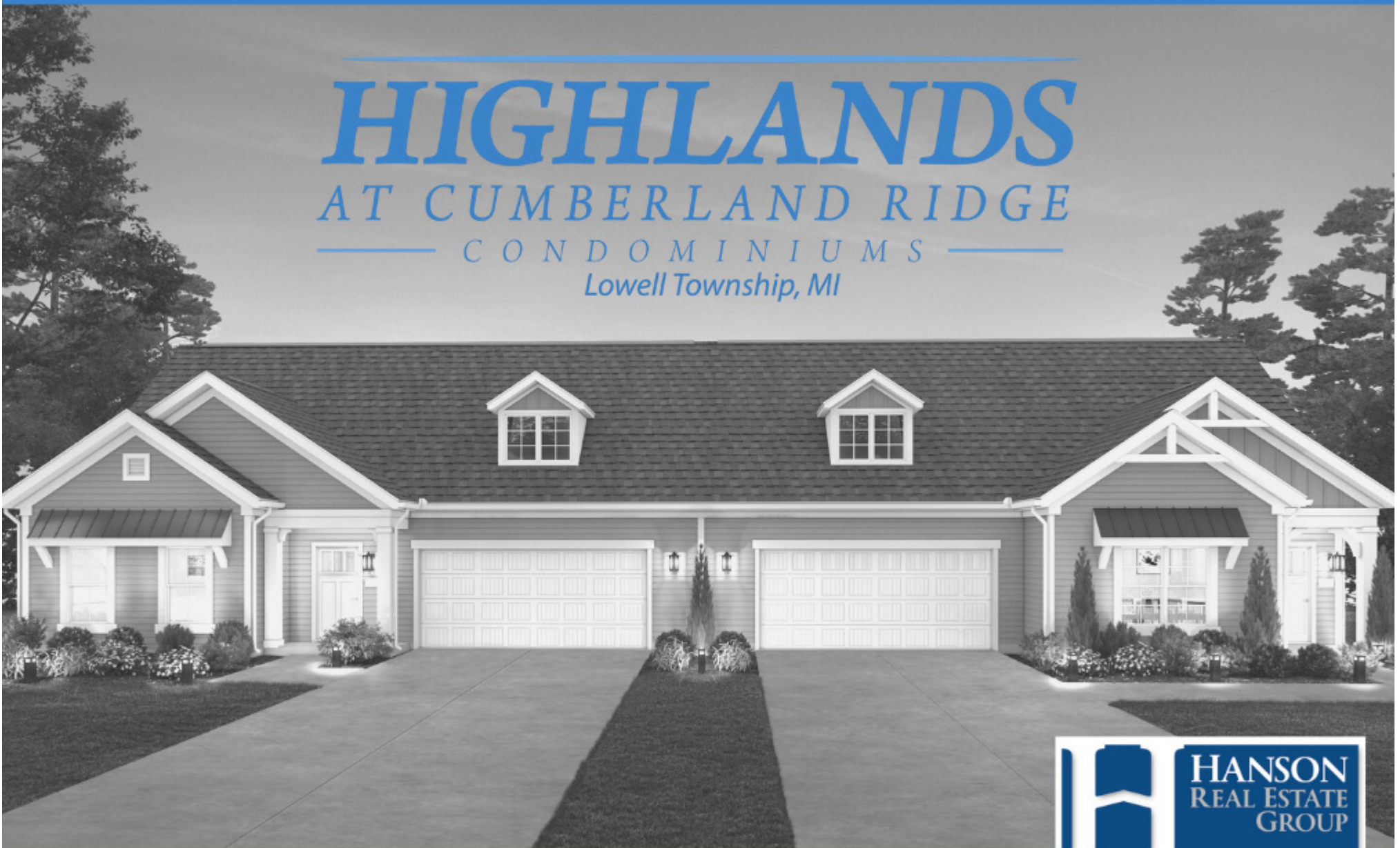
"Greenwich Meridian Memoir" by Emma Palova, cover designed by Jeanne Boss.

previous books are available in the Kindle format or in paperback at amazon.com/Emma-Palova/e/B0711XJ6GY. Paperbacks

at Schuler Books or to borrow from the Englehardt Library. Palova will host a "virtual book launch" on her Facebook page on Sunday, Nov. 15 at 5 pm.

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# LHS students collaborate on trout research project

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Lowell High School students recently participated in a science research experiment in collaboration with the Wittenbach Wege Center and the organization Trout Unlimited.

The goal of the experiment was to monitor and determine whether or not Lee Creek has suitable living conditions for native brook trout.

“The brook trout is known as an indicator species, meaning if the water is suitable for this species to live in, then the water quality is top tier,” said LHS science research teacher Heather DeJonge.

To determine this Ethan Hall, Andrew Hackstedt,

to the data that the Trout Unlimited sensor collected, to ensure accuracy of the sensor. [...] We collaborated with Trout Unlimited by sharing data, thoughts, and weekly upkeep and cleaning of the sensor. The WWC was courteous enough to provide the testing instruments, bug nets, waders and guidance along the way.”

Through this experience, the students gained important, real world knowledge of the environmental and natural resources fields in their local region.

“I’m really excited to have the opportunity to work with Trout Unlimited because they are at the forefront of



LHS seniors Andrew Hackstedt, Evan Richter, Xander Reisbig and Ethan Hall with Jake Lemon of Trout Unlimited (second from left). [photo by Courtney Cheers]



Evan Richter and Xander Reisbig all seniors in science research class; took weekly tests of water temperature and electrical conductivity.

“My group also searched for and found various species of macro invertebrates that also indicated suitable water conditions for the trout,” DeJonge said. “The main reasoning for weekly tests was to compare our data

wildlife restoration, which is something I’m passionate about,” said LHS student Andrew Hackstedt.

“It’s an amazing opportunity that such a prominent research organization like Trout Unlimited allowed a few high school kids with a passion to help them in important local research,” said LHS student Ethan Hall.

“To me it was exciting to have the opportunity to talk and work with a representative from Trout Unlimited because they are making a major impact on the wildlife in our community,”

said LHS student Alexander Reisbig.

“I was confident that I would like to pursue a career in this field of natural sciences,” said LHS student Evan Richter. “This project

has confirmed that this type of work is for me. The knowledge learned through this project is extremely valuable to me, as I will be able to use it in future endeavors in college.”

After graduating from high school, Richter plans to attend Lake Superior State University to pursue a bachelor’s degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Management.

## ★ Honoring Our Area Veterans ★

The Ledger, along with local businesses, will once again be saluting area Veterans.

The names and pictures we receive will appear in our November 4 edition in honor of Veterans Day, November 11, 2020.

If you would like to spotlight a Veteran living in our area, please mail or bring their picture along with their name, branch of service and years served to:

The Lowell Ledger/Veterans Page  
105 N. Broadway • PO Box 128 • Lowell, MI 49331  
**OR email:** [displayads@lowellbuyersguide.com](mailto:displayads@lowellbuyersguide.com)  
Put “Veterans” on the subject line, type the name, branch of service and years served into the body of the email and attach the picture.

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**Deadline for submission is noon, Monday, Nov. 2, 2020**

For more information call the Ledger at 616.897.9261

You or the Veteran you are honoring must be from the Lowell area.

**Veterans Day, November 11, 2020**

Red Arrow

- FOOTBALL

# SPORTS

## Rangers best Red Arrows on gridiron

by Justin Scott  
contributing reporter

A difficult first half led to a loss for the Red Arrows (3-3) varsity football team against Forest Hills Central (5-1). The win for the Rangers, paired with Byron Center's loss to East Grand Rapids, gave FHC a share of the OK White title.

The game, held at Northview due to renovations taking place at Forest Hills Central's home field, felt a bit more like winter than fall. Temperatures were in the low 40's with a brisk wind, and at times driving rain or drizzle.

The Red Arrows started off strong on defense with a Connor Lixie diving interception. From there, FHC quarterback Hunter

Robinson gave the Red Arrows trouble all evening scoring on a 23-yard touchdown run to start the game, and following a Red Arrow fumble deep in LHS territory, a 10-yard touchdown run. He accounted for four rushing touchdowns, and a final touchdown passing.

Down 14-0. Lowell nearly got a break as a Brett Spanbauer punt took a hop that caused a muff from FHC inside the redzone, but the Rangers were able to pounce on the loose ball and avoid disaster.

Two quick scores toward the end of the half gave the Rangers a 28-0 lead.



Lowell huddles before the start of the second half.

The Red Arrows travel to Byron Center this Friday. The game starts at 7 pm. Listen live at [lowellradio.org](http://lowellradio.org)



Quarterback Doak Dean runs through some tacklers in the first half of Lowell's loss to FHC.

Lowell looked much improved in the second half, but they were not able to overcome the large FHC lead. Doak Dean scored two short rushing touchdowns and Justin Wade hit both of his extra-point attempts. The final score was 34-14. Defensively Lowell was led by Carson Crace with seven tackles. Ethan Krieger, Connor Lixie,

and Brett Spanbauer each had five tackles. Spanbauer also averaged 38.3 yards per punt. This year's MHSAA football playoff bracket is unlike any other in years past. Lowell has been drawn to face off with 5-1 Byron Center at Byron Center's Waddell Field this Friday at 7:00 pm. The winner will face the winner of Caledonia (2-4) and Jenison (5-1). All teams regardless of record qualified for this

year's playoffs, leading to many potentially lopsided matchups. Lowell-Byron Center is likely to be one of the best first-round matchups in the state. The Bulldogs won a fiercely competitive game at Bob Perry Field earlier this year. Unfortunately for many Lowell fans, restrictions on tickets will remain in place. The game will be streamed live at [lowellradio.org](http://lowellradio.org)

## LHS announces the Students of the Month for September

Lowell High School has announced that Michael Patrick, 10th grade, and Ethan Morehart, 12th grade, are the Lowell High School September Students of the Month. In order to be eligible for this honor a student must be nominated by a department. All the nomination forms for the month are then reviewed and voted on at the monthly Department Chair Meeting. Students are selected based on academic achievement, character, and work ethic. There are 1,200 students eligible for nomination, so this is quite an accomplishment for Michael and Ethan. The students receive a \$20 Meijer gift card and a certificate.

Patrick was nominated by Laurie Summerfield and she writes, "I have Mike in Theatre 1 and



Michael Patrick

from the first day in class he comes prepared and is self-motivated to complete assignments ahead of time. He often volunteers to add

to the classroom discussion. We transition from activity to activity in class and Michael is always ready for change being made which helps lead the classroom as a whole. Mike is also considerate of others in class and treats all his peers with respect."

Amanda Alt nominated Morehart and she writes, "Ethan has had a strong start to his senior year! He began the year with great determination and a drive to be successful which is evident in the high-quality work that he does at Lowell High School and at KCTC where he participates in the Diesel and Equipment tech program. Ethan balances his school schedule with



Ethan Morehart

work and hobbies and is not letting the challenges of more difficult classes slow him down. In class, Ethan's teachers can always count on him to lend a hand whenever something needs to get done. Ethan is compassionate and works

very hard with a personal pride that shows. He has demonstrated maturity and growth in his years at LHS.

We are so proud of Ethan's outstanding progress and look forward to his many future successes."

Red Arrow

CROSS-COUNTRY

# SPORTS

## Harriers compete at MHSAA Pre-Regionals

The Lady Arrows completed the team portion of the season as they competed at the MHSAA Pre-Regional meet hosted by Cedar Springs. The team put together one of the fastest 1-5 team averages of the season with an average time of 20:53 while sending two runners to the regional meet this coming Saturday. The meet was won by Ottawa Hills followed by Forest Hills Central, Rockford, and Forest Hills Northern. The top four teams advance to the next round as do the top seven individuals not on a qualifying team.

Leading the way for Lowell and qualifying for next week were Annika

Sandman in 13th place running 19:33 along with Katrina Sandman in 22nd place running 20:21. Keira Sandman placed 31st running 21:03, Lauren Swain placed 40th running 21:47, Theresa Judd placed 43rd running 22:09, Canaan McKinney placed 48th running 22:44, and Kaylee Byrne placed 53rd running 23:12.

The boys varsity cross-country team advanced to regionals with an impressive second place finish at the Pre Regional race in Cedar Springs. Rockford won the meet with 45 points, followed by Lowell with 71 points, and FHC with 76 points.

Coming in first for the Red Arrows was Cole Weston, seventh with a time of 16.28; followed by Sawyer Fowler, ninth in 16.40, Jackson Fowler, 16th in 17.00; John Lothian, 19th with 17.13, and Ben Bromley, 20th in 17.14. Rounding out the varsity lineup were Levi Mills, 26th with 17.23 and Keegan Cater, 29th in 17.27. The team will compete for a chance to qualify for state finals at next Saturday's Regional Meet at Benzie Central High School.

Regionals will be held on Saturday afternoon at Benzie County Central HS.



## Volleyball moves to 27-4

by Justin Scott  
contributing reporter

The Lowell Red Arrows volleyball team had a big week on the courts, sweeping through the Lowell Quad on Saturday and defeating state-ranked #4 Byron Center.

The win for the Red Arrows over Byron Center

Both wins were in straight sets. Hamilton (#7) and FHE (HM) are both ranked in the latest Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association rankings in division 2. Leading the team in kills was

six aces and four blocks. Zandstra had five aces and two blocks. Libero Emma Hall had 28 digs.

Following Tuesday's OK White tournament championship, Lowell will move to the district



Sophie Powell with one of her 90 assists on Saturday.

punched Lowell's ticket to the OK White tournament final against Grand Rapids Christian this Tuesday. Lowell notably won in straight sets by a score of 25-14, 25-22, 25-22 at Byron Center.

On Saturday, Lowell swept through their home quad by first defeating Forest Hills Eastern and Hamilton. FHE filled the slot of state-ranked #1 Farmington Hills Mercy, who was not able to participate on Saturday.

senior Jenna Reitsma with 61. Emily Struckmeyer and Sydney Zandstra combined for 30 as a duo. Reitsma also led the team in aces (9) and digs (30). In the finale of the day, Lowell defeated Lake Orion in a rematch of last year's state semifinal matchup.

Other statistical leaders from Saturday included Sophie Powell with 90 assists during the day. Powell also tallied 14 digs. Struckmeyer had

tournament. The schools in Lowell's district are Lowell, EGR, East Kentwood, Forest Hills Central, Forest Hills Northern, Ottawa Hills, and Wyoming. The Red Arrows drew former conference foe, Ottawa Hills, in the quarterfinal. A matchup against FHN would be looming in the semifinals should LHS prevail. Lowell (#2) and Forest Hills Central (#6) are the only two ranked schools in the district.

## MHSAA approves winter sports start

by Justin Scott  
contributing reporter

It was anyone's guess as to what the Michigan High School Athletic Association was going to decide at their executive meeting on winter sports last week.

On one hand, fall sports in Michigan have gone forward without too many hitches. Fans are back in the stands, and seasons that many feared could be lost for all sports have been coming to completion.

On the other, COVID-19 cases across the country have been

in the stands. The MHSAA released a press release on Friday.

"The Council believes it is safer to begin Winter practices on time and keep athletes in school programs where safety precautions are always in effect," MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl stated. "With the vastly different circumstances faced by schools in different regions all over the state, an on-time start still allows schools to decide when they feel most comfortable beginning activity — and allows all of them to slowly ramp up their frequency of activity and numbers of spectators attending competitions," Uyl said.

Based on information from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, face coverings both in the stands and in some cases in

competition will still be required. Face coverings must be worn by those competing in basketball, competitive cheer, ice hockey, and wrestling. Gymnastics, skiing, boys



swim & dive and bowling student-athletes do not require face coverings for competition. Uyl noted that while competition has been approved to go forward, they are keeping an eye on the virus as it trends upward.

"But let's be clear: Our statewide COVID-19 numbers have to get better. In order for our schools to continue playing sports this winter, and in order for fans to be there to cheer them on, we must continue working to slow down this virus," Uyl concluded.



trending the wrong way, including here in Michigan. Many winter sports also don't allow for social distancing, for example, basketball and wrestling.

Ultimately, winter sports here in Michigan will continue to go forward the same as fall sports did, with social distancing when possible and face coverings for student-athletes and those



## obituaries

### BEIMERS

Beimers, Richard L. (Rick), age 76 of Ada, passed away Friday, October 23, 2020. He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard J. & Mildred B. Beimers; and nephew, John Beimers. He is survived by his loving partner Lee (Leona) Konkle; daughter, Stephanie (Phil) Broekhuizen and her mother Arlene Beimers. Rick will be missed by grandchildren Cassidy, Connor and Corey Broekhuizen. Also survived by brother Kurt (Debbie) Beimers; sister, Janice (Len) Mol; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Rick attended St. Mary's School 1-8 grade, graduated from Lowell High School and went on to receive his Associate Degree from Davenport University. He served in the Army in Vietnam as an MP. Rick worked at Westside Beer until his retirement. He enjoyed working on his coin collection, playing cards and visits to the casino. Visitation took place Monday October 26, 2020 from 6-8 PM at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331. Military burial will be posted on Roth Gerst website. Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.



### CANFIELD

Bob Canfield, age 86 of Lowell, went to be with his Lord on Monday, October 26, 2020. He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Shirley; children, Greg Canfield, Lori Canfield, Dr. Mark (Lynne) Canfield, Steve (Deb) Dykstra, Jeff (Heidi) Dykstra; brother, Ken (Judy) Canfield; sister, Shirley Seese; 19 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren; brothers-and sisters-in-law, Mary Lou Rybski, Carol (Steve) Weber and Diane Alfien. Bob worked for Western Electric Bell Telephone for 40 years. He was retired for 27 years, taking care of their beautiful home on Murray Lake, where they won 1st Place year after year for their Christmas decorations. Bob served in the U.S. Army. He held the record for the 880 at Lowell High School which he ran in 1952. Visitation will be Thursday, October 29 from 2-4 and 6-8 PM at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, October 30 at 11:00 AM at St. Patrick Church, 4351 Parnell Ave. NE, Rev. Thomas Cavera, presiding. Interment Findlay Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Gilda's House, ATTN: Lowell, 1806 Bridge St. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504.



## Looking Back, continued

throwing eggs on the sidewalks, at cars and people."

Construction was underway this week on improvements and expansion at the Roth Funeral Home, 305 N Hudson St. Lowell. According to Jerry Roth, the front of the building was being moved out to make room for more offices. Iron grill work was to be added in keeping with the Southern motif now becoming popular with other Lowell businessman.

Four Lowell High School seniors will make their first appearance this year on WZZM's 8 pm quiz bowl Wednesday night. The students, Martha Coons, Mark Hosley, Pete Walter and Mike Talbot, will answer questions about history, world literature, mathematics and general information according to school counselor, Mrs. Alice Wessell.

### 25 years The Lowell Ledger November 1, 1995

Fifth-grade students at Cherry Creek and Alto elementaries opened up their FMB branch banks last week. The purpose of these banks is to help teach students responsibility, math, leadership, and introduce them to a possible career.

Two Lowell City Council incumbents will be met by the challenge of four candidates in the race for three city council seats on Tuesday, Nov. 7. The general election will determine two four-year seats and one two-year seat. The two candidates with the most votes will get four-year terms and the third will get a two-year term. Incumbents running to retain their seats are councilmen Bill Thompson and Donald Green.

Jim Fizer, owner of J & S Blimpie, rents three quarters of the business space located at 2001 W. Main. However, his businesses are not represented on the pole sign in front of the building. "I can't put anything else up because all the signage is used up," Fizer said. "I have three quarters of the building space and Admiral has 100 percent of the pole signage."



## Letters, continued

costing millions, turned up nothing except a court that accepted false FISA warrants, stemming from a fake dossier paid for by the Clinton campaign.

I'm proudly voting Trump so that he and his administration may continue to clean up the swamp which is Washington D.C., again, including both parties. In

his inauguration speech in 2017 he stated, "... We have to figure out how to work together. I want to try and find some common ground." If so many of us work together at a local level to get things done, it should be able to happen at the much higher level as well.

*Nancy Stroosnyder  
Lowell Township*

## Social Security spouse's benefits explained

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If you took your reduced retirement first while waiting for your spouse to reach retirement age, your own retirement portion remains reduced. When you add spouse's benefits later, the total retirement and spouses benefit together will total less than 50 percent of the worker's amount. You can find out more about this at [www.ssa.gov/OACT/quickcalc/spouse.html](http://www.ssa.gov/OACT/quickcalc/spouse.html).

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Dated: October 12, 2020

Adult Protective Services, DHHS, Petitioner 121 Franklin St. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49507 (616) 350-3691

VAN ESSEN AND ASSOCIATES PLLC Atty.s for Petitioner by Amanda Van Essen Wirth (P75001) 109 E. Main St. Suite 11 Zeeland, MI 49464 (616) 633-0196

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# LHS Theater Department performing A Delightful Quarantine

by Sierra Hieshetter

Many different events at Lowell High School have soldiered on despite the global pandemic happening around them, and the LHS 2020 Fall Play is no different. This year the theatre company will be performing A Delightful Quarantine: A Play About A Homebound Town, by Mark Dunn. Remarkably, though the title is uncannily relevant to our lives today, director Heidi Kolp picked the show in January of 2020, before any of this absurdity began.

"I spent most of last year looking for a play that was well-written and hilarious with a large cast and many strong roles," Kolp, long time director and English teacher at LHS, says about the selection of the play. "I was basically looking for a

young couture-obsessed little girls "home alone" for the duration, and a brother who cannot honor his sick sister's greatest wish.

The show allows for a large main cast, so many students have the opportunity to share the spotlight. Senior Kendra Martino commented on why she chose to audition, "I have always enjoyed taking on characters. On top of that the theater community in Lowell is so welcoming. I enjoy the acting but I love the behind-the-scenes movements with the cast as well in past productions. I wanted to be in this production so I could make some more memories for my senior year with this amazing community."

Kendra added that her favorite part of this year's

that you really are that character."

The cast has also fallen victim to quarantining due to contact tracing, when someone they've been in close contact with tests positive for the virus. The cast member must either be tested for COVID-19, or quarantine for the fourteen day incubation period. Several cast members have joined rehearsals via Google Meet video calls while being stuck at home.

"The most challenging part of this play has been having members of the cast quarantined (myself included) due to symptoms of COVID-19 and contact tracing," says sophomore and first time cast member William Kolp. "Thankfully, no one on the cast has tested positive for COVID-19,



Sophomore William Kolp and Senior Brooke Rempalski swing dance in a scene.

But the live-stream option adds flexibility for those unable to see the show in person, and it is an exciting tool the LHS theatre department hopes to continue to use after the pandemic is over.

The show is a comedy, and as junior cast member Leah Halstead puts it, "It pertains to the time we are experiencing right now, but with a comedic twist. It is written with a great plot and development of all characters. This production provides a great laugh and I think it will provide relief during this time."

Sophomore cast member Karina Pepliski added, "I really think there is something for everyone in this show. The characters deal with very real struggles and the growth that they go through is super cool to see. It can also be a great way to distract yourself from the stress of everyday life."

The cast and crew of A Delightful Quarantine have worked very hard on this production, despite every new day bringing new challenges to the cast and crew. "Because of

COVID-19, we never know what the next week, let alone the next day will bring with it when it comes to our rehearsals, says Munson. "It's scary thinking that all of this could be over just like that, and that we won't get to showcase all the hard work we've put into this production. It only makes me more grateful for every

person or through livestream because it will definitely boost your spirits and put your heart back in a good place. It is funny with a positive message that I think we all absolutely need right now."

The play will perform the first weekend in November. Show dates are November 6th and 7th

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~ cast member Leah Halstead



Freshman Tori Labron threatens senior Asher Peters with a broom.

unicorn, and I found it. The bonus is that it also has an amazing heart."

The story centers around a small suburb in Pennsylvania in the midst of an alien invasion. As the residents are forced to quarantine in their homes, secrets get revealed, conflicts erupt and recede, long festering wounds are dressed, and friendships

show is "the energy the cast has brought this year. This cast is so talented and has brought such an exciting energy to the production."

Of course, with the shadow of the global pandemic hanging over the cast and crew of the play, this year had brought new and tough challenges to the department. The entire cast must wear masks throughout

but it's difficult to practice when members who can't be at rehearsal are on video calls reading off their lines instead of actually being there."

The pandemic has also added a challenging, yet exciting aspect of performing the show. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, seating availability is limited inside the Lowell Performing Arts Center. So the department has decided to add a digital live stream ticket option for viewing the play. The cast must figure out how to act to cameras as well as a live-audience, and the crew must wrap their heads around this new piece of technology.

Says stage manager senior Sydney Munson, "due to COVID-19, we're having to incorporate a filmed version of the show this year with multiple camera angles. Having to adapt to this entirely new method of presenting our work is a completely new experience for not only myself, but also for our cast and crew."

and relationships terminated or reinstated. The story features a mother reunited with the daughter she gave up for adoption thirty-two years earlier, a man with a secret that upends his marriage, a woman with fourteen cats - all invisible, a foiled house burglary that must wait three days for the police, a rekindled high school romance, two

the entire show and socially distance themselves when possible.

"Wearing a mask is the most challenging part of the play," says senior cast member Rachel Lezan. "In normal life wearing a mask is hard, but when you are portraying a character to a large audience, you really have to work hard to convince the audience



Senior Rachel Lezan, sophomore Leah Halstead, and sophomore Emmaline Wasciuk play a game of Twister.

# FUN PAGE

## SUDOKO

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		1				7		
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Level: Beginner

**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!

# LITERARY WORD SEARCH

P A T E L E C N A V D A Y P O C G E D C  
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 T G D T J A H P C G N V A C Y D I T L A  
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 C M F T R C Y R U N D G O J Y L A I A L  
 R D V S T Y K O O G G E C T G N E V L Y  
 G V R D I E R K E F T M H O A L R J H L  
 Y M B R M N R H U E R M U S V T L C U F  
 H R G A B B I N D I N G V A I E E R U C  
 B A B O E F R Y B G J S E G C L R D A I  
 V N S B E F T N I R P M I L B D B S J E  
 S F T E K C A J K E D I T I O N E U R J  
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 I N S C R I B E D M V Y S T U D S D O F  
 H T B P H P G B C F M B L E N U R S F E  
 Y I R T I M N P L K R L O H E G E M B G  
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

Puzzle solutions on page 13

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## Guess Who?

I am a singer born in California on October 25, 1984. As a child, I was only allowed to listen to gospel music because my parents were pastors. Eventually I branched out and gained fame as a pop singer. My 2010 album featured five songs that topped the charts.

Answer: Katy Perry

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to books.

**N I D O T E I**

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Answer: Edition

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**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Engine additive
- 4. Undemanding
- 8. “\_\_ your enthusiasm”
- 10. Well-known island
- 11 Not saintly
- 12. Habitual
- 13. Central parts of church buildings
- 15. Trust
- 16. Intestinal
- 17. Deep-bodied fish
- 18. Live up to expectations
- 21. Snag
- 22. Partner to haw
- 23. General’s assistant (abbr.)
- 24. Sheep disease
- 25. Male term of endearment
- 26. United
- 27. Popular TV host
- 34. Overnighters
- 35. Beloved British princess

- 36. Obtains from
- 37. Third Mughal Emperor
- 38. Shares the opinion of
- 39. Central European river
- 40. Feudal estates
- 41. KU hoops coach Bill
- 42. Spreads out for drying
- 43. “The Partridge Family” actress Susan

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Picturesque
- 2. South Pacific island country
- 3. Shrub of the olive family
- 4. Establish the truth of
- 5. Unfettered
- 6. Originations
- 7. Famed English park
- 9. Sheep’s cry
- 10. Danced
- 12. More upstanding

- 14. Upstate NY airport (abbr.)
- 15. Type of lettuce
- 17. Place to call a pint
- 19. Backs
- 20. Partner to cheese
- 23. Makes it there
- 24. Value
- 25. One’s convictions
- 26. Former CIA
- 27. Clashed
- 28. Affirmative
- 29. Journalist Tarbell
- 30. Athletic shoes
- 31. Roof style
- 32. Make possible
- 33. Make less dense
- 34. Healthy food
- 36. Silly

# LowellArts artist market begins Friday, Oct. 30

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

The annual winter artist market at LowellArts, 223 W. Main, is going to start on Friday, Oct. 30 and has been extended into January.

More than 40 local artists will have unique, one-of-a-kind artwork available for sale, such as pottery, paintings, photography, jewelry, textiles, glass, handbags, woodwork, metal, basketry, ornaments, soaps and a lot more.

The dates of the sale, Oct. 30 through Jan. 23, make the event perfect for holiday gift shopping, and it's also a good opportunity to add a few interesting items to your personal collection of local art.

"In the past, we would pack the gallery from floor to ceiling with merchandise," said LowellArts project director Janet Teunis. "This year we're going to make an effort to make sure the space feels really open. That way we can be sure that, when people are shopping, they have that social distancing space. When you're shopping, you won't have to

elbow somebody!"

Artists with work for sale in the market will include Neven Allan, Cindy Allen, Julie Billups, Lisa Boerema, Skylar Brez, Carol Caron, Joy Castonguay, Sierra A. Cole, Samantha Coon, Anne M. Curtis, Lisa Dionne, Jennifer Gould, Kris Green, Marty Green, Jeff Ham, Sue Haveman, Jennifer Helner, Emma Hoekstra, Linda Ippel, Sally Jenks, Amy Johnson, Tammy Johnson, Lori Kammeraad, David Kerley, Bob Kleczynski, Jane Kropewnicki, Janet Krueger, Rebecca Kugele, Mary Lamson-Burke, Whitney Lassini, Darla-Jo LeBaron, Hallie LeBlanc, Roger MacNaughton, Jaynee Michaels, Patti Mollema, Colleen O'Rourke, Jim O'Rourke, Betsy Ratzsch, Tom Reynolds, Tom Sampson, Maxine Shearer, Adam Trabka, Mary Gail VanSledright, Mary VanWingen, Julia Voake and Jeannette Woltmann.

Working artists typically rely on the fairs and festivals of the summer for the

majority of their income. Those were all canceled this year, so LowellArts has had dramatically increased participation in their annual winter sale.

"We always have new artists, but this particular year we had about 25 percent more new artists," Teunis said. "They are typically doing art fairs all summer long, and none of that happened this year. Sales in the fall and winter were also canceled, so we are one of the few opportunities for artists. Also, a lot of our repeat artists who have been here for many years have added new products to what they sell. Artists have been experimenting during the pandemic and trying new things. For instance, we have a very accomplished jewelry artist, Whitney Lassini, who has added a whole line of one-of-a-kind mugs. She transfers one of her original drawings to the cup, and it's very cool."

Those who stop by should wear a mask correctly (meaning over the nose)




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and respect others' personal space.

"Masks are required at all times for everyone using the LowellArts facility," reads a LowellArts press release. "All visitors to the gallery are required to wear masks, fully covering their nose and mouth. Visitors should keep six feet of distance between themselves and other people.

A limited number of visitors are allowed in the gallery at a time. Upon entering the facility, everyone is required to use the hand sanitizer located at both entrances."

The gallery's hours from Oct. 30 through Dec. 24 are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm and Sunday from noon until 5 pm. They will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, Nov. 26. The gallery's hours from Jan. 2 until Jan. 23 are Tuesday through Friday from 10 am until 6 pm and Saturday from noon until 5 pm.

Between Dec. 15 and 24, LowellArts members at the individual or household level will qualify for 10 percent off their purchases; members at the friend, patron or enthusiast level will get 20 percent off. There is no age limit to purchase a LowellArts membership, they start at \$40 and last one year.

If you require more information, there is plenty on their website, [lowellartsmi.org/lowellarts-artist-market](http://lowellartsmi.org/lowellarts-artist-market).




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