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Expo '21 will be on the Riverwalk in June

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

One of Lowell's biggest and most popular springtime events is the annual Lowell Expo.

It's traditionally been held at Lowell High School, where crowds of people would pack the gyms, hallways and rooms – not the safest type of event to host during a pandemic.

Therefore, Expo organizers announced last week that this year's event will take place on the Lowell Riverwalk on Saturday, June 12 from 10 am until 3 pm.

"The ever-changing climate of COVID forces organizers to think outside the box," Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Liz Baker said in a press release. "The re-purposed version, 'Expo on the Riverwalk,' will be an outside event on Lowell's Riverwalk. The

event will take place on June 12 from 10 am to 3 pm, rain or shine! Along with live person-to-person booths, the committee will produce an Expo booklet that serves as a marketing piece for ongoing promotion of businesses and organizations. Pricing includes booth and ad space. For those unable to be at the Expo, they will still have an opportunity to purchase a stand-alone ad. The Expo booklet will also contain a golden raffle ticket for a chance to win Lowell Bucks. Booth space will be limited and we will be following COVID-19 guidelines."

The Chamber's press release continued to explain that over 70 local businesses, service groups, churches and government agencies are expected to participate, and there will also be Lowell Bucks raffle, a chicken



The crowd at the 2015 Lowell Expo.

barbecue dinner will be provided by the Lowell Area Fire department and they're planning an "Expo happy

hour" in the new Showboat City Social District.

If your business or organization is interested in

participating in "Expo on the Riverwalk," the applications will go live at lowellexpo.org on Friday, Feb. 26.

FROM food pantry undergoes major renovations

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

FROM's food pantry has been providing food to families and individuals in the greater Lowell community for more than 20 years. The pantry currently serves hundreds of families and individuals each month.

It was looking a little worn out in there after decades of intense use, so the charity recently renovated the space.

"As we thought out the project, we wanted to create an open concept to create a better flow and brighten the walls and rooms so that the pantry was a welcoming environment," said Arianne Hall, FROM development director. "The old layout wasn't conducive for our needs, the shelving units were becoming unstable and unsafe, one of our refrigerators was getting old and needing replacement and the old flooring was worn out from years of walking on it. This project allowed us to purchase a new refrigerator, new shelving units, new safer slip resistant flooring, and a fresh coat of paint. We now have a wonderful, welcoming space that we can invite our participants into."

The hours are still Tuesdays from 2 pm until 4 pm, Wednesdays from 5 pm until 7 pm and Fridays from 10 am until noon, and interested parties should still check fromlowell.org/pantry for details.

"The renovations don't change anything about our services or our hours," Hall said. "It was simply time for an update. The focus was on making the pantry more inviting to our program participants. One of our values at FROM is 'welcome,' and we kept that in mind as we chose paint colors and design. We want our pantry to be more inviting for those that come in. We continue to be open to the greater Lowell community for all those in need of food assistance."

The renovations were made possible through donations of time, materials and effort from local individuals, companies and organizations.

"Our community really came together and we were able to fund this project through the support of local foundations and through generous in-kind donations," Hall said. "Amway and LCTV Fund provided funds to update

flooring, shelving and the refrigerator, Sherwin-Williams of Ionia provided the paint, and West Michigan Garage Interiors updated the floor. Truly this project would not have

been possible without our incredible volunteers. We had a number of volunteers who helped us every step of the way, from helping with the design and painting to taking down old

shelving and assembling new shelving. We are so thankful for all of our talented volunteers who helped make this project possible."

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Entries in 35th annual W. MI Art Competition now on display at LowellArts

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Entries in the 35th annual West Michigan Art Competition are now on display in the gallery at LowellArts, 223 W. Main, and will be hung there until April 10.

There are \$2,500 in prizes up for grabs, to be split among the top five finalists. The winners are scheduled to be announced on Tuesday, Feb. 16, and will be listed in next week's Lowell Ledger.

A grand total of 242 artists submitted work, 92 of these pieces are on display. All artists

involved are 18 or older and live in one of these West Michigan counties: Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Cass, Calhoun, Clare, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Ionia, Isabella, Kalamazoo, Kent, Lake, Mason, Mecosta, Muskegon, Montcalm, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa, Saint Joseph and Van Buren.

The judge is experimental painter Richard Brinn, a native of Detroit who currently resides in the rural outskirts of Muskegon. Brinn has earned BFA,

MA and MFA degrees in painting from Wayne State University, and has exhibited work throughout the Midwest. He taught drawing and painting at Schoolcraft College in Livonia for 25 years and taught fine art at Wayne County Community College for more than ten years.

The LowellArts gallery is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 am until 6 pm and every Saturday from noon until 5 pm. For more information, visit lowellartsmi.org or call 616-897-8545.

WearForward brings eco-awareness to Lowell with style

by Gerald Browning
contributing reporter

With a fun and unique style, WearForward, 98 E. Main, is making an impact in the Lowell community.

Owners Victoria "Tori" Runstrom and Toria Morris have grown their online consignment shop business into a beautiful boutique nestled in downtown Lowell. The online business launched in August of last year. Soon afterwards, Runstrom asked her friend, Toria, to help with the business.

"Originally I was completely based online and I was running the website from my home in Lowell," Runstrom said in an online interview. "By the end of August, I quickly realized that my online operation grew way too big for my home and I needed to move into brick [and] mortar."

Runstrom mentioned that owning a "zero-waste consignment shop" has been a dream come true.

"I have always had a

dream of owning my own secondhand clothing shop that felt like a high-end experience," Runstrom said.

So with four creative eyes and a beautiful view of the river, Runstrom and Morris have done exactly that. On their website, wear-forward.com, it states that all of their packaging, shipping materials, and marketing materials are 100 percent compostable or reusable. To go along with the consignment business model of selling gently used clothes, the price tags on the clothes contain wildflower seeds. One could plant the tags and watch plants such as English daisies or foxgloves bloom.

"Toria and I have always been very passionate about the environment," Runstrom said. "All our packaging is biodegradable. We started shopping secondhand because of the terrible impacts that fast fashion has on the environment. The

textile industry is one of the leaders in water pollution. A staggering statistic that really made me open my eyes is that it takes 713 gallons of water to produce a SINGLE cotton t-shirt."

Being environmentally efficient has allowed Runstrom and Morris to "run our business with purpose." From the idea of having a consignment shop to having price tags that grow wildflowers, everything in their business model is environmentally aware. Even the shopping bags that the in-store customers get are 100 percent+ cotton. All of this seems to show that their business model not only allows them to stand out from other businesses, but is a genuine desire to make the world a better, cleaner place.

Runstrom decided to open the store in Lowell because she has been a resident of Lowell since she was a teenager, she saw an amazing opportunity to help her hometown grow and she took it.

"[Lowell has] been my home since I was 15 and I have loved the town, the people and the river," Runstrom said. "I would love to see Lowell continue



WearForward owners Victoria "Tori" Runstrom and Toria Morris.

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Lowell Planning-Citizens Advisory Commission will hold a public hearing at Lowell City Hall, located at 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 on Monday, March 8, 2021, at 7:00 PM. The subject of the hearing will be:

As a result of COVID – 19 and the current social distancing practices being mandated statewide, the meeting may be held via the Zoom Computer Teleconferencing System. Please visit our website at www.lowellmi.gov to verify how the meeting will be held.

Proposed Adult Use Marihuana Establishment at 1250 W. Main Street

An application has been submitted by Mr. Brian Toma for an adult use marihuana establishment ("Joyology") at 1250 W. Main Street (PPN 41-20-03-477-003). Adult use marihuana establishments are permitted in the C3 General Business district only with special land use approval from the Planning Commission.

Copies of the application and the City's Zoning Ordinance are available for public viewing during regular business hours at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan. Written comments will be received until the night of the hearing.

The City will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to those with disabilities planning to attend upon three (3) days' notice to the City Clerk. Individuals who require such services should contact the City at the address listed above or by telephone at 616-897-8457.



Respectfully,
Susan Ullery
Lowell City Clerk

2021 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP, KENT COUNTY

Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 9 a.m. =
Organizational Meeting

Monday, March 8, 2021
9:00 a.m. to 12 noon & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 9, 2021
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Virtual or telephonic appointments will be Available by request.

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2021 assessments. **By board resolution, residents are allowed to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 9, 2021.**

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2021 are as follows:

Agricultural	48.64	1.0279
Commercial	52.88	.9455
Residential	47.43	1.0541
Industrial	48.07	1.0401
Personal	50.00	1.0000

American with Disabilities (ADA) Notice

The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon 2 days notice.

**Contact: Supervisor Jerry Hale, 2910 Alden
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Board of Review Members, Sandra Graham,
Nancie Mathews & James Foerch.
Jerry Hale, Township Supervisor, Secretary of
Board of Review.

to keep growing and adding more shopping. The community has received us so well and I think we have helped other entrepreneurs feel like it's possible to open a successful business in our small town."

One could definitely call WearForward a "successful business" since, during a pandemic that saw a lot of companies close down, WearForward saw an expansion of their brick and mortar business.

"I think one of the many advantages we had as a business starting out in 2020 [is that] we understand the better need for being adaptable at a moment's notice," Runstrom said.

One of the most important influences for this was their positive social media presence. Both online and visiting their shop, WearForward has customers from all over the country. Customers are able to order online and have their merchandise shipped to their home or, if they live nearby, they can order their items and pick them up in the store. Because of this, one of their biggest challenges is keeping up with the orders.

"We have a solid group of supporters," Runstrom said. "We have shipped from Maine to California to Texas. Also, I think now more than ever people are excited to see new businesses start and thrive. It's very easy to burn out

and slack off for a moment then find yourself totally behind. I also think one of the biggest challenges we face is keeping up with our online site now that we are back in brick and mortar. We had some glitches but have worked them all out and are relaunching our online shop on Feb. 14."

Another challenge was Runstrom's battle with COVID-19 during this time. With breathing concerns, migraines, and fevers, it was a terrible sickness. Now all of that is behind her.

"I ended up with a pretty nasty case and was in the ER at one point," Runstrom said. "I ended up getting pneumonia and had a high fever for two weeks. It was not a fun time to be totally laid up in bed, not able to help with the expansion. It was extremely stressful and scary, but I am happy to be back and healthy again."

One of the hottest shops in Lowell, WearForward has transformed from a dream to an online retail site, to a brick and mortar business with a heavy social media presence and loyal customers.

"We cater to women of all ages and all sizes," Runstrom said. "We carry sizes XXS-6X [and] a huge variety of brands like Urban Outfitters, Zara, American Eagle, Old Navy, Target Brands and Micheal Kors, and even high-end brands like Prada and Dolce & Gabbana."

FROM, continued

Everything in the food pantry and the thrift store at FROM were donated. The pantry's current needs are listed in the graphic.

“Donations from our whole wheat bread, shampoo and laundry detergent. FROM is also a recipient of the Meijer Simply Give program, and when there are double

double matched, making the gift \$30. The Simply Give program helps us purchase additional food items that we may need at any given time in our

to take advantage of their programs, visit fromlowell.org or call 616-897-8260.

“We always welcome new volunteers to all

always lots of things going on at FROM. We're working on a few other major projects right now that we hope to share soon. We encourage people to

come out and check out our renovated food pantry in person and, of course, there are always treasures to find at Treasures Thrift Shop.”



Before the renovations. Photo provided by Flat River Outreach Ministries.



Current Food Pantry Needs

- Fresh Fruits or Vegetables
- Gluten Free Items
- Olive Oil
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Dish Soap or Laundry Detergent
- Whole Wheat Bread
- Whole Grain Cereal
- Whole Wheat Crackers
- Reduced Sugar Granola Bars
- Paper Towel



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community help us keep our food pantry stocked all throughout the year,” Hall said. “And we so appreciate all of the food donations! We are always in need of fresh produce,

match days coming up on March 13 and April 3. Double match days means if you purchase a \$10 Simply Give donation card at Meijer it will be

pantry.” FROM is constantly in need of volunteers. For more information about FROM, either to be a volunteer or

aspects of our organization and encourage you to call our office and chat with our volunteer coordinator, Michael, to learn more,” Hall said. “There are



After the renovations. Photo provided by Flat River Outreach Ministries.

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As a result of COVID – 19 and the current social distancing practices being mandated statewide, the meeting may be held via the Zoom Computer Teleconferencing System. Please visit our website at www.lowellmi.gov to verify how the meeting will be held.

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, Michigan 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.

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Lowell City Clerk

NOTICE Vergennes Township

Vergennes Township is accepting applications for the part time position of Zoning Administrator/Planning Coordinator. Applicants should possess Zoning and Planning experience along with a general knowledge of the Township Ordinances and building requirements. Township residency is not required.

Detailed information is available at the Vergennes Township Website www.vergennestwp.org Resumes along with a cover letter can be sent to Shantell Ford, Clerk - clerk@vergennestwp.org or PO Box 208, Lowell MI 49331 by February 24, 2021 at 3 p.m.

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Today: Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Wednesday, Feb. 17 is the 48th day of the year. There are 317 days remaining until the end of the year and 31 days until spring.

Historic Events

1600: On his way to be burned at the stake for heresy in Rome, philosopher Giordano Bruno has a wooden vise clamped on his tongue to prevent him from speaking.

1621: Myles Standish is appointed as first military commander of the Plymouth Colony.

1801: An electoral tie between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr is resolved when Jefferson is elected President and Burr is elected Vice President by the US House of Representatives.

1819: The US House of Representatives passes the Missouri Compromise.

1859: The French Navy captures the Citadel of Saigon in Vietnam.

1863: Founding of the

International Committee for Relief to the Wounded, later known as the Red Cross.

1865: Columbia, SC is burned as Confederate forces flee from advancing Union forces.

1867: The first ship passes through the Suez Canal.

1904: Giacomo Puccini's opera "Madama Butterfly" premieres at La Scala in Milan.

1913: The "Armory Show" opens in New York City, displaying works by influential painters including Paul Cézanne, Gustave Courbet, Edgar Degas, Marcel Duchamp, Paul Gauguin, Vincent van Gogh, Francisco Goya, Edward Hopper, Wassily Kandinsky, Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec,

Édouard Manet, Henri Matisse, Claude Monet, Edvard Munch, Pablo Picasso, Camille Pissarro, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Auguste Rodin, Georges Seurat and James Abbott McNeill Whistler.

1933: Newsweek magazine is first published.

1944: Operation Hailstone begins when the US military attacks Truk Lagoon in Japan by land, air and submarine.

1949: Chaim Weizmann begins his term as the first President of Israel.

1959: Vanguard 2, the first weather satellite, is launched to measure cloud cover distribution.

1964: In Wesberry v. Sanders, the US Supreme Court rules that congressional districts have to be approximately



Green Day in concert at the DeltaPlex in Grand Rapids on Monday, Jan. 22, 2001. Lead singer Billie Joe Armstrong (center) turns 49 years old today.

equal in population.

1965: As part of Project Ranger, the Ranger 8 probe launches. Its mission is to photograph the Mare Tranquillitatis region of the Moon in preparation for manned Apollo missions. Apollo 11 would eventually land there on July 20, 1969.

1968: The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame opens in Springfield, MA.

1974: Disgruntled US Army private Robert K. Preston buzzes the White House in a stolen helicopter.

1978: The Provisional IRA detonates a bomb at the La Mon restaurant near Belfast, killing 12 and injuring 30 others.

1996: World chess champion Garry Kasparov beats the Deep Blue supercomputer at a match in Philadelphia.

1996: NASA's Discovery Program begins when the

"NEAR Shoemaker" lifts off on the first mission ever to orbit and land on an asteroid.

2006: The official death toll is 1,126 after a massive mudslide in Southern Leyte, Philippines.

2008: Kosovo declares independence from Serbia.

2011: Arab Spring protests begin against Muammar Gaddafi's regime in Libya.

2016: Military vehicles explode outside a Turkish Armed Forces barracks in Ankara, killing 29 people and injuring 61 more.

Birthdays

1843: Aaron Montgomery Ward, founder of department store chain

1893: Wally Pipp, baseball player

1919: Kathleen Freeman, actor

1925: Hal Holbrook, actor

1934: Barry Humphries, comedian, a.k.a. Dame

Edna Everage

1936: Jim Brown, football player, actor

1937: Mary Ann Mobley, actor, Miss America 1959

1941: Gene Pitney, singer/songwriter

1942: Huey P. Newton, co-founder of the Black Panther Party

1954: Rene Russo, actor

1956: Richard Karn, actor, game show host

1962: Lou Diamond Phillips, actor

1963: Daniel Whitney, comedian, a.k.a. Larry the Cable Guy

1965: Michael Bay, director

1971: Denise Richards, actor

1972: Billie Joe Armstrong, singer/songwriter, guitarist, Green Day

1972: Taylor Hawkins, drummer, Foo Fighters

1974: Jerry O'Connell, actor

1981: Joseph Gordon-Levitt, actor

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Dave Stegehuis

Winter finally arrived with authority. It is the middle of February, so spring is a lot closer than it feels. Now may be a good time to muster some optimism and look forward to getting out and enjoying milder weather in Michigan's outdoors. Anticipating and preparing for outdoor activities is actually a major part of the total experience—whatever that may be.

Almost all of the regular springtime outdoor shows were cancelled this year. Attending these events

always provided a cure for winter cabin fever. This year we are on our own but can use the time to research trips and activities as well as purchase new gear and service what we have. As an example, for those involved with archery, selecting a new bow from the many available brands and models is the first step. Then adding accessories and tuning the package for the individual must be addressed. Once that is done, many hours of practice are necessary to achieve confidence on the

target range or competence in the field. A similar process would be followed for someone getting into fly fishing for the first time.

Fishermen also have to deal with boats and tackle. Michigan offers a great variety of fishing opportunities. One can easily get by with a rod, reel, and an old pair of sneakers to experience great small mouth bass fishing not far from where most of us are sitting. Getting rigged up with watercraft and tackle for open water bass, walleye, panfish, trout, or salmon becomes more complicated.

Recreational vehicles come in a vast array of types, sizes, and configurations. One should take plenty of

time to make a selection which will be practical for the intended use. Participating in motor sports presents the same kind of challenges when making purchases.

These are examples of only a few of the outdoor activities possible in the coming months in our state. The renewed interest in outdoor recreation will likely last beyond the pandemic. Manufacturers, businesses, resort operators, campgrounds, and public agencies have had time to make adjustments for the anticipated demand, so let's get ready so we can hit the ground running when the sun shines again.

to the editor

Editor:

The passing of Robert Elzinga, LHS 1965, recalls a transformative era of Red Arrow athletics.

In 1962 Lowell's high school was an aging dark-brick 3-story building on Monroe Street. A woodshop, band room, and bus garage shared a separate building along Lafayette Street.

The small varsity gym was attached to a 6-room 2-story grade school built in 1935. The single-story Runciman Elementary was constructed across the street in 1955.

On January 21, 1945, an arson fire destroyed the back half of the 1915 high school, partly replaced by a 3-story classroom addition in 1948. Student enrollment was increasing rapidly.

Imagine the joy of students when results of a March 1962 millage election were announced: Lowell would get a brand new high school -- by a single vote, 567 to 566.

That high school on Foreman Street opened in 1963, and Lowell athletes (only boys in those days) were primed for success.

Formerly, team championships had been rare, highly-valued achievements for LHS

sports. Bob Elzinga and his friends began a new tradition of athletic success that continues to this day.

He was their leader, as quarterback for Coach Charlie Pierce's 1964 unbeaten state-ranked Class B football team. No state playoffs back then.

End Duane McIver was an All-State "Dream Team" selection and MSU recruit. Mike McMahon and Paul Kropf were big speedy 200-pound running backs.

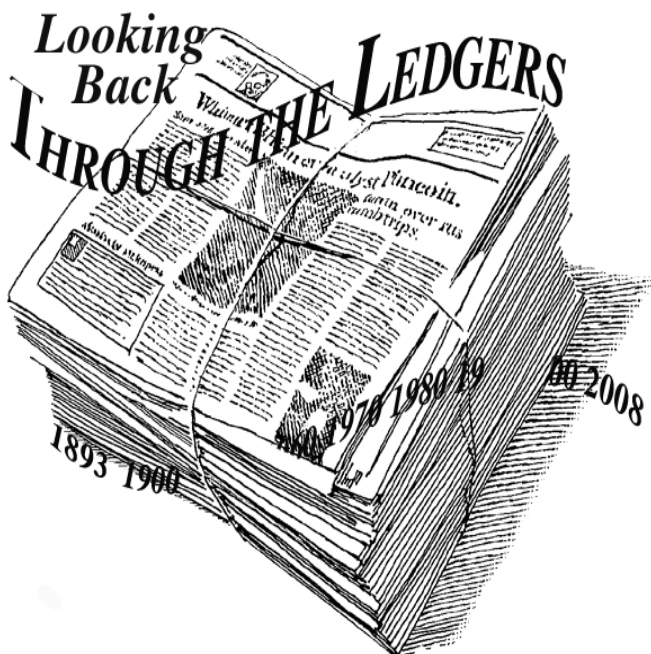
These boys also excelled in basketball, with an unbeaten 1964-65 regular season, and a Class B top-4 state rank under Coach Jack Kempker.

Leading scorer Elzinga was a 6-3 point guard, with 6-9 center Tim Nelson, 6-5 forward McIver, 6-3 forward Kropf, and 6-1 guard McMahon. Reserves were 6-3 Kurt Beimers and 6-1 Dick Rollins.

Exceptionally tall for that time, they were called "Lowell's Giants" by the big city media.

So let us once again remember and salute those young (but now old) Lowell athletes from so long ago . . . Stay safe!

Bob Thaler
LHS Class of 1960



100 years ago The Lowell Ledger February 24, 1921

All causes of the crime wave will soon be catalogued and indexed, "Ultra modern fashions for women" are found to be a contributing factor by Rev. Father Murphy, of Kalamazoo. Others are the World war, Bolshevism, German propoganda, the uncensored movies, lack of parental guidance, the modern dance, the illicit liquor traffic and Sabbath desecration. There may be other factors, but of those discovered to date, these are all we recollect. Our opinion is that all have contributed to present conditions, some more and some less; and there is a chance for improvement all down the line.

Fire started in an Ionia store by mice chewing matches, probably explains the origin of many a mysterious fire. Matches, mice and little children make bad combinations, avoiding which would prevent tremendous fire losses.

General satisfaction is expressed with the announcement of the selection and acceptance of Charles Evans Hughes as secretary of state of the incoming Harding cabinet. Here's hoping that the other cabinet selections will be of equally high caliber.

75 years The Lowell Ledger February 21, 1946

The interior of the local A & P Store has been repainted throughout its entire length and breadth. Manager Forrest Buck is quite a fellow for keeping things in ship-shape condition.

Harold Jefferies, who is serving as feature writer for the Eighth Army in Japan, has been promoted to T/4 (sergeant). Harold found the promotion awaiting him when he returned to headquarters after spending two weeks in an army hospital where he had been confined as a result of a leg injury.

Sidewalks and streets have been icy and a great many persons have fallen on the slippery surface. A good many have broken bones as the result. It is not pleasant to be laid up with a broken leg or hip. There is an art of walking "on the slippery," as someone calls it. Short and slow steps are the way to meet this danger. Those who walk carefully are not often victims of

125 years ago Lowell Ledger February 21, 1896

Bert Pettengill, who has just returned from serving a nine days' sentence in the Detroit house of correction, was picked up yesterday and lodged in the county jail. Later he was found to be suffering with smallpox and the health officer pronounces it a bad case. He had been sent to the prison pest house, west of the city, and the jail has been quarantined. The Circuit court, which was in session, has been adjourned indefinitely, and every precaution has been taken to prevent the disease spreading.

The contract for the furnishing and putting in place of the electrical apparatus complete for the municipal lighting plant has been secured by the Westinghouse electrical company of Pittsburg, which was one of six competing companies.

Diphtheria is raging in the townships of Grattan and Cannonsburg to an alarming extent, the disease having become thoroughly epidemic. All the schools in the village of Cannonsburg have been closed and the Parnell school in Grattan has been abandoned. The first victim of the malady was a young man named Doyle, who died. At least fifty persons were exposed to the case before the nature of the disease became known.

We love to hear from you!

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

The requirements are:

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

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ABCs of Lowell History

The ABC's of Lowell History was introduced last 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.

S is for Schussaway

The 1952 Jan Johnson illustrated map of Lowell, available at the Museum, shows "Schussaway Ski Tow" on the east side of town, yet few today know that Lowell was once home to a Ski Slope that was advertised throughout the State.

Shushaway, or Schussaway, the newspaper spells it both ways, opened in 1948 and continued until at least 1955. The skiers would park on the north side of M-21, at the east gates, with the Riverview Tavern/Inn conveniently located for dinner. The ski slope was in a back pasture of the Highland Hill Dairy, the long walk from the parking area to the slopes lined with "Burma Shave" style signs. The land was owned by Arie Leeman, and Schussaway was owned and operated by Paul and Carl Kerekes.

The advertisements began in 1949 and shouted, "Something new for skiers! You can ride up hill as well as down!" The skiers enjoyed the 'ride' up the slopes assisted by the ski tows. The schedule shows Shushaway open from Thursday – Sunday. The

most expensive times to ski were Friday and Saturday evenings.

The Kerekes brothers were successful in seeing Schussaway listed in the ski reports throughout the state of Michigan. Powder reports were seen in Detroit, Battle Creek, Traverse City, and many other newspapers. The West Michigan Tourist and Resort Association published a 24-page booklet of detailed information on skiing, including Schussaway.

The expert instruction of the Kerekes Brothers was a huge asset for Schussaway. The Board of Trade and other groups would sponsor time periods of free instruction for school children by the Kerekes brothers.

The Kerekes name had long been known in Lowell after Bella Kerekes, Great Grandfather to Paul and Carl, came to Lowell with his new bride. They first lived in a log cabin, on M-21 on the east edge of town. Brothers Paul, Carl and Lloyd received expert ski instruction as part of their military training. They served in the U.S. Ski Troops, Company B, 85th Regiment of the 10th Mountain Division of the U.S. Army in World War II. They trained at Camp Hale in Colorado, one instructor being world famous ski jumper Torger Tokel. Paul was discovered to have medical issues at the end of training and was given a medical discharge. Carl and Lloyd were off to the mountains of Italy. Only Carl returned home, Lloyd being killed by sniper fire on April 8, 1945.



The top image shows Schussaway. The bottom is an advertisement for Schussaway.

Even after Schussaway ended, skiing would always be an important part of the lives of the Kerekes brothers. Carl competed throughout his life, and as recent as 2005, one year before his death, Carl was

ranked first in the 2005 National Championships for Males 80–84 years old.

Today the hills have been leveled somewhat, making room for the present occupants - the Highland Hills Home development.



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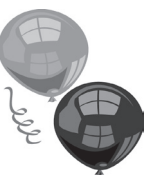
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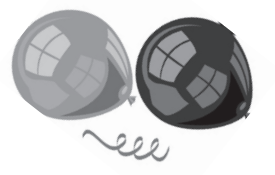
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MDHHS campaign emphasizes the need for mask-wearing, even after receiving COVID-19 vaccine

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is expanding its statewide paid media campaign to remind all Michiganders, including those who have already received the vaccine, to continue wearing masks as the safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine is administered throughout the state.


“We are making great progress towards our goal of vaccinating 70 percent of Michiganders as quickly as possible, but it is important people remain vigilant in preventing the spread of COVID-19 even after receiving a vaccine,” said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health. “Wear the right mask and wear it properly over your mouth and nose every time you will be around someone outside of your household. Masks, social distancing and washing hands are still very important in slowing the spread of COVID-19 and ending this pandemic.”

The \$1 million mask campaign runs through April and includes television, connected TV, radio, audio streaming, digital media, search, print in minority publications and social media. Digital ads with specific


Mask up, Mask right

A face mask is defined as a tightly woven cloth or other multi-layer absorbent material that closely covers an individual’s mouth and nose. Here are some guidelines to help you choose the most effective face mask.

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Need help getting a mask?

Residents can pick up a free mask from partner sites across the state, including most local MDHHS offices and Community Action Agencies. Find a distribution site or call the COVID-19 hotline at 1-888-535-6136.



messaging and targeting parameters were also developed to connect with minority populations.

MDHHS reminds Michiganders to follow these tips when wearing a mask:

Make sure your mask fits snugly against your face. Gaps can let air with respiratory droplets leak in and out around the edges of the mask.

Pick a mask with layers to keep your respiratory droplets in and others’ out. A mask with layers

will stop more respiratory droplets getting inside your mask or escaping from your mask if you are sick.

In addition, the CDC has recently recommended wearing two masks to increase protection against COVID-19. Double

masking is an easy way to improve fit, which also improves protection. The more particles that are blocked, the better you are protected against getting COVID-19. Other options to improve fit include

wearing a mask fitter or wearing a nylon covering (like a gaiter) over a mask.

Those in need of a free mask can contact their local Community Action

Agency or local DHHS office.

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available

at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus. To learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine, visit Michigan.gov/COVIDVaccine.

Lowell Police Department activities in January

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell Police Department made 16 arrests during the month of January.

These arrests included two for drunk driving, four for driving with a suspended license, three for outstanding warrants and seven that are described in the police department’s monthly statistics sheet as “other arrests.”

LPD also responded to plenty of misdemeanors during January. There were four larceny calls, one dog/animal complaint, two disorderly conduct calls and eight assaults. Lowell police issued 23 citations and notified one resident about an ordinance violation. Out of 74 traffic stops in January, they let 55 drivers go with a warning and gave out 23 traffic citations.

Lowell police were called to assist other law enforcement agencies 11 times and called other

agencies for assistance six times in January.

They were also called for assistance by citizens 58 times and motorists three

times. Lowell police were also dispatched to nine accidents during January, one with injuries.



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FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2021 1:00 p.m.
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021
9:00 A.M. TO 12 NOON
& 1:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021
1:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
& 6:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

(EVENING hours are by appointment only)

DUE TO CORONAVIROUS CONCERNS THE BOWNE TOWNSHIP MARCH 2021 BOARD OF REVIEW IS OFFERING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PROPERTY OWNERS TO APPEAL THEIR 2021 ASSESSMENT/TAXABLE VALUE BY SCHEDULING A ZOOM APPOINTMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK. ALL APPOINTMENT REQUESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE TOWNSHIP CLERK AT 616-868-6846 PRIOR TO 3:00 P.M. MARCH 4, 2021. IN LIEU OF A ZOOM APPOINTMENT, IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED APPEALS BE SUBMITTED BY MAIL. SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED TO MEET IN PERSON.

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GetSetUp to help residents navigate online COVID vaccine information

Older adults in Michigan experiencing challenges finding COVID-19 vaccine information online now have a trusted source for assistance.

Through its partnership with the national education technology company GetSetUp, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Aging & Adult Services Agency is offering a series of sessions to walk older Michiganders through the Michigan COVID-19 vaccine website, michigan.gov/coronavirus [1]. The goal is to help them find their local health department to register online for a vaccine appointment or to be added to the waitlist.

“Older adults have faced various challenges in accessing COVID-19 vaccinations. We want to make it easier for individuals

who have access to the internet to sign up online to receive a vaccine,” said Dr. Alexis Travis, senior deputy director of the Aging & Adult Services Agency. “Our partnership with GetSetUp is one way we are removing barriers and ensuring access to reliable and accurate information.”

On Thursday, Feb. 11, at 3 p.m., Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, Michigan’s chief medical executive and MDHHS chief deputy medical director, will join a session to provide a brief overview of the landscape in Michigan and to answer some frequently asked questions.

Registration is required. To register, visit www.getsetup.io/michigan [2] or call 1-888-559-1614. Michiganders without internet access looking for vaccine information

should contact the MDHHS COVID-19 hotline at 1-888-535-6136.

“We built GetSetUp to be a powerful community-based platform that could help older adults learn anything,” said Lawrence Kosick, co-founder of GetSetUp. “Right now, learning how to get a vaccine and scheduling an appointment is the top priority for older adults in Michigan, but many struggle with having sufficient technical expertise to find and navigate to the correct website(s) to sign up for the vaccine. Together with MDHHS, we’ve been able to expand our partnership and very quickly begin hosting live, online vaccine information sessions.



Based on our experience in Michigan and the support of MDHHS, this is now a program we’ve expanded across the country to help older adults in Michigan and everywhere get the information they need to protect their health.”

In addition to the vaccine information sessions, older Michiganders can access

more than 150 free online group classes designed for and led by older adults. Popular classes include how to use a smartphone or tablet, how to use services like video conferencing, email, social media, as well as virtual social hours. More than 45,000 older Michiganders are currently taking advantage of free

classes through GetSetUp. This project is funded in part by the Michigan Health Endowment Fund.

Information around the COVID-19 outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus.

Civics 101: The US Attorney General



by Lara Steffens contributing reporter

The Attorney General is a part of the Department of Justice and was created by the Judiciary Act of 1789. In June 1870, the Act to Establish the Department of Justice made the Attorney General the head of the Department of Justice.

The Attorney General has many jobs, for instance, he or she has power over US attorneys and US marshals. The Attorney General also supervises and directs the Department of Justice, which includes the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Drug Enforcement Administration, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Bureau of Prisons and the Office of Justice Programs.

The Attorney General’s principal duties include representing the US in



US Attorney General Monty Wilkinson

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Lowell Planning-Citizens Advisory Commission will hold a public hearing at Lowell City Hall, located at 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 on Monday, March 8, 2021, at 7:00 PM. The subject of the hearing will be:

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Proposed Vehicle Towing Service at 211 S. Washington Street SE

An application has been submitted by Mr. Chris Nelson for a vehicle towing service at 211 S. Washington Street SE (PPN 41-20-02-435-006). Subject to a Zoning Ordinance text amendment also under being considered at this meeting, vehicle towing services would be permitted in the I-L Light Industrial district only with special land use approval from the Planning Commission.

Copies of the application and the City’s Zoning Ordinance are available for public viewing during regular business hours at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan. Written comments will be received until the night of the hearing.

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Attorneys General can also issue formal opinions to state agencies, act as public advocates, propose legislation, enforce environmental laws, handle criminal appeals, and operate victim compensation programs.

Edmund Randolph was the first Attorney General. He served in 1789, soon after the Constitution was ratified. Although he didn’t have nearly as many responsibilities as modern-day Attorneys General do, he still helped the President with many tasks and was an important member of the Judiciary System.

Gov. Whitmer nudging, not mandating, in-person instruction with budget

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer wants all kids to return to school classrooms.

But her budget proposal doesn't create a pot of money to lure schools to go in that direction. Unlike House Republicans who built this type of fund, Whitmer is trying to incentivize schools to be in-person-ready with her funding programs, not the other way around.

The administration's approach is "to begin investing in our kids [and] to begin building capital and other resources to bring kids back into schools quicker," state budget director David Massaron told Thursday's joint Senate and House Appropriations Committee.

Whitmer's mid-year supplemental already sunk \$250 million to help students recover any learning loss during the pandemic while addressing any mental or physical issues they may have for the current school year.

It's against this backdrop the governor's team rolled out a Fiscal Year 2022 spending plan for schools that builds on her \$435.7 million response to the

COVID-19 pandemic's impact on the education community.

Two of her big investments for the 2021-22 school year include \$120 million more for summer school, day camps and other non-school hour offerings.

The second is a \$125.7 million emergency relief fund divided between nonpublic schools (\$86.8 million) and intermediate school districts (\$38.9 million) for additional COVID-19 recuperation efforts, mental health support and similar programs.

On Feb. 4, while presenting to the Senate K-12 Appropriations Subcommittee, state Superintendent Mike Rice urged lawmakers to consider doubling, at a minimum, the quantity received to ISDs for student mental health utilities.

Whitmer's \$14.7 billion School Aid Fund budget, the state's largest-ever school investment, also shifts \$200 million to K-12 school districts with significant pupil loss during COVID-19. Earlier this month, Rice confirmed an

enrollment plunge of 53,000 students for the academic year of 2020-2021.

On top of the special pots of money, Whitmer is looking to enlarge the per-pupil foundation by \$203 million by jacking up the per-pupil funding allowance between \$82 and \$164 per student. The move reduces the gap between the highest and lowest-funded districts to \$336 per pupil.

"Additional time and resources are going to be required to help address the foregone learning and the social-emotional learning and mental health needs of our students," Rice said in a Michigan Department of Education press release. "The governor's proposed investments will help our children in pre-K-12 and early child care settings now and into the next school year."

The MDE applauded the governor's intention to issue:

A \$12.5 million increase for economically disadvantaged students

\$7.4 million to support expenses in isolated and rural school districts

\$13.3 million zooming in

on English language learners \$61.4 million for students with special needs

"While much more investment and structural changes to the state's school funding system are still needed to ensure educational recovery and address the great inequities of Michigan's unfair public school funding system, Gov. Whitmer's fiscal year 2022 budget would make important early progress on the investment front," said Amber Arellano, executive director of The Education Trust-Midwest.

The governor's budget also called for a \$30 million cut to cyber schools, something the Great Lakes Education Project called out Whitmer for.

"Whitmer forced students to attend classes online, ignored the science and locked kids out of school buildings across the state," said Beth DeShone, executive director of GLEP. "Many of those schools still haven't re-opened. Michigan students rely on online public schools now more than ever."

"That Whitmer would

slash the budgets that pay Michigan teacher's salaries, provide computers for kids, and online classrooms that so many students rely on daily is both astounding and reprehensible," DeShone said.

A Jan. 19 report from the Education Policy Innovation Collaborative found 35 percent of school districts, combined holding 511,692 students, had fully remote-only operations in January. It provided that "the dramatic shift toward remote instruction in December remains the most significant change" in how students receive their education.

After the November order from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services concluded its remote mandate, in-person instruction in January was "still significantly less than what was reported prior to the order."

"Between the investments in the supplemental and now there's a substantial amount of resources available to districts to begin to invest in our kids," Massaron said. "The governor has encouraged all schools to begin in-person learning by March 9, there is no requirement in the budget that we're presenting that schools do in-person learning."

Launch Michigan president Adam Zemke described the plan as introducing significant resources for academic rehabilitation. Launch Michigan is a statewide excellence-boosting program for students and schools.

"Ultimately, it's this kind of work that will help Michigan ensure every one of its students is prepared for success after high school," Zemke said in a press release.

Lobby group asks CDC to evaluate vaccine's effects on long term care population

On Wednesday, Feb. 10, Mark Parkinson, president and CEO of the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living lobbying group, sent a letter to Dr. Rochelle P. Walensky, director of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, asking the CDC to "rapidly evaluate the vaccines' effectiveness among the long term care population."

"The clinical trials only evaluated the effectiveness in preventing symptomatic disease and severe illness, and participants did not include long term care residents," Parkinson wrote. "Therefore, further study is needed on the vaccines' impact on transmission and our population before revising guidance to long term care settings. We support this approach; however, we ask that the CDC expedite this evaluation of the vaccines in order to bring clarity to states, providers, residents and family members as soon as possible."

"Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have also appreciated the CDC's rapid development of guidance on infection

control practices to prevent the spread of COVID-19, which has been devastating to long term care residents and staff," Parkinson wrote. "This guidance, which included restricting visitors and group activities, was necessary to help save as many lives as possible, as the virus uniquely targets our residents - primarily older adults with multiple chronic conditions."

However, now with millions of our residents and staff getting vaccinated, we hope to see swift changes to the current guidance in order to improve the quality of life for our residents. [...] Our research division, the Center for Health Policy Evaluation in Long Term Care, found that COVID-19 cases decreased at a faster rate among nursing homes that had completed their first vaccine clinic, compared to nearby nursing homes that had not yet administered the vaccine. More specifically, the CHPE analysis found [that] vaccinated nursing homes experienced a 48 percent decline in new resident cases three weeks after the first clinic,

compared to a 21 percent decline among non-vaccinated nursing homes located in the same county. Similarly, new staff cases declined by 33 percent in vaccinated nursing homes compared to 18 percent in non-vaccinated facilities."

Parkinson was governor of Kansas from 2009 to

2011, and has been with AHCA/NCAL since 2011. The organization was founded in 1948, it's a non-profit trade association that lobbies for nursing homes, assisted living communities and facilities for individuals with disabilities.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO
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Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 20-208089-DE

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Date of birth: July 28,
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Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be

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Proposed drive-through restaurant at 1279 W. Main Street SE

An application has been submitted by Westwind Construction for a Jimmy Johns restaurant at 1279 W. Main Street SE (PPN 41-20-03-477-014). Restaurants with drive-through facilities are permitted in the C3 General Business district only with special land use approval from the Planning Commission.

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Respectfully,
Susan Ullery
Lowell City Clerk

Red Arrow

- WRESTLING

SPORTS

Wrestling season begins

by Justin Scott
contributing writer

The Lowell wrestling team was finally able to kick off their competition for this season. Lowell competed at Grandville where they faced off against the host Bulldogs, Byron Center and Whitehall. All three teams are strong teams in their respective divisions. Lowell, who enters the season ranked No. 1 in Division 2 and going for their eighth straight state championship, was certainly the favorite going in and showed it. They defeated Byron Center 64-10, Whitehall 42-17, and Grandville 56-13.

Wrestling in the state of

Michigan has certainly been in limbo over the past few months. The sport has the most contact of any sport the state has competition for, and many were unsure if wrestling would be able to go forward.

On Saturday, all that worry went away as the team was finally able to compete.

Against Byron Center, Easton Lyons at 112, started the Red Arrows with a pin. Lyons went 3-0 on the day with two pins. Ramsy Mutschler, Zeth Strejc, Cole Huisman, Doak Dean, Jacob Lee, Carter Blough, and



Lowell's Easton Lyons went 3-0 on the day including two pins.

Keegan Nugent all recorded wins via pinfall in the win as well.

Grandville, a Division 1 team that is usually in the running for a spot in the team state tournament, fell 62-12 to the Red Arrows. Lyons, Mutschler, Landon Miller, Nate Cleaver, Huisman, Will Link, Tacho Gonzales, Dean, Derek Mohr, Luke Skinner, Blough and Nugent all recorded victories. Will Link's win was especially exciting, coming in sudden victory.

A strong Whitehall team made for a more competitive match for the Red Arrows

who won 42-17. Wins by technical fall came from Strejc and James Link. Gonzales, Jacob Lee, and Mohr also won by pinfall.

The team is 3-0 on the young season and will host a quad this Wednesday at Lowell High School. With only 50 spectators allowed per team, and with such a large squad, it means general admission will not be available.



- GYMNASTICS

Gymnastics knock off Forest Hills

by Justin Scott
contributing writer

For the second straight year, Lowell defeated the co-op team of Forest Hills United in gymnastics. The

meet with the combined team of Forest Hills Central, Northern and Eastern took place at Runciman where the gymnastics team

practices, rather than at LHS last week. While gymnasts are allowed to compete without face coverings, they are required to wear them

when not in competition. Each apparatus is cleaned and sanitized upon each rotation between teams.

This process, which takes about 6-7 minutes, requires all spectators and teams to wait in the hall until completion. Just another unique twist to this athletics season.

Lowell was led by gymnasts on the floor by

Alexis Clark (8.95) and Krista Jungblut (8.9). Ivy McDonald recorded a 9.05 to lead the team on the beam. The final score for the meet was 134.575-133.750.

So far this season, the team has a 2-1 record with wins over Forest Hills and Kenowa Hills, and a loss to Rockford. Gymnastics traveled to Kenowa Hills this Monday, and will host

Rockford next Monday for senior night.

Final Tallies By Apparatus versus FHU - Vault: Lowell 32.450. Forest Hills 33.2 Bars: Lowell 33.1. Forest Hills 31.425 Beam: Lowell 33.6. Forest Hills 32.350 Floor: Lowell 35.425. Forest Hills 36.775

Ski sends three to state championship

by Justin Scott
contributing writer

Colton and Kaylee Byrne will be returning to the state ski meet, this time joined by one of their fellow Red Arrows. Preston Sobeck placed 14th in the

grand slalom and 13th in the slalom to earn the last individual spot.

At regionals as a team the boys placed sixth out of 11, and the girls team took seventh out of 10. Lowell ski head coach Karla Byrne

called it a great move in the right direction in just one year.

Other finishes for the girl's team in grand slalom at regionals were Is Schmidt (33rd), Emma Schmidt (36th), and Sydney Spanbauer (40th). In the slalom following Kaylee Byrne were Emma Schmidt (21st), Is Schmidt (42nd), and Spanbauer (51st).

For the boys team in grand slalom were Colton Byrne (3rd), Sobeck (14th), Jakob Koerle (45th), and Cole Lillie (52nd). In slalom Koerle and Lillie finished 42nd and 50th respectively.

Skiing was the first MHSAA winter sport to receive approval to resume, which it did on December 21. As such, it will also be the first postseason to go forward as others have been pushed back. The three Red Arrows will be competing on February 22 at Boyne Highlands for the Division 2 finals.



Lowell Ski state qualifiers: Kaylee Byrne, Colton Byrne, Preston Sobeck. Photo via Lowell Ski Team

Competitive cheer resumes competition



The Lowell competitive cheer team was able to get back to competition after a long wait due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Lowell competed at Cedar Springs this past Saturday recording scores of 195.4 in round 1 and 177.4 in round two to place seventh. While not officially scored for this first meet of the season, the Red Arrows performed strong in round 3.

The nine teams competing at Cedar Springs were split into quads, where Lowell took second. The competitive cheer team is next in action on Saturday at Thornapple-Kellogg.

Photo Courtesy of Lowell Athletics.

Red Arrow

- BASKETBALL

SPORTS

Girls basketball presses past Northview

by Justin Scott
contributing writer

In basketball, the full-court press is when on defense instead of letting your opponent take the ball immediately past half court, you're pressuring them in your offensive half during and after the inbounds pass. On Friday night, Lowell executed that to perfection. Lowell's defense worked early and often, frustrating the visiting Northview Wildcats. The end result was plenty of takeaways and an easy 49-19 conference win.

Lowell jumped out to a 9-1 lead after the first quarter and never looked back, utilizing their strong defense to create plenty of scoring opportunities. The

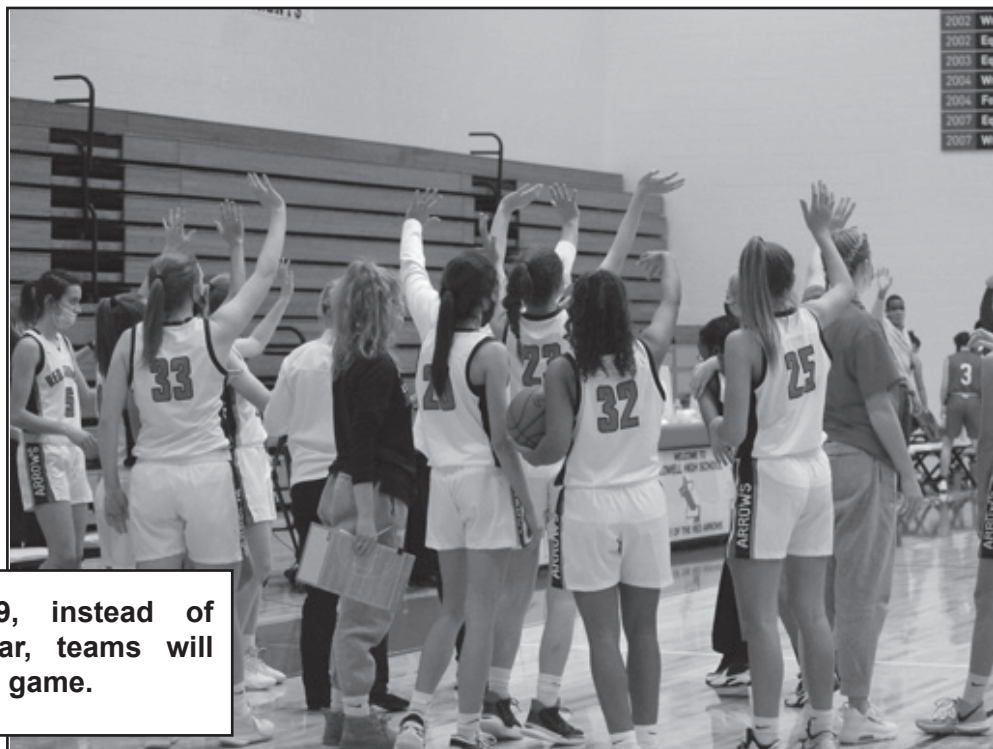
score was 21-7 at the half.

Ten Red Arrows found the scoresheet including Piper Risdon who scored a game-high eleven points. Braxcynn Baker and Summer Havey followed with 8 and 7 points respectively.

Earlier in the week, the Red Arrows fell to Forest Hills Northern by a score of 53-45. The Red Arrows were led in scoring by Braxcynn Baker with 14 points and Taryn Jackson with 9.

The team is on the road all this week with games against Greenville, Byron Center, and Cedar Springs. Three games in one week could be a common theme

going forward compared to the usual two. While basketball playoffs have been pushed back, both teams will be trying to fit games that were scheduled to start as early as late November into a one-month timeframe. It will be a busy month for Red Arrow winter sports!



Due to COVID-19, instead of handshakes this year, teams will wave at the end of the game.

- BOYS BASKETBALL

Boys basketball faces stiff competition to start season

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

Bench seats spread apart. Fans clearing the stands in between games. Barriers at the scorer's tables. No pep band or student section. Masked student-athletes and spectators. It was definitely a different set of circumstances compared to the last basketball season Lowell had, but there were still plenty of similarities to years past. The sound of Al Eckman and the WRWW team announcing the game in the background. Announcer Anthony "Tony"

Stencel on the microphone at the scorer's table. That familiar thumping of the basketball down the court. Hey, in the end, the kids were playing basketball, and that's all that mattered.

The Red Arrows varsity boys basketball team kicked off their season last week after a long delay due to COVID restrictions with losses to Forest Hills Northern and Northview. Competition wise, it was always going to be a tough set of games to start the season for the Red Arrows.

Both teams were ranked in the area's top ten teams heading into the season. Forest Hills Northern went 18-4 last year and showed why they're one of the best teams in the state as they imposed themselves on the Red Arrows quickly. After the first quarter, the scoreboard read 26-2 in favor of the Huskies. FHN seniors Trinidad Chambliss and Ethan Erickson proved a tough duo to stop scoring 26 of the Huskies' first 28 points. Lowell was able to settle into the game from

there, with the final tally being 80-49 in favor of FHN.

CJ Steinebach led the team with 11 points which all came in the fourth quarter, including three 3-pointers. Lowell scored 20 in the fourth which was their strongest quarter of the night. Kaleb Siebert (10), Troy Taylor (9), and Nate Clark (7) each followed on the scoresheet.

On Friday, Lowell traveled to Northview where they lost 88-55. Lowell's schedule becomes a little bit less daunting this week as the Red Arrows host Greenville and Byron Center. Crowd restrictions do remain in effect, unfortunately, but home games are streamed at lowellradio.org, and many games are also available through MHSAA.TV.



#22 Aidan Fitzpatrick drives the ball during Lowell's loss to FHN.

Lowell-Caledonia blanks FHC

by Justin Scott
contributing writer

For the first time in 13 meetings, and the first time since 2005, Lowell-Caledonia claimed a win over Forest Hills Central.

The Rangers in recent years have been an area, even state-wide, hockey power which has made for often lopsided results against Lowell-Caledonia. That pendulum swung the opposite way this go-around as Lowell-Caledonia won 4-0. Dylan Olsen started off the scoring with a short-handed goal in the first period on an assist from Brendan Clarke.

Nick Lockhart doubled the lead in the second period with a goal assisted by Drew Klomparsens and Austin Douma. In the third Lowell-Caledonia tabbed on two goals in 19 seconds from Douma and Alex Skibinski with assists from Nick Lockhart, Owen Carpenter, and Russell Langenburg.

On Saturday the team traveled to Traverse City to take on the Traverse City Central Trojans, who are currently ranked No. 8 in Division 2 on Michigan High School Hockey Hub. Lowell-Caledonia fought well having the game at 2-2 before TCC scored three straight goals to close out the game. LC is 1-2 headed into this week's slate of games all at home against Forest Hills Northern-Eastern, Plymouth and Jackson Lumen Christi.

Lowell-Caledonia is coached by Phil Wendecker and is composed of players from Lowell, Caledonia, and Thornapple-Kellogg. The Lowell players are senior Austin Douma (Captain), senior Ethan Bierlein, sophomore Morgan Kistler, junior Owen Carpenter, and senior Andrew Davis.

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BARNHART

Scott M. Barnhart, age 57 of Alto, passed away unexpectedly February 6, 2021. He is survived by his daughters, Angelica Barnhart and Hailey Barnhart; parents, Frances Barnhart and Jim (Barb) Barnhart; brothers Jay (Robin) Barnhart and Steve (Katie) Barnhart; nieces and nephew, Noah Barnhart, Emma Barnhart, Paige Barnhart, Laura (Brad) Jackson, Lynda (Ryan) Czarnacki, and Laurinda (Steve) Harden. Scott was a 1981 graduate of Lowell High School. He was a lifelong resident of the Alto area

and worked as a carpenter/builder his entire career. Memorial Services will be held February 20, 2021 at The Apostolic Fellowship Center, 7700 Wingeier Ave Alto, MI 49302. Visitation will be 2-3:30pm with the service immediately following.



CHESEBRO

Ronald LeMoyné Chesebro, age 69, passed away February 10, 2021, after a long and courageous battle with cancer, surrounded by his loving family and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Ronald Earl Chesebro (Arlene); and mother, Dorothy Eva Hetzman Chesebro. Ron will be lovingly remembered by his sisters, Arlynn D. Chesebro Beimers (Kenneth L. Beimers) and Julie Chesebro Vandermolen (Bob Scheidel); several nieces and nephews who loved their "Uncle Ronnie", Denise L. Beimers (Jules) "his first little princess" as he affectionately called her, Rhonda S. Beimers Olmstead (Rick), Angela M. Beimers Davis (Tracy), Melissa M. Beimers (Dawn), Brenda L. Beimers Tinney (Joe), Brent Vandermolen (Stephanie), and Holly Vandermolen; along with several great nieces and nephews; best friend, Bob Palmatter; pups, Moses and Shiloh; and feline friend, Sassy, who was by his side day and night. He was a Lowell resident all his life and had friends too numerous to list. Ron attended Lowell High School completing his education in the United States Army. He was a decorated veteran of the Vietnam War. Ron's hobbies include being an avid hunter, & fisherman, and golfing with his many friends. He loved his extensive gun collection. His family has fond memories of playing board games, chess, cribbage, Risk and of course cards (poker). Ron made sure to teach them all the proper "rules". He was a long standing member of the Lowell "Moose" having his own special chair at the bar. Ron was a member of the VFW, American Legion and Conservation Clubs in Lowell. He generously gave of his time and funds to charitable associations. Special "Thanks" to Hospice for the loving care they provided. Due to current restrictions memorial services will be held at a later date. Interment will take place at Oakwood Cemetery in Lowell, Michigan.



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HURLEY

Ella I. Hurley, age of 100, of Lowell, passed away February 11, 2021. Ella was born to Leon & Helen (Beckey) Weeks of Lowell, on May 23, 1920. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles in 1997; daughter-in-law, Sharon Hurley; brother, Allen Weeks; sisters, Norma Teesdale, Lorna Capron, Marjory Wilson, and Emma Weeks. Ella is survived by her son, Roger Hurley of Rockford; daughters, Ann (Ray) Marentette of Howard City, and Helen (William) Thompson of Lowell; grandchildren, David (Katie) Hurley, Brian Hurley, Megan Thompson, Michelle (Erik) Schreur, Michael (Susan) Thompson, Billy (Madeline) McMahon, Fiance) Thompson; great grandchildren, Tony (Donica) Hurley, Matthew Hurley, Korey (April) Hurley, Nickie (Nick) Hoppes; great-great grandchildren, Landon & Raelynn Hoppes, Drew Senner, Brenden Massey, Ace, Korey Jr., & Gunnar Hurley; and dear friend of many years, Sandra VanWeelden. Upon her request, a private service was held, with interment at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Parnell, Michigan.



KYSER

Sharon Lee (Hunt) (White) Kyser went to her heavenly home on Wednesday, February 10, 2021. She was born to Walter and Irene (Snow) Hunt on April 2, 1938 in Lake Odessa, MI. Sharon was valedictorian of the Lake Odessa High School class of 1956. She attended County Normal Training School and earned her teaching certificate in 1957 and taught Sebewa Center school from 1957-1959. Sharon worked for the State of Michigan, Honey Creek Christian Homes and retired from Calvin College in 2003. She married Donald Kyser in 1970 and she and her 3 children joined the extended Kyser family. Don preceded her in death in 1988. Sharon enjoyed antiques, quilting, crafts of all kinds, reading, traveling with friends, bargain shopping, garage sales, and Christmas! She was a member of the church family at South Boston Bible Church and served as the church librarian for many years. Sharon is survived by her children, Bryan (Lisa) White, Mark (Linda) White, and Kerry (Brian) Granger; and stepdaughters, Donna (Winson) Smith, Pat (Larry) Miller, Susan (Jim) Dykema, Jan (Dean) Willman, and Joanne (John) Black; and brother, Dallas (Joan) Hunt. She was "Gram" to 23 grandchildren and numerous great-grands. She was a dear friend to many. Sharon was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2014 and with the help of family, friends, and neighbors, she was able to stay in her home until 2020. The staff at Fountain View of Lowell then gave her great care in her final year amid the pandemic. A private funeral service was held. A celebration of life will be planned for July and all will be welcome to attend. Memorial contributions would be appreciated towards South Boston Bible Church Library, 6958 Kyser Rd, Lowell, MI 49331; Fountain View of Lowell (Baruch Ministries), 11537 Fulton St. SE Lowell, MI 49331; or Spectrum Health Hospice, 750 Fuller Ave NE Grand Rapids, MI 49503.



ROBINSON

Patrick Charles Robinson, age 82, of Belding, passed away Wednesday, February 3, 2021. He was preceded in death by his parents, William & Grace Robinson; first wife, Linda; and recent wife Edith; sisters, Margaret Robinson, Ruth Miller, Rose Battaglio, Wilma Huff, and Danelle Robinson. Patrick is survived by his children, Patrick Robinson, Scott Nichols, and Cindy Shields; grandchildren, Jeffrey, Laine, and Patrick Robinson, Jason (Shelby) Nowak, and Kayla & Baylee Shields; great-granddaughter, Selah Nowak; sisters, Alice Brigham, Joyce Kraeyveld, Shirley Robinson, Terri Jones, and Lynn Way; several nieces & nephews; special friends, Mike & Amy Gasper; and many other



dear friends. Patrick was a proud veteran of the United States Army. He retired from Knapp & Voght after 40 years of service. Patrick was a devoted husband, and loving father and grandfather, his jokes and humor were loved by many. He loved farming and had a fondness for John Deere tractors. Patrick also had an adoration for pug dogs. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.



RODRIGUEZ

Kathleen J. (Goggins) Rodriguez, age 78, of Grand Rapids, passed away Tuesday, February 9, 2021. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ken & Dorothy Goggins; husband, Pedro Rodriguez; and sister, Anne Wood. Kathleen is survived by her children, Tim (Julie) MacDougall, and Kimberly Burt; sister, Mary Jo Middaugh; brothers, James (Marty) Goggins, and Michael Goggins, Patrick (Peggy) Goggins; grandchildren, Justin, Aaron, & Casey MacDougall, Kristen MacDougall, and Joseph Burt; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces & nephews. Kathleen had a lifelong passion for horses. She enjoyed showing them, and was her fathers, Ken, right hand man when it came to caring for the horses and



tending to the farm. Kathleen was a real people person with a big heart and will be missed by all. Visitation with the family will be from 5-7:30 PM on Thursday, February 18, 2021 at Roth Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson Lowell, Michigan 49331. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 AM on Friday, February 19, 2021 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 4351 Parnell Ave. NE, Ada, Michigan 49301 with Reverend Tom Cavera presiding. Interment will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery. Memorial Contributions can be directed to St. Patrick's Catholic Church.



SIKKENGA

Paul Richard Sikkenga, age 57, of Lowell passed away unexpectedly of natural causes on Monday, February 8, 2021. Paul was born on June 10, 1963 in Battle Creek, MI to Raymond Richard and Miriam Jem (Edwards) Sikkenga. As a child, Paul attended church camp at Lake Louise and Westley Woods, which sparked a lifelong love of camping. He graduated from Lakeview High School in 1981, and was an Eagle Scout and went on to earn a BA in Recreation Management from Ferris State University in 1990. Utilizing his degree, Paul worked as the program director at multiple youth camps around Michigan. Paul married Teri VanderVeen on October 8, 1994 in Ewart, MI. One of Paul's favorite activities was spending time with his family. He was particularly fond of playing board games, card games, and doing puzzles with his kids. Paul also enjoyed driving and listening to classic rock, and he had a much-loved collection of fedoras and Big Dog clothing. Paul is survived by his wife, Teri; children, Katelynn, Ryan, and Tyler; father, Ray; uncle, Carl (Jeanette) Sikkenga; brothers, David (Shari) of Otsego, MN, and Steven (Lisa) of High Point, NC; as well as many cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his children, Paul Terrence, Renee Lynn, and Megan Jem; mother, Jem; stepmother, Reta; and cousin, Tammy. A private family service for Paul will be held. In lieu of flowers, donations to help the family with final expenses or college assistance for Paul's children can be sent to: Sikkenga Family c/o Russ VanderVeen, P.O. Box 686, Ewart, MI 49631.



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Ending the abusive cycle of Gaslighting

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In the last article I shared gaslighting signs and examples. In this article, I'll share ways to end this cycle of abuse. As previously shared, gaslighting is defined by the Urban Dictionary as "a form of intimidation or psychological abuse, where false information is presented to the victim, making them doubt their own memory, perception and quite often, their sanity." Anyone can fall victim to gaslighting and it occurs in the work environment, between siblings, romantic relationships, and even in a parent-child relationship. It is often used by abusers, narcissists, cults, and dictators. Below are some suggestions for ending this cycle of abuse.

Ways to End the Cycle of Abuse

One of the main issues with gaslighters is that they feel their reality is the ultimate reality. There is no grey area, things are right (their reality) or wrong (everyone else's reality). It's very difficult for them to change their behavior.

They are difficult to treat in therapy because they will seldom acknowledge that they have a problem and will continue to blame the other person in the relationship. If they do willingly attend therapy and admit to having a problem it typically requires intensive long-term therapy for them to make changes.

The gaslighter's goal is to get control over you and they will not let go of this control easily. If you believe you are involved in this type of relationship please realize that it took them a long time to break you down so it's going to take time to get back to where you want to be. It won't be easy but it will be worth it. If you feel unsafe, get help and leave. Below are some suggestions to help end this cycle of abuse.

Educate yourself on methods gaslighters use to control and manipulate. Knowledge is essential so you can learn to recognize the patterns of abusive behavior. Gaslighting works because the victim

isn't aware of what's happening. So, when you know the signs, patterns, manipulations, behaviors, etc. it won't have as much of an effect on you.

If you feel you have been a victim of gaslighting, consider counseling. A therapist can help you understand this cycle of abuse and unravel the truth from the lies. Gaslighting is an unhealthy, dysfunctional relationship that is of no benefit to you. A therapist can also help you regain your self-worth and offer useful advice and support to help you recover.

When you're with a gaslighter be hyper-focused on what they say and do. Pay attention to the details. Write it down if you have to by keeping a private journal and documenting events that you believe are different from what the gaslighter claims. Don't let the gaslighter think that you believe what they're saying. Because if they believe their lies and manipulations are working, they will continue the behaviors. However, to stay safe be very cautious about direct confrontations. If you try to confront them you most likely won't win. It's highly doubtful that you'll ever convince them

that they are wrong and things could escalate.

Hone your intuition. It's there to guide us and help keep us safe. So, listen to it.

Believe in yourself. Know who you truly are and don't let the gaslighter break that belief.

Remind yourself that this isn't about you. This is about their need for control and power over you. They tend to be very insecure and have few if any healthy coping or communication skills. Because they are insecure, they need to try and feel superior and in control. This doesn't mean their behavior and abuse is okay. It isn't. But knowing why may help you take the manipulations less personally while you determine your next steps.

Rebuild your support system. We know that gaslighters isolate their victims to gain control. You need other people in your life to help confirm your sanity and self-worth. So, start spending time again with family and friends. Open up to those most trusted about what's going on in your relationship. Ask for them to be honest with you about the behavior they have seen. Do they believe it was gaslighting?



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Work to rebuild your self-worth. It's important to know that your life matters, your voice matters, your beliefs matter, that you matter. Remind yourself that you are a smart, caring, and capable no matter what the gaslighter says. Think back to how you were before the gaslighter came into your life when you were capable and you felt good about yourself. Write down your feelings and allow yourself to feel those feelings. Do you notice any patterns or triggers? Write out positive traits, experiences, and affirmations to support your self-worth. Before you can convince others of your worth, you need to believe in it yourself.

Determine if this type of abuse is worth staying

in the relationship. Think about how your life would be without this abusive cycle. You may feel uneasy thinking about this at first but think about the good things that could come of not having this destructive person bringing you down anymore. If it is a work relationship maybe you need to find another job, transfer to another location, or department. If it's a family member or friend consider distancing yourself from them along with putting some strong personal boundaries in place or if needed you may have to end the relationship. If it's a romantic partner and you decide you want to remain in the relationship find a couple's therapist. However, be aware that if the gaslighter is forced into counseling and won't admit to having a problem then therapy will seldom be successful.

Just know that you can get out of the destructive cycle of a gaslighter. Help is available you just have to make the decision to reach out and ask for help. I hope you find this information helpful but it is not intended to diagnose or treat.



LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION OF
NOTICE OF HEARING
STATE OF MICHIGAN
The Probate Court for
the County of Kent

In the matter of
Roosevelt Smith
Guardianship File
No. 21-208,705-GA

TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS including
his children, and any
other unknown heirs,
whose address(es)
is/are unknown and
whose interest in the
matter may be barred
or affected by the
following:
TAKE NOTICE: A
hearing will be held on
March 30, 2021, at 9:00
A.M. at Kent Co. Probate
Court, 180 Ottawa
NW, Grand Rapids,

MI 49503 via Zoom
before Judge David M.
Murkowski (P35026) for
the following purpose:
Appointment of a
Guardian.

Dated: February 13,
2021

Adult Protective
Services, DHHS,
Petitioner
121 Franklin St. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49507
(616) 258-1182

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

Looking back, continued

accidents. Those who hurry along over an icy surface as fast and carelessly as they would on a dry summer walk, might well be a little more careful.

50 years The Lowell Ledger February 25, 1971

Due to the many requests made by postal patrons, who use the Post Office facilities in the area on Saturdays, the Postmasters have decided to remain open on Saturdays.

Former Lowell School Board of Education president, Tyrus R. Wessell, was seriously injured in an apparent robbery last Thursday night in Flint. Police said Wessell, 57, who had attended a school meeting at Grand Blanc, was attacked when he returned to his motel room about 9:30 pm.


Twenty-three men called by Draft Board No. 283 left the Federal Building in Grand Rapids Thursday afternoon, February 18, for a bus ride to Detroit and induction into the armed forces. Among the draftees were five Lowell men – Michael Kline, Nicholas Klug, William Mitchell, Carl (Dean) Wittenbach, and Kenneth Wosinski.

25 years The Lowell Ledger February 21, 1996

As a fourth-grade resource teacher in Lowell's special education program, Suzie Almy sees computers providing her students with independence. "Resource students get a great amount of direct instruction. The computer is an independent tool students can use." Almy explains. "It allows students to gain information from another source. It is a different mode of presentation which provides a good experience for the student."

Lowell Cable Television is unique in that it is municipally owned. It is not unique in that it too faces questions about upgrading its technology and maintenance. Lowell Cable Television's profit margin pales in comparison to the bigger West Michigan cable corporations which raises the question...Are technology updates and maintenance improvements viable options for a company that netted \$75,000 in revenue?

As an aftermath of war-torn Bosnia a goodwill effort has been born in West Michigan. It started off as a simple humanitarian effort to let the children of Bosnia know that somewhere in the world, someone was thinking about them. WODJ (107.3) planned to collect a few teddy bears and send them over to Bosnia Before it could get out the words "Winnie the Pooh," bears were marching in from all over and thus, "Bears for Bosnia" was born.



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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!

BATH SAFETY WORD SEARCH

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

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

Puzzle solutions on page 13

BATH SAFETY WORD SEARCH

FALLING FAN

INJURY MATS

SPA TILE

GRAB BAR

MOISTURE

TOILET

BATHROOM

HANDLE

RENOVATION

TRIPPING

CAUTION

HAZARD

SAFETY

TUB

CHAIR

HELP

SEATED

VENTILATION

EQUIPMENT

ILLUMINATION

SHOWER

Guess Who?

I am an athlete born in New York on February 17, 1963. Due to my moderate height, I didn't make the varsity squad in high school. But that didn't stop me from going on to be one of the greatest basketball players of all time.

Answer: Michael Jordan

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to bath safety.

C K S L I

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Answer: Slick

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CLUES ACROSS

- Big tech firm
- Picked
- Type of whale
- A woman of refinement
- New England state
- Common gibbon
- Tall coniferous tree
- State capital
- Making a liquid muddy
- Vinegary
- Peninsula
- Thee
- Atomic #55
- Used in units of measurement
- Welsh female name
- Arab ruler title
- One's mother
- Trap
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Assn. of oil-producing countries
- Holy fire
- Emit coherent radiation
- Atomic #81
- Orthodox Jewish college
- Herbs
- Ran after
- Begin again
- Named

- Barbary sheep
- Unwell
- Postscript
- Drivers
- One point east (clockwise) of due north
- Prim
- A facility equipped for sports or physical training

CLUES DOWN

- Small islands
- Skullcap
- Unexplained events
- One hundredth of a meter
- Beloved baseball announcer
- Repulsive
- Northern European languages
- Match or surpass
- Northeast
- Chew the fat
- Innovative industry
- Land to put down to grass
- Products
- Nostril
- Surprise Icelandic politician
- Conclusive acts

- Inform on
- Grinding tooth
- Keep up
- Tablelands
- Raising
- Mythical creature
- Hums
- Mountain in Antarctica
- Neighborhood in Manhattan
- Distinctive practice
- Vice president
- Contributes to
- Small bones
- Oil company
- Empire State



What is the Michigan State reptile?

Latte Love: 100 free coffee/cocoa drinks up for grabs

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Swisslane Farms/Dairy Discovery, based in Alto, has teamed up with two area coffee shops for “Latte Love,” two days of free coffee drinks.

The idea behind it is to promote use of fresh dairy products, and coffee drinks are one of the most delicious uses for fresh dairy products.

On Monday, Feb. 15 and Monday, Feb. 22, baristas at EB Coffee Pub in Caledonia and Brody’s Be Café in Ada will each

pass out 25 free lattes or hot cocoas, but only if the beverages are made from real dairy ingredients.

“With nine essential nutrients, including bone-building calcium, real milk rounds out the flavors of coffee and cocoa to help our friends and neighbors feel warm and loved,” said Anna Link of Dairy Discovery. “We will be helping both EB Coffee and Pub in Caledonia and Brody’s Be Café in Ada to hand out 25 lattes or

hot cocoas each on each of those dates. That’s a total of 100 heartwarming drinks made with the most wholesome real dairy. The dairy farmers in Michigan put together this campaign so that local farmers could partner with their local cafés, and we just took advantage of that. It’s like a multi-layer campaign that’s going on.”

Swisslane Farms is collaborating with these two specific coffee shops because of their close past

association.

“During 2020, we actually partnered with them for other events and a bunch of different things,” Link said. “For example, during our fair at the farm that we did back in July, EB came out and supported us at that. And then Brody’s Be, when we had Santa come out to the farm back in November and December, they came and served their coffee to our customers then. And so with all the challenges that everybody has had in 2020, we just wanted to highlight them and promote them and give back to them.”

You can’t go out and buy “Swisslane Farms” milk, but odds are their products have found their way into your kitchen.

“Our milk goes through a co-op called Dairy Farmers of America, they’re kind of like a broker, and then they figure out where our milkings go,” Link said. “Right now, 99 percent



Brody’s Be Café, 7267 Thornapple River Dr., Ada. Many of the café’s employees have intellectual and developmental delays or other special needs.



2021 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE City of Lowell, Kent County

The City of Lowell Board of Review for March 2021 will be held by **electronic remote access**, unless by the dates of the March Board of Review meetings it becomes lawful under State agency rules and statute for an in-person meeting to be held. Electronic remote access, in accordance with Public Act 254 of 2020, will be implemented in response to COVID-19 social distancing requirements and limitations on the number of individuals in a meeting hall.

If in-person meetings become a lawful option, then the meeting will be held **both** in person at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E Main St SE, Lowell MI 49331 **and** via **electronic remote access**.

The City will post the information confirming whether the March BOR will meet in person on its notice board at City Hall and the City’s website: <http://www.lowellmi.gov>

The public may participate in the meeting through **electronic remote access** via Zoom access by computer, smart phone/device using the following link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9806911106>
Meeting ID: 980 691 1106

The public may also participate by landline phone or cell phone by calling into this phone number: 312-626-6799

The City of Lowell March Board of Review will meet on the following dates: (as required by MCL 211.30.)

- Tuesday, March 2, 2021, 11:00am **Organizational Meeting**
- Wednesday, March 10, 2021, = **Appeal Hearing**
 - o 3:00pm – 9:00pm
- Thursday, March 11, 2021, = **Appeal Hearing**
 - o 10:00am – 4:00pm

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2021 assessments. By City Charter, taxpayers are able to protest by letter, sent to: **City Assessor, 301 E Main St SE, Lowell MI 49331**, provided protest is received prior to March 5, 2021.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2021 are as follows:

Commercial.....	45.58%.....	1.0969
Residential	46.01%.....	1.0867
Industrial	48.70%.....	1.0266
Personal Property	50.00%.....	1.0000

APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED FOR APPEAL HEARINGS

To make an appointment call 616.897.8457. You must also email documentation to bor@ci.lowell.mi.us to support your valuation estimate prior to your appointment.

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**



LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING STATE OF MICHIGAN The Probate Court for the County of Kent

In the matter of Richard Rozela Guardianship File No. 21-208,703-GA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including his brother: Bob Rozela, and any other unknown children and heirs, whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on March 26, 2021, at 9:00 A.M. at Kent Co. Probate Court, 180 Ottawa

NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 via Zoom before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: Appointment of a Guardian.

Dated: February 13, 2021

Adult Protective Services, DHHS, Petitioner 121 Franklin St. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49507 (616) 260-5649

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

of our milk is sold under brands like Country Fresh, Dairy Pure or Spartan Nash. They also just started doing sour cream for Meijer stores in that facility too, which is right in Grand Rapids.”

To learn more about Michigan’s dairy farmers, visit milkmeansmore.org. For more information about Swisslane Farms, visit swisslanefarms.com. To read about the farm’s nonprofit, visit dairydiscovery.org.

“Dairy Discovery is a nonprofit teaching truth in agriculture and about the miracle of milk at our very own dairy farm,” Link said. “There is a lot of truth and love to be spread, and it is our mission to continuously connect with the community and help understand the true benefits of dairy and the positive environmental impact that farms have.”