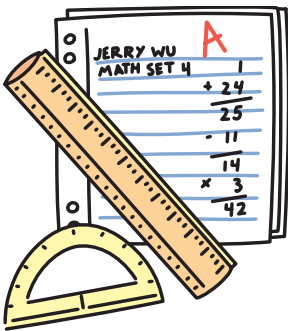


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Schools broken into, vandalized, closed

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The culprits behind a series of recent break-ins at various Lowell Area Schools facilities have been identified.

“I can confirm that the Lowell bus garage, Cherry Creek Elementary, Lowell Middle School and Bushnell were broken into,” said Lowell Police Department chief Christopher Hurst. “Our detective [Gordy Lauren] has interviewed three juveniles who admit committing the B&Es. The case is still open and we

cannot give any further detail. We are still completing the reports to go to the juvenile court prosecutor’s office.”

The break-ins occurred over the past two weekends. Nothing was stolen, but there was some minor damage, including broken windows and graffiti. As a direct result of the incidents, Bushnell Elementary School had to be closed for a deep cleaning on Monday, March 29 and Tuesday, March 30. There are 288 students enrolled at Bushnell, in pre-school,

kindergarten and first grade.

“Nothing was taken. What happened was there were fire extinguishers that were discharged inside the [Bushnell] building,” said Lowell Area Schools superintendent Nate Fowler. “We had to bring in a professional cleaning service to get the building in condition for school. The contents of those extinguishers can be an irritant, so we wanted to make sure that the air and surfaces are clean and

that we’ve got everything cleaned up before our staff and students are back in the building.”

The fire extinguishers have already been replaced. The financial cost of the repairs, extinguishers and clean-up has not yet been determined.

“We have received a lot of support from our families in the community, and we are very grateful for the well-wishes and the support that we’ve received from everybody,” Fowler said.



LAS superintendent Nate Fowler

Lowell Light & Power earns APPA “Reliable Public Power Provider” designation

This week, Lowell Light and Power earned the “Reliable Public Power Provider” designation from the American Public Power Association for providing reliable and safe electric service.

“We couldn’t be prouder to be honored with this designation,” said Charlie West, general manager of Lowell Light and Power. “This is the culmination of a lot of work from a lot of people who really care about powering our community. But this designation is not a final destination. We are

committed to continuing to look for ways to improve our operations and service to our customers.”

Lowell Light and Power joins more than 270 public power utilities nationwide that hold the RP3 designation. The RP3 designation lasts for three years, and it recognizes public power utilities that demonstrate proficiency in four key disciplines: reliability, safety, workforce development and system improvement. Criteria include sound business practices and a utility-

wide commitment to safe and reliable delivery of electricity.

The APPA acts as the public voice for the not-for-profit, community-owned utilities that power 49 million people in 2,000 towns and cities nationwide. APPA advocates and advises on electricity policy, technology, trends, training and operations. The APPA has offered the RP3 designation for the past 16 years.

“I think over the last year or so, we’ve seen the vital importance of running a

reliable and safe utility,” said Aaron Haderle, chair of APPA’s RP3 review panel and the manager of the Kissimmee (FL) Utility Authority. “The utilities receiving the RP3 designation have proven that they are committed to running a top-notch public power utility by implementing industry best practices.”



Increase in COVID cases returns LHS students to hybrid schedule

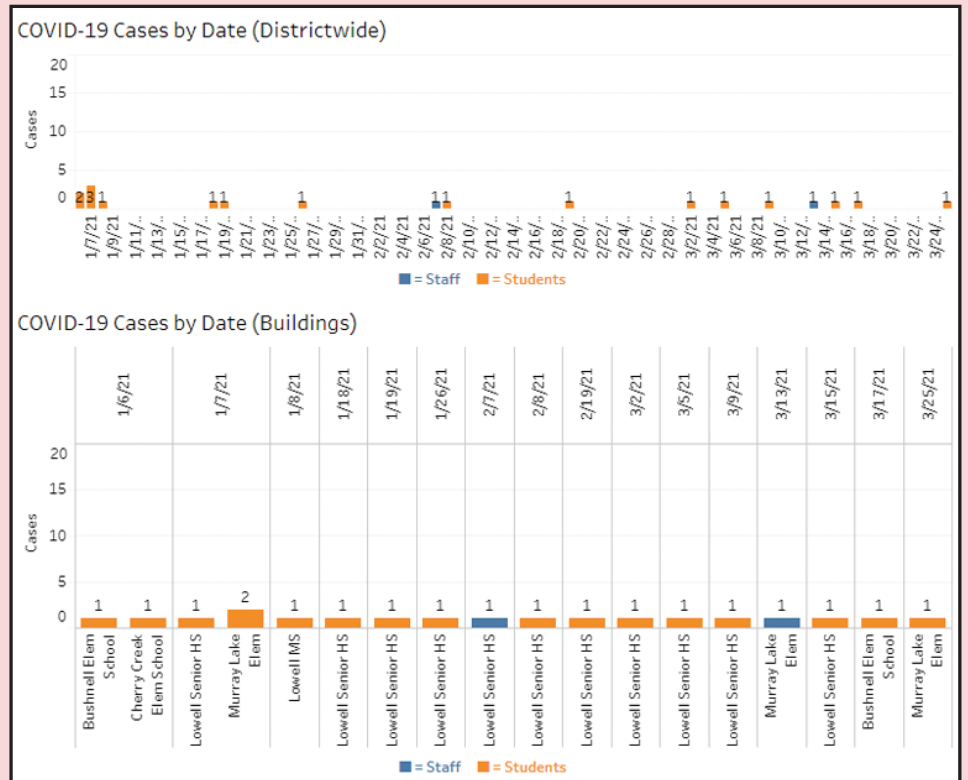
by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Citing “an increased number of positive COVID-19 cases and the large number of close contacts,” Lowell High School announced they will return to the hybrid schedule this week.

According to the “Kent ISD COVID-19 School Dashboard” website (screenshot at right), there have been 11 confirmed cases of COVID-19 at Lowell High School since Jan. 1, 2021, 10 among students and one among staff.

During the same time period, Murray Lake has had three student cases and one staff case, Bushnell has had two student cases, Cherry Creek has had one student case and Lowell Middle School has had one student case.

The school district’s goal is for the high school to return to full, in-person learning starting Monday, April 19.



Greg Ball retiring after 41 years at King Milling



Greg Ball

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Greg Ball started working for King Milling when he was 20 years old. Four decades later, he is the mill superintendent, his last day will be Thursday, April 1.

“We’ve known Greg since we were little kids, we grew up together,” said King Milling president Brian Doyle. “His brother and I were close friends, and I would spend the night at their house and he would spend the night at our house. I remember his dad taking us to the pool in Grand Rapids, and in the backseat his dad had a hat from the prison in Ionia where he worked.”

“Greg has seen a lot happen here at King Milling,” said King Milling vice president Steve Doyle. “He has come through 41 years of working with people and working with machinery. Everything doesn’t go perfectly everyday, but Greg, no pun intended, put his nose to the grindstone and saw it through everyday to put out

the product and satisfy our customers. He has done a great job.”

Ball grew up in Lowell next door to his family’s ice cream parlor. After trying his hand at various family businesses, in February 1980 he was hired by King Milling as a second shift mill operator.

“I grew up in Lowell, right on Main Street,” Ball said. “I was raised here in Lowell, and I never left because it’s a great community. Our house was at 513 E. Main, which was right next door to the ice cream place. That house is gone now. We had the ice cream place, and the summer of 1971 was when I first started working there. Me and my mom were the first ones waiting on people on opening day. I worked there for several summers, then I worked on houses with my dad for a few years. He also had a coin-op laundromat in Ionia, and I worked there until I came here.”

After a little more than a year, Ball was offered a first shift position.

“I was on second shift for a year when the first shift miller said he wanted to be a truck driver, then I was asked if I wanted first shift,” Ball said. “I remember Mike Doyle was asking me if I wanted it in the summer of ‘81. I could pretty much run the mill by then. I ran first shift as a miller, and Virgil Roudabush was the mill superintendent. When he retired in ‘93, that’s when I took over the position that I have now. With that came more responsibility, and there was a lot of training with it too, a lot of learning.”

“When Greg started, we were making about 350,000 pounds of flour per day. Today we make 1.7 million pounds a day,” said Steve Doyle. “Also, when Greg started, when we wanted to start the mill up, there were a couple hundred motors on different floors, and he’d have to go push the buttons on all of them in sequence. That has since developed into full automation, where it’s all in one central spot.”

Ball said that production volume, technology and attention to safety have changed most drastically during his career.

“I oversee the mills and make sure they’re running



Bill Kincaid (the man who will replace Ball in a few days), Greg Ball, Brian Doyle and Steve Doyle.

properly,” Ball said. “We have to be fully staffed 24/7, so there is always a lot going on. I’m troubleshooting, training millers, monitoring, paying attention, smelling, listening... It’s changed quite a bit over the years because of the technological advancements in mill equipment, and the pace of the orders has increased. Scheduling is very intense, and it gets very fast-paced. When you’re on a 24/7 schedule making product all the time, you have to be able to have storage throughout the night and make sure the trucks get loaded. I’m more relaxed now than I used to be, because I stopped doing

production in 2014 when we brought in Nate Morrison to take over production. I did production and scheduling for a long time. It’s a lot different than it was. We had a lot more problems in the mill back then. Without sensors picking up a choke or a motor kicking out, you didn’t realize it until the mill backed up. Then you had to dig around because you had a pile of product on the floor that the machine kicked out. Today, it puts the mill in a ‘suspend’ or ‘hold,’ which stops the flow so you don’t create these messes or dangerous situations. So that’s a lot better. Safety has also improved over the

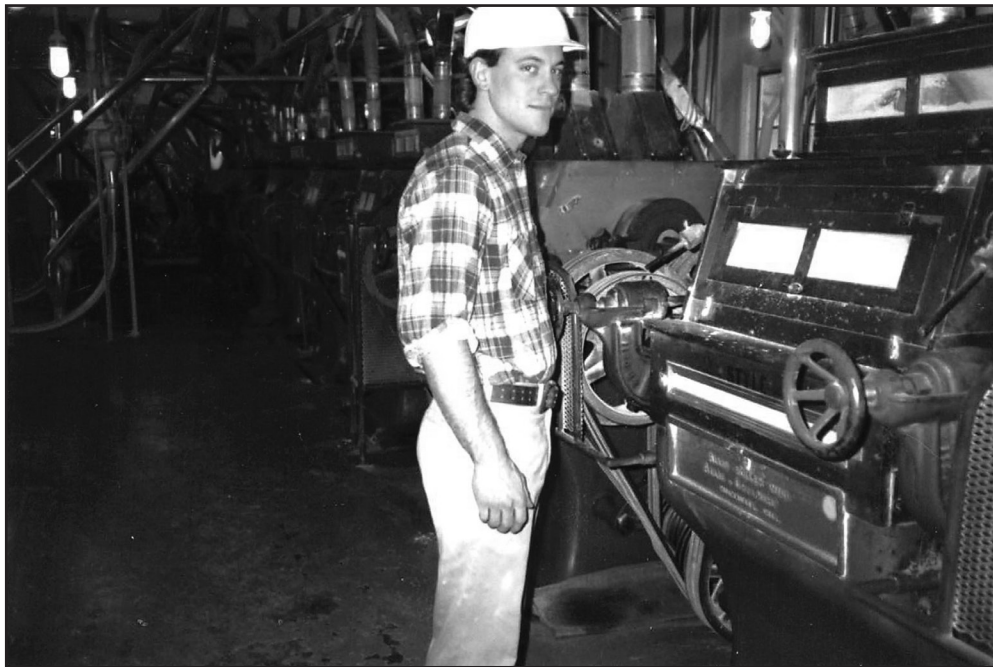
years. When I first came here, for example, there were hardly any belt guards. Now we’re more safety-oriented. That’s ongoing. And when the machines are enclosed, they’re a lot easier to keep clean. So it has really come a long way. I’ve always kind of enjoyed those different challenges over the years, like equipment troubleshooting, adding equipment. There’s something different all the time, everyday.”

In 2009, Ball was named “Miller of the Year” by the International Association of Operative Millers. He has served that organization as a district chairman and was on their board of directors for six years.

“I had no idea that award was coming, no idea,” Ball said. “I was actually in the bathroom when they announced it, Steve came running in! But there are so many other millers out there who work just as hard and also deserve it. I enjoy just being part of it and attending conferences and district meetings. There is a lot of information out there when you get to talking with other millers from different plants around the nation and around the world.”

King Milling flour is primarily sold to commercial bakeries in 50,000 or 75,000 pound loads, it’s used to make cereal, bread and many other products. You can buy King Milling flour at Gordon Food Service in 25 or 50 pound bags, a 2,000 pound “super sack” is also available.

“What’s always kind of really stuck with me is that we’re feeding people,” Ball said. “We’re making food, and we’re feeding a lot of people. A lot of people don’t even realize where flour comes from, but we know it’s going out there and it’s going to be consumed. That’s probably why I stuck around. How else could I directly benefit so many people out there? That’s a real satisfaction.”



Greg Ball in 1984. [King Milling photo]

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A closer look at all 39 GOP voting bills

The Secretary of State couldn't send out unsolicited absentee ballot applications or use her likeness on get-out-the vote drives as part of a 39-bill election reform package introduced Wednesday by Senate Republicans.

Voters would need to present a photo ID in order for their vote to count, under one of the bills. Those without an ID would have six days to show one to the local clerk or his or her vote wouldn't count.

The bills tighten up the accuracy of the Qualified Voter File, require clerks to train on how to compare signatures on absentee ballots and allow for the video recording of ballot processing and auditing. One bill allows clerks to pre-process absentee ballots a day before the election, as was done in the 2020 election.

One bill calls for video surveillance of absentee ballot drop boxes and another requires the Secretary of State to verify the signatures of initiative petitions within 100 days.

"We need our citizens to have confidence in our elections," said Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Holly), the chair of the Senate Elections Committee and former Secretary of State. "We want to make it easier to vote and harder to cheat."

The bills all went to Johnson's committee, which will review these and possible other reforms over the next several months, she said.

More than four months ago, then-President Donald Trump made unsubstantiated charges of election fraud in those swing states he didn't win. While Republicans weren't able to find concrete examples of widespread fraud in Michigan, they have vowed to address issues constituents flagged as not smelling quite right.

Stripping the QVF of the dead and people who have moved out of state is

a common theme in bills that, as a whole, are not as reactionary as voting rights activists feared they could have been.

The bills do create an early registration option for teenagers 16 to 17.5 years of age. They also create a specified all-day early voting day on a Saturday before an election.

Still, there was more bad than good for Senate Democrats who viewed the bills as part of the Republicans' "Voter Suppression Effort."

"No one should be fooled: This is nothing more than an extension of lies and deceit about the last election," said Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich (D-Flint). "We cannot and should not make policy based on The Big Lie. Democracy is for every citizen who calls this place home."

Sen. Erika Geiss (D-Taylor) went as far as to say the "GOP bills put lipstick on Jim Crow." She said they are designed to keep "Black and Brown Americans from fully participating in the Democratic process."

Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey (R-Clarklake) concurred with Johnson in a tweet that Michigan residents must have "complete confidence in the fairness of elections" and the policy reforms they're proposing "do just that."

The bills were introduced at nearly the same time Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson was testifying to a US Senate committee on states' efforts to suppress the vote. Her reaction to the 39 bills introduced in Michigan was similar.

"Rather than introducing bills based on disproven lies and copied from other states, lawmakers should be codifying what worked in 2020," Benson said. Her press release also included statements from Lansing Clerk Chris Scope, president of the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks; Christina Schlitt,

president of the League of Women Voters of Michigan; and Sharon Dolente of the Promote the Vote Coalition.

The bill package as it stands now is SB 0273-SB 0311 and includes a bill sponsored by 17 of the 20 members of the Republican caucus.

- Absentee voter ballot drop boxes must be approved by the Secretary of State and the Board of State Canvassers, under Johnson's SB 0273. The boxes also must be in a well-lit area and kept under video surveillance. Also, only the local clerk or a deputy clerk can retrieve ballots from the box and a "chain of custody" log must be completed.

- Teenagers 16 to 17.5 years of age could pre-register to vote when they register for their driver license under Johnson's SB 0274.

- Those attending an election audit can record the proceedings with their own cell phones as long as they don't interfere or disrupt the election audit, under Sen. Jim Runestad's SB 0275. After the polls close at 8 pm, ballot handling can be captured on video.

- Election inspectors, election challengers and poll watchers also can video record voters being tabulated under Runestad's SB 0276. Video isn't allowed to be taken of individual voters and can't be used to intimidate a voter.

- County clerks would need to tell the Secretary of State of deaths in their county so the deceased's names can be flagged in the Qualified Voter File, under Sen. Michael MacDonald's SB 0277.

- Ballots collected from an absentee voter drop box would need to be delivered immediately to a city or township clerk's office, under MacDonald's SB 0278.

- The number of election challengers at an absentee voter counting board would be based on



the size of a participating municipality under Johnson's SB 0279.

- Initiative petitions must be filed with the Secretary of State's office 200 days (as opposed to the current 160 days) before an election in order to be considered for that year's ballot, under Johnson's SB 0280. The Board of State Canvassers would need to finish its review on whether the initiative had the necessary number of signatures to continue to the Legislature within 100 days of receiving the petitions.

- The Secretary of State would need to work through multi-state programs every year to verify that the voters on the Qualified Voter File still live in Michigan, under Sen. Kim LaSata's SB 0281. The department would also need to post numbers on people who changed their residences, had duplicate voter registration records and recently died.

- Only the Secretary of State, a designated voter registration agency or local clerk can have access to the Qualified Voter File under Sen. Tom Barrett's SB 0282.

- Local clerks could begin pre-processing absentee ballots between 10 am to 8 pm on the Monday before the election under LaSata's SB 0283. The bill makes permanent the one-time change made to the law for the 2020 general election.

- No state or local entity can accept a gift

or money from any state election contractor under Sen. Dan Lauwer's SB 0284. The Secretary of State would need to report to the Legislature the contractors they'll working with for the coming election.

- Voters would need to present a photo ID when submitting an absentee ballot application under Sen. Lana Theis' SB 0285.

- Voters would not be able to use an absentee voter ballot drop box after 5 pm the day before Election Day or on Election Day under Sen. Ed McBroom's SB 0286.

- City and townships would be banned from providing prepaid postage on any absentee voter ballot envelope under Sen. Jim Stamas' SB 0287.

- The Secretary of State's auditing of the election results in a specific precinct would need to be live streamed and include election inspectors from each political party under Sen. Jon Bumstead's SB

0288.

- The state Legislature would have 90 days to allocate any federal money sent to states for election-related purpose or the money would need to be sent back under Sen. Aric Nesbitt's SB 0289.

- Only political parties with candidates on the ballot can offer up poll challenger on Election Day and those challengers would need to wear visible ID badges and be properly trained, under Sen. Rick Outman's SB 0290 and SB 0291.

- Election challengers would need to go through a Secretary of State-approved training program at least three days before an election under Outman's SB 0292 and SB 0293.

- The ratio of partisan election inspectors in a local community could not be 2:1 in favor of one political party or the other, under Outman's SB 294. If the ratio isn't 1:1 the local clerk would need

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PFCU will match next \$7,500 in Showboat donations

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

There are only a few weeks left to donate to the Lowell Showboat project. The deadline to raise the \$780,000 required to complete the construction has been extended to Tuesday, April 20.

“We’re coming down to the end,” said Lowell Showboat Fundraising Committee chair Mark Mundt. “Our goal was \$780,000, and last I knew we were about \$50,000 short of that. If we went over the \$780,000, I’m quite sure that money could be used somewhere.”

Last week, Portland Federal Credit Union announced that they will match dollar-for-dollar the next \$7,500 in donations, potentially raising a further \$15,000 for the project.

“We thought it would be foolish to not extend the deadline another month so



The captain's view. [photo by Wolverine Building Group]



Freshly painted interior stairs. [photo by Wolverine Building Group]



New countertops. [photo by Wolverine Building Group]

we could take advantage of PFCU’s generosity,” Mundt said. “It’s a dollar-for-dollar match, so they can stretch their dollar into two dollars, and it would put a nice ending on this great campaign.”

The contractor for the project recently completed a similar fundraising project for the Showboat.

“Our campaign with Wolverine Construction was also very successful,” Mundt said. “They put up a \$5,000 match, and we raised a total of \$20,000 during that month.”

There is still time to buy a commemorative Lowell Showboat brick, and several naming

opportunities are also still up for grabs.

“Our brick campaign has blown me away,” Mundt said. “I never imagined we’d raise this

much money out of a brick campaign, and it is just tremendous. There are still bricks available, anywhere from \$125 up to \$1,000 for the bricks, and we still have a couple naming opportunities on the boat that are available as well. The bathroom bids came in pretty high, so the city is having to rethink their plan with that.”

These opportunities will go away forever on Tuesday, April 20. Contact the Lowell Area Chamber

of Commerce for more details.

“For our community to thrive, we need a vital downtown,” Mundt said. “I think the Showboat is a key component of that effort. It’s how people identify our community, and it definitely draws people in to be part of our community. The end is right there, we can see it, and we really need people to come out and support this last push. It would be wonderful if they did.”

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125 years ago Lowell Ledger April 3, 1896

The Livingston hotel was illuminated from top to bottom last night for the first time with sixteen candle power incandescent lights furnished by the West Michigan Light and Power Company from the power generated at Lowell. This is the first test of the new current on a large scale and the result was decidedly gratifying to the management. Heretofore the Livingston has been lighted by a private dynamo located in the basement of the hotel.

Geo. Jones was convicted at Grand Rapids of inducing Mary Webster, a simple-minded 17-year-old girl to live with him by having a mock marriage performed. It took the jury about five minutes to reach a verdict of guilty. Jones has a wife and is engaged to another girl besides.

A masked man entered the farm house of Alvin M. Stone, near Tallmadge, by means of a ladder, which he raised to an upstairs window. He first passed through a room in which Hattie and Flora Stone were sleeping without awakening them. Going quietly downstairs to the room in which Mr. and Mrs. Stone slept, he attacked them with a blunt instrument of some sort, hitting both upon the head. There were rendered senseless, but the villain mutilated their bodies and stabbed them to be sure of their death.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 7, 1921

Grand Rapids creameries are accused of dumping large quantities of skimmed milk into the sewers rather than sell it to the schools at a reasonable figure. Sounds like "criminal waste," if true. It's up to the people to investigate the charge and stop the practice.

A fallen telephone pole in the prison enclosure served as a scaling ladder by means of which Joe Cooper and Frank Staley, alias Gordon, went over the wall of the Michigan reformatory. The men were trusted inmates and served in the kitchen. Staley was sent up from Shiawassee county January 22, 1921, for burglary. Cooper formerly lived at Flint and Federman.

Manufacture, sale or importation of beer containing more than one-half one per cent of alcohol for medicinal purposes, will not be permissible in Michigan, according to an opinion handed down by Attorney General Merlin Wiley. The opinion was given in a letter to A. C. Graham, of Detroit, Federal prohibition agent for Michigan.

75 years The Lowell Ledger April 4, 1946

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett DeVries, of Lowell R 3, were happy to hear the voice of their son, Pfc. John DeVries, talking to them over the telephone from Frankfort, Germany, one day last week. Pfc. Henry DeVries is on his way to Europe, having left the U. S. on March 18.

The exterior of King Milling Company's warehouse and shipping department on the P. M. tracks just south of Main-st., is being changed from a deep red to a bright white. The men who worked in the building when it was known as the "Cutter factory" would hardly recognize the building today could they return to the scene.

Confidence men are using all known forms of fraud to cut into the \$170,000,000,000 of savings accumulated by the American public during the war, it was stated by Victor H. Nyborg, president of the National Association of Better Business Bureaus.

50 years The Lowell Ledger April 8, 1971

A delegation of 16 members of the Lowell Chamber of Commerce appeared at the City Council meeting on Monday night to protest the high assessments on the 'New Orleans' look that was being added to downtown business places. Spokesman for the group and first to remodel the front of his store, Chuck Lippert said that his assessment was increased 25% because of the new look on his building.

As the gavel hit the table, the assembly focused their attention on Larry Wittenbach, president of the Lowell Showboat, Inc., as he called the Showboat Board of Directors and Manager's meeting to order last Wednesday evening in the Root-Lowell offices. Wittenbach opened the meeting by reporting that several requests had been received for tickets, despite the fact that this year's program hasn't been revealed as yet.

After many months of study and discussion, the city council passed a disorderly ordinance which covers all phases of nuisances in the community. The entire ordinance will be printed in the paper soon with the minutes of the meeting.

25 years The Lowell Ledger April 3, 1996

Curt Cowles' proposed Stoneridge apartment complex takes another step to fruition when his facility's design goes before the public. "This is a review of his first set of buildings," said planning commission chairman Mel Beers. "His development must meet the township's Planned Urban Development guidelines."

Lowell Cable Television's basic service rate will increase by one dollar beginning May 1. Subscribers to Lowell Cable's basic service currently pay \$18.95 a month. That price will be increased to \$19.95 in May. The basic service package includes 37 stations. Lowell Cable superintendent Paul Christman said based on a comparison with surrounding private cable operators, the cost for this service is very competitive. "The cable rate has been and is the lowest in the immediate area," he said.

What may seem difficult to some is considered fun for others and Marion Wheat will be the first to tell you working at the election site in Lowell Charter Township is fun. "I don't understand why people think it's so bad. I've had nothing but fun working them," she said. "Even if they didn't pay me, which was not a lot, I would have volunteered for it."

outdoors

camping season

Dave Stegehuis

Camping season is fast approaching. It's time to make plans and gear-up to visit special places around the state of Michigan. Camping has become a popular activity for getting outdoors. Camping brings family members together for shared experiences to be remembered for a lifetime. Friends and extended families can reunite around a campfire in a common setting.

Others find campsites located in venues which provide opportunities to pursue a particular outdoor activity. The majority of campgrounds in Michigan are located on water, so water sports of all kinds as well as fishing draw many folks to the shores of the many lakes and rivers in both peninsulas. Hikers and bikers can usually find nearby trails winding through miles of scenic countryside. Motor sport enthusiasts also show up at campgrounds near designated off road areas. Campers can also take advantage of local tourist attractions.

There are public and private campgrounds within a short drive of everyone

in the state. So unless one requires a unique destination, long trips are not necessary. Equipment can be as simple as a tent which seems to be coming more popular. Then, of course, there are a number of alternatives including travel trailers, pick-up campers, pop-up campers, and several classes of motor homes. Each of these units have advantages and disadvantages. New campers should take care to research the options before making a purchase. Renting an R.V. is a good way to get a firsthand perspective on the camping experience which is very different from other travel alternatives.

There are state, federal, county, municipal, and private campgrounds. Because of the increased demand on campgrounds, it is wise to make early reservations for a site at popular campgrounds even outside of the traditional holiday periods. The online reservation system for state parks is particularly handy. It certainly is worth exploring camping as another way to get out and take advantage of Michigan's outdoors.

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- migraine with aura

Migraine with aura is a migraine headache that occurs after one experiences a sensory disturbance. This sensory disturbance can be a visual disturbance, nausea, sensitivity to light or sound, or intense head pain. Visual symptoms typically start in the center of vision and expand outward. These visual symptoms can be blind spots, flashes of light, zigzag lines, shimmering spots, or visual loss. Some individuals will experience numbness or speech difficulties that mimic a stroke.

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Sometimes a daily preventative medication is given. These include blood pressure medications, antidepressants, or anti-seizure drugs. Injections of Botox or calcitonin gene-related peptide monoclonal antibodies are also used.

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.

Y is for Yerkes

At one time the name 'Yerkes' was very well known in the Ada/Lowell area. Anthony Yerkes was born on December 17, 1808 in Pennsylvania. He came to Vergennes Township in 1839 with his wife Esther, settling on the Northeast quarter of Section 32. The road at the time was called 'The Walker Road' after the Walker family who operated their Walker Tavern, the local stage coach stop. The land patent dated November 10, 1841 is hand signed by then President John Tyler.

Anthony Yerkes was instrumental in starting the Vergennes Methodist Episcopal church in 1843. The church was part of a circuit, with a preacher that traveled to the various churches. Anthony Yerkes opened his home and barn for services, and served as a lay preacher when the circuit preacher was unavailable. When the Yerkes (Bennett) log schoolhouse was completed, the services moved there. Services were also held at the Bailey school and the Smith Bailey home, until a permanent church building at Parnell and Bailey was built in 1864.

Anthony Yerkes invested in the community

from Ada to Lowell. In 1857 the Ada toll bridge built by Jared N. Brazee (who also built the Fallasburg bridge) was completed after the first bridge had collapsed. Anthony Yerkes had invested heavily in the bridge and kept up repairs to ensure that the bridge could function and collect fares, until it was no longer a toll bridge but a public bridge.

The Franklin House in Lowell was built by Cyprian S Hooker in 1855. During the Civil War and until it burned in 1882, it was the main hotel in Lowell. At one time the owners were heavily indebted to Anthony Yerkes who was forced to foreclose, acquiring ownership of the hotel. He sold it to Freeman S Jones. After the hotel burned the Jones & Lyon brick block was built, now simply called the Lyon block.

Anthony and Esther Yerkes' only son Silas was a noble representative of the Vergennes/Lowell area both within the state and nation. He taught school locally when he was only 17. He attended Hillsdale College in 1856 and 1857 and then went on to Michigan State Agricultural College (now Michigan State University). He served as Supervisor in Vergennes Township. In 1861, he was the first from Vergennes Township to hold state office. Governor Austin Blair appointed him to the first Michigan Board of Agriculture. He resigned that position to serve as a Lieutenant in the 13th Infantry during the Civil War and became Captain on February 26, 1863.

On September 19, 1863, Silas was wounded at



The grave of Silas Yerkes.

Chickamauga by a gunshot to his left thigh. He spent the next two years suffering. He was in and out of hospitals, he was even sent home to recover. Silas was finally sent home at the end of April of 1865 in extremely poor condition. He was promoted on May 12 to Bvt. Major for meritorious conduct. He was medically discharged on May 15, 1865. Major Silas A. Yerkes died October 26, 1865, and was buried in the family burial ground, the Yerkes Cemetery.

In 1961, a Yerkes relative, Jessie Wright Bennett Rogers shared with

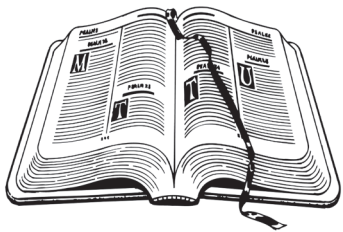
Lowell citizens a memorial tribute about Silas. She shared diaries with battle reports that he had written. These diaries are still in the family's possession. Today much has changed in the area. The Walker road is here, but we called it Vergennes road. Between Cumberland and Parnell is the privately owned large Yerkes home, and the Yerkes Cemetery is called Krum Blanding Cemetery. One thing that hasn't changed is the clarity of Major Yerkes' memorial monument. It clearly reads, "He died as he lived, for his country."

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Voting, continued

to submit a report to the Secretary of State to outline what steps they took to make it as close to 1:1 as possible.

- Local precinct inspectors must conduct hourly balancing checks at their precincts to make sure the number of ballots issued is the same as the number of ballots that's been run through the ballot tabulator under Sen. Roger Victory's SB 0295.

- County Boards of Canvassers would go from a four-member body to

expanded from 14 to 21 days under McBroom's SB 0298.

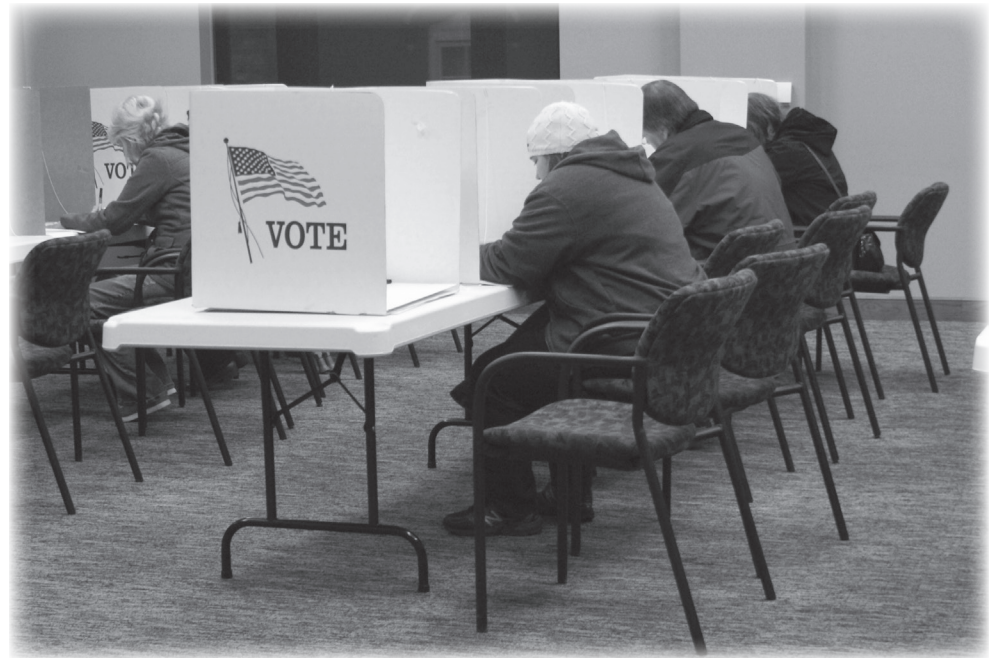
- Election inspectors must present official returns to the local clerk by noon on the day after the election under Sen. Dale Zorn's (R-Ida) SB 0299. The current deadline is 11 am.

- Early voting would be available between 8 am to 5 pm on the second Saturday before Election Day under Sen. Wayne Schmidt's SB 0300 and SB 0301. Those votes would be tallied that day and anyone found

the bill.

- Anyone who casts a provisional ballot has six days to prove to the local clerk they are who they say they are under Sen. Curtis VanderWall's SB 0304 or else their vote is not counted. Also, those with limited means can obtain a free state ID card under the bill.

- The name or likeness of an elected or appointed official can't appear on any election-related communication under Sen. Zorn's SB 0305. A Benson



a six-member body for counties between 200,000 and 750,000 and to an eight-member body for counties 750,000 and above under McBroom's SB 0296.

- At least one County Board of Canvassers from each political party would need to be present for the canvassing of returns under McBroom's SB 0297. Canvassers also would need to sign off on the hiring of all assistant clerks.

- Canvassing would be

tampering or disclosing the results would be subject to a five-year felony.

- Michigan residents registering to vote must affirm that they are not registered to vote elsewhere under LaSata's SB 0302.

- Voters must present a photo ID when casting a ballot under Barrett's SB 0303 or they will be given a provisional ballot. The ability to cast a ballot by filling out an affidavit of identity is eliminated under

get-out-the-vote social media post, for example, would be a \$100 misdemeanor under the bill.

- The Secretary of State would need to post a report on their website that lists which local clerks are not current with their continuing education training under Victory's SB 0306.

- The full text of a ballot proposal, as opposed to a 100-word summary, must appear on the ballot under Theis' SB 0307.

- All local clerks and precinct inspectors must go through a signature verification training so they can better evaluate absentee ballot submissions under Sen. Kevin Daley's SB 0308.

- Poll challengers' ability to sit behind the processing table, observe the election process from a reasonable distance and challenge a voter if they have good reason to believe they are not registered would be enshrined in Bumstead's

SB 0309.

- The Secretary of State would be banned from sending unsolicited absentee ballot applications under Johnson's SB 0310. The bill does not apply to local clerks.

- Members of the US military who do not believe they'll be able to vote in person on Election Day can vote electronically using a Common Access Card under Johnson's SB 0311.

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Poisoned bald eagle in rehab, will return to wild soon



The eagle rescue team: Denese Crouch, Molly Hilton, Scott Dykstra, Jesse Pline with Rushmore, Valerie Weber, Mike VanTimmeren and Misty VanTimmeren. Not pictured is Zachary Crouch. [photo submitted by Denese Crouch]

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

An injured bald eagle was captured near Fallasburg Park in Lowell, is being nursed back to health at a wildlife sanctuary and will be released back into the wild as soon as possible.

“Denese Crouch has eagles that nest in her yard, I think three pair,” said

neighborhood resident Jan Thompson. “There was a full-grown bald eagle on the ice, on the river, just laying there. She thought it had a broken wing, so she tried to call the DNR. They were going to come out, but by time they got here it had moved. This went on

for a while, where people kept seeing it but then it would move. Everybody knew there was something wrong with it. Finally, they found it, and the DNR and everybody under the sun came out, including an eagle rescue group from out of town, and they did,

in fact, get her. We had about 12 or 15 people from the neighborhood working on this!”

“We live on the Flat River, and we have like five or six eagles around here,” said Denese Crouch. “They are such magnificent birds. If you see one, you’ll never forget it. They come in our yard and sit in the tree, and as many times as we’ve seen them, it’s exciting every time. There is a nesting pair that is usually here for the winter. There is also a young eagle that we’ll see with them. Back in January, we and some of the neighbors started seeing this eagle that would walk across the ice, it wasn’t flying. If they come in for carrion or something, they will walk around the carrion, but generally they fly. Once we realized it was hurt, one of our neighbors found road carrion, a deer carcass, loaded it up in their truck and put it on the ice. It was right here by my window almost! I have a video of the eagle walking down the ice and coming to eat at the carcass. That young, immature eagle came and fought with it one day. I noticed when they were fighting that it wouldn’t get up in the air. It would spread its wings, but it couldn’t fly. We had just lost our dog in January, and it was really traumatic. She had a seizure for over an hour, so we watched her die. After having gone through that, and then seeing this eagle, I was so afraid that she was going to die. We see these eagles all the time, and they feel

like ‘our eagles,’ you know what I mean? And all of our neighbors feel the same way, everybody feels ‘ownership’ of this eagle. It is a wild animal, but at the same time it feels like a pet. And I wasn’t going to lose another pet! So I just decided I was going to call until I got somebody. I called the DNR, I called my vet, I called all the numbers that they gave me, until finally I got ahold of somebody who said they would come out, a fire chief in Eaton County who volunteers for the Wildside Rehabilitation, located just south of Eaton Rapids, near Lansing. He got ahold of somebody who lives over here in the Grand Rapids area named Jesse Pline, and Jesse got ahold of me.”

On a chilly day in mid-February, the whole neighborhood of about a dozen Lowellians embarked on a mission to capture the huge wild bird so they could get it the help it needed.

“Jesse said ‘I’m by myself. I’ll come out, but I will need help,’” Crouch said. “My son was here, and I sent an email to all my neighbors that said ‘Hey, anybody who would like to help, we will need help!’ It was Valentine’s Day, actually, a very memorable Valentine’s Day! A couple of neighbors from our development came, and then three neighbors from across the river were on the other side. The river was frozen, but it wasn’t so frozen that you’d want to walk across it. The neighbors came

here, and then Jesse got here, and we tried to find it. My son and I had gone out earlier in the day, and we saw where it was, but we weren’t sure it was still going to be there. So we all walked down there. It took us a while, but we found it sitting by the shore on logs that were sticking out over the river. So we had to go out on the river. We would fall through an inch or two in places, because it was like slush almost. It was very scary, but I was so determined! If the ice melted, the eagle would be stuck on one side of the river or the other and it would be just perfect food for the coyotes that are around here or whatever, and I was worried about it. So we trekked out there. It took us quite a while, maybe an hour or two, to get it corralled. We kept corraling it and then it would take off, and then we would corral it again. She is a big, big bird, 11 and a half pounds, and she’s very feisty. They have a grasp of 1,200 pounds per square inch. They could do a lot of damage, so you have to be careful. Finally one of the neighbors from across the river, his name is Mike, he just lunged at it as it went toward the shore. My son was right behind him, and they threw a towel over her, then my son held her down until Jesse got over there and grabbed ahold of her. Then Jesse put her in, like, a dog kennel in his car and took her to Wildside Rehabilitation. It was crazy, but it was so worth it. I felt such relief.”

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Poisoned bald eagle in rehab, will return to wild soon

“The eagle rescue group found that she had been poisoned, there was nothing wrong with her wings,” Thompson said. “She had lead poisoning and was near death. She was poisoned, but not by somebody deliberately. Either she ate a deer that had lead shot in it or she ate a fish that had a lead sinker in it. If people could find something for sinkers when they’re fishing that isn’t lead, it would sure help. Apparently, according to the rescue group, a lot of eagles and birds die because they get lead poisoning.”

“A lot of fishing equipment, like sinkers or whatever, is lead,” Crouch said. “And it’s not just the lead from sinkers. If they get into a gut pile or something, and somebody has shot a deer using lead shot, they can get it that way. There is such a thing as steel shot. Please, please try and buy steel shot. I know it’s a little more expensive, but we don’t want these beautiful birds to have to go through this.”

“She is now almost ready to be released, and she’ll be brought back here when it’s time,” Thompson said. “Other than having lead poisoning, she is doing okay now. She has now been let into what the rescue group calls their ‘fly zone,’ which apparently is an area that’s enclosed where the birds can learn to fly again. The male sits here in the tree waiting for her.”

“She is there at Wildside Rehabilitation now,” Crouch said. “I’ve communicated with them a few times, they’re online. They named the eagle Rushmore. They have a Facebook page, and they keep people updated about different animals that they have. They have a huge enclosure with a huge roof, and they are going to try and let her out to see if she would fly now that her lead level is down. When they tested her when she went in, I think her lead level was like 395, and now it’s down to 100 and something. They do have stuff that they can give them if they catch it early enough, which they did we did with her. But they’ve had quite a few others that go into seizures and then die from the lead.”

For more information about Wildside Rehabilitation Center, visit their website, wildsidemi.wordpress.com, or find them on social media.



The Valentine’s Day eagle chase [photos submitted by Denese Crouch]



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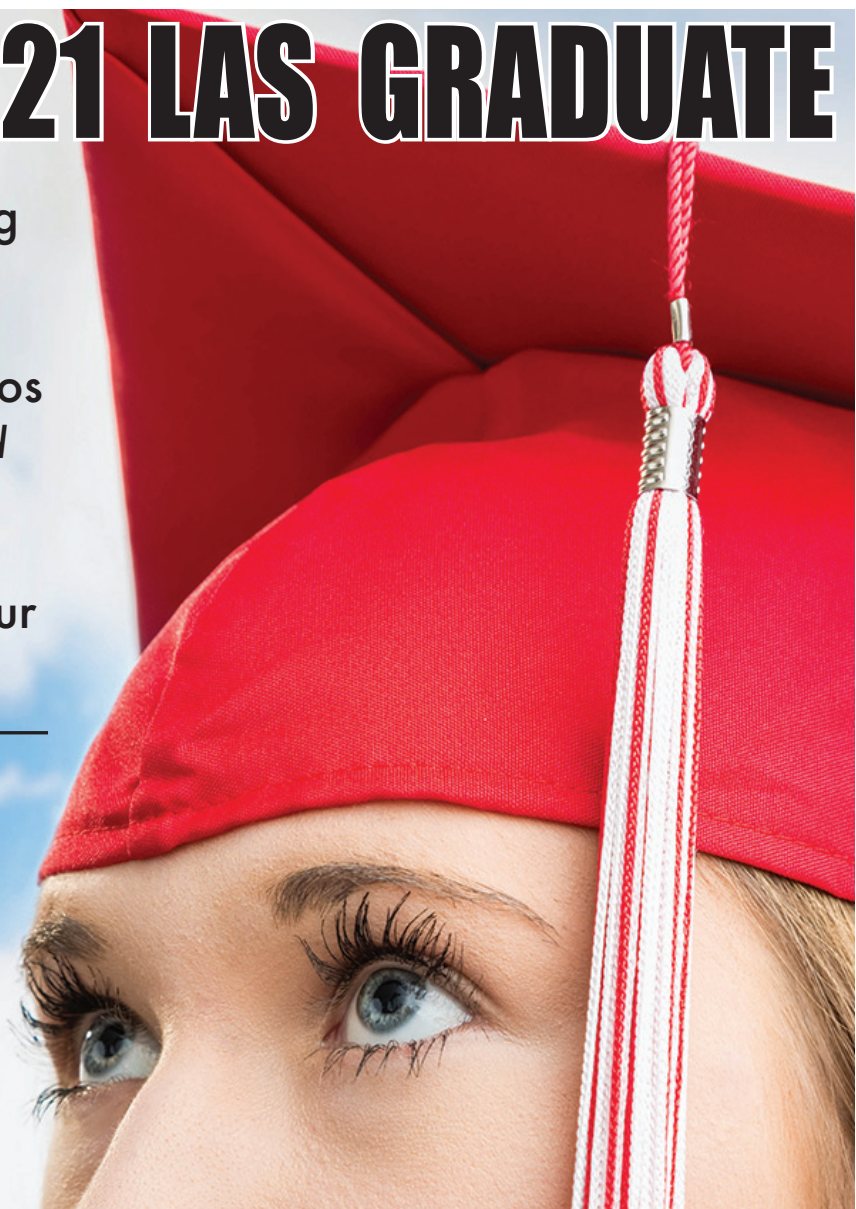
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LMS announce the students of the trimester

Lowell Middle School is pleased to announce the Students of the 2nd Trimester. Teachers chose the following students who have been outstanding in the categories of academics, citizenship and attitude:

Row 1: Jacob Patrick, Antony Gieske, Jacob Hasapis, Leianna Posati, Sammie Hayes, Jalizza Gomez, Teige Bredin, Elle Jenks, Brena Lacey, Braxcynn Baker, and Taryn Jackson; row 2: Noah Franz, Ramsey Ponchaud, Lauren Swain, Malia Garrison, Catherine Schipper, Mackenzie Elve, Julia Wilterink, Kaitlynn Thompson, Brooklynn Dusendang, and Raven Cilley; row 3: Kenny

Kinyon, Jason Korzen, Dawson Huhn, Aubriegh Oswald, Makayla Socal, Savannah Brown, Kiya Dysard, Reese Carpenter, and Carmen Mika; row 4: Kyra Martino, Isabel Saffell, Audrie Gessler, Hannah Liebig, Ocean Angelo, Honey Hernandez, Katie Camphouse, Ella Cusack, Samantha Bennett, and Annika Sandman; row 5: Jenna Taber, Eliot Raimer, Tate Hare, Teige Bredin, Cole Vandervest, Zach Hayes, Eric Bryce, Steve Skinner, Will Compton, and Abby Moore; and row 6: Jacob Thomas, Trevon Tyler, and Justus Farrell.

Not Pictured: Sam Albert, Jack Schaedig, Ella Todd, and Alex Weber.



college news

Central Michigan University has announced the fall 2020 Dean's List.

Local students are: of Ada: Jayden Elizabeth Bonsall, Mickayla Rose Glass, Lauren Ellen Hackerd, Charles Hayes,

Mia Jelovac, Katharine Laage, Carmen J Marshall, Lucas Sherman, Mckenna Smith, Amir Tazi, Michael Steven Zacker; of Alto: Easton Dennis Brown, Paige Madison Burns, Jacob

Rollin Gorton, Jordan Alise Knoertzer, Kendall Suzanne Krupiczewicz, Kathryn Dell Lemon, Elly Elizabeth Medendorp, Benjamin Allen Van Artsen; of Lowell: Matthew James Beachler, Chloe Elise Collings, Alexis R Cook, Kamryn Renee Gaines, Haley Godbold, Gwendolyn Taylor Hackett, Corah Kaufman, Isabel Susan Lillie, Alyssa

Nicole Melnik, Anna Mae Reynolds, Roman Charles Rozell, Carson Denise VanNoy, Briar Todd Zimmerman.

The Alma College Registrar's office is pleased to announce the following students have completed the requirements for their respective degrees during 2020. Several students also

earned graduation honors, awarded in three levels, recognizing outstanding academic achievement.

The highest honor, summa cum laude, is given to students who have achieved a 3.8 grade point average (GPA); magna cum laude honors are awarded to students who have achieved a 3.6 GPA, and cum laude honors

require an achievement of 3.4 GPA. In addition to graduate honors.

Marcus Malling of Lowell, received a Bachelor of Arts degree summa cum laude in mathematics/business administration.

Red Arrow

- WRESTLING

SPORTS

Wrestlers eye eighth straight with regionals behind them

by Justin Scott
contributing writer

The team state tournament will be unlike any other in recent years. Masks, limits on spectators, a Tuesday all-day tournament instead of the traditional Friday-Saturday. The one thing that will be the same? Lowell will be there, and they will be aiming for an MHSAA record eighth straight team state championship.

The Red Arrows cruised through the regional round by beating conference-foe Northview 70-11 then winning the regional championship with a 50-22 win over Middleville Thornapple-Kellogg. Prior to the team regional which was hosted by Lowell, seniors Doak Dean, Josh Meier, Brady Musser, Jacob Lee, Cole Huisman, Will Link, Zeth Strejc, Luke Skinner, Keegan Nugent, and Derek Mohr were

honored for their time put into the Lowell Wrestling program over the years.

Lowell will be joined at the team state tournament by Fremont, Goodrich, Allendale, Stevensville Lakeshore, Charlotte, Monroe Jefferson, and Warren Woods-Tower. For the Red Arrows, a win would clinch an unprecedented eighth straight team state championship.

With COVID, the seeding for this year's tournament made things a bit challenging. Warren Woods-Tower is seen as division two's second-best team on paper, besides Lowell the consensus top seed. However, Tower received a five seed after a difficult start to the season.

All matches will take place at Wings Event Center on Tuesday of this week. At the time of this article's



Lowell after winning the team regional. (Photo Courtesy Lowell Wrestling)

submission, those results were not yet known and will be covered in next week's Ledger.

At individual regionals hosted by Byron Center, 12 of Lowell's 14 wrestlers

punched their ticket to state. That number is three more than their nearest competitor in Division 2, Monroe Jefferson, who is sending nine to this weekend's state

finals. Lowell's Dean, Will Link, James Link, Landon Miller, Carson Crace, Tacho Gonzales, Lee, Mohr, Carter Blough, Nugent, and Ramsy Mutschler all finished in the

top four to advance to state. Five Red Arrows earned regional championships. The individual state tournament will take place this weekend at Van Andel Arena.



Red Arrow

- GYMNASTICS

SPORTS

Gymnastics finishes 13th at state meet

by Justin Scott
contributing writer

Not long after breaking the team balance beam record, sophomore Ivy McDonald again impressed on the beam at the exact right time. McDonald highlighted Lowell gymnastics' state finals appearance by finishing third place in the state on the balance beam. Her 9.275 beam score tied with Jordan Lytle's same score in the 2013-2014 state finals, and ties for 10th on the LHS all-time beam record board. McDonald broke the all-time record with a 9.5 earlier this season.

"Ivy qualified last year for individual state finals as well but her and Marissa (Wever) didn't get to compete because it was cancelled due to COVID. Ivy has many AAU meets under her belt from before high school so she also competes well under pressure," Lowell gymnastics head coach

Michele DeHaan said of her performance.

Lowell had five gymnasts compete at the individual state meet which included Ivy McDonald, her sister Marlie, Marissa Wever, Greta Forward, and freshman Alexis Clark. On the vault Wever led the way with an 8.975. She was followed by Marlie McDonald (8.6), Alexis Clark (8.75), Greta Forward (8.75), and Ivy McDonald (8.725).

Clark, one of three freshmen on the team, was thrilled to be able to compete at the state meet as a freshman. "She is a calm competitor with all of the AAU meets she has done before high school too. This experience was good for her, she just took it all in being there for the first time," Coach DeHaan said of Clark.

On the beam, Wever also competed along with Ivy McDonald scoring an 8.9. On the bars, both Forward and Ivy McDonald also competed on bars along with Wever (8.75), scoring 8.0 and 8.45 respectively.

Ivy McDonald (8.675) and Wever (8.775) finished off their day on the floor exercise earning all-around scores of 35.125 and 35.4.

"This wasn't Greta (junior) or Marlie's (senior) first time. They knew exactly what to expect at the state level and competed with confidence and grace. The competition was very tough this year. We never go in with expectations to place, we just prepare to do our best and whatever happens will happen," DeHaan added.

At the team competition the day before, Lowell placed 13th with a score of 137.775

under the bright lights at Rockford High School. On the vault, Lowell was led by Wever with an 8.925. Kira Jungblut had a 8.575, Marlie McDonald 8.65, Forward 8.85, and Clark with an 8.8. Wever led LHS on the floor with an 8.9 followed by floor: Marlie McDonald 8.275, Wever 8.95, Katy 8.825, Clark 8.7, Forward 8.9. Wever also had the top score for LHS on the uneven bars with an 8.9. Scoring was rounded out by Ivy McDonald (8.4), Marlie McDonald (8.075), Forward (8.3), and Clark (7.975).

Wever led the Red Arrows in three of the four events. "Marissa has competed in club before high school so she has years of experience at high levels of competition. She is a very consistent gymnast on



Lowell's Ivy McDonald placed third individually on the balance beam. (Photo courtesy Lowell Gymnastics).

all four events and we can always count on her for a solid score."

Ivy McDonald pulled in the top score on the

beam with a 9.05 followed by Wever (8.35), Katy Hock (8.125), Marlie McDonald (7.975), and Jungblut (7.0).

Spirited performances by basketball teams in districts

by Justin Scott
contributing writer

Both basketball teams at Lowell High School ended their seasons on high notes with strong performances at districts. The boys team knocked off Cedar Springs in a thriller 45-42 before falling to top-ranked and eventual district champion Forest Hills Northern. Against the Red Hawks, Lowell held a 16-point lead heading into the fourth quarter and held off a ferocious Cedar Springs comeback attempt to advance. The LHS boys finished the season at 3-11.

The Lady Arrows fought through both Forest Hills

Central and Forest Hills Northern, before ultimately falling to Rockford in the district championship game.

In a previous matchup this year, LHS lost to the Rams 77-38, a 39-point loss. This time would be different as Lowell jumped out to an 18-10 lead after the first quarter. Rockford battled back to take a three-point lead heading into halftime and pulled away in the fourth quarter, winning 63-48. The Lowell girls team finished the season 8-10 on the year.

Two bowlers compete at state

by Justin Scott
contributing writer

Sophomore Haylie Beers finished 38th with a 6-game series of 970. Courtney Witten, also a sophomore, finished 33rd with a 1009 6-game series. Both were two of just 10 sophomores in the field of the 60 best girls bowlers in the state. A top-16 finish is required to advance to the elimination rounds.

Both bowlers started off the day strong at Century Bowl in Waterford. The high game for Witten was a 205 in her first game. Beers' high game was a 177 which also came in her first game. Dani DeCruydt of St. Clair Shores Lakeshore won the tournament defeating Allison Robbins of Flint Kearsley in the finals.



Michigan acquired the U.P. after a dispute with Ohio. Michigan and Ohio both wanted a 468 square mile strip of land along their borders near Toledo. The two states mustered militias, but no battle was ever fought. Eventually, Congress devised a compromise that gave the

disputed land to Ohio. To make up for the lost property, Congress gave Michigan the Upper Peninsula, which was originally part of a U.S. territory. At first, it seemed like a bad deal for Michigan until copper and iron were discovered in the U.P. Some of the animosity between Michigan and Ohio seems to continue today, but now the states duke it out in university stadiums. The rivalry between the U of M and Ohio State is like no other.

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obituaries

GAHAN

Joanne K. Gahan, age 82, passed away on March 18, 2021. She was the first daughter born to James "Jim" and Margaret Mary "Mable" (Abraham) Gahan on April 15, 1938. She is predeceased by her parents; sister, Mary Jean (1957); and brother, Roger (2008). She is survived by her brothers J. Edward "Ed" (Darlene) and Michael Gahan, both of Parnell, Michigan. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews, many great nieces and nephews, and many great-great nieces and nephews. Joanne graduated from St. Patrick's High School in Parnell in 1956. She attended and graduated from Mercy College of Detroit (now UDM) in 1960 with a BS in Medical Technology. She later graduated from MSU with

an MS (1971) and received her JD from T.M. Cooley Law School in 1980. She spent her entire professional career in the healthcare arena. Joanne began her professional career at FDF Hospital in Grand Rapids and later was hired as a Supervisor of Blood Bank at EW Sparrow Hospital in Lansing. She worked there for 10 years before going to Ingham Medical Center (now MGL) so she could continue pursuing another career. In 1980, she received her JD from T.M. Cooley Law School and then developed and directed the Department of Risk Management and Legal Services at IMC. Joanne was a very active member of ASMT (American Society of Medical Technologists) and MSMT (Michigan Society MT). She was President of the MSMT in 1972-1973 and named Medical Technologist of the Year in 1973. She also held membership in AABB as well as the Society of Law, Medicine, and Health Care (Ethics). She was a member of the Michigan Bar, 1980-2013. Joanne was an avid MSU fan and especially enjoyed Women's Basketball. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 11am at the Catholic Community of St. Jude, 801 N. Bridge St., DeWitt. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the Mass at church. Interment will be private in St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery in Parnell, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to either the Catholic Community of St. Jude, 801 N. Bridge St., DeWitt, MI 48820 or to St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 4351 Parnell Ave., Ada, MI 49301.



SEESE

Robert Seese "Fuzzy", age 71, of Lakeview, passed away Friday, March 26, 2021. He is survived by his children, Greg (Margaret Palmer) Burnell, Shawna (Andy Rose) Bailey, Traci

(Ruben) Zendejas; brothers, Floyd (Deb) Seese, Paul (Ellen) Seese, and Bill Seese; sisters, Evelyn (Bill Meyer) Seese, and Reetha (Vic) Kokx; ten grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; eight nieces; two nephews; and good friend/caretaker, Adam Follett. After graduating from Lowell High School, Robert went on to serve in the United States Army from 1968-71. He enjoyed the outdoors, whether he was hunting, fishing, bird watching, moral hunting, or spending time tending his flower garden. Fuzzy loved to make others laugh, and was quick witted, always being able to respond with a song lyric. Interment will take place at Merriman Cemetery.



STEVENS

Ronald Royce Stevens, age 85, passed away on February 4, 2021. A private memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 3, 2021 for family and friends. Services will be livestreamed starting at 2 PM at www.CascadeChristian.com.



Life always begins with one step outside of your comfort zone.

~ Shannon L. Alder

Senate wants \$1.25M to investigate nursing homes

County prosecutors interested in investigating possible criminal charges related to nursing home deaths from COVID-19 could receive up to \$250,000 grants from a pool of \$1.25 million under a spending bill that passed the Senate Wednesday.

A revamped version of SB 0027 sponsored by Sen. Lana Theis (R-Brighton Twp.) has one spending item within it and that is the grants to the prosecutors.

"This bill provides resources to county prosecutors to do what our Attorney General has refused to do and investigate the deaths of thousands of mothers, fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers on behalf of those who are lost," Theis said.

The bill passed on a strict party-line 20-15 vote.

House Speaker Pro Tem Pamela Hornberger (R-Chesterfield Twp.) introduced a similar bill, HB 4589, that set aside \$5 million to county prosecutors in the form of grants, using a process that was used in the Flint water crisis. Hornberger said the Prosecuting Attorneys Coordinating Council allows access to grant money for local prosecutors.

The money comes amid Macomb County Prosecutor Pete Lucido's look into whether state policies in allowing COVID-19 patients to return to their nursing homes before they were fully recovered

was some act of criminal negligence. Attorney General Dana Nessel has declined to look into the matter.

Sen. Curtis Hertel Jr. (D-East Lansing) and fellow Democrats decried the legislation as being purely political given there was top-down state mandate that nursing homes must accept COVID-19-positive patients. They argued a recent MLive report showed there is no smoking gun on the Governor's handling of coronavirus in nursing homes and deaths.

"If you're going to tell the truth, you should at least try to figure out what the truth is," Hertel Jr. said. "Those that are in the nursing home industry have clearly stated that no nursing homes were ever forced to take COVID patients. It may be more convenient if it was true. And it may make a nice news story if it was true. Unfortunately, in order for things to be true, they actually have to have evidence to be true. And paying someone \$250,000 is not going to prove it true either."

The Senate Democrats, led by Sen. Winnie Brinks (D-East Grand Rapids), attempted to make the bill a \$2.36 million COVID-19 relief supplemental with money going to impacted businesses and a property tax relief program, among other things, but it was rejected.

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2nd trimester Lowell High School Honor Roll

Lowell High School has announced the Honor Roll for the 2nd trimester – 2020-21 school year. 2nd trimester term GPA must be a 3.000 or higher to qualify based on final grades

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FUN PAGE

SUDOKO

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

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!

Puzzle solutions on page 13

Guess Who?

I am a supermodel born in Australia on March 29, 1964. In the 1980s, I became part of a new generation of models along with Kate Moss and Naomi Campbell. I was nicknamed "The Body" by members of the press and the fashion industry.

Answer: *Elle Macpherson*

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10		
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48					49				50	51	52	53	54
55					56				57				58
59					60				61				
62					63					64			

CONSUMER WORD SEARCH

E D C V O X H N T A T E D E V V H P A M
 R X L U Y M I C E X C I R K T G A Z T P
 O Z S P S N E G K M A C C A S H X Y H P
 T W I U C T S I R I R P O P A Y M E N T
 S H Y R E L O M S N T N S U R L N A P S
 C O T C O Z I M Y O N D N O N R L T G V
 D L N H U Y D A E S O O C N D T R T C N
 W E A A G R N W T R C A P A Z V I X R W
 A S R S M R A Y H E S E R X Y P A N O A
 R A R E C E M G V P R E X G X Y U Z G D
 E L A G V M E D Z S Z U R C D T W H C I
 S E W H N U D T O E V L L V H R T O E V
 Y P A E O S A V V L V Z P V I A H K X L
 U R M K Z N H E Y A T T T Z T C N H U I
 V R T C T O H N D S Y G X R H D E G Z S
 D O S W E C S E I L P P U S L N L L E T
 U I T P T C A O R G A N I Z A T I O N P
 D N O R E I H S A C A G R E E M E N T W
 P E C Y L Z S R R R D E S L U P M I W S
 R S K K N E C E S S I T Y S T L I N E G

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

CONSUMER WORD SEARCH

CONSUMER CONTRACT
 CUSTOMER SERVICE ORGANIZATION

LIST NECESSITY

STOCK STORE

ACCOUNTING AGREEMENT
 CASH CASHIER

DEMAND EXCHANGE
 IMPULSE LINE

PAYMENT PURCHASE
 RETAIL SALESPERSON

SUPPLIES WARES
 WARRANTY WHOLESALE

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to consumers.

M P S A E T N Y

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Answer: *Payments*

CLUES ACROSS

- Now and __
- Israeli city __ Aviv
- Indicates near
- Minneapolis suburb
- Large Australian flightless bird
- Fine-grained earth
- Plant genus that includes water caltrop
- Peacock network
- TV writer Dunham
- Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
- They __
- Muslim ruler title
- Position given in respect of
- Explaining further
- Measuring instrument
- Romanian monetary unit
- Council of __, 1545-1563
- Savory jelly made with meat stock
- Journalist Tarbell
- Most suspenseful
- Festivity
- Animal embryos
- Fertility god
- Medical patients' choice (abbr.)
- Type of sword

- Competition
- Bird of the cuckoo family
- Afflicted in mind or body
- Engineering organization
- Beverage receptacle
- Spiritual leader
- Doctor of Education
- Where golfers begin
- Impudence

CLUES DOWN

- Vietnamese offensive
- Fast mammal
- Oh goodness!
- The back of one's neck
- One who lives in another's property
- Involve deeply
- Alfalfa
- Tropical tree resin
- Sudden fear
- Jewish religious month
- Veterans battleground
- Musical symbol
- German river
- Paddle
- Lizard
- Shock treatment
- The common gibbon
- Brew

- Usually has a lid
- Lenses in optical instruments
- Time zone in Samoa (abbr.)
- Wrinkled dog: Shar __
- Denotes equal
- TV network for children
- Take the value away from
- Female graduates
- Don't know when yet
- "__ tú": Spanish song
- "Seinfeld" character
- Bleated
- Entwined
- Away from wind
- Soft creamy white cheese
- Swiss river
- Prejudice
- Actor Idris
- They resist authority (slang)
- Speak ill of

“The Third Day” live Easter drama @ FBC on April 3



Some of the larger props for the production are currently stored on the stage inside the church.

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

First Baptist Church of Lowell, 2275 W. Main, will present “The Third Day,” a live, drive-through dramatization of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ, on Saturday, April 3 from 10 to 11 am.

“We have no idea what to expect, as this is the first time we’re doing it,” said FBC pastor Jon Pickens. “We’ve done an egg hunt for the past who knows how many years. Of course last year we did not do an egg hunt because of COVID. The last egg hunt we did, we had like 400 people. That’s just not going to happen! This year we weren’t sure what we were going to be able to do, so we kind of

shifted. We thought that if we did a drive-through, and people felt comfortable coming in their cars, we could tell the story of the resurrection of Christ in these different stations as people are driving through and have the characters interacting with the cars along the way. Think of it like a live nativity, you know? Something like that is the idea, just a really good alternative.”

“The idea is that everyone stays in their cars, and they just slowly drive through our property,” said Christi Swain, FBC director of children’s ministries. “They’re going to enter our east drive, the second one

that comes right up to the house, and just slowly drive through.”

“That’s where we’re going to have people enter, and then we have a road that actually goes all the way around the barn and to our church parking lot,” Pickens said. “We’re thinking about traffic flow, especially off of Main Street. People are going to take a right to go in and then a right again to go out. We will have 13 stations there, and at least one person at each station. Some will have two characters. And, of course, we will have a mob at some stations. Probably about six or seven teenagers will comprise the mob.”

“We’re giving out candy and a set of ‘Resurrection Eggs’ to tell the story of Easter as well,” Swain said. “The children’s ministry team is involved in that.”

“We have a tomb and we’ve got a cross, and they are all going to be in Biblical garb,” Pickens said. “The idea would be that the actors are not just acting out their part as if there’s no audience. We really want them to interact with each car that’s coming through. They only have three or four short sentences for their lines so we can keep it moving. It’ll start with Judas the betrayer and go all the way through to Thomas. And within that is the crucifixion and the resurrection.”

This is a family event, so there will be no gory whipping scenes or bloody corpses.

“This will be very much child-friendly. There’s no dead people, there’s no blood,” Swain said. “We want families to feel comfortable bringing their young children without having to explain some tough images. But it will tell the whole story. We’re just trying to keep it as safe as we can right now, so that people who maybe wouldn’t come to anything else feel safe. We don’t feel like we’re compromising any health concerns or anything like that.”

If this event goes well, they might be inspired to try similar events in the future.

“We always look for opportunities around these key moments like Christmas and Easter to tell a story that we deeply believe in,” Pickens said. “This is a creative way to do that, and it seems like a very safe way to do that in our context. We want to tell the story, we love the story, and we believe the story.”

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