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Community Scrapbook

A New Year



In this week's Ledger, we recap the past year's events. There were lots of positive stories this year: local artists, authors and musicians debuted new works, new businesses opened, legacy businesses closed and plenty more.

Next Week:

A look ahead at 2022!

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January 6, 2021

Council approves downtown social district at first 2021 meeting

The council approved a “downtown social district,” an area where people can purchase and consume alcoholic beverages in public.

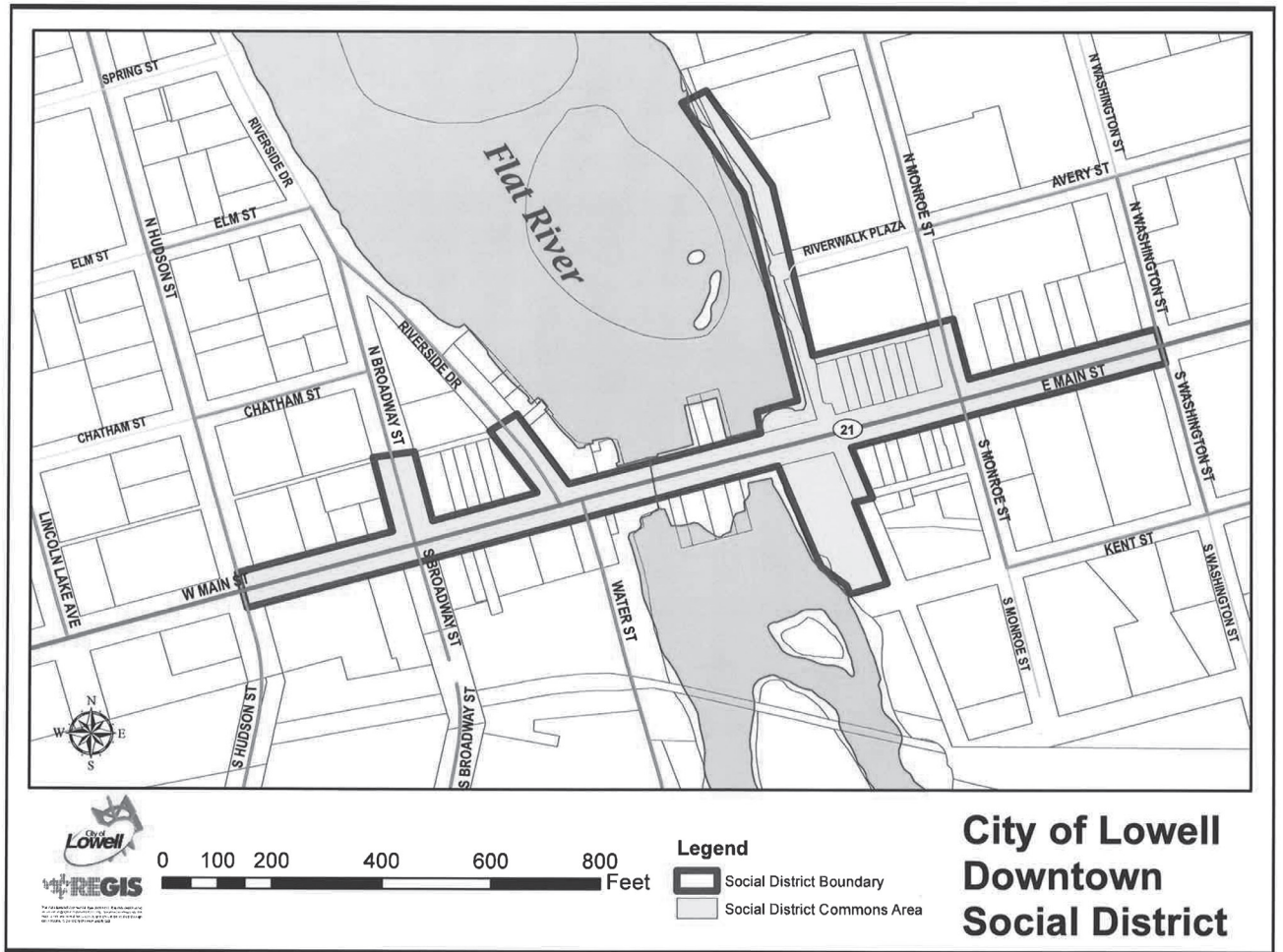
In Lowell, the social district will encompass Main Street from Hudson to Washington as well as areas to the north and south of Main, including the entire Riverwalk. See map for details.

According to a Dec. 31 interoffice memorandum authored by Lowell city manager Michael Burns, the Downtown Development Authority will be asked to contribute financially, and the city is “looking at dedicating a patrol officer full time to the district as security.” The district will be open from 4 pm until 10 pm Monday through Friday and from noon to 10 pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Another ordinance will have to be created once the participating businesses are identified, as they must all be specifically named, according to state law.

Liability was also discussed.

“That shouldn’t be a concern for the businesses, because their liability ends once the beverage leaves their facility,” Burns said.

“It’s almost like a ‘to go’ license, the permit holder is just responsible for serving that person or selling them the alcohol on their premises,” Wood said. “Once the consumer leaves their premises, then the Liquor Control Commission has made it very clear that the permit holder will not be liable.”



January 13, 2021

Nathan Fowler named Lowell Area Schools superintendent

The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education announced their unanimous vote to appoint Nate Fowler as the new superintendent of Lowell Area Schools.

Fowler has been serving as the interim superintendent since the retirement of Greg Pratt in August. Prior to serving as the Interim superintendent he served as the curriculum director at Lowell Area Schools. In his 24 years at Lowell Area Schools, he has also served as a teacher, coach, middle school assistant principal and principal.

The staff and community were very clear in their request that the new superintendent be someone who will advocate for all students and who will effectively communicate with students, staff and community.

“[I am] looking forward to a great future for Lowell Area Schools under Mr. Fowler’s leadership,” said Brian Krajewski, board president.

“We have had a very positive working relationship with him, and I look forward to continuing that in the future,” said Paul Jacobus, Lowell Education Association president.



Nathan Fowler

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February 24, 2021

LHS presents upbeat "Sister Act" musical



The stage of the Lowell Performing Arts Center will soon be filled with singing, dancing, and acting. The LHS Theatre program's spring musical is in full swing. This year, the department is putting on Disney's *Sister Act*, based on the 1992 film of the same name.

This year's show has offered the particular challenge of producing a musical during a global pandemic.

"There have been a lot of 'unknowns,'" said junior Anna Doyle, who portrays quiet, postulant Sister Mary Robert. "We don't know what masks we are going to wear, we don't know if someone will get quarantined right before the show, we don't know what an audience of 140 people will feel like, and the list continues. [...] Musical has brought back some sense of normalcy during this wild time. Even though we wear masks and social distance, we still have the same family atmosphere."

The pandemic has also added a challenging, yet exciting aspect of performing the show. Due to COVID restrictions, seating availability is limited inside the Lowell Performing Arts Center. So the department has decided to add a digital live stream ticket option for viewing the play.

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

"With the year we've all had, I highly recommend coming to see it because it only shows that a display of passion is still very possible in the midst of a pandemic," said Sydney Munson, a senior at LHS.

March 3, 2021

Jake Davenport to run for city council

Broadcasting live from the Riverwalk on Saturday, Feb. 28, Jake Davenport announced he will run for a seat on Lowell's city council this fall.

"I believe that one person can make a difference," Davenport said during the live broadcast. "I believe I can make a difference. [...]"

I believe that every single business and individual that calls Lowell home has unlimited potential and a boundless future. This pandemic has hit so many folks, and hard, that people are struggling. People are wondering where their next paycheck is going to come from."



Jake Davenport

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LHS student's handcrafted furniture



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ABCs of history



Former Lowell football coach Noel Dean accepts coaching position in Georgia



Tift County Schools introduces Noel Dean as their new football coach. [photo courtesy Tift County Schools]

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

In June of 2018, Noel Dean retired from his long-held post at the helm of the Lowell football program. It didn't take him long to return to the sidelines. This past year he served as an assistant with the Lowell football program, where he was able to be a part of the coaching staff for his son Doak's senior football season. Now he has accepted a head coaching position in Georgia.

Tift County High School (GA) announced last week that they had hired Dean as their new varsity football head coach.

"Coach Dean understands hard work, success, and what it means to be a Blue Devil," Tift County principal Chad Stone said in a release

announcing the hire. "I am eager to see him work with our student-athletes and develop a football program that makes us better today than yesterday."

The move is going to be a big one for Dean, not just in terms of geography, but Tift County plays in one of the most challenging conferences in the nation, Georgia AAAAAAA Region 1. Dean is looking forward to that challenge. The Blue Devils went 2-7 last year and the school has an enrollment of 2,400.

"We are happy to welcome Coach Dean to the Blue Devil Nation," said Tift County Superintendent Adam Hathaway. "Our

Dean, continued, page 4

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March 10, 2021

LPD officer Diaz charged with felonies



Jason Diaz

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel announced yesterday that Lowell police officer Jason Diaz would be charged Monday in Ionia County's 64-A District Court.

After a high-speed chase through Kent and Ionia counties on Aug. 29, 2020, Diaz allegedly fired his weapon at the fleeing vehicle and struck a passenger in the head, causing injury.

Diaz's actions violated both the law and Lowell Police Department's use of force policy, the Attorney General's complaint alleges.

Diaz, 40, a resident of Wyoming, was charged with one count of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, a 10-year felony; one count of misconduct in office by a public official, a five-year felony; and one count of weapons, careless discharge causing injury, a two-year high court misdemeanor.

A criminal charge is merely an allegation and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.



Lowell scores \$28,000 from marijuana taxes

Lowell shall receive a \$28,001.32 share of the first \$10 million collected in state taxes from sales of recreational marijuana.

The Michigan Department of Treasury announced last week that each one of the 38 cities, seven villages, 21 townships and 38 counties that have pot stores will get that amount for each one that exists within their jurisdiction.

When recreational marijuana was on the ballot in 2018, the majority of Lowell residents voted in favor of it, 984 to 689. There are currently two pot stores in town, but one of them did not open in time for the city to collect a second \$28,001.32.

business directory

March 17, 2021

Top Home Improvements manages to thrive during pandemic



Top Home Improvements owners Lakota Tidd and Derek Cornish.

Lakota Tidd and Derek Cornish opened Top Home Improvements, 1151 Bowes, in late 2019, not long before the pandemic hit.

The company has grown quickly despite the worldwide upheaval. Tidd said that in the past year the company went from one or two window replacement jobs a week to enough work for a full time staff of more than 20, mostly Lowell area residents.

The company performs exterior home improvement jobs all over West Michigan, including windows, doors, garage doors, roofing and siding. While they normally work on homes, they also recently put a new roof on Keiser's Kitchen and plan to replace the windows in some of the historic buildings on Main Street. In the near future, they plan to either move from their current location to something more spacious or open a second location.

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125 years ago Lowell Ledger January 1, 1897

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100 years ago The Lowell Ledger January 5, 1922

"I often laugh at myself as the recipient of poetic justice," says Myron H. Walker, United States district attorney for western Michigan, whose term of office is to expire as soon as the appointment of his successor is confirmed. "From my youth I have worked to have traffic in liquor made illegal. For many years I exerted my best influence toward that end. Finally the traffic was put under the ban of law, and, without my asking for it a large share of the burden of enforcing the liquor laws was thrust upon me."

William Speckin has started suit for damages in the sum of \$3,500 against Harvey Callier, of Lowell, as a result of an automobile smash-up near Saranac several weeks ago. William Speckin suffered severe injuries when a car belonging to Will Warnke and in which he was riding ran into Callier's truck on the Grand Rapids road. The accident happened at night and Speckin is suing both for the personal injuries he received and the damage done to the Warnke car.

Declaring ice cream manufacturers have announced a willingness to decrease the wholesale price of their product Jan. 1, when the government tax is dropped, City Manager Fred H. Locke has asked all retail places to reduce their prices to a standard of 10 cents a dish.

75 years The Lowell Ledger January 2, 1947

Short sugar rations are due entirely to "government stupidity and stubbornness" it was charged the other day by Bartel J. Jonkman, representative in Congress from Michigan's fifth district, who, with most of Michigan's congressmen, is lined up behind the campaign of the Detroit Times and other newspapers to make more sugar available to housewives.

Three persons were injured on Christmas Day in an automobile collision on M-21, on the western outskirts of Ionia. The injured are Miss Jean Swan, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Swan of 216 N. Jefferson-st., Lowell; LaVerne Baker, 17, R2, Lowell, driver of one of

the cars and Frank Reader, 32, of Ann Arbor, driver of the other car.

A Connecticut scientist maintains that the reported 20-million-ton shortage of protein foods for human consumption could be largely offset by recovering the proteins from pulp-paper-mill waste. In addition to 150,000 pounds of yeast and cattle feed which can be annually produced from pulp, he believes that a practically inexhaustible amount can be made from sawdust, wood waste and unusable wood.

50 years The Lowell Ledger January 6, 1972

Damage to a fire hydrant at the corner of Mercer and North Hudson Streets Christmas Eve left many area residents without water. But the investigation conducted by the Lowell Police Department solved the "hit and run" accident on December 24. Damage to the guard posts around the hydrant led the police to the vehicle which had struck the structure, causing it to spring a big leak.

Carlen Anderson, will be the new Mayor for the City of Lowell. Anderson's installation, as head of the City's governing unit, took place Monday night at the re-organizational and first meeting of the New Year for the City Council.

What to do next? That was the big question circulated to the concerned citizens forming the Drug Abuse Anonymous Committee by their chairman-in-charge, Chuck Lippert. An informal discussion session Monday afternoon evaluated the success of last Tuesday's seminar, and the roadway into the committee's next move.

25 years The Lowell Ledger January 1, 1997

After some "major overtime," fifth-grader Dan Miller was able to edge past David Kelley to win the Lowell school-level geography bee competition. "I had to answer about 20 questions," said the school geography bee champion. "David (runner-up) and I went into overtime."

Kent County Sheriff officers are cracking down on games of "mailbox baseball" and persons found guilty of playing the game face stiff fines and possible jail time. Officers have arrested three county youths, none from the immediate area, in connection with the game and said more arrests are imminent, according to Sgt. Mike Schuitema, commander of the sheriff department's northern substation.

Cornerstone College's airplane flight training and maintenance programs will be terminated in May and August respectively. Cornerstone's maintenance program will continue until August because that is when school financing for the program ends.

to the editor

Cut off your nose to spite your face

To The Editor,
It's the Super Bowl, the game is tied with five minutes to go - turn off your TV and leave the room.

You're holding a winning Power Ball ticket for millions of dollars - don't cash it in!

You're on a high mountain road and see "Danger Road Out" barriers - don't stop, in fact, step on the gas and plummet to your death.

Hundreds of thousands of Americans and millions around the world are dying of the Covid virus and a vaccine has been developed to save your life - don't get it.

Because a huge percentage of anti-life, anti-science, anti-patriotic Americans didn't get the vaccine, mutations of the virus are happening and variants are appearing. Scientists have discovered that if you get a third shot,

"a booster," you'll live - don't get it.

DUH???

None of these examples make any sense do they? Seems obvious, but...

We've conquered polio and small pox by listening to people who study and do research as their life's work and by being patriotic Americans.

The very same people who refuse to trust and don't get vaccinated - fully - are the same pathetic souls who will run to the hospital and beg these same experts to save their lives.

Stand up. Be a decent citizen or stay home in your basement and die alone. After all, it is your choice. HOWEVER - the people who are too young or too compromised to get the vaccine don't deserve to be assaulted by your ignorance.

Jeanne Boss
Rockford

Christmas Eve

Dear Editor,

I just returned from my last sojourn through the community in search of those 'gotta have' things that somehow slipped my mind earlier.

I stopped at the bank, filled up my gas tank, and

secured a prescription at the pharmacy. I took the time to meander about downtown and a couple of neighborhoods. Folks were scurrying about, mimicking my errands, but although

Letters continued, page 12

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.
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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 fourth round of the alphabet.

L is for Lowell Hospitals

Lowell has always had doctors and medical care. Through the years the look of that care has changed. Doctors made house calls and worked from offices, selflessly serving the village they loved. Throughout time, Lowell has even had two hospitals and a health sanitarium.

The Lowell Hospital

In 1917 two ladies decided to open a hospital in Lowell. Mrs. Sadie B. Sauer and Miss Mabel Kline joined forces and were ready to open on August 15. They rented the entire second floor of the Henry home at 112 N. Jefferson for their hospital. It accommodated six patients and boasted a modern operating and maternity room. Their goal was to make surgical cases their specialty. They wanted to make prices reasonable, so that everyone could afford proper care. The Ledger stated that the "enterprise should fill a long-felt want, saving the ill of this section delay in critical cases and the tiresome removal to Grand Rapids hospitals." The Lowell Hospital advertised, "Good care, good board,

reasonable prices."

Mrs. Sauer had been running a private hospital in Brooklyn before coming to Lowell and was said to have had the recommendation of the best doctors and surgeons from Detroit, Jackson, Grand Rapids and Brooklyn.

The hospital didn't last too long, as by May of 1918 Mrs. Sadie Sauer announced she was going to open a hospital and sanitarium in Spring Lake. The Grand Haven News states that she had previously conducted a hospital in Lowell and was going to move that equipment to the Spring Lake start up.

The 'Henry Home' belonged to Myron Henry, pharmacist in Lowell 60 years who owned his own drug store for 45 years w/ soda fountain at 203 East Main, in the Negonce block. He served the village as mayor during Centennial Celebration. He did not appear to be a part of the hospital, simply renting out part of his home.

Holcomb Sanitarium

Nellie Willett Holcomb was born in 1873 and had a difficult and tragic early adulthood, burying two very young children and a husband by 1912. Her brother, Thomas Willett lived in Lowell with his family, including his daughter Ruby who later married becoming Mrs. Norton Avery.

By 1917 Nellie had moved to Lowell with her young daughter, and was caring for others. The business she ran from her home at 121 S. Jefferson

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is described as a hospital, rest home and a sanitarium. She advertised everything from shampooing and scalp treatments, care and special treatment for rheumatic, paralytic and nervous patients, along with restaurant and rooms.

It appears Nellie was willing to work with patients with their care. One situation described in 1918 shows Leo Richmond, in the 'Holcomb Hospital', with his sister Nola assisting Nellie for the week.

In 1919 fire damaged the home of Nellie and the Holcomb Sanitarium. Volunteers were able to save the four patients and the home's furnishings. Insurance helped pay for the repairs needed. In reporting the fire and damage, the Ledger stated that this

business "has come to be a necessity in the community."

When Nellie died in 1959 at 86 years old she had moved back to her home area of Sheridan, but she had left her mark of caring on Lowell.

Luz Maternity Hospital

For 18 years Magdalena Cook Luz ran a maternity hospital on East Main Street. The exact dates aren't known, but many birth announcements during the 1930's gave the location of 'Luz Maternity Hospital.' Today Lowell continues to be served by Doctors' offices and even an urgent care center.

- acanthosis nigricans

Acanthosis nigricans is a skin condition that causes thicker, darker, velvety appearing patches that are often seen on the sides and back of the neck, armpits, elbow pits, and groin. It is often caused by high insulin levels in the blood, or insulin resistance, which is seen in those who are diabetic, or have PCOS (polycystic ovarian syndrome). It can be hereditary as well.

Treating the underlying cause of acanthosis nigricans

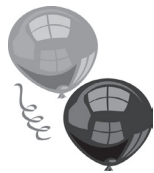
can make the dark patches of skin fade or disappear. Often, losing weight or treating diabetes improves the condition.

Some creams and lotions can lighten the skin as well.

Although the skin can appear dirty, scrubbing the skin or using bleaching agents does not help.

If you have concerns for acanthosis nigricans, follow up with your health care provider to have this evaluated.

happy birthday



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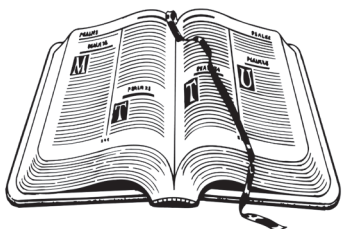
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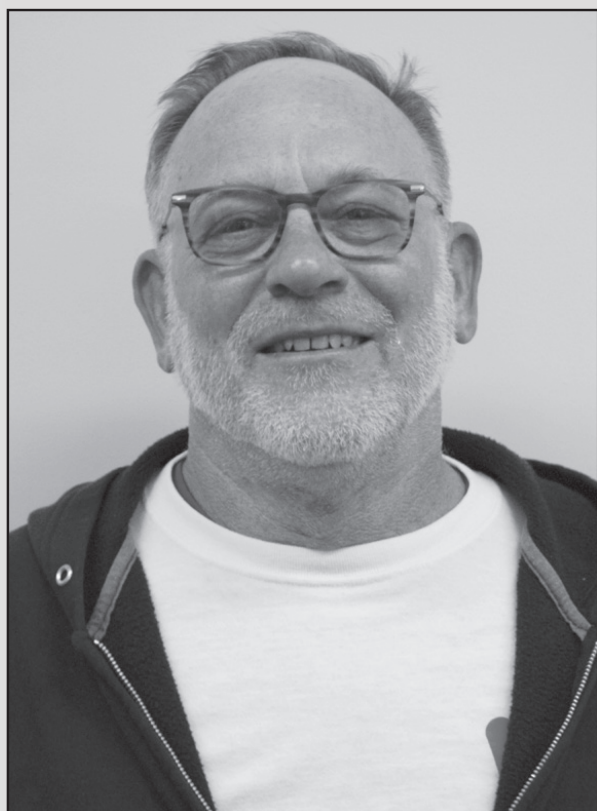
March 24, 2021

Gov. Whitmer visits Cherry Creek Elementary



March 31, 2021

Greg Ball retires after 41 years at King Milling



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.

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.

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

"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.

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.



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LHS wrestling team wins eighth straight championship



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April 21, 2021

WWII veterans honored with 'Ruptured Duck' awards

Two local World War II veterans, John Schrouder and Rev. Glenn Marks, both age 95, were honored with US military "Ruptured Duck" awards at Evergreen Missionary Church, 10501 Settlewood Dr. SE, on Sunday, April 18.

"Ruptured Duck" is the nickname for the Honorable Service Lapel Button. It was awarded to every soldier who was honorably discharged from service during or after World War II. The little gold button, less than an inch in size, depicts an eagle bursting out of a striped circle, and it earned its nickname thanks to



Rev. Glenn Marks (left) and John Schrouder

some allegedly sloppy artistic design.

Rev. Marks earned a Bronze Star for his heroic service as a medic tending to injured soldiers on both sides during some of

the most intense battles in the European Theater during World War II.

"World War II Navy veteran John Schrouder was on an LST [Landing Ship, Tank, ships that carried troops, vehicles and other equipment for amphibious assaults]," Weststrate said. "John Schroeder was in the liberation of the Philippines, and if you were in the liberation of the Philippines, you were also in the liberation of Dutch Indonesia."

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HAPPY 2022 NEW YEAR

June 16, 2021

Brand new Lowell Showboat VI has public debut

The first event held on the brand new Lowell Showboat VI was its grand opening gala on Friday, June 11.

The evening included speeches, hors d'oeuvres from local restaurants, entertainment from the Easy Idle String Band, beer and wine aboard the boat and in the social district and the first chance to stroll freely around the new venue. It was a warm night, but there was a small amount of rain.



Former State Sen. David Hildenbrand spoke and brought along his Lowell High School diploma from when he graduated on the showboat in 1992, and the index cards with the speech he gave when he was valedictorian of his graduating class.

"There were so many people involved to make this happen, it was a huge undertaking," Hildenbrand said. "With permitting, fundraising, design, planning and all the things, it takes a lot. It's a beautiful showboat and it will be enjoyed by this community for decades. [...] I just wanted to say congratulations. I was glad I was in the position that you all put me in where I could be helpful in a small way. It was sort of being in the right place at the right time, and it was important to me to do everything I can, because it's such an important icon for this community and it'll be enjoyed for many, many, many years to come."

Carolyn Jane Blough, widow of Ivan K. Blough, the builder of the 1979 model of the showboat, was on hand to cut the ribbon with Hildenbrand, officially opening the venue.



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NOTICE OF FRANCHISE ORDINANCE ADOPTION DTE GAS COMPANY

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

On December 13, 2021, the Township Board of Grattan Township adopted a nonexclusive franchise ordinance for DTE Gas Company ("DTE") regarding natural gas distribution and services (Ordinance No. 2021-006) (the "Franchise Ordinance"). A summary of the Franchise Ordinance is as follows:

Section 1. Definitions.

This section contains various words, phrases and terms with meanings that are defined for purposes of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Grant of Gas Franchise to Use Public Rights of Way; Non Exclusive.

Pursuant to the Ordinance, the Township grants a nonexclusive and revocable franchise to DTE for a natural gas distribution and services business within the Township subject to state law, Township ordinances, this Ordinance and rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission. This section also governs other matters pertaining to the franchise grant.

Section 3. Term.

The franchise granted under the Ordinance shall continue in effect for a period of 20 years after the effective date of the Ordinance, subject to revocation at any time by the Township.

Section 4. Gas Service and Extension of System.

The franchise granted by the Ordinance gives DTE the right to furnish natural gas products and services within the Township.

Section 5. Use of Streets and Other Public Places.

This section governs DTE's use of the highways, streets, alleys and other public places within the Township for its natural gas distribution and services business, including certain duties and obligations by DTE, the requirement of compliance with all applicable Township ordinances and state laws, how DTE can use the highways, streets, alleys and other public places pursuant to the Ordinance, safety requirements, and other related matters.

Section 6. Revocability.

The franchise granted by the Ordinance is revocable at any time at the will of the Township. The franchise provided by the Ordinance can only be made irrevocable if approved by the electors of the Township at a public election.

Section 7. Indemnification and Hold Harmless.

This section contains hold harmless and indemnification requirements pertaining to DTE and benefiting the Township.

Section 8. Standards and Conditions of Service; Rules, Regulations and Rates.

This section indicates that rates can be charged for natural gas services and other requirements and conditions as governed by the Michigan Public Service Commission.

Section 9. Franchise Not Exclusive.

The franchise rights, power and authority granted by the Township in the Ordinance are not exclusive.

Section 10. Successors and Assigns.

The ordinance provisions apply not only to DTE, but also its successors and assigns.

Section 11. Acceptance by DTEG.

The franchise and other rights granted by the Ordinance to DTE are not effective until and unless the Ordinance is both enacted by the Township and DTE files a written acceptance of the franchise and the Ordinance with the office of the Township Clerk within 30 days of the effective date of the Ordinance.

Section 12. Entire Agreement.

The Ordinance contains the entire agreement between the Township and DTE regarding the subject matter of the franchise and the Ordinance.

Section 13. Conflicting Ordinances.

All ordinances or parts of ordinance in conflict with the Franchise Ordinance are repealed.

Section 14. Necessity.

This section contains a recitation that the Ordinance is declared to be necessary to protect, preserve and enhance the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the people of Grattan Township.

Section 15. Effective Date.

The Ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after any publication requirements and shall continue in effect for 20 years unless revoked by the Township earlier.

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The Franchise Ordinance will become effective upon the expiration of 5 days after this Notice appears in the newspaper. A full copy of the Franchise Ordinance can be purchased, inspected or reviewed at the Grattan Township offices located at 12050 Old Belding Road NE, Belding, Michigan 48809 during normal business hours (Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). Any questions should be directed to the Township Clerk at (616) 691-8450.

Respectfully submitted by,
Michelle Alberts
Grattan Township Clerk
(616) 691-8450

LOWELL LEDGER



June 9, 2021 Thousands attended inaugural Lowell Pride festival

The event's organizers estimate that more than 2,500 people attended the first ever Lowell Pride celebration on the Riverwalk on Saturday, June 5.

First there was drag queen story hour, followed by a drag show, a panel discussion, a fashion show and a movie.

Drag queen story hour actually lasted about 20 minutes. A drag queen named BRIT read three picture books to an audience of children and adults: "All Kinds of Families" by Mary Ann Hoberman, "Pink Is for Boys" by Robb Pearlman and "Same, Same But Different" by Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw.

BRIT gave an engaging, charming reading of the books with many witty asides that deviated from the printed texts. BRIT did not talk down to the kids, nor were they inappropriate. Anybody looking for controversy would have been disappointed. Because these were children's books, the message in all three was positive and simple: Everybody is different, so accept and respect everybody.

The story hour was followed by a sickening drag show by Beauty Beyond Drag productions in Grand Rapids. According to the online RuPaul's Drag Race Dictionary, in this context the term "sickening" means "to be beyond awesome, incredibly amazing or excessively hot."

Four drag queens performed, including BRIT, La Reine Divine and Cherry Poppins, dancing and lip-syncing to beat-heavy, rhythmic pop songs while wearing elaborate outfits that look like they'd be difficult to stand upright in without toppling over, let alone do cartwheels and backflips in front of thousands of people.

Later in the afternoon there was a panel discussion with representatives from the LGBTQIA Health Consortium and Family Over Everything.

Around 5 pm, there was an "any body can wear anything" fashion show.

About 50 vendors lined the Riverwalk and filled the grassy area around the Englehardt Library, offering many different products and services to the throng of attendees.



Red Arrow

BASKETBALL

SPORTS

Boys basketball suffers first loss, Lady Arrows win on road

by Justin Scott
sports reporter

The casual high school basketball fan learned something on Tuesday night. The clock doesn't stop after made baskets on the inbound.

When Lowell made a three-pointer, trailing by four with three seconds to go, there were mixed reactions amongst the Red Arrow faithful. Some with hands in the air wondered why the clock ticked to zero without Jenison inbounding, some who knew the rules still frustrated Lowell had come so close.

The truth was, that was all Lowell could do. With ten seconds left down four, they inbounded after making a free throw, ran the court and made a three-pointer with three seconds left. They had used all of their timeouts, and could only watch as the time

Lowell to a 14-5 lead. Jenison responded with a 24-4 run to move into a 29-18 lead. Threes by CJ Steinebach and Kaleb Siebert would give Lowell some momentum heading halftime and put a stop to the Jenison run. The Red Arrows trailing 29-24 heading into halftime.

Jenison maintained that lead throughout the third quarter, leading 45-39 at the end of the quarter. In the 4th quarter, offensive rebounds and second chances proved to be decisive as Lowell took a 50-47 lead on a Siebert three with three minutes to play. Both teams would go back and forth in the closing minutes, but Jenison took advantage of several missed baskets and putback layups. Despite this, Lowell found themselves up 54-53 with 1:04 to play.

Junior guard Drew

Veldman with the ball going out of play, made a heads up decision to save the ball throwing it to a Jenison player who landed out of bounds maintaining Lowell possession. An in-and-out Red Arrow three, and a Lowell foul on the rebound followed which tied the game at 54-54 following a made free throw. With 40 seconds left and three timeouts, Lowell was forced to burn all three remaining timeouts struggling to inbound the ball. Despite this, Jenison forced a turnover and hit a layup to take a 56-54 lead.

Jenison would add two more free throws with eight seconds left following a missed Lowell basket, taking a 58-54 lead. Lowell did everything right from there, inbounding to Veldman who got it up to Gaskin who hit a three with



Benjamin Gaskin's hot streak in the first quarter gave Lowell a great start against Jenison.



Point guard Dawson Douma brings the ball up court for Lowell.

three seconds left. Then the clock continued to run, as high school rules currently dictate. The opposing team has five seconds to inbound the ball, meaning that if a team is out of timeouts, makes a shot at the end, but still is trailing, the game is effectively over.

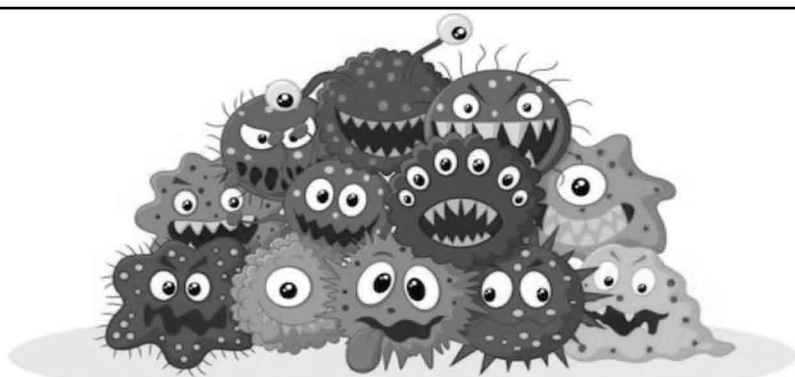
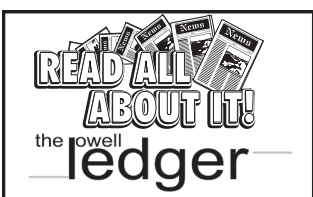
Gaskin led Lowell with 14 points. Gage Snarski added 10, and Siebert added 10 points as well.

The Lady Arrows won their game 62-52 over Jenison on the road opposite the boys game which was taking place at the same time, bringing their record to 4-0 on the season. Lowell under head coach Heath Kent led 30-19 going into break against the Wildcats. Braxcynn Baker led the Red Arrows with 27 points, with Emma Bruwer (16) and Piper Risdon (10) following in the scoring respectively.

correctly ran out. Jenison, who made no real effort to run and inbound the ball, didn't need to. They have five seconds to inbound the ball. Even if they did, the time would have run out.

The Wildcats came in with a 2-2 record, while Lowell looked to pick up their first win with an 0-3 record.

Benjamin Gaskin was the story of the first quarter with 11 points coming off the bench and boosting



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obituaries

KAMASKI

Lorene June Kamaski, age 99 of Lowell, formerly of Porter, IN, passed away peacefully on December 18, 2021 in Lowell. She was born on January 1, 1922 in Terre Haute, IN to Antonio and Nellie (Fallon) Gland, both of whom preceded her in death. She is survived by her loving son, Robert J. Kamaski; her loving daughter, Susan M. Wiggins; her granddaughter, Kimberly Kamaski McCord; her great-grandchildren: Isabelle



McCord, Marley McCord, and Gavin McCord; and by her sister, Charlotte Stetler. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Joseph T. Kamaski, on December 2, 2001; her son, Roger D. Kamaski, on June 6, 2012; and by Lillian Bartlett, Grace Soztez, Mary Jane Holt, Walter Gland, William Gland, Louis Gland, and James Gland. Lorene was a devoted wife and

mother, who truly taught us the meaning of sacrificial love! Her wonderful wit and lovely personality warmed and delighted all who knew her. Her smile lit up the room! To know her was to love her. We are so grateful to have enjoyed so many years with her. Though our hearts are heavy with grief, we are comforted knowing that she is truly home for Christmas this year with our Lord and her loved ones in heaven. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, December 30, 2021 at 10 am at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 638 N Calumet Road, Chesterton, IN. Burial will follow at Chesterton Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, December 29, 2021 from 5:30 pm until 7 pm at White-Love Funeral Home, 525 S 2nd St., Chesterton, IN. Masks are highly recommended inside the funeral home. Please share your wonderful memories with the family at www.whitelovefuneralhome.com.

PERKINS

Sandra Kay Perkins, age 73, of Lowell, was welcomed into the loving arms of Jesus on December 21, 2021. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph Schooley and Frances (Charles) Eary; daughter, Kimberly Ann Velting; and sister, Vickie Miller.



She is survived by, her husband of 55 years, Jeffery Lynne Perkins Sr; children, Jeffery Lynne Perkins Jr, Shennon Renea (Dan) Rice; grandchildren, William Dale (Diana) Velting, Clayton James Velting; one great grandchild; sisters, Sheila (Jeff) Sucher, Lisa (Rick) McMullen; many nieces and nephews; and her special fur baby, Ares. Sandra

was a wonderful wife, mother, and grandma. She enjoyed crocheting, cooking, playing video games online, and was an avid reader. Sandra was a nurturing caregiver to the love of her life, Jeff. She spent many years as a stay at home mom caring for her family. She then was the head bookkeeper for RC Allen and State Farm in Lowell. Sandra was strong in faith and loved Jesus, and she would read the bible nightly with her husband. She will be missed by many.



BALLANCE

Ruth Marlene Ballance, age 82 of Lansing passed away Thursday, December 23, 2021. She was preceded in death by stepbrothers, Dick Buckingham and Tom Buckingham. Ruth is survived by her son, Edward (Jean) Ballance Jr.; grandchildren, Sam (Kristina) Ballance, Alina Ballance; stepbrother, Jim Buckingham; and sisters-in-law, Janice (Thomas) Toms, Susan (Kim Wallace) Ballance. Ruth was a dedicated employee at Auto Owners Insurance for 58 years. Family was her life. She enjoyed cooking, baking, and eating. Ruth loved the company of friends, and was a long-time member of South Church in Lansing, MI. She enjoyed spoiling her grand dogs Leo, Winston, and Ginger. A private family service was held.

MORGAN

Robert Ceil Morgan Sr, age 81 of Lowell, passed away on December 26, 2021. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ceil and Florine Morgan; son, Robert Morgan Jr; grandson, Christian Scott; brother, Michael Morgan; brothers-in-law, Larry and Bill Burhans. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Mary Morgan; children, Teresa Bartlett, Jeff (Kristine) Morgan, Christine (Steve) Frenthway, Ricky Burhans, Teresa (Steve)



Wall; 13 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; brothers, Richard (Sharon) Morgan, Terry (Marsha) Morgan; sisters-in-law, Patricia (Ervin) Zinnel, Deb (Don) Newman; several nieces and nephews; and special grand dog, Ginger. Robert worked at Attwood Manufacturing, retiring after 30 years of service. He enjoyed gambling at casinos, watching western movies, was very protective

of his beloved red Monte Carlo, and always carried two wallets. Robert had a great sense of humor and was always in a hurry but always on time. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and he had a heart of gold. Visitation will be held on December 29, at 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331. Services will be held December 30, at 11 AM with visitation one hour prior at Roth-Gerst Chapel. Pastor Andy Trowbridge officiating. Interment at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.



SHALANDER

Michael Dean Shalander, aged 83, of Lowell passed away peacefully on December 16, 2021. He was reunited with his wife Susan who was the love of his life, and parents Harry and Edna Harmer. He is survived by his loving family; his daughters, Saralyn (Jay) Vezino, Amy (George) Cook, and Allison (Todd) Mahalic; his grandchildren and great grand



children that he loved with all his heart, James (Monica, Jake, Charlotte) Vezino, Tim (Elsa, Baby V arriving April 2022) Vezino, Mandy (Brian, Raelyn, Aubryn) Pfaller, Amber Cook, Alexis (Matt) Cook, Liberty Cook, Tommy (Chelsea) Mahalic, and Matt (Rachel) Mahalic; sister-in-law Linda (Rick) Durham, brother-in-law Stephen (Sue) Weiss, and several nieces and

nephews. His family would like to thank the amazing staff at Maple Ridge Manor, Interim Hospice Care, and Charmain Burke for the loving care he was given. They would also like to recognize his son-in-law Jay for providing so much care, transportation, love, and support to allow him to stay at home as long as he did, and granddaughter Amber who spent the nights with him, watching TV, having snacks, and making sure he was safe overnight while living at home. A private service with the family will be held at a later time.

WALLING

Dorothy Ann Walling, age 78 of Lowell, passed away Saturday, December 25, 2021. She was preceded in death by her son, Ronald Walling Jr.; granddaughter, Sheila Walling; parents, Arthur & Augusta Bruinekool; brothers, Elliot Bruinekool, David Bruinekool, Kenneth Bruinekool, and Dennis Bruinekool. Dorothy is survived by her son, Roger (Teresa)

Walling; grandchildren, Brandon Walling, Brad Walling, Justin Walling, Jason Walling; great-grandchildren, Ava, Oralia, Landon; brothers, Jerry (Roberta) Bruinekool, Lee (Barbara) Bruinekool; sisters, Betty Smith, Shirley Carlson; sisters-in-law, Evelyn Bruinekool, Patricia Bruinekool, Francis Walling; brother-in-law, Robert Lucas; and many nieces, nephews, and

cousins. Dorothy was a dedicated employee at Amway for over 30 years. She enjoyed playing Big Fish game online, crossword puzzles, and was an avid reader. Dorothy also loved frozen yogurt, but most of all loved spending time with her family. Funeral services will be 11:00am Friday, December 31, 2021, at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331 with visitation one-hour prior. Pastor Brad Brillhart, officiating. Memorial Contributions may be made to Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 Fulton St. E, Lowell, MI 49331.



PERRY

Velma Perry, born June 26, 1928, a longtime resident of Lowell, passed away on December 25, 2021. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Louie Baker, at the young age of 33; her second husband, Bob Perry; and her beautiful granddaughter-in-law, Shannon Goggins. Velma



and Bob were married for 45 years and enjoyed camping and traveling. In their retirement years they drove their RV to Florida to escape the Michigan winters. They then decided to try something different and wintered in Myrtle Beach, but what Velma held most dear to her heart, was her family, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Velma never missed a ball game, track meet, cross country meet, or any other sporting event. She was there for every band concert and Christmas program. Her door was always open if they needed a spot to wait until game time and had a snack or cookie ready to hold them over. Velma was known to bake cookies and run them to her granddaughters that were going to a cross country meet and would make enough for the entire team. The great-grandchildren brought her so much joy in these later years. Rocking a baby or having one sit on her lap, brought her so much joy. Velma is survived by her children, Ann (Ron) Wittenbach, Bert (Ruby) Baker; grandchildren, Kevin (Cher) Goggins, Chris Goggins, Andrea (Chris) Demsich, Courtney (Keith) Krebill, Jake (Meghan) Baker, Caleb Baker, Adam (Amy) Baker; 18 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews which were all special to her. The family wishes to acknowledge good friends; Judy Eddy, Virgil and Carmen Roudabush, and all the ladies of her card club. A special thank you to her friends and care givers of Maple Ridge Manor, who filled the last 9 months of her life with wonderful care and kindness. Also, to Kindred Hospice and the pharmacy staff at Rite Aid, who always took such good care of her. Services will be held Friday, January 7, at 12 PM with visitation one hour prior, at First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main, Lowell, MI 49331. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Bob Perry Scholarship Fund through Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331.



Letters continued

some appeared tired, virtually all were in good spirits. Customers faces were adorned with broad smiles and store employees responded in kind. Let's take a minute to extend our appreciation to those folks who dutifully provide services to we, the public. At this time of year particularly, it amazes me how restaurant and retail staffers and service employees of all kinds can continue to maintain such a positive attitude. We all have seen the help wanted signs that appear in countless windows and you can rest assured that the folks who are working, are under some duress. I know 'that's their job' well I think we owe a great big THANK YOU to all of them and that goes for the US Post Office, Fedex, UPS, Amazon and countless others who have been Santa's helpers this year.

Just thought it might be timely to express thanks for the confidence

that some are making in our community with a new car dealer, and three new restaurants scattered along Main Street. These and other additions represent millions of dollars of investment. The YMCA is likewise signaling that Lowell is a good place to be. In the residential sector, there are several subdivisions that are growing and will contribute to the economic health of the community and the public schools should be beneficiaries too.

It is encouraging to see the historic structures in the downtown getting attention, hat's off to the Mill.

So as we welcome 2022, let's be thankful for the future of the community and hope that in the months ahead we all can see the scourge of Covid in our rear view mirrors. Happy New Year to all.

Roger Royer
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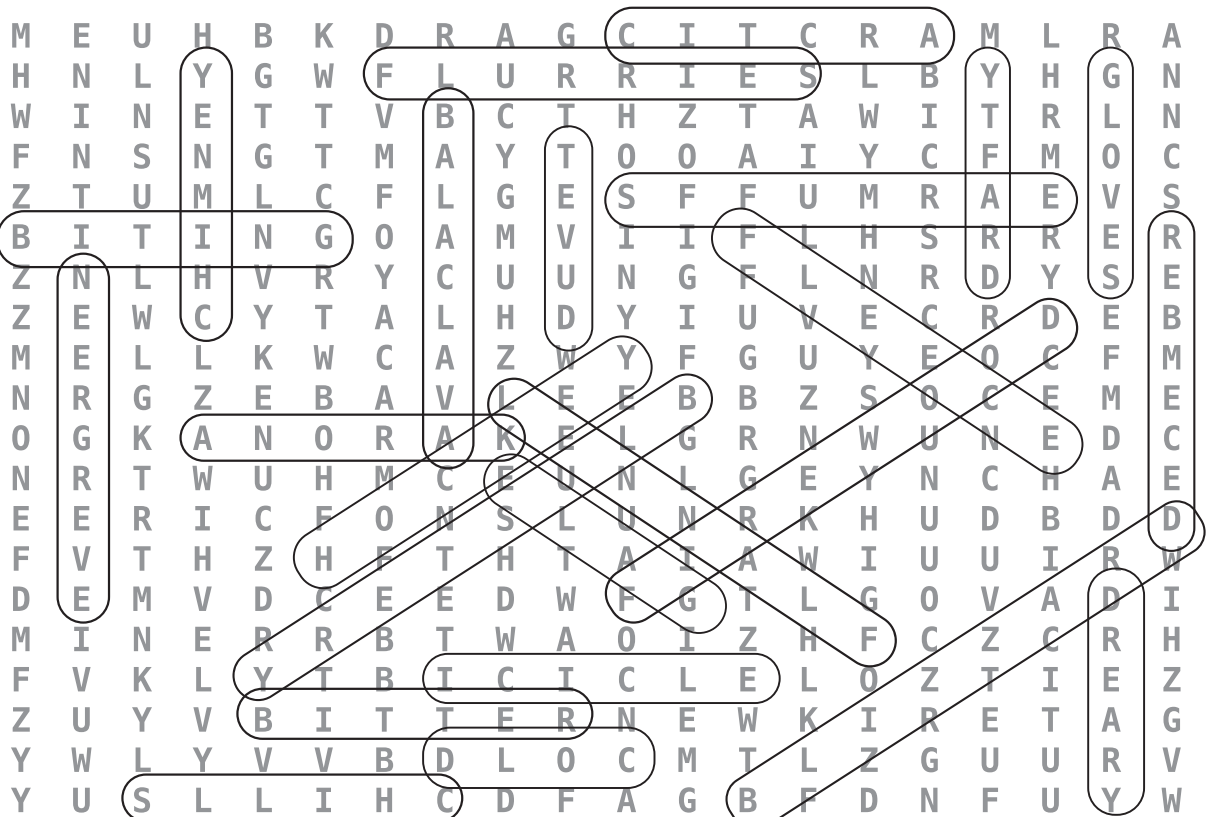
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Currently Lowell Light & Power (LL&P) is seeking a full-time Utility Ground Worker to work in the operation, maintenance and construction of electric distribution, transmission, and associated equipment of the LL&P electric system. A detailed job description, minimum qualifications, and a job application can be found at <http://www.lowell-light.org>. Competitive benefits package includes: health, dental, life, STD and LTD insurance, a defined contribution retirement plan, a 457 deferred compensation plan, and a generous PTO plan. Starting wage is based on qualifications. Must possess or obtain a CDL B within six (6) months of hire.

Please submit resume, cover letter, and employment application no later than January 7, 2022 to:
 Lowell Light & Power; Human Resources;
 PO Box 229;
 Lowell, MI 49331
 or via email to customerservice@lowell-light.org.



September 1, 2021

Despite heat, Pink Arrow Pride event returns



With temperatures in the upper 80s and the heat index in the 90s, it was certainly a hot one as Pink Arrow Pride took place last Thursday at Bob Perry Field. After the pandemic caused a more low-key affair last year, this year's events were much closer to normal than usual, though missing some of the flare last seen two years ago at Pink Arrow Pride XII.

The survivor's walk was canceled due to heat concerns, while COVID-19 and other factors prevented restaurant row from making its return.

Events this year included the Pink Arrow Pride football game, won by Mona Shores 56-14. The soccer team lost to Forest Hills Eastern in the annual Pink Arrow Pride soccer game by a score of 2-1. The volleyball team competed against Caledonia on their outdoor court in a scrimmage.

All players competed for a loved one fighting or who has fought cancer. All three schools Lowell played during the day wore pink of some kind to show their support, including the Mona Shores student section who had a "pink out." The fall student-athletes and marching band led down the hill as "You'll Never Walk Alone" played over the loudspeakers in a tribute parade. The field was painted with the traditional pink arrow as has been done in years past.

September 15, 2021

David & Jan Thompson donate new US flag to new Vergennes Township hall



November 10, 2021

Lowell Middle School students evacuated, dismissed early after fire



There was a fire in a girls restroom on the east side of Lowell Middle School just after 12:30 pm on Tuesday, Nov. 9. The east wing is the home of the seventh grade. Several fire trucks, ambulances and police cars responded and all students and staff were evacuated.

"One student was overcome by anxiety and received treatment on the scene," said Lowell Area Schools superintendent Nate Fowler. "No one was transported to the hospital."

The decision was made to dismiss early that day, and the school remained closed on Wednesday, Nov. 10 for cleanup.

"There was extensive cleanup in the seventh grade classrooms and hallways," Fowler said. "That included wiping down all surfaces and cleaning carpets and tile flooring. The air ducts in the seventh grade hallway were cleaned and all filters in the heating and cooling system were replaced. When students returned to school on Nov. 11, the bathroom where the fire occurred was still closed, but the rest of the building looked great. [...] The damage came from smoke. Most of it was contained to the girls bathroom in the seventh grade wing. We will have to replace ceiling tiles and some of the plastic items in the bathrooms, like toilet paper dispensers that retained an odor from the smoke."

December 8, 2021

Christmas festivities come back strong after year off



FUN PAGE

SUDOKU

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

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!

WINTER SCENES WORD SEARCH

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

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

Puzzle solutions on page 13

WINTER SCENES WORD SEARCH

ANORAK
 ARCTIC
 BALACLAVA
 BITING

BITTER
 BLIZZARD
 BLUSTERY
 CHILLS
 CHIMNEY
 COLD
 DECEMBER

DRAFTY
 DREARY
 DUVET
 EARMUFFS
 EVERGREEN
 FIREWOOD
 FLANNEL

FLEECE
 FLURRIES
 GALE
 GLOVES
 HOCKEY
 ICICLE

Guess Who?

I am a singer born in Ohio on December 28, 1978. I was the musical director for an a capella group at the University of Pennsylvania. I scored my first big hit in 2005, and I've won many music awards, including being the first black man to win an EGOT.

Answer: John Legend

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to winter.

F D E R T O S

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Answer: Frosted

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10	
11				12		13			14			
15						16			17			
	18				19		20			21		
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25	26	27	28	29								
30							31					
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		45	46									
47	48				49			50	51	52	53	54
55					56				57			58
59					60				61			
62					63					64		

CLUES ACROSS

- Loud cheer
- Defensive nuclear weapon (abbr.)
- Type of cell
- Oblong pulpits
- Pitching statistic
- Uncommon
- Liabilities
- Thin, straight bar
- Oh goodness!
- Competitions
- ___ Jima, WW II battlefield
- Professional assn. (abbr.)
- Italian mountain range
- Taking possession of
- Used in cooking and medicine
- Water (French)
- Parent a child
- Sun-dried brick
- One point south of due east
- Female fashion accessory
- A way of making a copy of
- A way to debilitate
- Wings
- Social insect
- Dull brown fabrics
- Indian musical pattern
- N. England university
- Portable stands for coffins

CLUES DOWN

- Cool!
- Passover offering
- Swedish rock group
- Collegiate military organization
- Large nests
- Beloved baked good
- 1980s pop legend
- Finger millet
- Hillside
- Surrender
- Midway between south and southeast
- Long, narrow strap
- Discount
- A type of cast
- Large, tropical lizard
- Half of "Milli Vanilli"
- Single
- Big truck
- Midway between east and southeast
- Et ___: indicates further
- Insecticide
- Iranian district
- Envision
- Passerine bird genus
- Container
- Falter
- Tunisian city
- Luke Skywalker's mentor ___-Wan
- Cast out
- Breakfast food
- By reason of
- One who makes thread
- Baseball stat
- Breezed through
- Frothy mass of bubbles
- Tony-winning actress Daisy
- Made of fermented honey and water
- Member of a Semitic people
- Monetary unit of the Maldives
- Run batted in
- Makes publicly known
- Disagreement
- Soluble ribonucleic acid
- Single-reed instrument

June 9, 2021

LHS class of '21 commencement ceremony



Poisoned bald eagle in rehab, will return to wild

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.

"We live on the Flat River, and we have like five or six eagles around here," said Denese Crouch. "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."

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.

"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."



LOWELL AREA COMMUNITY FUND ACCEPTS GRANT PROPOSALS

To be considered, all proposals must be submitted online by January 7, 2022.

Visit www.grfoundation.org/lowell to submit your application.

The Lowell Area Community Fund, a fund of the Grand Rapids Community Foundation, awards grants to tax-exempt, nonprofit charitable organizations that have an impact in the Lowell Area. The LACF funds innovative projects or programs that encourage community cooperation.

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