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# Baby pantry of Lowell offers free baby and toddler supplies

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

The Baby Pantry of Lowell is located inside of Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 E. Fulton.

The pantry services parents of young children who are in need of baby supplies, and has helped more than 2,000 families over the course of its 25 years of existence.

“We’re just like a food pantry, except with baby supplies, and everything is free,” said Michelle Misiak, director of the Baby Pantry. “We pretty much have everything you need for a baby, and we try to make things really easy so the clients can kind of ‘shop’ for whatever they need. They can get clothes, bottles, diapers, wipes, formulas or whatever. [...] We’re definitely a ‘walk-in and we’ll help you’ - there are no classes and we don’t offer all the extra services that some places do, like ultrasounds. We literally are exactly as we sound: a baby pantry. I mean, we were founded out of a Catholic church and we’re all Christians, and if somebody asked me about

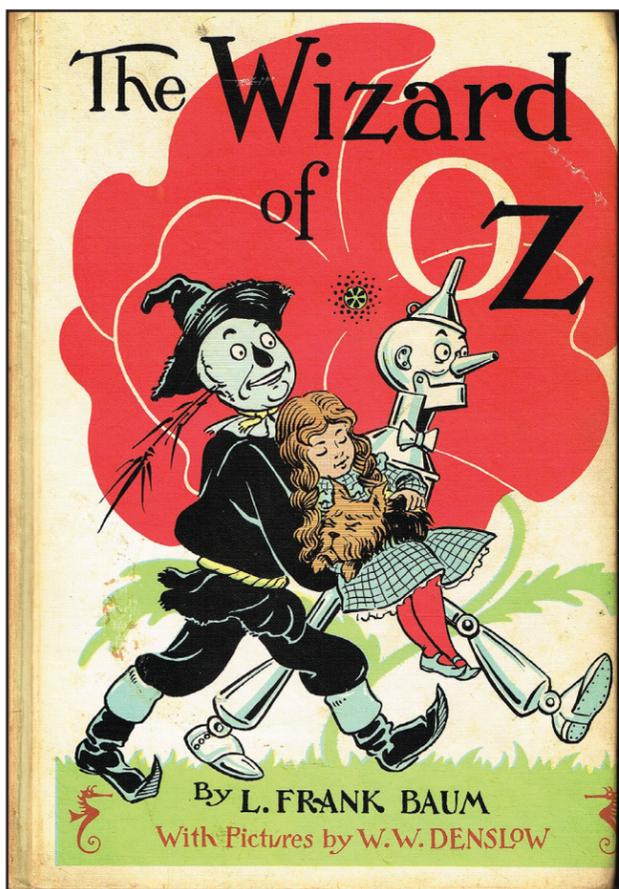
faith I would be more than happy to talk about it, but the founders’ intent was ‘to be the hands and feet.’ To serve people. And we’re definitely there to offer a smile. It’s hard being a single parent. Parenting is not easy for two people, doing it alone is a whole ‘nother game. I’m sure many of our clients are married, but a lot of them are single parents, and that is just hard. A lot single moms are there all day with their children, so we might sit and chit chat with them for a little bit, because we could represent the first time she’s had an adult conversation all day! And we can tell them about some of our real life experiences - we’re all moms so we love to give out advice! Like if someone says, ‘I’m really struggling to potty training,’ we can make suggestions from our experience.”

The Baby Pantry started at St. Mary Church about 25 years ago, and many of the

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# LHS spring musical is “The Wizard of Oz”



by Gabrielle Yeary

There truly is no place like home, and for some Lowell High School students that home happens to be the

Lowell Performing Arts Center. In the past 11 weeks, over 70 students—part of the Lowell High School Theater Department—have

been hard at work on this year’s All School Musical production of the classic Wizard of Oz.

The musical follows young Dorothy and her dog Toto as they’re whisked away from their rural home in Kansas by a twister, and sent to the magical Land of Oz. Dorothy, desperate to return home, follows the yellow brick road and meets Scarecrow—played by Max Wasilew—who needs a brain, Tinman—played by Kennedy Weed—who needs a heart, and the Cowardly Lion—played by Conner Casarez—who needs some courage. Together, they travel to see the Wizard of Oz and fend off the Wicked Witch of the West’s dastardly attacks. The story substantiates the importance of family and surrounding yourself with your loved ones, and of course, that there is no place like home.

Anna Doyle, a senior who plays the well-loved Dorothy Gale, says that, “Dorothy’s fervor and determination

are synonymous with my own. Dorothy dreams of a place ‘over the rainbow,’ and her imagination makes it a reality. In my life, I can only hope to have as much success in manifesting my future.” Speaking on her favorite part of the production, Doyle adds, “I have always loved witnessing the shows start as a muddle of sporadic scenes, dances and songs and eventually form into a beautiful production ready to be seen by the community. Each cast member can attest to the amount of time and energy we put into perfecting every detail of the performance we put on stage and feeling the immense energy in the audience is indescribable. It’s a part of musicals I look forward to most every single year.”

This year, some new cast members—or rather new furry friends—have decided to join the stage as well. Teddy, a maltese poodle, has been studying all of his lines diligently and will be performing as Toto! Funnily

enough, Toto belongs to Dorothy in the musical just as Teddy belongs to Doyle in real life! When asked what issues may arise, Doyle said “One word: Toto. The idea of a real dog is exciting, but the reality is stressful.” Luckily, some stage hands have been at Doyle’s side caring for Teddy while he goes on and off stage. Doyle adds, “I apologize in advance if Teddy decides to lift his leg mid-scene.” Teddy has been properly pampered and is excited for his debut on the Lowell Performing Arts Center stage this March!

As usual, the crew is hard at work creating all the behind the scenes magic that we know and love. “My favorite part about being in this production is all the various components that go into this show. There’s the acting, singing, choreography, the orchestra pit, the tech crew, the costumes, the makeup, the set pieces, all of it

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# Registration open for Little League Baseball season

Player registration is open for all age divisions, ages five years and up, for the 2022 Little League baseball season, and sponsorships are available.

The early development league for five and six-year-olds runs on Saturday

mornings. The older age groups for softball and baseball leagues run on various days throughout the week from April through June.

Most local games are held at Creekside Park, and some older age groups have the

opportunity to play against other local Little League organizations.

The league is always looking for volunteers to help with short term tasks like spring cleanup, opening day activities and picture day, as well as long term



committee assignments such as field maintenance, registration, sponsorship and concessions.

“Lowell Little League follows the guidance of Little League International and believes that local youth baseball and softball programs are built on life lessons, socialization and sportsmanship,” Lowell Little League president Mike Minier said in an interview before the 2021 season. “That benefits all of the children and adult volunteers who support the league. Lowell

Little League provides opportunities for children in the Lowell community to improve their health, make friends and practice teamwork and sportsmanship skills. Sponsors help leagues operate smoothly by providing training resources for coaches, offset operational expenses like uniforms, equipment and field maintenance, assist in tournament costs and safety. Sponsors help leagues offer the best program possible, so that players, coaches and families can have fun and

rewarding Little League experiences.”

Finally, if the fees associated with Little League are too much for your family to deal with right now, there is a program created by T-Mobile where they will reimburse those fees. Visit [littleleague.org/call-up-grant-program](http://littleleague.org/call-up-grant-program) for more information about that.

For more information about Lowell Little League, visit [llmi.com](http://llmi.com), send a message to [lowelllittleleague@gmail.com](mailto:lowelllittleleague@gmail.com) or find them on social media.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### VERGENNES TOWNSHIP 2022 BOARD OF REVIEW

**NOTICE TO: TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VERGENNES TOWNSHIP**

The Vergennes Township Board of Review will meet on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. for the Organizational Meeting. No taxpayer appeals will be heard at this meeting.

Public hearings will be held at  
69 Lincoln Lake Ave NE Lowell, MI 49331:  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022,**  
from 1:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2022,**  
from 1:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The Board will meet for the purpose of reviewing the Assessment Roll and hearing objections thereto.

Appointments are required to appear before the BOR. Appeals may also be made by letter if you are unable to be present during meeting hours. Letter appeals must be received no later than March 18, 2022.

All BOR meetings and hearings are held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 297 of 1976, as amended, MCL 41.72a (2) and (4), and the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Persons wishing to file for a Disabled Veterans Exemption or Poverty Exemption should have all required forms submitted to the Board of Review in advance of the meeting dates noted above.

The tentative ratios and factors for Vergennes Township for tax year 2022 are:

	Ratio	Factor
Agricultural	39.36%	1.27032
Commercial	42.47%	1.17730
Industrial	45.55%	1.09769
Residential	46.00%	1.08695
Personal Property	50.00%	1.00000

All ratios are expected to be 50% and all multipliers are expected to be 1.00000 after 2022 assessment adjustments are made.

Cory Burns  
Township Assessor

## Wizard of Oz, continued

comes together to create this amazing production that’s far bigger than any one of us.” says freshmen Ben Vonderheide. Many of the set pieces so far have been finished and look amazing! In addition, 101 costumes are being made from scratch by our lead costume designer, senior Jordyn Vriesman, and the costume department. So much is being done behind the stage, and the theater department would genuinely be nowhere without our beloved crew.

Of course, just like any other production there are difficulties and complications. While

COVID-19 may no longer be as big of an issue as it was in the past two years, it still has its grip on the performing arts, whether in the audience or behind the scenes. “The hardest part was overcoming COVID-19/other illness-related absences. We’re constantly learning new scenes and songs, so missing one rehearsal can really set you and your scene partners back.” Says junior Louie Wasciuk. Luckily, the directors of the production have tried to resolve these issues to the best of their abilities by accommodating the students with many extra resources to learn missed

dances or scenes.

Despite all of this, while COVID-19 may complicate things for the students, so far it seems that it will have no effect on the production come opening night. As of right now, there are no mask mandates or social distancing required, but even with the Wicked Witch of the West’s crystal ball, we still can’t predict what the future may hold.

Senior Lexi Hofmann, who plays the disturbingly cruel Wicked Witch of the West, wishes to tell the audience that “It’s Lowell’s Wizard of Oz, not the 1930’s one. It’s the same script, but every actor has made the characters their own. The directors and crew have taken a classic show and refurbished it into something new. While it’s the same story, it’s our own thing and calling it ‘special’ isn’t strong enough for how amazing this show is. If you don’t believe me, you’ll have to come see

it.” Conner Casarez adds, “The Cowardly Lion is one to run away from danger and be scared at anything, but when he gets the thought of losing his friends to Wicked Witch he overcomes his fears and stands by their side. No matter how nervous or excited we are for opening night we will all be as courageous as the Lion and stand by each other.”

In short, Wizard of Oz is not one to miss this year. With all that has been said, and all that has not, the musical will be absolutely spectacular as usual. The cast is waiting in anticipation to open the LPAC doors to everyone. The shows are on March 4, 5, 11, and 12 at 7 pm, and on March 6 at 2 pm. As usual, tickets can be bought for \$15.00 on [www.showtix4u.com/events/lpac](http://www.showtix4u.com/events/lpac), live stream and in-person options are available. Tickets are on a first come, first serve basis and seating is limited, so buy them while you can!



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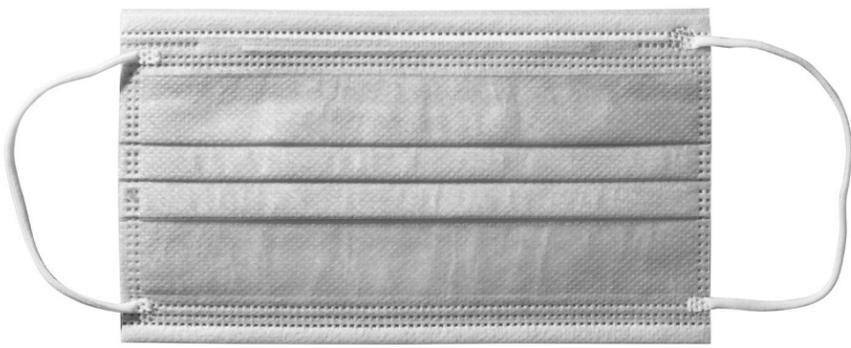
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# MDHHS updates mask guidance as state enters post-surge recovery phase of COVID-19 pandemic



As COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations continue to decline in the state, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has updated its mask guidance for public settings, including school settings, to reflect that Michigan is entering a post-surge, recovery phase.

Moving forward, the COVID-19 cycle can be broken down into three key phases:

**Response:** Local and state public health implement rapid response to a surge. The public may be advised to increase masking, testing and social distancing.

**Recovery:** Post-surge. No immediate resurgence predicted. Local and state public health will monitor conditions that could lead to future surges.

**Readiness:** A surge in cases is expected, with implications on severity of illness and hospital capacity. Increased communication to the public regarding possible new risks.

Currently, decreases in cases and hospitalizations and increased access to vaccines, testing and treatment indicate that Michigan is entering a post-

surge, recovery phase of the cycle.

During this phase, MDHHS recommends that all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, continue to practice universal masking in high-risk congregate settings including long-term care facilities, homeless shelters, correctional facilities, jails and health care facilities. All individuals, regardless of vaccination status, should also wear a mask during isolation and quarantine periods to stop further community spread of COVID-19.

School districts and organizations should consider local conditions and work with their local health department to determine mask policies for school districts, public meetings and large events. Masks are an important tool in mitigating spread of COVID-19 and individuals who may be at higher risk of infection or who feel better protected when masked should choose when they feel comfortable masking.

“This is good news for Michigan,” said Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. “While Michigan hasn’t had statewide mask policies

since last June, this updated guidance will underscore that we are getting back to normal. Let’s keep working together to build on our momentum so we can keep our kids learning in person.”

“Individuals and families should assess their own risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission and make choices about when it makes sense to wear masks,” said Elizabeth Hertel, MDHHS director. “We want to make sure individuals and local communities have the information and tools they need to make choices for their families based on their personal situation and local community conditions. We continue to strongly urge all residents ages 5 and older get the safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine and to get boosted when eligible as the vaccine continues to be our best defense against the virus.”

The announcement followed Gov. Whitmer’s signing of the bipartisan \$1.2 billion supplemental funding bill, which includes \$150.8 million for testing and screenings in schools so kids can continue safely learning in-person.

Michiganders should

consider their individual and family members’ risk factors and vaccination status when making the personal decision whether to mask. Those with chronic illnesses or who are immunocompromised are at higher risk for poor outcomes from COVID-19 and would benefit most from masking in indoor settings. These risk factors may include age, medical conditions and vaccination status.

MDHHS will continue to monitor the transmission of COVID-19 closely to assess risk across the state and adjust as conditions change. These changes could include the presence of a new variant that increases the risk to the public, or an increased number of cases that strains the health care system.

“For the past several months, we have been in a response phase as COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations surged,” said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, MDHHS chief medical executive. “With the continued decline in cases and hospitalizations, we are now entering a post-surge, recovery phase. As we move through the phases of our COVID-19 response our recommendations will be updated to reflect the current status of transmission, but we will continue to prioritize

public health and promote health and wellness for all families and communities.”

MDHHS continues to recommend the use of layered mitigation strategies for Michiganders:

Get vaccinated against COVID-19. Michiganders should get up to date on their COVID-19 vaccine. Learn more about vaccines and when you’re up to date at gov/COVIDVaccine.

After testing positive for COVID-19, individuals are encouraged to talk to their doctors about whether they meet eligibility criteria and should get antibody or antiviral treatment to help with their recovery. Learn more about COVID-19 Therapeutics.

Isolation and Quarantine. Staying away from others when you are sick or were recently exposed to COVID-19 are important tools to preventing further spread of the virus. Learn more about what happens when you have or are exposed to COVID-19.

Get tested if you are exposed or have symptoms. Anyone with signs or symptoms of COVID-19 should get tested regardless of vaccination status or prior infection. If you get tested because you

have symptoms or were potentially exposed to the virus, you should stay away from others while you wait for your test result. Testing before unmasked gatherings provides an additional layer of protection. Find a test site at gov/CoronavirusTest.

Take additional steps to protect yourself and others. For additional guidance on mitigation strategies, visit [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html).

Get a free mask. Free KN95 masks are being distributed by community organizations, including local MDHHS offices, health departments and Area Agency on Aging offices. Residents who want masks can obtain masks from partner agencies across the state. Michiganders are asked to refer to partner websites or social media sites to find out about mask availability as opposed to calling sites.



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and I can't remember the other two.**

~ Sir Norman Wisdom (1915-2010)

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## BOWNE NOTICE TOWNSHIP

### BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE 2022

The Board of Review of Bowne Township will meet in the Township Office Building located at 8240 Alden Nash SE., Alto Michigan on:

**FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2022 – 1:00 P.M.**  
**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022**  
**9:00 A.M. – NOON**  
**AND 1:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022**  
**1:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.**

**PLEASE NOTE- EVENING HOURS ON MARCH 16, 2022 ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**  
**6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.**

DUE TO CORONAVIROUS CONCERNS THE BOWNE TOWNSHIP MARCH 2022 BOARD OF REVIEW IS OFFERING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PROPERTY OWNERS TO APPEAL THEIR 2022 ASSESSMENT/TAXABLE VALUE BY SCHEDULING AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK. ALL APPOINTMENT REQUESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE TOWNSHIP CLERK AT 616-868-6846 OR [clerk@bownetwp.org](mailto:clerk@bownetwp.org) PRIOR TO 3:00 P.M. MARCH 10, 2022. IN LIEU OF AN APPOINTMENT, IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED APPEALS BE SUBMITTED BY MAIL.

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# Baby pantry, continued

original volunteers are still donating their time to the organization.

“It used to be ‘St. Mary Pregnancy Center’ years ago,” Misiak said. “It was around for a long time under that name, and then we switched the name to The Baby Pantry maybe nine years ago. We switched because people were confused by what the phrase ‘pregnancy center’ meant. [...] It was founded by some volunteer ladies, and several of the current volunteers are from that original time period. We have a lot of volunteers that do good work, especially

the board members. Barb Vezino, Kathy Horsch and Patricia Judd, for example, are some essential people. To give 25 years of your life to a volunteer gig, that’s a big commitment! [...] Our volunteers sort donations, they pack up stuff and get it prepped for when clients show up, and the volunteers help our clients when they come in, help pick out the items they need, like clothes, equipment or any of that kind of stuff. Everybody is a volunteer, nobody gets paid. I think we have probably 12 or 13 volunteers who work, on average, one day a month. We have a lot of

snowbirds, so when they’re gone, sometimes other people have to pick up a few extra shifts, but it’s a once a month commitment, which is a pretty low commitment. The board members have a little bit more commitment, but not a lot. The board directs the direction that it would like the pantry to go in. [As director], my goal is to lead the organization and to run the daily operations, and I’m also the president of the board.”

Misiak’s full time job for the past 14 years is the marketing director for Baker Publishing Group, one of the largest Christian publishers



in the US. Her association with the Baby Pantry began about 10 years ago.

“I took over for Ruth Collar, the original Baby Pantry director, who passed away,” Misiak said. “She was the leader when I joined, and she was just a force to be reckoned with, you know?”

She was one of those ladies that you couldn’t say ‘no’ to. For about a year and a half I was a volunteer like everybody else. Then, when she passed away, all the other volunteers basically said, ‘You’re going to be the leader, right?’ I have a full-time job - I’ve always had

a full-time job! - and I told the director at the time that I had a full-time job! But then I was like, ‘I will help you if you need me.’ So that’s how I ended up where I’m at.”

The Baby Pantry is located inside of FROM, but they are not affiliated with FROM and they get no money from donations to FROM, they are a rent-paying tenant in FROM’s building. The Baby Pantry’s service area is based on the Lowell Area Schools district, so if you live in or near that area and you have pre-K children, you probably qualify.

“They can call or email, or they can just stop in when we’re open,” Misiak said. “That’s what a lot of people do. We’ll talk to them and they have a form to fill out, it’s pretty easy. We serve everybody that’s in the greater Lowell area, so they can be in Alto, we’ll take care of people in Saranac. We rent rooms from FROM, but we’re not actually part of FROM. They should go in the door that the ‘other ministries’ are in, I think it’s door number one, and we have a sticker on our door that says our name.”

For more information, visit [babypantryoflowell.com](http://babypantryoflowell.com), call 616-322-5957, send a message to [babypantryoflowell@gmail.com](mailto:babypantryoflowell@gmail.com) or look for them on social media.

The Baby Pantry is open for walk-ins every Monday from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm and Thursdays from 2 pm to 4:30 pm.

“I have always felt a strong calling to help moms, and I have always felt this really strong calling to volunteer,” Misiak said. “When I found this opportunity on the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce website, I knew immediately that it was where I was supposed to be. At the end of the day, we just want to help people, and this is a way for us to do that.”

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**2022 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE**  
The City of Lowell Board of Review for 2022 will be held at Lowell City Hall, 301 E Main St SE, on the following dates:  
**Organizational Meeting: March 7th, 10:00 am**  
**Appeal Hearings:**  
Wednesday, **March 16th**, 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
Thursday, **March 17th**, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Meetings are by Appointment, to schedule, contact: City Hall @ ph. 616.897.8457  
The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests and to equalize the 2022 assessments  
**By City Charter, residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 11th, 2022**  
The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2022 are as follows:  
Commercial ..... 45.64 ..... 1.0960  
Residential..... 45.39 ..... 1.1020  
Industrial ..... 43.56 ..... 1.148  
Personal Property ..... 50.00 ..... 1.0000  
**Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice**  
The City will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon 3 days' notice.  
Contact: Michael Burns – City Manager, ph. 616.897.8457



# viewpoint



## 125 years ago Lowell Ledger February 26, 1897

Augustus Blurton, of Pittsford, was fatally injured by the fast mail on the Lake Shore. Blurton was intoxicated, and drove into the westbound fast mail train. He was frightfully mangled.

The German tank steamer Dimant, Captain Wischusen and thirty-five men, was probably lost with all hands 280 miles southeast of Halifax, Feb. 17, or else she has been drifting at the mercy of the elements ever since.

Anna, wife of Antone Killinger, died at her home at the plant of the Lowell Water & Light company, in Vergennes township, one and one half miles north of this village, Saturday evening, February 20. Friday afternoon, Mr. Killinger went to his work, leaving his wife in her usual health, but on returning home at 9 in the evening, found her in bed unconscious, from which condition she never rallied, though she lived twenty-four hours longer.

## 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger March 2, 1922

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Gunn were called home from Grand Rapids by the message that their home had been entered and burglarized. On returning home they found the burglar had entered the house by the side door, about 7 o'clock and left later in the evening by the back door which was open. Every room was ransacked and the drawers of the dressers, as well as the living rooms, table and buffet drawers, and the contents on the floor. A gold watch and many "trinkets" which were valuable to Mr. and Mrs. Gunn were taken. A suit case, which contained several articles of clothing, and an electric heater was found at the back door which the burglar left in his hurry to get away.

In attacking the Prohibition amendment as a breeder of lawlessness, Union Labor takes a stand against national decency. To be consistent, it should advocate the overthrow of laws against thievery, arson, rape and murder, all of which are persistently violated. We do not blame these latter laws for criminality: we blame and punish the criminals.

After one year of public health work, Ionia county chapter Red Cross is convinced that it pays and will continue it, although many communities have discontinued home service chapters. Two nurses are kept busy here, 2,925 nursing calls having been made during the year. Most of the chapter is among rural school children.

## 75 years The Lowell Ledger February 27, 1947

It will be unlawful to drive motor vehicles after Saturday, March 1, without the new 1947 license plates. Half-year license plates for trailers, commercial, and farm commercial are available this week, according to announcement made by Secretary of State, Fred M. Alger, Jr.

Two Lowell men, Frank Coons and Lee Lampkin, enjoyed an unusual surprise early this month while making up their Rotary attendance at Memphis, Tenn. Neither knew of the presence of the other until their names were announced by the Secretary of the Memphis Rotary Club. Just another evidence that this is a small world.

Donald Shores, his mother, Mrs. Frank Shores, brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Shores, had an unusual accident last Saturday noon, when they were returning to their home north of Lowell from their work here. The car, which Donald was driving, skidded on the slippery road and rough tracks on Riverside Dr. and started over the high bank.

## 50 years The Lowell Ledger March 2, 1972

Mac and Rosie Fonger, owners of Rosie Drive Inn on West Main Street are back at the restaurant after spending a gorgeous week vacationing in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Last Wednesday, within a few short hours, four inches of snow blanketed the area, causing hazardous driving conditions. Intermixed with late freezing rains, Thursday's weather was slippery and cold. This week however, ole man weather is up to his tricks of switch. Monday's sunshine and warm weather led a lot of people to believe that Spring is about to be sprung.

Lowell Police February 24 arrested Roosevelt Suffore for breaking and entering Mel's Bar on West Main Street. Suffore's arrest followed the issuance of a warrant from the Prosecutor's office. He waived examination and was bound to Judge VanderWal's Circuit Court.

## 25 years The Lowell Ledger February 26, 1997

"I'm jealous," said Byron Township library branch manager Marie VanFleet, upon her visit to Lowell's new Englehardt Library. The 9,000 square foot library, which opened on Feb. 5, is definitely

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## to the editor

To the editor,

The Lowell Area School Board deserves our Respect! They spend their most valuable asset, time, for the benefit of our community.

Time is the one thing in life once spent can never be recovered. It is gone forever.

Process takes time. Having served on several community boards over the past 50 years I have experienced the time required to make process work. That time could have been spent with friends, family or loved ones. The choice was to spend that time for the community and there is little compensation for that precious gift.

I have experienced

superintendents from Dr. Fritz Esch to Bert Bleke and now Nate Fowler. They have led our educational community into the fourth industrial revolution of artificial intelligence and robotics always focused on the needs of our children as the top priority.

Brian Kojewski, Laurie Kuna, Gary Blough, Pat Nugent, Tom Kaywood, Dan Stephens, Jessica Curtis and Nate Fowler deserve the respect of our community for their efforts.

That is the lesson I learned from my father, mother and Faith.

*With Great Respect,  
Jack Misner  
Vergennes Township*



## 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.
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- All letters are subject to editing for style, grammar and sense.
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- Letters that include attacks of a personal nature will not be published or will be edited heavily.
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# HEALTH

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# 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.

**Q** is for Bert Eugene Quick

Bert was born in 1866 to Reuben and Phebe Jane Barber Quick. Reuben Quick was the foreman for the first bridge built over the Grand River, and was a part of the partnership of Pawlison & Quick that built the first sawmill in 1871. The sawmill was on the east side of Flat River, north of today's Main Street. They did the carpentry work on the Methodist church, the State Bank building, and the Graham block. Reuben Quick then stayed with the sawmill in the partnership of King, Quick & King. Upon his death in 1906, Reuben Quick was said to have been the "oldest and best" resident of Lowell. When Phebe Jane died it was said she was ready at all times to aid the needy or troubled without thought of remuneration or reward. Later, Bert was to show the world through his writings, the bold hero that his mother really was.

As his world centered around logging and lumbering, it was said that the entire Flat River Valley was Bert's playground. He grew up listening to the recalling of Civil War events from his father and

his father's friends, the old veterans of town. Reuben Quick had served as a Lieutenant with Company I of the 26th Michigan Infantry, which was made up mainly of Lowell area boys.

Bert did not follow in his father's footsteps. By the time he reached adulthood, the logging boom was settling down and his father retired. Bert's early occupation adventure was a hardware store. He then purchased an entire half page ad to sell a carload of refrigerators. The refrigerators sold in a single day. His self-learned practical knowledge of merchandising was beneficial in establishing his own advertising agency. It turned out he was quite an advertising genius. He went on to write the first four-page full-color magazine advertisement in American history. In 1907 he changed careers yet again, becoming an accountant, specializing in estate and inheritance taxation.

It was during his retirement time that Bert reconnected with his hometown and hometown friends. He wrote a three chapter recollection, publishing one chapter a week in the Lowell Ledger, for the 1931 Centennial celebration and left a treasure for future Lowell residents. The title is "The Story of a Friendship, Nerve, Intrigue and Interesting Early-Day Incidents". The article recounts an incident from 1871 in which his mom, Phebe Jane, took him on an adventure to save the



life of her best friend's son. On this adventure they battled a storm, muddy 'roads', a scared, powerful but obedient quarter-horse, fording the Flat River and an out of control Sheriff from Boone County Kansas. Bert goes into extreme detail on everyone they saw on their adventure. From the perspective of looking back after sixty years, he also gives biographical sketches where he can. It is indeed a treasure as it gives a look at life in 1871 and how the politics of post-Civil War times affected Lowell. He even manages to include the great Chicago fire. The tale ends with his mother successfully saving a young

man from a lynching. The investigation later exonerated the young man.

It was said in his obituary in 1939 that "through his entire life, the town of Lowell held a fascination for Bert. He knew virtually every home and farm property in the Lowell - Vergennes region, who cleared the farm, who built the home when and why it changed hands. The waters and hills of Lowell were his ideas of paradise; and perhaps the happiest days of his life were those spent in Lowell after his retirement and after he had remodeled his home and old family property."

## - frostbite

Frostbite is an injury caused by freezing of the skin and underlying tissue. It is most common on the fingers, toes, nose, ears, cheek and chin. It occurs in several stages.

The first stage is called frostnip. The area involved becomes numb, as the area warms back up, tingling and pain occur.

Superficial frostbite causes changes in skin color and the area involved may start to feel warm. This is a serous sign. The skin will appear mottled as it is rewarmed. It will sting, swell and burn, and blisters may form 12-36 hours after rewarming.

Deep frostbite affects all layers of the skin and underlying tissue. The skin will turn white or bluish gray. There will be complete loss of sensation. Large blisters for 24-48 hours after rewarming. The tissue turns black and hardens as it dies.

Frostbite occurs due to

cold weather exposure, contact with ice, freezing metals or very cold liquids. Risk increases as the temperature falls below five degrees F. In a wind chill of -16 F, frostbite will occur on exposed skin in less than 30 minutes.

Frostbite can be prevented in many ways. Limit time outdoors in cold, wet, windy weather. Dress in several layers of loose, warm clothing. Wear a hat or headband that covers the ears. Wear mittens instead of gloves. Wear socks that fit well and wick away moisture. Carry emergency supplies and warm clothing when traveling in the cold. Do not drink alcohol as this causes the body to lose heat more quickly. Stay well hydrated. Keep moving as this helps improve blood flow and warms the body.

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- FEBRUARY 27**  
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# Red light, no camera: Sen. Lana Theis introduces automated traffic camera ban

Sen. Lana Theis (R-Brighton) introduced legislation this week outlawing the use of red-light cameras for issuing traffic tickets, describing the phenomenon as a violation of motorists' constitutional rights.

The first-ever red-light camera policy was approved in New York City during 1993. The concept includes local jurisdictions installing an automatic camera at intersections, which record vehicles entering intersections despite the red light in front of them. Pictures are taken of the vehicle's plates and police later mail citations to the vehicle's registered owner.

However, in Michigan, the practice of automated traffic monitors remains un-utilized. According to the Michigan State Police, civil infraction citations can solely be issued if a police officer observes a violation, investigates a crash or obtains permission from a citizen or prosecutor's complaint.

"Red-light cameras are not about motorist safety. They are cynical revenue grabs, often riddled with corruption with no benefit for the

greater good," said Theis in a press release. "What's more important, red-light cameras violate motorists' constitutional rights, and studies show that they even increase traffic accidents. Red-light cameras are the definition of government overreach."

According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, 846 individuals nationwide were killed and an estimated 143,000 were injured in crashes involving a red-light run in 2019.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has relayed 2011 research indicating while red-light cameras could minimize amounts of side-impact crashes and overall crash severity, they can also increase rear-end crash numbers.

One 2010 study of Louisiana's most crash-prevalent intersection found over an eight-month period, the mean number of weekly citations dropped from 2,428 to 356 after the cameras were installed. Meanwhile, collisions dropped merely from 122 to 97 at the single intersection.

"Well, red light cameras have their pros and cons,"

said Robert Stevenson, executive director of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police. "On one hand, you and your family are much more likely to be injured and killed in a traffic crash than you are to be a murder victim. So we know that running red lights is a huge problem [and] there are fewer police officers on the road to enforce traffic laws."

Meanwhile, Stevenson told MIRS stories from other states illustrate drivers immediately slamming on their brakes when lights turn yellow to avoid red-light camera citations.

"Normally, people aren't expecting that, so it can cause rear-end crashes," he said.

In July 2019, Ann Arbor city council member Kathy Griswold said she would like to advocate for a Michigan law authorizing enforcement cameras at red lights during a pedestrian safety forum.

Data presented during the forum exhibited that from 2008 to 2018, 4 percent of 563 pedestrian-involved traffic crashes consisted of a driver who ran a red light. Out of these incidents in Ann Arbor, three resulted in death or incapacitation.

The MACP hasn't reviewed Theis' SB 875 yet, but the organization did offer support for Rep. Sarah Anthony (D-Lansing)'s HB 5284, which would allow for speed cameras to be installed to assist with traffic enforcement across the state's different roads and highways regardless of if the area is a construction zone or not.

"Just generally as an association, we oppose legislation that directs us on how we should do our jobs. Sometimes stuff may or may not be appropriate, but that is really [up to] the expertise of the police agency to decide," Stevenson said. "We're not in favor, generally, of legislation that automatically bans the use of a potentially beneficial tool."

Stevenson said it could be worth investigating and talking to non-Michigan state officials on how automated traffic enforcement cameras could offer some relief to the ongoing police officer shortage.

"Because there are many states that it's popular in, and if this was all negative, they certainly wouldn't do it," Stevenson said, adding when he's making his commute up

to Lansing he often thinks, "Man, I wish I was a cop again. I wish we could catch some of these people and slow them down, because it is dangerous."

Also in the Senate Republican Caucus, Sen. Wayne A. Schmidt (R-Traverse City) introduced SB 874 to permit the placement of automated speed cameras in construction zones – especially after there were 4,035 work zone crashes reported in Michigan for 2020.

"We support this commonsense bipartisan legislation that would ensure our construction workers are protected while they're hard at work fixing Michigan's roads," executive vice president Rob Coppersmith of the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association said in a statement. "By adding automated speed



cameras to construction zones, we can help protect our construction workers by strictly enforcing work zone speed limits."

# Riverview Flats: Brick Award

by Bill Lee  
contributing reporter

Todd Schaal and Gerald Zandstra had a vision some years ago when they walked on the Lowell Riverwalk and would pass the old abandoned school next to the library. Both have been builders for decades, and they had an antique restoration business on Main Street. They believed they could turn the old school into a living space.

"We would walk by that area and it just seemed like a neat property and that somebody could do something with it," said Todd Schaal, co-owner of Riverview Flats. "Previous parties had looked at tearing the buildings down. Our perspective was that it would be pretty neat to use those buildings somehow. I think

Lowell has tremendous resources with the [Flat] river running through it and the Grand on the other side. The water makes it a very picturesque place to do something like this. It's a nice anchor to the boardwalk."

For their efforts, Schaal and Zandstra have been recognized by the Lowell Chamber of Commerce by winning the Brick Awards.

"We're very honored to receive it," said Schaal. "We're pleased to have the opportunity to take those old buildings with a lot of history and repurpose them."

According to the Chamber, the award winner has made a commitment to the greater Lowell area over the year that not only improves the economic base but also makes an investment to grow

their business and create vibrancy in the community. Schaal and Zandstra bought the property in 2019 and in the next two years turned the old school into Riverview Flats, a building that boasts 15 condominium units. Presently, 11 of the units are occupied, three are still under construction and one was just put on the market.

"A lot of people who live there are empty nesters from Lowell and some actually went to school there," said Schaal.

According to Schaal, the response from the

community has been very positive.

"[The response has] been overwhelmingly wonderful with a lot of excitement when it was happening," Schaal said. "People have said a lot of nice things about the color selection, the finishes, cedar siding on the garages. People who have moved in there have enjoyed it."

Riverview Flats will be receiving its award on Thursday at the Chamber of Commerce banquet starting at 6:30 pm. Please call the Chamber at 616-897-9161 for more information.

## 2022 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE

Lowell Charter Township  
2910 Alden Nash Ave SE  
Lowell, MI 49331

## 2022 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

The Lowell Township Board of Review for 2022 will be held at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash Ave SE, on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 9 a.m. =  
**Organizational Meeting**

**Monday, March 14, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**&  
Thursday, March 15, 2022, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

The Board of Review will meet as many days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2022 assessments.

**By board resolution, residents are allowed to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 14, 2022.**

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2022 are as follows:

Agricultura	40.48	1.2351
Commercial	45.17	1.1069
Residential	46.96	1.0647
Industrial	45.68	1.0945
Personal	50.00	1.0000

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# Bieri Auto Body: Business Appreciation Award



Cody Bieri

by Bill Lee  
contributing reporter

Bieri Auto Body, a staple for Lowell residents' auto collision needs for the last 32 years, has been awarded the Business Appreciation Award by the Lowell Chamber of Commerce. Owner and Lowell native Chris Bieri was pleased to hear the news.

"We were excited to get it," said Bieri. "We do our best with helping people with their collision needs and getting through the process. Starting with the insurance and claims and on through to the repairs."

As stated by the Lowell Chamber of Commerce, the winner must provide outstanding service, community investment, employment opportunity and

show volunteer service to the greater Lowell community.

Bieri is proud of his Lowell roots and has been an established member of the community for many years.

"My wife and I were really active when the kids were in school," said Bieri. "I coached sports and also helped to put on the car show in Lowell."

Over the years he has assisted with organizing the Riverwalk, started the Ducky Derbies for pinewood derby racing, allowed his shop to be a vendor during Christmas through Lowell, and helped students with the Ivan Blough Scholarship.

He and his family have loved living in Lowell for many reasons but mostly for the people and the

community.

"I always ask people when they've moved here from other places, it seems like a general consensus that everybody just loves Lowell and the community and the people," said Bieri.

Besides continuing to help the Lowell community with their car collision and restoration needs, Bieri and his son Cody, who is now involved in the business, will be working on metal art in the future. They will be using a computer program to help them design and cut metal to make signs and other objects.

Bieri Collision will be honored on Thursday, Feb. 24 at 6:30 pm. Please call the Chamber at 616-897-9161 for more information.

# Wearforward Consignment: Most Promising New Business

by Bill Lee  
contributing reporter

Wearforward Consignment, West Michigan's first zero/low waste women's consignment shop located in Lowell, has been named the Lowell Chamber of Commerce's Most Promising New Business. Owners Tori Runstrom and Toria Morris opened their business in October of 2020 and have been thriving ever since.

"It feels really great to see all of your hard work recognized," said Runstrom. "It was definitely something I wasn't expecting. It felt really great to know that what we are doing is being appreciated. We just want to be a positive influence in the Lowell community. Our goal is to make the earth a better place but also make the community a better place."

According to the Lowell Chamber of Commerce, the winner must be a new business that improves the economic base within the

greater Lowell community

Wearforward not only takes pride in their eco-friendly mission but also the great product they provide to its customers. Their clothes are affordable and more upscale than a thrift shop but accessible at the same time. Part of their mission is to leave the earth better than how they left it by promoting and selling gently used clothes.

"We want to be eco-friendly so we don't use any plastic," said Runstrom. "Our tags are seeded paper so you can plant them and grow wild flowers. We don't use anything that causes extra waste if we don't have to."

They took a big risk by opening their business during the pandemic in the fall of 2020 but it paid off for them. Because they knew foot traffic might be lower in their store, they decided to start a strong online

presence.

"We have an online shop and do a lot of business through our social media," said Runstrom. "Selling more on Instagram Stories and really focusing on pushing digital marketing. That has been a big help for us. I think we've been so successful because we shifted our focus."

After living in many different places in her youth, Runstrom moved to Lowell at the age of 15 and immediately felt as though she were home. Even though she recognizes that Lowell is expanding, she enjoys the small size and its nice people.

"I love the small town feel and all the wonderful people who do live here and care about their community," Runstrom said. "I wanted to prove that you don't have to be in a big city to make something really wonderful."



Tori Runstrom and Toria Morris

In the future Wearforward Consignment is looking to expand to a bigger location and is in the works to make that happen by the summer. Also, Runstrom and Morris

plan on starting a pick-up service to make it more convenient for people to offer their clothes to the shop.

Wearforward will

receive their award at the Chamber Awards Banquet on Thursday starting at 6:30 pm. Please call the Chamber at 616-897-9161 for more information.

# MICRC member sues commission for alleged FOIA violation

A member of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission who appeared via Zoom during the meetings is suing the commission, alleging violation of the Freedom of Information Act.

Eaton County resident Erin Wagner's suit, filed Wednesday, Feb. 16 in the Court of Claims, alleges the MICRC acknowledged receipt of her FOIA request, but "has not signaled whether it will deny or grant" her request "nor has it produced any

of the requested public records" to date.

The Dec. 23 FOIA - written on stationary from and signed by Wagner's attorney Matthew Gronda on Wagner's behalf - sought "all communications" received and/or sent to "one or more commissioners from/to" MICRC attorneys not covered under attorney-client privilege and between "two or more but less than all 13" commission members from Oct. 1 to the present.

Wagner, who is suing in

her personal capacity, is asking the court to issue an order compelling the immediate disclosure of the requested material as well as costs and attorney fees. She also seeks punitive damages of \$1,000 "for arbitrary and capricious violation of FOIA."

MICRC communications director Edward Woods III said the MICRC was "saddened to hear about" the lawsuit and that they "look forward to addressing her claim amicably."

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- WRESTLING

# SPORTS

## Regional champion wrestlers meet Brother Rice on Friday

by Justin Scott  
sports reporter

The Red Arrows would admit, they didn't wrestle their best on Thursday in the regional finals. In fact, Middleville Thornapple Kellogg, who entered the match knowing they needed some swing matches and then some to go their way, got what they were hoping for in many ways. They

match advantage included six pins, one technical fall, and one decision to MTK's four decisions and two six-point victories. Lowell racked up the bonus points thanks to the first period pins by Carson Crace, Carter Blough, Bryson Vandermeulen, Landon Musgrave and Jackson Blum. Carter Cichocki added in a technical fall

Up 41-9 with the dual clinched, Lowell hit some bumps in the road that was a bit unexpected. Freshman Owen Segorski who had a sizeable lead in his match was called for a slam which led to a disqualification and six points for MTK, a potential 9 to 12 point swing if Owen would've won the match as he seemed pre-

destined to. school wrestling, in 2018 Brighton lost their state final matchup to Detroit Catholic Central 57 to negative one after being shut out and losing a team point. What is uncommon is for Lowell to get docked a team point. You can count on one hand the number of team points Lowell has lost in the past few years.

"That stuff is going to

themselves right where they want to be, preparing for this Friday's state quarterfinal.

The orange and white singlets of Lowell's regional championship opponent Thornapple Kellogg will be replaced by... Orange and white singlets of Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice on Friday. The bracket for the 2022 Team Wrestling state finals was unveiled on Sunday as Lowell's division two opponents were set.

Lowellians may be familiar with Brother Rice, a parochial school from Bloomfield Hills on the other side of the state, because Lowell beat Brother Rice in the 2002 football state finals. Rice is a well-known football power but is fairly green when it comes to the wrestling state scene. It will be the first time the Warriors have been to the state finals since 1988.

Other teams to qualify in division two included Gaylord, Brother Rice, Monroe Jefferson, Goodrich, Mason, Whitehall, and St. Joseph, all of whom will be looking to unseat the eight time defending state champions.

Former Lowell assistant coach Matt Bishop's Bay City John Glenn team nearly upset Gaylord in the regional final, losing in the final match. Gaylord enters the tournament as the four seed, and a potential matchup with the Blue Devils would carry some weight. Earlier in the season, Lowell would have met Gaylord in the finals

of the Livonia Stevenson Tournament, but the Blue Devils opted not to wrestle.

At individual regionals on Saturday, Lowell got a look at Whitehall, a potential finals opponent. On paper, Lowell went 4-3 against the Vikings with 14 state qualifiers to Whitehall's seven. Goodrich also on the other side of the bracket with Whitehall has made a tradition of showing very well against Lowell, including taking Lowell down to the final match in the 2019 state finals with an undermanned squad.

"There's some really good teams there and we're going to be ready," said Boudro of the bracket announcement. The Red Arrows will again compete in Division 2. Winners of the quarterfinals will compete in the semifinals on Saturday. State finals matches will also happen on Saturday at Wings West.

Friday's schedule at Wings West

- Division 2 - 6:45 pm
- 1 Lowell (20-3) vs 8 Birmingham Brother Rice (19-5)
- 4 Gaylord (27-0) vs 5 Monroe Jefferson (18-3)
- 3 Goodrich (29-2) vs 6 Mason (32-3)
- 2 Whitehall (26-0) vs 7 St Joseph (23-8)



**Regional Champions - Lowell wrestling advances to the state finals looking to win their ninth straight state title.**

just needed a lot more. Why? Lowell's gauntlet from 189 pounds through 119 pounds scored 35 of a possible 36 points to ice the dual and a 43-24 regional championship win over the Trojans.

"We got the job done. It was a fun night, it was a big dual, there were a lot of really good matches, and it was a good experience for us," Lowell coach R.J. Boudro said of the evening.

James Link scored a first period pin to give Lowell a 6-0 lead before MTK grabbed three decision wins in a row including some of those aforementioned swing matches. The problem for MTK was Lowell's 8-6

during that span that saw Lowell amass an insurmountable 41-9 lead. The Trojans outscored Lowell 15-2 the rest of the way.

Thornapple Kellogg who entered the match ranked eighth in the state was no pushover, and likely is a better team than several who did qualify for the team state.

"They deserve to be at team state," Boudro said of Middleville TK. "They're talented and well-coached. I like the small towns like that where the kids have been wrestling together for years, and it's unfortunate we had to meet in the regional."

Another surprise on the spreadsheet was Lowell lost a team point which happened as the Lowell coaching staff discussed a call with the officials. Team points in wrestling can be taken away for transgressions that can be compared to a technical foul in basketball. Team point deductions are not terribly uncommon in high

happen, and we can't always control it. I think it just shows us why it's important to focus on the things we can control," said Boudro who took responsibility for the lost team point, though believed it was a surprising decision as the discussion regarding the call was calm.

Despite the couple of bumps, Lowell have



## Swimming and Diving honors seniors



**The Caledonia/Lowell/South Christian varsity boys swim and dive team celebrated its 11 seniors: Ty Dykhouse, James Eardley, Wyatt Foerch, Carson Herzog, Adam Jones, Zach Logan, Conner Manning, Matt Piccone, Nolan Reynolds, Liam Silverman and Adam Stearns during the team's OK Red Conference Meet at Grandville Tuesday.**



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## SPORTS

## Red Arrow wrestlers achieve rare feat

by Justin Scott  
sports reporter

The blood round. The round in the MHSAA individual wrestling postseason that decides whether you go to states or your season is done. The round that every year contains some of the biggest triumphs in Michigan high school wrestling. The hugs, cheers and celebrations of what you have worked for your entire season, even your entire wrestling career paying off. On the other end, heartbreak, tears and many times the end of a career. It's the cruel reality that is a double elimination tournament.

Lowell survived their four blood rounds and achieved perfection with all fourteen wrestlers advancing to the individual state tournament for just the second time in program history.

The rare feat happened Saturday at the MHSAA division 2 regional, hosted by Allendale. "The best part about coaching is watching our kids be happy for each other. It's an amazing feat." Lowell Wrestling head coach R.J. Boudro said of the result. Top four in each regional bracket of eight wrestlers advance.

The regional involved wrestlers from Forest Hills Eastern (3), Allendale (11), Cedar Springs (2), Coopersville (4), Fruitport (3), Forest Hills Central (2), Kenowa Hills (1), Northview (2), Greenville (3), Hamilton (8), Hastings (8), Holland (6), Ionia (2), Lowell (14), Middleville TK (10), Reeths-Puffer (3), Sparta (4), Spring Lake (3), Wayland (6), Whitehall (11), Kelloggsville (1) and Zeeland East (5).

"It was a very tough regional, there was a lot of good wrestling. 14 out of that region is super impressive, but our guys wrestled well yesterday," added Boudro.

The fourteen wrestlers who advanced to states and their stories are featured below. The Ledger's entire interview with Coach Boudro can be found on the wrestling Facebook page.

Individual wrestling state finals will happen next week at Ford Field.

## Carson Crace – 189

The defending state runner-up was put in the awkward situation of facing senior Red Arrow Doak Dean in last year's state final. Now that no Red Arrow is in his way, Crace moves to state after winning the regional championship. He scored a major decision, fall, and decision in the regional.

"Carson's bumped up two weight classes this year and has wrestled probably the toughest schedule of anyone on our team," Boudro said of Crace. "He's fought off some illness this year, and he's starting to really click on all cylinders. He's a great teammate, he wants his guys to do well, he was a great teammate for Doak last year and Doak helped Carson get to where he's at today."

## Bryson Vandermeulen - 285

Seeding for a regional is done by a committee of coaches to ensure fair seedings. Of the eight wrestlers, Bryson seeded eighth. With that, Bryson had the toughest bracket to get through to advance. A tough draw for Vandermeulen saw him face top-ranked Ira Jenkins of Whitehall in the quarterfinal, resulting in a quick pin from the Viking

wrestler. From there, Vandermeulen won two tight decisions to advance. In his bloodround match, Vandermeulen would go into overtime against his opponent from Holland, who at the end of regulation injured his knee. He'd tough it out, where Bryson got a takedown and back-points to advance in a 6-1 sudden victory result. He finished in fourth. Jenkins went on to finish



first.

"Coaches Max Pennock and Josh Cooper really worked a lot with Bryson these past few weeks, those techniques really paid off. When he advanced, our team went crazy, I don't think there was a happier person in the gym than Carter Blough, Bryson's training partner. It makes it all worth it when you see things like that," said Boudro.

## Carter Blough - 215

Carter Blough was seeded second here at 215, so winning the weight was a great showing for him. He topped one seed Shane Cook (Whitehall) in the final on a late scramble that nearly had Blough on his back before rolling through and grabbing the takedown on Cook. It sent the crowd on a bit of a rollercoaster as the Whitehall crowd erupted before the nearby Lowell section began celebrating. He pinned his Allendale and Hamilton opponents prior to the final match. Blough featured on the football team this fall in a star role.



## Carter Cichocki - 103

One of Lowell's freshman making a big impact this year, Carter got a first period fall in his quarterfinal matchup before taking an exciting 11-7 decision over Malachi Kapenga of Hamilton. He won the regional title in a back-and-forth match against his training partner Landon Musgrave.



## Landon Musgrave – 103 (20-5)

A forfeit made for an easy quarterfinal for Musgrave, but he quickly got to work in the semifinals with a fall over 42-4 Ian Cook of Reeths-Puffer. Musgrave lost in the finals in a narrow decision to teammate Cichocki.



"It's weird" Boudro said of the two times Lowell wrestlers faced each other in the finals.

"Landon and Carter train together, warmed up together, and have been friends since their time in the youth program. Both of these guys have dreams of becoming a state champion, and they're standing in each other's way."

## Jackson Blum – 112 (31-3)

Perhaps the most impressive of a loaded class of 2025 for the Lowell wrestling team, Blum pinned his way to first place with wins over Coopersville, Zeeland East and Allendale. Blum's pin over 39-2 Jack Guerrero of Allendale in the final was especially impressive, and Blum had every chance to be top of the podium in two weeks at Ford Field.

"Jackson Blum is fun to watch. He's got a great attitude and he's a leader already," Boudro said of Jackson.



## Easton Lyons (18-15)

Records can be deceiving. It's why when you look in the state finals programs, there are Lowell wrestlers with records near .500 beating wrestlers with records like 42-3. It's a byproduct of Lowell's challenging schedule, and Lyons proved himself by clinching his spot on the podium. A major decision started out the day before being pinned in the semifinals by Middleville TK's Hunter Pitsch (41-5). The always nery bloodround matchup was a comfortable 12-2 major decision for Easton who pinned his way to third in his final matchup of the day.



## Owen Segorski - 125

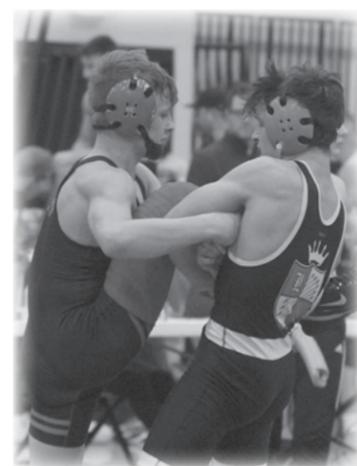
Freshman Owen Segorski shook off a tough slam call from Thursday's regional final. He scored points early and often in his first two matches picking up a 17-2 tech fall followed by a pin. He fell in the regional finals matchup in a 5-1 decision to 41-1 Ashton Corson of Middleville TK.

"Owen's going to have a bright future, he was able to keep it close with Ashton. He's got some work to do in the individual state tournament, but I think he's ready for it," added Coach Boudro.



## Ramsy Mutschler - 130

Allendale's Harris Meekhof was 43-0 on the season until he ran into Lowell's Ramsy Mutschler. Affectionately known by one of his many nicknames called out from the stands, Mutschler's senior season is going to plan with a regional championship now in hand. A tech fall in round one, followed by a major decision and a 7-2 win over Meekhof has him heading into state week with confidence. Ramsy's brother Avry



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# SPORTS

## Girls bowling wins OK White Conference championship

by Justin Scott  
sports reporter

After trading wins during the regular season, it came down to Lowell and Byron Center. Lowell narrowly beat the Bulldogs by two pins to secure the conference championship.

Top 10 finishers in the Conference Tournament: Courtney Witten - fourth; Amelia Wells - sixth;

Savannah Escobedo - eighth; Haylie Beers - tenth.

It is the programs fourth conference championship in their history. Both the boys and girls programs will be competing at regionals this upcoming week. Lowell will be in Division 2 hosted by Northview High School at Westgate Bowl on February 25 and 26. Each team will have three seniors

competing in their last regional tournament as Red Arrows. The girls seniors are Savannah Escobedo, Amelia Wells and Tatum Lawrence.

For the boys, seniors include Lucas Sloma, Mitchell Anderson and Noah Proctor who earned a top ten finish in conference as well.



## Ski qualifies three to state finals

by Justin Scott  
sports reporter

The Lowell ski state trio from 2021 are back

at it again. Kaylee Byrne, Colton Byrne, and Preston Sobeck who also competed at the MHSAA State Skiing championships last season



Lowell's three individual qualifiers.

earned the right to do so again this year with top ten finishes at regionals.

Hosted by Caberfae Peaks in Cadillac, the Lowell mens team placed sixth overall in region five with a fourth-place finish in slalom. The Red Arrows beat out six other teams which included Kalamazoo Hackett, Northview, GR West Catholic, South Haven, Caledonia and Spring Lake. Cadillac won the regional.

On the ladies side LHS placed seventh overall. They beat out five teams including Forest Hills Central, Kalamazoo Hackett, South Haven, Grand Rapids Catholic

Central and Northview. East Grand Rapids won the regional.

For Lowell individual, results were as followed:

Kaylee Byrne, first in slalom (47.36) and second in GS; Colton Byrne, fourth in slalom and fourth in GS and Preston Sobeck, ninth in slalom.

Emma Schmidt was the closest finisher for the Lady Arrows behind Kaylee in 27th place overall. Hunter Stepanovich (36th) paced LHS on the men's side for non-qualifiers.

Kaylee, Colton and Preston will compete next Monday, Feb. 28 at Schuss Mountain in Bellaire for the Division 2 state finals.

## Gymnastics team earns high score at conference

by Justin Scott  
sports reporter

The Lowell Red Arrows gymnastics team finished second in the OK Conference Meet scoring 140.3, only placing behind the hosts, Rockford. That score is less than two full team points from the 2014-2015 team's school record. Ivy McDonald had a phenomenal day earning third place all-around.

Top finishes included: Ivy McDonald, third on bars - 8.650; Marissa Wever, fourth on beam - 9.075; Ivy McDonald, fifth on beam - 9.050; fifth on floor - 9.425 and third all around - 36.175.

The meet also served as an opportunity to celebrate the programs two seniors, Greta Forward and Marissa



Lowell after a 140.3 at Conference, that represents a top 10 score in program history.

Wever. Both gymnasts were named OK All-Conference while McDonald earned HM All-Conference honors.

Regionals for gymnastics take place on

March 5 at Kenowa Hills. Lowell's region consists of Kenowa Hills, Calumet, Coldwater, Escanaba, Forest Hills United, West Michigan Aviation

Academy, Jackson, Lowell, Marquette, Negaunee, Parma, Western and Rockford.

## Hulbert qualifies for state in girls wrestling

by Justin Scott  
sports reporter

In the first year of officially sanctioned girls wrestling by the Michigan High School Athletic Association, Lowell will be represented by Kiara Hulbert competing in the 120 pound division.

The individual girls wrestling state finals will take place concurrently

with the boys division at Ford Field next week. Hulbert placed sixth in her weight class in the regional hosted by Howell High School.

Lowell has been able to field a girls wrestling team in the past, one of the few such schools able to field a full team prior to the MHSAA sanction starting this year.



Kiara Hulbert on the podium after qualifying for the state finals.

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# obituaries

## LABINE

Shirley Ann LaBine, age 92 of Lowell and Grant, passed away peacefully January 18, 2022. She was preceded in death by her husband of 72 years, Budd LaBine; daughter, Diana Snow; son, Armore LaBine; and son-in-law, Dennis Snow. Shirley is survived by her children, Donna (James) Barnaby, Renee (Mike) Robinson, Frank (Sue) LaBine, Cindy Powell; daughter-in-law, Cheryl LaBine; grandchildren, Eric Denny, Angela Denhof, Brad Barnaby, Amy Lente, Matthew Barnaby, Amanda Sigler, Amber LaBine, Tara Robinson, Ryan LaBine, Carrie Tepper, Ryan LaBine, Kelly Feuerstein, Lloyd Powell, Tim Powell; many great grandchildren; sister, Dorothy Forton; and sister-in-law, Patricia Johns. Shirley enjoyed working on puzzles, loved spending time with her family and cherished her friends at Schneider Manor. Funeral Service will be held 3 PM, Sunday, February 27, 2022, at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson St., Lowell, MI 49331 with visitation from 1:30-3 PM. Chaplain David Veldt officiating. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Emmanuel Hospice, 401 Hall St. SW #263, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.



## MCCAUL

Julie Ann McCaul, age 58 of Lowell, went to be with her Savior on February 10, 2022. She was preceded in death by her parents. Julie is survived by her husband of 39 years, Tim; children, Steven, Brian (Evangeline); grandchildren, Isaac, Elise, Annmarie; brother, Bob Ramsdell; and sister, Laurie Karas. Julie loved to sing; she sang for weddings, funerals, and Praise Team at church. In her later years she owned/worked at McCaul's Auto Service as a service writer. She also enjoyed playing Words with Friends. A celebration of life will be announced at a later time. Memorial contributions may be made to The National Kidney Foundation, 1169 Oak Valley Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48108.



## STODDARD

Stoddard, William (Bill) Thayer, age 84, went to be with his Lord and Savior on January 4, 2022. He is survived by his beautiful wife of 65 years, Shirley (Shafer) Stoddard and daughters, Diana (Syl) Reed, Terri (Jeff) Kristoff, and Tracy (Bruce) Evans; nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Bill deeply loved his family, church community, fishing, gardening and hunting. He also was a great story and joke teller, enjoyed singing and whistling, fun adventures and lived life to his fullest. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. A celebration of his life will be held in late spring.



# college news

John-Luc X. Richmond of Lowell, has been named to the Dean's List in the University of Notre Dame's College of Engineering for outstanding scholarship during the fall 2021 semester.

Students who achieve dean's honors at Notre Dame represent the top 30 percent of students in their college.

Richmond is a graduate of St. Patrick Elementary School and 2016 graduate of Grand Rapids West Catholic High School.

Keigan Yuhas, of Lowell, has been named to the fall 2021 Dean's List at the University of Findlay. To earn this achievement, a student must attain a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Kelsey Merrifield of Saranac is one of more than 600 students from Saginaw Valley State University whose determination and commitment to academic excellence earned them a spot on the fall 2021 semester President's List.

# Looking Back, continued

something to be envious of – unless, of course, you are Lowell district manager Jane Aronson.

The old ticket building at Burch Field was jarred by what Lowell Youth Football officials believe must have been a truck. However, no one is really sure. What they are sure of is the building will be razed and a new one will be built. Lowell Youth Football League president David Biggs said the new building will be used as a storage facility for field equipment and as a place for players to weigh in.

Throughout Pete Siler's 23 years as a Lowell High School agriscience teacher and as its Future Farmers of America director, the Michigan State University graduate has received an untold number of awards. Siler will add the 1997 Outstanding Service Award to that list on March 4.

To be eligible for the President's List, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 4.0 grade point average.

Niklaas Kurth of Alto, was recently honored by Lewis University. Kurth is studying Aviation Flight Management at Lewis University and made the 2021 fall Dean's List.

Just over 1,400 students were honored on the Lewis University Dean's List for the 2021 fall semester. To be eligible for this honor, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours during the semester with a grade point

average of at least 3.5 and with no "D" or "F" grades.

The following students were named to the Dean's List at Cedarville University for fall 2021. This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.75 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Jason Blunt, of Alto, majoring in History; Blake Mead, majoring in Cyber Operations and Olivia Peter, majoring in Music Performance, Music Education-Multi-Age, both of Lowell.

# Making the most of America Saves week

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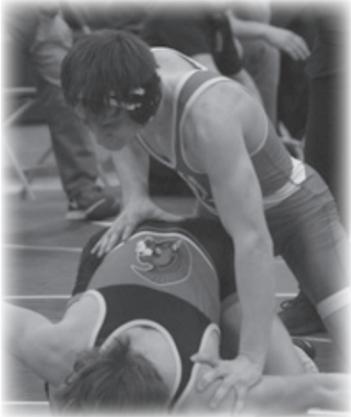
# SPORTS

## Wrestling, continued

went on to wrestle at Kent State before transferring to Reinhardt University.

James Link - 135

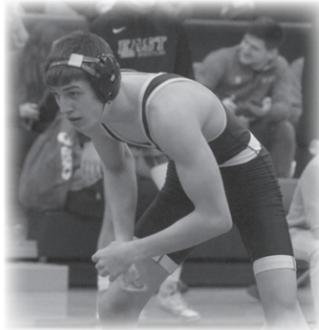
James Link scored a first period pinfall then didn't give up a point in his semifinal and finals matchups to become regional champion. James' brother Will finished in third at state last year while James placed fifth.



teammate Jared Boone, where Miller scored a late takedown at 0-0 and won 2-1.

Jared Boone - 140

Like his teammate and fellow 140-pounder, Boone won his first two matches by pinfall. He beat wrestlers from Spring Lake and Fruitport respectively. He fell to Miller in the 140 pound final. Jared is a younger brother of Austin Boone, the former Red Arrow wrestler who won four straight individual state championships. Austin is currently wrestling at Oklahoma State University.



scored a 7-3 decision to clinch his spot at Ford Field.

Tacho Gonzales - 152

It was the most intense match of the day. After losing his quarterfinal match to Darnell Mack (Whitehall) in a minor upset, Gonzales bounced back with a fall in the first consolation round to advance to the consolation semifinals, referred to as the "bloodround." It seemed as if things were not going Gonzales' way, with a late takedown to tie the match but a locked hands call giving his tenth-ranked in the state Sparta opponent a one-point lead.



Landon Miller - 140

Senior and dual sport athlete (wrestling and lacrosse), Miller had perhaps the most comfortable day at Allendale. He left little doubt scoring a pin in 16 seconds and 63 seconds in his first two bouts to advance to the final at 140. There, he met



Nate Cleaver - 145

After quarterbacking the football team this past fall, Nate Cleaver has found his groove on the mat. Cleaver won by fall in the quarterfinals before losing a decision in the semifinals. One of four Lowell wrestlers in the bloodround, Cleaver

In the waning seconds Gonzales trailed 7-6, went for the standing takedown, finally tripping his opponent up, forcing a four-point throw to win 10-7 right before the clock hit zero to book his spot in the state tournament. He would go on to place fourth in what coaches said was easily the toughest bracket of the day.

"In the finals, Tacho faced Kyan Larson of Sparta. Very good athlete, came into districts undefeated. Tacho was his first loss of the season last week in districts, and he definitely wanted to avenge that loss. Tacho went for broke at the end and got the takedown with a second left. It was a great way to start the bloodround." Boudro said of the finals match.



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#### Causes and Symptoms of mania

You may have heard someone described as being manic or having mania but what is it? There are many definitions. According to the DSM-5, the diagnostic manual used by mental health professionals, mania is: "A distinct period of

abnormally and persistently elevated, expansive, or irritable mood and abnormally and persistently goal-directed behavior or energy, lasting at least one week and present most of the day, nearly every day."

Basically, it's when

a person has a period of increased abnormal energy and noticeable mood change (elevated or irritable). The behaviors are outside of the person's norm and are very noticeable to others. Mania is mostly associated with bipolar disorder but it can also occur due to other issues.

#### Main Signs and Symptoms

This article will focus on the mania typically associated with bipolar disorder. However, as previously noted mania can be caused by other conditions and if severe mania can involve psychosis with delusions or hallucinations. Below are the signs and symptoms associated with mania.

Abnormally high level of energy or activity and mood change which must include three or more of the below symptoms (four if mood is irritable). It must also be occurring to a

significant degree and is a noticeable change in normal behavior:

Inflated self-esteem or grandiosity. Feelings of superiority or being invulnerable. It's an exaggerated sense of one's power, importance, knowledge or identity.

Decreased need for sleep.

Being more talkative than normal or feeling pressure to keep talking.

Racing thoughts. Having repetitive, uneasy, agitated or turbulent thoughts. They have a flight of thoughts which may sound similar to the following: "I hope the weather will be nice today. Did I lock my door? I wonder what my life purpose is?"

Easily distracted - attention is easily drawn to unimportant or irrelevant things.

Increase in goal-directed activity (socially, at work or school, or sexually)

or psychomotor agitation (pacing, toe tapping, jiggling the leg(s) etc.).

An example of this could be a decision to invest all the family's life savings into a business or other investment. Gambling away mortgage payments or life savings because they just know they are going to hit a big jackpot and be set for life.

The person may also take on several tasks at one time, more than can be realistically done in the given time frame.

The mood disturbance is severe enough to cause noticeable impairment in social or job functioning or requires hospitalization to prevent harm to self or others, or there are psychotic features (psychosis with delusions or hallucinations).

The symptoms are not due to the direct physiological effects of a substance (i.e., prescription medication, substance abuse, or other treatment) or a general medical condition (i.e., hyperthyroidism).

While there are other symptoms of mania these are the main criteria categories used by the DSM-5 to diagnose mania.

#### Possible Mania Causes

While manic episodes are common in people with bipolar disorder they

can also be caused by the following:

As a side effect of mental health issues such as childbirth (postpartum psychosis) or schizoaffective disorder.

A neurologic condition such as a dementia, brain injury, brain tumor, or a chemical imbalance in the brain.

A health condition such as hyperthyroidism, encephalitis, stroke or lupus.

High levels of stress and being unable to manage it.

Medication side effect or drug or alcohol misuse.

Sleep deprivation.

Trauma or abuse.

#### Treatment

While there is no cure for mania it can be managed through a combination of medication, therapy and lifestyle changes. If you have mania, please know there is help you just have to reach out to a medical or mental health professional. Over 80 percent of those with bipolar disorder have learned to live with mania without significant life disruptions. You can too.

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

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WEDDING DAY WORD SEARCH

CENTERPIECES CEREMONY DANCING

HAPPY INVITATION LICENSE

RECEPTION RESPONSE RINGS

ALBUM BAND CAKE CATER

DATE DISK JOCKEY GOWN GUESTS

MARRIED MUSIC OFFICIANT PHOTOGRAPHER

TUXEDO VOWS WEDDING

## Guess Who?

I am an actress born in California on February 22, 1975. I started acting as a baby, starring in a dog food commercial. I am remembered for starring in a movie about an alien. I also have appeared opposite Adam Sandler and alongside fellow "angels."

Answer: Drew Barrymore

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to weddings.

Q B T E U O U

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Answer: Bouquet

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### CLUES ACROSS

- Constrictors
- Abounding in rocks
- Speed
- German city
- Lacking sympathy
- Visionaries
- Wastes away
- One precursor to the EU
- Nursemaid
- Unconsciousnesses
- Baby's word for father
- Equal to 64 US pints (abbr.)
- Senses of self-importance
- Midway between south and southwest
- When you hope to get there
- Electronic data processing
- Passports and drivers' licences are two
- Fishes
- Air Force
- Personal computers
- Ecological community
- Wings
- Halfway

- Cool, calm and collected
- Jewelled headdress
- Musical composition
- \_\_\_ Falls
- Repeating remarks
- Periods in one's life
- Hyphen

### CLUES DOWN

- \_\_\_ Humbug!
- Devices that alert pilots (abbr.)
- Grocer
- One point east of southeast
- Subjects to hostility
- Work unit
- Atomic #56
- British thermal unit
- "Elusive Butterfly" singer
- Fastened over animal's neck
- Device
- Rechargeable power source
- Ancient sage
- Consist of two elements
- "Pygmalion" writer
- "The Centennial State" (abbr.)
- Of I
- Get older
- Brotherhoods
- Buzzing insect
- Sunscreen rating
- Brew
- Leader
- Indigo bush
- Burn with a hot liquid
- Junior's dad
- Horse mackerels genus
- Morning
- Unit of linear measurement (abbr.)
- Double curve
- Small, twisted bunch
- Developed
- Mars crater
- Humanistic discipline
- Word element meaning ear
- Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
- Wood residue
- It cools your home

# Today: Wednesday, February 23

## Wednesday, Feb. 23 is the 54th day of the year. There are still 311 days remaining in 2022.

### Historic Events

**1455:** Date of publication of the Gutenberg Bible, the first Western book printed with movable type.

**1778:** Prussian military officer Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben arrives at Valley Forge, PA, to help to train the Continental Army.

**1820:** Cato Street Conspiracy: A plot to murder all the British cabinet ministers is exposed and the conspirators are arrested.

**1836:** The siege of the Alamo, a prelude to the battle of the Alamo, begins in San Antonio, TX.

**1847:** American troops under Gen. Zachary Taylor (the future president) defeat Mexican Gen. Antonio López de Santa Anna at the Battle of Buena Vista, Mexico.

**1861:** President-elect Abraham Lincoln arrives secretly in Washington DC after the thwarting of an alleged assassination plot in Baltimore, MD.

**1870:** Post-Civil War military control of Mississippi ends and the

state is readmitted to the Union.

**1883:** Alabama becomes the first US state to enact an anti-trust law.

**1886:** After several years of intensive work, Charles Martin Hall and his older sister Julia Brainerd Hall produce the first samples of aluminum from the electrolysis of aluminum oxide.

**1887:** The French Riviera is hit by a large earthquake, killing around 2,000 people.

**1903:** Cuba leases Guantánamo Bay to the US "in perpetuity."

**1905:** Chicago attorney Paul Harris and three other businessmen meet for lunch to form the Rotary Club, the world's first service club.

**1927:** President Calvin Coolidge signs a bill by Congress establishing the Federal Radio Commission, later replaced by the Federal Communications Commission, to regulate the use of radio frequencies in the US.

**1941:** Plutonium is first produced and isolated by Dr.

Glenn T. Seaborg.

**1942:** Japanese submarines fire artillery shells at the coastline near Santa Barbara, CA.

**1943:** A fire at an orphanage in Cavan, Ireland kills 35 girls and an elderly cook.

**1944:** The Soviet Union begins the forced deportation of the Chechen and Ingush people from the North Caucasus to Central Asia.

**1945:** During the Battle of Iwo Jima, a group of US Marines reach the top of Mount Suribachi on the island and are photographed raising the American flag.

**1945:** The 11th Airborne Division, along with Filipino guerrillas, free all 2,147 captives of the Los Baños internment camp, in what Gen. Colin Powell later would refer to as "the textbook airborne operation for all ages and all armies."

**1945:** Manila, the capital of the Philippines, is liberated by Filipino and American forces.

**1945:** A German garrison in Poznań, Poland is liberated

by Soviet and Polish forces.

**1945:** The town of Pforzheim, Germany is annihilated in a raid by 379 British bombers.

**1954:** The first mass inoculation of children against polio with the Salk vaccine begins in Pittsburgh, PA.

**1958:** On the eve of the Cuban Grand Prix, five-time Formula One champion Juan Manuel Fangio of Argentina is kidnapped by rebels involved in the Cuban Revolution. Fangio is released 29 hours later, after the race is over.

**1974:** The Symbionese Liberation Army demands another \$4 million to release their kidnap victim, heiress Patty Hearst.

**1980:** Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini states that Iran's parliament will decide the fate of the 52 American embassy hostages.

**1983:** The Environmental Protection Agency announces its intent to buy out and evacuate the dioxin-contaminated community of Times Beach, MO.

# Lowell Ledger

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Wednesday, February 26, 1997

## Englehardt Library, a heavenly bookmark for community's history

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

"I'm jealous," said Byron Township library branch manager Marie VanFleet, upon her visit to Lowell's new Englehardt Library.

The 9,000 square foot library, which opened on Feb. 5, is definitely something to be envious of - unless, of course, you are Lowell district branch manager Jane Aronson.

"It's heaven," Aronson said with a smile as bright as the illuminated structure. "I truly appreciate it and the way the library came about."

Library patrons are also enjoying it. There has been a steady flow of people over the first three weeks.

"People who have never used the library before are coming in," said part-time assistant Anne Pasquale. "It's been busy."

The first noticeable difference as one walks through the French doors is the space.

"I'm still getting used to it," Aronson said. Besides the extra shelving space that patrons notice, the Lowell librarian is appreciative of the staff work space, lunchroom and restrooms.

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*I love it. It's beautiful. There is much more space.*

Grace Rash

*I usually visit the library once a month. Since the new library opened, I've been there three-four times. It is a wonderful, bright and cheerful building.*

Mary Fontaine



Lowell librarian Jane Aronson can't help but smile with the wonderful view the windows in the Englehardt Library provide her and the library patrons.

Lowell Ledger, Feb. 26, 1997: Grand opening of brand new Englehardt Library.

**1987:** Supernova 1987a is observed in the Large Magellanic Cloud.

**1988:** In northern Iraq, Saddam Hussein begins the Anfal genocide against Kurds and Assyrians.

**1991:** In Thailand, Gen. Sunthorn Kongsompong leads a bloodless coup d'état, deposing Prime Minister Chatichai Choonhavan.

**1998:** Tornadoes in central Florida destroy or damage 2,600 structures and kill 42 people.

**2007:** A train derailed on an

evening express service near Grayrigg, England, killing one person and injuring 88.

After a few more similar accidents, hundreds of points on the railway are checked.

**2008:** A US Air Force B-2 Spirit bomber crashes on Guam, the first operational loss of a B-2.

**2010:** Unknown criminals pour more than 21.5 million liters of diesel oil and other hydrocarbons into the river Lambro in northern Italy, creating an environmental disaster.

## LEGAL NOTICE

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In the matter of Aida Campos-Iglesias Guardianship File No. 21-208,704-GA

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MI 49503 Courtroom 9C in person and via Zoom before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: Modification of Appointment of a Guardian.

Dated: February 16, 2022

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