



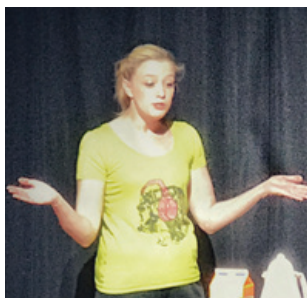
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Lowell city council Nov. 4 meeting report

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell city council had their latest regular meeting at city hall on Monday, Nov. 4. The meeting lasted 26 minutes and was attended by 12 area residents.

Lowell police chief Steve Bukala was recognized with the department's Medal of Valor for his response to a July 11 fatal drowning incident at Pebble Beach in Stoney Lakeside Park.

"An adult swimmer went down in the water," said LPD Sgt. Christopher Hurst. "911 was called. At the time, it was chief Bukala and officer Jim Reamsma who were the two officers on call that day. They both responded. [...] They were first on scene. [...] The chief and officer Reamsma grabbed civilians and started a search party because they had no rescue there yet. [...] The chief, at one time, was on the fire department's dive/rescue team and a certified diver. [...] He stripped off whatever equipment he had, went into the water, found the swimmer and, with the help of other civilians, brought the swimmer to shore. Unfortunately, the swimmer did not survive."

"I wish the result would have been different that day," Bukala said.

"The actions on [July 11] by chief Bukala go above and beyond the call of duty," officer Reamsma said. "Taking the initiative, putting his personal safety at risk, chief Bukala entered into an uncertain situation, took immediate action without hesitation and located the missing swimmer in 12 feet of murky water. His able leadership in a stressful situation, coupled with his years of experience and training, brings credit upon himself, the Lowell police department and city of Lowell."

In other business, the council voted to pay one third of the \$3,000 cost to have Lew Bender facilitate a meeting of the Lowell Fire Authority, voted to allow the Light and Power board to sell the "line shack" building at 115 Riverside, voted to spend on \$22,250 on "design engineering services" from Williams & Works relating to the future resurfacing of Howard,

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Lowell police chief Steve Bukala received the department's Medal of Valor for diving into the water in an attempt to rescue a drowning swimmer this summer.



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Treasures for Troops collection drive begins Nov. 11

"Treasures for Troops" is a week-long effort by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, WION-FM "Radio Ionia" and WRWW-FM 92.3, Lowell High School's student radio station, to collect "comfort items" for deployed soldiers and have them delivered in time for the holidays.

"This is now the sixth year in existence of that program," said WRWW station manager Al Eckman. "We try to collect items for the troops, for our servicemen and women overseas. Then the Blue Star Mothers box them up and take care of the shipping. They make sure those boxes get overseas."

The items in question are ubiquitous here in West Michigan but are more expensive or difficult to obtain for soldiers overseas, who have to fund many of these basic needs out of their own pockets. Comfort items are important, as they bring a piece of home to soldiers wherever they are deployed. These items include non-perishable food such as condiments, beef jerky, crackers, Pop Tarts, ramen noodle soup, raisins and instant oatmeal; personal hygiene products like toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand sanitizer, razors, Chapstick and tampons; utility items like zip ties, rubber bands, laundry detergent, duct tape

and batteries; linen items like socks, pillow cases, bandanas and boxer shorts; and leisure items like travel games, Nerf toys, playing cards, pens and pencils, notebooks, comic books and small activity books. Check out the complete list on the WION website at i1430.com.

"Our soldiers overseas sometimes don't have funds of their own to purchase some of the very common items that we have," Eckman said. "So they really appreciate getting some of these items that we see all over but they don't see overseas. They're very common

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Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) announces executive director transition

The Board of Directors of FROM announce Dawn Broene has notified them of her resignation as executive director of the Christian non-profit organization. The board and Broene will

now begin a six-month succession plan to secure FROM's next executive director.

"As a board of directors, we were saddened to receive Dawn's resignation because

she has been a great asset during her five years in this role. She has spent her tenure moving the organization forward, connecting with the community, and fostering a spirit of welcoming and

acceptance to all. Under her leadership, FROM has switched its focus from simply providing a service to also empowering people to create paths to reach their goals. She has led the

organization with grace and dignity and she will be missed by all," says Bob Rogers, FROM board secretary.

In a letter to volunteers and staff Broene acknowledged that her time at FROM has made a big difference in her life. "When I started volunteering [at FROM] in the fall of 2008, I never could have imagined how much this organization would impact my life," she shared. "This was not a decision I made quickly or without much thought and prayer. It has been known by the board, staff, and some volunteers and community members that after my son graduates in 2021 we may be moving from the Lowell area and I had planned to exit shortly before that time. However, after much prayer and leading, I feel God has

changed that timeframe and has laid it on my heart to start this process now."

Broene says she plans to take this time to pursue a career in real estate, a long-held passion that she's put on the back burner for a while now.

Her exit comes with the boards support, "When you care about someone, like we do Dawn, you want to see them pursue their passions. While we are saddened to see her go, we are excited for this next chapter of her life and are grateful for her support in helping choose the next leader of this great organization," says Ryan Kresge, FROM board chair.

To read the full job description, including deadline for submitting a resume, visit www.fromlowell.org/news.



Dawn Broene, has resigned as executive director of Flat River Outreach Ministries.

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Suffolk and Elizabeth Streets and discussed the Ware Road dump.

"Last week they [BLDI Engineering] were out, they completed their drilling," said Lowell city manager Michael Burns. "They did it in five days. They were able to drill nine wells and they've already tested the soil samples. We should hear back soon on the soil samples. At the end of the month they're going to go out and test the water in the wells to determine if there's any impact, and they'll let us know where that's at."

The Ware Road dump was located a few miles southeast of town. It was in use by local businesses and individuals from the late 1950s until 1982. Earlier this year, the site was identified by the State of Michigan as polluted by three highly toxic chemicals: tetrachloroethylene, dichloroethane and carbon tetrachloride.

Lowell city council's next regular meeting will be at 7 pm on Monday, Nov. 18, and the council will meet with the public during a "Coffee with the Council"

at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce building from 8 am until 10 am on Saturday, Dec. 7.

To watch various city council, board and commission meetings from the recent past, visit the "City of Lowell" or "Lowell Light and Power" channels on YouTube.

If you would like to try serving on a board, there are currently vacancies on the Downtown Development Authority and the Construction Board of Appeals. Contact city hall to apply.



Lowell city manager Michael Burns said the water at the Ware Road dump will be tested at the end of November.

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One more weekend for “Playbytes by Playwrights” at LowellArts

by Jeff Ostrander
contributing reporter

Over the first two weekends in November, LowellArts is presenting “Playbytes by Playwrights: Lost or Found,” a collection of brief plays performed during a single session. A total of 13 cast members participated, each appearing in more than one of the ten-minute plays.

The eight plays present widely varied views on life and relationships and, following the performance, audience members are invited to vote for their favorite.

“Persephone” presents a family struggling to recover from the death of a young mother who, in ghostly form, narrates the story and attempts to fill the void her absence created in the lives of her husband and child.

“Untethered” shows a young woman in agony following a betrayal by her lover. An acquaintance attempts to draw her away from romantic dependence and back toward old friends.

“A Better Place” uses

different views about adolescent sexuality and parenting, and one of these views is held up for praise and the other for derision.

“Family by Numbers” provides a poignant glimpse into the creation of a family and the fractures and healing that occur between its members.

“The Ledge” presents the moment of crisis for a suicidal girl, interrupted by a stranger who proposes a solution.

“Threatened Panda Fights Back” provides a



As the production’s title suggests, each play asks the question, “In a world of frequent and sometimes heartbreaking loss, what does the author believe can be found?”

In the short play “Florida,” a homeless couple contends with the bitter realities of cold and poverty on the streets of New York City, their discouragement compounded by the wife’s failing memory of better days.

the allegory of a taxi ride to explore paths to consolation for a man who has lost at love. The driver’s magical navigation enables the passenger to experiment with common coping strategies, on his way to an uncommon solution.

“The Education of Jenna” presents a conflict between two women regarding their influence upon a 16-year-old girl. Jenna’s mother and stepmother hold very

glimpse into a uniquely privileged life and reveals the price its owner pays to protect it.

Some of the stories find hope in the power of love. In “Florida,” Roger’s answer to loss is enduring love and persistent, if futile, efforts to restore his wife’s memory and hope. In “Persephone,” the grieving ghost, engaged in a project that could diminish her own significance, nonetheless

carries on and says, “Love isn’t saying or feeling, it’s doing.” In “Family by Numbers,” love heals deep wounds and fractures and, as one family member says, “It’s the people who are really the treasures.”

In “A Better Place,” the sorrowful man, having tried and rejected other measures, concludes, “I can be without her and love her just the same.” The other four stories give a different answer.

“The Education of Jenna” offers a shrill denunciation of monogamous love. “The Ledge,” perhaps in opposition to the ancient spiritual idea of the

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items, easy to pick up. Even food, it just has to be securely wrapped.”

Last year 260 boxes were mailed to soldiers overseas at \$18.45 per box. Financial donations to cover all that postage can be sent to Blue Star Mothers MI # 188, PO Box 366, Lakeview, MI 48850.

“Blue Star Mothers chapter 188 puts the items together in boxes and mails them to locations,” said Chamber executive

director Liz Baker. “So, besides items, they are accepting cash to assist with the postage.”

The drive will begin Monday, Nov. 11 and end Friday, Nov. 15. Items can be dropped off during regular business hours at the WWRW radio studio at the high school, at Lowell Middle School, at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce on the Riverwalk Plaza and at YCD Electronics, 218 E. Main.

For more information,

visit the Treasures For Troops blog at <https://treasures4troops.blogspot.com>, the WION website or the WRWW-FM Facebook page.

“Help us make America’s servicemen and women enjoy their time away a little more this holiday season,” Baker said. “I would like to see Lowell rise to the occasion, and we can do this by all working together.”

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Alleged fraudster arrested in Lowell

The Lowell police department took custody of Jason Chouki Faraj, a man from Dearborn, MI, on Tuesday, Oct. 29. Faraj is currently wanted for felony fraud charges in several states, including Florida, Georgia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Pennsylvania. He is currently on bond in several Michigan jurisdictions and was arrested for the same crime in Ann Arbor on Sept. 12.

Faraj was arraigned in the Kent County 63rd District Court on two felony

charges of fraud. Judge Sara Smolenski authorized a bond of \$50,000. His first court date in Kent County will be in November.

According to Coinweek.com, Faraj was reported to have written bad checks for a large amount of silver bars. On July 12, 2019, the Birmingham, MI magazine "Downtown" reported that Faraj was being investigated for using bad checks to purchase coins and/or precious metals at several locations in Oakland County, including

Birmingham, Ferndale and Brighton.



Jason Chouki Faraj

Playbytes, continued

Bread of Life, presents the sensual joy of a good cookie as sufficient to turn someone from despair. In "Untethered," the lovelorn antagonist "feels like an amputee" and her counselor affirms that romantic liaisons inevitably end in disappointment. In the admittedly comic "Threatened Panda Fights Back," the main character rejects the affection of his mate and cheerfully consigns the Dodo bird to re-extinction, all to preserve his personal security.

Each of the stories were poignant and the characters engaging, one leaves with the strange desire that they could meet one another, that while making her dreary

way toward "The Ledge," the suicidal girl might sit for a moment on a freezing park bench next to Roger, the beleaguered but faithful husband from "Florida" and witness the reality and power of his love.

Recent generations have spanned a sea change in the discussion of love, moving from old stories that made much of romance and little of sex, to modern stories that make much of sex but little of love. "The Education of Jenna" is just such a story, a sexual comedy seemingly unaware of its own tragedy, unaware that, as the sorrowful but noble man in "A Better Place" says, "[love] is not about feeling, it's about sacrifice."

Given the differences in tone between the plays, the sequence felt important and had a sense of increasing heaviness as the less hopeful plays came predominantly toward the end. Even the cleverness and levity of "Threatened Panda Fights Back" was not enough to change that momentum.

The presentation of the performance was well organized and the acting was very good. The sets were simple but effective. The lighting and sound were excellent and the 50-seat venue within the LowellArts building on Main St. provides a close and unobstructed view of the stage. Aside from the 15-minute intermission, performers moved quickly through the program with minimal interruption between plays. The audience was attentive and responded readily with applause and laughter.

Remaining performances of these works will take place on Friday, Nov. 8 and Saturday, Nov. 9.

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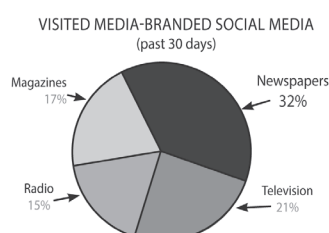
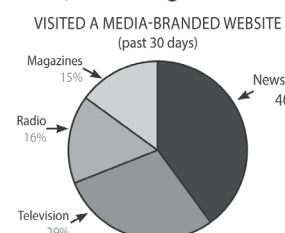
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125 years ago Lowell Ledger November 10, 1894

In 1882 Wm. Hawley was sent from Ottawa county to the state house of correction at Ionia for three years on a charge of larceny, and without deducting good time, has an unexpired sentence of 20 months yet to serve. After serving 15 months he made his escape and for nearly 10 years was absent. In April, 1893, he reappeared at the prison and gave himself up saying he had come back to serve out his time. Six months later, in October last, he again escaped, and nothing further was heard of him until now he has returned and surrendered himself.

A small alligator crawled out a sewer at Cadillac the other day and it is thought that it is one of an increasing family of alligators which have been hatched out by an alligator that escaped in the city a few years ago from an exhibition of Florida's living curiosities.

Elders Moors and Shanks of Lowell spoke to a small audience last Friday evening at the Alton church on the prohibition question. The night was dark and stormy so that but few ventured out.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger November 6, 1919

Railroad brotherhood officials are planning to set a general strike date in November, it was stated at the headquarters of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks. The strike date will be used in the event that the railroad administration fails to adjust the demands of the railroad workers for increased wages or fails to give assurance of better conditions when the railroads are returned to their private owners, it is said.

About three weeks is Special Prosecutor Frank C. Dalley's estimate of the time that will be required by the federal grand jury to complete its probe of the last United States senatorial primary election. That alleged connections between the Newberry organization and the labor union forces in several towns will be probed appeared to be on the cards.

John Camino, eight, gives promise of developing into a spendthrift. John found a \$100 bill on a recent morning. Before noon he had a \$40 bicycle, several airguns, and his arms filled with candy and nuts. Of the \$100 bill 42 cents remained.

75 years The Lowell Ledger November 9, 1944

A gigantic post war expansion program, calling for the expenditures of \$120,000,000 over a five-year period and the doubling of its plant investment in the state, is announced by the Michigan Bell Telephone Company. Half of this sum will be spent in the Detroit area, it was indicated.

Staff Sgt. Thomas H. Read, 24, of Lowell, gunner on an AAF B-17 Flying Fortress, recently flew his 50th long-range combat mission in the Mediterranean Theater. Sgt. Read began combat flying June 14 1944, with an attack on the oil refineries at Budapest, Hungary. He ranged over other targets in Germany, France, Italy and the Balkans, flying his 50th mission October 13, to bomb the oil refineries at Blechhammer, Germany. He wears the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and the European Theater Ribbon.

Lowell township cast 1,425 votes in Tuesday's election and of that number only 123 were split tickets. Dewey received 908 votes, Roosevelt 478, or nearly 2 to 1 for Dewey. Kelly for governor received 960 votes, Fry 434. All of the other Republican candidates on the state ticket received practically the same pluralities as did Kelly.

50 years The Lowell Ledger November 6, 1969

Members of the Lowell city council today are concerned with what appears to be an open rift between City Manager Blaine Bacon and members of the police department. A display of verbal pyrotechnics seldom seen in the council chambers marked Monday's bi-monthly meeting as Bacon stuck to his guns on several matters involving the police department.

Two Lowell men, arrested by police on charges of selling beer to a group of minors, face preliminary hearings next Wednesday in District Court. In a rare legal move, City Attorney Peter Tooley assisted the local officers in the investigation and preparation of warrants which led to the arrest of the two men.

Congressman Gerald R. Ford announced today that his special assistant, Gordon Vander Till, will hold office hours in Lowell.

25 years The Lowell Ledger November 9, 1994

Kropf Orchards and Storage Company, one of Michigan's largest packers, growers and shippers of fresh apples, located in Lowell, has begun operation of its newest packing and storage facility in Belding.

The 1993-1994 Lowell School District audit will indicate a higher than expected fund equity which was unveiled in a preliminary presentation of the Lowell Schools' financial audit report. Interim Superintendent Dick Kork said the higher than expected fund equity came about as a result of underexpending a conservatively projected budget.

For years quacks and frauds have been trying to sell miracle cures to Americans for just about any ailment. In the past the cons of scams centered on almost every ailment, but today they have gotten specialized and prey on the terminally ill or senior citizen. One man has dedicated a large portion of his life to exposing these charlatans and to inform the public of their games. James Hagen, director of planning for the DuPage County of Health Department, became interested in these matters while he was growing up in Lowell.



Financial Focus

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Millennials May Need to Boost Life Insurance

If you're a Millennial – born between 1981 and 1996 – you're either in the very early or relatively early stages of your career, and as the old song goes, you've got a lot of living to do. Still, it's not too soon to think about a financial issue you may have overlooked: the need for life insurance.

Regarding this topic, Millennials need to ask three key questions:

When should I purchase insurance? The answer to this question depends somewhat on your stage of Millennialism. If you're a young Millennial, perhaps just out of college, single, and living in an apartment, your need for life insurance may not be that great. After all, you may well have other, more pressing financial needs, such as paying off your student loans. But if you're an older Millennial, and you've got a mortgage, a spouse and – especially – children, then you unquestionably need insurance, because you've got a lot to protect.

How much do I need? Millennials who own life insurance have, on average, \$100,000 in coverage, according to New York Life's 2018 Life Insurance Gap Survey. But that same survey found that Millennials themselves reported they need coverage worth about \$450,000, leaving an insurance deficit of approximately \$350,000. That's a pretty big gap, but of course, these figures are averages and may not apply to your situation. Still, you should know how much insurance you require. You might have heard that you need life insurance worth about seven or eight times your annual salary. And while this isn't a terrible estimate, it doesn't apply to everyone, because everyone's situation is different. A financial professional can look at various factors – your age, your marital status, number of children,

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size of mortgage, etc. – to help you arrive at an appropriate level of coverage.

Keep in mind, also, that your employer may offer life insurance as an employee benefit. However, it might be insufficient for your needs, especially if you have a family, and it will probably end if you leave your job.

What type of life insurance should I get? Many people initially find life insurance to be confusing, but there are basically two types: term and permanent. As its name suggests, term insurance covers a given time period, such as 10 or 15 years, and provides only a death benefit. It's generally quite affordable, especially when you're young and healthy. Permanent insurance, on the other hand, offers a death benefit and a savings component that allows you to build cash value. Consequently, the premiums are higher than those of term insurance. Again, a financial professional can help you determine which type of insurance is most appropriate for your needs.

Thus far, we've only been talking about life insurance. But you may also need other types of protection, such as disability insurance, which can replace part of your income should you become ill or incapacitated. And you may eventually want to explore long-term care insurance, which can help cover you for the enormous costs of an extended nursing home stay.

You should at least consider all forms of insurance as part of your overall financial strategy. The future is unknowable – and as a Millennial, you've got plenty of future ahead of you.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

- kidney stones

Kidney stones are deposits of minerals and salts that form in the kidney. A stone typically does not cause symptoms until it moves out of the kidney. It will pass down the ureter and into the bladder. This can cause severe pain. The pain will be on the side and back, it can cause nausea and vomiting. It can radiate to the groin. The urine can become bloody or brown.

Kidney stones typically do not have a single cause. They form when urine contains more crystal forming substances than the fluid in urine can dilute. There are four types of stones: calcium oxalate, struvite, uric acid, and cystine stones.

Factors that increase kidney stone formation include family history, dehydration, certain diets, obesity, and digestive diseases.

Diagnoses is typically made with CT imaging.

Most small stones will pass without intervention by drinking two liters of water daily and starting a certain medication. Sometimes shock wave treatment is needed to break up stones. Surgery can also be needed. This can be done through a small scope inserted into the ureter, or a surgery requiring a small incision in the back.

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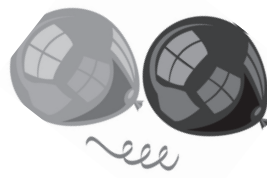
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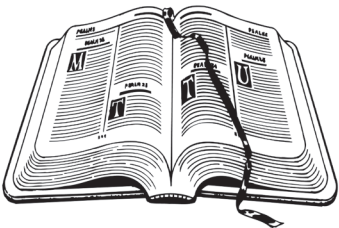
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Before the City Council can consider adoption of an ordinance granting the franchise to Consumers, the ordinance must be available for public inspection for at least four weeks after this publication.

A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection at the City Clerk's office in City Hall at 301 E. Main Street in the City during regular business hours Monday through Friday.



Susan Ullery
City Clerk

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 November 11



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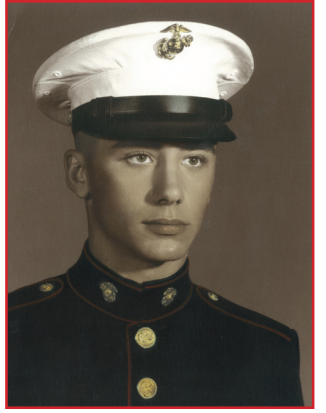
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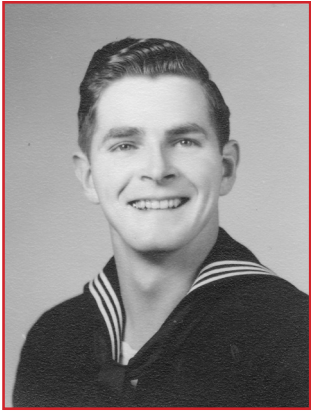
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Jan. 1951 – Nov. 1954



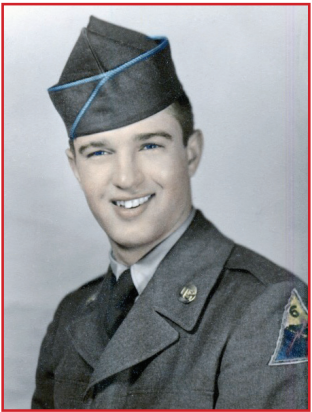
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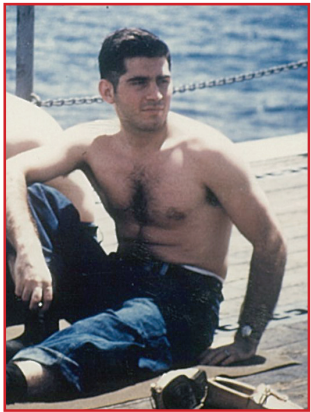
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1956-1957



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Died, Dec. 10, 1941



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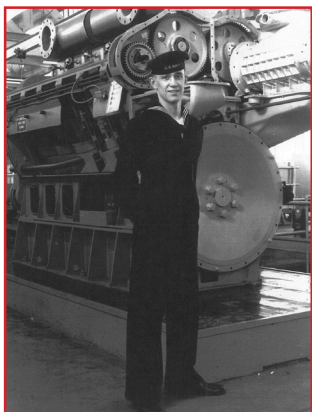
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24 years of service



Herman Weststrate
Army
1966-1969



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Louie Dudeck
Marines
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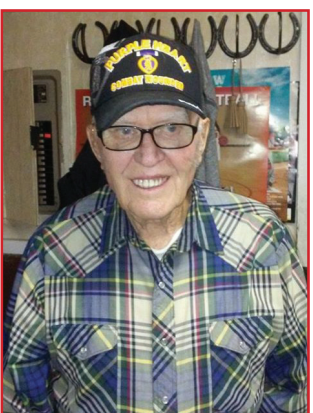
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Joel Uzarski,
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2000-Present



John K. Erickson
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John Homan
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John Wilcox
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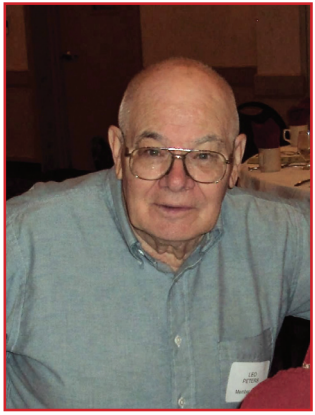


Joseph Daniel Schreur
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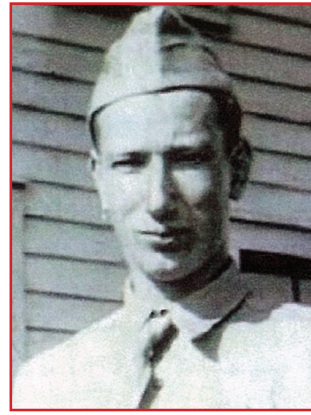
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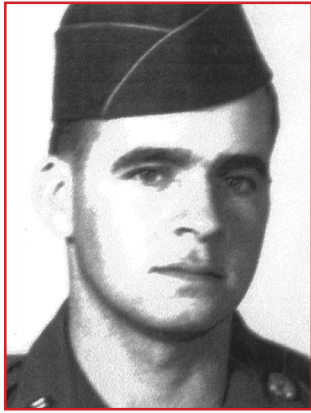
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82nd Airborne
1951-1954



Richard C. Bieri
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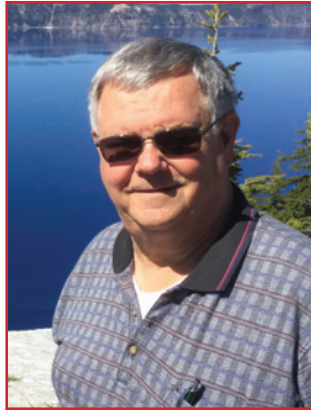
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Ron Janowski
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Donald Viewig
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Thomas Fox
Air Force
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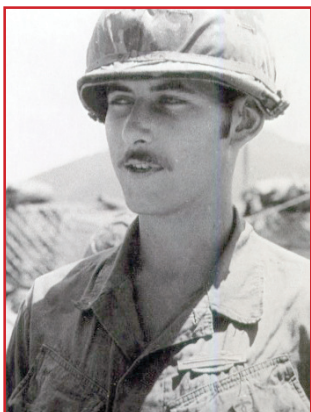
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2016 - Present



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United States Air Force
2007 - present



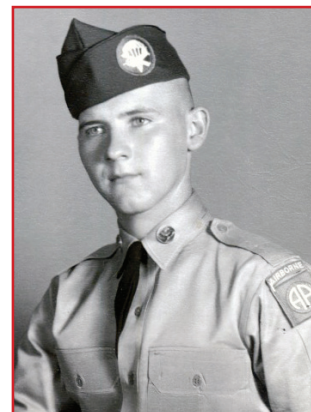
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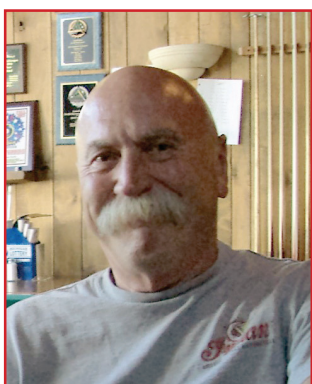
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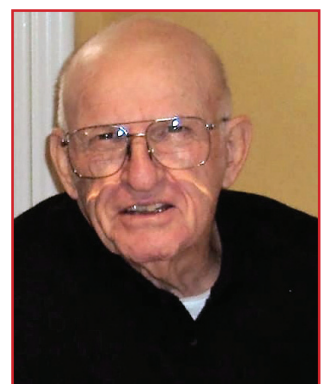
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1964-1968



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Army
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Air Force
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Jon Lyons Army 2002 -
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David Carroll
Army
1984 - 1988



David L. Neubecker
U.S. Army
1977 - 1980



Christopher Bewell
US Marines
Served 2010-2015



Captain David Thaler
USAF
1966 - 1973



John Schneider
U.S. Army - Korea
1950 - 1952



LCPL Devin L. Cupp
US Marine Corp
2018 - present



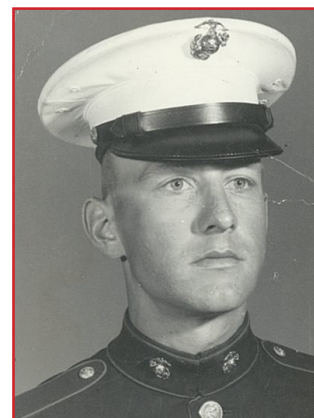
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1950 - 1951



Cameron Hoffman
U.S. Army - Korea/Vietnam
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Army Artillery
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Buell Brinks
U.S. Marine Corps
1969 - 1971



Doug Stroosnyder
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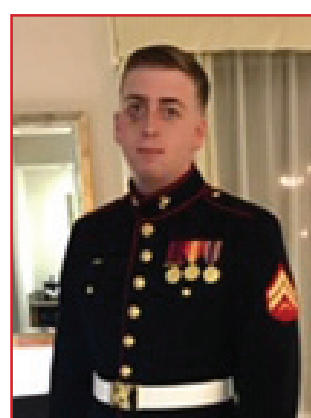
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U.S. Marine Corps
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Bill Schaefer
U.S. Marine Corp
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Evan C. Hedlund
USMC
2013 - 2017



Bill Dommer
U.S. Air Force
1962 - 1966



Steve Larkin
U.S. Marine Corps
1966 - 1967



Maurice L. Hannah
U.S. Army
1943 - 1945



Dirk G. Ritzema
MI Army National Guard
1980 - 1993



Lloyd G. Ritzema
U.S. Air Force
1951 - 1954



Dennis Stauffer, Chris VanDyke
U.S. Army
1967 - 1969

VETERANS DAY



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

YMCA's introduces their "Energize Lowell" program

The Lowell YMCA has created a free wellness program, focusing on nutrition and fitness, that includes family yoga, trail walking classes and nutrition courses.

The program came about after conversations with the Lowell community conducted by the Englehardt Public Library revealed the desire among their patrons for more wellness classes offered outside of standard work hours. It was also discovered that many current fitness programs serve only children or only adults, making them less accessible for busy families and cutting back on their valuable quality time together.

According to Kent County health Rankings, 20 percent of adults in the county report no leisure time or physical activity, and 13 percent report poor or fair health. The connection between diet, exercise and health is well known, however many people need assistance or

accountability to be able to reach their goals. Getting to a gym can be difficult for many people, especially those in rural areas or busy parents with children.

The Energize Lowell program will address these needs by providing fitness and nutrition classes designed to be inclusive of all ages so children and parents can attend them together. The program also leverages community partnerships with Englehardt Public Library, the Wittenbach/Wege Center and Flat River Outreach Ministries to bring

programming to various community spaces. This increases the likelihood the program will be accessible to more people.

Energize Lowell will provide numerous opportunities for families to bond, ways to engage individuals in physical activity, teach new skills and enhance the overall wellness of our community. Everything involved in Energize Lowell is family-friendly and there are no age restrictions.

Aspects of Energize Lowell will include a half hour of yoga at the

Englehardt Library every Saturday, trail walking at the Wittenbach/Wege Center every Saturday, and one hour a month of cooking classes at Flat River Outreach Ministries, plus education about nutrition and other interesting topics.

The program was made possible by the funding from LCTV endowment, Alto Lions Club, Lowell Community Wellness, Lowell Rotary and the Englehardt Public Library. It is brought to you by the Lowell YMCA, Englehardt Public Library and Wittenbach/Wege Center. Additionally, Flat River Outreach Ministries is letting the YMCA use their facility to hold the nutrition piece of the program.

To ensure the Energize Lowell program will run indefinitely, the YMCA will be raising more funds through grants and donations from the community. For more information, call the Lowell YMCA at 616-855-9570.



Fatal accident on Lincoln Lake

Kent County sheriff deputies, Lowell Fire and Rockford Ambulance responded to a fatal traffic accident in the 3000 block of Lincoln Lake Ave. at 4:59 am on Friday, Nov. 1.

A 2010 Ford Fusion, driven by 22-year-old Nikolas Johnson of Greenville, was traveling southbound on Lincoln Lake Ave. when it drifted over the centerline, crossed over the northbound lanes and left the roadway before striking a driveway culvert.

First responders arrived on the scene and found the passenger, 20-year-old Shane Newton of Greenville, unresponsive and the driver with minor injuries. Resuscitation efforts on Newton were unsuccessful. Johnson was transported to United Memorial Hospital in Greenville.

Speed and alcohol do not appear to be factors in this crash, however the accident remains under investigation.

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- Toni Sorenson,
The Great Brain Cleanse



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Registered families can choose up to 4 items per child (infant through High School senior) from a selection of new gifts (at no cost).

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A Halloween tradition



Dr. Jim Reagan and his staff (Julie, Carrie, Paige, Laurie and Katie) posing in their Halloween costumes last Wednesday.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

In the matter of
Anthony Hernandez
 Guardianship File No.
 19-206,428-DD

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including his father: Lupe Hernandez and mother: Tracy Reed, and any other unknown children and heirs, whose address(es)

is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on November 20, 2019, at 8:45 A.M. at Kent Co. Probate Court, 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: Appointment of a Guardian for a person with a Developmental Disability.

Dated: October 31, 2019

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Red Arrow

- FOOTBALL

SPORTS

Big plays doom Lowell football in pre-district game

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

The Lowell football team's season came to an end Friday night in the first round of the MHSAA Division Three state playoffs. The Red Arrows fell to the East Grand Rapids Pioneers 42-14.

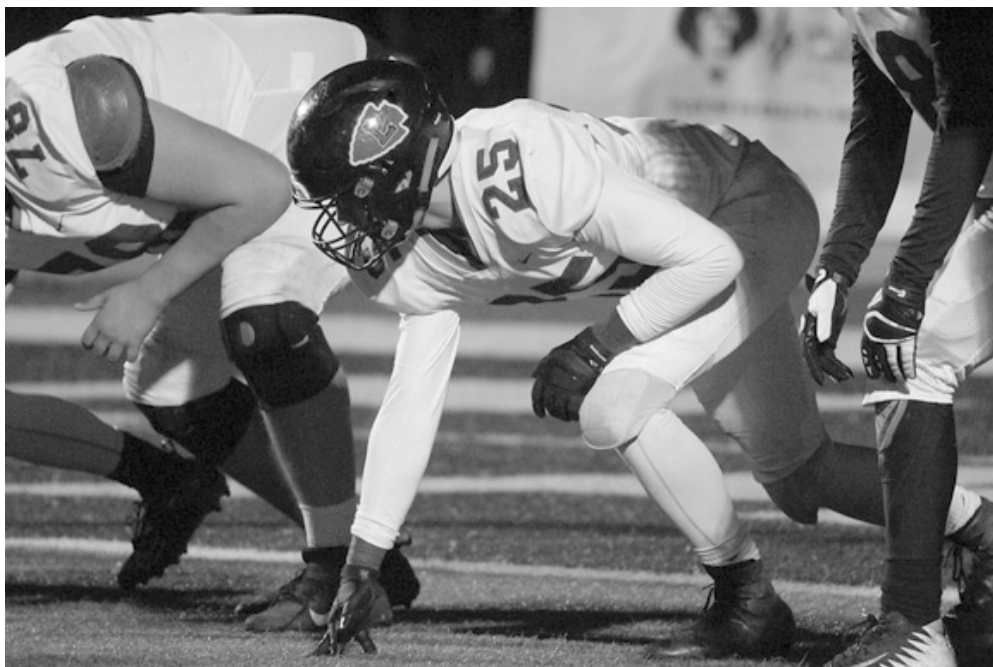
In Lowell's first playoff game since 2017, it was East Grand Rapids who took a 7-0 lead to kick things off with a first possession touchdown. LHS would respond immediately at the 9:00 mark of the first quarter. Andy Anschutz took a squib kick that bounced into his hands at the six-yard line. From there, he brought the Lowell side of Memorial Field alive with a 94-yard kickoff return for a touchdown to tie the game at seven apiece. It would be one of two touchdowns for Anschutz on the night.

The Pioneer defense was effective at holding the Lowell offense to minimal gains, and big plays for EGR's offense would be the story of the game. The six EGR touchdowns came from 29 yards, 55 yards, 24 yards, 1 yard, 26 yards, and 57 yards.

The end of the first half would be a couple of tough breaks that went against Lowell. On a 4th and 10, LHS converted a pass to Brett Spanbauer down to the East Grand Rapids 4-yard line with four seconds to go. Trailing 21-7, a score would've been a big boost to the team's hopes. Spanbauer was injured on the tackle and would not return to the game and a penalty after the play cost LHS 15-yards making a score more



Andy Anschutz returning a kickoff for a touchdown against EGR.



Logan Staley looking to block an EGR extra point attempt.

difficult for the Red Arrow offense. Lowell would not be able to convert.

EGR's quick striking ability would put the game out of reach in the third quarter. The Pioneers scored a touchdown on their first drive of the second half then their next two drives to make it 42-7 and a running clock.

The Red Arrows scored late on a 54-yard touchdown run by Anschutz to make it 42-14. Justin Wade made both of his extra point attempts during the evening. Lowell's poach

inside kick was recovered by the Pioneers. Grant Pratt in his final three snaps as a Red Arrow showed his strength on defense as EGR ran out the clock, Grant recorded three consecutive tackles for a loss.

A game that has often been called a rivalry, many feared the Lowell-EGR game was lost when the Pioneers left the OK White conference for the OK Gold in the 2016 conference realignment. Lowell and East Grand Rapids ended up playing in 2016 and 2017 as part of each other's

non-conference schedules and again this year. As part of the 2020 OK Conference realignment, both teams will be playing again in the conference schedule as EGR moves back to the OK White.

Despite the near-freezing temperatures, the Lowell bleachers were filled in an impressive showing of support for the team. East Grand Rapids moves on to play Byron Center this week, while Lowell's season ended at 5-5.

Lowell volleyball caps off regular season

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

A successful regular season has come to an end for the Lowell Red Arrows volleyball team. Lowell defeated Forest Hills Northern in straight sets last Tuesday to finish the regular season with a 49-3 record.

LHS started strong picking up a 25-15 win in set one, with a Jenna Reitsma kill down the center of the court winning set point. The Arrows won set two 25-19, recording an ace for the set-clinching 25th point. The match was finished off

by Kambry Kloosterman in the third set with a game-winning kill following a lengthy rally. The third set score was 25-16.

The Red Arrows kicked off Division One district play today at 6:30 pm against the winner of Rockford and Northview (Wednesday, 11/6). If they win they will compete in the district championship

match Thursday, (11/7) at Cedar Springs. The district championship match will start at 6:00 pm.



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obituaries

BIGGS

Richard (Dick) Biggs, age 75 of Lowell, loving husband of 58 years passed away October 29, 2019 with his family at his side. He was preceded in death by his parents, Morris and Arlene Biggs; brother, Dan Biggs; and grandson, Shane Heydenburg. Dick is survived by his wife, Connie; children, Debra Biggs, David (Kathe) Biggs; grandchildren, Jimmy (Kristin) Biggs, Tony (Jessica) Biggs, Samantha (Josh) Davis, Kipp Heydenburg, Shawn Heydenburg; great-grandchildren, Austin Heydenburg, Michael Biggs, and Madison Biggs. He was raised on a farm, of which he bought from his Uncle Bob, and worked it until 1977.

Dick then went to work at Crystal Flash for the next 30 years. After he retired, he took care of his uncle until his passing. He loved playing golf, fishing, hunting and attending his grandchildren's sporting events. Per Dick's wishes, there will be a graveside service at Alton Cemetery, 12815 3 Mile Rd NE, Lowell, MI 49331, November 11th at 3:00 pm. A party for Dick will follow at The King Memorial Building, 225 S. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331. BYOB. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Holland, 270 Hoover Blvd, Holland, MI 49423.



MARKS

Jack Willard Marks, age 85, passed away on Monday, November 4, 2019. He is preceded in death by his wife of 44 years, Delores. Jack is survived by his step children, Cheryl (Roger) Davis, Sandy Ouendag, Wendy (Paul) Davison, Dale (Meri Lynn) Ouendag, Pat (Larry) DeGrande, Connie Ouendag and Bonnie Cooper; his sister Jeanne Serne; 13 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren and one great great granddaughter and many nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Army and was a life member of the Madison Square Sportsmen Club of Rockford. Family will greet friends and relatives on Saturday, November 9 from 10 am – 12 pm at O'Brien Eggebeen Gerst Chapel, 3980 Cascade Road SE, Grand Rapids. Contributions in memory of Jack may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 989 Spaulding Ave SE, Ada, MI 49301



RICHMOND

Robert Kenneth Richmond, M.D. (1934 – 2019) Robert Richmond born October 4, 1934, died at home surrounded by family on September 25, 2019. The second of four children, Bob was born on the family farm in Vergennes Township. He served three years in the U.S. Army, and attended Aquinas College before completing

medical school at the University of Michigan in 1967. He credited the book Hans Brinker, or The Silver Skates by Mary Mapes Dodge with inspiring him to become a physician. Bob practiced medicine in Grand Rapids his entire career and remained keenly interested in science and medicine until his death. Though usually quiet and reserved, Bob had a sly sense of humor. He was an avid reader of fiction and non-fiction alike, loved playing cards with his family, and enjoyed playing the piano. Always a lover of music, Bob met his wife Linda at a ballroom dance class at Arthur Murray Dance Studios in Grand Rapids. They celebrated their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary in July. Bob is survived by wife Linda (Post) Richmond; and children, Christopher (Nicole Pinsky) Richmond, Angela (Teri Herberger) Richmond, and Celeste Richmond; granddaughters, Lillian and Rosalind Richmond; sister, Mary Pat Goggins; sister-in-law, Mary Margaret Richmond; and beloved nieces and nephews, Brian (Michelle) Richmond, Ben (Karen) Richmond, Mark (Sherry) Richmond, Alicia (Tim) Parker, Andrea (Dustin) Wirgau, and Elena (Brian) Scott. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Irma (Eickhoff) Richmond; brothers, David and Jerrold Richmond; and in-laws, Diane (Uzarski) Richmond and Jim Goggins. Bob was deeply loved and will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Per his wishes, Bob was cremated. A celebration of his life will be held at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331, from 2 to 4 p.m. on November 9, 2019. Contributions in Bob's memory may be made to Michigan Radio, 535 William Street, Suite 110, Ann Arbor, MI 48103, or to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan at nkfm.org.



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PORK STEAK DINNER - Fri., Nov. 8, 5-7:30 pm. Sunday breakfast, Nov. 10, 8-10:30 am. Public welcome. Alto American Legion, 6056 Linfield Ave, Alto. 868-6490.

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Community Calendar AND ONGOING EVENTS

PLEASE NOTE - Coming Events are for non-profit organizations. If you are charging admission for an event - it is considered an advertisement. Coming events are on a space available basis & **ARE NOT GUARANTEED**. If you would like to make sure your event is placed in the paper, please call our office & place it as a classified ad. We will not accept ANY Garage or sales (including fundraisers) as a coming event. All Coming Events or changes to coming events should be submitted by fax: 897-4809, email: classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com, by mail: PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or in person: 105 N. Broadway.

MAHJONG AT THE LIBRARY - Now - Nov. 29. Join us on Friday afternoons for American Mahjong; a game of skill, strategy & calculation. All skill levels welcome. Bring your own mahjong set or borrow ours. For teens & adults. Fridays at 1 pm. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

TEEN ZONE - Now - Nov. 18, Mondays at 3:30 pm. Teen-only fun for you & your friends at the library. Stop by for activities that may include board games, food & more. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

FAMILY YOGA - Now - Nov. 30. Family yoga is an all-ages activity with a focus on the benefits of mindfulness. Together we will engage in fun poses, learn how to breathe, be creative with yoga activities/games and relax. Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 30 minutes prior to the program. For ages 3 and up. Saturdays at 11 am. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

SENSORY TODDLER TIME - Now - Nov. 12. Nurture your toddler's love of books through music, movement & stories while helping to develop their language, motor & social skills. For children ages 3 & younger with a caregiver. Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

TECH SAVVY SENIORS - Nov. 13 at 6:30 pm. For older people in a

digital world, it's easy to become overwhelmed or feel intimidated by all the new technology around us. Join us to discuss current tech topics & gain the skills & confidence to access information & services online. For adults. No registration required. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY - meets every Monday, 7-8 p.m. at Bowne Center United Methodist Church, fellowship hall, 12051 84th St., corner of Alden Nash. Call Sue at 868-6219 or www.womenforsobriety.org

CELEBRATE RECOVERY - a Christ-centered, Biblically-based 12 step program for people with hurts, hang-ups and habits. Meets every Thursday from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at Impact, 11840 Fulton St., Lowell. Open to all who are 18 years or older. Fourth Thursday of each month is Chip Night when we celebrate a meal together starting at 6 pm.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY - meets the second Monday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Historical Museum at 84th/Alden Nash.

ALTO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Alto American Legion Post.

V.F.W. POST #8303 - meets the first Monday at 7 p.m. at 3116 Alden Nash S.E.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 102 - every Monday, 7-8:30 p.m. during school year in Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. Ages 11 and up or completing 5th grade. Call Scoutmaster Clay VanderWarf, 616-485-3429 or Del Rockwell at 897-6814.

VERGENNES CLUB MEETS - at 1 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month March thru Nov. Meeting at Schneider Manor Community Room. Program & refreshments. Guests welcome.

AMERICAN LEGION #152 MEETING - fourth Monday of the month, 7 pm. Lowell Veteran's Center, 3116 Alden Nash SE, Lowell.

WITTENBACH WEGE CENTER - 11715 Vergennes, Lowell. Trails are open dusk to dawn, 365 days a year.

STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTION? - Lowell Serenity Club is available for all in need of relief and hope. LSC offers 12 step meetings, 365 days a year. Meetings daily 8-9 pm, Mon. - Fri. 12-1 pm, Tues. & Fri. 4:30-5:30 pm and Sat. & Sun. 10-11 am. 101 E. Main St., Lowell, 616-550-6688.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP - A monthly support group for those diagnosed with breast cancer to learn and share together. We will meet the first Tuesday of every month from 6-7:30 pm. Gilda's Club, Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

FREE MOVIE NIGHT - Second Monday of each month, 5:30 p.m. Free movie & popcorn at Alvah N. Belding Library, 302 E. Main St., Belding. 616-794-1450.

FRIENDS OF THE FRED MEIJER RIVER VALLEY RAIL-TRAIL - Meets second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Pere Marquette depot, 100 Depot St., Belding. Meetings are broadcast on Google hangouts. FMRVRT.org/Facebook: FMRVRT

TECH SESSIONS - 2 - 4 pm by appointment on Thursdays. One-on-one assistance with basic computer, tablets, smart phones, downloadable library material, etc. Please call to schedule an appointment, Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

CUB SCOUT PACK 3188 - meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main.

LEGO CLUB - First Tuesday of the month from 4-6 pm. A monthly club for kids to build theme lego creations. For ages 5 & up. Clarksville Area Library, 165 N. Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

QUA-KE-ZIK SPORTSMANS CLUB - meets second and third Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at 8731 West Riverside Dr. Go to www.qua-ke-zik.org for information. New members welcome.

MINECRAFT - 1st Monday of the month at 4:30 pm. Get your Minecraft fix & show off your world-building skills. The library has a limited number of computers & licenses for Minecraft. First come, first served. No registration required. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

TECH SAVVY SENIORS - 3rd Wednesday of the month, 1-2 pm. For older people in a digital world, it's easy to become overwhelmed or feel intimidated by all the new technology around us. Join us to discuss current tech topics & gain the skills and confidence to access information & services online. No registration required. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

LOWELL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - Open Radio Room Thursdays, 7 pm at Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 Fulton St. E. General meeting 3rd Thursday. www.w8lrc.org 145.27 MHz.

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES TREASURE'S THRIFT SHOP HOURS - Tues - Fri. 10 - 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 - 2 p.m. at 11535 Fulton St. E. Thrift Shop, 897-8260; Resource Center, 897-8260.

VETERANS POTLUCK - second Sunday of month, 2 pm. Bring a friend. Lowell Veteran's Center, 3116 Alden Nash, Lowell.

ALPHA FAMILY CENTER OF LOWELL - 519 E. Main. Hours: Mon. & Wed. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Tues. & Thurs. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Diapers, formula, clothing & free ultrasounds & pregnancy testing available. www.afclowell.org

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Mon. & Sat., 9:30-1:30 p.m.; Tues. & Wed., 12 - 8 p.m.; Thurs., 1-6 p.m.; Fri. 9:30-6 p.m. Info., call 784-2007.

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS - Mon.-Wed., noon - 8 p.m.; Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. 784-2007.

LOWELL ARTS GALLERY HOURS - Tues. - Fri., 10 - 6 p.m.; Sat., 10-5 p.m. 225 W. Main St., Lowell. Visit www.lowellartsmi.org or call 897-8545.



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Lowell girls golf concludes season

By Justin Scott
Contributing reporter

The Lowell Red Arrows girls golf team ended their season at the MHSAA Division Two 18-hole regional tournament held at Egypt Valley Country Club.

The Red Arrows finished fifth as a team paced by Lexy Kaptcia's 103. That score was just five strokes away from qualifying for state as an individual. Also scoring for Lowell was Olivia DeCator (107), Addison Bruwer (109) and Amiya Schaefer (114).

Kaptcia led the team in their final conference

meet recording a 96, while Bruwer and DeCator each shot 100. Lowell placed fourth in the conference that included state champion Forest Hills Northern.

"2019 will be remembered as a season where we accomplished a lot on the course as well as off," Lowell varsity girls golf head coach Josh Bruwer told us.

The team MVP this season was Kaptcia, who also earned all-conference honors. Kaptcia's brother, Tyler, graduated from

LHS last year and will be competing for Grand Rapids Community College's golf team this season.

"We hope to build off of our successes this year and learn from our failures. We have many of our key players returning next season and we're looking to take a big step forward with our program," added Bruwer.

Bruwer earned honorable mention all-conference honors. Lauren Booth was named the team's most improved player.



The 2019 varsity girls golf team.

Lowell names boys varsity golf coach

Tom Koert has been named the head coach of the Lowell Red Arrow boys golf varsity team. Coach Koert brings an abundance of experience and success to share with the Red Arrow golfers.

"We are honored that coach Koert wanted to coach our high school golfers. He brings a tremendous amount of knowledge and successful experience to share with our players.

His coaching resume' is top-notch," says athletic director, Dee Crowley.

Coach Koert had outstanding success as both the boys and girls golf coach at NorthPointe Christian from 2004-2017. He coached the boys' team for 11 consecutive years and his teams qualified for MHSAA State Finals eight times, including a third place finals finish. His teams won three Regional titles

and nine conference titles. Coach Koert had similar success coaching the NorthPointe Christian girls' team for 13 consecutive seasons. His girls' teams qualified and competed in the MHSAA State Finals on 11 occasions, including a second place finals finish, and two teams placing third in MHSAA State Finals. The girls' teams won two Regional titles and five conference championships.

Coach Koert earned many coaching honors over the years, including being named the Michigan High School Division Coach of the Year on three occasions; Regional Coach of the Year four times; and twice named District Coach of the Year. Coach Koert has had 21 players from his boys and girls' teams move on to play college golf. He has taught golf for 15 years and runs the West Michigan Junior

Golf Tour in the West Michigan area during the summer.

Coach Koert lives with his wife and is retired from The Grand Rapids Press after 38 years of service as a district sales manager.



Tom Koert, named head coach of the boys varsity golf team.

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

In the matter of Patricia Sarber Guardianship File No. 19-206,419-GA, 19-206418-CA

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

Dated: October 31, 2019

Adult Protective Services, DHHS, Petitioner 121 Franklin St. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507 (616) 690-7176

VAN ESSEN AND ASSOCIATES PLLC Attys. for Petitioner by Amanda Van Essen Wirth (P75001) 3425 Kelly St. Hudsonville, MI 49426 Phone (616) 633-0196

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including her son, Greg Sarber, and any other unknown children and heirs, whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following: TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on November 20, 2019, at 1:30 P.M. at Kent Co. Probate Court,

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Dated: November 1, 2019

Adult Protective Services, DHHS, Petitioner 121 Franklin St. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507 (616) 260-6443

VAN ESSEN AND ASSOCIATES PLLC Attys. for Petitioner by Amanda Van Essen Wirth (P75001) 3425 Kelly St. Hudsonville, MI 49426 Phone (616) 633-0196

LHS represented at cross-country finals

Seniors Caleb Swart and Ben Kinnucan represented Lowell Red Arrows in fine fashion in the Division One cross-country finals at Michigan International Speedway on Saturday. The weather threw a little bit of everything at the race with sun, clouds, rain, sleet, snow and especially mud.

Swart completed the course with a 94th place showing and a time of 16.38. Kinnucan followed up with a 151st place and a time of 17.01.



Lowell celebrates 28th Annual Christmas Through Lowell

Area residents looking for a unique Christmas gift can find what they are looking for while supporting the Lowell community during the 28th Annual Christmas Through Lowell event.

More than 65 homes and businesses will present a "unique and magical" experience to "kick off your holiday shopping season in and around historic Lowell," said Liz Baker, the executive director of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

More than 350 artists, crafters, and businesses showcase gifts, crafts, and

more during the weekend of Nov. 15 to Nov. 17. The hours of the event are from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 15, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16, and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 17.

"We call it our premier shopping event," Baker said. "This is our largest shopping event in Lowell."

"It's a deluxe shopping extravaganza," Baker described. Handmade treasures, jewelry, Christmas decorations, art creations, fine art, antiques, refound treasures, garden art, beeswax candles, homemade items including

crocheted and knitted crafts, hand-crafted purses and bags and homemade rugs and quilts are just some of the items at the locations that are "mini shopping experiences." Businesses in the area also get involved in the event that draws thousands of people to the community.

Baker said the event started when deer season was popular and spouses would need something to do while their partner was hunting. "It originally started as a deer widows shopping event," she said. "Now, it has grown to much more than a ladies'

shopping event. Women, men, families, friends all come to experience this tradition."

Baker said people come from throughout the Lowell area, Kent County, and even out of state for those who have made this a tradition for their families. When someone visits a minimum of 15 locations, they can enter a punch/stamp card into the drawing at their favorite location for a door prize. More than 6,500 personal invitations to past shoppers and local residents go out and those postcards can be entered into the grand prize drawing. The

grand prize features all the participating locations submitting small items to make a large grand prize basket.

While the event runs for three days, each individual location sets hours so attendees should check the hours ahead of time. "You will want to make sure the locations you want to visit are open the days you plan to attend the event," said Baker.

"Some of these homes are like a destination to visit," Baker said. Each individual location, which could be a home, church, senior center, business, or

other location, chooses to decorate the way that they wish and to feature the items how they want to present them.

The Christmas Through Lowell Official Tour Guide and Map will be available at any crafter or participating businesses along Main Street. The event website is www.christmasthroughlowell.org where you will find links to the brochure, Christmas Through Lowell Facebook, goggle maps and lodging.

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LowellArts holiday calendar full of special events

The LowellArts Holiday Artists Market features artwork and other handmade merchandise for the gift-giving season by over 50 area artists. Gift items include pottery, paintings, photography, jewelry, textiles, glasswork, handbags, woodwork, metalwork, basketry, ornaments, soaps and more. The show is held at LowellArts, 223 W. Main, from Nov. 14 through Dec. 23. The market's hours are noon until 5 pm on Sundays and Mondays and 10 am until 6 pm Tuesdays through Saturdays.

To celebrate the opening of this year's show, a meet-the-artists reception will be held on Thursday, Nov. 14 from 6 until 8 pm. This is a free event and light refreshments will be served. Award-winning jazz musician Roger MacNaughton will present live music for the evening. For more information and the complete list of participating artists, visit lowellartsmi.org/holiday-artists-market.

LowellArts will be open for extended hours during the Christmas Through Lowell weekend. Christmas Through Lowell is an

annual three day event put on by Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, when over 300 artists and crafters display and sell their wares at local businesses, churches and homes. The LowellArts Holiday Artists Market is one of the many stops on this unique holiday shopping experience throughout Lowell. On Saturday, Nov. 15 from noon until 5 pm, Roger MacNaughton will present live music in the gallery. LowellArts hours for this event are Friday, Nov. 15 from 9 am to 9 pm, Saturday, Nov. 16 from 9 am until 7 pm and Sunday, Nov. 17 from 11 am until 5 pm.

LowellArts will also be open for extended hours during the Lowell Christmas festivities on Saturday, Dec. 7. The gallery's hours will be 10 am until 7 pm that day. The Lowell Christmas festivities include visits with Santa on the Riverwalk, a craft workshop, a pancake supper and the annual nighttime parade featuring Santa. For more information, head to discoverlowell.org.

Finally, LowellArts will host a holiday open house on Monday, Dec. 9 from 6 until 8 pm. All are invited to this free event, light refreshments will be served and Roger MacNaughton, will present live music for the evening. LowellArts members will receive 10 percent off their purchases.

For more information about LowellArts, visit lowellartsmi.org or call 616-897-8545.



LowellArts Holiday Artists Market

Holiday decorating contest is back for Lowell businesses

Local companies are going to have a "Battle of the Businesses" holiday decorating contest.

Holiday decor will be judged on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 5 pm. The categories for the judging are creativity, adherence to

the "Candy Christmas" theme, vibrancy and Christmas spirit.

The winner will be announced on the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook page on Saturday, Dec. 7. The winners will receive a trophy to display year-round.

The deadline to enter the contest is Tuesday, Nov. 26. If your business wants to participate, contact the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce at info@lowellchamber.org or 616-897-9161 for a copy of the application form.

Thank you Larkins!

The Lowell Area Historical Museum wishes to thank Mike Larkin and Larkin's Restaurant for naming the Lowell Area Historical Museum the non-profit recipient of the 2019 Chili Cook-off.

Proceeds will support Museum youth programs.



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