

Christmas Through Lowell is Nov. 19, 20, 21

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

A local holiday shopping fixture for two decades, “Christmas Through Lowell” was canceled last year due to COVID. But it’s returning this year, and it will take place in more than 50 area homes and businesses over the weekend of Nov. 19, 20 and 21.

Several Main Street business are also participating, including All Weather Seal, Larkin’s Other Place, Greenridge Realty and the Lowell Area Historical Museum. The complete list and a map to them is online at discoverlowell.org/christmas-through-lowell.

The only rule is that participants offer only homemade items, nothing retail. Handmade items from

more than 300 crafters will include jewelry, Christmas decorations, folk art, fine art, garden art, antiques, candles, crocheted and knitted items, purses, bags, totes, rugs, quilts and a lot more.

Christmas Through Lowell was originally conceived 30 years ago as a diversion for “deer hunting widows,” but has developed into one of the largest events of its type in West Michigan. Many participating homeowners create elaborate decorations for their property, both inside and out, to attract prospective customers.

“Christmas Through Lowell gives our local crafters and artisans an opportunity to sell their wares in either their own home or

local location,” said Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Liz Baker. “Christmas Through Lowell is our largest retail event of the year. When people attend this event, it’s to buy. [...] It definitely is a shopping extravaganza. I don’t know how people choose where they’re going to go. It’s a great event, a great way to spearhead your Christmas shopping. Each stop is unique in itself [and] they’re all wonderful. Every one of them is so different. The homes, I have to say, are amazing. These homes take a tremendous amount of time to create a destination for shoppers. I think for the participants it’s kind of like a treasure hunt.”



Mann and VanLaan are featured artists for Christmas Through Lowell



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A variance application has been received from Danielle Ayala to place a pool in the front yard of their property addressed as 12345 McPherson St, Lowell, MI 49331 and known as permanent parcel #41-16-15-300-006. The requested use variance is with respect to zoning ordinances sections 201.442 and 201.704.

The complete variance application can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays and from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursdays or on the website at www.vergennestwp.org. Public comment will be heard at the meeting and comments received by mail, email, in person or in the Township drop box will be considered if received at the Township office prior to 6:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Comments may be emailed to: zoning@vergennestwp.org

To view the application on the website, click on “Departments”, then “Zoning Board of Appeals”, then “Pending Applications.”



Kaily VanLaan and BethAnn Mann of Lailo Design are this year's featured artists.

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

This year’s Christmas Through Lowell featured artists are Kaily VanLaan and BethAnn Mann of Lailo Design, location 21, 1870 Alden Nash.

The pair have participated in the event every year since 2007, offering various handmade gift items.

“BethAnn and I are both stay at home moms and we enjoyed crafting together,” VanLaan said. “Family

started asking us to make stuff for them, so we started our business Lailo Designs. Christmas Through Lowell has been a great way for us to earn a little extra money while doing something we love. Our prices range from \$1 to \$50. Our most popular items are from our Santa’s Sweet Shoppe, they make great teacher gifts, stocking stuffers and Secret Santa gifts. Our other popular items



Samples of various work by Maan and VanLaan.

are cocoa kits, calendars, home and Christmas decor and handmade cards.

There will be other crafters with work available at Lailo Design during the event.

“BethAnn and I do all of our work together,” VanLaan said. “Donna Gerard knits a lot of cute baby sweaters, hats, socks and much more. We love the atmosphere of the whole weekend. We enjoy seeing the same

people each year and always meeting new people. It is fun to hear all the traditions that people have for that weekend!

VanLaan said to follow them on social media to stay up to date with their products and activities.

“We do weddings, birthday parties, grad parties, showers and take custom orders on all of our products,” VanLaan said.

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Turkey Trot 5k fun run through WWC trails is Nov. 13

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The Lowell YMCA is hosting the annual “Turkey Trot” 5k family fun run at the Wittenbach Wege Center, 11715 Vergennes, at 8 am on Saturday, Nov. 13.

Proceeds will benefit the Livestrong cancer survivor program at the Lowell YMCA, a 12-week program for adult cancer survivors.

“Participants work with trained Y staff to improve cardiovascular endurance and functional ability, build muscle mass and strength and increase flexibility,” said Cecily McCabe, YMCA of Grand Rapids communications director. “In addition to physical benefits, the program also focuses on the mental and emotional well-being of survivors and their families. This creates a supportive community environment where people affected by cancer can

connect during treatment and beyond. Through the generous support of area donors, the Livestrong program has been able to provide support at no cost to cancer survivors in the Lowell community.”

You can register for the event online at grymca.org, at the Lowell YMCA or at the WWC at 8 am on Nov. 13. The walking and running will begin at 9 am. Cost to participate is \$20 per person or \$60 for a family of up to four individuals, this includes a t-shirt.

“The Y is West Michigan’s leading nonprofit strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility,” McCabe said. “Through its seven branch locations, YMCA Camp Manitou-Lin, community outreach programs and childcare sites, the YMCA of Greater



Grand Rapids is committed to improving the health and well-being of children and families. YMCA programs impact thousands of lives annually and respond to unique community needs across West Michigan.”

LowellArts Artist Market thru Dec. 24

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The annual LowellArts Artist Market, featuring work by over 50 area artists, is currently underway.

Thousands of unique, handmade items by Michigan artists are available for purchase in the gallery right now, including pottery, paintings, photography, jewelry, textiles, glasswork, leather goods, woodworking, metalwork, basketry, ornaments, soaps and more.

Participating artists will include Eana Agopian, Neven Allan, Cindy Allen, Sandy Bartlett, Lisa Boerema, Paul Bradshaw,

Skylar Bre’z, Dianne Carroll Burdick, Carol Caron, Joy Castonguay, Barbara Clark, Sue Clay, Sierra A. Cole, Samantha Coon, Vickie Culver, Anne Curtis, Gary Dietzel, Jennifer Gould, Kris Green, Marty Green, Sue Haveman, Jennifer Helner, Cheryl Hillman, Emma Hoekstra, Linda Ippel, Sally Jenks, Amy Johnson, Kimberly Johnson, Tammy Johnson, Allison Jones, David Kerley, Robert Kleczynski, Jane Kropewnicki, Mary Lamson-Burke, Darla-Jo LeBaron, Hallie LeBlanc, Carmen Lee, Roger MacNaughton,

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The gallery will be open each Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am until 6 pm and every Sunday from noon until 5 pm. There will be extended hours during the “Christmas Through Lowell” event on Nov. 19, 20 and 21, visit discoverlowell.org for details. Note that

all individuals are required to wear a mask inside of the LowellArts building, regardless of vaccination status.

There will be a Member Appreciation Weekend on Dec. 4 and 5, when LowellArts members will

receive 10 percent off their purchases. Annual memberships to LowellArts start at \$40 and can be purchased at anytime by anyone, there is no residency requirement.

Museum millage passes, incumbents retain council seats in Nov. 2 election

There were four candidates for the three open seats on the Lowell city council in the Tuesday, Nov. 2 election. The three incumbents - Marty Chambers (435 votes), Leah Groves (419 votes) and Jim Salzwedel

(400 votes) - received the most votes and will retain their seats. New candidate Jake Davenport was again unsuccessful in his bid for a seat on the council with 312 votes. There were also votes for five write-in candidates.

The Lowell Area Historical Museum millage renewal passed with 454 “yes” to 184 “no” votes.

Out of the 3,245 registered voters in the city of Lowell, only 641 participated in this election.

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Students evacuated, dismissed early after bathroom fire at Lowell Middle School

Details are still sketchy at press time, but there was a fire in a girls restroom on the east side of Lowell Middle School after noon on Tuesday, Nov. 9. The east wing is the home of the seventh grade, according to Lowell Area Schools superintendent Nate Fowler, who was on the scene of the fire.

Several fire trucks, ambulances and police cars responded and the students were evacuated. It was decided to dismiss them early and have parents pick their students up from nearby Cherry Creek Elementary.

Fowler said it was far too early in the investigation to determine the cause of the blaze.



Above, EMTs attended to one adult during the incident.



This was a breaking story at press time, more details next week.

David Johnston earns the rank of Eagle Scout

David Johnston, a member of the Boy Scout Troop 102 and a resident of Lowell, earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank that the Boy Scouts offers, on

September 27, 2021, and celebrated his Eagle Court of Honor October 23, 2021. Less than four percent of Boy Scout members ever attain this prestigious honor.

David Johnston, 16, of Lowell High School, achieved the 21 merit badges required to receive the Eagle Scout award plus an additional five merit badges to earn a bronze palm. For his final project he built an augmented reality (AR) sandbox, a 3D, interactive, dynamic educational tool to help understand mapping, topography, watersheds and natural hazards to donate to his former fourth grade teacher at Alto Elementary, Jennifer Bolhuis.

“The experiences in Boy Scouts made me a stronger person, a better friend, a better leader and a better citizen. It was very challenging but was all worth it. Troop 102 has advanced many Eagle Scouts and there are more to come. That is largely in-part to our adult leadership. They firmly believe we can achieve it.”

Johnston named four mentors who were

invaluable in helping him along the path to Eagle: his grandfather, Gary Lotridge, his scoutmaster, Clay Vanderwarf, Lowell High School teacher, Anna Mainero and one of his youth group leaders, Ryan Kyes.

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.



David Johnston, photo courtesy of JMK Photography.

You can win \$150 if you're in the Santa Parade on Dec. 4

The annual “Nighttime Santa Parade and Christmas Festivities” event will take place on Saturday, Dec. 4, and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers to create some parade floats.

This year’s theme is “Light it Up with the Magic of Christmas.”

This year, the entries in the parade will be judged based on use of the theme, creativity, diversity, music and lights. The first place winner will get \$150,

second place is \$100 and a third place showing will net you \$50.

There will also be a Peoples’ Choice Award. The top ten floats will be chosen by the parade judges, then the general public will vote for their favorite entry on Facebook. The entries will be posted by 10 pm on Saturday, Dec. 4. To vote, go to the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce page on Facebook. The poll will remain open until 8 am on Tuesday, Dec. 7.

Virgil Roudabush: miller and maker of chairs

by Bill Lee
contributing reporter

Virgil Roudabush makes tiny wooden chairs in his retirement, but there has been a lot more to his life of 93 years, 73 of which have been spent with his

wife Carmen Roudabush. Virgil is not a native of Lowell, but pretty close. Born eight miles away in Elmdale, he moved to Lowell at age five back

in 1933 when his father, a railroad worker, was transferred. He was raised in a house on Spring and North Hudson St. After high school he joined the Air Force, was honorably discharged two years later and came back to Lowell, where he and Carmen raised two sons. Virgil worked for the King Milling Company for the next 43 years as a miller and superintendent. It was during that time he built his first tiny rocking chair in 1961.

“I really don’t know why,” Roudabush said. “Mainly they were Christmas gifts. I made one for my wife and then I had a friend out in the country, a farm lady who had two daughters, so I made one for her and her two daughters. And after that, I made about four or five more for friends right here in town for Christmas gifts, then it just expanded.”

And expand it did. After making 18 chairs between 1961-69, he took about 25 years off, then in retirement he made 237 chairs from 1995-2019. He had to give up making them a couple of years ago because the work got to be too difficult for his hands.

The process took two full days to make a single chair – one day to make the parts and then the next day to put it together and paint it. Using a jigsaw and other tools, each chair is custom made. The first thing he does is create the seat of the chair by putting the person’s name on it and the date. From there he uses sandwich sticks that he bought from Gordon Foods as the back rails, and then eight-inch dowels for the legs.

The hundreds of chairs he has made have been given to friends here in Michigan, but are also located around the world including England, Denmark, and Switzerland. He sent one to Kathy Lee Gifford many years ago, and she wrote him a letter thanking him. His greatest pride is a chair made of red oak that he sent to Laura Bush when she was first lady in the early 2000s. His granddaughter was working at the White House at the time.

“I sent it to her and she got it to Laura Bush, and she sent me a fine letter,” Roudabush said.

His other greatest pride is his life in Lowell, particularly revolving around his family - two sons, four grandchildren and nine great grandchildren - who are now living across the country, save a few nieces and nephews who still live in the Lowell area. Also,



Virgil Roudabush holding two of the tiny chairs he has made over the years.

his work as a miller comes with a deep pride and family history that dates back to the 1600s.

“My relative was a miller in Germany,” said Roudabush. “Everyone left the town to fight in a war and he stayed to make flour for the army. When the war was over, the town gave him the mill. Through the family tree we found many of them were millers.”

Even though he discovered this information after his retirement, Roudabush admitted that something deep inside attracted him to the work.

Roudabush has seen a

lot of changes in Lowell since he first arrived here in 1933, but his love of the town has remained the same.

“I just love the community, I just think it’s great,” said Roudabush. “Of course, I can remember the way the town was back in the middle 30s and 40s. It’s changed a lot.”

Time has passed and history has been made since they started living in Lowell, Virgil and Carmen Roudabush look forward to making more history in less than two years when they reach their 75th wedding anniversary.

If you know of someone in Lowell who has a story that should be told, please email the Ledger office at ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com



Framed picture of Virgil and Carmen Roudabush’s granddaughter at the White House and a letter from Laura Bush thanking Virgil for the tiny chair.

Lowell Township park restrooms plagued by theft, vandalism

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell Township is asking area residents for any information they might have about some incidents of theft and vandalism that have been occurring in the public restrooms at the parks in the township since last summer.

“The soap dispensers are the kind that have a little eye

on them so they automatically dispense soap,” said Lowell Township supervisor Jerry Hale. “Including installation, they cost about \$60 apiece. It’s happened twice, and we had two of them stolen each time. The first time was mid-summer, the last time was about a week ago. We don’t have any security

footage, you can’t have security cameras inside the bathroom! But we will have security in the future, on the doors from the outside.”

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Haybarker retires from Schneider Manor management position after 20 years



Jody Haybarker (left) reminiscing with Schneider Manor residents during her retirement luncheon.

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

After 20 years of service, Jody Haybarker is retiring from her role as the general

manager of the Schneider Manor senior independent living facility, 725 Bowes Rd.

The event was celebrated with a free catered luncheon in the community room at the facility on Friday, Nov. 5,

attended by a couple dozen friends, family members and residents of the apartment complex.

"I've known her forever," said Schneider Manor board member James Hodges. "She and her husband Kraig, our kids grew up together. She stumbled into this job 20 years ago and never looked back. She has just done a

marvelous job helping grow the place. Everybody loves her and they're going to miss her."

"We're just going to miss her," said Schneider Manor board member Bob Pfaller. "She does a great job taking care of this place and everybody in this room, I'm sure, is her friend. We're all going to miss her."

"I live here, and I've been here four years," said Schneider Manor board member George Anderson. "You can tell by the number of people here that she took good care of everybody."

"It's a long time to do anything, but it was good," Haybarker said. "I had a lot of help. The residents are really easy to get along with and the employees are great. So we just made a good team and got things done. There is an easygoing atmosphere here, and I felt like I was I was accomplishing something. That was kind of my mission, I guess. I told my successor [Lowell Senior Neighbors coordinator Terra Bieneman] in a little note that I wrote to listen and ask a lot of questions, and she will be just fine."

Haybarker said she plans to pursue her woodworking

hobby during retirement and will likely have some of her work for sale locally at some point in the future.

"I do crafts and woodworking and that kind of thing," Haybarker said. "It takes up a lot of time, which is what I plan on doing now that I'm done with this! I'll sell it at Christmas Through Lowell and at craft shows. I used to have a booth somewhere, but I don't right now. I like to go to estate sales and buy furniture and stuff, then repurpose it."

According to schneidermanor.org, "Schneider Manor began in 1966 when C.H. Runciman, a local businessman, formed a corporation with a purpose of providing housing for senior citizens and making it available to those with low income. Former residents of the Lowell community, Philip H. and Jennie Winegar Schneider, had left the Lowell area a trust fund to be used for the betterment of local senior residents. The advisory committee for the Schneider Trust Fund established Schneider Manor as the beneficiary of the trust, enabling them to expand to 12 buildings with 92 apartments and housing 114 residents that exclusively serve current or former residents of the Lowell area."

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to the editor

Dear Editor,
Musings

Well, we're on the threshold of the holidays. We've dispensed with the pumpkins, witches, and goblins. The sugar highs will no doubt last for a few more days as the products from Hershey's and Nestle's run their course. Yep, the seasonal decor will again begin to appear as the temperatures retreat to reflect winter's norms.

A word of caution for shoppers as shelves are already empty as some

products so go early, we don't want to disappoint those toddlers. It won't be only the shelves that are empty as wallets and purses will be lighter this year too. You might want to spend some time planning your routes as the cost to operate your vehicle is sky-rocketing. The nastiness of the last eighteen months continues to create headaches even with the vaccines. Oh yes, the masks are still the cause of much debate.

Enough of the

discussion of the current situation and the challenges that perplex the lives of us all. I wanted to take a moment to remind everyone to look in the mirror and thank your lucky stars that you live in the land of the free. I would also emphasize there are a number of folks in our communities that we need to reach out to. Many are seniors, some living alone, others victims of tragedy like illness or divorce. Winter and it's long nights and inclement weather, creates shut-ins of more than a few of our number. Take a minute to reach out to the neighbor that fits this circumstance. The kindness of a brief interaction is priceless. You might be the sole contact

that the individual has beyond the television. Small favors extended to others do wonders. Yes, we all have busy lives, but a knock on the neighbor's door or even a phone call can make a huge difference.

Lastly, show some patience with the clerk at the retail store, or the US Mailman making his/her rounds, don't forget the efforts of the newspaper deliverer, or those of Fedex, UPS, etc. They all are working under heavy loads and staff shortages. Perhaps, most important, don't forget to tell those of family how much they mean to you, never assume they know, they need to hear it!

Roger Royer
Lowell

outdoors

neighbors

Dave Stegehuis

A stream of headlights defines the path of roads and highways as commuters rush to jobs and schools in and around urban centers. Suburban development is consuming woods, meadows and farmland across the country. The shrinking habitat has forced animals to live close to or among people. Suburban newcomers often have limited experience living with wild creatures.

For sure, the best place for wildlife is in the wild, but we may sometimes find we are sharing the same space. It is possible to live with these creatures and even enjoy their presence. If an animal or bird becomes a nuisance or causes damage, there are ways to avoid conflicts.

Animals are not vindictive creatures. They are just trying to make a living like all of us. Wildlife need three essentials to survive: food, water and cover. They spend most of their time fulfilling these needs.

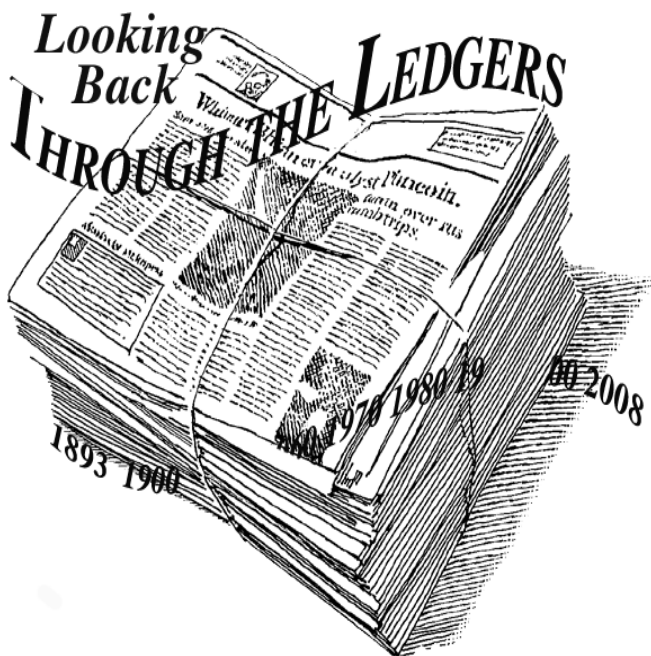
Food is most often the need which gets wildlife in trouble with people. Bears rummage through garbage and take down bird feeders. Raccoons follow the same routine. Take away the food source and the animals will

move on to greener pastures. If removing food is not an option, find a way to keep it out of reach. Good luck with fox squirrels.

Wildlife cover may be tall grass, heavy brush, a hollow tree or log, or an underground den. Lacking opportunities for one of these options, a chimney or attic may fill the bill for a raccoon. A den under the porch may do it for a woodchuck. Keeping possible nesting areas sealed off will discourage unwanted tenants.

As a last resort, if wildlife becomes seriously destructive or dangerous, they can be removed from the area. There are regulations regarding which animals can be legally captured and where they can be relocated. One should make sure to know the law before attempting to personally remove and relocate wildlife of any kind. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources or a licensed professional can provide information regarding nuisance wildlife.

Patience and tolerance will go a long way towards getting along with our wildlife neighbors. Remember, they were here first.



125 years ago
Lowell Ledger
November 13, 1896

This edition of the Lowell Ledger is missing.

100 years ago
The Lowell Ledger
November 17, 1921

Senator Johnson, of California and Rev. Wishart, of Grand Rapids, will not add anything to their fame by throwing mud of abuse at Woodrow Wilson. The former president may have made mistakes—he would not have been human otherwise—but he gave his health and strength and almost his life to his country as readily as if he had been wounded upon the battle field and there can be no doubt that history will commend him for much that he is now censured for.

“Do you want moonshine?” the 5-year-old son of Wozedek Salzaertcykiski asked Deputy Sheriff Conley when the officer went to the house with a search warrant. Before his parents could stop him the boy ran into the pantry and pointed out a gallon of moonshine behind a door. The father is in jail.

Through financial assistance given by Mrs. Edward Lowe, Butterworth hospital's out-patient department has been increased to care for 30 persons daily. Its former capacity was limited to five or six.

75 years
The Lowell Ledger
November 14, 1946

The Lowell Manufacturing Company has about completed the addition to their building and the new offices will be ready in a few days. The building will be a Main street landmark, painted white with green trim.

President Truman Saturday night wiped out in one stroke all wage controls and all remaining price ceilings except those on rents, sugar and rice, and indicated that those on rents may be raised. “The law of supply and demand operating in the market place, will, from now on, serve the people better than would continue regulation of prices by the government,” he said in a statement which accompanied his sweeping executive order.

The months when diphtheria is most prevalent are November, December and January. But there need be no diphtheria months at all, if parents of young children take certain fundamental precautions against the disease. Science has gone far toward conquering diphtheria, but it cannot complete the job without the cooperation of parents.

50 years
The Lowell Ledger
November 18, 1971

Fluger's Lowell bakery on East Main Street was the main transaction of sale this week, as the present owners, Ralph and Barbara Fluger signed over the initial papers of ownership. The friendly ring of Barb's “good morning,” or Ralph's casual “hello” from the backroom, that greeted the bakery's customers, will take on a new note, as the new proprietors Mike and Virginia Snider take over.

Jackie Shade, 20, a Michigan State University junior, was crowned Michigan's Farm Bureau Queen, and reigned over the group's annual convention in Grand Rapids last week. Miss Shade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Shade of Alto, was crowned in competition at the Paltind Hotel, and will represent the Michigan organization at the annual American Farm Bureau convention in Chicago, where a national queen will be chosen.

Two juvenile boys were caught defacing junior high school property last week by the Lowell Police Department. Restitution is being sought for the damage

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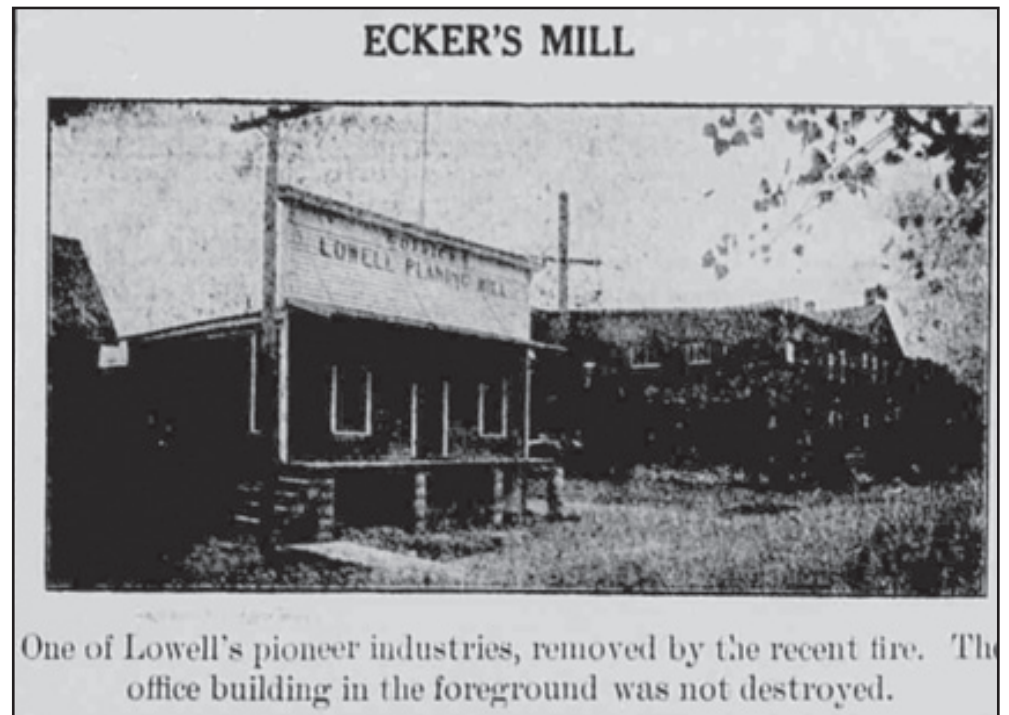
ABCs of Lowell history

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.

E - Ecker's Planing Mill

Ecker's Planing Mill was a busy and successful establishment in Lowell for many years. What is a planing mill? A planing mill takes boards from sawmill and turns them into finished product.

The Planing Mill was begun by W. J. Ecker and Theo. W. Mason who formed a partnership in 1873. They started the planing mill and sash, door and blind factory. The mill was located on South Washington Street, two blocks south of Main Street at Front Street. A railroad spur crossed Front Street and went directly to the factory. It was only recently removed. They operated until 1883, when W.J.'s son Frank was brought into the



partnership. Mason retired in 1887 and the business name was changed to W. J. Ecker & Son.

William J. Ecker served in the Civil War in Co. M, 6th Michigan Cavalry. At the battle of Winchester he received injuries that plagued him for the rest of his life. At his death in 1891 there were so many people attending that over 53 carriages followed the remains to Oakwood cemetery. son Frank Ecker continued operating the mill. In 1899 he changed the name from Ecker & Son to Ecker's Planing Mill.

Over the years, many different products were made, in addition to those already mentioned, lath, shingles, cedar fence posts, baskets and brick all came from the Planing Mill. The mill turned out a lot of product, evidenced by a report in 1898 that 10 men solely made peach basket crates, turning out 700 per day. The plant had been enlarged at different times so that the original part was a very small part of the total business by 1906.

Tragedy struck in February of 1910. The planing mill burned down with all contents, machinery, tools and stock. It was totally destroyed by fire and unfortunately had little insurance. The fire was said to have been spotted. The volunteer fire department was able to save neighboring residences and nearby buildings. All fires

under the boilers had been extinguished, so the cause of fire was a mystery. Frank assumed the fire was caused by wiring or someone sleeping in the mill and lit a fire to stay warm. The mill and its contents represented more than a life's work. The loss was a heavy blow to Mr. Ecker. The whole town grieved for Frank Ecker.

In 1916, Frank Ecker died. He had been active in the Lodge and the church. When he died it was said that, his was a disposition that sought and found a silver lining for the darkest cloud. His smile was habitual; and he always had time for a pleasant greeting. His friends are legion and the world is better because he has lived in it."

- pertussis (whooping cough)

Pertussis, otherwise known as "whooping cough," is a respiratory infection caused by the bacteria Bordetella pertussis. This is one of the most common vaccine preventable illnesses in the United States. If contracted, pertussis can cause serious illness in people of all ages.

Pertussis typically starts out with cold-like symptoms, including runny nose, congestion, mild cough, and maybe a fever. After 1-2 weeks, more severe coughing begins. Infants and children will cough violently and rapidly, making the classic "whooping" sound as they try to inhale between coughs. This illness is most severe in infants, where greater than 50% will need to be hospitalized from this.

Pertussis is highly contagious, spread by coughing or sneezing. The

best way to prevent pertussis is to get vaccinated, however since the 1980's the US has seen an increase in cases of pertussis due to a decrease in vaccination rates. The vaccine is called DTaP, which also protects against diphtheria and tetanus. This is a routine vaccine administered to infants at 2, 4, 6, and 15 months of age. A booster is typically given prior to the child starting school (ages 4-6). The vaccine immunity fades over time, so adults are encouraged to get an updated Tdap vaccine to ensure effective coverage from pertussis, especially adults who work in schools or healthcare, or who have young children at home.

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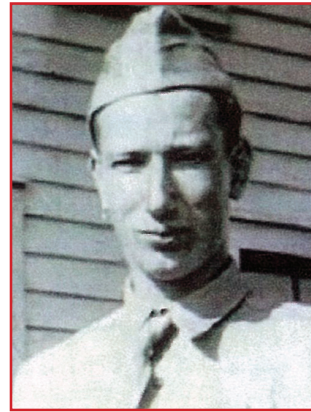
Lyle Covert
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June 1945 – July 1946



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Abe R. DeYoung
Army 1966 -1967
Killed in action



Ray Covert
National Guard Infantry
1909-1915



Richard Bibbler
82nd Airborne
1951-1954



Richard C. Bieri
Army
Nov. 1950 – Sept. 1952



Richard Stull Jr.
US Navy
1967 - 1970



Robert Alan Schreur
Coastguard
2011 - 2017



Robert Bibbler
101st Airborne
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Michael Cossen
US Army
2002 to 2008



Karen Waid
US Army
1975-1987



Ron Janowski
US Army
1976-1998



Thomas Albert
US Marine Corp
2007 - 2013



Thomas Fox
Air Force
1986 - 1990



Rachel Fox
Air Force
2016 - Present



Fritz Ball
US Marine Corps
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Donald E. Seaman
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Timothy J. Anderson
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1952 - 1956



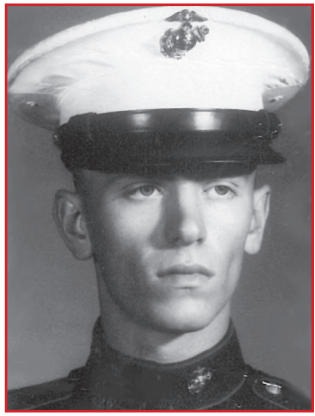
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1969-1970



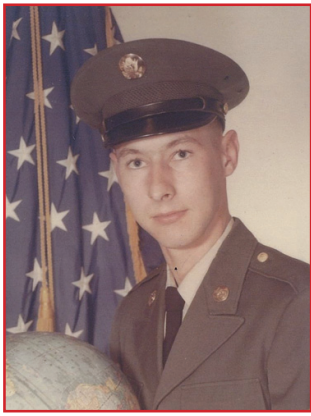
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Sgt. Allan Mull
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1969-1973



Arnold DeLoof
Air Force
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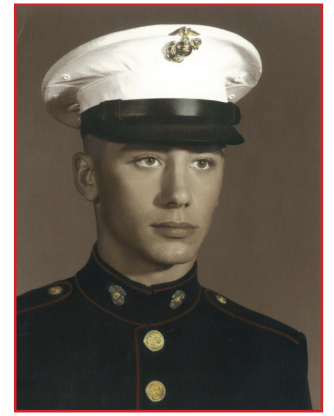
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Berwyn L. Kloosterman
Navy
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Ed Meyers, Sonny Gumser,
Burt Hawk**
Navy 1943-1946



Bob Wilczewski
USMC
1968-1970



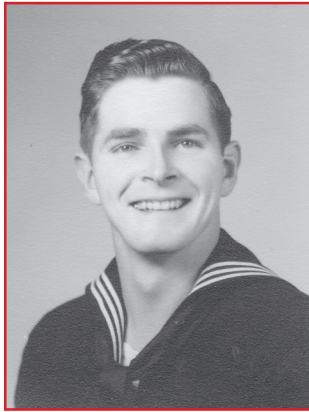
Brian Baldwin
U.S. Army Airborne
1981 - 1984



Casey Brown
U.S. Army
1994-97



Cecilia Bibler Best
U.S. Navy
1953-1955



Darle Ray Rickert
Navy
Jan. 1951 - Nov. 1954



CDR Dave Thompson
Navy
1955-1957



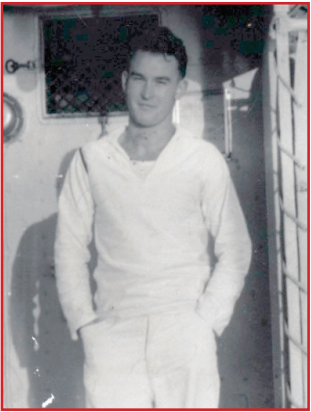
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1964-1970



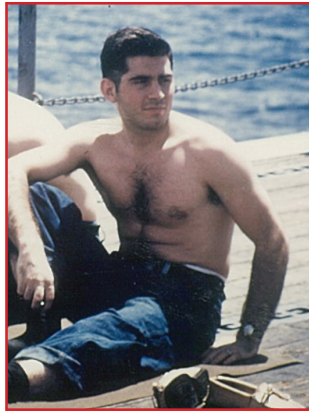
David Lee Neubecker
Army
1977-1980



David S. Harding
Army
1956-1957



Gerald (Joe) James Ellis
U.S. Navy
Wounded, Dec. 7, 1941
Died, Dec. 10, 1941



Gordon Newell
U.S. Navy
1950-1954
29 months Korea



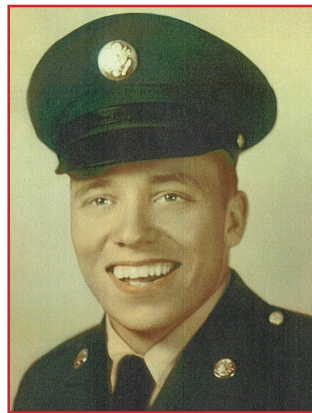
Chief Herb Rice
Navy 1952-1977
24 years of service



Herman Weststrate
Army
1966-1969



Benjamin R. Ayers
Army
1968 - 1969



Phillip Matuk
Army 1959-60
Reserve 1961-69



Louie Dudeck
Marines
1963 - 1967



Jerry Vredevelt
Navy
1949-1953



Joe Rinard
U.S. Army
1973-1975



Joel Uzarski,
U.S. Navy
2000-Present



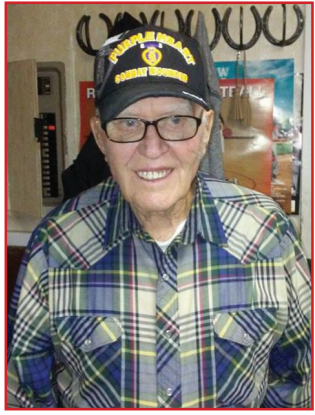
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Army
1969-1971



John R. Timpson
Navy
1951-1955



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Marines
1992 - 1996



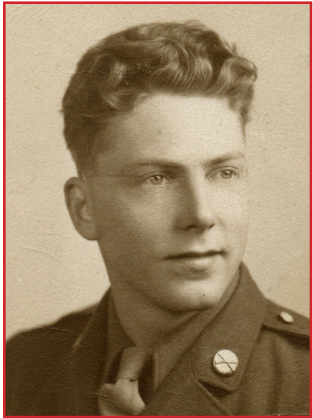
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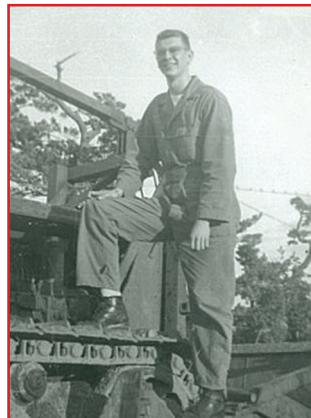
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U.S. Marine Corps
1966 - 1967



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



Donald Viewig
U.S. Navy
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James M. Francis Sr.
U.S.A.F.
1955 - 1962



Robert Ellis
Army Airforce
1942-1945



Robert Moyer
Army
1969-1970



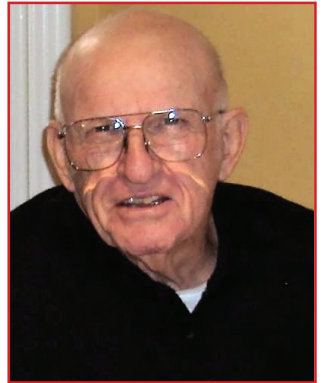
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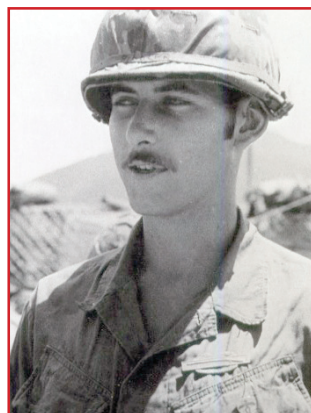
Russel Harig
Air Force
20 years



Sgt Scott C. Cooper
United States Air Force
2007 - present



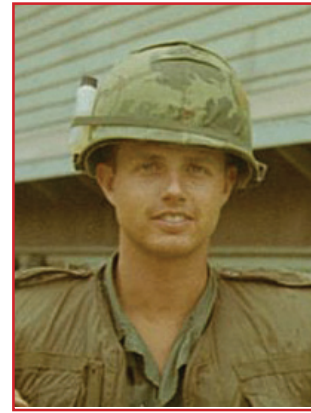
Scott DeLoof
Army
2009-Present



Stephen L. Bibbler
101st Airborn
1972-1974



V Don Souser
Submarine Service
1943-1946
Max Souser
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David L. Neubecker
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1977 - 1980



Christopher Bewell
US Marines
Served 2010-2015



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USAF
1966 - 1973



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U.S. Army - Korea
1950 - 1952



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US Marine Corp
2018 - present



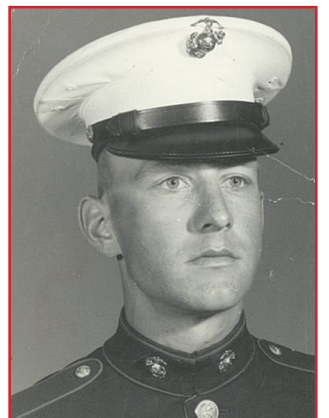
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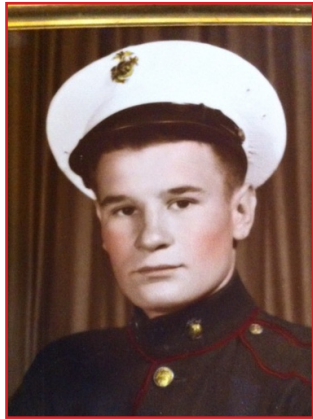
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U.S. Army - Korea/Vietnam
1956 - 1976



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Army Artillery
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Buell Brinks
U.S. Marine Corps
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U.S. Marines
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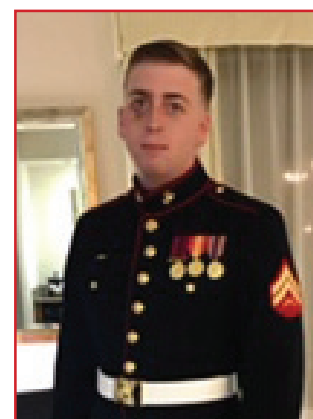
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1943 - 1945



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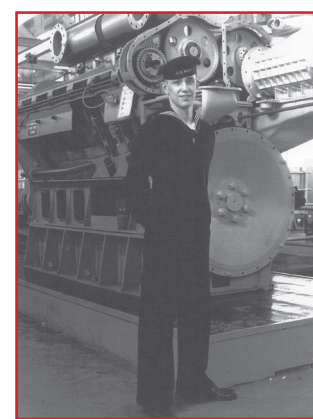
Michael Malone
U.S. Army 1968 - 1971
Army Reserve 1971-1988



William Bibbler
82nd Airborne
1960-1962



Jacob Clayton Callier
Army
1971-1974



W. James 'Jim' Sowle
U.S. Navy 1953-1955
Fireman on a harbor tug



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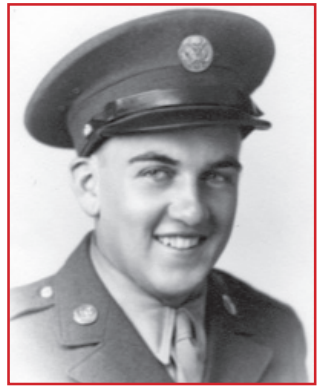
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Navy
1965 - 1971



Leo Pfaller
US Army
Armored Div.



Brady John Chambers
US Army
2020 - present



Glenn Marks
Army
1944 - 1946



Robert J. Stevens
Army
1979 - 2011



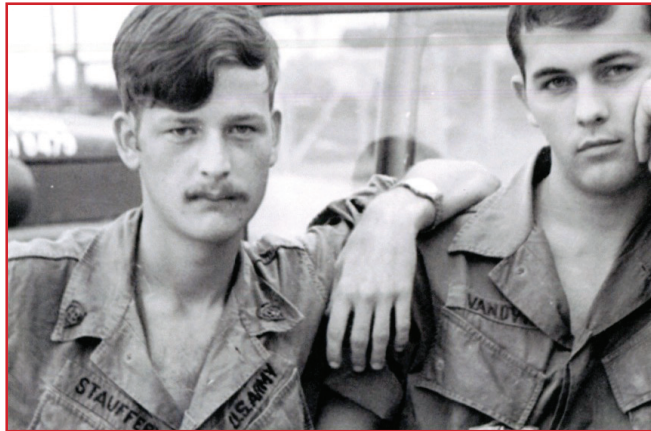
Virgil Roudabush
US Air Force
1948 - 1949



Matthew Garner
US Army
1991 - 2001



Phil Johnson, Don Beachum
U.S. Navy
1945



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



Kyle M. Neubecker Marines 2006-2011
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obituaries

BUCK

Terry Lee Buck age 80 of Belding, MI passed away November 3, 2021. He was born on November 14, 1940 in Grand Rapids, MI, the son of Forrest and Geraldine (Jenkins) Buck. We would like to celebrate the arrival of



our dad, Terry Buck's first days in Heaven. He is survived by his three children, Chris (Dan) Talcott, Tracy (Andrea) Buck and Trent (Lisa) Buck. He cherished his grandchildren Laken (Eric) Colby, Zach (Kathy) Talcott, Trevor Buck, JD Buck, Austin Buck, Hannah Buck, Dillon (Sarah) Buck and Hailey Buck. He

also loved his great grandchildren Alexis and Elijah with all his heart. After high school he enlisted in the military. He loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing and working on his property. He was extremely generous with family and friends. Always willing to help whoever needed it. He was a great storyteller and loved to share hunting and fishing stories. He spent time in his life auctioneering and did many benefits. He really enjoyed the Lowell Showboat back in the day, singing and performing alongside his father Forrest Buck (Bucky). He will be truly missed by all who knew him. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, November 13th 11:00 AM at Day Bible Chapel. Visitation will be one-hour prior to the service. A luncheon for family and friends will be held at 1:00 PM at American Legion Post 175 Saranac, MI. Arrangements in care of Lake Funeral Home of Saranac. Online condolences may be made at www.lakefuneralhomes.com

HEESTAND

Gemma Heestand, age 71, passed away Wednesday, November 3, 2021, surrounded by her family. Gemma was born in Pennington, South Dakota to the late Nelson Funkhauser and Gertrude Ceresna. Gemma worked part time at Walmart and was an avid member of her South Boston Bible Church. Gemma enjoyed being spending time with her family especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She enjoyed



being outdoors, working in the garden, crocheting, sewing, working on bible studies and volunteering for different events. Gemma was preceded in death by both her parents as well as her brother, Nelson (Butch) Funkhauser. Gemma is survived by her children, Ricky (Kim) Heestand Jr., Amy (Tony) Hinerman, Paula (Jim) Faulkner Jr., James (Angie)

Heestand; grandchildren, Daniel Hinerman, Hailee Hinerman, James Faulkner, Kenny Faulkner, Alexxis Heestand, Brandon Heestand, Brie (Terry) Hutchenson, Raivan Heestand, Cheyenne Heestand, Alicia Heestand, Christopher Heestand, Gene Heestand; great-grandchildren, Zayden, Beau, Harlow, Ammelia, Fisher, Sebastian. Gemma is also survived by her sisters, Nancy Newton, June Treharn; brother, Paul Ceresna; and many nieces and nephews. A funeral service will be held on Saturday November 13, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. at South Boston Bible Church, 6958 Kyser Rd, Lowell, MI 49331, with Pastor Cory Malone officiating. Friends and family will be received one hour prior, with a luncheon to follow. If you would like to send flowers to the family or to make memorial contribution to the South Boston Bible Church in her honor, please send to South Boston Bible Church.

INGRAM

Ingram, Benjamin S. 1977-2021

Benjamin Seth Ingram met his Savior, Jesus, on October 31 after battling COVID for nearly three weeks. Ben lived and loved passionately and he will be missed by all who knew him. Ben was born and raised in Ohio. He graduated from Reynoldsburg High School in 1995. After high school, Ben began his studies at Moody Bible Institute, where he met Angie, his wife of 22 years. Instead of returning to Buckeye Nation after college, Ben relocated to "X"ichigan where he and Angie made their home. Whether it was singing, playing cards, watching sports, or volunteering at church, Ben did it with gusto and his enthusiasm was contagious. He



could often be found on a sideline cheering for his son and daughter. His cheers were more like roars and he was fine with that. Ben openly shared his love for Jesus and was especially good at sharing the Word with kids of all ages through Awana. In addition to his wife, Ben is survived

by his daughter Callie and son-in-law Hunter Pham (Saranac), son Sabin (Lowell), father and stepmother Dale and Denise Ingram (Munds Park, AZ), and brother Chris (Westerville, OH). Ben's final resting place will be in Eagle River, WI, alongside his mom, Libby. Libby, Chris, and Ben spent many summers in Eagle River and Lower Nine Mile Lake became like a second home to Ben. The reunion between mom and son at Heaven's gates was surely joyous and filled with laughter. Though Ben's time on earth was short, his legacy will live on for years to come through his children and the many lives he impacted throughout his 44 years. Visitation with the family will take place on Thurs, Nov. 4 at First Baptist Church in Lowell from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. A memorial service will be held on Fri., Nov. 5 at First Baptist Church at 2 p.m. Contributions can be made in lieu of flowers to Pleasant Valley Bible Camp (pleasantvalleybiblecamp.com) or Branch Adventures (branchadventures.org). Arrangements in care of Lake Funeral Home of Saranac. Online condolences may be made at www.lakefuneralhomes.com

RICHARDS



Terry Lee Richards, age 74 of Grand Rapids, formally of Lowell, passed peacefully on November 1, 2021. Terry was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, James Green; sister, Elaine Gibbs-McCurrie. He is survived by his sons, Todd Richards, Brent "Bert" (Lynn Mai) Richards, Brian Richards; grandchildren, Jayden Morris, Tyler Wulsing; brother, Dale Green; sister, Sharon Treviso; and many nieces and nephews. Terry



was a proud veteran of the United States Army. He owned and operated Terry Richard's Construction for over 40 years. Terry enjoyed family gatherings, rarely missing a holiday or birthday celebration. He had a huge heart, was always kind to everyone, and a thoughtful giver.

Funeral services will be held at 2 PM, Friday, November 12, 2021, at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson St., Lowell, MI 49331, with visitation one hour prior. Pastor Dale Hotelling officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of Lowell, 3124 Alden Nash Ave SE, Lowell, MI 49331. Following the service, we invite friends and family to celebrate Terry's life by sharing a meal at Big Boiler Brewing located at 318 E Main Street Suite B; Lowell, Michigan 49331. We encourage all to join as lunch will be served at 3pm.

Looking back, continued

they incurred, while the case still remains under investigation. Lowell Police Chief Barry Emmons added that he hoped that students would take care of the fine schools provided in the City of Lowell, rather than destroy them.

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The 5th Annual Christmas Through Lowell will connect area holiday shoppers with 15 homes filled with hand crafted items. "Shoppers will find wood crafted items, candles, porcelain dolls, baskets, angels and much more," said Christmas Through Lowell organizer Bill Collins.

Two Grand Rapids women were killed and a Kentwood man was resting in critical condition following three accidents on Alden Nash Road over the weekend. Two of the three accidents occurred at the intersection of Alden Nash and Cascade Road.

It has become an accepted way of business that school administration, when offered a better professional opportunity in another school district, will change jobs in the middle of a school year. Which, for some, begs the question: why then have contracts? The answer is explained by the fact that a contract lays out the rules of employment.

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M. Murkowski (P35026)
for the following purpose:
appointment of a guardian.

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE
OF HEARING

In the matter of
JANET GLIDDEN
FILE NO. 21-210262-GA

November 7, 2021

TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS including: her
daughter, Carla Hiess
and son, Frank Hiess
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:

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

Van Essen and Associates
PLLC
Attys. for Petitioner by
Amanda Van Essen Wirth
(P75001)

109 E. Main St., Suite 11
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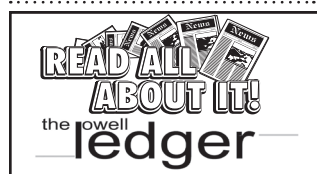
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- CROSS-COUNTRY

SPORTS

Boys cross-country team competes at state

The Lowell boys cross-country team concluded their season on a beautiful Saturday with a 19th-place finish at the MHSAA Division 1 cross-country State Finals at Michigan International Speedway.

Cole Weston was the top-placed Red Arrow with 55th position and a time of 16.25. Sawyer Fowler was

next at 86th with a time of 16.39. Keegan Cater was the third Arrow at 17.00, 154th. Jackson Fowler and shoeless Ben Bromley completed the score with places of 110th and 173rd at 17.04 and 17.12 respectively. Rounding out the varsity team were Levi Mills, 185th, 17.17 and Alex Weber, 238th, 18.14.



Pictured right, the Lowell boys cross-country team at the starting line of the Division 1 State Finals held last Saturday at MIS.

Lady harriers earn All State Honors



The best weather in the past decade is the way that most coaches and officials described the Division 1 State meet held at Michigan International Speedway last Saturday. The great conditions helped lead to some great times throughout the day and the pair of Lowell runners were no exception as they threw down a pair of great races to start the day.

Annika Sandman took

advantage of last year's state meet experience and clocked a 18:21 which was good enough for 18th place and All-State recognition.

Katrina Sandman was not to be outdone as she ran a 15 second personal record time of 19:17 which placed 73rd out of the 267 entries.

The Sandman sisters also get it done in the classroom - their finishes, along with their GPA, earned them Academic All-State honors.

Pictured left, Annika Sandman (in the middle) received her 18th place medal at Division 1 State Finals held last Saturday at MIS.

- EQUESTRIAN TEAM

Equestrian earns third place finish in 2021

by Justin Scott
sports reporter

The Lowell High School equestrian team concluded their season last month at Midland in the Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association state finals. The meet took place October 13 through 17 and has been a familiar landing spot for the program over the past several decades since the program's creation in the 1980s.

This year's team consisted of senior Eliot Raimer, senior Emily German, junior Alyssa Woern, junior Delaney Huizinga, sophomore Rylee Nichols, freshman Natalie

Bray and freshman Paige Kreps.

Lowell took part in the Division B part of the competition along with Bridgman, Zeeland West, Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard, Lakeland, Oxford, Fremont, Montague, Bay City Western and Clare. In equestrian, divisions are based on team size not school size. LHS finished in third place with 284 points behind second place Bay City Western (317) and champion Clare (382).

"The team did an excellent job this year. We had a couple newbies this year, so it was fun to have them and watch them compete all week.

We moved up a division this year to the B division, and there was not a lack of competition. Classes varied from about 25-35 riders so placing in a class is super exciting," Coach Emma Hancock said of the team's performance this season.

Lowell most recently won an equestrian state championship in 2019.

"Our weekend highlight would have to be the last class on Sunday, which is the two-man relay. Alyssa Woern and Emily German competed in this class together and the object of this class is to have one rider at each end of the arena, then one of them takes off towards the other with a

baton and just like any relay, you have to hand off the baton to the other rider and they must run back down to the other end of the arena. They won this class with the fastest time of the day with a 9.875 second run," Hancock said.

The competition is one of the few in the state that lasts multiple days. Many state finals utilize a format with a team portion in day one, and an individual portion in day two, but none have four straight days of competition like equestrian. Being across the state, that means student-athletes and parents need to find accommodations, making it a competition like no other

in Michigan.

"Classes start at 8 am so the riders who are in the first class must arrive no later than 7 am in order to get their horse ready and get themselves ready. Those who do not show in the morning classes must be at the barn by 8 am to feed their horse and cheer on their teammates. The rest of the day is followed by a lot of waiting. We have orders posted telling us what order the riders will complete their patterns in, so we must be paying close attention because if you miss your order you will not be allowed to ride in that class and it will count as a disqualification.

Once classes are over for the day, we go over the next day's patterns before the horses get tucked away for the night. Once we are done in the barn, most of the families camp, so we go hang out at the campsite for a little while until those who are not camping go back to their hotel for the night and then we do it all again the next day," Hancock said of a typical day at the state meet.

LHS was coached by Emma Hancock with Cathy Woern serving as an assistant coach. She doubled as a coach/mom and helped with a lot of the financial work for the team.

Local organizations receive arts/culture grants from state of Michigan

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs made significant financial grants to several local organizations last week. LowellArts has received \$93,000, the Lowell Area Historical Museum gets \$16,250 and Lowell Area Schools shall receive \$12,320.

“It was wonderful news,” said museum executive director Lisa Plank. “We applied for this grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and are very pleased to have their support. The grant funds will be used to help cover part of the costs of our educational

programs, planned exhibits and public programs planned for 2022.”

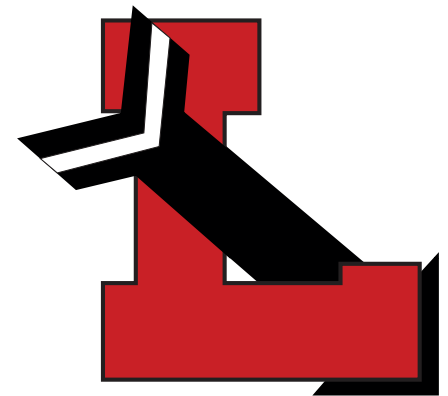
“One of the grants is to LowellArts as a regional re-granter for eight counties in West Michigan. We have served in this position since 2012,” said LowellArts executive director Lorain Smalligan.

“Aside from the \$50,000 LowellArts received to re-grant, LowellArts received \$22,000 to administer this grant program for the MCACA and also an additional \$1,500 for organizational professional development. The other grant is an Operational Support grant that we have received every year from the MCACA.”

There were 507 applicants for grants this year, and \$10,739,823 was approved, all to fund arts and culture projects in Michigan. MCACA used a peer review process over the course of 90 days of panel reviews to adjudicate the grant applications and make recommendations. The applications were adjudicated by more than 150 peer reviewers during the open panel process, and nearly 500 members of the public attended the panels online.



“Michigan’s countless economic and educational arts and cultural benefits of arts and culture. Grand Rapids-based West Michigan Center for Arts + Technology received grants for operational support, capital improvement, and new leaders, which all support WMCAT’s Arts + Tech programs. “MCACA’s support of WMCAT’s Arts + Tech programming allows us



Lowell Area Schools

programming in places and to people that may not have access without the work of incredible local organizations.” “It is wonderful to see so many great grant applications,” said Alison Watson, director of MCACA. “Especially during these times, it is a strong affirmation that the field is still vibrant and to provide high-quality creative experiences for teens through funding for professionally-led studios, state-of-the-art equipment, and projects that elevate youth voice,” said West Michigan Center for Arts + Technology director of arts and technology Casey Stratton. “We are grateful to live in a state that invests in equitable access to the



the value of our programs is appreciated. We really credit Gov. Whitmer and the legislature for showing confidence in MCACA by supporting our appropriation.” The Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs is dedicated to ensuring that every citizen and community in Michigan enjoy the civic, arts as an integral part of community and culture.” For a complete list of grant awards, visit michiganbusiness.org. To learn more about the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, visit michigan.gov/arts. For more information about the LowellArts grants, visit lowellartsmi.org/mcaca-minigrants.

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