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## Milo's Kids Consignment opens on Main Street

By Emma Palova  
contributing writer

At Milo's Kids Consignment & Boutique, environment takes priority, as reflected in the neatly organized second-hand children's clothing on racks and display walls throughout the store, located in downtown Lowell by the dam.

"We were waiting for the right space to come along. We jumped on it when it became available," Tori Runstrom said.

Together, with Cat Visokay, the owners wanted to stick around Lowell, having opened Wear Forward Women's Consignment two years ago. "We're both moms," she said. "We wanted to add a kids' consignment. We thought it was something that the Lowell community needed."

The seasonal store carried over the customer base from Wear Forward; it has 140 consigners and 7,000 individual pieces; 1,000 pieces are at women's consignment. "We're doing fall and winter clothes now," Runstrom said.

Milo's carries sizes, premy to kids, 18 to 20. The average item costs \$6 to \$7. Each item is properly tagged with a Milo's tag. The prices, based on the original retail, range between 50



Co-owner, Tori Runstrom, opens second consignment location on Main Street in Lowell.

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## City grieves the loss of Lowell's Cat - Dewey

Submitted by Aneisha McMillan

As the twinkling lights from the Showboat reflect across the water, a stroll along the Riverwalk feels like a scene from a Hallmark movie. It's the quintessential Midwest town, filled with nostalgic shops, boutiques, and restaurants, yet the streets of Lowell feel a bit different this fall.

Just like the sunflowers

at Ball's Softee Cream or the sound of music echoing from the summer concert series, a regal and stoic orange cat, named Dewey, was synonymous with Lowell. He traversed the city like a great explorer, always on his next adventure, yet was living proof that all who wander are not lost. The blue tracker on his collar prevented his owners from excess worry, and neighbors,

visitors and shop owners, alike, treated a visit from Dewey much like seeing an old friend.

Upon news of his passing, community members took to Facebook to share pictures, stories, and supportive words of condolences. What those sentiments revealed was an extraordinary life that was anything but common.

Dewey lived the life of a jetsetter and a socialite, attending parties, visiting friends, and dining on a variety of cuisine, treats and delicacies throughout the neighborhoods. He'd escort kids to school, wait at certain bus stops, hitch a ride with friends and even attend concerts under the stars. Much like the good people of



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## Treasures for Troops returns

'Treasures for Troops' is a yearly collection of any commonly available items that will be sent to deployed American service men and women stationed overseas. The event runs from November 1-16.

Included would be any 'comfort' or 'basic-needs' items that soldiers must fund out of their own pockets. This extremely worthwhile event is being sponsored by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, radio station WRWW and WION, and the Blue Star Mothers.

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On November 16, WION will broadcast from the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce offices from 4 - 7 pm.

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# Station Salon celebrates 10th anniversary

By Emma Palova  
contributing writer

Cheers to 10 years of Station Salon on Main Street in downtown Lowell. Owner, Nancy DeBoer, opened the salon on Nov. 6, 2012, next door to Salon 206, where she had worked for 14 years.

When she attended Jordan College in 1987, at the corner of Breton and Burton, she had planned to open her very own hair salon but the time wasn't right yet. She married her husband, Andy, in 1988 and they had three boys who went through the Lowell Area Schools system. "My family came first," she said. "I felt I would be taking away from my family." DeBoer's first job was working as a receptionist while she was still in school; after getting her license she hired in as a

stylist. "I've been in Lowell for 24 years," she said. "I still have a lot of the same clients."

The crew of five started the first week in November of 2012, at a time when there were plenty of other salons in Lowell. "It was scary," she said. "It was a big commitment."

Since the historic building, located at 214 E. Main Street, was available, DeBoer leased it and her dream came true. DeBoer had her own salon, with brick interior walls and a fashionable storefront with large windows.

DeBoer employs a staff of ten, plus one esthetician that works part time, two to four days a week. "I have a great, talented staff; they love what they do," she said. "We work well together as a team." And

teamwork is what makes this crew stand out, as well as community involvement. DeBoer has been on the Lowell Area Chamber board for six years.

In 2020, Covid shut down the salon for three months, and there were still bills to pay. DeBoer did whatever was necessary to survive, including curbside retail sales of hair products that people ordered ahead of time. In addition to curbside sales, Canfield's gift card match helped when a lot of salons shut down. "I had my debt paid off," she said. "I was in a good position financially. The gift match gave me some cash flow to pay my monthly bills."

Station Salon has been involved in most chamber events and definitely in the annual Girls Night Out (GNO). For October's



Station Salon owner, Nancy DeBoer, and the team at Station Salon, celebrate 10th anniversary of opening on Main Street.

GNO, the team dressed up 70s style complete with headbands, bell bottoms, funky shades and peace blings. When asked, if she would do it all over again,

DeBoer, without hesitation, said a big yes. "It's a lot of work, but we have fun," she said.

The already satisfying job has become even more so in the post Covid era. "I get to make people feel better about themselves and that in turn makes me feel better," she said. "Especially after Covid. It's a pick-me-up to get your hair done."

This picker-upper has been working for DeBoer even after 35 years in business. "I consider it a perk of the job," she said. "My clients are my family. We talk about our families." Some of her clients span two generations; DeBoer is now cutting the hair of children of the first-generation clients who were still in high school.

"I hope to continue the success thanks to our teamwork," she said. On the team are: Miranda Caroll, Jennifer Baylis, Ericka Reynolds, Stephanie Kramer, Kelsey Rice, Maysen Yaw, Kayla Martin, Cori O'Connor, Lynn Mitchell, Nancy DeBoer and Jessica Rogers, as pictured in the GNO photo.

To ensure continued success and growth, DeBoer purchased a salon in Ionia, including the building in February of 2022. "I will manage the Ionia salon," she said. "I do the payroll and manage the location."

"I've been blessed with a great staff and clients," she concluded.



The team at Station Salon always gets dressed up for GNO, whatever the theme is. This year, it was the 70s.

## Turkey Trot is back

The Litehouse Family YMCA Turkey Trot is scheduled for Sat., November 12 at the Wittenbach/Wege Center. You can register online at [grymca.org](http://grymca.org) or call 616-855-9570.

Registration can also be made the day of the race, beginning at 8 am. The race begins at 9 am.

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# Milo's continued

to 80 percent off. The clothes for consignment must be like new, no stains or major pilling. No gear, such as strollers, is accepted.

"Our baby section does really well," she said, "so do our athletic and name brands, like Kate Quinn items."

To accommodate the parents, Milo's has a play area,

plus monitors, in the back, and a restroom with a changing table. "We're moms; we think of everything," Runstrom said. The featured onesies wall has items 'Buy 4, get 1 free.' These include sleepers and soft pants. And the bonus for Runstrom is that she can take her three-year-old toddler Milo to work with her. "He plays

in the back," she said.

The consignment store is now accepting coats, snow pants, sweaters and winter boots. With the onset of fall, Milo's has already sold a lot of coats. The busiest times are when they open at 9am, around noon and weekends.

You can find maternity clothes, diaper bags, sleepers and boutique items, such as post-partem journals, body care, belly oils, magnesium soaps and underwear.

Prior to opening, Milo's, Runstrom worked in marketing. "This was a way to bring Milo to work with me," she said. "We work a lot running two stores. It's a way to hang out with our families."

Runstrom has always loved shopping second hand because of eco-friendliness since the fashion industry is one of the most polluting industries.

"One way to reduce our carbon footprint is to buy second-hand," she said. "You're not using more resources to wear a new piece when you can use a second hand."

Moreover, the 1,500 square foot consignment store has filled an empty storefront on Main Street that has been vacant for 10 years, since old Hungry Howie's went out.

"My hopes and expectations are that we keep growing here so we can open up for seven days a week in January," Runstrom said. The store is open Tuesday through Saturday. Go to Facebook page at [https://m.facebook.com/people/Milos-Kids-Consignment-Boutique/10008509096675/?\\_rd=](https://m.facebook.com/people/Milos-Kids-Consignment-Boutique/10008509096675/?_rd=)



At Milo's, clothes are tagged and organized.



Tori Runstrom by onesies wall and boutique items.



# Dewey continued

this community, Dewey welcomed new members by boarding their moving truck, and lent a paw when it was time to do yard work,

by sunning nearby for moral support. Forever the empath, Dewey seemed to gravitate toward those in need and would silently sit

beside a tearful friend who needed an ear.

Dewey the cat will not soon be forgotten; he was the subject of countless conversations and provided perfect strangers a point of commonality to connect over. A walkway paver, engraved with his name, even adorns the Riverwalk. Dewey certainly added to the sense of community, and although many are grieving the loss of a familiar face, he will long be remembered as Lowell's Cat.



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# Detroit Music part three – so much to consider

By Cliff Yankovich  
Contributing writer

Holy smokes, the more time one spends digging into all the music, musicians, and musical talent emanating from Detroit, the better it gets. Up until a couple of days ago, my confidence in my knowledge of such things was fairly high, but the more I look, the more I see and the more I uncover, the realization of what I don't know becomes stronger.

We kicked off this series with a fly-over of Motown, the first Michigan musical magic that comes to most of our minds, when it comes to Detroit. There were so many musicians, singers, and writers who contributed to the Motown catalog, it was impossible to mention all of them in one article. When one examines other genres of music, the sheer volume of artists from Detroit is almost overwhelming.

It is easy to celebrate top-of-mind musicians like Bob Seger. He tickled our ears and hearts for many decades

with massive album sales, sold out concerts, and tunes that many people recognize within a few opening notes. His band names evolved from The Last Heard to the Bob Seger System and finally the Silver Bullet Band. His first home run was 'Ramblin' Gamblin' Man' in 1968. My guess is that many readers can tick off at least a half dozen of his other hits. Did you know that he co-wrote a song that did pretty well for the Eagles: 'Heartache Tonight'?

Speaking of the Eagles, it is tempting to think of them as a Laurel Canyon based bunch of rocking country guys from California, but founder and backbone of the outrageously successful band, Glenn Frey, started life on the planet in 1948 in Detroit.

1948 was a good year in Detroit for rock musicians. Vincent Damon Furnier was born a few months before Glenn Frey, and he and his band went on to

sell over 50 million records, and they still perform once in a while. Vincent's first band was called Nazz, but when they found out Philadelphian Todd Rundgren had a band of the same name, they decided on Alice Cooper. The name was picked because it sounded very tame and bland, which was in sharp contrast to the outrageous stage shows by which the group was gaining a following.

These days Alice spends a good deal of his time on golf courses. In fact, he has joked that he replaced his addiction to alcohol with an addiction to golf. He has been married to his wife Sheryl since 1976. His problems with booze led to a brief separation, but once he gave up his drinking, they reconciled and have been together ever since. The hard driving music and over-the-top theatrics of the band inspired many musicians, including John Lydon, aka, Johnny Rotten of the Sex Pistols, who

took inspiration from Alice Cooper and has stated that their 1971 'Killer' album is the greatest rock album of all time.

How about a jump from rock to funk: Detroit gave the world George Clinton, who is certainly Funk Music Royalty. His two bands, Parliament and Funkadelic, put the funk in the ears of people all over the world. And many of the members of these bands forged solo careers and/or their own bands. Bootsy Collins and Sly Stone come to mind in that regard. George was born in 1941 and is still with us. If you look at his website (www.georgeclinton.com), you will be treated to a great video: 'Detroit: One Nation Under a Groove' performed by kids from Detroit and shot in locations all over the city. Julie and I saw Thomas Dolby perform in Ferndale in 2013 and Thomas gave a shout out of thanks to George, who was in the house enjoying the show along with us.

The Gods of Music will strike me down if I fail to mention the Queen of Soul – Aretha Franklin. She taught the world to spell 'r-e-s-p-e-c-t' and sold over 75 million records in her career. The legal department wants to make sure that we acknowledge that Aretha was NOT born in Detroit; she arrived there from Memphis when she was six, but we are claiming her as a Detroiter, since she attended school there until she dropped out as a sophomore; lived there from 1982 until her death in 2018, and is buried at Woodlawn cemetery on Woodward Avenue.

Can you say "Motor City Madman?" Once again, 1948 shows up – Ted Nugent was born in Redford on December 13th that year. There must have been some sort of rock and roll additive to the water in 1947. This reporter can still recall seeing Ted wail on

his guitar on a TV program in the '70's. He wore a white leather vest that was mostly fringe, and he jumped around the stage and climbed atop a stack of amps and never missed a note. He was proud of the fact that his stage wildness was not the result of chemicals, but just the raw energy he put into, and got out, of his music.

How about we get away from household names, and the year 1948, and consider Greg Bissonette (1959). He is one of those musicians who most people have never heard of, in spite of the fact that most of us have heard him playing at some point in our lives. He has played with jazz greats like Maynard Ferguson, Lou Rawls, and Keiko Matsui. He added the beat for rockers like David Lee Roth, Steve Vai, and Joe Satriani. You can hear him on a couple albums by Ray Charles and in 1997 crooner Pat Boone tapped Bissonette to play drums on his 'In a Metal Mood: No More Mr. Nice Guy' album. He can be heard on about 20 very popular movie soundtracks, and if you watched any episode of the TV show, "Friends," from 1994 to 2004, Greg played drums on the musical interludes. Another drummer you might have heard of, Sir Ringo Starr, has included Bissonette in his touring "All Starr Band" since 2008. Any drummer good enough to play for Ringo has got to have something going on, right?

Oh no, we are running out of space. Did we mention that jazz greats Earl Klugh and Ron Carter are from Detroit? Smooth jazz pioneer Klugh was a piano player until he switched to guitar at ten. His attraction to the guitar was sealed when he saw the great Chet Atkins perform on a TV show three years later. How fitting that Klugh ended up playing on a couple of Chet's albums. Ron Carter was born in "Fabulous Ferndale" and he has played his upright bass

on an astonishing 2,221 recording sessions. That incredible number makes him the most recorded jazz bassist in the world. If you are a fan of jazz music or want to experience some of the best jazz available, we must mention the Detroit Jazz Festival that has been going for about 40 years, on Labor Day weekend, at Hart Plaza on the Riverwalk.

We have to squeeze in a couple more. We need to mention bass rocker Suzi Quatro. She was way bigger in Europe and Australia, but you might have seen her as Leather Tuscadero on the TV show "Happy Days." Hunt and Tony Sales are the musical sons of Detroit TV personality Soupy Sales. Hunt is a drummer and Tony plays bass. They often work together as session players and have recorded with artists like Todd Rundgren, Iggy Pop, and performed with David Bowie in the band Tin Machine in 1988. They met Bowie while touring with Iggy Pop.

My last mention is the late Jerry Riopelle. Jerry was a country rocker who had an immense following in Arizona. I found his music, while visiting my mom in Tucson, about 20 years ago. His live concerts in Tucson and Phoenix were packed out and he performed in Phoenix at the Celebrity Theater on New Year's Eve for decades, right up until he died, a few days before he was scheduled to perform there in 2018. Jerry invented an electronic instrument called "Beamz" that uses beams of light to control musical sounds. He intended it to be a method for physically-challenged kids to make music. His fans in Tucson thought he was from Phoenix and vice versa. He actually lived in L.A. and did a lot of music producing for other groups, as well as movies and TV. He semi-retired to Hawaii, but always returned for NYE in Phoenix. While researching this article, I was wonderfully surprised to learn that Jerry was born in Detroit on May 5, 1941. That made me smile.

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## 125 years ago The Lowell Ledger November 11, 1897

Mrs. Richard and Mrs. George White were both injured when they were on the way to visit Mrs. Alice Brown last Tuesday morning. The ladies occupied the back seat, when the horse started, the seat was upset and the ladies thrown backward into the road. Mrs. White was considerably bruised up, but Mrs. Richard's injuries were more serious, the back of her neck and her stomach were hurt. After an hour or two she was able to be removed to her own house.

Three of the Ellis boys of Alto and Will Watts started north last Saturday morning, with team and wagon loaded with guns and camping outfit to hunt the deer. They will drive about 180 miles to Roscommon County.

While in Lowell last Saturday, Charles Lampkins bought a piece of cheese and that night for supper, the family all ate of it, and that night were taken with cramps, and all were very sick.

## 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger November 16, 1922

The Lowell football team was defeated, for the second time this season last Saturday, when they played Portland on the latter's field. The score being 25 to 14.

One farmer was recently figuring up the cost of producing his crop of potatoes this year, and he finds he was 10¢ in the hole and the potatoes still in his cellar.

At the chicken pie dinner on election day, the Bowne Center Ladies had the pleasure of entertaining two Looks and a pair of Coons from Lowell. Harvey had some clothes along but Deck left his drugs at home.

John J. Lalley, one of Lowell's best known business men, underwent an operation for the removal of throat glands. This was preliminary to one to follow for removal of a cancer from the base of the tongue, as soon as he sufficiently rallied from the first.

## 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger November 13, 1947

Miss Donna Thorne, R.N. was aboard a Pan American Airways clipper bound for Honolulu, which was forced to return to San Francisco last Thursday night because of engine trouble, 1,080 miles at sea. The 23 passengers and their baggage were transferred to another clipper for resumption of the flight. On Saturday morning Donna sent a cablegram to her

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Thorne, stating she had arrived safely at Honolulu.

Lowell is one of the fortunate towns in Kent County which will have the services of the Christmas Seal X-ray Unit of the Kent County Tuberculosis Society on a community basis.

The Flat River Four of the local barbershop chapter are putting in a full week. Monday night the singers entertained at the Armistice Day American Legion supper.

## 50 years ago Lowell Ledger Suburban Life November 9, 1972

Lowell Police Chief, Barry Emmons, this week again warned all businessmen to take added precaution by being sure that their doors are closed and locked at night. Emmons' warning followed breaking and entering investigations last week, during which three Main Street businesses were broken into.

Except for minor egg-throwing incidents, Lowell's annual Halloween celebration was quiet. The only mar on the trick-or-treat event was a car-pedestrian accident on South Pleasant Street, when a little girl ran out in front of a car. The youngster was taken to the hospital, where she was treated for minor injuries and released.

The Storm Water-Sewer Separation meeting at City Hall brings out a standing-room-only crowd for a 2 1/2-hour meeting of questions and answers addressed to Williams & Works' Ken Anderson and May Carlen Anderson.

Amway Corp. moves the Rix Robinson marker on M-21 and touches off a storm of protests. The state will decide the issue, as the marker was in the right-of-way.

## 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger November 12, 1997

For the first time in seven years, the Lowell School district administered an alcohol and other drug survey to students in seventh-, ninth-, and tenth-grades during the spring to 1997. At its Monday night meeting, the board received a report of findings. The report showed nothing new compared to other Kent County surveys and school district surveys.

The second phase of the Downtown Development Authority's renovation project is scheduled to begin in the spring (mid-April, mid-May) of 1997. Work on the downtown bridge is scheduled and the widening of the Hudson/Main Street intersection.

Arnie DeLoof finds a giant mushroom in the woods behind his house. The fungus measured 56 inches around, which beat the 47-inch mushroom he found in the same place last year.

## outdoors

possibilities

Dave Stegehuis

Hunting for wild game began with the earliest residents of the Great Lakes region and is part of Michigan culture today. Despite the expanding human population and resulting development, the state has retained vast areas of viable habitat which supports a variety of wildlife. The large variety of species provides hunters with many possibilities when deciding which game to pursue. For those who have the desire to get started hunting or hunters looking to seek different game, there is a lot to consider.

Turkey hunting can be done in the spring. The weather is mild and spending time in the woods, when the sights and smells of new vegetation, provides the arena for calling in an aggressive tom turkey. The experience of observing the approach of a strutting tom rivals the excitement of any big game hunt. Wild turkeys are found across both peninsulas on public and private land. It is easy to find a place to hunt. A shotgun or archery gear and a call are all that is needed to collect a spring turkey. A fall hunt is also offered.

Whitetail deer are as wary as turkeys and may be hunted during seasons stretching from early fall to the cold snowy days of late December. Archery gear and firearms can be used, depending on the regulations for a specific location and season.

Upland game hunting usually involves well-trained bird dogs in search of pheasants, grouse and woodcock. It all takes place in colorful fall woods; a great time to be outdoors in Michigan. Rabbit hunting is a favorite activity for those hunting with or without a baying beagle or two. Squirrels can be hunted with a sharp eye and patience.

Waterfowl hunters seek out ducks and geese in wetlands and farm fields. Game identification is a required skill for waterfowl hunters. Many waterfowl hunters employ the service of a retrieving canine companion. Hunting is all about the dogs for many hunters.

An extended list of huntable game and predators offers even more opportunities to get out in Michigan outdoors. Those who haven't hunted may have the impression that all hunting experiences are the same. If you're thinking about adopting the hunting lifestyle, investigate the possibilities and find something that meets your personal expectations and comfort level.

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**1st business:** Weldon Smith Bakery

Robert Graham moved the wooden building at 213 East Main to this empty lot in 1879 so that he could build a new brick building on the former site. By 1885, the wooden building had either been torn down or moved away.



The cement block building was being built during the flood of 1905. The plate glass windows have not yet been installed. Notice the stylized cement blocks, which were popular during the early 1900s. You could purchase block-making machines from Sears and Roebuck Co.



Herman Strong Bakery and Lunch Room, 1910-c.1916

The Weldon Smith family operated a bakery in Lowell from 1899-1908. In 1901, he had his bakery in the Pullen building next door and lived upstairs. In 1905, Smith let the contract for a new two-story bakery on this lot to I. A. Wood. It was to be built of cement blocks and its size would be 22'x60', with a one-story bake shop, 16' x 30' at the rear. The interior was to be finished in yellow pine. The ground floor was to be divided into two rooms, a large bakery and lunchroom, and a kitchen. The second floor was arranged for housekeeping. Other bakeries located here, following Weldon Smith's, were those of W. R. Schloerke, G. H. Uglow, Herman Strong, and Frank Houk.

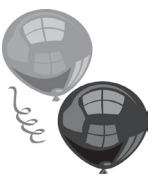
After bakeries, this building housed plumbing and heating businesses. Charles W. Cook Plumbing and Heating operated here from 1928-1946. Dave Clark Sr. purchased the building and business in 1947. His son, Dave Clark Jr. bought the building in 1964, continuing the Plumbing and Heating business until 1985. Lowell Sports Shoppe (1987-91) and Lowell Graphics (1993-95) operated here next. Then it became the headquarters of Overbeck Construction for 20 years, 1999 to 2020. Brookstone Investments (Eric Springer) purchased the building in 2021. They provide customized retirement planning solutions based on their clients' individual needs and goals.

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### NOVEMBER 12

Deborah Malloy, Al Olszewski.

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Brian Gerard, Dan Schneider.

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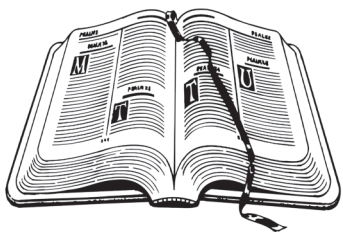
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# Lowell Arts Artist Market offers a variety of unique gifts

By Emma Palova  
contributing writer

If you want a unique gift, stop by at the Lowell Arts Artist Market on Main Street this holiday season, through Dec. 24. The gallery has been transformed into a gift shop or a sparkling boutique. The annual event has grown out of participation in Christmas through Lowell

turns working two to three shifts throughout the span of the show. Lowell Arts keeps a percentage of the sales for operational expenses.

The gift selection ranges from affordable, small pieces on the low-end, such as cards and ornaments, to recycled mittens and pottery for \$30 to \$40, all the way to the higher-end for original

“We like to highlight the fun atmosphere of the boutique,” Teunis said. “It’s pretty to look at and everything is handmade.” Pieces such as wooden spoons, ceramic and other ornaments make excellent stocking stuffers. Jewelry ranges from affordable to high-end, handmade earrings.

Unlike mass mall shopping, the beautiful atmosphere of the boutique brings on relaxation. “As we get closer to the holiday, people are ready to commit,” Teunis said. “They finish out their list here. The selection plays into the price list. Unique gifts can go with a mall purchase.”



Artists are the soul of the gallery, with their labor of love.

**“Our gift shop is in downtown walkable area. A trip to Lowell is a nice thing to do and you’re supporting local artists. It’s a labor of love.”**

~ Lowell Arts project director Janet Teunis

(CTL), according to Lowell Arts project director, Janet Teunis. “We wanted to participate in that event,” Teunis said. “We open before CTL and stay open until Christmas Eve.”

More than 40 artists participate in the Lowell Arts Artist Market, which gives them an opportunity to not only showcase their art, but to be involved in the sale. “The artists themselves work the sale,” Teunis said. The artists take

art: paintings, vessels, vases and wood working. “We like to have a range of price points,” Teunis said.

Some of the highlights of the artist market include local musician Roger McNaughton’s CD from Mackinac Island and Michigan Morn CD, wooden flashlights, artist’s journals (complete with a brush and a pencil), and bowls made from gourds, along with hundreds of other shining gifts.



And picking out that perfect piece for somebody should be fun and relaxing. “These are really good gifts,” she said.

“We want to see the artists be successful with

the sale,” she said. “You’re supporting the artists and helping the community.” To apply for next year’s Holiday Market, you fill out an application by the August deadline, you must be an active member of

Lowell Arts for \$40 per individual. If artists living farther away cannot work the gift shop or for health reasons, Lowell Arts takes a higher percentage.

“Come and soak in the atmosphere,” Teunis said. “Our gift shop is in downtown walkable area. A trip to Lowell is a nice thing

to do and you’re supporting local artists. It’s a labor of love.”

Lowell Arts is located at 223 W. Main Street. Market hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am to 6 pm and Sunday 12 pm to 5 pm. Closed on Thanksgiving.



Lowell Arts project director, Janet Teunis, with ornaments and CDs.

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**Location:** Onsite

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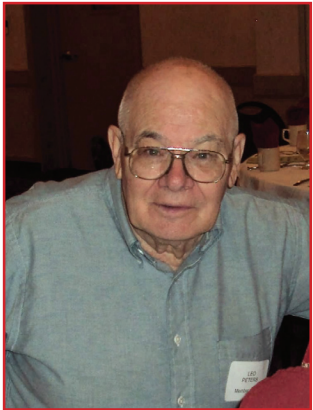


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**Lyle Covert**  
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June 1945 - July 1946



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USMC  
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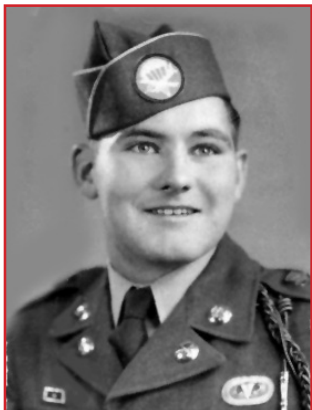
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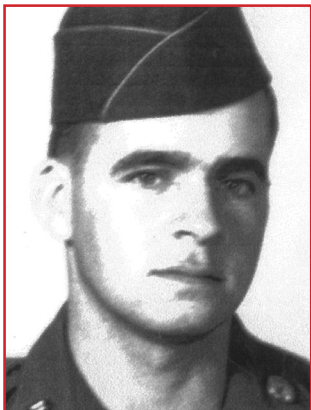
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**Robert Alan Schreur**  
Coastguard  
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**Robert Bibbler**  
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**Michael Cossen**  
US Army  
2002 to 2008



**Karen Waid**  
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**Ron Janowski**  
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1976-1998



**Thomas Albert**  
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2007 - 2013



**Thomas Fox**  
Air Force  
1986 - 1990



**Rachel Fox**  
Air Force  
2016 - Present



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2010-2015



**Donald E. Seaman**  
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1942-1946 • 1950 - 1952



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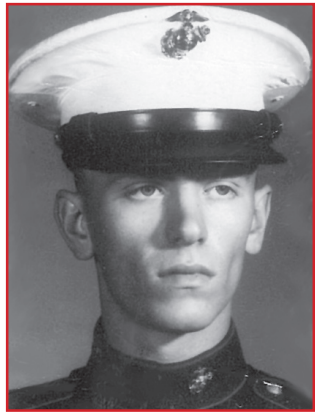


**Phil VanDuinen**  
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1969-1970





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**Sgt. Allan Mull**  
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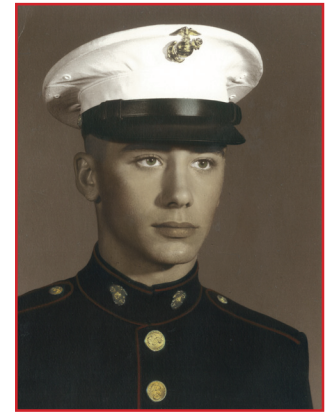
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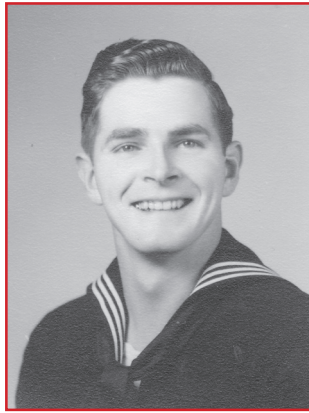
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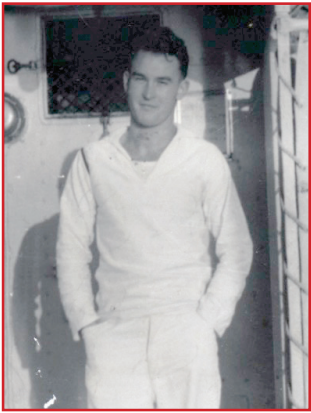
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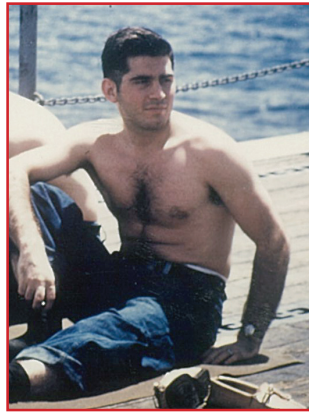
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Died, Dec. 10, 1941



**Gordon Newell**  
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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**  
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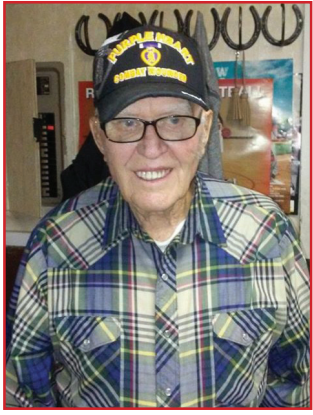
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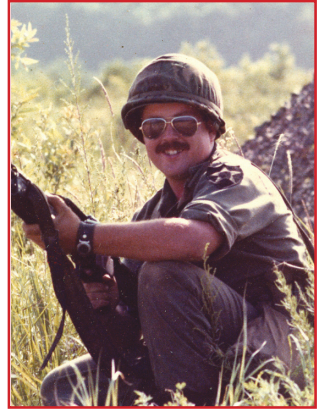
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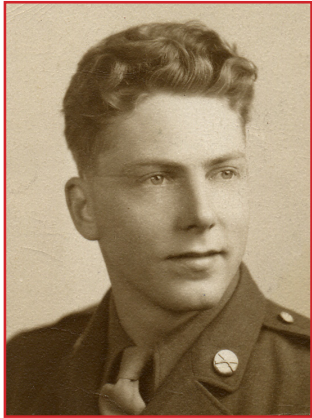
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1980-1983



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**Maurice L. Hannah**  
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1943 - 1945



**Dirk G. Ritzema**  
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1965-1971



**James M. Francis Sr.**  
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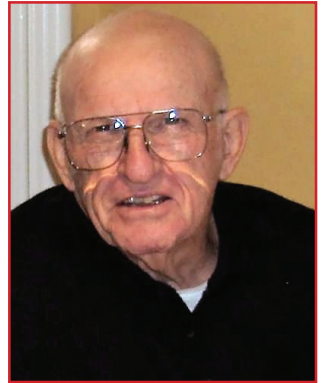
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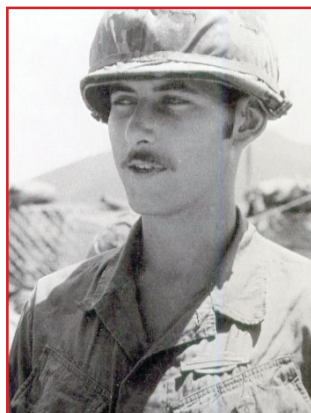
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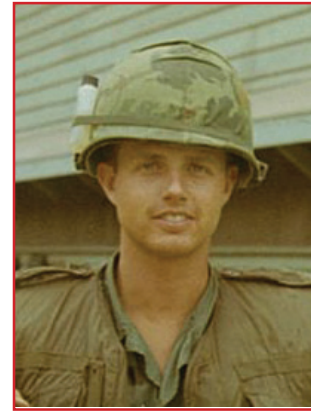
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**V Don Souser**  
Submarine Service  
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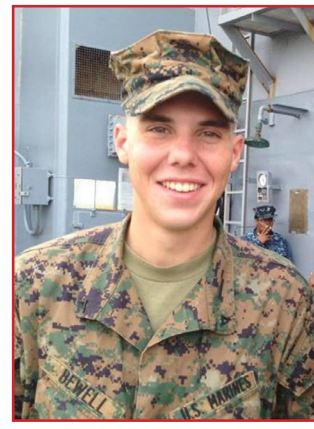
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Army  
1984 - 1988



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**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



**Robert Nagy**  
U.S. Army - Korea  
1949 - 1952



**Cameron Hoffman**  
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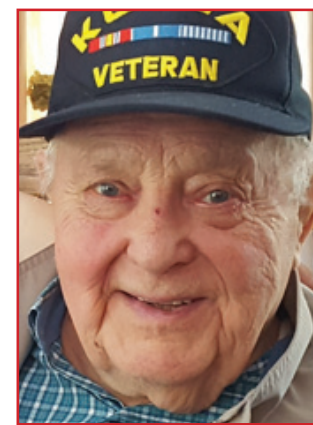
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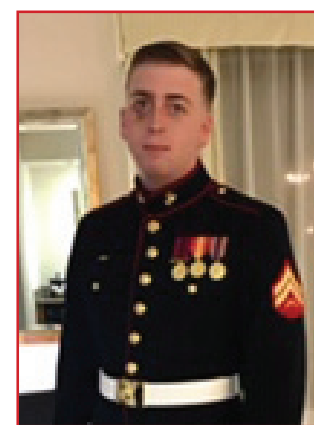
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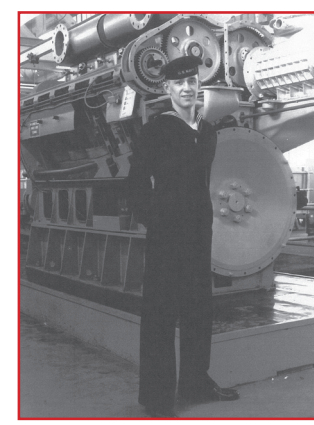
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**William Bibbler**  
82nd Airborne  
1960-1962



**Jacob Clayton Callier**  
Army  
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US Marine Corp  
2003 - 2010



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1941 - 1945



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Navy  
1965 - 1971



**Leo Pfaller**  
US Army  
Armored Div.



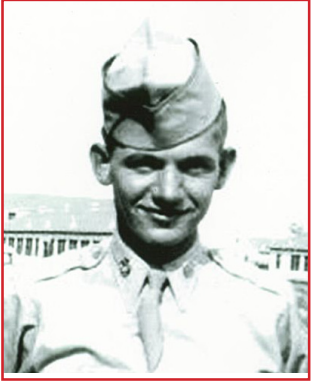
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US Army  
2020 - present



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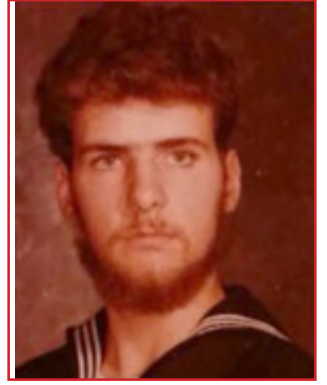
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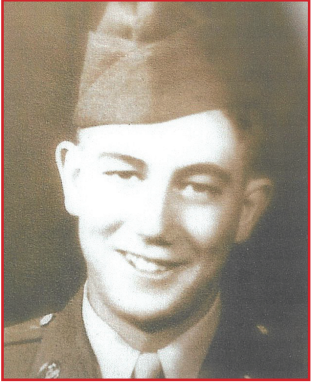
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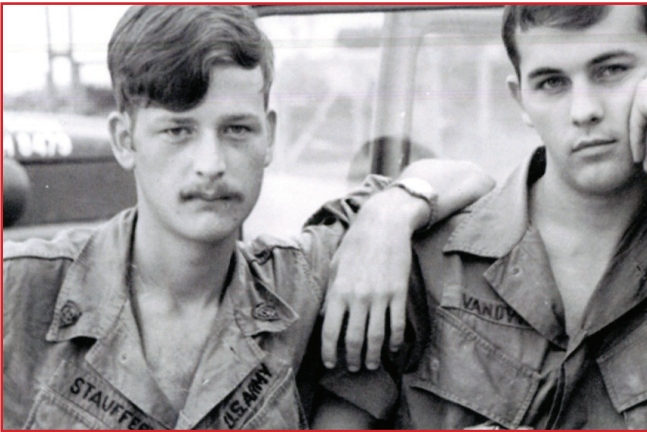
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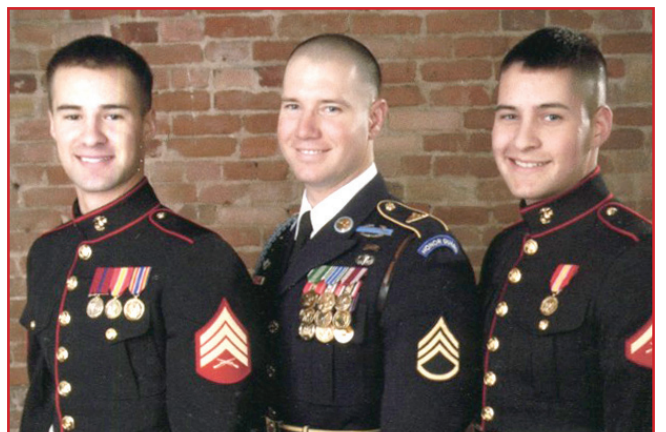
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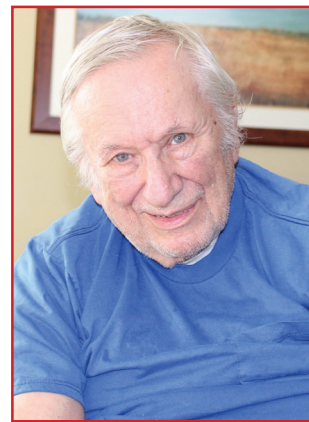
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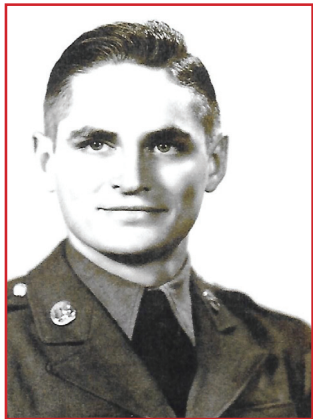
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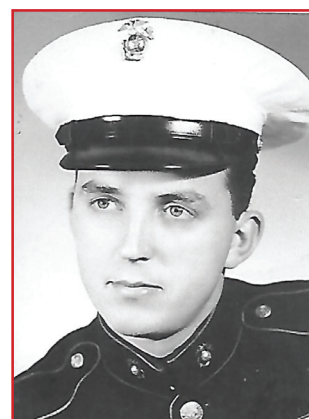
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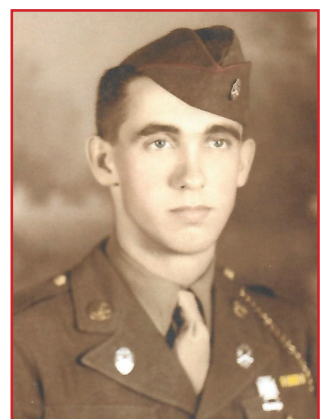
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# SPORTS

## Volleyball improvement clear in district showing

By Justin Scott  
sports reporter

Regular season match-up, loss. Conference tournament match-up, loss. District tournament match-up; probably going to be a loss, right?

Lowell bucked that assumption last week with an emphatic 3-0 win over Byron Center in the district quarterfinal round of the MHSAA Division

1 volleyball tournament at Caledonia. The win wasn't even particularly close, as Lowell won the three sets by a score of 25-17, 25-14, 25-14. The victory was particularly sweet for the Red Arrows after dropping two matches to the Bulldogs earlier this season. It highlighted a trend of improvement for Lowell, who as a young team, competed against top ten teams consistently, including in their next game.

On Wednesday, Lowell met their match and bowed-out of the tournament as sixth-ranked in the state; Forest Hills Central, eliminated the Red Arrows from postseason contention with a

3-0 victory. The Rangers won with set scores of 25-18, 25-22, 25-20. Lowell was within striking distance in each set, but the Rangers would pull away right at the end. FHC ended up winning the district championship and moved on to this week's regional round.

The Red Arrows graduate two seniors, Aubreigh Oswald and Kadence Tiede. Oswald and Piper Risdon earned all-conference honors, freshman Rylie Barriger earned honorable mention all-conference honors. Barriger was the only freshman in the entire conference to earn a conference accolade.



LHS senior Aubreigh Oswald sets the ball in Lowell's district semifinal against FHC.

# GO TEAM, GO!

## LHS hosts collegiate soccer match

by Justin Scott  
sports reporter

Soccer season was over at LHS, until it wasn't just briefly last Tuesday, as the LHS North Athletic Complex hosted their first ever collegiate soccer match.

When Great Lakes Christian College, located in Lansing, and Grace Christian University, located in Wyoming, MI needed a place to play their regional, a neutral site between the two was decided, and Lowell served as the perfect location.

The original tournament was supposed to take place in Kentucky, but due to a team dropout, the last two teams in the regional were Grace and Great Lakes, and it made more sense to play the game in Michigan.

Both teams compete in the National Christian College Athletic Association, which is composed of 90 Christian universities and Bible colleges from around the country. It is separate from the NCAA, so comparisons to NCAA universities don't

always make sense, but generally, teams compete one level lower than area NCAA division three schools, like Cornerstone, Calvin, and Hope.

Great Lakes Christian won the game 3-2 in the NCCAA Midwest regional championship, on a goal by GLCC freshman and Fenton High School graduate, Avery Carr, in

Center, and East Grand Rapids.

It was the first collegiate match hosted by Lowell since the creation of the new LHS North Athletic Complex. The teams brought great crowds to the stadiums, and LHS boosters were busy the whole game at the concession stands.



Lowell High School hosted a collegiate soccer game between Great Lakes Christian and Grace Christian last week.

the 75th minute. No Lowell graduates competed, but both schools have teams with players who graduated from area high schools, including Rockford, Jenison, Ionia, Byron



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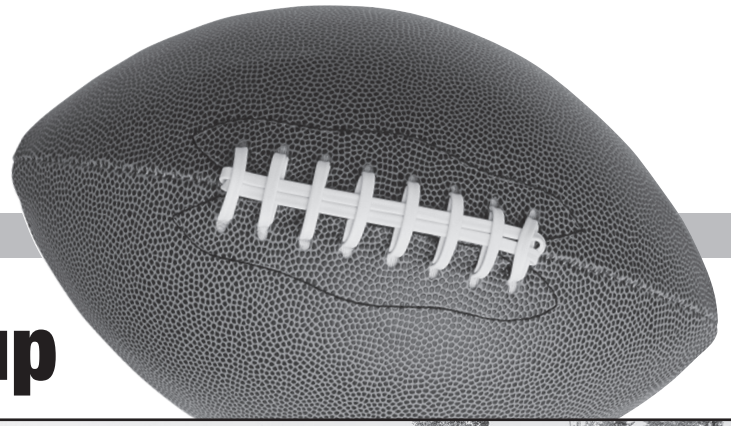
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# SPORTS



## Football - end of season roundup

By Justin Scott  
sports reporter

The Lowell High School varsity football team made the playoffs this season and recorded their first above .500 finish since 2017.

LHS finished third in a conference with a 4-3 record in a strong OK White conference. They kicked-off the season with two non-conference wins over Mattawan and Middleville-TK, then in conference, beat FHN, Northview, Greenville, and Grand Rapids Christian. Lowell lost to FHC, Byron Center, and East Grand Rapids during the regular season and fell to eventual district champion Zeeland West in

the first round of playoffs.

Jackson Reisbig, Carson Crase, Ethan Krieger, Aidan Fitzpatrick, and Connor Lixie earned all-conference honors, while Maddox Simcoe and Kenny Kinyon earned honorable mention all-conference honors for the team this season.

The 2022 playoff berth was the 28th time in the last 30 years that Lowell competed in postseason football. Only three of eight OK White teams missed the playoffs, Greenville, FHN, and Northview.

After the 2022 season, the Lowell Football program has played 1046 games with a record of 620-389-37.



## Arrows battle wind and new territory at state meet

submitted by Paul Judd  
girls cross country coach

If the Portage regional meet was perfect cross country weather, then the

35 MPH winds that greeted the Arrows at MIS was just the opposite. The Division 1 racers had to deal with

these head winds for the first 1200m of the race, and many of the competitors described their legs as being "dead"

after that initial stretch.

Lowell battled the course, the wind, and the competitors to finish 20th

out of the 28 teams, which was won by OK Red champion West Ottawa. The 20th place was where the Arrows were scored, in a hypothetical meet, but wasn't where the team was looking to finish.

Annika Sandman was a bright spot on the day, as she scored a top-10 finish taking 8th in 18:22 which earns her All State honors. Katrina Sandman finished in 67th in 19:34, which should earn her Academic All State honors. Keira Sandman concluded her cross country season with a 157th place finish in 20:20. Evie Deur and Claire O'Boyle completed the varsity scoring with 206th and 217th place in 20:33 and 21:03 respectively. Audrey Latchaw and Anna Forney completed the Lowell roster.



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# obituaries

## TAP

Kerry Allen Tap passed into heaven on Thursday, November 3, 2022, with his children by his side. He was preceded in death by his parents; Al and Dorothy Tap; and the love of his life, wife Shirley. He is survived by his son, Nick (Lesa) Tap; daughter, Heather (Brad) Sprague; grandchildren, Justin (Rachel) Corwin, Jacob (Kelsey) Sprague, Zachary Sprague, and Lucas Sprague; great-grandchild, Charlotte Corwin; brother, Keith (Marlene) Tap; and a special bonus son, Mark Anderson. Kerry was born March 2, 1947 in Grand Rapids and moved to Lowell at the age of two. After he graduated from Lowell High School in 1965, he then proudly served in the United States Army during Vietnam.

He was passionate about restoring his 1965 Chevelle with son, Nick, and many special friends, along with building motors and transmissions for racers, and helping with and attending the races. Kerry drag-raced during high school and after he returned from Vietnam. Back in the day, he enjoyed fishing and hunting. He was also an excellent carpenter, built houses and helped others with their building projects. Kerry enjoyed coaching his kids in baseball and softball, and was the President of the Lowell Little League. He gave back to his community through many building and grounds projects in sports, school, and church. He enjoyed his kids and grandkids sporting events through the years, attending as many games as possible. Most recently, he was able to see four of his youngest grandsons' high school football games. He was a beloved grandfather who enjoyed taking his grandsons on tractor rides, camping, taking naps with them in his lap and telling them stories; most recently having deep conversations about faith and God. Special joy was felt when he first held his first great-grandchild, Charlotte. The family will welcome friends and family from 9:30-11 AM on Friday, November 11, 2022, at Vergennes United Methodist Church, 10411 Bailey Dr. NE Lowell; funeral service following at 11AM. Pastor, Than Johnson, officiating. Interment at St. Mary's Cemetery. A luncheon will be served following the service. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Kerry's memory to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, as he was a 26-year survivor of Leukemia in remission, PO Box 22324, New York, NY 10087.



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## OLIGNEY

Michael H. Oligney, 80, passed away Thursday, November 3, 2022 at Good Shepherd Hospice, Sebring, Florida, after a long battle with cancer. Mike was born in 1942 in Northwest Michigan. Mike and his wife, Kay, retired to Fort Meade, Florida in 2019. He was a proud member of the United States Air Force, serving in the 551st AEW and CWG until 1968. As a computer engineer, he held various positions, retiring from Lowell Area Schools in 2008. He loved golf, travel, motorcycles, grandchildren and Florida weather. Mike was a member of American Legion Post 3, Barlow, Florida and a regular attendee of the Fort Meade United Methodist Church. Mike was preceded in death by his parents Howard and Cleo (Brigham) Oligney; his siblings Kenneth Oligney, Beverly Martin, Ethelyn Sandelius, Alvera Joann Gilbert. His daughter Melissa Roudabush, grandson Logan Roudabush and a number of nieces and nephews. Mike is survived by his wife Kay Oligney; children Dahlia (Dean) Stevens, Warren (Brandi) Oligney, Douglas Oligney, Laurie (Dave) Nozal, Jody (Dave) Yount, Patrick (Melissa) Verner, Corey (Joy) Hinline, Justin (Erica) Peterson, along with 22 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. As Mike requested, cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will be held both in Florida and in Michigan at a future date. Memorial contributions may be made to either The Tunnel to Tower Foundation at [t2t.org](https://t2t.org) or The American Cancer Society at [donate3.cancer.org](https://donate3.cancer.org).



## HOBBS

Helen M. (Ritter) Hobbs, age 84, of Alto, passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones, on November 1, 2022. She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Howard Hobbs; and parents, Charles and Alice Ritter. Survived by children; Christine (Jeff) Sanches, Jay Hobbs, Carolyn (Brent) Hobbs Kreiger; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; brother, Charles (Sharon) Ritter; sister, Margaret (Darrel) Rash; and several beloved nieces and nephews. Howard and Helen enjoyed traveling the country in their fifth wheel, golfing, bowling, and playing euchre with friends. Helen also enjoyed gardening, quilting, playing bridge with "the Girls," and antiquing. If it were raining, you would find her in front of a jigsaw puzzle. Helen was active



in local civic organizations and a beloved member of the surrounding community. The family would like to thank Maple Ridge Manor, Careline Health Group, and Interim Hospice for taking excellent care of our mother. Visitation was held 1-3 PM on Friday, November 4, 2022, at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson St., Lowell, MI 49331, followed by a private burial at Merriman Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Helen's name to Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) at <https://www.fromlowell.org/donate/>.

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## PENZIN

Olga Warner Penzin led a happy, long life and died peacefully in her sleep on Thursday, October 13th at 12:20am at Park Point Village, Rock Hill, South Carolina. Olga was born on December 13, 1920, in Vergennes Township Michigan, a few miles north of Lowell. She was born to Mary D. (Borouf) Warner of Ohio and Newton Warner of Lowell, their only daughter, which came some years after they had three sons. They left Lowell after a few years and moved to a few places, ending up in Lansing, Michigan for a few years, and then later, settled in Mulliken, Michigan, east of Lowell. She graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1939. After high school, Olga had summer typing jobs to help pay for her education at the Chicago Evangelistic Institute and Greenville College. She taught for 2 years at a mission school in Laredo, Texas. She studied linguistics during the summer at Oklahoma University, and then joined the Wycliffe Bible translators' group. Her first assignment was in Mexico where she was a partner for several translators. She attended the jungle camp in Southern Mexico and was assigned to work at the Mayan Tzotzil Village in Chaipas, Mexico. Later, she went to Mexico City and developed some health



issues. She worked for 12 years in Mexico City for the Publications Department, where they printed small portions of scripture and other helpful health and agriculture information in Indian Languages. She then took a leave of absence and headed to New York City, where she was a case worker. She attended a

Christian Conference and met Bill Penzin and they started dating. Within a few months, they got married and lived in Brooklyn for 14 years. She took a few trips with Bill before he passed away. Olga moved to North Carolina to be close to Wycliffe, and built a dream house in Vauxhall, North Carolina. She volunteered for 14 years as a guide for the JAARs (Jungle Aviation Radio Service). She took several more trips to Europe, Western Turkey, Israel, Jordan, Egypt, and some African countries, as well as far east. She then moved to the retirement home, Park Point Village in Rock Hill, South Carolina where she lived out the rest of her life. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Claude, Robert Royden, and Lewis Alva; nephews, Richard Allen Warner, Ralph Warner, James Warner; and nieces, Eva Bronkema, Mary Alice Overholt, Arda Hinton, Ruth Larabel, Lorna Tellier, Frances Warner, Lucielle Sullivan, and D.J. Lass. She is survived by her nephew, Robert Warner currently in Phoenix, AZ and previously of Lowell, Michigan. A service of remembrance was held at 11am, Monday, October 24, 2022, at Roth -Gerst Chapel in Lowell, MI. She will rest beside her mother and father at the Merriman Cemetery. A luncheon was served at Bob Warner's "barn" in Lake Odessa after the funeral service. Those who wish to remember Olga in a special way can make a gift in her memory by visiting Wycliffe. Org At <https://www.wycliffe.org/donate>

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### Are you giving too much in your relationships?

Relationships involve give and take, but sometimes they can be one-sided creating an imbalance. While it may make you feel good to do things for the people you care about, overtime, this imbalance can cause frustration, resentment, anger, and unhappiness. So, how do you know if you are giving too much in your relationship?

#### Too much sacrifice?

While this is written more toward romantic relationships, much of it can apply to any type of relationship. You might wonder how someone wouldn't know if they are giving too much. This can happen when someone is raised to believe self-sacrifice is "normal", was forced to take on adult responsibilities in childhood, has self-worth/esteem issues, is a people pleaser, is a "fixer", has a partner/friend that is too dependent, etc. Some may even believe their partner is supposed to "be their everything," which is a lot of pressure and expectation, and strains the relationship, possibly setting it up to fail. Below are a few examples showing relationship imbalances. If you see your relationship in the below situations, it may be time to reevaluate and make some changes.

#### Unrealistic ideals.

The belief that we have a soulmate or

other half. This "perfect mate" (aka, Cinderella or Prince Charming myth) is not realistic and sets up relationships to fail. Someone else can't fill an emotional void or need. The feeling that something is missing in life often comes from an unfulfilled childhood need. This unfilled need could be due to trauma, an unhealthy childhood home-life, an unbalance parent relationship that became a norm, etc. Yes, we are meant to connect with others, but everything we need is inside of us; we are complete as created. So, when a partner doesn't fill the void, it may result in relationship-hopping or self-sacrifice (giving too much). It's important for both partners to take responsibility for their own emotions, reactions, and happiness.

#### Expecting to be taken care of.

As adults, we should not expect our partner to take care of us or to be responsible for our well-being. Yet, I have seen this often when working with couples. One partner has issues with anxiety, anger, emotional control, dependency, or a past trauma is "triggered," etc., and the partner is expected to calm him or her down and fix the issue. This is not the partners responsibility and not only puts a lot of stress on the relationship,

but creates an unhealthy environment. I have many couples bring up "love languages," saying his or her love language is "acts of service" trying to justify this mindset. Acts of service does not mean their partner should be at their beck and call, available to fix their mood, or doing the majority of the household chores, errands, child-rearing, etc. That is not what acts of service means and is just an excuse to manipulate the partner while not putting effort in the relationship. The bottom line is that as adults we are responsible for our own emotions, reactions, self-care, and our own well-being. Part of being a fully-functioning, healthy adult is taking care of ones self.

**Becoming a "We."** It's not a bad thing to consider yourself a couple. The problem tends to happen when the definition changes from "me and you" to "we". Why? Because the "we" often changes how you see yourself and your partner. If you no longer consider each of you an individual with independent wants, needs, thoughts, opinions, emotions, desires, etc., it can become a problem. When you take on your partners opinions, stop speaking up for yourself, don't or can't say no to your partner, you are giving too much. Neither partner should have to sacrifice who they are in order to be in a relationship.

#### Giving up your independence.

If you find that you have given up friends, family, hobbies, goals, or interests, due to your relationship, this is a sign you are giving too much. It's normal to make time for your partner but you still need to have independence and activities outside of the

relationship. Making your partner the focus of your world is dependency and not healthy for either of you. No one should give up their own dreams, desires, wants, and goals for their partner. To do so will usually lead to feelings of resentment and not feeling fulfilled by the relationship.

#### Allowing unhealthy behavior.

Your partners relationship "norms" may be different from yours and will be something that you both need to make adjustments to work through. However, putting

up with unhealthy behavior is not a normal adjustment and shows you are allowing too much. Unhealthy behavior includes things like personal attacks (name-calling, even if said in jest, abusive remarks, insults, etc.), abuse of any kind, not taking responsibility for your own emotions/reactions (It's your fault I'm angry or sad, etc.), relying on you to fix their mood, relying on you to fix mistakes or unwise decisions, etc. All partners need to pick their battles but truly unhealthy behavior allowed to go unchecked

is allowing too much and creates a very unhealthy relationship. Be responsible for your actions and behaviors, while allowing your partner to do the same.

Relationships involve mutual give and take, power balance, respect, trust, communication, and caring. Healthy relationships don't just happen, they take time and effort. So, if you feel you are giving too much, it may be time to make some changes. This article is not meant to treat or diagnose. I hope everyone stays safe and healthy.

## Disagree with your disability decision?

Social Security is here to help millions of people secure their today and tomorrow by providing benefits and financial protection. We continue to protect the integrity of our disability programs by ensuring we make the correct decision on each claim. However, if you disagree with the decision on your claim, you can ask for your case to be reviewed by filing an appeal.

How can I appeal Social Security's decision on my claim?

Generally, there are four appeal levels. If you are not satisfied with the decision at one level, you may appeal to the next.

The appeal levels are:

**Reconsideration:** A reconsideration is a complete review of your claim by someone who did not take part in the first decision. We look at all the evidence submitted in the original determination, and any new evidence.

**Hearing:** If you disagree with the decision at the

reconsideration level, you may ask for a hearing. An administrative law judge, who had no part in the original decision or the reconsideration of your case, conducts the hearing.

**Appeals Council Review:** If you disagree with the hearing decision, you can request a review by Social Security's Appeals Council. The Appeals Council looks at all requests for review. They will decide whether or not there is a reason to return your case to the judge for further review.

**Federal Court Review:** If you disagree with the Appeals Council's decision, you can file a lawsuit in a federal district court as the last level in the appeals process.

Please visit our Appeal A Decision webpage for more information at [www.ssa.gov/benefits/disability/appeal.html](http://www.ssa.gov/benefits/disability/appeal.html).

When should I file my appeal?

If we denied your claim, you have 60 days from the date of the notice to file an appeal. The easiest and quickest way is to file your appeal request online at [www.ssa.gov/benefits/disability/appeal.html](http://www.ssa.gov/benefits/disability/appeal.html). This is where you can submit

associated documents electronically. You can also call your local Social Security office or 1-800-772-1213 to obtain the forms. You can find your local office at [www.ssa.gov/locator](http://www.ssa.gov/locator).

Do I need a representative to file an appeal?

A representative or attorney is not required to file an appeal. Whether you choose to appoint an attorney or authorized representative is completely up to you. You may choose to have someone help you with your appeal or represent you. Your representative may be a lawyer or other qualified person familiar with you and the Social Security program. We will work with your representative just as we would work with you. They can act for you in most Social Security matters, and they will receive a copy of any decisions we make about your claim.

If you need us to review your case, please go online at [www.ssa.gov/benefits/disability/appeal.html](http://www.ssa.gov/benefits/disability/appeal.html) or call 1-800-772-1213. Please share this information with your family and friends.

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## SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

*Puzzle solutions on page 13*

## Guess Who?

I am an actor born in California on November 11, 1974. I was a child star on television before making it onto the big screen in "Critters 3." I rose to prominence in the 1990s with several successful films.

*Answer: Leonardo DiCaprio*

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# ROLE MODEL WORD SEARCH

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

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

### ROLE MODEL WORD SEARCH

ACTIONS  
ADULT  
ASPIRE  
ATTITUDE

### BEHAVIOR CHILDREN

GOAL  
GUIDANCE  
GUIDE  
INFLUENCE  
INSPIRE

### INSTRUCT LEADER

MENTOR  
MODEL  
OVERCOME  
POSITIVE  
QUALITIES

### REACH STUDENT

TEACHER  
TRAITS  
WORKFORCE

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to role models.

**E L S A D**

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*Answer: Leads*

### CLUES ACROSS

- Clip a small piece
- Enter forcibly
- Southwestern Native American tribe
- Helps you smell better
- Sun or solar disk
- Low frequency
- Former Houston football player
- Federal crime
- Home to Boston (abbr.)
- Approval
- Those who fight an establishment (abbr.)
- \_\_ student, learns healing
- Indian groomer of horses
- Line where two pieces meet
- One might be brief
- Type of sword
- Knife for fruits or vegetables
- Stinkhorns
- Stroke
- Industrial process for producing ammonia
- Sir \_\_ Newton
- Wild goat
- Muslim ruler
- Scottish ancestor
- Hat
- Horse mackerel

- Alcoholic accompaniment
- Tech department
- Manifesting approval
- Upper bract of grass
- Of I
- Large wading bird
- Military prisons
- Famed American cartoonist
- Rise
- Greek God of war and courage

### CLUES DOWN

- Sewing needles
- Functionary
- Induces vomiting
- The finger farthest from the thumb
- Not moving
- Sports official
- Water purification process (abbr.)
- University of Dayton
- Indo-Malaysian evergreens
- High schoolers' math course
- Yankovic is a weird one
- Adversaries
- Merchandisers
- Radioactive metal (abbr.)
- Atomic #52
- Atomic #52
- The back
- One-time computer giant
- Female of a horse
- Football's big game (abbr.)
- Vehicle
- Single Lens Reflex
- It's becoming more prevalent
- Political action committee
- Makes lightbulbs
- Natural home of an animal
- In bed
- Superman villain
- The Golden State
- One who leads prayers in a mosque
- They accompany a leader
- Atomic #18
- Electronic countermeasures
- The appearance of something
- Connecting line on a map
- Deep red color
- Secret affairs
- Drenches
- Contains music
- Expression of surprise
- Where birds are born
- \_\_ and behold
- Cools your home
- The First State

# Decorating the downtown for Christmas

The DPW decorated the gateway between Riverwalk and Main Street in downtown Lowell on a sunny Friday in November. The temperatures were again in the 60s, as the banner announcing Christmas through Lowell (CTL) swayed in the wind. CTL this year will take place from Nov. 18 through Nov. 20 at the participating locations. Look for the Christmas tree sign with numbers of locations.



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The state is also home to the world’s largest cement manufacturing plant. The Huron Portland Cement Company started producing cement in Alpena in 1908.

The name of the state is derived from the word michigama (a Chippewa word), meaning “large lake.”

Michigan has its border with four (Superior, Huron, Michigan, and Erie) of the five Great Lakes

Michigan has the world’s largest weather vane. It is 48 feet tall with an arrow 26 feet long.

Harriet Quimby, born in Arcadia, Michigan was the first woman to gain a pilot’s license in the United States. In 1912, she became the first woman to fly across the English Channel.

Flint, Michigan, is home to the Flint Institute of the Arts. The Institute is the second-largest art museum in Michigan and one of the largest art instruction schools in the nation. With courses in graphic design, illustration, web design development, literature, music, and liberal arts, the Institute continues to attract students from across the country and the world.