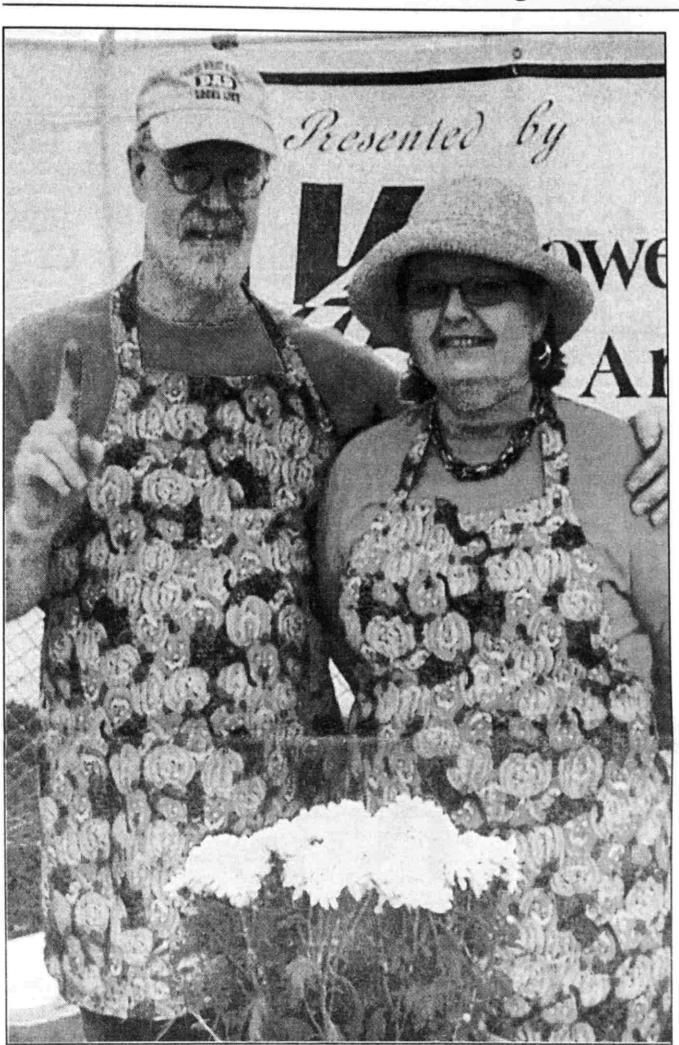
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First-place winner, Pat Allchin above with husband, George. Allchin's "Pat's Picasso Supreme" won the second annual Larkin's Chili Madness Chili Cook-off representing the Lowell Area Arts Council.

Pat's Picasso reigns Supreme in chili cook-off

By Dan Schneider

The smell of spices and tomatoes and something cooking wafted at least a block around Main and Broadway streets Saturday. People were cooking chili. People were cooking a lot of chili. Twentyfour pots of chili.

The pots were made of stainless steel, which shined in the sun. Jimmy Buffett was blaring on loudspeakers and, appropriately, so was "Ring of Fire" by the late Johnny Cash. It was the second annual Larkin's Chili Madness Chili Cook-off.

The judges found a chili Heartburn" chili. called "Pat's Picasso Supreme" to be the best chili at won the white chili division. the cook-off. Pat Allchin, representing the Lowell Area Arts Council, cooked the chili and named it after the famous painter.

It was Allchin's first time in the cook-off. She said she wasn't inspired by work of Picasso in crafting the recipe for her chili. She was more interested in the alliterative quality of the artist's name.

"It just needed to start with 'P," Allchin said. "Not that I don't like his work. It's just that I wanted something that would go with the name."

Allchin said her chili was nothing particularly exotic or abstract.

"It's just your basic tomato sauce, tomato-based chili, just like your grandma would make," she said. "My goal is to have a distinctive flavor, but with an afterburn."

Second place went to "Missing Jack's." Rocky Ashlock cooked the chili, which also won the People's Choice award. Scott Nagy, representing Phoenix Design and Build LLC, won third place with his "Hungarian

"Abel's Fabeled" chili "White" chili is distinct from "red" chili in that it uses chicken instead of beef. The

cook-off saw 18 red chili entries and six white.

It wasn't the first time in the cook-off for "Abel's Fabeled" cooks, Dave and LeeAnn Able.

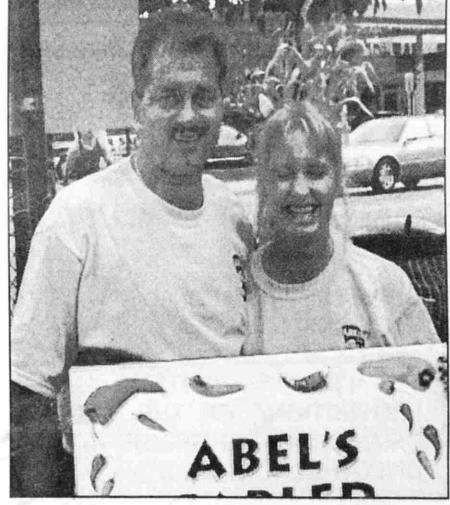
"No," Dave Abel said. "We won it last year."

Organizer Mark Schmaltz considered this year's cookoff a success.

"I'm overwhelmed at the turnout," Schmaltz said. "Last year we only had four entries. This year we had 24."

The cook-off lasted from 11 a.m., when cooking began, to 7 p.m. More than 1,500 samples of chili were sold for 50 cents each.

The event raised \$1,100 for Flat River Outreach Ministries.



Chili cooks Dave and LeeAnn Abel won the white chili division of the cook-off with their "Abel's Fabeled" chili.

Little evidence of progress in teacher contract negotiations

By Dan Schneider

Monday night's Board of Education meeting showed little change in efforts to resolve contract disputes between the teacher's union and the board. However, board members, the public, and teachers all agreed on the importance of an expedient solution to the dispute.

Teachers in Lowell Area Schools have been without a new contract since the beginning of the school year. Negotiations remain stalled primarily on issues related to health insurance costs.

Teachers and union support staff again picketed the board meeting.

Connie Gillette, assistant superintendent for finance and

date at the meeting which included a few changes. One change was to require employees to begin contributing to health insurance starting Jan. 1, 2004. The original board proposal called for teachers making retroactive payments to the insurance back to the beginning of this school year. The other change to the proposal involves the cap on insurance costs to be begin Nov. 1. paid by the district.

In the changed proposal, the district will continue to pay insurance costs at the 2003-2004 rate. The original proposal called for the teachers to pay entirely any deficit created by further rising of insurance costs. The amended

personnel, presented an up- to be split evenly between the district and the employees.

The board did approve 7-0. one-year contracts for nonunion employees. Under the contract, the school superintendent and assistant superintendents take a zero percent wage increase and a co-pay on insurance of \$60 per month for Shari Miller and \$50 per month for both Jim White and Gillette. Their co-pay will

Principals and directors get a two percent salary increase, pay a \$50 co-pay starting Nov. 1 and receive a onetime off-schedule stipend.

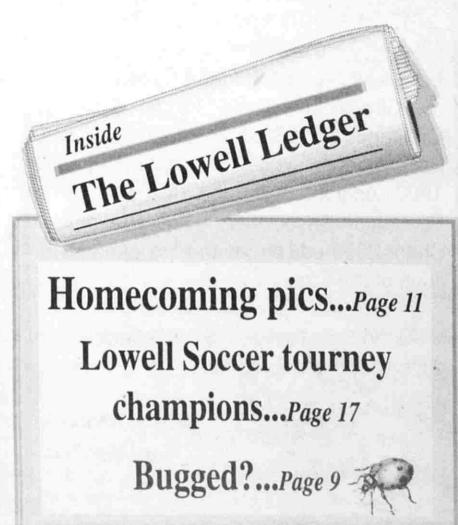
Non-union support staff get a percent salary increase, a co-pay ranging from \$30 to \$40 per month and a one-time proposal calls for the deficit off-schedule stipend.

The motion to approve the non-union contracts carried

The union's proposal remains the same. They stand firm on not participating in paying for health insurance. They propose a change to \$5 prescription cards and raising the deductible to \$100 for a single person and \$200 for a family. The union also proposes coverage to include enhanced benefits such as wellness, dental and life.

Either group must accept or reject all parts of the package proposals.

In the public comment session of the meeting, teachers said the district had often justified the need for co-pays by pointing out that many Negotiations, cont'd., pg. 6



until 1963, when he left Cas- Greg (Sherry) Timmer of

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS 10-1, 10-2, 10-3 AND 10-4 OF ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 10, "FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 03-6 amending Sections 10-1, 10-2, 10-3 and 10-4 of Article I of Chapter 10, "Fire Prevention and Protection," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell on October 6, 2003. Ordinance No. 03- 6 replaces the BOCA Basic/National Fire Prevention Code, 1990 edition, with the National Fire Prevention Association 1 Fire Prevention Code, 2000 edition, as the fire prevention code of the City.

Ordinance No. 03- 6 is effective 10 days after this publication.



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk Florida and Becky (Chris) Hastings; grandchildren contributions may be made to Texas, Terry (Pat) Williams Manos of Cascade. Charlie is Casey (Candace) Harper, the First Baptist Church of of Cadillac; 19 grandchildren; also survived by eight grand- Amanda Olszewski, Amy Lowell. children and four great-grand- Elliott and Angie Groom; children. He had two brothers great-grandchildren Austin WILLIAMS - Malcolm P. was an avid fisherman and a Byron (Shirley) Pierce of Groom, Alexis Elliottand Jack Williams, aged 71, of member of Michigan Family Fort Wayne, IN, Jim Thomas Elliott; sisters Mar- Kalamazoo, formerly of Low- Camping Incorporated. Fu-(Wanda) Pierce of Orland, garet Strong of Illinois, Betty ell, died October 5, 2003. He neral services were held IN; brother-in-law Fred Bryant of Jenison; also nieces was preceded in death by his Thursday at Roth-Gerst (Teresa) Gebauer of Cascade; and nephews. Mrs. wife Gloria and three chil- Chapel, Dr. Michael T. several nieces and nephews. Richardson was preceded in dren. He is survived by his Conklin of the First United Charlie graduated from North death by her great-grandson children Dr. Linda (Jerry) Methodist Church of Lowell, Side High School in Fort Zachary Thomas Elliott and Soper of Grand Rapids, Tracy officiating. Interment Wayne in 1949 where he brother Bill Ackerson, Funeral (Jack) Pelton of Shipshewana, Grandville Cemetery. Meearned All-State football hon- services will be held Wednes- IN, Tammy (Rocky) Morgan, morial contributions may be ors. He then attended Purdue day at 1 p.m. at the First Bap- Tuesday (Robert) McCon, made to the Alzheimers As-University and subsequently tist Church of Lowell, 2275 Patricia Perry, Timothy sociation.

also played football. He served

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graduated from Western W. Main, Pastors Burland (Veronica) Williams all of Michigan University wherehe Margesson and Lee Taylor Kalamazoo; brothers Leon

Jensen Beach, Florida, Robin Olszewski of Caledonia; officiating. Interment Bowne (Merla) Williams of Grand (Steve) Rogers of Stuart, daughter Mary Olszewski of Center Cemetery. Memorial Rapids, Alan Williams of six great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. He

Wurzburg, Germany, until Before heading south to begin a teaching and foot-ball-coaching career. He be-

came the head football coach at Lowell High School in 1957 and held that position until leave for warmer climates fication Number (PIN) that may not be renewed early. 1967. He taught mathematics during the winter should re- has been assigned to the vefor 37 years and retired from member to renew their license hicle. Lowell High School in 1993. plates and driver's licenses He was an avid fisherman and beforehand, Secretary of State enjoyed traveling the country Terri Lynn Land said.

in their RV. Funeral services Seasonal residents-comwere held Monday at the First monly called "snowbirds"-Congregational Church of should check the expiration Lowell, Dr. Richard Green- dates of their driver's licenses wood and Dr. Roger La Warre and plates before leaving officiating. Interment Michigan. This will save them Oakwood Cemetery. Memo- the trouble of renewing while rial contributions may be made they are out of state.

to Visiting Nurses Hospice, Driver's licenses and li-1401 Cedar St. NE, Grand cense plates registered to an Clarksville, passed away Oc- early are:

tober 10, 2003. She is survived by her sons Alponse on the owner's birthday, in-(Audrey) Olszewski of San cluding leased vehicles.

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Children of all ages are rade begins at 4:30 p.m. Famiinvited to celebrate All Hal- lies are encouraged to bring a lows Eve at Historic Charlton carved or decorated pumpkin Park on Saturday, Oct. 25 from for the jack-o-lantern contest.

Tickets for the event may ented event begins with a trick be purchased in advance at individual for certain vehicles or treat through the Historic Historic Charlton Park, locan be renewed up to six village. Here visitors can cated between Hastings and RICHARDSON - Beulah E. months prior to expiration. sample old-fashioned candies Nashville; also at the gate on (Bea) Richardson, aged 83, of Plates that can be renewed and treats and play vintage Oct. 25. Admission is \$3 per

For more information. eating doughnuts on a string call 269-945-3775 or visit the www.charltonpark.org.

The annual costume pa-

Information session for literacy volunteers

The Kent County Literacy hour information session on

LOWELL CHARTER **TOWNSHIP**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold the second of two required meetings for the year on

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2003

at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, S.E.

On the agenda is any and all business which may be brought before this Board according to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance.

> Linda S. Regan, Clerk Lowell Charter Township

Council has scheduled a one- Thursday, Oct. 23 for prospective volunteer tutors. It allows persons interested in becoming volunteer tutors to find out more about the council's literacy programs. Following, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training.

> The session will be held in the VanderVeen Center of the Grand Rapids Public Library, 111 Library St. NE at 6:30 p.m. Call 459-5151 to register.

> > A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself. -Josh Billings

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By Dan Schneider

The Huntington Bank shows per year. building at 414 E. Main St. is "We rotate the shows with abstract. As a whole, the work tioning what kind of work they ists display their work.

life of the community.

it I got more and more excited at a time. about the idea," Myers said.

They are changed every ers. The paintings range from

five weeks for a total of ten stripped down, representa- within days of their show

mostly a bank. However, since the emphasis of showcasing features a lot of the colors will display. 1992 it has also been an art local artists," said Lorain orange and yellow. gallery where Lowell area art- Smalligan, executive director "Snow in the Pines" is in other buildings in town, but of the LAAC.

That year was when the Sometimes there are ings. At first glance, the paint- Huntington Bank has enjoyed Lowell Area Arts Council group shows at the bank, ing is a cacophony of camouas a gallery. (LAAC) approached Hunting- which the LAAC decided to flage-tones of green behind ton Bank vice president, name the "Huntington Galle- sharp strokes of purple. But unique in that they have the Chuck Myers with the idea of ria" to better suggest a place upon further observation, even space conducive to the show," getting art into the everyday with art on the walls. More with bright yellow in the fore- Smalligan said. frequently, however, the ground, the painting success-"As we both talked about shows feature one local artist fully evokes the quiet mood shows benefit the LAAC,

Currently, the artist is Jerri The bank underwrites the Teelander. Her paintings are much like a pine forest cov- efit for the LAAC is that it cost of installing the shows. watercolors, mostly of flow- ered in snow.

will be succeeded with work citizens of the Lowell area." by mixed media artist, "It extends the arm of the Rapids Amateur Astronomical Assoc. Hours: Tues. - Fri.: Kathleen Mooney.

its title suggests.

ably be sculpture. Organizers "into places where the popuaren't sure yet. Part of the lace wouldn't normally go character of the Galleria is thinking of art." that artists often wait until

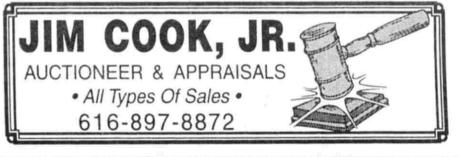
tional compositions to more opening to get around to men-

The LAAC has put up art one of her more abstract paint- none have had the long life

"Huntington is kind of

It looks to the mind very on sold pieces. The larger ben-Teelander's work remains sion statement to "integrate at the Galleria until Oct. 28. It the arts in daily life for all

We find delight in the beauty and happiness of children that makes the heart too big for the body. -Ralph Waldo Emerson



days, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11 at 8:30 a.m. in the volunteer room at the high school. For questions call Julie Quist at 897-6353.

Works for sale at the which receives a commission holidays! helps them fulfill their mis-

arts council farther into the Noon - 5 p.m.; Sat.: 1-4 p.m. 897-8545. Mooney's work will prob- community," Myers said,

exhibit by Jerri Teelander, a Lowell artist, on display at Huntington Bank, 414 E. Main St. thru Oct. 28. For info. call 897-8545.

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ACADEMIC BOOSTERS

HOLIDAY GIFT CERTIFICATES

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CAMPY MOVIE SHOW

AT THE LAAC

Council, 149 S. Hudson, will feature "Murder at the Observa-

tory" and "Aliens at the Observatory," films directed and

produced by Jim Marron featuring members of the Grand

WATERCOLOR EXHIBIT

The Lowell Area Arts Council is presenting a watercolor

Every Saturday through Nov. 1, the Lowell Area Arts

You can now get gift certificates at the Flat River Outreach

The LHS Academic Boosters will be meeting on Thurs-

BLUEGRASS JAM SESSION

There will be a bluegrass jam session this Saturday, Oct. 18 at the 4-H fairgrounds in the King Memorial Bldg.1st annual board meeting of West Michigan Bluegrass Association: 4:30 p.m.; jam session 6-8 p.m.; gen. meeting: 8 p.m.; and jammin' following the meeting.

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velopment, 2300 sq. ft. finished. Great floor plan with a

eautiful view of woods and conservancy property. Formal

lining room, large living room with fireplace, gigantic maste

suite. Main floor laundry and 1/2 bath off garage. Great

walkout level ready to be finished. Much, much, more! This

one you have to see! \$287,000 Pat Schaefer



Lowell: Affordable

done much work to offer this home with little left to do. New countertops in kitchen and hardwood floors in dining area. Main floor laundry and office area. New vertical blinds in living room look superb. One stall garage w/extra room in back. Priced to sell at only \$115,900 Joice Smith



Lowell: Great Hunting!

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There is a song by Sally Rogers that I think about this time of year, a song that she wrote about her grandmother, who lived in the Grand Traverse area. In the third verse Rogers wrote: Now three score years have come and gone like the fruit on

the trees And her children and children with babies on their knees. And they all join in the summertime on the Crystal Lake

To greet lovely Agnes, now twelve years and four score. This is a song that reminds me of my own grandmother whose death this past spring brought her half way through her 102nd year. When I was a child going to her home for Thanksgiving or Christmas, the generations of her family fit around a single table in the basement of her house in the woods. Twelve years ago we gathered on a rare fall day to celebrate her ninetieth birthday, with the five generations of her family multiplied and spread out all through her house and yard. My

ENGAGEMENTS

oldest daughter came late to the celebration to announce to the

that Lindsay Marie Scigliano He is also attending Western and Trevor Michael Land an- Michigan University where he nounce their engagement.

daughter of David and Nancy ing as a co-op engineer at Scigliano. She is currently at- Stryker Instruments. tending Western Michigan University where she is study- 2000 class of Lowell High ing Human Resource Man- School and will graduate from agement. She works as a re- college in 2004. cruiting assistant at Borgess Medical Center.

The groom-to-be is the

It is with much rejoicing son of Peter and Debra Land. is studying Mechanical Engi-The bride-to-be is the neering. He is currently work-

Both are graduates of the

An August 14, 2004 wedding is being planned.

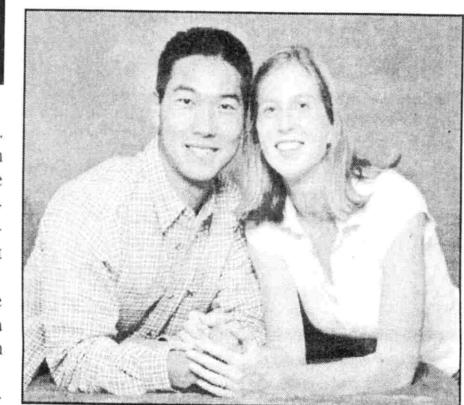
whole family her engagement to Bill. It was a memorable day

Two years ago we gathered again on a chillier fall day to mark the completion of her 100th year of life, and I noted that in those ten years I had begun to watch the generations of my own family lengthen out in front of me. This spring those generations gathered for one more time, a great crowd of us, as we celebrated her life and laid her to rest beside my grandfather, to whom she had been married for sixty-seven years.

It was a rare and wonderful gathering, but with the center, my grandmother, gone, it may never be repeated again. There is a sense of sadness this October, knowing that Mary Wygant is not here to preside over a gathering of her family. And yet there is also a sense that the world is going on as it should, with one generation giving way to another. And there is the realization that the connections and relationships that we have forged together through the years as a family, although changed now, will always be there. It is the gift that my grandmother gave us with her century plus-a year-and a half of presence with us.

Just a reflection, but it seems to me that God has bound us together in just such a family across the expanse of our community and our globe. And we are derelict in the care of our relationships if we allow ourselves to be separated by national boundaries, racial barriers, economic divisions, or personal or public rivalries. The feeling that everything is "just right" in those great family gatherings is the feeling I should get when I look into our community, and across our world. It's not that we don't have differences - what family doesn't? It is just that we cannot allow our differences to drive a wedge between us.

God binds us together. Who are we to disagree?



Trevor Michael Land and Lindsay Marie Scigliano

VOWS SPOKEN



Margaret Eileen and Eric Jon Jones

garet (Meg) Eileen Jipping Church in Ada.

Parents of the couple are Ringbearer was Zakary Jones. James and Yvonne Jipping of Lowell and Greg and Kathy Jones of Zeeland.

Maid of honor was Katie Douglas, Kristen Dou- in Lowell. glas and Kaylene Young. Flower girl was Teagan Burns. home in Holland. Best man was Matthew

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Evening Worship.

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..11:20 A.M

.6:00 P.M

Eric Jon Jones and Mar- Jones. Groomsmen were Jason Allaire, Ben Lacy, Jon were married on June 28, 2003 Wolters, Brian Garland and at St. Robert of Newminster Mike Garvelink. Ushers were Joel Wolbers and Tim Hurley.

> Master and mistress of ceremonies were Thomas and Karen Douglas. The Rev. James Kowalski

Johanna Jipping (Meg's twin officiated at the afternoon cersister). Bridesmaids were emony with a reception fol-Charlyne Jones, Ainsley Smit, lowing at Deer Run Golf Club

The couple make their

AREA BIRTHS

Caitlin and Michael Doyle birth of their sister, Anna Elizabeth, born September 27, 2003 at 9:21 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and was 20 inches long. Proud parents are Stephen and Michelle Doyle of Lowell.

Proud grandparents are Grand Rapids.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Telman.

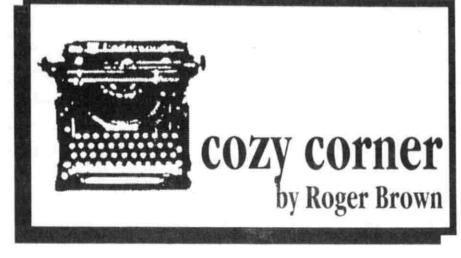
Snyder.

OCT. 19: Lydia Brenk, Nancy Brenk, Ruth Smith, Zachary Clouser.

Michael V. Johnson, Charlene Wilson.

Ismail, Donna Potter.

Viewpoint.



Gotta make this short folks! The wife needs the computer this morning to finish up our monthly publication and get it off to the printer. Her time on the computer takes precedence over mine. She actually does something profitable and construc-

Unlike computers, we have two TVs in the house. It's a darned good thing, too! Last night was a classic example of mercials ... "But wait, there's more!" There was more! I what I'm talkin' about.

one of those times when it just felt good to hunker down in front of the old tube. We ate leftovers and watched the nightly news together. That's as long as it lasted. My wife grabbed the remote and switched to a "West Wing" re-run. I'm outa there!!!

"The West Wing" is one of many popular shows I can this. proudly claim to have never watched even a single episode. For starters, I can't stand Martin Sheen. He hasn't done anything worthwhile since "Apocalypse Now" and fathering Charlie. Secondly, we're subjected to way too much Washington garbage in the media. I can't begin to understand watching that stuff as entertainment.

I tuned in to a "Seinfeld" re-run. It was a classic... the "Worlds Collide" episode when George's girlfriend started John Wayne special on PBS. hanging out with the group.

"Wings at War" segment on the "Discovery Wings Channel." The Republic P-47 Thunderbolt was featured. The P-47 just happens to be my very favorite WWII aircraft, so Iwas geeked at my discovery on the "Discovery" channel.

The P-47 segment rolled right into the pre-game show for game four of the American League Championship Series between the Red Sox and Yankees. I absolutely love postseason baseball. I don't watch or follow any baseball during

Sharing The Vision

For questions, contact Superintendent Shari Miller or

The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education has an-

Superintendent Shari Miller and Assistant Superin-

nounced that a one-year salary and benefits package for

administrators and non-union support staff is to be approved at

the Oct. 13 board meeting. Agreement has been reached as

tendents, Jim White and Connie Gillette have agreed to a 0

· Building principals and Director of Operations will receive

a 2 percent salary increase, retroactive to July 1, 2003, and

· Director of Outdoor Education Programs, Director of Stu-

dent Development and Network Administrator will receive

a 2 percent salary increase, retroactive to July 1, 2003, and

· Non-union support staff (central office, technology, secu-

rity, transportation office, mechanics, school-to-career coor-

dinator, performing arts director) will receive a 2 percent

salary increase, retroactive to July 1, 2003, and will pay \$30

similar to that being proposed for non-union groups.

alternatives for 2004-05 and beyond.

will pay \$50 per month (beginning Nov. 1, 2003) toward the

Gillette) beginning Nov. 1, 2003.

cost of health insurance.

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Assistant Superintendent Connie Gillette at 897-8415.

follows:

the season, but I'm hooked on the play-offs. I'm like the professed Christian that only goes to church on Easter Sunday. I'd get out my suit and dust off my wingtips if that were required attire for post-season baseball.

At the first commercial I flipped to see what was on PBS. It's a favorite trick of mine because PBS doesn't air commercials. BINGO!!! It was "The Antiques Road Show." I gleefully clicked between replays of Don Zimmer being thrown to the ground in game three and antique appraisals. When the game started, PBS was just a simple click away as a place to avoid commercials between innings. This was great, but the best was yet to come.

At nine o'clock (around the top of the third inning) "Road Show" ended, but my PBS station rolled into something even better ... a biography of JohnWayne! Between innings of a classic Yankees vs. Red Sox duel, I was catching glimpses of tive. Me ... I churn out this gibberish. Besides, she outranks the Duke in "Red River," "Stagecoach," "The Sands of Iwo Jima," "True Grit," etc. This was channel-surfer heaven!

As they always, and I mean ALWAYS, say in inforemembered that it was Monday night. Monday night in I hate myself if I watch too much TV, but last night was October means, what else ... "Monday Night Football." clicked to ABC. It was the lowly Rams and Falcons playing indoors, on artificial grass at St. Louis. The exciting Mike Vick is still hurt, so it certainly could have been a better game. But it was still the NFL with John Madden and Al Michaels in the booth. I'm sorry folks, but TV just doesn't get much better than

At one point I pried myself from this electronic orgy and August. went to the kitchen for a snack. My wife was still watching "West Wing" re-runs. There is some sort of "West Wing" Marathon going on. Maybe we should force the Iraqi detainees down in Cuba to watch. That'd make 'em talk. "Turn off please, please! I tell you everything!!! Just turn off Martin Sheen!" My wife was not impressed when I informed her of the

All good things must come to an end. The Red Sox won Seinfeld ended and I channel surfed to the last half of a (YES!!!) 3-2. John Wayne died and I lost interest in the Rams and Falcons. The game ended way past my normal bedtime. Consequently, I got up later than I usually do when writing this stuff on Tuesday mornings. Now my wife is pestering me to finish with the computer. So, as John Wayne might say, "Adios, Big Fella," or "So long, Little Missy."

Two games tonight. Can't wait! Just for the record, I'm with the Tooth Fairy, Easter Bunny and Santa Claus in pulling for a Cubs vs. Red Sox World Series.

The agreement reached with these employees will help the District deal with the rising cost of health insurance. Employees expressed their appreciation for fair wage increases in light of difficult economic times, and felt sharing the cost of health insurance was reasonable.

The District's bus drivers are also working cooperatively with the administration to explore insurance alternatives and to reach a fair and equitable settlement.

Board president, Nancy Hopkins stated, "The Board of Education appreciates the cooperative manner in which these settlements were reached. We value our employees and are committed to providing fair wages and benefits to each of our employee groups. These settlements reflect shared priorities putting kids first, quality education and accountability."

TO THE EDITOR

percent salary increase for the 2003-04 school year, and an Dear Editor: insurance co-pay of \$60 per month (Miller) and \$50 (White &

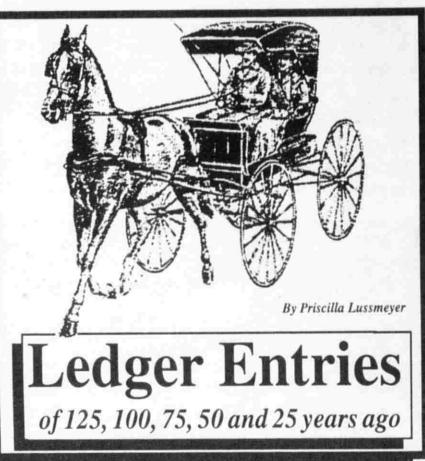
The marriage of certain religious groups and churches to the government via the Republican Party is a very dangerous occurrence. Are these "social conservatives" fully and openly ready to accept the misdeeds, the compromises, the grievous failures of ethics and morals which abound in the world of through Alto. compromise, politics and government?

Doesn't the scriptural question, "How can a man serve two masters?" still sound a piercing, clarion call to a higher principle than we know exists in Washington, the world of the will pay \$40 per month (beginning Nov. 1, 2003) toward the Pentagon, and the CIA?

For willing churches to allow themselves to slavishly do the work of partisan politics, albeit Democrat or Republican, is to dilute the sacred mission of the church called out to be prophetic and to maintain its moral purpose: speaking out against evil and corruption wherever and whenever it is found

per month (beginning Nov. 1, 2003) toward the cost of health Certain ideological groups are determined to maintain an electoral edge in national politics, especially during the ramp-· All employee groups, except the superintendent and assisup to the presidential election in 2004 by recruiting pastors and tant superintendents will also receive a one-time stipend, membership lists. They're even now training ministers and congregations to skirt the rules in law and use the pulpit and the In addition, these employees will be meeting with the collection plate to promote one candidate, one platform, one administration in the upcoming months to review insurance slate over another.

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125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL OCTOBER 16, 1878

The new cigar firm of Arleth and Mason is in Morris' News office building

A new name for paper money advocates: "Flatlets," according to the "Honest Money" (gold standard) editor. Thomas Shepherd of Bowne has been missing since mid-

Charles Holt of the mineral springs at Cascade operates a

very large trout hatchery there. Elections must be coming, as the editor writes about political parties and persons, and little else.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **OCTOBER 15, 1903**

Businessmen of Michigan and Ohio promise that the power house, car barns and machine shops for the proposed street railway will be located in Lowell.

The Ledger office has school report cards for sale.

Some railroad workers on a hand car at West Lowell saved themselves by jumping off before a special (unscheduled) train demolished it.

Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution Prof. Samuel Langley creates a steel 60-foot flying machine which flies 100 yards off its launch track into the Potomac River.

China and the U.S. work out an agreement with each other allowing U.S. access to the country and trading rights.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO **OCTOBER 18, 1928**

Substitute with "80 years The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo"

The Ionia County Commissioners reject state plans to move M-16, and vote to pave it in its present setting, through Portland, Ionia and Saranac.

The high school boys have organized a glee club under the direction of Mr. Clark.

Teachers Institute will meet in Kalamazoo for this district Oct. 29 and 30; thus no school those days.

Lowell churches are the Congregational, Methodist, Baptist, Christian Science Society and German Methodist.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER OCTOBER 15, 1953

The new street signs along Main Street receive compli-

Kent County and the C&O railroad will install a \$7,000 signal at the Grand River Drive crossing in south Lowell.

A thrown green tomato breaks Richard Nead's glasses and

causes severe eye injuries as he rides as an auto passenger Paul's Drive-In restaurant, opened a week ago, is burglar-

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER OCTOBER 18, 1978

The design for the new Showboat shows a stern-wheeler with polyfoam flotation. The old one was a side-wheeler with

Bucky gives a short history of Mississippi steamboating in his weekly booster column, "Refloat Showboat."

Mrs. Vern Sturges shows the 35-inch monster Filipino squash that took over her garden. It's an armful.

City manager Ray Quada is concerned with possible chaos in the coming election, given the long ballot and expected

The new bottle bill, passed in 1976, will go into effect Oct. 3, with 5-cent deposit on generic bottles, and 10 cents on brand-named bottles and cans.

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Lowell's first historic home tour filled with stories of another era

This weekend the Lowell Area Historical Museum presented its first Lowell Historic Home Tour. For those who missed it, the following is an account of some of the interesting historical details of the eight homes featured on the walk.

This is what was going on paper The Truth Seeker on year. in the world before the turn of May 10, 1879. The paper was the 19th century:



hangman's rope

the news of the day as re- 1995, Hoats having inherited

Hoats-VanStee home historic home. They found it Those were headlines of while renovating the house in 19th century.

"devoted to science, morals, modern and full of art on the Grant is taking tea in free thought and human hap- inside. It remains true to its China, the Zulus in South Afpiness." It was published by historical nature on the outrica are suing for peace, and a D.M. Bennett and found by side; the walls and grounds murdererleft Texas for heaven Margaret Hoats and Sandy surrounding looking very usual line—a VanStee in the wall of their

much like an authentic turnof-the-19th century home should. Hoats felt it was unnecessary to go to great lengths to maintain the originality of the inside of the house during the renovation as it lacked the ornate woodwork characteristic of homes in that era.

Now the home is very

The renovation turned up a few more copies of The Truth Seeker, a Grand Rapids Herald from 1880, some tin cans, and an advertisement extolling Dr. Crook's Wine of Tar, "For the World." Dr. Crook's Wine of Tar was available in Lowell at the J.Q. Look drug store before the turn-of-the-

Another home built beported by the New York news- it from her mother earlier that fore the 19th century became

and Deb Canfield built in 1887 on Washington Street. That house had worthwhile woodwork, which the Canfields took care to preserve in restyling the home. The previous owners had left the house neglected and forlorn ... thus benefiting the woodwork.

"For 25 years they never painted it, inside and out," Greg Canfield said. "That kind of preserved the house, the original woodwork. A lot of times in the '60s they painted

The house had once been the home of author Glendon

the 20th was the home of Greg Swarthout. He lived there in cony," Canfield said. The balthe 1930s and 1940s. It was cony overlooks King Street. the place where he wrote Wel- "It referenced the yellow forcome to Thebes. The book was sythia bush which was still a work of fiction with charac- here when we bought the ters based on actual Lowell home.'

> "It was pretty spicey stuff forsythia had seen better days, for the '40s," Canfield said. So the book caused a stir

The Canfields moved into the Victorian place in 1990. Greg Canfield downplays the home's literary significance. "Swarthout just refers to

the mother, who was a lunatic, screaming from the bal-

By that time the yellow so the Canfields removed it while making improvements to the lawn.

Harold Luther Weekes wanted a better house than the one that was on the corner of King and Jefferson around 1930. He moved it to the lot

Another era, cont'd., pg. 7

Contract negotiations, continued...From page 1

tor are now requiring them of their employees. This comparison was invalid, they argued, because the nature and goals of education are so different from those of profitdriven corporations.

that since other districts in Kent County have no co-pay, to require that of Lowell teach-

"You cannot compare teachers to workers in the private sector," Meiste said. "Who is going to want to teach

Teachers brought up the Bonnie Meiste, a Lowell issue of reduced planning time for middle school teachers. The board proposes to cut the preparation time that middle school teachers are given dur-

companies in the private sec- unattractive to new teaching more in line with elementary school and high school prep time. Currently, middle school teachers are allowed 450 minutes per week while elementary and high school teachers are given 200 and 230, respectively

"If equitable preparation time is an important issue to the school board, then you should find a way to give the other grade levels adequate ers would make the district ing the workday to make it time rather than eliminating prep time in the middle school," said Sharon MacDermaid, a middle school

The school board stated its position that the sacrifices in its proposal were necessary not so much for this year's budget, but to prepare the schools in anticipation of uncertain times ahead.

"What we have here is a situation of fixed income and rising costs, and we're looking for solutions not just for this year but for years beyond," board trustee Kate Dernocoeur

Meanwhile, negotiations continue. The next scheduled mediation is for Monday, Oct.

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THURS.: Walking taco. Mexican corn, red delicious apple, cold milk.

FRI.: No lunch; 1/2 day of

Another era, continued...From page 6

just north of there and built a new brick home on the spot. The old house remains to the north of the red brick home Dr. Bob and Carol Reagan bought in 1957.

The Reagans have since lived in the house. Some years ago Dr. Reagan restored the home's oak trim and doors. It was a painstaking process requiring four years and a lot of work with sandpaper and steel

They moved into the house in the first place to accommodate their growing family. Carol Reagan said the house was aptly suited for the purpose of raising her five children.

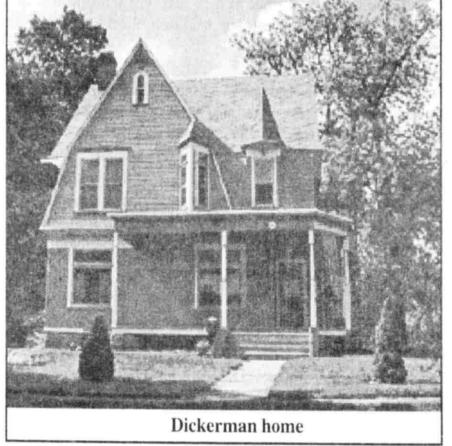
Dickerman on High Street was steadily restoring it. built in 1898, designed in late Victorian by Arthur Rush and room, a little bit at a time," Sons. The house has been she said. "Mostly we're work- lived in the house for four style and owned by H.A. home to large families in the ing on the outside and doing years. past. Both the Hill family who the repair work as we go built the home and the along." Homolka family who lived housing the elderly and dis- with a life of its own.

Dickerman said. "The downso a lot of people died in this

edged this was a sad fact of smell," Curtis said. She would the house's history. However, smell the perfume upstairs and during the historic home tour, in the kitchen. she received visits from several people who had fond four-year-old daughter saw a memories of visiting loved white figure move through the ones in the home as children. kitchen.

Since buying the house,

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"We're working room by Curtis said.

It is important to the couple of years." there before the Dickermans Dickermans to maintain the bought it a few years ago were historic character of the house rounded by an ornate garden large families. In between the and its story. Tina Dickerman and a white picket fence, was two large families, the house sees the house not just as a built about 1890. It contains was Dalstra's Group Home, place to live, but as a place some very exotic woodwork.

was their last stop," Tina home that has the history."

Rich and Carrie Curtis stairs was a ward for people have been sharing their home who couldn't walk upstairs, with a sweet-smelling ghost. "When I first moved in

here I could not figure it out; Dickerman acknowl- there was this strong perfume A few months ago her

"She said, 'Mom, it was

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dress and now it's gone,"

"We just got done paint-

ing," Curtis said. "It took a The house, now sur-

Some distinguishing char-

"You're just a caretaker acteristics of Dan and Sharon "For a lot of people, this of a home," she said. "It is the Vosovic's Edwardian home on High Street are its original

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yard, where a carriage house faces east. Dan Vosovic found catalogs in the carriage house dating back to 1890. The house was built in 1907. The colors include mus-

window glass and the rich col-

ors on the walls. The old glass

has waves in it that ripple the

surface of the view to the back-

tard yellow, lavender and a dark color somewhere between blue and purple.

"These are period colors," Vosovic said. "There weren' a lot of shades so they used bold colors and white." The sidewalk undulates

up and around the large trees in front of the Ivan and Carolyn Jane Blough home on The house of Jeff and Tina the Dickermans have been white, it was wearing a long Jefferson Street. This home is bright bleach-white with subtle lemon-yellow accents. The Curtis family have It was built in the Victorian Sherman in 1890.

> Inside, the home has parlor furniture from England. It was brought over in 1854

Curtis home Original light fixtures remain Riverside Drive dates back to in the parlor, dining room and the 1880s when it was built

The Victorian home on

heavy and brick, rich light-

brown brick. It has a field-

for Josephine S. Sinclair. It The house John Sterly has had several owners since bought in May of 2002 is then and it probably once had a carriage house; some older stone near Mercer Street was probably once its foundation.

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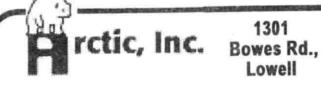
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To the Editor, continued...From Page 5

There are many ways for citizens to involve in democracy these athletes say it doesn't matter, but what kind of message and to express and practice their moral and religious beliefs are we sending? When I pick up the paper to read cross country that don't constitute a bold blindfaith marriage of their prin-

one believer said, "I'm tired of going to Sunday service to outstanding example for all high school sports! Go Cross! worship God only to be bombarded by partisan rhetoric and political appeals."

> Thomas Houseman Holland, MI

scores, I start at the back page to find results: when I want to ciples, their religious communities, to the morass of politics. read football scores, I start at the front page to find a big article The churches that co-opt the freedom of their members with photos and stats. Cross country is grueling: how many through preaching politics, practicing cohabitation of church people do you know who complete a competitive 5k every haggling with state-to become useful auxiliaries of political organiz- week, then run 5 or more miles daily to train for the next one? ers-ultimately lose their voices as moral paragons. The power These athletes at least deserve respect for their determination, of the gospel becomes tainted by the power of mammon. As spirit, and perseverance. Kudos to cross country for setting an

An open letter to: Lowell Area Board of Education, Lowell Area Education Association.

First: Applause! Applause! For what, together, you have accomplished-an excellent school district.

Second: it is time to take the necessary steps to continue the tradition. Simply put, it is time to reach a contract settlement. The district, the public deserve better than the continued

Third: a modest proposal. Would it not be possible for the Board president and one other member of the Board, and the Association president and a teacher to meet in a secure, retreattype setting and hammer out an agreement? Could this not produce a new level of trust and cooperation between the Sharon Ellison Board and Association?

Finally, the continued stalemate will only increase tension and mistrust throughout the whole community.

> Sincerely, Vance M. Dimmick former school board member

Dear Editor.

I am writing a letter to bring attention to a group of hardworking high school athletes who are rarely given the recognition they deserve. I am talking about the sport of cross country and the individuals who have the strength, endurance and character to participate in a mostly overlooked arena. There are no pep rallies, homecoming parades, newspaper headlines, or huge crowds to cheer on these athletes. There are no "Wednesday night frenzy" news reports or helicopters circling their field. The only spectators you will find are a few By Dan Schneider parents, coaches and maybe a former runner or two.

However, if you need to have your spirit lifted, you should make an effort to go to a cross country meet. In this world of aggressive, negative behavior at sporting events, this group is a breath of fresh air. You will not hear any put downs, booing, or griping about poor officiating. You will not see athletes who spend hours and months training for a sport sitting on the

What you will see is athletes who enjoy what they are doing and who are supportive of their sport, and who treat each other with respect. At last week's meet, I saw a student racing and farm equipment stored alongside runners from an opposing team shouting encouraginside. ing words. Some spectators thought he was a coach, but to me he was the perfect example of what these athletes are about. Fire Department received the Before the race, they are laughing and enjoying each other's company - whether or not they are teammates. During meets I see runners who struggle to finish the course receive a huge reception at the finish line equal to the one a runner who has just set a record receives. After the race there are handshakes and congratulations all around - regardless of how you or your team finished. I could give many more examples of the integrity and spirit of this sport, but there isn't enough space!

The lack of attention this sport receives is unfair. Most of

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Fire destroys barn; three local departments called to scene

Fire departments from Alto, Lowell, and Clarksville responded to a barn fire last week Tuesday evening near the corner of 52nd and Pratt Lake in Lowell Township.

The fire collapsed the steel pole barn on top of vehicles

The Bowne Township call at 4 p.m.

"We took three engines and two tankers," said Jerry Posthumus, fire chief for

Posthumus's department was fire "knocked down" in 45 minutes. At 4:55, they called Zaagman, who was renting

"We sent one engine to blaze. the scene and we sent a tanker Area Fire Department.

Clarksville Fire Depart- greater. ment also sent equipment and

"The center of the barn with a steel roof, was pretty much collapsed," riving at the scene."We could stayed on the scene for two Commerce this week followsee a lot of thick black smoke hours. During that time, eight ing a car wreck with a semi

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The barn belonged to Ed remained in Lowell.

Zaagman's brother-in- said. "We were fortunate to and set up a water pumping law, Gary Blough, stored farm station at Pratt Lake," said equipment in one half of the Lieutenant Ron van Overbeek, barn. Blough's loss was estifire investigator at the Lowell mated to be \$5,000. He estimated Boylan's to be much

> The barn was 30 years old. It was a steel-sided pole barn

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seven minutes. They had the from the station when we left." firefighters and two engines have 14, 15 people in the area at the time of the call."

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and it was slippery since it was wet," Mickel said.

slowed abruptly to avoid a car that had pulled onto M-21. A white semi truck behind him did not slow down and rearended Mickel's car.

"The car was totaled," Mickel said. "At least I got out of it alive, that's the only thing that matters to me."

Mickel has been recovering from head pain and pressure around his eyes as a result of the accident.

Mickel's face is familiar around Lowell. Though he lives in Grand Rapids, he devotes countless volunteer hours to the chamber and other organizations in town.

on projects with the Lowell Police Department: one being the Citizens Police Academy program going on now at the

Many local residents bothered by pesky lady bugs

Harmonia axyridis like to hi- and offer bernate in cavities, together in great numbers and they bite when handled.

Native to northeastern Asia, the lady beetle was first officially reported in Michigan in 1994 but has probably been present since the early 1990's. It is now found in all 83 Michigan counties and several other states.

vast majority in Michigan ing on whether you are looking at it from the front or rear. beetles are good for some- will die and the cycle contin-

tinguished from the domestic concealment. F They spots or as many as 20. The exposure. and spots range from zero to winter. On sunny days there is 18. However, all lady beetles sufficient radiant energy to spring, the annoying insects share one feature: there is a warm the siding. If the tem- will emerge from their winter TO ALL CREDITORS: mark on the pronotum (sec- peratures where the beetles quarters. After they leave, they tion that separates the head are hibernating get near 50 will look for food, mate and area from the abdomen) that degrees F., they may wake up the females will begin laying looks like a W or M depend- and begin crawling around. eggs on foliage. A short time

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Asian lady beetles are dis-

ladybugs in the color of their are most commonly found rises and falls dewings: pumpkin-orange to gathering in the fall on the pending upon the year. mustard-yellow and even jet- sun-facing exposure of a black; they may have no black building - usually a southern beetles seem to be all over the Don't be surprised if you to a building or its contents, seem to be mustard-yellow see them in your house in the including people and pets.

Believe it or not, these later, both males and females

The reason so many of thing. They control the aphid ues. these insects are showing up population - those insects in and on our homes right now which suck the sap from stems

Those pesky Asian Lady is that they are beginning to or leaves of plants, and trans-secticide registered for out-

Even though these lady

beetles, a.k.a. multi-colored seek out cavities where they mit many plant diseases. The door use and, if practical, Asian ladybird beetle, multi- will spend the winter hiber- number of Asian lady beetles caulk obvious cracks and colored Asian ladybug or Hal- nating. They require cavities is pretty much regulated by spaces where they can gain loween beetle, are back! The that will stay cool and dry, prey availability, especially access; or fill an attachment aphids, so that goes on a water hose for popula- dispensing fertilizer, pesti-

cides, etc., with a strong soap another option. However, they solution and hose them down. cannot guarantee their elimi-

clude caulking all those places as they have no practical costwhere pipes, conduits and effective method of getting to wires come through the walls. areas where the hibernating Calling an exterminator is also beetles have massed.

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NOTICE TO CREDI-TORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 03-176, 386-DE

Estate of place, they do not cause harm MARY ELLEN O'CONNOR, Date of birth: And with the return of June 2, 1943

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, MARY ELLEN O'CONNOR, who lived at 8247 Vergennes St., SE, Ada, MI 49301 died 9/8/03.

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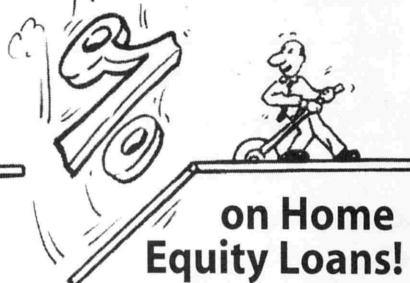
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"It was really raining hard The chamber volunteer

VICTORIA R. CAVERLY Last known address 1102 Bowes Rd. Apt. 7 Lowell, MI 49331

TO DEFENDANT, IT IS ORDERED:

Lately he's been working

LEGAL NOTICES ger for three (3) consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed A copy of this order shall be sent to Defendant VICTORIA R. CAVERLY

at the last known address by First Class mail, before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

October 10, 2003

in this court.

DENNIS F. MURPHY



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The events started Wednesday when the junior girls tied the senior girls 16-16 in the Powderpuff Football Game.

Homecoming queen and king, Stephanie Blanchard and Patrick Doyle were crowned in an assembly Friday afternoon.

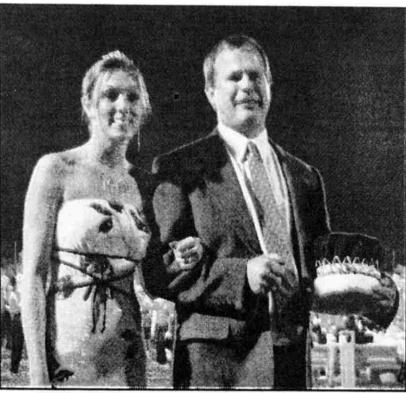
That evening, the sophomore's Peter Pan float won the float contest in the homecoming parade.

The football team did their part, beating Unity Chrisian 42-0.

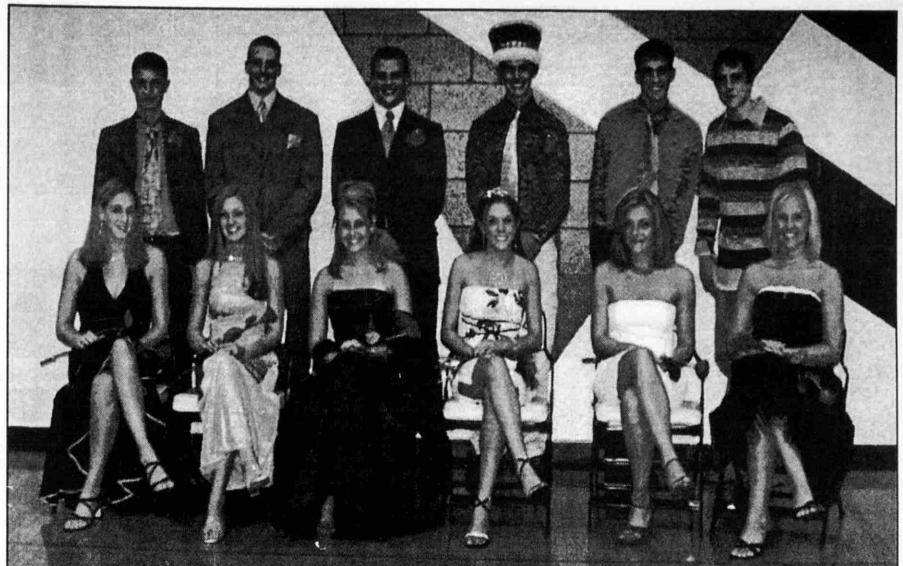
And the homecoming dance took place Saturday night at the high school, setting a record by selling 865 tickets.



Freshman representatives were Alex Fleet and Brooke



Queen Stephanie Blanchard with Brian Doyle, the king's father.



Seniors in the gym (back row l-r): Josh Abdoo, Jeff McPherson, Tom Eldridge, Patrick Doyle (King), Ben Lemke and Alan Nugent; (front, l-r): Leslie Koehn, Julie Halbeisen, Ashley Claypool, Stephanie Blanchard (Queen), Kati Capps and Jamie Zoodsma.



Sophomore float (l-r) class representatives were Louie Glinzak and Shelia Walling. Cory Kowalski was Peter Pan; Olivia Nurmikko was Tinkerbell.



Junior float representatives, left to right were: Keegan Geldersma, Anthony Bronkella as the Mad Hatter, Amanda Rau as Alice, Chelsea Karas and David Sefton. Not pictured is Frank Mulder who was on the football team.



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HISTORY OF LOWELL SHOWBOAT

The Lowell Showboat Garden Club program will feature Ivan Blough with pictures on the history of the Lowell Showboat on Monday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Nazarene Church Fellowship Hall, corner of Avery and N. Washington. Public Meijer. welcome/light refreshments served. Bring one nonperishable food item for the Flat River Outreach Ministries Food Bank.

LOWELL AREA COMMUNITY FUND REPORT

The community is invited to the City Hall council chambers on Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 5:30 p.m. to hear the Lowell Area Community Fund Annual Report and learn about this year's grants!

FLU/PNEUMONIA SHOTS

Shots will be given at Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. from 9-11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25. Cost: \$17 flu shot; \$28 pneumonia shot (1st time only). Medicare will cover the cost of the flu shot but your card is required.

FALL PROGRAM AT MUSEUM

The Lowell Area Historical Museum will present its fall program "Arrowhead Identification and Presentation" by Kevin Finney on Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall. Free admission, light refreshments, public welcome. Bring your arrowheads and Indian artifacts for identification and dating.

FLU SHOTS

Shots will be available on Thursday, Oct. 30 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Schneider Manor Community Room.

F.R.O.M. BENEFIT

Nerds on Site will be sponsoring a Fill The Beetle - Feed The People campaign, a food drive for Flat River Outreach Ministries on Saturday, Nov. 1 from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. at or near

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The trip, from June 21 - 25, includes all transportation, tickets to all included attractions (Ground Zero Memorial, Times Square, Broadway musical, Today show + lots more), hotel accommodations, buffet breakfasts at the hotel. Cost: \$600; a \$200 nonrefundable deposit is required by Nov. 1 to reserve space on the bus. Call Christine Beachler at 897-1323 if interested.

CRAFT SHOW AT ST. PATRICK'S

Visit the St. Patrick - Parnell craft show on Saturday, Nov. 1 from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Home baked goods, hourly raffles, lunch; at the corner of Parnell Ave. and 5 Mile Rd.

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tour will visit the Lowell Sunday, Oct. 19. A Project firearms safer by raising ChildSafe representative will distribute free cablesible firearm ownership stylegunlocks and accompanying educational ma-The program is terials as part of its pro-

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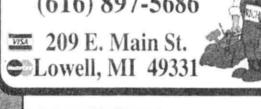
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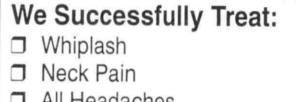
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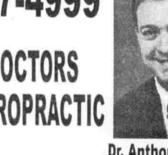
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EVERY MON.: Lowell meets Key Heights Mobile High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Friends - meets from 7-8:30 p.m. in members' homes. Call 676-1355.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: Fallasburg Historical Society holds monthly board meeting at chamber office at 7 p.m. Public invited. 897-7161.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Board of Education meets at 7:00 p.m. in Administration Building, 300 High Street.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: Bowne Township Historical Society holds its regular meeting at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash, 7:30 p.m.

THIRD MON. OF THE MONTH: Lowell Showboat Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of the Nazarene Church. For info. call Dave: 897-2533.

MON. OR TUES .: Cub Scouts for boys in 1st - 5th grades, Alto or Lowell. Call Terry Amidon at 897-8751.

FOURTH MON. OF EACH MONTH: Clark-Ellis American Legion Post 152 meets at 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30 p.m.

THIRD MON. OF EACH MONTH: Women of the Moose business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

EVERY 1ST MON.: V.F.W. Post #8303 meets at 3116 Alden Nash S.E. at 7 p.m.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102: boys 11 & up or completing 5th-grade, meets 7-8:30 p.m. at Scout Cabin on N. Washington St. Call Terry 868-6481.

1ST & 3RD TUES .: Diabetic Support group meets at 9:30 a.m. at Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

2ND & 4TH TUES .: MOPS EVERY WED .: Lowell - Mothers of Preschoolers ... because mothering mat-

EVERY OTHER SUN: Sewing Guild meets at Fairgrounds. 897-6050. 5255 Grand River Dr. 6:30 EVERY SECOND WED. social time; 7 p.m. pro- Lowell Women's Club

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members welcome.

1ST TUES.: Adults with ment Center, 897-7842. AD/HD at Calvin College 7-9 p.m. Free. Call Gary EVERY FOURTH WED.: Engle at 897-6325 or 248-

FOURTH TUES.: Knights 897-9794. Special date this St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m. p.m.

EVERY SECOND TUES .: THURS .: Weight Watch-Lowell Masonic Lodge reg. ers at Lowell Nazarene sonic Center, 119 Lincoln ton, 5:30 & 7 p.m. Register

EVERY 1ST & 3RD 800-651-6000. TUES.: Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look THURS.: Join the Saranac Memorial Fire Station. 315 S. Hudson St.

EVERY 3RD TUES.: band:7-8 p.m. Call Kathv Parents of children w/AD/ Maatman 897-5981 w/ HD at St. Luke's Lutheran questions Church, 32156 4 Mile NE /E. Beltline) 7 p.m. Call EVERY THURS .: Pottery Linda 874-5662; teen classes at Franciscan Life group: Call Sarah 281-

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6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club - Calvary Chris- 8 p.m. 897-9393. tian Reformed Church Girls ages 8-13. 897-8694.

meets at the Lowell Congregational Church

EVERY WED.: Rotary meets at Annalaine's on meets at noon at Lowell Masonic Temple.

EVERY WED.: "Peppers" EVERY 2ND THURS.: (Sr. adults) at Franciscan N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 Life Process Center: 1-3:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran p.m. \$10/wk. Transporta- Church, 2700 E. Fulton. tion? Call Pat 897-7842.

Church of the Nazarene Caravan children's program, 7 p.m., 5-12 years. Call 897-8800 with ???'s.

EVERY SECOND WED. Kent County Youth Fair EVERY 3RD THURS .: SECOND TUES.: G.R. Board, 7:30 p.m. at King Chapter of the American Memorial Youth Center at

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EVERY THIRD THURS.: Parents Supporting Parents group at Franciscan Life Process Center: discussion for parents of children. Call 897-7842.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: Royal Arch Masons regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake. Lowell. Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializing; meeting 7 p.m. Mother-mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children welcome. Ada church. Call 752-8300.

SECOND THURS. OF EACH MONTH: Genealogy - Alto Family Tree Club at Alto Library 6:30 - 8 p.m.

SECOND SAT. OF EV-ERY MONTH: Ada Historical Society 1 p.m. at Averill Historical Museum of Ada. 7144 Headley.

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loween party, 7-9 p.m.RSVP to Bev or Mel-

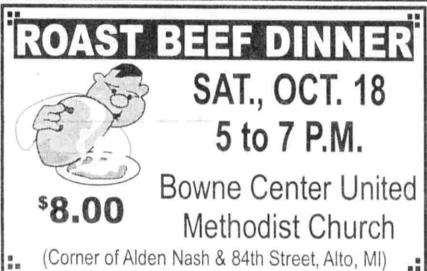
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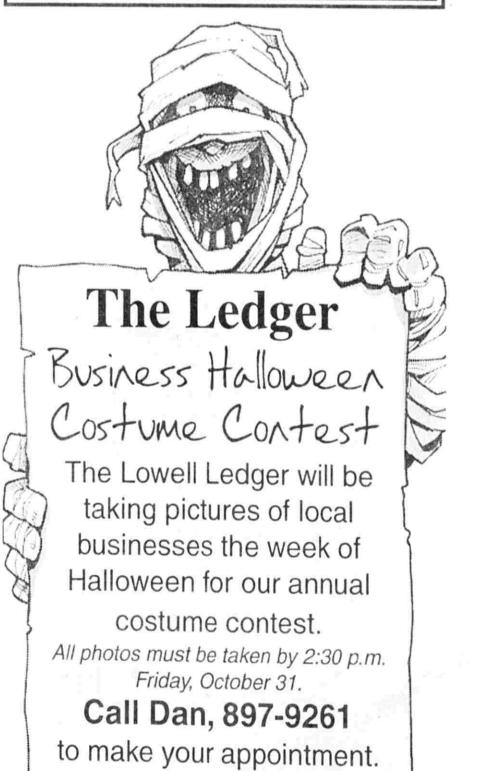
Area Historical Museum program: Arrowhead Identification at Lowell Twp. Hall, 7 p.m. Free to public.

THURS., OCT. 30: Flu shots available from 10:30-12:30 p.m. at Schneider Manor Community Room.

SAT., NOV. 1: Craft show at St. Patrick-Parnell, corner of Parnell and 5 Mile. 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Lunch served all day, raffles, baked

SAT., NOV. 1: Food drive at Meijer from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.to benefit Flat River Outreach Ministries, spon-





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Football playoff big prize in Lowell's shutout over Crusaders

For the fifth straight year

their ticket Friday night in in the first quarter. rolling over an undermanned Unity Christian team 42-0.

sessions. entire game.

"Our kids showed an im- 58 yards and a touchdown. peccable amount of focus," said Lowell football coach, He's an intelligent, quality Noel Dean. "These kids have kid," Dean said. improved a lot. We played a tough schedule early with

young kids." Ryan Dykhouse found Mike Koster on a 23-yard touchdown pass on Lowell's first possession of the game to give the Red Arrows a 7-0

The matchup of a defending state champion against a first-year program allowed for many Red Arrows who haven't seen a lot of playing time to log substantial and valuable game experience.

"That was nice. It hasn't happened a lot this year due to the intensity of our early schedule," Dean said.

Lowell's second touchdown was a result of an eightyard pass from Brock Graham to Matt D'Agostino.

Dykhouse recorded his Sean Myers extended and the sixth time in seven second touchdown pass of the Lowell's lead to 35-0 on a years, Lowell will participate game when he found Patrick seven-yard touchdown run in the state football playoffs. Doyle on a one-yard scoring with 1:27 to play in the first The Red Arrows punched pass with two minutes to play half.

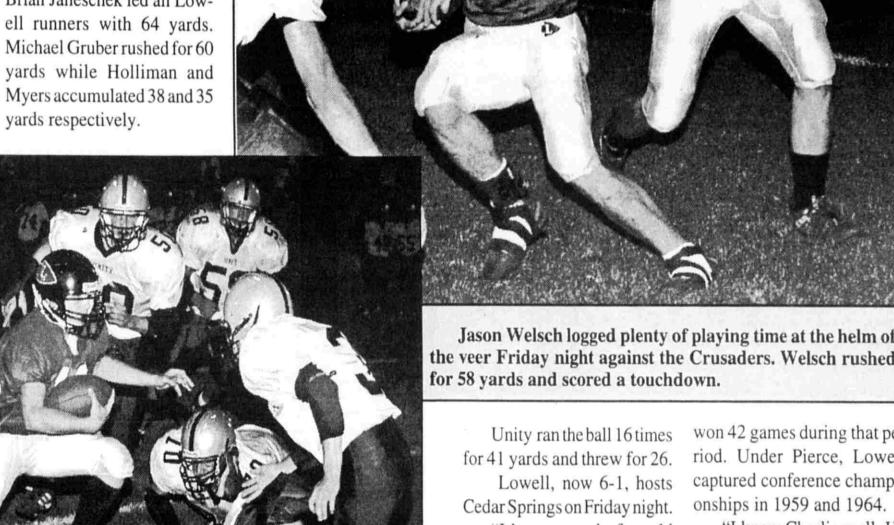
On the Red Arrows' first the second half was a 22-yard possession of the second quar- scoring scamper by Jeremy Lowell found the end zone ter, Lowell marched 77 yards Holliman midway through the on six of its first seven pos- in 14 plays with Jason Welsch third quarter. pushing it in from a yard out. The Crusaders were held The junior got extensive play times, garnering 330 yards. to just two first downs for the at quarterback. Welsch* Brian Janeschek led all Lowrushed the ball nine times for ell runners with 64 yards.

"Jason had a good night.

The only touchdown of Lowell ran the ball 48

Michael Gruber rushed for 60 yards while Holliman and Myers accumulated 38 and 35

Frank Mulder looks for a gap against Unity Christian. Lowell won the game 42-0.



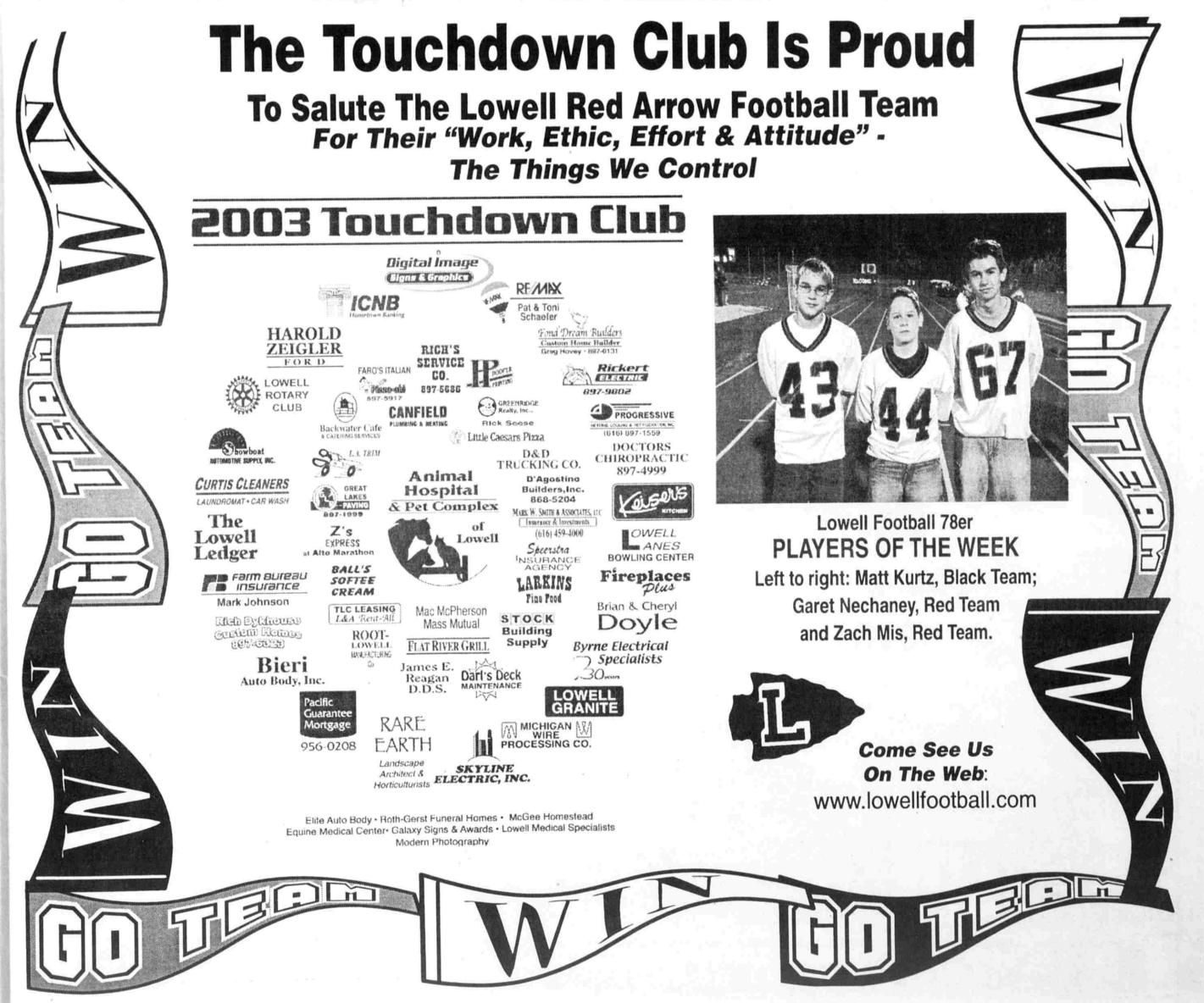
the veer Friday night against the Crusaders. Welsch rushed for 58 yards and scored a touchdown.

Cedar Springs on Friday night. "It'a a renewal of an old plained. "We'll do our best to

Pierce died on Thursday.

Unity ran the ball 16 times won 42 games during that period. Under Pierce, Lowell Lowell, now 6-1, hosts captured conference championships in 1959 and 1964.

"I knew Charlie well. He Tri-River rivalry," Dean ex- was a good friend who shared with me his advice, interest and excitement for Lowell make Charlie (Pierce) proud." football," Dean said. "The The former Lowell coach led Lowell football program is the Red Arrows for 10 years saddened for his family, espefrom 1958 to 1967. His teams cially his wife, Barb."



Harriers keep pace racing past Greenville

Lowell girls and boys cross 'The approach is to stay as and third places respectively. the girls. We've never focused Greenville. country teams.

There was even less, fol- long as possible." lowing victories over Greenville Wednesday. Both Lowell clubs are now 5-1. The girls defeated the

Yellowjackets 23-38. "As we've done all year, stopping the clock at 21:22.

we emphasized pack run-

close together as we can for as

grabbed five of the top seven spots in defeating Greenville. Yellowjacket, Leah

The Red Arrow girls of 22:25.

Lowell's Abbie Debiak

Based on performance ning," said Lowell cross coun- (22:06) and Erin Beddows

Lowell grabbed spots five good athletes.' through seven. Monica Fitzpatrick stopped the clock Scott Riddle (17:56), Mitch on Saturday," in 22:53, Sarah Swab came Solon (18:34), Chris VanderWarf. "The times were 6-1. home in 23:18 and Emily Gallagher (18:37) and Eric Gerard finished in 23:35.

Greenville's Erika on rebuilding," VanderWarf Nichols was fourth with a time said. "We brought back many I expected them to be. We're

peaked. Hopefully, that will Steve Ellison (17:47), come at the conference meet

"A lot of people thought Schumm (18:38) paced Low- a little slower today, but I think there's little that separates the try coach, Clay VanderWarf. (22:19) came home in second this would be a down year for ell to a 19-42 win over that was weather-related. It's been cool, but today it was "The boys are right where much warmer."

Lowell runs against Unity quality runners who are also looking fine, but we haven't Christian at Greenville on Wednesday. With victories, both clubs would enter the

Arrows wear down Crusaders in battle of league's best

The conference banner hanging in Unity Christian's gymnasium placed the defending conference champions (Lowell) at the top.

That did not go unnoticed. "We want to go undefeated in the league. The banner shows us on top and we want to show everybody that's where we belong," said Lowell point guard, Keni Gallert following the Red Arrows' 45-30 win which elevated Lowell to the top of the OK White.

The victory improved Lowell's record to 10-2 overall and 7-0 in the OK White.

It was Unity Christian's (10-3, 8-1) first loss in conference play.

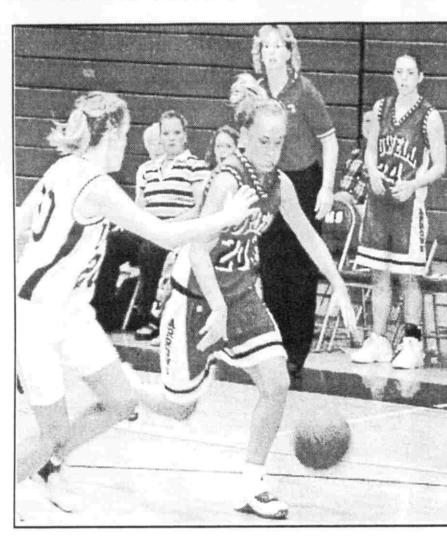
"We had a lot of shots go in and out. You have to finish

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against good teams," said Unity Christian basketball coach, Scott Soodsma. "Lowell did what it had to, to beat us. Their defensive pressure just wore us out. Our girls got tired. Lowell is a different level of intensity. They are not dirty, but we did not respond well to their physical-The Crusaders are not

done, as Lowell's stringent defense wore out a number of eams this year.

In five of their first 13 games, Lowell has held its opponent to 30 points or less. Opponents are averaging just over 30 points a game against Lowell.

"The girls take pride in their defense. Everything starts with our defense. It was important tonight because we were outmatched underneath by Unity," said Lowell basketball coach, Dee Crowley.

Lowell's defensive intensity propelled an 18-9 Red Arrow fourth-quarter scoring Christian. advantage. The Red Arrows led 8-6 after the opening eight sponded with her second minutes, 18-12 at halftime and three-point shot of the night; 27-21 after three quarters.

Unity Christian cut the the Crusaders' heart. deficit to four early in the

ets from inside the paint in Lowell's 45-30 win over Unity

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Amy Oberlin tallied a number of big second-half buck-

"When the game is on the Collins added seven. fourth quarter. Gallert re- line we go to our leader,' Crowley said. "Keni hit a big three for us in the first half."

> Soodsma added, "That three, after we pulled to within slow, but our intensity is there four, was the biggest shot of and our speed and tempo of the night. That was the game." play paid off in the fourth The two threes were all quarter," Crowley said.

> the scoring Gallert did as she "We're in good condition and finished with six. "We wanted have good athletes who can this game and we were ready. push the ball up the floor." I'm getting more and more confident in my shot. My shots Springs at home on Thursday. are smoother than they were earlier this season."

ments but in virtuous activities.

Amy Oberlin led the balanced attack with 15. Vallen it was as good as a dagger in VanZyll netted nine, Brook VanEck had eight, and Devon

Lisa Miedema and Carrie

Lowell plays Cedar

-Aristotle

Snikkers led Unity with 12

points apiece. before winning 6-0, 6-4 to "The girls started out close out the match.

> straight sets. Losing the opening set 6-Rachelle Levingston re- ence play. grouped in time to take the final two sets 6-2, 6-3.

straight sets 6-4, 6-1.

It was a classic high school

soccer game that ended in text-

White conference champions,

all but 90-plus seconds of the

stater, Sam Oberlin rolled

were able to overcome slow

ter 7-1 in a league crossover

pretty nice players. They made

from a 4-6 loss in the first set

Bonnie Wall.

of an injury.

regulation, one overtime and win into the district."

ment championship game. in the net," said Stokes.

Netters finish season

with win over Bulldogs

book fashion.

weeks ago.

one doubles team come back teams we played. We will only was great to see. We had a lose three seniors and have a number of tough matches, but solid core of players coming

Red Arrow tennis play- battled back to win," Wall ers, at a number of flights, said.

starts in defeating Byron Cen-regional play. The Red Arrows scored four points and placed sev-"Byron Center has some enth in the 10-team field.

"In five of the eight flights, us work hard. It wasn't easy," we drew the top seed in the said Lowell tennis coach, second round. That makes Lowell won three of four said. "We were also hurt by

came in second singles as Stevi playing. Thompson had to retire, leading 3-2 in the first set, because Lowell were Amanda Grochowalski, third singles, Mandy Gunberg, first defeating Muskegon 6-0, 6-0, singles, earned a 6-3, 6-2 win. and Haley Irwin, fourth Amanda Grochowalski, singles, upending Kenowa

third singles, battled back Hills 6-0, 6-0. Levingston won their first At fourth singles, Haley match of the day 6-1, 6-0 Irwin breezed to a 6-0, 6-0 against Reeths-Puffer.

Cara Mooney and Heather Julie Geelhoed and Katie Spratt also earned a first round Huver, first doubles, over- win against Greenville 6-0, 6came a 1-6 loss in the first set, 2.

"The girls played hard and won the matches they were The second doubles team supposed to. Our second cer coach, Paul Legge said. of Kelly Koning and Becky doubles team lost a tough Plummer won 6-3, 6-3 in match to Northview," Wall

Lowell finished its year at 7 (1), Jean Kimberlin and 7-4 overall and 3-4 in confer-

"We had good tennis play this year and a number of girls Cara Mooney and Heather had winning records," Wall Spratt, fourth doubles, won in said. "We just didn't have all the girls playing well at one "Watching our number time against some of the good

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Late Oberlin goal secures tournament championship "We worked all summer shame either team had to lose

gearing ourselves toward such an exciting game. games like this," Oberlin said "Give Lowell credit - they Unity Christian, OK afterwards. "This was a big won the game on a beautiful game for us. I hope we can goal. It was textbook. Stokes

and Lowell battled through carry the momentum from this made a beautiful feed and Sam did what all-state players do, Oberlin was assisted on he finished it with a goal," second overtime before all- the play by Shane Stokes. said Heethuis. "I took one player with Both clubs had plenty of

one past the Crusader goalie, me and then saw another opportunities to win the game Gabe Berghuis for a 1-0 Red player collapsing on me. in regulation and in the first Arrow victory in the OK That's when I dropped the ball overtime, but were turned White Conference Tourna- back over to Sam who put it away. A large part of that was the play of the goalies, Lowell's win avenged a Unity Christian coach, Berghuis and Josh Anderson. 3-1 score to the Crusaders two Randy Heethuis said it was a

"This was the most exciting game I've coached in four years," claims Lowell coach. Paul Legge. "We've been in big games before and taken them right down to the wire, but have come up short. This time we pulled it out. That heart I said this club was missing a couple of weeks ago, well these boys found it."

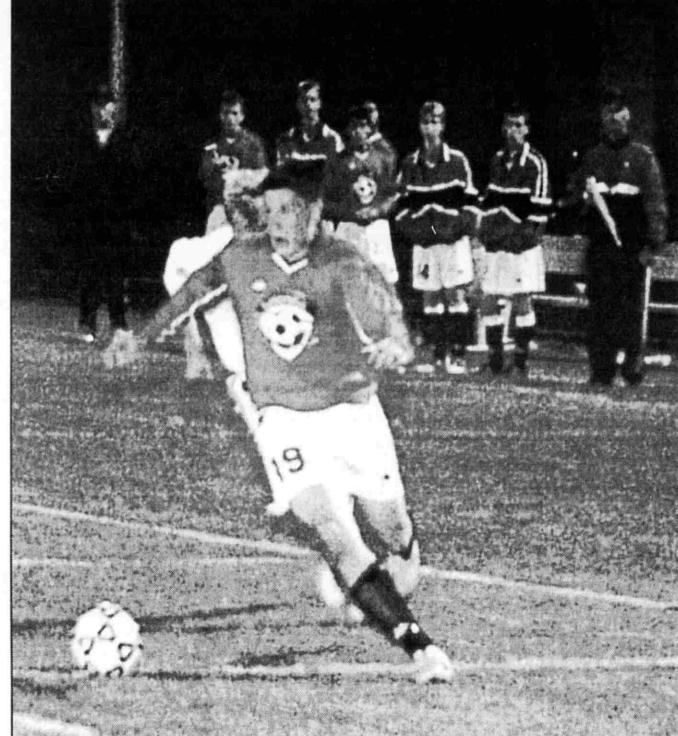
Lowell finished fourth in The league tournamen championship is the first piece of a conference, whether it be a league title or a conference tournament title, Lowell has

Lowell advanced to the things pretty tough," Wall title game at Unity Christian with a 3-1 win over East Grand single matches. The only loss not having Stevi Thompson Rapids last Thursday. The Red Arrows tied East during the Winning matches for regular season 4-4 ... a tie which cost them a shot at a league championship.

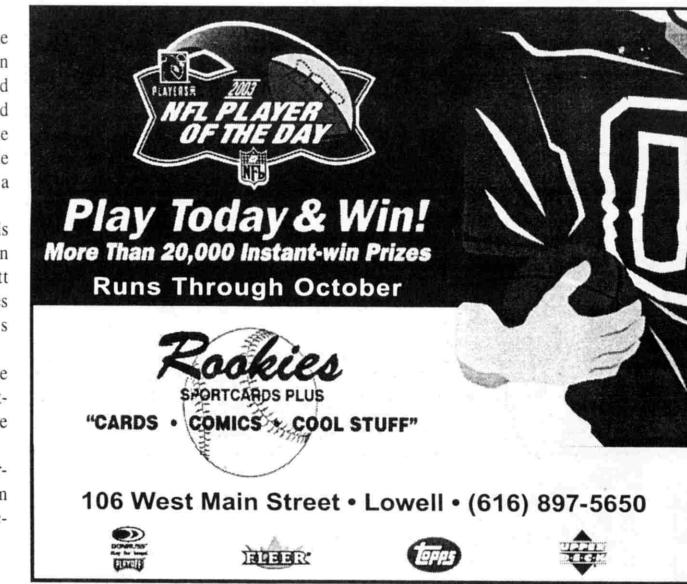
Lowell's first-half goals were tallied by Kevin Gillman with an assist from Matt In doubles play, Jean D'Agostino; Shane Stokes to win the final two sets 6-3, Kimberlin and Rachelle fed Sam Oberlin for Lowell's second goal.

> Lowell made it 3-1 in the second half when Oberlin netted his second goal of the

"It was a dominant performance. We took it to them from the start," Lowell soc-

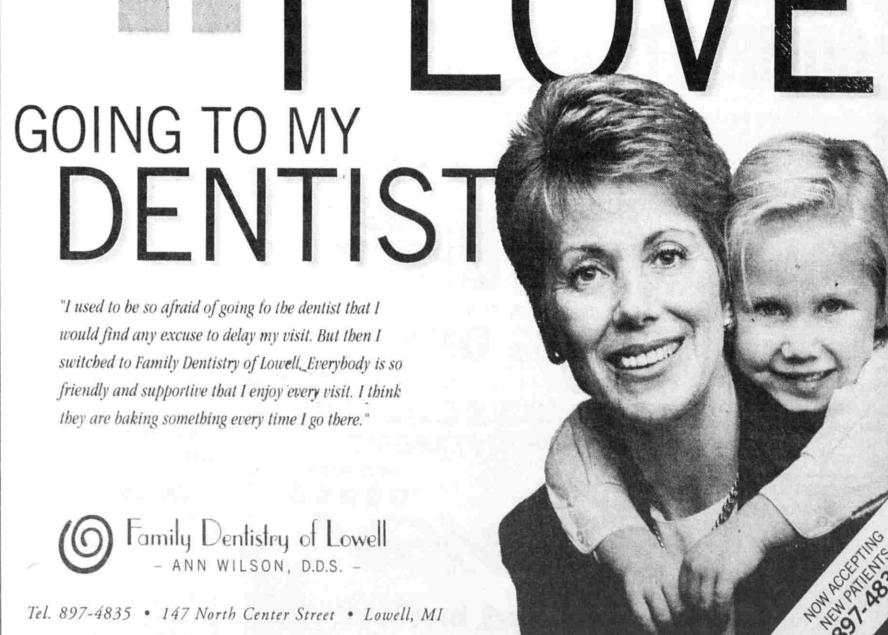


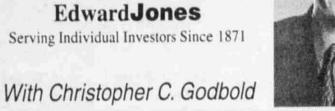
Shane Stokes comes up empty on this shot on goal, but later would deliver a perfect pass to Sam Oberlin for the game's winning goal.











INVEST FOR A LONG RETIREMENT

These days, retirement is not what it used to be. Today's "retirees" are opening their own businesses, consulting, traveling, volunteering, taking classes-basically doing whatever they want. They're finding that retirement is enjoyable-and lengthy. In fact, your retirement may last a lot longer than you'd think-so you'd better be prepared financially.

Just how many years can you expect to spend as a retiree? The answer depends on many factors: the age at which you retire, your health, your family history of longevity, etc. However, if you're interested in averages, consider these figures from the National Center for Health Statistics: At age 65, the typical American woman can expect to live another 19.2 years; for men, the corresponding figure is 16.3 years. And remember, these figures are averages, which means a lot of 65-year-olds are easily spending 20 or more years in

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• Determine how much you'll need-Clearly, some people plan on more expensive retirements than others. Your neighbors may be thinking of retiring early and traveling extensively, while you'd like to stick close to home, extend your career as long as possible and then do some consulting. But whatever your vision for retirement, you'll need to set a "price tag" for it. It will be an estimate, and it may well change later on, but it's a starting point on which you can base your savings and investment strategies.

• Identify your sources of retirement income-After you know about how much you'll need during retirement, your next step is to determine where the money will come from. Consider your IRA, 401(k), Social Security, savings and investments-everything. Try to calculate how much you can expect from these sources, given the years you have until

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· Address potential "gaps" - After reviewing your resources for retirement, you may identify "gaps"-areas in which you could be doing more. For example, are you contributing the maximum amount to your IRA? Are you increasing your 401(k) contributions as your salary goes up? Do you have a sufficient percentage of growth-oriented investments in your portfolio? By looking at these types of questions, you can address the shortcomings in your investment strategies.

· Seek help from a "pro" - If you're going to take all the steps described above, you may well need the help of an investment professional-someone with the tools and training necessary to help you achieve your retirement goals. Make sure you work with someone who takes the time to understand your risk tolerance, your work and family situations and your investment preferences.

As you can see, there's a lot you can do to prepare yourself financially for retirement. And if that retirement turns out to be a long one, you'll be especially glad you made the extra effort.

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