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## New year starts for brand new school

*"Our goal in concept was to make the building feel small so that the kids had a sense of family."*

- Jim White

By Dan Schneider

Monday was the first day of school this year for Lowell Area Schools. It was also the first day of school ever at Murray Lake Elementary.

"This is a neat day because it is the first day for anyone at Murray Lake," principal Brent Noskey said to the students during the first-ever morning announcements at the elementary school.

This is the first time Noskey has been an elementary principal. He was assistant principal at Cherry Creek Elementary last year and a teacher in the district before that. He was excited on Monday to be opening the new school.

"It's just a unique opportunity ... just being able to start new with your own ideas and the staff's ideas," Noskey

said. "We have the opportunity to really create what we want our building to represent."

While at Cherry Creek, Noskey had worked with many of the teachers who are now on the Murray Lake staff. He said this will make the transition to the new school easier.

"I feel like we're all stepping into a situation where unity will come very easily," Noskey said.

First grade teacher Denise Washburn was excited to start school in a new classroom.

"The storage is wonderful," she said. "We've never had this many student computers so they're excited."

She also appreciated the natural light from the classrooms' large windows.

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Brent Noskey, Murray Lake Elementary principal, greets students as they head into school.

## Woman arrested in checkbook theft

By Dan Schneider

A preliminary hearing is set this Friday for a woman charged with stealing a checkbook and forging checks all over Lowell.

On the evening of Saturday, Aug. 21, Lowell police discovered the stolen checkbook and merchandise purchased with it in Margaret Ellen Rose's residence at Denny's Tourist Rooms. Police arrested Rose, 41, on charges of forgery and larceny. The first is a 14-year felony, the second a four-year felony.

The checkbook was stolen from a local doctor's office Friday, Aug. 20. Its

owner had left it unattended in the waiting room. The checkbook contained the owner's identification used to forge the signature. Meijer, Rite Aid, Michael's Farm Market, The Black and White Store and Cousin's Hallmark have all reported to the police purchases made with the forged checks. So far, police know of over \$1,400 in purchases.

The investigation turned to Rose after police received a tip from a clerk at one of the businesses. The clerk was suspicious of Rose's comments while she was making the transaction. Rose made a confession following her arrest.

## Foreman/Gee roadwork...finished?

By J. Lobdell  
Contributing Writer

To the relief of many who drive it, the Foreman Road/Gee Drive project is completed.

But before anyone gets too comfortable with the road being open, Department of Public Works director Dan DesJarden offered a little reminder at the recent Lowell Planning Commission meeting.

"The railroad has until November 2005 to complete its portion of the road," DesJarden said.

The road work did not include repair work to the tracks and resurfacing. The railroad company takes care of any maintenance to its

tracks. Contractors only paved to the tracks which, as commission member Jerri Teelander said, "now makes it more noticeable," in that the tracks need repair.

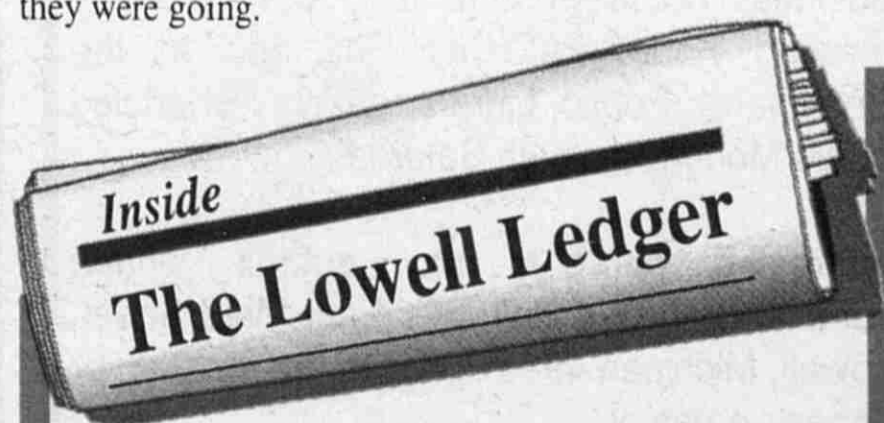
The city tried to get the railroad company to work on the same time frame as the project but quickly learned that the company runs its repairs on its own schedule, DesJarden said. The city has not received a time frame as to when the railroad work will be done, but if DesJarden were to guess, he said, "I'm betting after school starts."

The city worked hard to avoid reconstruction of Gee Drive and Foreman Road during the school year. The contractors succeeded in completing that project along with a

new walking route for school students by Aug. 20, DesJarden said.

Overall, the project went well. There were only a few snags. One of these included discovering an array of utility lines with no indication of what they were for or where they were going.

DesJarden said he has no complaints on the reconstruction. Several of the planning commission members commented on the ease of traveling the newly resurfaced roadway ... until you get to the railroad tracks.



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# Lowell graduate films solar energy project in Africa

By Dan Schneider

It was a three-week trip to eastern African countries to install solar panels to give electricity to small villages. From July 20 to Aug. 8, a group called Solar Light for Africa worked in Uganda, Ethiopia and Tanzania. "Primarily the group does work in Uganda but we're trying to expand to other parts of eastern Africa, especially those parts that have been hit hard by the AIDS epidemic," Ben VanderVeen said.

Last year, VanderVeen took the trip with a group of American students. This year, the 2001 Lowell High School graduate and film student at the University of Michigan went along to shoot video of the work. This was at the request of a documentary producer who hopes to use the footage for a PBS television special.

VanderVeen shot 30 hours of video footage of American students who were this year joined by students from the countries they were helping. The projects took place in small villages. Some of them were on the outskirts of large cities, VanderVeen said, where nearby powerplants bypassed them to supply only the cities with electricity.

Electric lights were installed in the villages' hospitals this summer. They replaced smoggy kerosene lamps called tadobas. The students installed 60- or 120-watt solar-panel arrays, enough to power six compact fluorescent bulbs.

"By American standards that's tiny," VanderVeen said. "We use so much electricity it's unsubstantial. For a community that has no electricity, it was a big deal."

The solar panels are shatter-proof and made in Auburn Hills. The light bulbs are guaranteed to last up to 10 years. In addition to lighting, solar power gives hospitals the capacity to refrigerate more sophisticated AIDS medicines.

Another project was the installation of water purification systems. These would require solar arrays large enough to produce 1,500 watts.

"We put a big solar array on top of a small building and that would be pumping the water to the city and also powering a germicidal system," VanderVeen said.

Clean water is essential in the fight against the AIDS epidemic currently devastating Africa.

"To prevent AIDS, you

first need basic public health and public hygiene," VanderVeen said.

The system can pump and purify two to three gallons per minute. Last year, a system installed to serve a community of 150,000 provided clean water at a cost of less than 50 cents per person, according to VanderVeen.

"When you think about that on a nationwide scale, it (the cost) is very small," VanderVeen said. "So if countries like the United States could provide foreign aid, clean water could be provided for all of continental Africa."

Solar Light for Africa installed 18 solar electric systems during its last trip. In the seven years since retired Episcopal bishop Alden Hathaway started the organization, it has installed nearly 1,500 systems in Africa. Uganda has formed its own off-shoot of the group, Solar Energy Uganda, in the largest city in the country, Kampala.

VanderVeen plans to travel to California this fall to

help edit the 30 hours of video footage into an hour-long television program. There are a lot of steps the show has to go through before it is aired. VanderVeen estimated there is an 80 percent chance the show will make it on PBS, possibly as early as this winter.

## Alto Fall Festival - from Elvis to ice cream

By Dan Schneider

This year's Alto Fall Festival attendees can enjoy two types of historical re-enactment: an early-American armed conflict and the king of rock and roll. The festival happens Saturday, Sept. 11.

New this year for the 24th anniversary of the festival, Elvis tribute artist Steve Hunt will perform "Elvis: The Memories of Elvis Show." The performance may well include such Elvis hits as "Heartbreak Hotel" and "Suspicious Minds."

In other historical re-enactment, French and Indian War re-enactors will give demonstrations at the Baptist Church on Luce Street. The festival has included Civil War re-enactments in the past, but

this is the first time the lesser-known French and Indian War will be featured.

Another new addition is the homemade ice cream contest. The grand prize is a sundae gift basket, courtesy of the Alto Garden Club.

The Blue Ribbon Baking Contest is back this year. Categories include desserts, cookies, candies, yeast and quick breads, jams and jellies, and pickles and preserves. Call Helen at 868-0556 for more information about the above contests.

People are encouraged to enter their well-dressed decorative geese in the goose fashion show.

Other contests include pie and watermelon eating, kids' pedal tractor pull, and the sexiest legs competition for entrants ages 14 and up.

The talent show starts at 3 p.m. and includes a children's

category. Entrants can sign up the day of the festival or call festival chairperson Rena Williams at 891-7800.

This is the basic outline of how things will progress at the festival:

7 to 9 a.m.: Alto/Bowne Township pancake breakfast at the Alto Fire Station.

9:15 a.m.: Opening ceremonies with flag raising and national anthem.

9:30 to 10:30 a.m.: Miss Alto and Little Miss Alto contests. Contact Williams to enter.

11 a.m.: Local bluegrass musician Luke Lenhart.

3 to 4:30 p.m.: Talent show.

4:30 p.m.: "Elvis: The Memories of Elvis Show." The parade starts at 12:45 p.m. Kids are encouraged to decorate their bikes and enter them in the parade.

Antique tractors will be on display at the Alto Garage on Bancroft and Depot.

Other activities in general: kids' games, used book sale, pet show, and a moonwalk for kids to bounce on.

The Alto Baptist Church will host a rest area during the festival and offer such activities as paintball, balloons, face-painting, story-telling, bracelet-making, and the water balloon toss.

## Land use communication efforts get boost in Kent County

Kent County residents will soon have more access to

information about the land use issues facing their area.

Grant funds from the Michigan State University Land Policy program will be used to improve and increase distribution of the Urban-Rural Connection, a newsletter published by United Growth for Kent County, a citizen-based organization that unites people and organizations around positive land use decision-making.

"Enhancing land use communication efforts will provide the public with more information and encourage residents to become more active in local land use decision making," said Kendra Wills, project and rural component coordinator for United Growth. "Expanding the newsletter will also diversify news coverage to include both local and statewide perspectives."

Newsletter issues will be distributed throughout the county and the state. Future production and distributions costs will be supported through membership fees and possible advertising. The summer 2004 and winter 2005 editions will be hard copy, and the fall 2004 and spring 2005 issues will be distributed electronically.

To obtain more information on critical needs, issues and opportunities visit [www.msue.msu.edu](http://www.msue.msu.edu).

## Class of '44

The Lowell High School Class of '44 held their 60th reunion on Aug. 20, 2004 at Schneider Manor in Lowell with 19 in attendance.

Pictured, front row, left to right, are: Virginia Wingeier Feldman, Jeanne Blaser Owens, Elaine Behnke Johnson, Kathryn Kloosterman Wingeier, Treva Seese Fox, Barbara Canfield Armstrong and Evelyn Myers Roudabush; back row: Dale Shade, Adele Timinski DeBrito, Charles Armstrong, Ralph Luther, Bonnie Hale Bryant, Keith Franks, Tony Wingeier, Roger Krum, Victor Purchase, Harold Krebs, Patricia Pribe Wilcox and Richard Onan.



## WILDLIFE AT RISK

Deer and wolves remain in the spotlight of wildlife management year after year. There is controversy among interested parties about how to manage the population of these animals. Because of this focus, their long-term survival is assured. Other creatures, particularly non-game species, face a more uncertain future. Lack of public concern and understanding of the problems facing many species place them at risk for severe drops in numbers or even extinction.

A few years ago, a neighbor drew my attention to several Eastern Box turtles living in the woods around our homes. This was remarkable because the Box turtle is considered rare in this part of Michigan and is protected by Michigan law as a special concern species. Box turtles have a tall helmet-shaped shell with a pattern of yellow-hued rectangles on the surface. Adult turtles can grow to a bit over seven inches long. They usually live to 30 years old and a few twice that long.

Turtles inhabit wooded areas adjacent to grassy fields near water. They eat a variety of bugs and plants. During the winter the Box turtle will dig out a nest under the forest floor to survive. Box turtles are rare in this area partly because of habitat destruction.

How many of us ever wonder about how many turtles were displaced by that new housing development or shopping center? How many turtles were living where our houses and yards now sit?

Road kill is another hazard to the turtle. Turtles have to travel to mate and lay eggs which can place them in jeopardy. I picked up three Box turtles which were slowly crossing busy roads this spring. This practice requires caution, but if you decide to do it, set the turtle down heading it in the same direction it was going because they have a plan and will stick to it.

If your child brings a turtle home, help him or her return it to the location where it was found and explain why this is necessary. Unfortunately, I found a small young Box turtle and one adult that didn't make it across the road. The death of the adult was a particularly significant loss because turtles take a long time to mature, and the survival rate of young turtles is extremely low. The person who hit it probably was not at all concerned over the incident.

Be aware of the importance of the survival of individual members of any wildlife species that is in trouble. Pay attention while driving, conserve habitat, inform your children and friends, and do whatever else you can do to help less familiar creatures, like the Box turtle, maintain their rightful place on this earth.



## HEPATITIS B INFECTION

Hepatitis B (HBV) is a potentially serious viral infection of the liver. You contract Hepatitis B from blood and body fluids such as saliva and semen. If a pregnant woman is infected with HBV, her baby may also be infected at birth.

Often, HBV causes only a mild, flu-like illness, sometimes accompanied by jaundice. Most people get better in a few weeks or months. If the virus remains in the liver, the result is a chronic HBV infection.

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# New school opens, continued...From Page 1

There were 378 students signed up to attend Murray Lake Elementary. That was significantly higher than the 275 to 300 the district had originally anticipated.

School-of-choice students from the Belding area, a few students switching from St. Patrick's in Pellam and a large

number of LAS students attending from outside the Murray Lake attendance area account for the larger-than-anticipated student numbers. The opening of the new school brings the number of students at Cherry Creek Elementary below 600.

"Part of the goal of the demographics committee was to make Cherry Creek smaller because it was one of the largest elementaries in the state," LAS superintendent Shari Miller said.

The demographics committee was the group in charge of determining the attendance area for Murray Lake Elementary. The capacity of the new

school is 400. Its design, with classroom hallways branching off a curved central hallway, will allow the school to expand in the future.

The other reason for the radiating hallways is to divide the school into smaller areas that won't be intimidating to the students.

"Our goal in concept was to make the building feel small so that the kids had a sense of family," Murray Lake project manager Jim White said.

Each hallway has its own design theme distinguishing it from the others. Basic shapes define the wings—square, circle, triangle, rectangle. And each hallway has

its own color scheme—orange, purple, etc.

"It's set up to be a school for younger children and because of that we used some very basic themes ... to make sure kids knew where they were going and had a sense of place," White said.

White has been the district's supervisor for the construction since the project started in April of 2003. Spring rains slowed the project early on, but workers got it back on schedule over the summer last year. This year's rain had less impact on construction since the building was already enclosed.

The school is up-to-date, with energy-efficient lighting and temperature control systems. The district has also connected Murray Lake to its fiber optic wiring system.

Wires and a microphone dangling from his shoulders, fifth grade teacher Paul Jacobus said gaining familiarity with new technologies will be part of getting accustomed to the new teaching environment. New technologies include projection screens and audio systems designed to spread the teacher's voice evenly around the room.



Marie Peterson helps a slightly nervous Clayton DeVries find his kindergarten classroom.



Bob Titcombe (from left), Sally Sterly, school board trustee Maureen Fleet, Addison Buckius, school board president Nancy Hopkins, Quinton Bunn, Fallon Fox and Jessica Idema cut the ribbon during the dedication ceremonies for the new Murray Lake Elementary last Thursday. Photo submitted by Cathy Acker

## Thank You!

The Lowell Area Trailway would like to thank all the volunteers for their hard work last Saturday clearing the trail at the Cooper Woodland Preserve. This brings us one step closer to a community trail for Lowell to enjoy!

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# Farm Fest XVI set for Sept. 11 at Franciscan Life Process Center

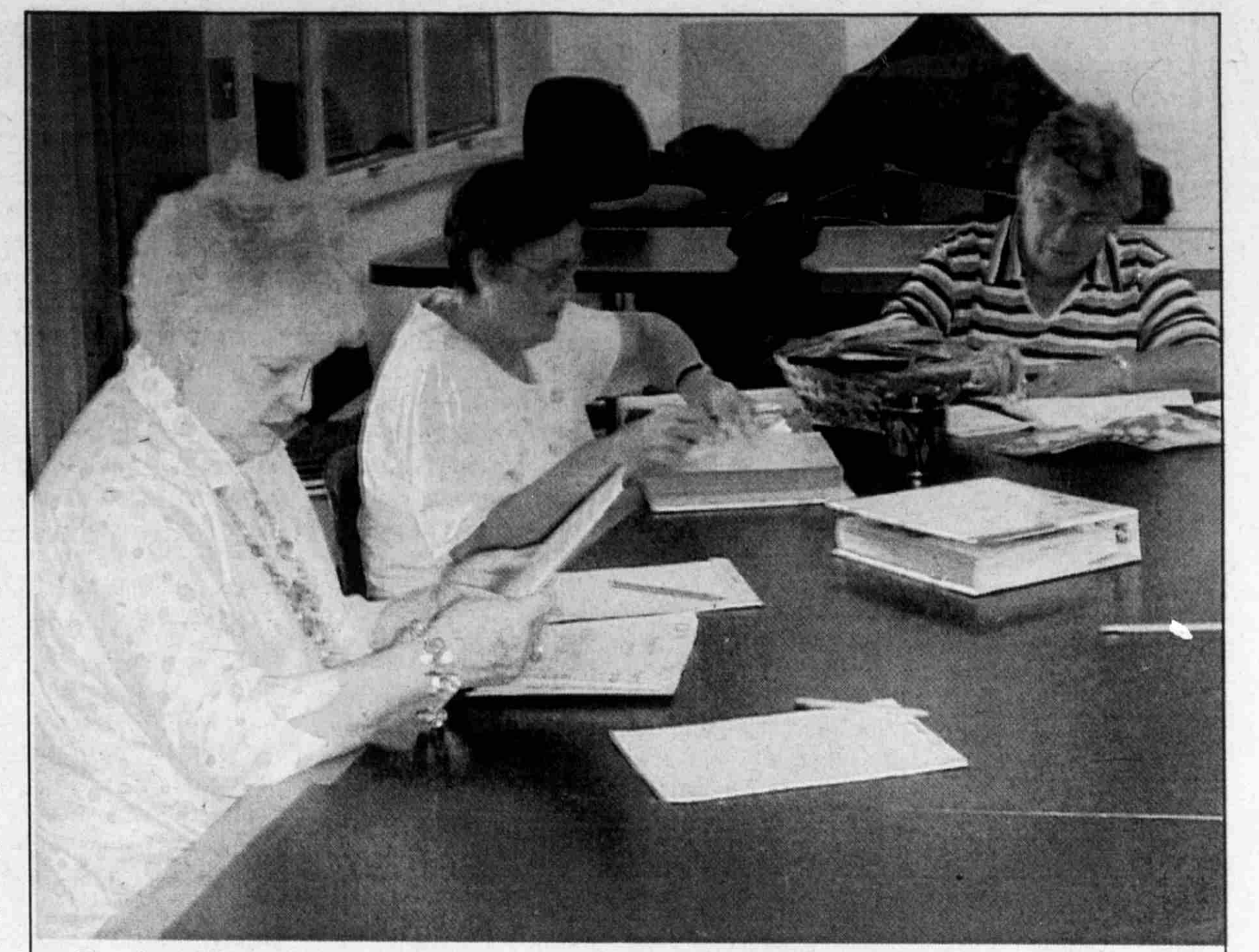
This year's Farm Fest fundraising dinner and auction at the Franciscan Life Process Center (FLPC) brings together a broad spectrum of arts in support of an arts-driven organization. First, there are four artists who will be scattered throughout the grounds painting during the event. Proceeds from the artworks, which will be sold near the end of the event, will benefit the center.

Three groups will perform music before and during dinner. Duck Sauce, a guitar trio, will play during the reception and silent auction. Melvin Crawford will sing religious songs and entertain with comedy during dinner. Mark Kasmer, Lowell Area Schools assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, will follow, playing keyboard

and singing with his daughters. George Lessens, WZZM-13 head meteorologist, will be the evening moderator.

Farm Fest starts at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 at the FLPC, 11650 Downes Street. Tickets are \$50 per setting for a buffet-style dinner. Catered by Applause Catering, beer and wine are included in the meal. Guests will be seated in groups of ten. A live auction follows dinner. Among items for auction will be hand-tied fishing flies.

All proceeds from the event go to the FLPC's scholarship fund. The fund helps individuals in need have access to musical therapy, emotional counseling, art classes, preschool, Kindermusik and music lessons the Center provides.



Franciscan Life Process Center volunteers, Aileen McKenna, Jackie Rykse and Angie Crisan-Woolley, work on materials for the Farm Fest auction benefit.

"Music therapy—the clients have just risen dramatically in the last year," FLPC development director Judy Carl said. Last year, Farm Fest raised \$50,000 with the help of corporate underwriters. Carl hopes to increase that amount this year. Call 897-7842 to make reservations for this year's event.

# Cleanup helps clear the way for trail

Volunteers and supporters of the Lowell Area Trailway, including six scouts from Lowell's Troop 102, spent Saturday, Aug. 21 cleaning up brush in the woodland. They used woodchips from the county road commission,

and from the chipped brush, to create a hiking trail through the woods. Lowell Township supervisor John Timpson donated the use of the chipper. Dick Cooper, who donated the land for the preserve, was also on hand to help.

The trail, created on the 21st, will be an accessory to the first segment of the Lowell Area Trailway. Next spring, the Lowell Area Recreation Authority—the group taking on the task of creating the trailway—hopes to build

an access trail from Foreman Road to the woodland. This would allow the public to get to the woodland more easily until the first segment of the trail is complete. To receive email updates on future volunteer opportunities on the Lowell Area Trailway, go to [www.lowellareatrailway.org](http://www.lowellareatrailway.org).

At left, Pete Wills is shown spreading woodchips along a trail through the Cooper Woodland Preserve.



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## Varsity tennis first at invitational

The Lowell girls varsity tennis team took first place at the Ionia Invitational weekend before last. With the trophy are: (back row, left to right) coach Roger Wall, Heather Spratt, Haley Irwin, Julie Geelhoed, Shelly Wernet, Kayla Irwin, Terrah Tawney, and coach Bonnie Wall; middle row: Kelly Koning, Becky Plummer, Jean Kimberlin, Stevi Thompson, Lindsay Aiken, Mandy Gunberg, Nikki Baker; in front, Rachele Levingston.

With Our Counsel



Donna Warner M.A., L.L.P. Rev. Bob Baird M.S.W. Kathryn DenHouter Ph. D.

We have looked at four "pillars" of self-esteem: the practice of living consciously, the practice of self-acceptance, the practice of self-responsibility and the practice of self-assertiveness. Through these discussions, it becomes clear that true self-esteem is more than praising another person. It is a lifelong process of growing and resolving personal issues. This month we will discuss the importance of living purposefully.

Maria Montessori, a medical doctor who revolutionized the field of education, stated, "All people are made happy through meaningful work." This purpose of meaning gives us a clear direction of who we are and where we are going. To live without a purpose, we are at the mercy of chance. It's like we are bobbing along like a cork on water. We are reacting to life rather than becoming proactive. It is when we have a purpose (spiritual, personal, etc.) that we live fully and have an energized existence. A productive life is a manifestation of a purposeful life since daydreams and/or fantasy do little to enhance self-esteem.

Self-discipline is required as well. We become self-disciplined when we have the ability to defer immediate gratification

for the service of a more remote goal. In other words, we learn to control our present whims to focus our energy on future goals.

Self-esteem is enhanced when we have a purposeful life, and this is expressed in these core issues:

1. Conscious goal-setting;
2. Identifying the actions necessary to achieve one's goals;
3. Monitoring your behavior to make sure it is consistent with one's goals; and
4. Making sure that the outcomes of one's actions are, in fact, leading to one's purpose.

First of all, conscious goal-setting is critical for a purposeful life. You have to ask yourself questions like: What do I want for my life? Do I want to get married? What do I want to do professionally? Once these questions have been answered, then goals have to be established that will help you arrive at your desired purpose or outcome.

Secondly, behaviors that will help you achieve your goals have to be identified. You arrive at this by asking, What actions are necessary? If new knowledge is required, how will I get this knowledge? And, if I need certain resources, how do I get them? A successful life belongs to those who develop an action plan to obtain their goals.

Thirdly, we have to monitor our behavior to make sure we are not at cross-purposes with our goals. As we move through life, distractions happen and problems surface that set us on a different path or different direction. Instead of giving in to these twists and turns, we need to have enough mental focus to redirect our steps toward the successful accomplishment of our goals.

Finally, even though we have well laid plans, sometimes we miss the goal and our end point is off just a bit. At this time, it becomes important to recalculate and make another attempt toward a successful completion. Without a clear orientation toward our goals, we will end up at a place where we might not want to be. Living a goal-oriented, purposeful life is the fifth pillar of self-esteem.

Next month we will discuss the last pillar of self-esteem which is the practice of personal integrity.

## Cherry Creek Elementary "PARENT GATHERING" THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Parents are welcome to come anytime between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Parents will be able to browse in the cafeteria to gather info from Family Links reps, fundraiser reps, etc.

6:00 - 6:45 P.M. Parents of 2nd & 3rd graders meet with teachers  
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# Red Arrows victorious in football season opener

By Dan Schneider

The start to this year's Lowell football season was very different from last year's.

The day of the week was the same. The opposing team was the same. It was a Lowell victory again.

But that's about where the similarities end.

Last year, it took a come-from-behind effort in the last

six minutes to overcome a 13-point deficit. This year, there were only about six minutes in the entire game, at the end of the second quarter, when the Bulldogs looked like any kind of threat.

The final score was 43-7 at Red Arrow Stadium.

Things that went well for Lowell included the running game, which broke through the

Grandville line for yardage ... repeatedly ... and the defense, which stopped Grandville's attacks ... repeatedly, and frequently behind the line of scrimmage.

"Incredible defensive effort tonight," Lowell coach Noel Dean said.

Things that went well for Grandville included ... well, there is not much to be said

about what went well for Grandville.

Part of the reason the final score in the game was 43-7 was that Grandville didn't have its game together. The major reason was that Lowell did.

"Position by position - they outplayed us at every position," Grandville coach Irv Sigler said.

It started with shutting the Bulldogs down on their opening drive. With the help of a few penalties, Lowell had Grandville at third and 23 at their own 15. An incomplete pass, a punt, and Lowell had the ball.

Quickly, they had first and 10 at Grandville's 48 yard line. Jeremy Holliman took it out to the left, then straight to the end zone. Ramsey Charouf missed the extra point (he would hit the rest of his attempts).

Lowell shuts down Grandville again, gets the ball back. A few plays—including one of several sneaks by sophomore quarterback Keith Nichol—and Lowell had it practically at the goal line. Ryan Esbaugh carried it in, pushing through the Grandville defense.

"He's a very strong boy," Dean said. "He spent a lot of time in the weight room. It's not fair to say that made him that strong."

A Nichol sneak got the two-point conversion.

"The second quarter was a very frustrating period of my life," Dean said.

Lowell and Grandville took turns stopping each other throughout the second quarter until late. Then Grandville's Eric Dennett intercepted a Nichol pass. Grandville quarterback Brad Iciek quickly turned it into a touchdown with a pass to Derek Roseman. Down by seven, Grandville was threatening going into halftime.

Late in the third quarter, Esbaugh carried in another touchdown for Lowell, this time from eight yards out. The extra point was good.

Gabe Delnick ran in a long touchdown (66 yards). In the fourth, Esbaugh carried into the end zone once again for Lowell. Then, late in the game, Chris Meeuwesen recovered a fumble on a punt attempt at the 23. He carried it clear to the end zone.

It was a big win, but Dean kept it in perspective as the first game of the season.

"It's exciting, but it's certainly not the pinnacle," he said.

Lowell football begins its OK-White season Thursday at Cedar Springs.



Lowell quarterback Keith Nichol kept the ball on this play, incorporating this spin move in a run that gained enough yards to set up a touchdown.



The Lowell Red Arrows took the field for the first football game of the season last Friday. Lowell bested Grandville 43-7.

# Wildcats quelled by Arrows at first home game

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell varsity girls basketball team hammered the Jenison Wildcats at home last Thursday.

Lowell held Jenison scoreless for the entire first half, meanwhile putting up 29 points on their side of the board. The Lowell defense allowed the Wildcats to take only one shot during the first quarter and a few more the second.

"We played pretty well and they had a hard time getting going," said Lowell coach Dee Crowley.

The final score was 54-13, with Jenison scoring nine of its points in the fourth quarter while Lowell's starters stayed on the bench.

"A couple of the starters didn't play at all in the fourth quarter," Crowley said. "We took the press off as soon as we got up by 20."

Scoring duties were spread fairly evenly for Lowell. Amy Oberlin had 12 points, Devon Collins had nine, Keni Gallert and Kelsey Crowley scored eight points each.

"Almost everybody scored," Crowley said. "Everybody had over 15 minutes of time."

Despite the lopsided score, the game revealed some weaknesses in

Lowell's game. The Red Arrows' free throw shooting was under 60 percent. The Wildcats also out-rebounded Lowell, 32 to 22. Nine of Jenison's 13 points came from offensive rebounds.

"Once we get into some closer, tougher games, that's going to be a big issue we need to make sure we take care of," Crowley said. "Work on those things ... fix those, and we're going to be solid."

Gallert, Oberlin, Collins, Kelsey Graham and Brook VanEck are all returning starters from last year's conference championship team. The team only graduated one starter (VanEck and Graham alternated starting duties depending on matchups). Lowell was undefeated in the OK

White last year. The Arrows open this season's conference play Sept. 14 at Sparta.

Lowell faced Belding, one of three teams that beat them last year, on Tuesday. Their next game is next Wednesday against Rockford.

# Boys soccer shuts out Grandville for Lowell

By Dan Schneider

The Red Arrow boys soccer team achieved its first win of the season last Thursday at Grandville.

Lowell outscored the Bulldogs, 5-0, spreading scoring duties among three players.

Kevin Gillman and Austin Lancaster each scored two goals for the Arrows. Zach Ligman scored one. The game

was defined by a better organized defense for Lowell.

"We made a switch in the back and we're a little more organized right now," said Lowell coach Paul Legge, of moving junior Kory Anderson to sweeper.

The offense was working well, with several scoring threats up front.

"All of those guys up front have either scored goals or had opportunities," Legge

said, listing Gillman, Lancaster, Ligman, Chris Barlow, Shane Stokes and Austin DeClercq.

The Red Arrow front is going to confound opponents this season, Legge predicts.

"Teams aren't going to know how to come out and who to focus on because we are going to have so many guys who can score and so many guys who are dangerous," Legge said.

Goalkeeper Mike Bushell didn't get tested in last Thursday's game. The defense kept the ball away from him.

"Mike had maybe two saves," Legge said. "We weren't challenged too much."

Lowell played Caledonia Tuesday. They will face Rockford at home on Thursday.

# Good showing for Lowell at GRC tourney

By Dan Schneider

Lowell advanced to the finals in three flights in a three-team tournament last Friday at Grand Rapids Christian before meeting the tournament-winning Forest Hills Northern.

Northern scored a perfect 16 points in the tournament by winning all of the matches they played in, including the final rounds. Christian won five matches and Lowell won three.

Lowell's second singles player, Rachele Livingston, defeated Danielle DeGraw of Grand Rapids Christian 6-0, 6-0 before losing 6-1, 6-2 to

Northern's Tessa Morris. In third singles, Lowell's Haley Irwin beat Christian's Rachel Veinema 6-3, 6-2. She lost to Northern's Kristen Quinn 6-1, 6-1 in the final.

In fourth singles, Lowell's Heather Spratt beat Christian's Jessica VanderWilp 6-0, 6-1 before losing 6-2, 6-2 to Stephanie Rogers of Northern.

Lowell played its first doubles flights without Becky Plummer. She is out with a sprained ankle but hopes to be back by the Sept. 8 conference opener versus Unity Christian.

# How about that band!



The Lowell High School marching band, flute section, performs before the start of Lowell football's season opener against Grandville.

# Golf conference opener rained out

Last Wednesday's match, the first conference dual for the Red Arrow golf team, was rained out at Deer Run Golf Club. Lowell was ahead after seven holes of play. The match will be rescheduled for later in the season.

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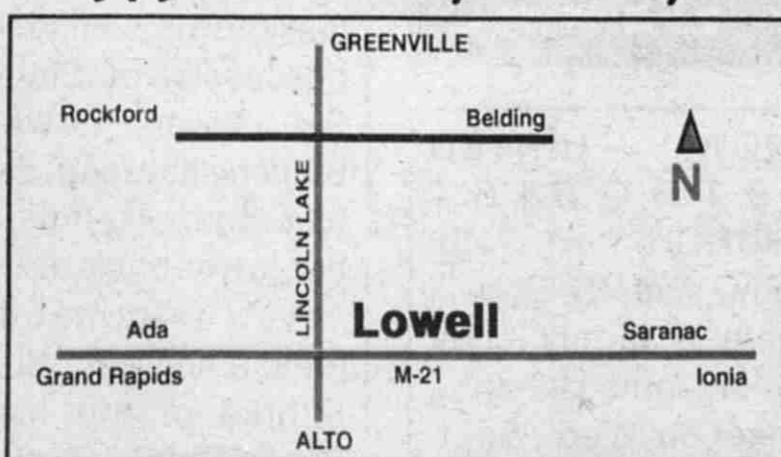
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