

# The Lowell Ledger

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David Inbody removes a limb from a tree at a residence located on 36th Street in Lowell Township. The arborist is taking his crew to Florida to clean up after storm damage from the hurricanes that have been pummeling the state.

## Local tree service heads south to clean up after hurricanes

By Dan Schneider

For the past month, three hurricanes have battered the state of Florida.

Charley hit the state in mid-August, then Francis struck in early September. Ivan grazed the state last week, causing extensive damage in Florida's panhandle region.

That's where the crew from True-Vine Tree Care is headed. They planned to start out Tuesday morning in their truck, pulling a wood chipper. The destination: Pensacola; their goal: to clean up limbs and damaged trees Ivan left behind.

"We're going to start out in Pensacola, Panama City, because they just got hit," said David Inbody, owner of True-Vine Tree Care, located in Lowell.

The workers who initially responded to the hurricane damage in those areas have moved on. They've done some of the most essential

work but, according to Inbody's internet research, there will still be plenty to do when his crew arrives.

"They've cleaned up 1.6 million cubic yards and they've got about 2.5 million cubic yards to clean up yet," Inbody said.

He and his crew, Gary Dysard and Eric Land, plan to spend from two weeks to a month in Florida.

"And now it looks like there's another one coming in so it may be longer," Inbody said.

Hurricane Jeanne was predicted to make landfall on the east coast of the state by Wednesday. The damage done by the previous hurricanes is already extensive.

"I've heard that cypress trees have been pulled up by the roots," Inbody said. "Guys I've talked to who live down there said it's the worst dam-

age they've seen. So we're not sure what we're getting into."

Inbody experienced the remnants of a hurricane once in North Carolina.

"I can't imagine what the big ones are like," he said.

The crew was working hard last week to get jobs done in Michigan before leaving.

"There's customers up here, too," Inbody said. "We've postponed them to the middle of October and they're fine with that but we don't want to get too far behind," he said.

They intend to do some work in Florida for hire and some on a volunteer basis. It will be a change of pace from work in West Michigan.

"I can't wait," Land said.

"It gives us a chance to help, doing the part," Dysard said. "It's a good change, it will help."

## Childwatch Program established citywide

By Dan Schneider

Window placards are in the homes of families participating in the Michigan Community Childwatch Program throughout Lowell. So far, 31 households have completed the training necessary to participate in the program.

Training took place in late August and placards went out to the households two weeks ago. The training focuses on identifying suspicious activity and effectively communicating about it to law enforcement officials.

"We spend a lot of time helping people to improve their memory and observation skills," Lowell police chief Jim Valentine said.

Skills taught in the course include how to effectively describe a suspicious vehicle to law enforcement. This involves "trying to identify specific things that will make that particular person or thing unique to the person they're observing," Valentine said.

The training lasts about an hour.

"It's just a basic (class) teaching you observation skills," said Katie Peters, who completed the training. "What to look for, what to do if someone comes to your door needing help."

Peters has a child in kindergarten and a baby. She lives in the neighborhood north of Cherry Creek Elementary.

Childwatch houses are

also places for children to go if they need help. Training includes instruction in which numbers to call in different situations—which situations warrant a 911 call, etc. For a household to participate in the program, everyone in it over the age of 17 must pass a criminal background check.

Childwatch is effectively similar to Neighborhood Watch. The training involves the same skills.

"To me, it's just basically one and the same," Valentine said. "The main emphasis is looking for strangers, suspicious vehicles and things like that."

Valentine has been wanting to get a Neighborhood Watch program started in Lowell for several years, but

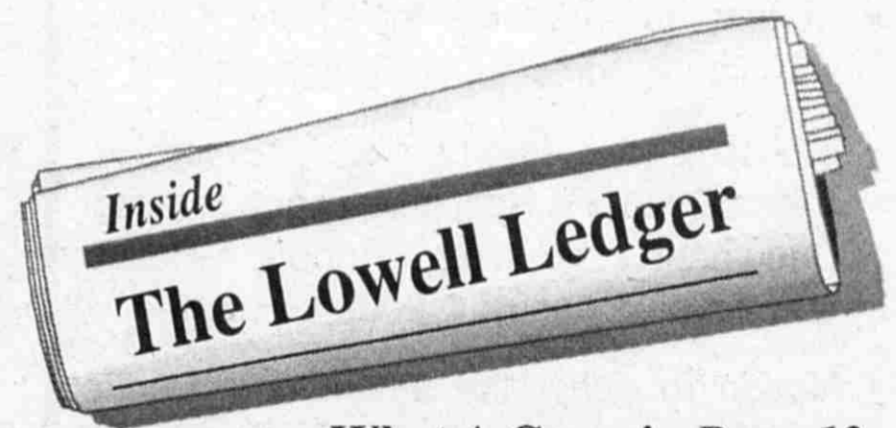
it has struggled to gain momentum. It usually takes a crisis, such as a kidnapping or a string of break-ins, to overcome people's complacency and get them to take the training, Valentine said. That was not the case in starting Childwatch.

"Very fortunately, this is not being born of a tragedy," Valentine said. "The school eliminated busing in a part of the city so a lot of parents are concerned."

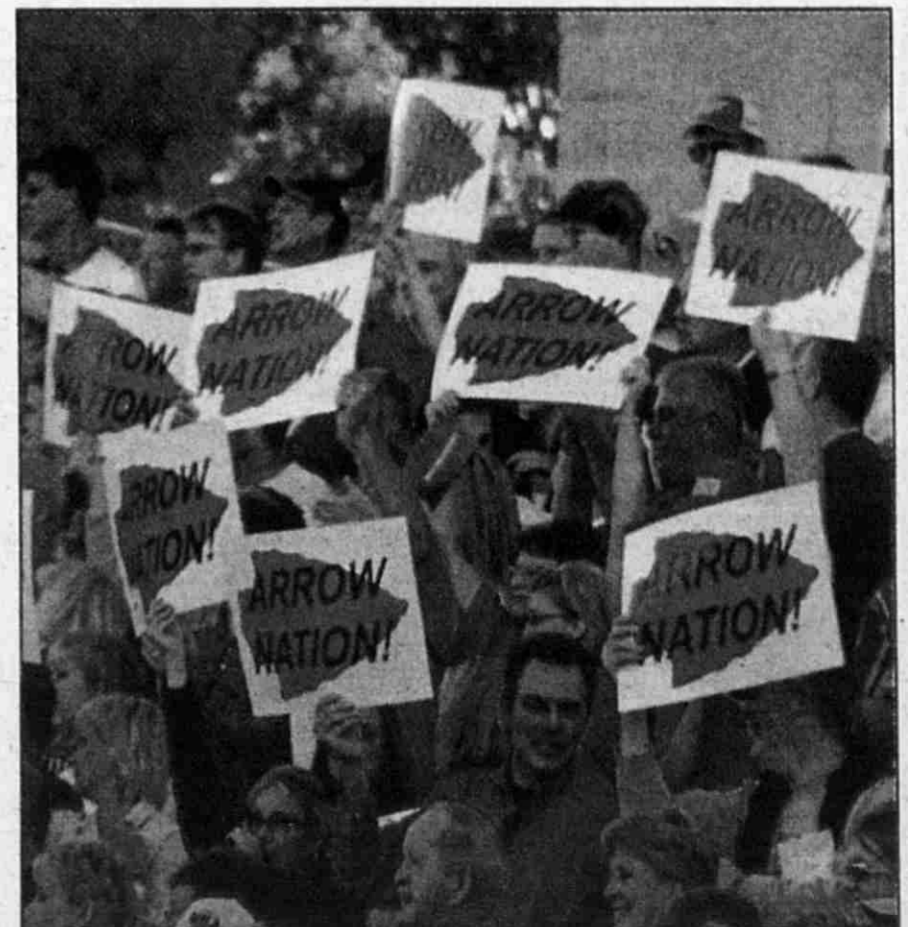
"And we've had a very good response because of this busing-created situation."

Carrie Curtis, who lives at the corner of Jackson and Avery, said she took the training "mostly because I'm home

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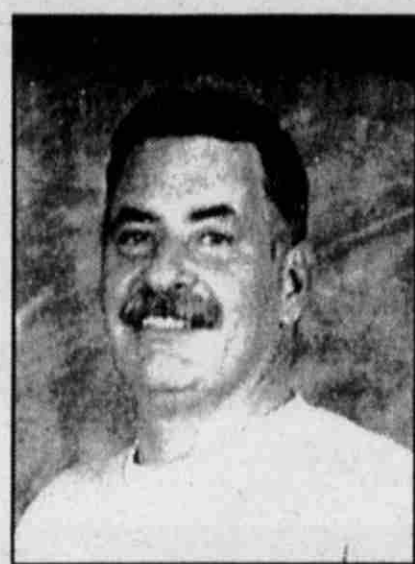


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# OBITUARIES

**BRUINEKOOL** - Patricia Anne Bruinekool, aged 71, passed away on Sunday, September 12, 2004. She was preceded in death by her son Stephen Babcock. Surviving are her husband Roger; children Shirley (Jim) Yeiter of Clarksville, Jeff (Denise) Babcock of Arkansas, Paul (Kristine) Babcock of Saranac; grandchildren Dan Yeiter, Shelley (Jim) Fridsma, Joe (Stacy) Yeiter, Kayla Babcock, Stacey Babcock, Stephen Babcock, Nick Babcock. Memorial services were held Thursday, September 16 at Trinity United Methodist Church. Memorial contributions may be sent to the American Heart Association.



He was very active in the Lowell YMCA sports program, volunteering as a coach for many years, as well as donating his time for volunteer projects to help others in need. Don was instrumental in the creation and construction of Creekside Kingdom playground. He was profoundly devoted to his family and looked forward to weekly visits to his parents' home in Rockford and annual family gatherings in New York. Don was an avid fisherman and loved the outdoors. This summer was spent boating with his sons, teaching them to fish and working on outdoor projects together. Don was a builder

**CLARK** - Donald L. Clark Jr., aged 48, of Lowell, died very unexpectedly on Saturday, September 18, 2004 at home. Don was a friend and mentor to everyone whom he met and he brightened the lives of many, many people. Most importantly, he was an incredible father, completely devoted to his sons, DJ and Cody.

and loved to help others with their building projects. He truly enjoyed playing pool and was an active member with the Lowell Moose Lodge, where this summer Don and his sons worked on a Make-A-Wish Foundation Fundraiser. He was a graduate of Rockford High School and Grand Rapids Community College and currently worked as a Technical Support Coordinator at Viking Corporation in Hastings. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew him and loved him. Don is deeply missed by his surviving wife of 20 years Brenda (Swan) Clark; sons Donald Louis III (D.J.) Clark, Cameron Cody Clark; daughters and sons-in-law Sarah J. (Smith) and Brian L. Thompson, Sheriana and Oday Kasim, Elona Vriion and special friend Kevin Rehward; parents Don and Connie Clark of Rockford; sisters Sherry Hockstra of Midland, Sandy (Rick) Lill of Rochester, NY, Nancy (Jeff) DeGroot of Jenison; nieces and nephews Julie (Dave) Foster, Jason Hockstra, Whitney, Katie, Erin, Andrew Lill, and Austin DeGroot; parents-in-law Bryan and Nancy Swan; grandmother-in-law Roseanna Swan; sisters-in-law Cathy (Ray) Razmus, Anita (Al

Burns) McGann, Dawn Sobleskey, Kelly (Keith) Stanford, nieces and nephews Corrie Razmus, Bryan and Chelsie McGann, Tim Jr. and Nikki Sobleskey, Kayla and Kyle Stanford. Special friends include Jeff and Tina Dickerman and Kevin and Julie Livingston. Don was preceded in death by his infant brother Timothy John Clark. Services will be held Wednesday, September 22 at 1 p.m. at Roth-Gerst in Lowell, Rev. Laurie TenHave-Chapman of-

ficiating. Visitation Wednesday from 12-1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations are requested for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

**GUERNSEY** - Gary L. Guernsey, aged 57, of Lowell, went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Thursday, September 16, 2004. He is survived by his wife Dawn; children Gwendolyn (Henry) Whittum, Glenda of Lowell; mother and father Lewis and

Anna Guernsey of Ionia; brother Terry (Susan) Guernsey of Fowler; sister Laurie (Keith) Kemmer of Adrian; parents-in-law Donald and Betty Culp; two grandchildren Nathan and Elyssa. Funeral services were held Monday at the Evergreen Missionary Church, Lowell, Rev. Rick Ferguson officiating. Interment Merriman Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Evergreen Missionary Church.

## LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

ORDER FOR SERVICE  
BY PUBLICATION/  
POSTING AND NOTICE  
OF ACTION

CASE NO. 04-08180-DO

PATRICIA E. CARRILLO  
2785 Ingersoll S.W.  
Wyoming, MI 49519

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NICOLAS DURAN  
CARRILLO  
McKinney Falls St. Park  
Austin, TX 78794

TO: NICOLAS DURAN  
CARRILLO

IT IS ORDERED:

You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to obtain a divorce. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before October 6, 2004. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

be published once each week in THE LOWELL LEDGER for three (3) consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

A copy of this order shall be sent to Defendant, NICOLAS DURAN CARRILLO, at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

September 9, 2004  
G. PATRICK HILLARY  
P35303

A copy of this order shall

# Artist returns annually to attend Fallasburg Fall Fest

By Dan Schneider

People come from far and wide to attend the Lowell Area Arts Council's Fallasburg Fall Festival. For Ruth Paskewicz, the trip is longer than for most.

For the last 15 years, Paskewicz has helped Mary Kingsbury with her art booth. It was easy to do this for the first five years or so, when she and her husband, Mike, lived on Bailey Ave. in Vergennes Township.

"Those first few years they'd just run around from her house to Fallasburg," Kingsbury said.

Then Mike Paskewicz

took a job as a school superintendent in Ogden, Utah. Then they moved to Lake Zurich, Illinois. Still, Paskewicz would travel to Lowell every year to help out at the festival.

"I like the fall weather and I like the festival there in Fallasburg, it just kind of starts fall," Paskewicz said.

This year she traveled from Denver, where the fall colors aren't as impressive. "They have mostly Aspens," Paskewicz said. So the trees turn mostly yellow without much red mixed in.

"It doesn't matter whether they're in Colo-

rado, Utah or Chicago. They're here (for Fallasburg)," Kingsbury said.

The artist sells jewelry she makes out of stoneware and clay. She's an early-career elementary art teacher at Knapp Charter School in Grand Rapids. She and Paskewicz met several years ago when both were teaching art at the Vandenberg Academy in Grand Rapids. She said Paskewicz is not the only one loyal to the Fallasburg Fall Festival.

"The customers are so loyal, the people who come to the art fair," Kingsbury said. There's people that if they don't show up, I call them to make sure nothing is wrong."

This year's festival starts Saturday at 10 a.m. at Fallasburg Park. It goes until 5 p.m., Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

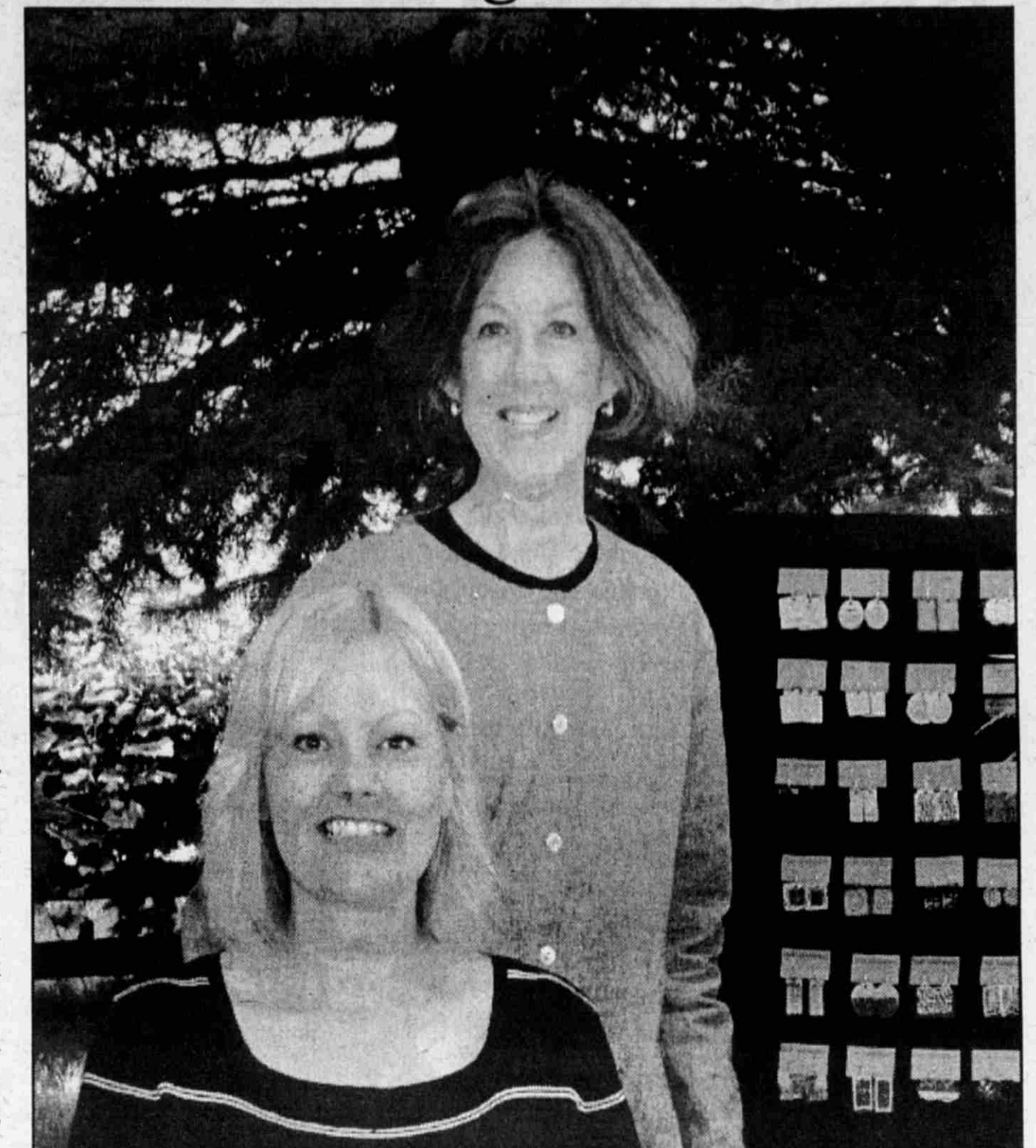
There are 81 art booths again at this year's show. Artists will be giving demonstrations of origami, basket weaving and the like in the pavilion.

Children's activities in the kids area include face painting, pumpkin decorating and a multi-media station with easels for creating watercolor and collage.

The Lowell High School crew team will staff the children's area while the senior class will take charge of the LAAC Kids food booth. Lowell FFA will oversee parking.

There will be 11 food booths from local nonprofit groups: Lowell Area Fire Department, the Lions Club and various churches, to name a few.

This year's quilt is made by Dawn Ysseldyke who



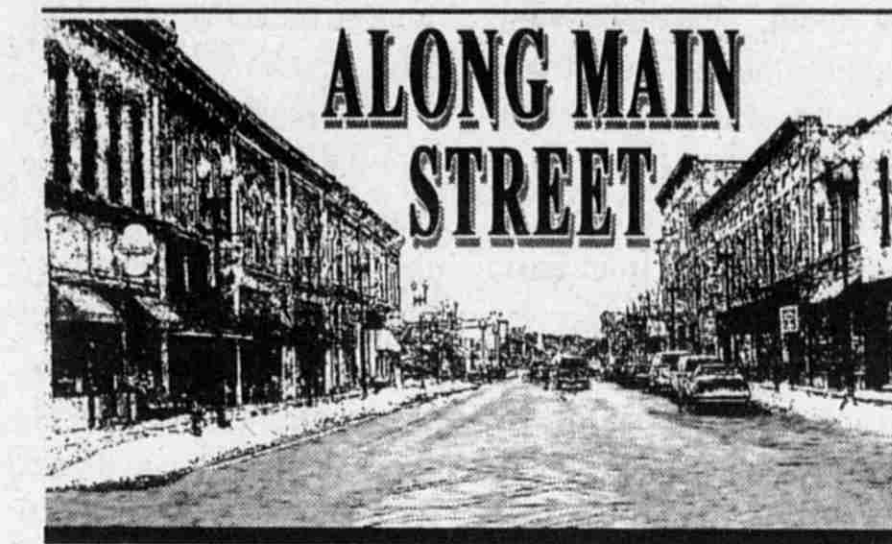
Ruth Paskewicz, left, pictured with best friend Mary Kingsbury.

also did last year's quilt. It's called "Interlocking Stars." Raffle tickets also give their owners the chance to win one of 70 art objects donated by the artists in the show. These will be on display at

the LAAC information and raffle booth.

Local artists' Gary Eldridge and David Davis used the "Interlocking Stars" theme to create this year's United States Postal Service

Fallasburg Fall Festival cancellation stamp. Postal clerks will be at a booth with the stamp, commemorative of when the village of Fallasburg had its own post office.



### FLOWERS NEEDED

The Decoration committee for Fallasburg Fall Festival is in need of ornamental grasses, cattails, gourds and flowers to help decorate the park this weekend. Call Carol at 897-5501 if you can help. Pick-up is available.

### AIRPORT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Lowell Airport will have its annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, Sept. 26 from 8-11 a.m. Adults \$5; children under 8, \$2. Proceeds benefit Lowell Airport.

### PICTURE RETAKES

High school picture retakes will be Monday, Sept. 27 from 9-11 a.m.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILY LINKS MEETING

An informal question and answer meeting will be held in the Lowell Middle School cafeteria on Thursday, Sept. 30 at 7 p.m., sponsored by Middle School Family Links. Administrators, teachers and a counselor will be available.

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We want to show off our newly remodeled building and to get to know the neighbors and for YOU to get to know us and what we do.

It is also the 105th Anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the 58th of Post 8303.

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Please take notice any qualified elector of Grattan Township, who is not already registered to vote for the November General Election, may register at any Secretary of State, County Clerk, or Township Clerk's Office on, or before Monday, October 4, 2004 at 4:00 p.m.

Lana Green  
Grattan Township Clerk

## SYNOPSIS

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 7, 2004

Minutes of the August 16, 2004 meeting were approved as corrected and the accounts payable were approved.

The following motions were approved:

- Motion to recognize the Lowell Athletic Boosters as a charitable non profit organization to provide a charitable gaming license.
- Motion to approve the Kent County Assistance Agreement as proposed.
- Motion to amend the Employee Prescription Reimbursement Plan Document including Priority Health retroactive to August 1, 2003.
- Motion to adopt the amendment to the Code of Ordinances involving BB guns, air rifles and slingshots as proposed.
- Motion to send the test results to the MSU Extension office for a second opinion regarding the silver maple tree fronting 623 N. Jefferson Street.
- Motion to appoint Dan DesJarden as the Officer Delegate and Tom Richards as the alternate for the Michigan Employees Retirement Systems annual meeting in Grand Rapids from September 21-23.
- Motion to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, September 20, 2004.

Complete minutes are available at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331.

Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk  
City of Lowell

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# Tree has to go, according to MSU Extension Services

By J. Lobdell  
Contributing Writer

The question of a tree being removed has led to a written policy on dealing with such issues. For the past several weeks, the Lowell City Council has been grappling with whether a tree at 623 N. Jefferson should be removed.

After Bartlett Tree Service completed a visual and structural test, the council decided to have those results reviewed by the MSU Extension Services. "Based upon the large amount of rotted tissue, evidenced by the gaping wounds along the trunk, this tree is a public hazard," wrote Rebecca Finneran, extension horticulture educator, in a report to the city dated Sept. 15.

Finneran stated after reviewing the material provided to her, the tree was not worth saving and was a serious public hazard. "If the tree perhaps was another species [hardwood], I may try to save it," she said. "However, silver maple is known for fast growth, resulting in unstable wood and easy splitting. This

tree's demise is only a matter of a strong wind or ice storm."

Ivan Blough, whose home is located at 623 N. Jefferson, said he was still disappointed in the way the city handled the whole process. He felt that MSU Extension should have conducted its own independent testing versus having to rely on material put together by the tree service scheduled to remove the tree. His bigger concern is that the city had no written policy on how trees should be removed from public right of ways.

"They are public assets and there needs to be a policy to protect them," Blough said, adding that he shouldn't have to come before the city council to work this issue out but that upper management should be able to work with the residents involved.

City manager David Pasquale said several years ago the city council was dealing with every tree that had to be cut down and decided at that point to leave it to the discretion of the public works director, Dan

DesJarden. If a tree is living or there are some concerns, the issue needs to be brought before the city council, which is what was done in the case of the tree at 623 N. Jefferson.

Pasquale said city staff plans to write a policy and have it reviewed by the council so there is some-

thing on the city books. The council unanimously approved 4-0 to have the tree removed, accepting a \$1,000 bid from Bartlett Tree Service to do the work. Councilman James Hodges was absent.

With that, Blough said he did not want a repeat of what happened last year and

expected the city to take care of any damages to his property, maintain the retaining wall, grind and remove the stump and all debris, and repair any services that are disconnected in the process.

DesJarden said the plan is to block off the street and remove the tree without getting on Blough's property. DesJarden said city staff will have to remove the retaining wall to allow the tree service to grind the stump down. It will be put back in place with top soil and seed. The council did recommend that staff make arrangements for the tree to be removed when Blough was available to be at his home.

# Airport board improves roadway in time for annual fly-in this weekend

By J. Lobdell  
Contributing Writer

Those driving on the road leading into the Lowell Airport won't have to worry about getting jostled around.

At its Monday night meeting, the Lowell City Council, in a 3-0 vote, decided to approve a recommendation from the airport board to improve the condition of the entrance drive off of Lincoln Lake. Councilman James Hodges was absent from the meeting and councilman Al Mathews abstained from the vote since his company, Tip Top Gravel, would be assigned the work.

The task, at a cost of

\$2,779.44, will include straightening the road by bulldozing the gravel off the existing drive and replacing it with sod and dirt. Gravel will then be placed where sod was dug out to straighten the road with four inches of crushed asphalt layered on top.

City manager David Pasquale said the work will cover the first 250 feet of the road, which is 30 feet wide, just past the curve as you head into the valley. The board would have preferred to have done the entire road but cost was a factor, Pasquale said, adding that the board wanted to get in at least the initial base.

"The road has been a problem," Pasquale said, adding that he wasn't certain this was a requirement for part of the Lowell Airport Board's work to upgrade its status from basic utility to general utility. He said the board simply wanted to upgrade the entrance road. This is seen as an intermediate plan with hopes of eventually having

entire road improvements done on the full length of the drive.

After the vote, Mathews said he would start on the project Tuesday and probably have it completed by Wednesday. Tip Top Gravel was selected since it is the only vendor in town that offers crushed asphalt, Pasquale said, adding no other bids were sought.

# State/AARP offer senior driver safety program

Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land and AARP Michigan, in a new cooperative effort, have initiated a driver safety program for senior drivers and their families.

Land has placed 10,000 AARP Driver Safety Program brochures in selected offices throughout Michigan which provide resources, help and information for motorists age 50 and older. This is the nation's first and largest classroom driver refresher course specifically for seniors. Program instructor brochures are being placed in the offices, as well.

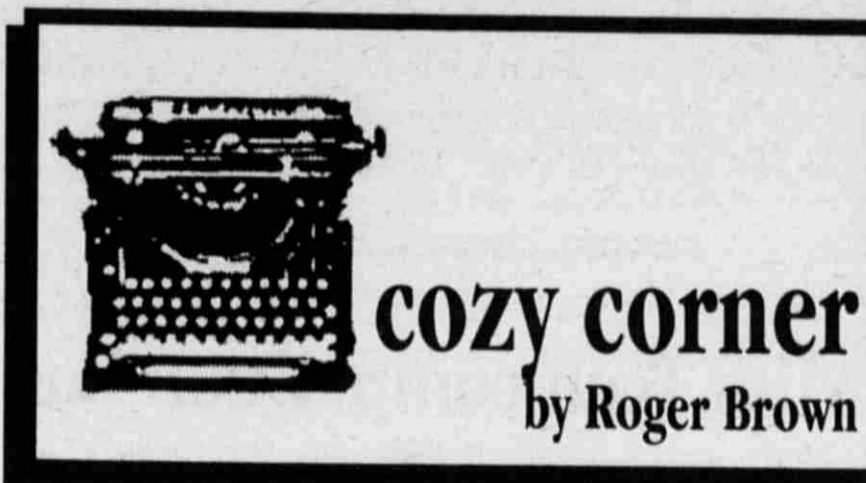
Driver's licensing examiners are being made aware of the program as they work with seniors who are undergoing license reviews.

According to Land, one of every seven drivers in Michigan is over the age of 65. She pointed out, however, that age alone should not determine a person's fitness to drive. Medical conditions and other factors can affect motorists of any age.

The AARP Driver Safety program is an eight-hour course typically taught in 2, four-hour sessions spanning two days, and costs \$10. The course helps drivers refine existing skills and develop safe, defensive driving techniques. AARP members and nonmembers alike may take the course.

For more information, go online to [www.aarp.org/life/drive](http://www.aarp.org/life/drive) and [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos).

# Viewpoint



In last week's column I began by writing about the 33rd annual National Stearman Convention in Galesburg, Illinois. Somewhere along the line I was sidetracked and the story digressed into hurricanes, Clydesdales and beer. Can you say adult-onset attention deficit disorder?

My 1941 antique biplane coughed to life around 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 6 ... Labor Day. I left Lowell bucking headwinds but in otherwise splendid weather. After diverting for homemade pie and fuel, my old plane and I arrived in Galesburg at 1:00 Central Time. Galesburg is well over 300 miles from Lowell.

Normally, that's enough time in the seat of a WWII military trainer. A lot of companies diversified in the war effort. Ford made bombers. Packard built aircraft engines. I don't know what Lazy-Boy manufactured during the war, but it certainly wasn't Stearman seats.

If you read this column regularly, you know I am on a quest to make at least one landing in each of the 48 contiguous United States in my old airplane. During a trip up the East Coast last spring, I chalked off Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island. I have now logged a landing in every state east of the Mississippi River. That and a buck or so might get a guy a cup of coffee.

I'm looking to get one of those maps RV'ers have that show the states they've visited. Wouldn't a tacky multi-colored map look great plastered on the side of my old airplane? Warbird aficionados already think it's a sacrilege that my plane isn't painted in military colors (like everybody else). What's a big, old tacky map gonna hurt?

I registered at the fly-in, got fuel, downed a soda, dined out of a vending machine and climbed back into the old Stearman seat. Still bucking headwinds, I pointed the plane off to the southwest for Missouri and a landing there for my logbook. Rolla, Missouri, the airport at the end of the line I'd drawn on my map was over 200 miles away. In these headwinds that was about three hours of flying. My butt was already taking on the shape of the seat.

Shortly out of Galesburg I began dodging some rainy weather associated with a cold front making its way east. Less than an hour out, and on the backside of the front, I found myself being pushed along by a nice tailwind. As Homer Simpson would say ... WOOHOO!!!

## TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,  
On September 15, the *Lowell Ledger* ran an advertisement that compared the actions of the President to those of our most horrible enemy during World War II. The comparison wasn't original, it wasn't accurate, and it wasn't even clever. It was simply gross.

Arguing about politics and policy is a great American tradition. Even personal attacks can have their place. As a Republican during the Clinton Administration, I can appreciate the frustration one feels when disagreeing with the President. But to casually scream Nazi when we have with us great American Veterans who fought real Nazis, and innocent people all over the world are being killed by our current enemy is beneath all of us.

If you are in disagreement with us Republicans, fine, let's argue. Regardless of party or political views, one should demand of themselves and our opponents decorum fitting the people of the Lowell area. Otherwise talk about the weather.

Mark W. Johnson  
Lowell Township



## Ledger Entries

of 125, 100, 75, 50 and 25 years ago

### 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL

SEPTEMBER 24, 1879  
Construction at Graham and Bechler's brick block is starting on the second story.

The Lowell Cornet Band will play at the Grand Rapids Fair this Friday.

C.M. Watters' Colfax took first place at the State Fair horse races, and Dr. Malcolm's Jim Clay and Utica took seconds.

James Bookey of Cannon has 80 swarms of bees. "Cannonsburg is a strictly temperance town."

### 100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER

SEPTEMBER 22, 1904  
Citizens Telephone Co. raises rates from \$9 a year to \$12 for residences.

The Grand Rapids & Ionia Railroad Co. files for a million-dollar trust mortgage, according to manager F.M. Higgins. When granted, construction will begin. The headline reads, "Sure Thing Now."

A big vein of coal has been discovered near Bellevue, about 80 feet down.

Common Council orders R.D. Stocking to build a sidewalk on his property at Jefferson and Avery.

Freshen white velvet by brushing and treating with chloroform.

### 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO

SEPTEMBER 26, 1929  
District foremen of the Kent County Road Commission, who are on the road day and night, will receive training and supplies to administer first aid at accident scenes.

Walter Kropf as "Aunt Lucia" is the hit of the evening at the I.O.O.F. play.

A.M. Smith Co. "One Half Century in the Egg Business" advertises that they will buy eggs on a graded basis, Premium, #1, #2, and pay accordingly.

The serial is "The Trail of '98" by Robert W. Service. Dance to Carl Gladys' orchestra at City Hall Friday night.

### 50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER

SEPTEMBER 23, 1954  
Grand Trunk Railroad converts to diesel power; the six new engines are olive green and yellow.

The *Ledger* publishes its first full page in color, a Sanitary Market ad.

Justice of the Peace Howard Rittenger takes in \$302 in fines for 27 traffic violations in August.

The Levee Restaurant has a seven-foot Showboat mural in three colors on its wall.

Lowell City Hall receives repairs on the outside and paint on the inside.

### 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER

SEPTEMBER 26, 1979  
Lowell Area Arts Council and the West Central Michigan Historical Society jointly sponsor this weekend's 11th Fallsburg Fall Festival, with 40 exhibitors and entertainment, called "A Celebration of Then and Now."

Richard Heath resigns from city council and is replaced by Leonard Jackson.

Judy Jansma resigns from school board and is replaced by Dr. James Dumas.

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USDA will check acreage in the Wheat and Feed Grain Program by aerial photography this year, instead of farm visits.

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# Reflections Of Faith

Dr. Roger LaWarre  
First Congregational UCC

How we live our life in this modern world and the emphasis that we give to our faith have been growing further and further apart. So much so, that many people find no excitement in their faith life and look to their secular life to bring meaning and fulfillment, often without success. Oh, this does not mean that faith and church and reading the Bible are not practiced. They are. It means that much of our religious experience is centered around determining what we believe and sticking to what we believe over against the beliefs and practices that come from other sectors of our life.

We seek to be in control in our modern world life and in our religious life. God is real, empathetic to our existence and cares about us but God doesn't really do anything for most of us except to listen to us, bring us courage and comfort in God's Word and provide the basis for us to do what we think is important. We are not expecting God to throw us a curve that radically changes the flow of our life.

We expect God's forgiveness and God's guidance, but on our terms.

This kind of closed system of knowing means that God thinks the way we think and anyone can see that, if they use the same empirical steps to understanding that you or I do. But notice something: if the only knowledge we have is the knowledge that is derived from within our experience, our world, then we can run the world fairly much as we please. But if there is a truth of God, revealed in opening ourselves to a wider circle of prayer and human discourse on the sacred texts of religion, we don't want it because it might radically change the way we see worship, mission, love, success, and countless other aspects of our life and it will push us out of our comfort-zone (the familiar).

If you read Luke 15:1-10, for example, would you risk leaving all of your assets unattended just to find one lost check equal in value to the price of one lamb on today's market? Or, if you lost a quarter in your home, would you move all the furniture and the appliances out in the yard, tear up the carpet and sweep the entire house to find it? When you found it, would you throw a huge party to let your neighbors know that the quarter or the check had been found? We know the answer to this.

The point is this. If you can let yourself break out of your control mode, become more open to dialogue and

acceptance of other people, of other churches and even of other expressions of faith in the oneness and power of God, then you will surely encounter the God who would abandon the resources, seek the lost and celebrate enthusiastically over the return of one person willing to be united with others in the Kingdom of God. This passage of Luke is not about modern ideology. We all know that modern ideology would not risk the whole for such a small amount. But, this passage is about true Christianity which recognizes that when God enters and remains in your life, God does not stay put and is not contained in our neat little theologies, traditions and "things familiar." Think about it, will you?

## Miss Teen competition has another Lowell contestant

Samantha Ashley Mol was recently selected to participate in Nationals' 2004 Miss Teen Grand Rapids pageant competition that will take place on Sept. 26.

The Lowell resident will be competing for her share of over \$20,000 in scholarships, prizes and specialty gifts that will be distributed to contestants. Competing in the Miss Teen division, if she were to win the title, Mol would represent Grand Rapids and the surrounding areas at the Cities of America National Competition in Orlando.

Any business, organization or private individual

who would like to sponsor her may contact Patty Neidert, this year's Grand Rapids pageant coordinator, at 1-800-569-2487.



Samantha Mol

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SEPT. 23: Steve VanLaan.

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SEPT. 27: Brooke Tetzlaff.

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## Street rod winners

Mart and Rema DeYoung of Ada traveled to the Street Rod Nationals-North in Kalamazoo in their 1941 Buick Super convertible the weekend of Sept. 10-12.

The couple, who have registered a car in the event for the past three years, received Kalamazoo's Choice Award on Sunday with their vehicle. DeYoung built the street rod during this past year, except for the upholstery. It was completed just three weeks ago.

Street Rod Nationals-North is held every September and draws Street Rods from all over the United States and Canada. This year there were 2,941 pre-1948 cars registered.



## Season's last "huzzah" for the Fallasburg Cubs

By Dan Schneider

The Fallasburg Cubs club nine is riding a four-game winning streak into this Saturday's tournament.

The host Cubs will play against the Kent Baseball Club to start the Fallasburg Fall Finale Tournament at 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Taking on the Douglas Dutchers at noon will be the Ludington Mariners. A consolation match begins at 2 p.m. with the championship match following at 3:30 p.m.

These club nines play seven-inning baseball matches by the baseball rules of the 1860s. The tournament takes place at Fallasburg Schoolhouse on Covered Bridge Road. The tournament is the last Saturday "huzzah" was the popular cheer among baseball crowds of the 19th century—for the Cubs this year. It is also part of the Fallasburg Fall Festival.

In their last outings, the Cubs twice defeated the Wahoo Baseball Club from Royal Oak, Mich., and won two games against the House of David Echoes from

Benton Harbor. Scores against the Wahoo Baseball Club were 15-7 and 9-2; against House of David Echoes, 8-1 and 12-6.

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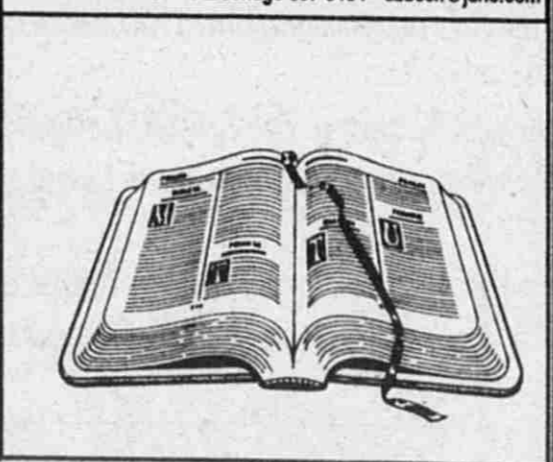
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# Hunting blind designed to help when mobility is an issue

By Dan Schneider

A recently-built mobile hunting blind will help transport handicapped people into the woods this hunting season.

The hunting blind, a camouflaged golf cart jacked up and with oversize tires, got

started at a camp-out this summer. Russ Stoffers overheard Pete Odland, an avid turkey and deer hunter, talking about his desire to help the disabled experience hunting.

"Pete, during the camp-out, was telling me that he donates hunts for special

needs people," Stoffers explained.

Accommodating the special needs hunters, Stoffers said, would require things like "having to lift wheelchairs into the backs of Pete's pickup." So he thought there must be a better way to get

the hunters into the woods. The two kicked around some ideas. Stoffers, a sales rep for US Golf Cars in Caledonia, took one of them back to his boss.

"They said they'd sell all the parts at cost and later

agreed to do all the labor in their shop," Odland said.

The cart is designed to move stealthily through the woods. With an electric motor, the cart operates relatively silently. The white plastic body cladding, appropriate for a golf course, would stick out like a sore thumb in the woods. So it was replaced with bodywork with a Realtree Forest Floor camouflage pattern. The whole thing is enclosed with a zip-up canopy of camo fabric.

At the US Golf Cars shop, suspension enhancements were made, the body replaced, and beefy tires installed. Then Odland brought the cart to his Whites Bridge Tooling shop on Bows Road for further modifications. These included the addition of a full shoulder harness for the passenger and some structural changes.

There's a gun rack mounted next to the steering wheel. The passenger side has a moveable, machined-aluminum arm rest. It slides back to help someone move easily from a wheelchair into the cart. Then it slides back into place to become an elbow rest from which to shoot. The quiet electric motor will allow the cart to maneuver in the woods, enabling hunters with limited motion to get a shot at a deer or turkey.

Odland has always had an interest in helping the disabled. The interest became

more acute when his second son was born with cystic fibrosis in 1996. Odland started "Hunt for a Cure" four years ago. This year, the event raised \$75,000 for cystic fibrosis research.

The Flat River chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will maintain the cart.

"The chapter will purchase the golf cart and make it available to anyone who would be available to take someone who is disabled out into the woods," chapter member Vicki Kennedy said.

The chapter is raffling off two rifles (a 17-caliber Marlin and a 20-gauge Winchester), a framed wildlife print and a collectible hunting knife to raise money to purchase the cart.

Michigan Out-of-Doors, the television program on PBS, is filming a segment on the cart during its Oct. 16 and 17 special disabled firearm hunt for deer. Bowhunting season opens Oct. 1 with turkey season, Oct. 4 and the regular gun deer season, Nov. 15.

But the cart doesn't have to be used just for hunting. It can also be used, Odland said, "if there's a handicapped individual who would like to get out in the woods and photograph or go fishing."

To make a reservation for the cart or to purchase raffle tickets, contact Kennedy at 693-2667.



Pete Odland is pictured outside his Whites Bridge Tooling shop where machine work was done to help build this mobile hunting blind. It's a golf cart designed to transport disabled hunters into the woods.

# City decides to retain same firm to serve as city attorney

By J. Lobbell  
Contributing Writer

After several months of sending out and receiving proposals, the city of Lowell has decided to keep the Grand Rapids' law offices of Dickinson Wright PLLC as legal counsel for the city.

"I was one of the people who started this process and after going through the two proposals, it was an overwhelming decision for Dickinson Wright," said councilman James Pfaller. He was on a committee with Lowell Light and Power/Lowell Cable general manager Tom Richards, city manager David Pasquale, and mayor Jeanne Shores who reviewed proposals from Dickinson Wright and Plunkett and Cooney. A persuading factor in that decision was that Richard Wendt has been serving as the city's attorney for a number of years and was last appointed to the position in 1996.

"I was very impressed with the passion that [Wendt]

has for Lowell," said Shores, who commented on Wendt's overall presentation to the committee and his commitment to work with the city. The council unanimously approved, with councilman James Hodges absent, to name Wendt as the city attorney and instructed staff to begin putting together a contract that will be approved by council at a later date.

In the contract, the committee did recommend, and it was agreed upon, that the appointment would be for two years with a possible two-year renewal. After each year, the council is to receive a report on services. At the two-year mark, the council can renew the contract without seeking outside proposals. After four years, however, the council is required to seek outside proposals before appointing the city attorney.

Councilman Charles Myers, who was the initial person to bring up reviewing the city's contracted services,

said he felt the pattern established with the attorney's contracts was a good one to follow for waste removal, wastewater plant operations and building inspections as well. Another item in the contract is that the city has the right to re-evaluate the contract and seek proposals if the lead attorney should leave the firm. Pasquale said that even though others in the firm worked with issues, if the lead attorney leaves, it does change everything for the city.

Currently, the city pays \$135 per hour with no retainer fee for attorney services. Because the attorney is paid for each meeting he attends, he does not attend all city meetings. Myers said for that reason, he felt the city attorney name plate should only be out when the city attorney is present since it gives the illusion that he is supposed to be at the meetings, when it is not necessarily true. Pasquale said they would follow that procedure in the future.



# Planting and dedication at Wittenbach Center

Lowell Area Schools superintendent Shari Miller and Pete Gustafson watch Allie Wittenbach and Nick Dewey apply the final shovel-fuls of dirt to a lilac tree planting at the Wittenbach Center last Friday. The tree was dedicated to June Wittenbach on the fourth anniversary of the Wittenbach Center.

# Fall - the best time to divide perennials

Overcrowding is one reason to divide perennials. In this case, dividing rejuvenates the planting. Increasing the number of plants in the garden is another reason. This is the best time of year to relocate perennials.

Some perennials—peonies, especially—will grow in one place for years without needing dividing. Others, such as daylilies and iris, may overflow their allotted space. Iris may quit blooming if plantings get too dense.

Hostas seldom get overcrowded but can be easily propagated by dividing young plants. Older plants are less likely to reestablish after being divided and so should be left where they are or replaced with young divisions.

It's a good idea to prepare the planting site before you dig and divide the plants. If you're converting an area from sod to flowers, thoroughly removing the grass is a must. Otherwise, it will keep trying to make a comeback. Deep spading, incorporating some organic matter and mixing in a little fertilizer will get any site ready for your new plants.

Daylilies are not particular about how or where they're planted. Peonies and iris are another story. Planting peony crowns with the eyes more than one or two inches below the soil surface may inhibit flowering. Likewise iris rhizomes need to be planted right at the soil surface, not buried. Iris and peonies also need full sun; daylilies will grow in sun or partial shade.

Water newly planted divisions after planting and occasionally during the fall if the weather is dry to help them get well established before winter. Applying a winter mulch will protect them against alternate freezing and thawing, which can push plants right up out of the soil.

Peonies need three to five pink eyes or buds on each section. Iris needs one fan of leaves and several feeder roots; for daylily, a single fan division is fine.

Water newly planted divisions after planting and occasionally during the fall if the weather is dry to help them get well established before winter. Applying a winter mulch will protect them against alternate freezing and thawing, which can push plants right up out of the soil.

# LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Meeting of September 13, 2004

**STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT** - Justin Quist, Student Council President and Student Representative to the Board, reported that students had a great start not only academically but that the music programs and athletics are excelling. There are 8 foreign exchange students from various countries at Lowell High School. Homecoming Week is October 4-9. Tickets go on sale Wednesday for the Lowell/EGR football game to be held on Friday. Fallasburg Festival takes place September 25-26.

**NEW TEACHING STAFF** - Connie Gillette introduced the following new staff members: Rachel Millhiser - Alto 4th Grade Teacher; Alice Bush - Bushnell Part time Administrative Assistant; Mary Price - Bushnell Kindergarten Teacher; Amber Weber - Cherry Creek Special Ed Teacher; Susan Gordon - Murray Lake Reading Teacher; Jacklyn Krygier - Cherry Creek Reading Teacher; Wendy Tenney - Middle School Part time String Instrument Teacher; Elizabeth Bradley - Middle School Special Ed Teacher; Jason McFarland - Middle School 7th Grade English/Language Arts Teacher; Mary Blanchard - Middle School 6th-7th-8th TechPlus & Literature Teacher; Jason Lake - Middle School 6th Grade Science Teacher; Julie Simmons - High School Administrative Assistant; Nick Blough - High School Social Studies Teacher; Ainat Rodriguez - High School Spanish Teacher; Kevin Nugent - High School Agri-science Teacher; Justin Miller - High School Health Teacher; Jackie Confer - Speech Pathologist; Tracy Young - Occupational Therapist (part time)

**ACTION ITEMS** - Accepted the following gift: A donation of \$1,566.20 from Jim Fast, President of Ionia County National Bank, from their "Support Our Schools Program" to be used for special projects.

**CONSENT ITEMS** - Approved/adopted were:  
• August 9, 2004 Special Meeting and Closed Session minutes, August 9, 2004 Regular Meeting and Closed Session minutes, and August 23, 2004 Workshop and Closed Session minutes.  
• The following payment of bills for August 2004:  
GENERAL FUND.....\$1,114,398.64  
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A. Food Service Fund.....\$7,666.35  
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TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....\$ 20,175.85  
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• New Hires:  
Jason McFarland - Middle School - 7th Grade Language Arts  
Mary Blanchard - Middle School - Language Arts/Tech Plus  
Susan Gordon - Murray Lake - Reading  
Jacklyn Krygier - Cherry Creek - Reading  
Jason Lake - Middle School - 6th Grade Science  
Justin Miller - High School - Health

**TRANSPORTATION REPORT** - Larry Mikulski reported that the walking zones are working very well. Jessica Johnston briefly shared about the Safe Routes to School program. This is an international program to increase walking and biking to school that Cherry Creek will be involved with this year. She is looking at having a "walk to school day" as a district-wide event to emphasize the benefits of walking. Larry thanked the Transportation Safety Committee for all their hard work in making this cost-saving arrangement a success.

**FACILITY UPDATE** - Larry Mikulski reported on the facility projects currently taking place within the district as a result of the Honeywell performance contract. The contract will generate an estimated savings of \$3.2 million over the next 10 years, and the savings will be used to upgrade existing facilities at no cost to taxpayers. Projects are 35% completed.

**BUDGET AND NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE - Budget** - Connie Gillette reported that information regarding the state's budget and how it will impact Lowell Area Schools will be better known in October and she will report at that time. The student blended count will change to 25/75 and it is uncertain at this time if this will help or hurt Lowell Area Schools. Auditors are in their final stage in completing the audit and the figures are very close to the last budget amendments made in June. **Negotiations** - Connie reported that the Board and Union have a tentative agreement. The teacher and support staff membership will receive information regarding the settlement and then proceed for a ratification vote. Upon ratification by the union membership, the Board of Education will vote to ratify the agreement.

**CURRICULUM REPORT** - Mark Kasmer reported on the staff professional development (PD) days that occurred prior to students

returning to school. Support staff, bus drivers, and custodians also participated in a diversity training workshop led by Dr. Steve Robbins. The BLT's (building leadership teams) and DLT's (district leadership teams) have been meeting to discuss the areas that Lowell Area Schools needs to work on to improve student learning. High School MEAP test retakes will be given next week.

**TECHNOLOGY UPDATE** - Shari Miller reported on the status of district-wide technology. The SMS (student management system) is in the implementation process. Voice mail is up and running and is helping to make offices more efficient.

**ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT REPORT** - Barry Hobla gave an end of the year report for the Athletic Department for 2003-04. 40.8% of the student population participated in athletics. Athletic highlights included: State Championship in Wrestling - Division 2, District Championship in Football - Division 2, OK White Championship in Girls Basketball, OK White Championship in Wrestling, OK Tier 3 Championship in Ice Hockey, OK White Championship in Girls Soccer.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - The following person addressed the Board: Carmen Campbell - contract negotiations.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Shari Miller welcomed the new GR Press reporter, Morgan Jarema, and thanked Dan Schneider from the Lowell Ledger for all of his good reporting. She thanked Barry Hobla for the athletic report and gave thanks and congratulations to the athletes, coaches, and parents. Lowell Area Schools has had an excellent start to the school year. Shari thanked the bargaining teams and all their hard work in coming to common agreement.

**CLOSED SESSION** - The Board met in closed session to discuss negotiations.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**  
Board Meeting  
Monday, October 11, 2004  
Runciman Administration Building - Board Room - 7:00 p.m.  
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# Childwatch program, continued...From Page 1



Carrie Curtis stands near the window in her house displaying the Childwatch placard. The placards have been around town for a few weeks now.

the majority of the time and I'm in town, and just so the kids have a safe place to go. And with the buses, too, with all the walking kids."

Curtis has three children who walk to consolidated bus stops.

The police have not received any tips yet from the Childwatch volunteers, but, Valentine said, "It's very pro-active on their part to come forward and be involved."

The program formed in Lowell because of the walk zones, but the participants

are spread out more broadly than that.

"We look at this, at the Childwatch program, as more than just going back and forth to school," Valentine said. "We need eyes and ears city-wide."

He said the majority of the households currently participating are in the walk zones, but many are in other places, as well. There are four households currently participating in Lowell and Vergennes townships.

"People who are walk-

ing around with their kids should point them out," Valentine said.

Police officers will visit classrooms in Lowell schools during October to tell students what the placards mean. Four other training sessions have been scheduled to get more people involved in the program. They are on Sept. 29 and 30 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Those interested in attending should contact the Lowell Police Department at 897-7120.

## Lowell Township puts gypsy moth inspections on hold, seeks to modify overlook plans

By Dan Schneider

Lowell Township Hall will now close early on Fridays year-round.

At its meeting, Monday, the Lowell Charter Township board decided to extend the office's summer hours to the rest of the year. The office will now close at noon on Fridays throughout the fall, winter and spring. They had previously remained open until 2 p.m.

The board also discussed changes to a planned river overlook for Grand River Riverfront Park, Monday.

The original plans called for wooden pilings to support a deck in the northwest corner of the park. Township supervisor John Timpson had hoped to change the plans to incorporate pilings made from precast concrete blocks. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), which regulates changes to riverbanks, preferred the previous wooden structure.

Board trustee Carlton Blough expressed that he believed concrete blocks

would be more permanent, durable and resistant to flood damage. The township received a grant in the amount of \$17,000 from the Lowell Area Community Fund for the construction of the deck.

The board voted not to pay \$6,000 to a scout to assess the township's gypsy moth problem this year. Timpson said in his estimation the gypsy moth infestation is no longer problematic enough to warrant the expenditure.

"The gypsy moths are phasing out," he said. "I think we should save what budget we have until it's necessary and then handle it."

The board agreed it would be better to save the money until the moths become a significant problem again.

Discussions continued between the board and the coaching staff of the Lowell High School crew team. The team, a club sport at the high school, wants to put a floating dock in at Grand River Riverfront Park. They will not be able to use Forest

Hills' dock in the spring as they had in previous seasons.

The dock would float in the water, anchored with chains. It would be removed and floated up- or downstream at the conclusion of the crew season.

"I think it would be something nice to have in the park," board trustee Paula Blumm said.

She also outlined several concerns of the township, such as liability insurance and security concerns in the storing of the boats on site. The boats would be stored on a 36-foot open trailer. She also asked that a site plan be showed to MDEQ, and that the crew team pay a fee for use of the park. LASSO pays a fee to use the soccer fields at the park.

"I would like to see us find a spot where we don't have to knock down the bank and cut down the biggest trees in the place," Timpson said.

He suggested the north-west corner of the park, about 830 feet from the shelter.

## Historical museum hosts "grand" opening

At right, contractor Ivan Blough, Lowell Area Historical Museum director Judy Straub, LAHM president Jim Doyle and Lowell mayor pro tem Chuck Myers cut the ribbon for the grand opening of the Lowell Area Historical Museum's east wing renovation last Saturday.

Festivities included music by the 126th Army Brass Quartet, below, and tours of the museum given by volunteers in period clothing. Doyle spoke to the assembled crowd at 11 a.m., thanking volunteers for their help on the project and local businesses for their support and contributions. Myers spoke about history as he experiences it living in an older home in Lowell.

Approximately 30 people took free tours of the museum, which included the new 1870s parlor and dining room, and the first changing exhibit on Lowell's involvement in the armed forces.



Photos submitted by Linda Barnes



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

### HARVEST CELEBRATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 8 p.m. to put up corn stalks in preparation for the Harvest Celebration. It should only take about an hour. Call Liz at 897-9161 if you would like to help.

Volunteers are also needed for Saturday, Oct. 9 to assist with the Scarecrow

Hoedown. Call Linda Todd at 897-1140 if you are interested.

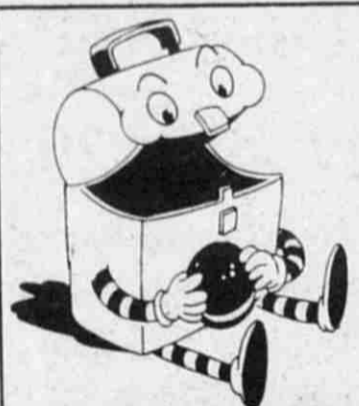
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**WED:** Ham and cheese bagel or dino pasta with franks, carrot coins, fruited Jell-O, milk.

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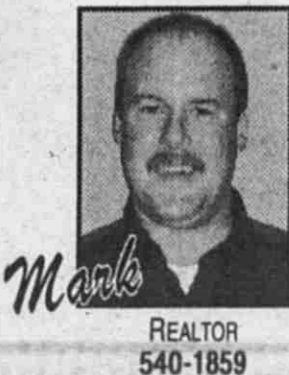
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**SUNDAYS:** Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12-5 p.m. Call Larry at 754-7104. Public welcome.

**EVERY MON.:** LHS Fellowship of Christian Athletes & Friends, 7-8:30 p.m. in members' homes. 676-1355.

**EVERY MON.:** Women's over 30 drop-in basketball, 7-9:30 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary. Call Dave (YMCA) 897-8445. Fee \$3.

**3RD MON.:** Fallasburg Historical Society board meetings at chamber of commerce or Fallasburg, 7 p.m. All invited. Call 897-7161 for info. or location.

**2ND MON.:** Lowell Board of Education meets 7 p.m. in Administration Building, 300 High Street.

**2ND MON.:** Bowne Township Historical Society meets 7:30 at historic museum, 84th/Alden Nash.

**4TH MON.:** Clark-Ellis American Legion Post 152, 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30 p.m.

**3RD MON.:** Women of the Moose business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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

**EVERY MON.:** Boy Scout Troop 102, 11 & up or completing 5th grade, meets 7-8:30 p.m. at Scout Cabin, end of N. Washington St. Call Tim Vanderwulp at 897-4302 for more info.

**LAST MON.:** Peripheral Neuropathy support group, 7 p.m. at Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowes Rd. Call Dorothy at 897-9794.

**1ST TUES.:** Grattan Historical Society meets in O'Brien Room of Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. Public invited.

**1ST TUES.:** Diabetic Support group, 9:30 Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowes Rd.

**2ND & 4TH TUES.:** MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers ... because mothering matters. 9:15-11:30 a.m. at Impact, a Wesleyan

Church, 1070 N. Hudson. Call 897-8304 for details.

**2ND TUES.:** G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, D.W. Richardson Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. 6:30 social 7 p.m. meeting/program. 975-9977.

**EVERY TUES.:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Bldg. Weigh-ins 5:45 p.m.

**EVERY TUES.:** Cub Scout Pack 3188 meets at 6:30 at the First United Methodist Church. For info., call cubmaster Bruce Doll 897-9782 or email him at bruce@imagesofvision.com.

**EVERY TUES.:** Flat River Woodcarvers meet at the LAAC from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**1ST TUES.:** Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College, 7-9 p.m. Call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

**2ND & 4TH TUES.:** Saranac Needlers, needleart/quilting bee meets 5-8:30 p.m., 4 Health Wellness Center in Saranac. Anyone is welcome. Contact Bev or Melissa, 642-6466 for info. Light dinner provided.

**2ND & 4TH TUES.:** Knights of Columbus #7719 meets St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m.

**2ND TUES.:** Lowell Masonic Lodge meeting, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake.

**1ST & 3RD TUES.:** Lowell Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson St.

**3RD TUES.:** Saranac Scrappers, scrapbooking/journaling group meets at 4 Health Wellness Center, Saranac, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Light refreshments served. Bev or Melissa, 642-6466.

**3RD TUES.:** Parents of children w/AD/HD at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE/ E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda: 874-5662; teen group: Sarah 281-6588.

**EVERY OTHER WED.:** 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club - Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Ages 8-13. 897-8694.

**EVERY WED.:** 8 p.m. ALANON upstairs @ Lowell Congregational Church.

**EVERY WED.:** Rotary meets at noon at Lowell

Masonic Temple, 119 Lincoln Lake Ave.

**EVERY WED.:** Lowell Church of the Nazarene Vacation Bible School, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., ages 5-12 years. Call 897-8800.

**EVERY WED.:** Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 6-10 p.m. Call Larry 754-7104. Public welcome.

**2ND WED.:** Kent County Youth Fair Board meeting at 7:30 p.m., King Memorial Youth Center at 4-H Fairgrounds. 897-6050.

**2ND WED.:** Lowell Women's Club meets at 12 p.m. in Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

**2ND WED.:** Support group for Peripheral Neuropathy, 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church, Grand Rapids. Call Dorothy 897-9794.

**EVERY THURS.:** Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St. 5:30 p.m. Register 1/2 hr. before the meeting. For information call 1-800-651-6000.

**EVERY 2ND THURS.:** Loyal Order of the Moose, men's meeting 7:30 p.m. - ? All members in good standing are invited.

**EVERY THURS.:** Saranac Area Musicians and Singers practice at Saranac High School Band Room. Choir: 6-7 p.m./band: 7-8. Call Kathy Maatman at 897-5981.

**EVERY THURS.:** Pottery classes at Franciscan Life Process Center, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call 897-7842.

**EVERY THURS.:** St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant women / adolescents at the school: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30 - 8 p.m. 897-9393.

**1ST THURS.:** Michigan Hepatitis C Foundation support meetings, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Spectrum Health Kent Community Campus Multipurpose Rm. 750 Fuller Ave. N.E.

**1ST THURS.:** 4-H drama club meeting, Lowell Middle School choir room. Call 897-1502 after 5 p.m.

**2ND THURS.:** Ada Historical Society at 7 p.m. Averill Historical Museum, 7144 Headley, Ada.

**EVERY WED.:** Rotary meets at noon at Lowell

**3RD THURS.:** 4 Health Wellness Center in Saranac, Parent Support Group meets 7-8:30 p.m. Parenting issues, educational topics. Call 642-6466 for information.

**1ST & 3RD THURS.:** Alto Lions Club meets at Annalaine's on S. Alden Nash Ave. at 7 p.m.

**2ND THURS.:** N.A.R.F.E. at 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

**3RD THURS.:** Rubber stamping at Christian Life Center 6-9 p.m. Create scrapbooks, share supplies. Dawn 862-8841.

**3RD THURS.:** VFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. at 3 p.m.

**3RD THURS.:** Parents Supporting Parents group, Franciscan Life Process Center. 897-7842.

**3RD THURS.:** Royal Arch Masons, 7:30 p.m., Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake. Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

**3RD THURS.:** LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializing; meeting 7 p.m. Support for pregnant/breastfeeding women; Ada church. 752-8300.

**3RD THURS.:** Parent Support Group meets 7-8:30 p.m. at The 4 Health Wellness Center in Saranac. Many educational topics related to parenting and parenting issues are discussed. Call Bev or Melissa at 642-6466 for more information.

**2ND THURS.:** Genealogy-Alto Fam. Tree Club, Alto Library 6:30 - 8 p.m.

**EVERY FRI.:** Arts/Crafts volunteers meet at Franciscan Life Process Center, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Call Pat or Judy at 897-7842 to meet new friends, share your talent.

**2ND SAT.:** Lowell Amateur Radio Club, Lowell Airport, 730 Lincoln Lake NE. 9 a.m. social time; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

**FRI., SAT. & SUN.:** Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley, 1-4 p.m. or by appointment. 676-9346.

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**LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS:** (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs: 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.; Tues./Fri.: 12-1, 4:30-5:30 & 8-9 p.m.; Sat./Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m.; (NA) Mon./Thurs., 6-7:30 p.m. 101 W. Main. 897-8565.

**SAT., SEPT. 25 & SUN., SEPT. 26:** Fallasburg Fall Festival, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Fallasburg Park.

**SUN., SEPT. 26:** Lowell Airport Fly-In Pancake breakfast, 8-11 a.m. Adults \$5; children under 8, \$2.

**MON., SEPT. 27:** High school picture retakes, 9-11 a.m.

**THURS., SEPT. 30:** Middle school question and answer session at 7 p.m. at Lowell Middle School cafeteria.

**SAT., OCT. 9:** Lowell Historic Home Tour, 10-5 p.m. Tickets: \$10 in advance; \$12 day of. Call 897-7688 for more info. Tickets not sold at tour homes.

**SAT., OCT. 9:** Harvest Celebration in downtown Lowell all day.

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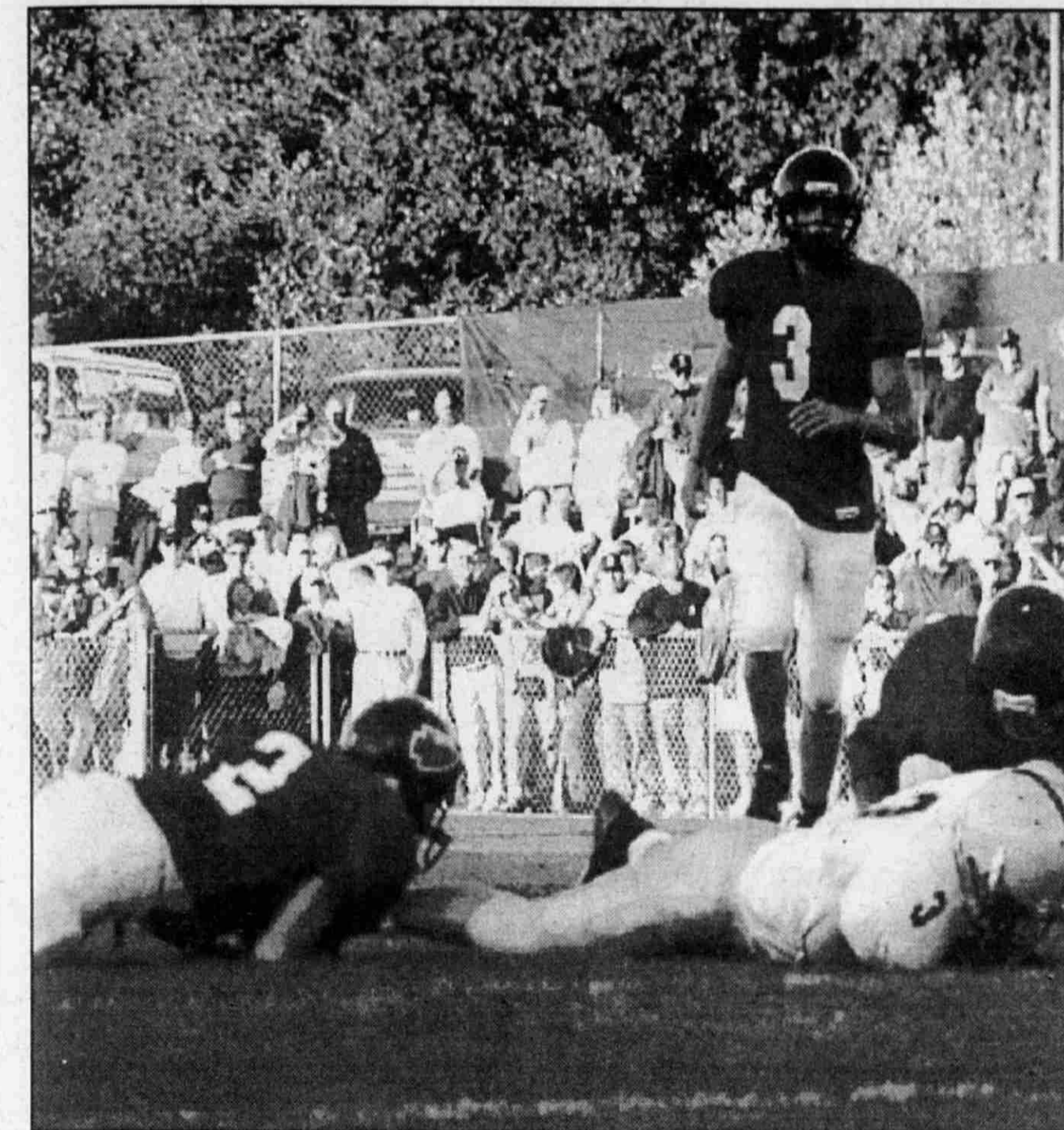
HORAN, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Ste. 2500, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, LUCILLE HELEN HORAN, who lived at 4264 Michael St. S.W., Wyoming, Michigan died March 30, 2003.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to CHARLES

# Lowell beats East!

## And decisively: Red Arrows 51, Pioneers 22



Lowell's Mike McElroy in on a tackle on East's Ryan McAlenan.

By Dan Schneider

It was a big game last Friday for the Lowell Red Arrows.

East Grand Rapids was in town and Lowell was finally going to get a challenge.

"We're looking forward to it," Lowell coach Noel Dean said before the game.

After Lowell shut down Grandville to open the season and shut out its first two OK White opponents, the Pioneers were going to test what the Red Arrows were made of.

They found out ... fast.

The final score was 51-22.

Lowell forced the Pioneers to punt four plays into their opening possession. They stopped East's star tailback Kevin Grady behind the line of scrimmage on his first run of the game. They held him to 34 yards on 11 carries in the first half.

Lowell's quarterback Keith Nichol threw eight for 12 for 137 yards and one touchdown. His favorite receiver was Mike Koster, who caught four passes for 96 yards.

Nichol ran the ball for three touchdowns, himself.

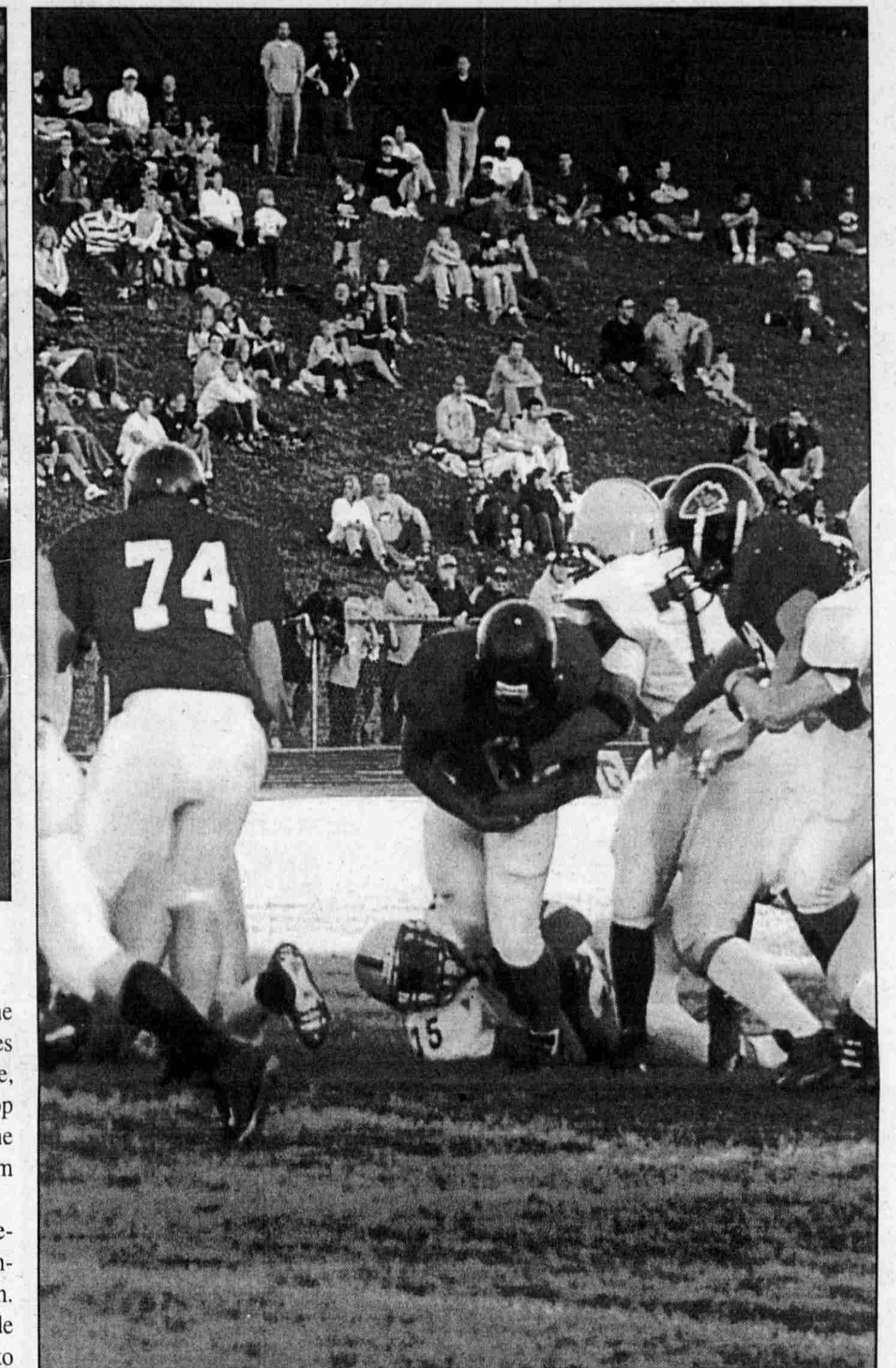
His total rushing yards in the game were 68 on 11 carries

Throughout the game, Grady would dip and swoop trying to find holes in the Red Arrow line. He seldom found them.

The search was more rewarding for Lowell's running back, Ryan Esbaugh. Lowell's offensive line made some nice holes for him to run through.

"They were able to move the ball on us up front and we couldn't do much to stop them," East coach Peter

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Lowell's Ryan Esbaugh crashes through the East line.

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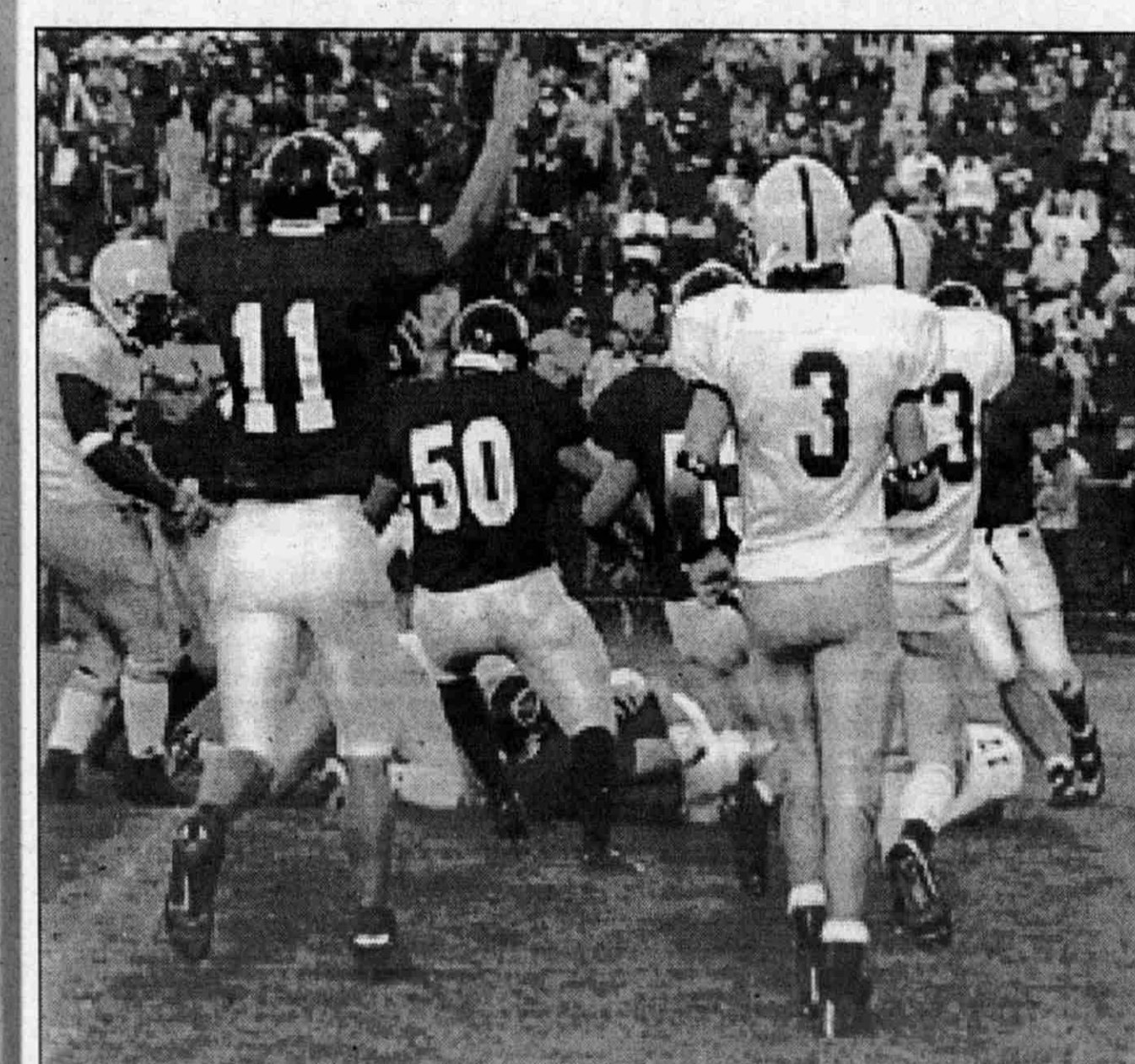
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Lowell's Mike Koster (#11) reacts after Brad Shea (on the ground) landed in the end zone after making a backwards catch in the fourth quarter.



# Sparta, East no match for Lady Arrows basketball

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell girls varsity basketball team dominated two OK White opponents last week.

The Red Arrows started the week, and the conference season, beating Sparta 60-18 last Tuesday. Amy Oberlin had 20 points in the

contest. Keni Gallert and Devon Collins each scored 12.

Then, Thursday, they dispatched the East Grand Rapids Pioneers 45-22.

"Basically, we dominated them defensively," said Lowell coach Dee Crowley.

East had only scored 14

points by the end of the third quarter. Lowell's score was lower than usual.

"We didn't take a lot of shots," Crowley said.

Oberlin had 17 points in the game; Collins, 9; Gallert, 7.

Rebounds were closer than the score: East with 25

to Lowell's 30. Oberlin had six of Lowell's. The Red Arrows were 14 for 30 shooting and four for 14 from three-point land.

The Arrows have won by a wide margin in several of their early-season matchups. But they've taken it in stride when challenged.

"They seem to keep their composure," Crowley said.

"At Byron Center, that was a close game. We were only up two points at half time, only four points at the end of the third quarter."

Lowell won that game 47-39.

They played Kenowa Hills at home Tuesday and host Northview Thursday at 7:30.

# Tennis strong at invitationals

By Dan Schneider

The host Red Arrows claimed the championship in the Lowell Tennis Invitational Saturday.

Lowell posted a team score of 26 while Cadillac scored 24. Big Rapids followed with 16 and Caledonia, 14.

Winning championship flights for Lowell were:

Rachelle Livingston in second singles. She defeated Lisa Wohlford of Cadillac 7-5, 4-6, (10-3).

"That was down to the last match and it determined whether we tied Cadillac or won outright," Lowell coach Bonnie Wall said.

This past Monday, Lowell shutout Kenowa Hills, 8-

Alyssa Smith of Cadillac in the fourth singles championship. The score was 3-6, 6-3, (10-8).

Kelly Koning and Becky Plummer won the first doubles championship against Abou and Fowler of Cadillac. The score was 6-2, 6-4.

Kayla Irwin and Shelly Wernet made an impressive comeback to defeat Carlson and Hellowell of Cadillac. The score in that third doubles championship match was 0-6, 6-4 (10-8).

Lowell took third in their invitational last year against the same schools.

This past Monday, Lowell shutout Kenowa Hills, 8-

0. Mandy Gunberg set the pace, defeating Kelsey Madden 6-1, 6-0 in first singles.

Last Wednesday, Red Arrows' Haley Irwin and Heather Spratt won third and fourth singles, respectively, against East.

"That's the first time we've ever taken a flight from them in girls tennis," Wall said.

It was a 6-2 loss for Lowell, however.

Lowell is 5-2 overall this season and 2-2 in OK White matches. They host Northview Wednesday at 4 p.m. That match and next Monday's against Greenville will likely determine third place in the OK White.



Pictured, back row, left to right, are: coach Bonnie Wall, Shelly Wernet, Haley Irwin, Julie Geelhoed, Terrah Tawney, Kayla Irwin, Lindsay Aiken and coach Roger Wall; middle row: Nikki Baker, Becky Plummer, Kelly Koning, Heather Spratt, Jean Kimberlin, Mandy Gunberg and Stevi Thompson; front row: Rachelle Livingston.

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# Cross country teams have similar fortunes at Sparta Invitational

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell boys cross country team finished third while the girls team finished fourth Saturday in the Blue division of the Sparta Invitational. Blue was the top division at the meet.

The boys' score, 71, put them behind Jenison (59). West Ottawa won the Blue division with 44 team points.

There was a tight pack of runners upfront for Lowell. Steve Ellison (17:03.1), Eric Schumm (17:03.8) and Mitch Solon (17:13) finished eighth, ninth and 11th, respectively. The others scoring finishers were Andy Mark (20th, 17:51) and Jon Riddle (23rd, 17:55).

The Lowell girls team score of 101 put them in fourth place behind Forest Hills Central (97) in the Blue division. Grandville took top honors in the Blue, scoring 32.

Top Red Arrow runners were Karen Judd (10th, 20:42), Monica Fitzpatrick (19th, 21:07), Emily Hauschild (23rd, 21:29),

Abbie Debiak (24th, 21:35), and Emily Gerard (25th, 21:41). In last Wednesday's OK White dual meet against Sparta, the Red Arrow girls won 21 to 38. Judd finished first in 21:13 followed by Debiak in 21:51. Fitzpatrick finished fourth in 22:04; Gerard, sixth, in 22:34 and Rebekah Woods, eighth in 22:46.

The Lowell boys lost to Sparta, with a team score of 33 to the Spartans' 24. Top

finishers for the Arrows were Ellison (third, 17:49), Schumm (fourth, 17:50), Solon (fifth, 17:56), Riddle (10th, 18:48) and Mark (11th, 19:09).

At the Thornapple Kellogg Invitational last Monday in Middleville, the Lowell boys finished second behind Lakewood. The Lowell girls finished fourth behind Lakewood while South Christian took top honors.

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Stuursma said. "They decided they wanted to run the ball and they did."

Dean credited Lowell's offensive line.

"When you don't have those kids, it's tough in football," he said.

When Esbaugh couldn't find a hole in the line, he would still pick up good yardage by simply charging through on his own. He ran for 206 yards on 27 carries. Three of the runs were for touchdowns. He also kickstarted Lowell's second half, defining the opening drive with long runs. At the end of the drive, on fourth and goal from the six, he broke through for a touchdown.

Esbaugh also led the Red Arrows tackling with 11. Koster and Brock Graham each had nine tackles for Lowell.

Some other notable plays were made by Lowell on the football field against East: Jason Welsch recovered the ball at the East 25-yard line on a Lowell kickoff. This set it up for Brad Shea who caught a Nichol's pass backwards and backed into the end zone. Directly after a 10-yard touchdown run for East by Grady, Jeremy Holliman returned the kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown.

Some things ended for East. One of them was a 31-game winning streak that in-

cluded two state championship wins.

"Our kids don't care about streaks," Stuursma said. "They are upset that they lost a football game."

Also broken was Grady's state-record streak of 100-yard rushing games, set the week previous at 24. Lowell held him to 98 yards on 24 carries in the game. He might have kept his streak going, but he was on the bench for East's last drive. He did score all three of East's touchdowns and one two-point conversion.

The crowd at Red Arrow Stadium set a record for Lowell. Attendance topped out over 10,000.

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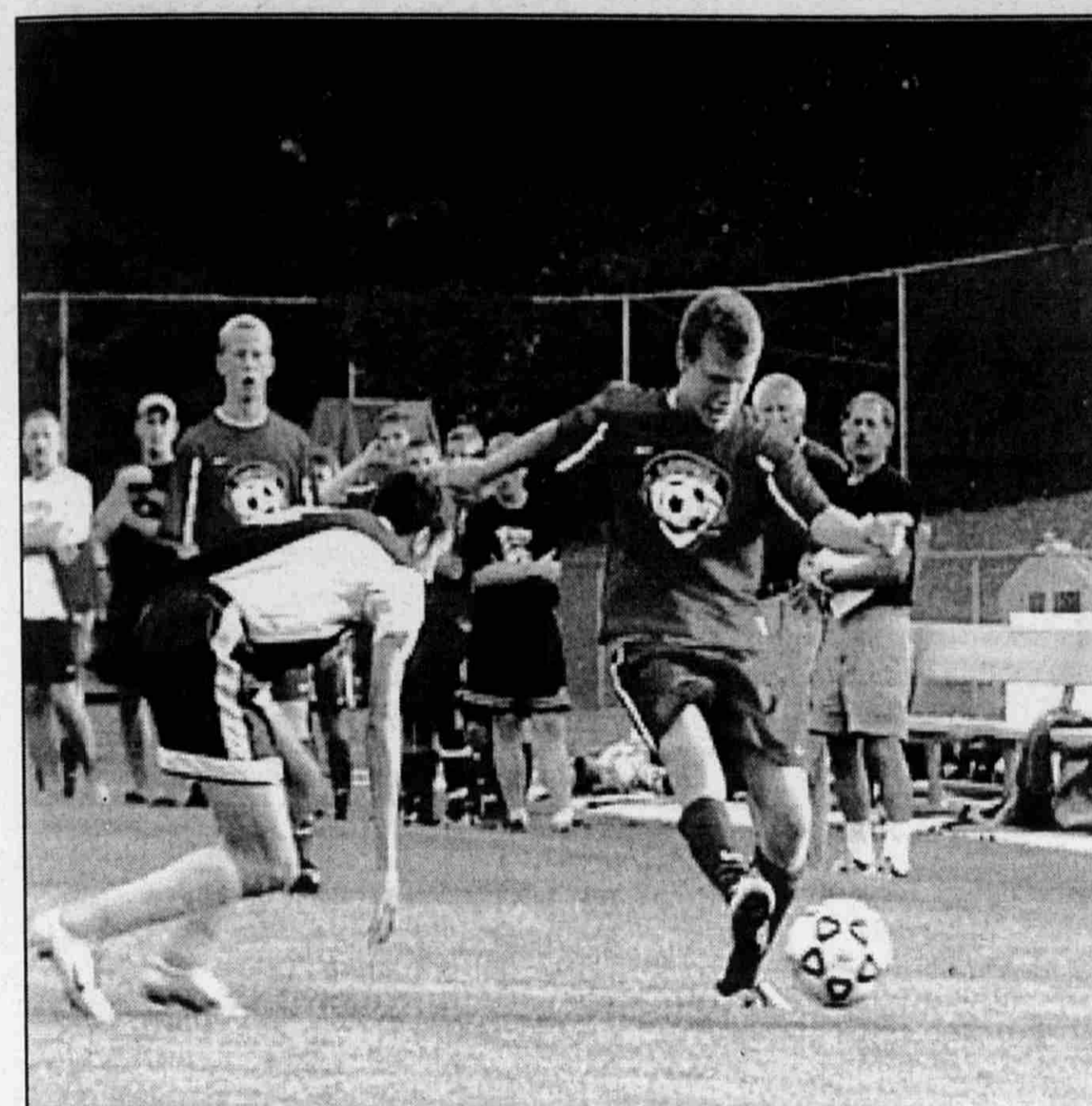
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Dave Simmonds, Secretary  
 Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission

# Two more OK White soccer opponents fall to Arrows

By Dan Schneider



Lowell's Zach Ligman outruns a Kenowa Hills opponent in last Tuesday's soccer match.

The Lowell varsity boys soccer team gave the Kenowa Hills defense a tough workout last Tuesday at Red Arrow Stadium.

Lowell won the game, 9-0, their fifth shutout this season.

The Arrows were relentless, keeping the ball in Kenowa's territory nearly the entire game. When the Knight's did clear the ball, they struggled to get upfield fast enough to do anything with it.

The first goal, made by Austin Lancaster, came at 13:18 into the game; he was assisted by Kory Anderson. Lowell was up 3-0 at the half with players already getting time off the bench.

"It was good for some of the kids to get some of the minutes they got tonight,"

said Lowell coach Paul Legge.

Kenneth Bieri stepped in as goalkeeper for Mike Bushell and got the shutout. Several players had a chance to score, as well. "We got some goals out of some new people," Legge said.

Goals were scored by Lancaster (2), Shane Stokes (2), Kevin Gillman (2), Ben Hanson, Austin DeClercq, and Brian Sasqu. Assists were made by Anderson, Gillman (2), Louis Glinzak, DeClercq and Chris Barlow.

Neither Kenowa nor Northview proved to be strong competition for the Arrows.

"There's a lack of motivation in games where we know we're playing weaker teams," Legge said.

But the Arrows haven't fallen into a lull that has hurt

them against tougher teams. "This team has stepped up in the big games this year," Legge said.

They'll see their strongest challenger in the OK White Thursday when they take on Unity Christian.

"We're going to see a more evenly matched game," Legge said. "We're going to see a team that's as physical and as athletic as us."

Unity Christian "may be one of the most athletic teams if not the most athletic team we see this year," Legge said.

That game starts at 6:45 at Red Arrow Stadium.

In Lowell's OK White game against Northview last Thursday, the Red Arrows won, 4-1.

Fruitport traveled to Lowell Saturday. The Trojans were victorious, 2-0.

## Lowell golfers edged by Kenowa, fall to Pioneers

By Dan Schneider

It can be frustrating when your team puts its best game out on the course only to see the opponents do just slightly better. That was what hap-

pened to the Lowell boys golf team against Kenowa Hills last Wednesday.

"We shot our best of the season with 156 but they shot their best in five years with 153," said Lowell coach Gary

Fredline. "It's real disappointing when you go out and shoot about as well as you can and walk away with a loss."

But the scores weren't disappointing. Contributing

scorers to the Red Arrow 156 were Lance Perkins and Kyle Wittenbach, both shooting 38; Ryan Kalman shot a 39 and Mark Cerajewski, a 41.

"If we keep shooting at

that level, we're going to be real competitive," Fredline said.

Last Wednesday's match was at Gracewell Country Club. More problematic for Lowell was when they faced East Grand Rapids last Tuesday at Thousand Oaks Golf Club.

"It's pretty tough at Thousand Oaks. Their greens are a lot faster than we're used to," Fredline said. East won the match, shooting 156 while Lowell

shot 182. Wittenbach, Brian Scheider, Vinnie Larkin and Kalman shot scoring rounds for Lowell.

The Arrows lost Monday to Forest Hills Eastern, 180 to 174. Top scorers for Lowell were Wittenbach (38), Josh Gilliard (45), Kalman (48) and Scheider (48).

The Arrows golf against Northview at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at Deer Run Golf Club. Next Monday they host Greenville.

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A group of Lowell area bikers competed on their dirt bikes at the Grattan Raceway the weekend of Aug. 28. Some of the more experienced bikers have been competing at the Jr. Pro level for the past five years, and travel to as far away as South Bend to the Midland and Saginaw areas, and in between. It is common for the older bikers to jump 60-80 feet at a 10-15 foot height. Pictured, left to right, are Tyler Organek, Blake Posthumus, Fritz Ball, Steve Trierweiler, Cole Posthumus, Parker Hobbs and Brad Ball.



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## Lowell equestrians hold hopes for state

The prospects of going to the state championships look good for Lowell's two varsity equestrian teams. At the end of Saturday's District V meet at Cedar Springs, the second of three meets in the regular season, the Division A Lowell team was on top of the standings with 629 points. Rockford was second with 394. Lowell placed first in all four of the final speed classes. Jenny Humphries, Cara Wilcox and high-point rider Jess Bouman earned first place awards in equitation and performance classes in the A division.

Lowell C led their division and held off Kent City 315 to 251. Lowell pulled ahead in the final classes of the day with four first place runs by Kim VandenBerg.

Lowell B finished the day holding on to sixth place in their division, led by Mary Mendez.

Lowell's last meet is Sept. 25 in Cedar Springs. The top teams from each division advance to the state championships in October.

Pictured, at left, the English equitation class.

Want to tell us how you feel? Got a pet peeve To Get off Your Chest?

Did someone do the RIGHT thing for a change!

# Sound Off

The Ledger (Almost) Anything Goes Opinion Forum

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**897-0787** or  
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How can parents expect their kids to be respectful, caring & compassionate if they are making fun of other kids themselves right in front of their children.  
Grow up!

Way to go, B.V. and C.V.! You did terrific Saturday!!!

*Congratulations to the LHS Cross Country Team on their performance at the Wayland Invitational! Boys took 2nd place and girls took 4th! Great job!*

*With the liberal bias so evident in national media, we need Fox News Channel more than ever. We are really missing out. Call Lowell Cable and request it.*

*The condition of your yard reflects on YOU. If someone drops litter there, don't think they are coming back to pick it up. YOU are going to have to do it, especially along the busy streets.*

*Congratulations to the youth that show at the fair, but please remember that not all youth have an animal to sell and many other youth need your support to participate in programs.*

*This doesn't make sense! We have some of the highest scores in the county for our schools and soon our teachers will be the lowest paid in the county.*

*What was all that YELLOW stuff on East Grand Rapids' faces Friday Night? OH, That's right, It's egg!*

*I would like the person who hit my son's dog on Sunday at Fallsburg to please give us a call. My son is very upset and would like to hear from you.*

*I hope George Bush wins elections too. Just not in the United States.*

*I would like to know why the fire department travels so fast down Main Street.*

*I hope John Kerry wins the election in November. This country needs a new direction.*

*Yippee! We'll have a Big Boy. Yippee!*

*For the person who put in - How can the police go 40 - 45 mph on Bowes Rd.? Because they can.*

*A man that gives his life to our town deserves to have the tree saved. He'd be the first to cut it down if it died. He cares for the town more than anyone.*

*Hey! Has anyone noticed that the cyclone fence between the amphitheater and the Unity parking lot is down? Somebody ought to fix it.*

*We miss seeing you at Cherry Creek, Mr. Noskey. In one short year you made such a difference.*

*Why doesn't the Lowell Arts Council pull their weeds on the upper level along Hudson Street?*

# CLASSIFIEDS

SALES	SALES	SALES	SALES	SALES	SALES	
<p><b>YARD SALE</b> - We just moved and we are overstocked. Snow blowers to snow shovels, almost everything including the bathroom sink (4), Fridgidaire apt. size laundry unit, upright freezer, sofa bed (queen), lots and lots at 916 Beech St. on 24/25th September, 10 a.m. till 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>SALE - Sat., Sept. 25, 604 Lincoln Lake, corner of Lincoln Lake &amp; Elizabeth.</b></p> <p><b>GARAGE SALE</b> - Furniture, clothes, TV, washer &amp; dryer &amp; lots more. 1 mile off M-21 at 2470 Whites Bridge, Sept. 23, 24, 25, 9:30-5 p.m.</p> <p><b>3 FAMILY SALE</b> - 617 N. Washington, Sept. 24th &amp; 25th, 9-6. Housewares, cabinet, table w/6 chairs, Junior clothes, ladies dresses &amp; clothes 12-16, toddler boys, toddler toys.</p>	<p><b>GARAGE SALE</b> - Thursday, Sept. 23, 9-5. 10763 Grand River Dr. between Lowell &amp; Ada (near Kissing Rock Rd) 20% off any sale over \$1.00.</p> <p><b>FOUR FAMILY GARAGE SALE</b> - Sept. 23 &amp; 24 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sept. 25 9:00 a.m. to noon. Household goods, men's and women's clothing, yard swing, and many miscellaneous items. 310 Lincoln Lake (across from Richards Park), Lowell.</p> <p><b>PRE-DEMOLITION OF HOUSE SALE</b> - 328 N. Jackson, Lowell, Thurs., Fri., Sept. 23 &amp; 24, 9-5 p.m. &amp; Sat., Sept. 25, 9-noon.</p> <p><b>GARAGE SALE</b> - 3 family, Fri. &amp; Sat., Sept. 24 &amp; 25, 9-5 p.m. 3 family, clothes, bike, grill, furniture, lots more! 506 Lincoln Lake.</p> <p><b>LARGE MOVING SALE</b> - 1078 Lincoln Lake, Fri. &amp; Sat., Sept. 24 &amp; 25, 9-6 p.m. Queen size clothing, furniture &amp; lots of misc.</p>	<p><b>ANNUAL YARD SALE</b> - at 1021 Lincoln Lake, Sat., Sept. 25 only, 8 a.m. till 5 p.m. Multi-family, large assortment including: crib &amp; changing table, twin bed, Nordic Trac, chain saw, fishing items, clothing, household items &amp; much more.</p> <p><b>GARAGE SALE</b> - Sept. 24 &amp; 25, Fri. 8-5, Sat. 8-3. Something for everyone. Toys, girls clothes, glassware. Too much to list. 928 Riverside Dr.</p> <p><b>GARAGE SALE</b> - 9-24, 9-5 p.m. 2863 Court Dr. (off Bewell). Antique dresser, china hutch, utility trailer, New Century 2 hp motor, dolls, Nascar, collectibles, misc household, more. No presales.</p> <p><b>ALLEGAN ANTIQUE MARKET - Sunday, Sept. 26 - 7:30 - 4 p.m. Rain or Shine - 400 exhibitors. Don't miss this last big show of 2004! Located at the fairgrounds, in Allegan, Mich. \$3 adm. www.alleganantiques.com.</b></p>	<p><b>WHOLE HOUSE SALE</b> - One day only! Sat., Sept. 25, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. This end up and other furniture, Xmas decorations &amp; collectibles, retired Beanie Babies, Electronics, housewares &amp; much more. Preview the sale on the internet at www.thesale.theflaulist.com 3966 Alden Nash SE, just 1.2 miles off I-96 towards Lowell.</p> <p><b>HUGE SALE</b> - Too many items to list! Fri. &amp; Sat., Sept. 24 &amp; 25, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. 10605 Scenic Bluff Lane, by the corner of Settlewood &amp; Parnell.</p> <p><b>GARAGE SALE</b> - 1 day only, Fri., Sept. 24, 9-3 p.m. 1300 Boynton Hills, off Bennett. Baker's rack, home decor, small appliances, balance beam, Little Tikes kids stuff, videos, new Star Wars &amp; Star Trek action figures &amp; more.</p> <p><b>MULTIPLE FAMILY</b> - Fri. &amp; Sat., Sept. 24 &amp; 25, 9-5 p.m. Lots of books. 9060 60th St., Alto.</p>	<p><b>INDOOR POLE BARN SALE</b> - Rain or Shine! At least 8 families participating. Sept. 23, 24 &amp; 25, 9 a.m. - 7:11:30 Bluewater Hwy. Lots of children's clothing &amp; tons of toys, desk, coffee table, daybed frame, lots of household items including small appliances, George Foreman rotisserie, books - (adult &amp; children's), set of encyclopedias (mint condition), craft items (sawtooth, candle making, wood decor), indoor artificial tree, 16 pc. ceramic dishes, portable stair steps, airwalker, ping pong table, girl's motorized Barbie Jeep, kid's easel/chaik-board, play vanity &amp; table w/ 2 chairs, elec. dryer, &amp; tons of misc. stuff. SAT. prices will be reduced! YOU MUST NOT MISS THIS SALE! Be sure to swing in to see if we have something you just can't live without!</p> <p><b>SHIP UPS AT THE LEDGER OFFICE</b> - We have daily pickup at 4 p.m., 105 N. Broadway, Lowell. 897-9261.</p>	<p><b>GARAGE SALE</b> - Sept. 24 &amp; 25, 8:30-6 p.m. &amp; Sept. 26, 1-6 p.m. 538 Flat River. S. of Vergennes. Giant pumpkins, household, coffee/end tables, crib, fall floral arrangements, bridal bouquets, decorating items, Little Tikes, Fisher Price, educational CD's, girls &amp; boys school clothes, sz. 5-12 - TKS, ladies - Christopher and Banks and other brand names. My garage is loaded with stuff! BBQ's &amp; tasty treats for lunch! <b>ALL MUST GO!</b></p> <p><b>GARAGE SALE</b> - Sat., Sept. 25, 9-5 p.m. 3391 Lincoln Lake Rd. (by 4 Mile). Multi-family blowout! Meat saw, futon, desk, metal wardrobe, huge asst. of new lighting. Free bikes, household, clothing - all ages.</p>	<p><b>GARAGE SALE</b> - Sept. 24 &amp; 25, 9-5 p.m. 3391 Lincoln Lake Rd. (by 4 Mile). Multi-family blowout! Meat saw, futon, desk, metal wardrobe, huge asst. of new lighting. Free bikes, household, clothing - all ages.</p> <p><b>CLASSIFIEDS WORK! TRY ONE TODAY! CALL 897-9261.</b></p>

# CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE	FOR SALE	FOR SALE	FOR SALE	LOST	SERVICES
<p><b>PROPERTY FOR SALE</b> - 2.2 acre lots for sale. M-21 to Hayes Rd., Muir, North 1/4 mile. Lots are on West Side of road. Look for signs. For more information call eves 269-367-4900. Phil Bishop.</p> <p><b>FOR SALE</b> - 1957 Ford 800 tractor, can be seen at Sam Noon's on Fulton or call 897-2083. \$3,000.</p> <p><b>MATTRESS SETS</b> - Brand names, large selection. Brand new, still in plastic. Twin &amp; full, \$80, queen \$115, King \$150 &amp; up. 616-682-4767 or 616-293-6160.</p> <p><b>GOLF BALLS FOR SALE</b> - Previously experienced Titleist Pro V1, \$15 per doz.; Titleist NXT &amp; SO/LO, \$6 per doz.; Pinnacle \$5 per doz.; Top-Flite, \$4 per doz. Call 897-8520.</p> <p><b>GENERAL ELECTRIC WASHER/DRYER SET</b> - 5 years old, runs great, large capacity, guaranteed. \$75 each. Dennis Distributing, 989-224-4822.</p> <p><b>BEDROOM SET FOR SALE</b> - Includes: headboard/footboard, mattress, boxsprings, dresser w/mirror, armoire &amp; 1 nightstand. \$400 obo. Call 897-7266.</p> <p><b>OWNER MUST SELL</b> - Country Setting, 3 or 4 bedroom, all appliances, 2 acre lot. Only \$699. We finance. Call 616-647-2563.</p> <p><b>\$100 AMISH QUEEN LOG BED</b> - w/pillowtop mattress set. Bought, never used. Still in plastic. 989-227-2986.</p> <p><b>FOR SALE</b> - Sears Kenmore washer &amp; dryer, series 90. 5 years old, excellent condition. \$400. 897-2083.</p> <p><b>\$150 BERBER CARPET</b> - Beautiful oatmeal, 40 yards (new, still in plastic). 517-719-0451.</p> <p><b>\$1 M FARMALL</b> - \$4,000. 3 pt. hitch, also regular draw bar. Call 897-8541.</p> <p><b>PILLOWTOP MATTRESS SET</b> - New, in plastic, queen \$110; king \$165. 517-719-8062.</p> <p><b>BANK REPOS</b> - 15 H.U.D. properties, all 3 bed/2 bath. All appliances. Only \$1000 down. We finance. Country Settings. Call 800-615-1224.</p> <p><b>MATTRESS/BOX SPRINGS</b> - Brand new, \$59/set. Twin, full, queen, delivery available. 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Main floor master suite, main floor laundry, 3 sets of full view sliders open to expansive decking &amp; screened porch. \$274,900. (W. of Alden Nash, just S. of Lowell on Emberwood) Mary Ann Gehrke 616-893-9884 or 940-8000 Coldwell Banker Schmidt.</p> <p><b>LAND FOR SALE</b> - 3.8 acres, great wooded walkout possibility, perked, paved road, 3 miles NE downtown Lowell. \$41,900. Call/LM at 616-485-5702.</p> <p><b>80 YARDS/BERBER CARPET</b> - Beige, brand new. (Bought, never used). Still on roll. New \$800; sell \$325/best. 517-204-0600.</p> <p><b>\$175 CANOPY BED</b> - Midnight black, iron scroll. Has head, foot, plush mattresses. Dennis Distributing 989-224-4822.</p> <p><b>FOR SALE</b> - 1998 Pontiac Sunfire, power sunroof, automatic, air, 95,000 miles, \$5,000. Contact Paul 616-430-8049.</p> <p><b>\$50 PLUSH CARPET</b> - Used twice in trade show; like new! Cut to size, up to 25 yards. 30 rolls left. 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Call 897-1597 or 450-7910.</p>	<p><b>\$25 DORM REFRIGERATORS</b> - Working, guaranteed. Limited quantity. Dennis Distributing 989-224-4822.</p> <p><b>ENTERTAINMENT CENTER FOR SALE</b> - Purchased at Art Van, 6 mos. old. beautiful shape, \$150 obo; blue plaid sofa sleeper, rolled arms, also purchased at Art Van, great shape, \$125 obo. Call 897-2607.</p> <p><b>PROFITABLE HOME-BASED BUSINESS</b> - for sale in Lowell. Owners Retiring. Owners will provide training and technical support. 897-2083.</p> <p><b>FURNITURE</b> - From Parade of Home displays. Bedroom, dining, leather, living room, canopy beds &amp; more. Call for items. 616-682-4767 or 616-293-6160.</p> <p><b>FOR SALE</b> - Cockatiel with cage, \$40; Honda self-propelled mower with bag, \$125. 897-6892.</p> <p><b>AIRBED</b> - Why pay mall price?? Dual chambers, remote control &amp; warranty. Brand new, name brand. Queen at mall \$1,500, sell \$700; King \$950. 616-682-4767 or 616-293-6160.</p> <p><b>1999 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX GT</b> - 4 dr., red, 3800, loaded, CD, heads up display, new tires, heated leather, 72,000 miles, \$7,800. Call 897-1597 or 450-7910.</p> <p><b>MEMORY CELL MATTRESS</b> - NASA developed, 20 year warranty. Brand new. Queen Cost \$1,800, sell \$650, king \$950. 616-682-4767 or 616-293-6160.</p> <p><b>12 GA. J.C. HIGGINS</b> - Pump gun. Call 897-7730.</p> <p><b>DINING ROOM SET</b> - Solid oak, butterfly, leaf table, 6 chairs (2A 4S) New in boxes. Must sell \$800. Call 682-4767 or 616-293-6160.</p> <p><b>FOR SALE</b> - 1996 Ford Contour, 4 dr., PW, tilt, AC, CD player, 170,000 highway miles, S.C. car - no rust. \$1,995 obo. Call 897-8693.</p> <p><b>FOR SALE</b> - Propane heater, 65,000 to 100,000 BTUs. Almost new, \$175 or best offer. Call 522-9225.</p> <p><b>AKC LAB PUPPIES FOR SALE</b> - 1 yellow, 2 black, 7 chocolate, dew claws removed, field proven bloodline, parents on site. \$300-\$400. Call 897-2656 or 616-446-2882.</p> <p><b>1985 EAGLE WAGON</b> - in White/brown. 4X4, air, cassette, tilt wheel, needs TLC but not in bad shape. The first real SUV (never mind Subaru) and made in USA. A classic ready to roll at \$899 obo. Spare 4.2 litre engine, \$300, runs good. Call 897-5534, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.</p> <p><b>FOR SALE</b> - Registered quarter horse, 24 year old mare, great with kids to learn, great trail horse. \$450 obo. Call 897-7785.</p>	<p><b>'86 CHEVY 4X4</b> - Lifted, runs great. \$2,500/obo. Call Patrick 642-0487.</p> <p><b>FOR SALE</b> - Radial arm saw, \$120; 3 gal. paint pot w/sprayer, \$75; 8' truck tool boxes, \$50; 35 1/2" x 48" vinyl window, \$30. Best offers. Call 897-1570.</p> <p><b>HOUSE FOR SALE</b> - 2 bedroom in Saranac, 2 baths, fireplace &amp; completely remodeled. 2-car garage &amp; large workshop. \$108,000. Ph. 616-642-9521.</p> <p><b>FOR SALE OR TRADE</b> - 2/1/2 acres, \$22,000 or motorhome or 5th wheel &amp; pickup of equal value. Greenville area. Call 616-696-2561 after 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>FOR SALE</b> - Lane 3 pc. living room set, couch, loveseat &amp; recliner/rocker. Blue &amp; tan plaid, \$50. Call 897-8760.</p> <p><b>1999 APHA BREEDING STOCK MARE</b> - Excellent all around horse, Tid broke, \$4,000 obo. 810-691-2007.</p>	<p><b>LOST</b> - Green velcro wallet. Downtown Lowell area. Photos are in wallet &amp; greatly missed! Please call 897-8584 if found.</p>	<p><b>JOHN DEBIAK HORSESHOEING &amp; HOOF TRIMMING</b> - Serving the Greater Kent/Ionia County area with 15 years of professional, full-time experience. Call 897-4290.</p> <p><b>LICENSED DAYCARE OPENINGS</b> - North of Lowell. Several openings. Craft activities planned. Lowell busing available. Call 897-3065.</p> <p><b>SHIP UPS AT THE LEDGER OFFICE</b> - We have daily pickup at 4 p.m. Small box packaging available for a small fee. 105 N. Broadway, Lowell. 897-9261.</p> <p><b>TOWING</b> - Servicing Lowell &amp; surrounding areas. Flat bed &amp; wrecker, Tire changes, Jump starts, Lock outs, 24 Hr. service. Call Lincoln Lake Autos 446-5909.</p> <p><b>RAY'S SMALL ENGINE REPAIR</b> - Lawn mowers, riders, weedwackers &amp; snow blowers. Pickup &amp; delivery available. Call 485-5835.</p> <p><b>PLUMBER</b> - Experienced. Residential, Service or New Construction. Reasonable rates. Call 897-2575.</p> <p><b>DAYCARE</b> - Licensed home has 2 openings, any age. Lots of love. Excellent references. 897-5068.</p> <p><b>PAYROLL &amp; BOOKKEEPING SERVICE</b> - By certified Quickbooks advisor. Call Kathy 897-0686.</p> <p><b>DAYCARE HAS PART-TIME OPENINGS</b> - to share time with friends, ages 5 mos. to 3 years. 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## EVENTS

**COME CELEBRATE LIFE WITH MEL PRIEST** - on Sept. 25, 2004 from noon - 4 p.m. at Ionia VFW. Please bring photos with Mel and a story to share with him.

## CARD OF THANKS

**CARD OF THANKS** - I would like to thank Vennen for the use of a minivan for the Moose state softball.

Scott Franks, Sports chairman for the Lowell Lodge, 809

## CARD OF THANKS

We would sincerely like to thank our family & friends for all of the cards, good wishes and gifts we received for our 50th Anniversary. A special thanks to our children for the wonderful day they planned for us. It was a day long to be remembered.

Sincerely, Dale & Charlotte Johnson

## FOR RENT

**FOR RENT** - 1 & 2 bedroom trailers \$1,000 - \$1,050 to move in. No dogs please. \$400 - \$420 per mo. plus 1 1/2 mo. rent deposit. Call 813-8041 or 616-754-0276.

**HALL FOR RENT** - with kitchen, seats 150. Call 897-6050.

**OAK HILL APARTMENTS**. SAVE NEARLY \$300 NOW! - \$99 security deposit special & immediate occupancy available through September. Specially designed for senior or disabled persons, we offer a country setting in Ionia, 24 hour maintenance & more. Average \$392/month includes water, heat & trash removal. Call Michelle at 616-527-8900. EHO.

**FOR RENT** - Duplex, 2 bedroom, full basement, nice country setting. \$575/month. Call 897-5426.

**ALTO** - 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath apartment, \$675 + utilities. (No dogs). 616-891-1840.

**EASY COMMUTE!** - Clarksville 2 bedroom cottage, 1-1/2 baths, washer/dryer, garage. 5 minutes from I-96. Lease to 5/20/05, \$695/month. No pets. 693-2551.

**FOR RENT** - House in Lowell, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Newly remodeled. \$750 per month. \$400 deposit. Plus utilities. Includes washer & dryer. No smoking or pets. 1 year lease. Call 897-9317.

**COTTAGE FOR RENT** - on Morrison Lake from now until 5/31/05. Furnished 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath, washer/dryer, NO SMOKING. \$625 per mo. plus utilities. 616-540-9651.

## HELP WANTED

**NOW HIRING** - Mobile home set-up & service. Experience necessary. Competitive wages, insurance available. Call 616-262-0417.

**NOW HIRING** - restaurant help at Jimmy's Grill. Call for application and interview 897-6193.

**CONTOURS EXPRESS** - women's fitness & weight loss studio in Ada needs a part-time sales/fitness coordinator. Must be energetic, sales minded & a good people person. Must be available weekdays between 3-8 p.m. & some Sat. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Training provided. Talk to Pam a 682-1390.

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## FREE

**FREE KITTENS** - 6 weeks old. Call 897-4925.

## WANTED

**WANTED** - Mature teen babysitter, preferably certified, for 2 boys, ages 6 & 3, for occasional weekend night. Call 897-0593.

**WANTED** - Roommate to share expenses, in city of Lowell. Call 897-5428.



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GMAC Finance Rebate.....\$1,000  
Total Rebate.....**\$5,500**

or **0%** for 48 Months\*



Stock # 4B056

### 2004 BUICK RAINIER

Rebate.....\$5,500  
GM Employee Bonus Cash..\$1,000  
GMAC Finance Rebate.....\$1,000  
Total Rebate.....**\$7,500**

\*w/GMAC approved credit



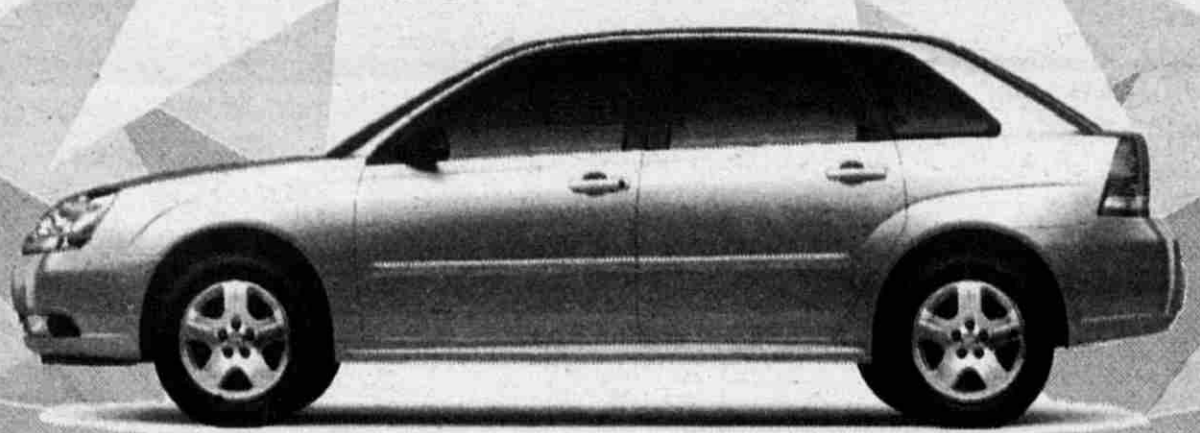
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### 2004 CHEVY BLAZER

Rebate.....\$4,500  
GM Employee Bonus Cash..\$1,000  
GMAC Finance Rebate.....\$1,500

Total Rebate.....**\$7,000**

or **0%** for 60 Months\*



### 2004 CHEVY MALIBU MAXX

Rebate.....\$3,500  
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GMAC Finance Rebate.....\$1,000

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