

# **Contracts ratified by Lowell Area Schools**

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We both ended somewhere in the middle." - Lowell Education Association president Dorann Truax

By Dan Schneider

ontracts for Lowell Area Schools teachers and support staff passed ratification votes by both unions, Monday. Later in the day, the LAS board of education approved the settlement with two unanimous votes.

For both sides, the approval ends more than a year of often tense contract negotiations. Lowell Education Association (LEA) president

Dorann Truax said many not the contract of their it over with.

relief, maybe resignation is a better word," Truax said. "They were resigned to the best offer we could get and looking ahead to better days. affect the ratification." It was moving on."

Lowell Education Support that put part-time paraprofes-Personnel Association (LESPA) released vote counts on the contract.

"While we know it was

teachers were just glad to have dreams, they were just glad to get a contract," LESPA presi-"I don't know if it was dent Vicky Fredline said. "There's some disappointment because some of my group took some cuts this year that hurt them but it didn't

She was referring to cuts Neither the LEA nor the the district made this summer sionals under the threshold for receiving major medical coverage.

"Some of them are still

hurt by that but they still supported the bargaining team," Fredline said.

sented to LEA and LESPA members last Thursday. It is a three-year contract starting with the previous '03-'04 school year. It includes a 1.5 percent salary increase for the current school year with no salary increase for '03-'04. Teachers with 27 or more years in the district get a \$500 stipend for '03-'04. Support state." staff with 16 or more years in

the district get a \$200 stipend.

Step increases are in place The contract was pre- for this year ('04-'05) and for '03-'04. The salary and step-increase portions of the contract will re-open for negotiations in the fall of 2005.

> "We'll want to wait and see what happens at the state level," Truax said. By fall "the student count is in and we'll know exactly what the district is getting from the

Both sides felt they com-

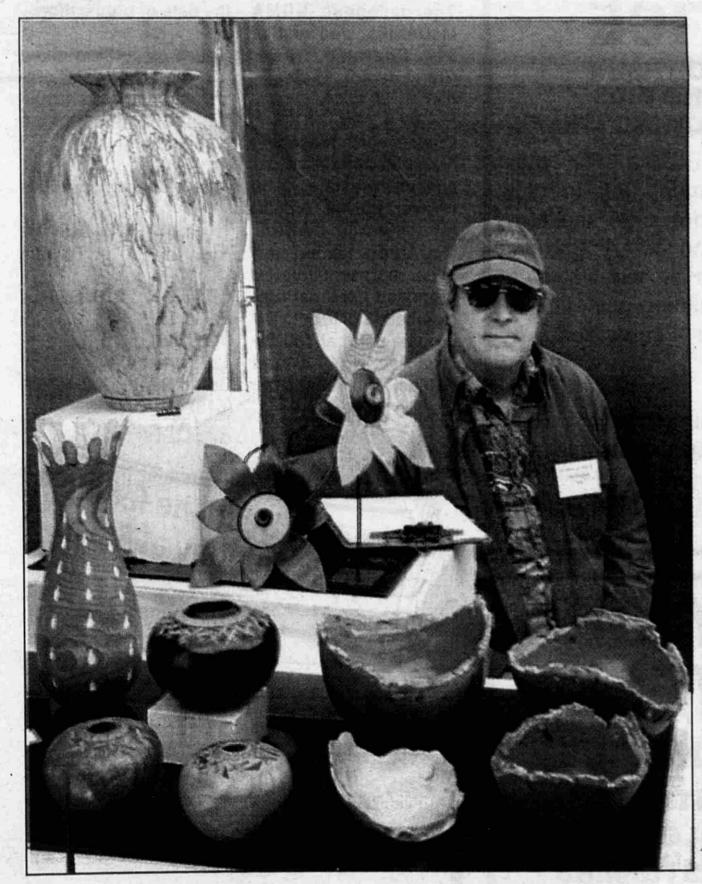
promised in reaching the agreement.

"We both came from completely opposite corners," Truax said. "We both ended somewhere in the middle."

"I think that both sides, the union side and the board, compromised in coming to a settlement," said LAS superintendent Shari Miller.

The district paid in full

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# Sunshine graces 2004 **Fallasburg Fall Festival**

By Dan Schneider

avorable weather Sunday contributed to a Fallasburg Fall Festival that was generally viewed a success. Cars filled the baseball fields and formed long lines on Fallasburg Park Dr. Several local food booths ran out of food by the end of the weekend.

It was the first festival for local exhibitors Jill and John Wenger who encountered more demand than anticipated for their "Nevaeh" soaps, creams and candles. They had to go home and mix more creams Saturday night in preparation for Sunday.

"It was crazy," John Wenger said.

A local artist exhibiting for the first time reported better sales for Saturday, when it was cloudy. Kathleen Mooney's theory was that people who came out in the cloudy and cooler weather Saturday were more serious about buying art.

Kids decorated pumpkins and painted in the children's area. Craft demonstrations of chair caning, origami, wool spinning and woodcarving ... including some displayed wooden penguins with dark-orange beaks ... took place in the pavilion.

Of course, there was also a wide variety of artists. Four of them, with consecutive booths at the north end of the festival area, were Rick Shapero, Norm Darwish, Judy Merckling and Gary Weiermiller.

Shapero, of Cedarville, made creations out of colorful hand-blown, low-lead crystal glass. He heats the glass to 2,300 degrees fahrenheit and works with it as it cools. He has blown glass for 14 years making mostly functional, colorful things: vases, perfume bottles, haning ornaments.

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Gary Weiermiller, at left, was the man behind these wood creations at the Lowell Area Arts Council Fallasburg Fall Festival.

# Assault suspect commits suicide

By Dan Schneider

man suspected of an assault last Friday night in Lowell apparently has committed suicide.

Authorities found the body of Dennis Eckman, 35,

on his relative's property in Saranac. Tim Stroosnyder had identified Eckman in a photo line-up as the man who attacked him in the parking lot of Fry Daddy's restaurant on W. Main St.

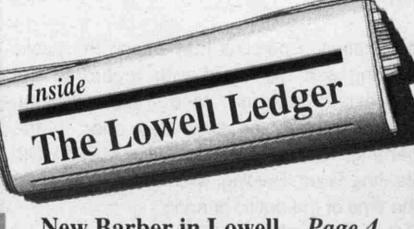
Stroosnyder was locking

p.m. Friday. The assailant he later identified as Eckman confronted him on his way to his truck, according to Lowell police detective James Hinton. The two had a conversation and then, as Stroosnyder turned to go to his truck, the

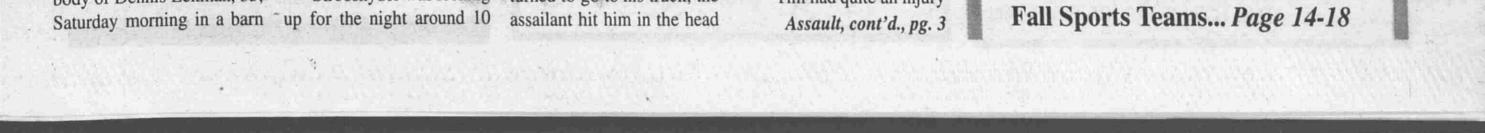
with a three-pound hammer.

The assailant fled the scene by car. Stroosnyder fell down repeatedly as he crossed the street to Little Caesar's to call the police, according to Hinton.

"Tim had quite an injury



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## **OBITUARIES**

EVERITT- Mitchell B. rial contributions may Everitt, aged 44, of Lowell, made to The Children's passed away September 26, Scholarship Fund. 2004. He is survived by his wife Suzanne; children GEENE - Mrs. Lois Marie Nicole, Justin Everitt and Geene, aged 51, of Grand Michael Connor; parents Rapids, and formerly of Lawrence and Isabelle Everitt; Grand Haven, passed into brothers Larry (Victoria) glory Friday evening, Sep-Everitt, Jack (Mary) Everitt, tember 24, 2004, after a Ronald (Mary) Everitt, Daniel lengthy illness. She is sur-(Jodi) Everitt, David vived by her husband Will-(Kathleen) Everitt; sister Se- iam; daughter Laura Marie; rene (Lee) Ogle, Sonata (Jim) parents Lawrence and Lucille Ogle; many nieces and neph- Kuipers of Grand Haven; ews. Funeralservices will be three sisters Wanda and 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Lawrence Cleveringa of Lowell Church of the Milton, Fla., Debra and Ed-Nazarene, 211 N. Washing- ward DeYoung of Grand ton, with Pastor Richard Rapids, Sherry and Marvin Forsythe officiating. Memo- Mingerink of Lowell; par-

ents-in-law Marvin and Margorie Geene; brothers-inlaw Edward and Kathy Geene of Alto, Douglas and Becky Geene of Wyoming; Donald Geene of Ada; many nieces and nephews. Lois was a member of Faith Reformed Church and its Sunshine Class. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Zaagman Memorial Chapel. the Rev. Bruce Osbeck officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial gifts can be made to Caretree PATRICIA E. CARRILLO Adult Day Services, 4065 Saladin Dr. SE, Grand Rapids, Wyoming, MI 49519 MI 49546.

LETT - Brian Scott Lett, aged 25, of Alto, passed away September 25, 2004 of accidental injuries. He was preceded in death by his grandpa John Kowalczyk. He is survived by his wife Jamie; daughters Isis and Breanne; grandparents Pat IT IS ORDERED: Kowalczyk, Lois and Norris Brookens; mother Nancy and Mark Brookens: father John Lett; brothers Nicholas, Matthew, Craig and Marc; many aunts, uncles, nieces and neph ews. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at the Roth Gerst Funeral Home at 11 a.m. with Rev. Ryan Pazdur of Cornith Reformed Church officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Isis and Breanne's college fund or to defray funeral expenses.

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ORDER FOR SERVICE **BY PUBLICATION**/

> POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

CASE NO. 04-08180-DO

2785 Ingersoll S.W.

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

TO: NICOLAS DURAN CARRILLO

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.

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

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

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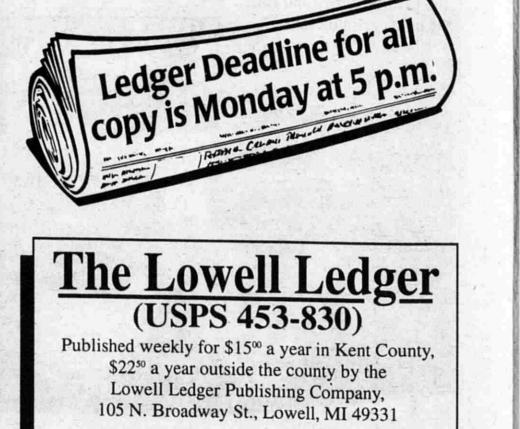
NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate** FILE NO. 04-178,196-DE

Estate of ERMA McDANIEL Date of birth: 05-25-1927

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, ERMA the date of publication. McDANIEL, who lived at

817 Chatham, N.W., Notice is further given Grand Rapids, Michigan that the Trust will theredied 01-28-2004. Creditors of the decedent entitled to it. are notified that all claims against the estate will be Dated: September 2004 forever barred unless presented to DANNIE McDANIEL, named personal representative, or proposed personal rep- CRAIG A. BRUGGINK resentative, or to both the P.L.C. probate court at 180 Ot- (P-29358) tawa Ave. N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the Grand Rapids, MI 49504



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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 6, 2004 at 7:00 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan wil hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of Mike Osmolinski and Deb Mathewson for a special land use for a private kennel in the A Agricultural District. The kennel would be located on lands commonly designated as 6314 Gavin Lake Road, and legally described as follows:

That part of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, described as commencing at the Southwest corner of said North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, thence North 187.5 feet, thence East 523 feet, thence South 187.5 feet, thence West to the point of beginning, and also the South 2 acres, more or less, of following described lands: that part of said North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, described as commencing at a point on the North-South 1/4 line, 187.5 feet North of the Southeast corner of said North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, thence East 523 feet, thence North to the North line of said Southeast 1/4, thence West to the North-South 1/4 line, thence South to the point of beginning, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

The kennel, if approved, would be used for the breeding and raising of dogs. No commercial boarding of dogs would be permitted.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard with regard to the requested special land use. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing, to the Township office, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809, up to the time of the public hearing. Dated: September 23, 2004

> PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

fire station area front, side and rear; to plow area behind library (parking area) and to shovel sidewalks at township office building and library. Bids should be submitted by November 10th. Contact the Township office -(616) 868-6846 for further details. Sandra L. Kowalczyk Clerk **CITY OF** LOWELL

NOTICE

**BOWNE TOWNSHIP** 

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FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

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township office parking lot; to plow

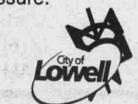
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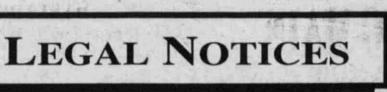
The Department of Public Works will conduct a hydrant-flushing program of the complete water system. Flushing will begin on Monday, September 20 through Friday, October 8 2004.

Some customers will experience low water pressure.

City of Lowell

Water Department





named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

September 21, 2004

CRAIG A. BRUGGINK P.L.C. (P-29358)

428 Turner N.W. A copy of this order shall Grand Rapids, MI 49504 (616) 456-5048

> DANNIE McDANIEL 0-11167 8th Ave., N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49544 (616) 453-2715

**TO ALL CREDITORS:** 

The Settlor, ROLAND GUNDY, who lived at Michigan Christian Home, 1845 Boston S.E. #101, Grand Rapids. Michigan, died January 28, 2004. There is no personal reresentative of the settlor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Roland and Mary Gundy Trust dated October 20, 1992 as amended, will be forever banned unless presented to Mary B. Gundy, Trustee, 1845 Boston. Grand Rapids, MI 49506 within four months after

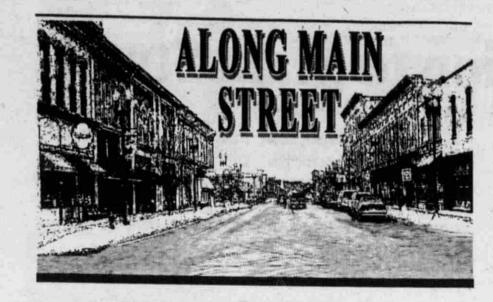
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## **INFORMAL QUESTION/ANSWER** MEETING AT LMS

To find out what is happening at the middle school, Middle School Family Links will sponsor a question and answer meeting in the cafeteria on Thursday, Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. All are invited.

## GIRL SCOUTS FUN DAY

If you are a girl scout or are interested in becoming one, attend the 5th annual Bring-A-Friend to Lowell Rollaway Family Fun Center on Saturday, Oct. 2 from 2-5 p.m. \$5 per scout; new registries free with form and fee of \$10.Call Susan at 868-9948 to RSVP or for more information.

## **ATHLETIC BOOSTER MEETING**

The regular meeting will be held Monday, Oct. 4 in the high school staff lounge.

## PICTURE RETAKES

An additional day for high school picture retakes is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 7 from 9-11 a.m.

## HOMECOMING PARADE

Lineup for the Lowell Homecoming parade will be at First United Methodist Church, Friday, Oct. 8 at 5:30 p.m. Parade starts at 6 p.m., ends at fairgrounds. Call Curt Kaeb at 987-2953 if you are interested in participating.

WEST MICHIGAN BLUEGRASS JAM

Lena Lou's, 392 Pettis Ave., Ada is where the West Michigan Bluegrass Music Assoc. open jam will take place Saturday, Oct. 9, 2 p.m. til closing. Heart to Heart, White River Bluegrass, Apple Blossom Band and more.

HARVEST ARTS & CRAFT SHOW Looking for vendors in the Foreman bldg, at the fairgrounds, Oct. 9, 9-4 p.m. Call 897-6050.

## SCARECROW BUILDING HOEDOWN

Build a scarecrow for Main St. at the fairgrounds, Oct. 9, 10-2 p.m. Call the chamber 897-9161 if interested. Everything is supplied.

### **3RD ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF**

For an application to be in the chili cook-off, call Deb or Mike at Larkin's, 897-5977; fee of \$25. It takes place at Larkin's on Sat., Oct. 9 at 11 a.m. Tasting 3-7 p.m.

## **2ND ANNUAL HISTORIC**

HOME TOUR/FREE MUSEUM DAY Tour historic homes in Lowell, Oct. 9, 10-5 p.m. Call 897-7688 for tickets and information.

## 2ND ANNUAL FLAT RIVER ANTIQUE FAIR

Call Liz at the chamber of commerce (897-9161) if you are interested in vendor space on the Riverwalk Plaza, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9.

### HARVEST SALES/OPEN HOUSE

Lowell merchants will be open from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Oct. 9 for early Christmas shopping.

### HALLOWEEN MASQUERADE

Lowell Area Arts Council presents Halloween Masquerade featuring the Great Lakes Band on Oct. 30 at Deer Run Golf Club. Doors open 7 p.m.; music begins 8 p.m. Tickets \$10. Call to reserve your spot 897-8545 or www.lowell artscouncil.org/

## Fourth break-in this year for local market

at Michael's Farm Market on arrest yet," Lowell police de- previous nights and were the money could not be found.

several leads, talked to pos- ported Feb. 29, June 2, Sept.

tective James Hinton said.

The break-ins were re- Money was stolen in the first

forced entry through a door.

At the time of the attack,

Eckman was on parole out of

the Ionia County Parole Of-

fice after serving prison time

for uttering and publishing

checks. The charge is similar

to check forgery.

Four break-ins is unusual for a Lowell business.

"For one store to be hit four times in the same year is phenomenal, it's almost unheard of," Hinton said. Police are collecting evidence on four suspects. Leads so far have come from anony-

mous tips.

### to the back of the head, laceraworked on Stroosnyder's "Denny's had a pretty extion to the back of the head," truck two weeks previous to tensive criminal history but the attack, according to this is the first violent act.' Stroosnyder was taken to Stroosnyder. Stroosnyder Hinton said.

Hinton said. the hospital by his wife. He

was back home Saturday, the attack. Hinton said.

Department determined at the scene that Eckman's death was suicide. An autopsy was scheduled for Monday. Eckman's relatives discovered his body and car in the barn and called the police, Hinton said.

There is no known motive in the attack. Eckman had

(616) 897-FILM

gave no further comment on

"We actually don't know The Ionia County Sheriff's what the motivation is because nothing was taken and the money was right there," Hinton said.

Eckman had a history of crimes against property.

LOWELL VETERANS CENTER Hello Neighbor! ADA-LOWELL 5 We just wanted to say "Hi!" And to invite you to an informal M-21 5 Minutes East of Amway H.Q. Open House at the Lowell Veterans Center \$5.25 Kids all shows \$5.50 Seniors \$6.00 Students & Late Shows Fri & Sat to be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on \$5.75 DAILY Matinees til 6pm All Solitalis Sunday, September 26, 2004 at 3116 Alden Nash Ave. S.E. 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. So come and look us over and if any of you are veterans of the U.S. military, you are especially welcome. Bring along your D.D. Form 214 (Korea to current) or your WW2 military discharge. Hope to see you there.

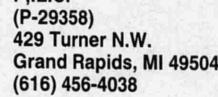
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# Kids dabble in sticky business

Dan Wernet, 12, and Justin Castro, 10, gumball entrepreneurs, are shown with their recently-installed machine at the Huntington Bank branch at 414 W. Main Street. "We heard about some kid who had three of them and

Police are still following sible suspects but have not 12 and Sept. 21. Each one three break-ins. Nothing was he made like 50 bucks a month so we just put our money leads in four break-insthis year been able to come up with an occurred in the middle of the taken in the fourth break-in as together and bought one," Castro said.

Their venture, DJ Vendings, includes the machine at the bank and a pop machine to be installed at Bareman's Dairy in Clarksville.

"The money that we get from the pop machine and gumball machine we're probably going to just get more machines," Castro said.

The gumball machine is on pace to make a return on investment within DJ Vending's current fiscal year. The two boys maintain the machine themselves, adding gumballs when the supply runs low. For a quarter, the machine dispenses between six and 10 gumballs.

## **REMINDER NOTICE REGISTRATION DEADLINE** FOR THE **GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 2004**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT ANY QUALIFIED ELECTOR OF BOWNE TOWNSHIP, LOWELL TOWNSHIP, VERGENNES TOWNSHIP, AND THE CITY OF LOWELL, WHO IS NOT ALREADY REGISTERED, MAY REGISTER TO VOTE AT THE CITY OR TOWNSHIPS OFFICES, AT ANY SECRETARY OF STATE BRANCH OFFICE, OR OTHER DESIGNATED PLACES FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2004.

THE LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING REGISTRATIONS WILL BE MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2004

**QUALIFICATIONS TO REGISTER TO VOTE:** CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 4, 2004 RESIDENT OF BOWNE TOWNSHIP, LOWELL TOWNSHIP, VERGENNES TOWNSHIP, CITY OF LOWELL

> Sandra Kowalczyk Bowne Township Clerk (616) 868-6846 9 AM to 4 PM

> Linda S. Regan Lowell Township Clear (616) 897-7600 9 AM to 5 PM

Betty Morlock Lowell City Clerk (616) 897-8457 8 AM to 5 PM

Mari Stone Vergennes Township Clear (616) 897-5671 9 AM to 3 PM

# **Barber shop may be the newest addition to Main Street**

## By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

be a barber shop.

Main, is the former Newell part at a later date.

parking lot, also known as the old Keiser property.

The new kid on the corner the construction project, pre- manager David Pasquale said Hopkins, from Imperial Muin the city of Lowell may soon sented a plan to build a 3,000- the only problem was that the nicipal Services, said it would square-foot building on the side yard on W. Main was a be up to the gas company to At its Monday night meet- property. Through discus- foot short of the required set- determine the location of a ing, the Lowell Planning Com- sions, however, he said cur- back of 35 feet. Pasquale had meter and whether that would mission reviewed plans for a rently the project would only talked with designers who in- work or not. A building inproposed barber shop at the construct a 1,300- to 1,400- dicated the facility could be spector is only responsible for corner of Amity and W. Main square-foot building for the moved a foot east but it could building and mechanical streets. The location, 521 W. shop and then build the other possibly create a problem in codes in the building, not out-

sented, which showed the foot between the two. Dave Keiser, representing 3,000-square-foot facility, city reading the meter for the build- side of it.

With the site plan pre- ing next door - leaving only a

Building inspector Doug

Pasquale said the engineer more detail on the site plan:

company about the meter. on three sides, Pasquale said, front elevation. adding that sidewalk is already and Chatham.

Hall said he would like to see would need to be included.

# **Planning Commission moves forward on sign ordinance**

## By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

ward on a new ordinance.

to the ordinance which would sign. allow for such signs, the com-

signs

"We cannot prevent such Realizing the only rea- signs, but we can regulate the space and not too obtrusive," election. son they are allowing signs in height and space of them," said commission member over a proposed amendment four feet from the top of the Commission member

mission agreed that a resi- Deb Hinton who worked with dential signage, but since the dential sign area could not be building inspector Doug city could not forbid them, he larger than three square feet Hopkins, from Imperial Mu- favored the smaller area. or higher than two and a half nicipal Services, said the In the end, the commisfeet from the top of the sign. space and height were deter- sion agreed to the three square Only one sign would be al- mined in consideration that foot area and two and a half lowed per household, and the city require the signs be foot height requirement and nameplates, addresses or placed further back, be at least by consensus vote decided to names of buildings would not half of the required setback in have the proposal written in

be counted as residential the front yard, and not placed political sign regulations and be maintained as originally signage came up after resiin a side yard.

Garland Berry said he didn't "Commission member, really see a purpose for resi-

ordinance form for the commission's next meeting, Oct. 25. At that time, the commission will hold a public hearing on the new ordinance before making a final recommendation to city council.

During public comment, mayor Jeanne Shores asked about political signs such as school district millage elections. Clerk Betty Morlock said those signs fall under

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are required to be removed installed." "Four feet is quite a bit of within so many days after the

residential districts is because said commission member Jim Maryalene LaPonsie, who of paper or cardboard were a able content and language, signs are protected under the they have to, the Lowell Plan- Hall who objected to the origi- added that there are some concern as they could dete- but decided the city's decency freedom of speech, therefore ning Commission moved for- nal proposal because it al- people who will try to put as riorate without proper care. laws should cover those is- the city could not forbid such lowed the space to be four much verbiage on a sign as The planning commission de- sues. After some discussion square feet with a height of possible, no matter what size. cided to add that signs "should The matter of residential them.

# It's apple time in Michigan

The 2004 Michigan apple Red, Ginger Gold and other harvest is underway, and de- popular late-summer apples. fruit crop grown in Michispite a cool, wet summer, the In September, Gala, gan. Michigan produced just state's 1,000 apple growers Honeycrisp, Jonagold, McIn- over 707 million pounds of are anticipating large-size tosh, Jonathans, Red and apples with excellent flavor. Golden Delicious and Em-By the end of October, Michigan apple growers and their The harvest concludes around strawberries, pears and crews expect to hand-pick Halloween with Ida Red, nearly 20 million bushels of Braeburn and Northern Spy. apples

"While excellent Michigan apples are available for 10 months of the year, fall is really the best time to get out and sample the wide variety of apples grown here," said Denise Yockey, executive director of the Michigan Apple Committee. "Some apples are very short-lived in the marketplace due to limited supplies, so you need to buy annually. them while you can."

est producer of apples, Michigan grows 22 varieties on a commercial basis, which is likely more than any other

Michigan's apple harvest this year. began in August with Paula

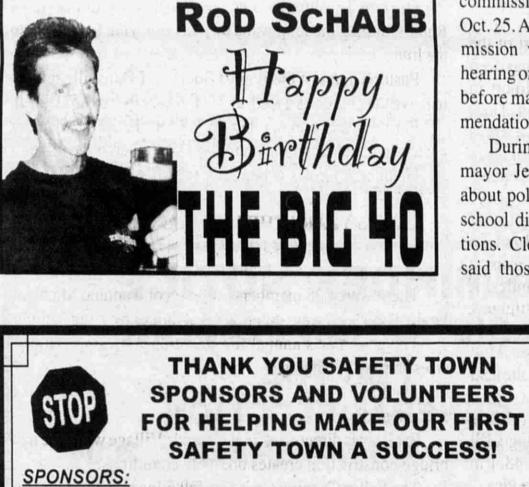
pire apples become available. blueberries, peaches, grapes, A traditional Michigan fall activity is visiting a farm market and cider mill. For a list of these in your area visit www.MichiganApples.com

## Quick facts on Michigan apples

Apples are Michigan's #1 most valuable fruit crop, with a value of about \$100 million per acre.

There are over 8.5 mil-The nation's third-larg- lion apple trees, covering nearly 50,000 acres, throughout Michigan. Michigan expects to har-

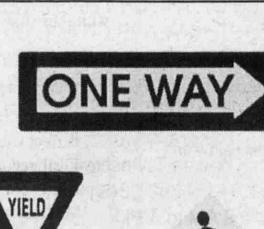
vest 760 million pounds (or 18 million bushels) of apples apples.



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would need to contact the gas show the correct size of the building being planned, where With the new building, the curb cuts would be, what sidewalk would be required the roof line will be, and the The commission did ap-

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fruit in 2002 including apples, tart cherries, sweet cherries, plums. Nearly 73 percent of that amount was apples. Longtime favorite vari-

Apples are the largest

eties still dominate Michigan's orchards. The most prevalent variety remains the Red Delicious, followed closely by the Golden Delicious and the up-andcoming Gala. Newer apple orchards are

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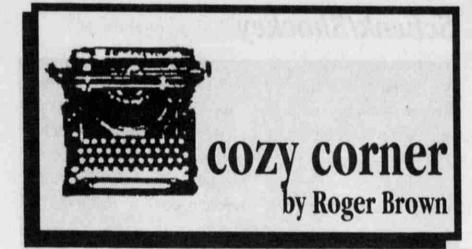
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Small family farmers who

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Time to milk one more column from a recent Odyssey in my antique biplane. Tuesday morning after Labor Day found me awake, but groggy, in a Super 8 motel in Bentonville, Arkansas. As the room coffeemaker perked, I was contorting myself in front of the bathroom mirror, trying to get a look at my backside. Nothing kinky, I was just checking to see if my butt actually looked like a Stearman seat.

My old wood and rag, open cockpit, round engined, aeronautical torture device and I had covered about 800 miles the previous day. Many of those miles had been into a headwind that had the groundspeed down in the 60's. Four long legs added up to nearly twelve hours in the cramped seat. Hence the concern with permanent damage to my posterior.

Back at the airport, home to Wal-Mart's extensive fleet of corporate jets, I spread out my wrinkled and tattered sectional chart (maps take a tremendous beating in an open cockpit environment) to plan my day's travel. The building was busy with suited-up executives and snappily dressed pilots going about their business. I was unshaven, dressed in shorts, sneakers and an oil-stained T-shirt. It was easy to tell who belonged to the ratty old antique dripping oil onto the ramp area. I felt like a bum, and my Stearman was my shopping cart. Still, I'm guessing the corporate jet jockeys were a little jealous.

The weather was absolutely stunning, though high winds were forecast for later in the day. My first leg would be a short little hop of fifty or sixty miles northwest to Miami ... Miami, for just a few gallons.

An old airline pilot friend of mine lectures, "The only time you don't want more fuel is when you're on fire." Still, I skipped fueling and went inside for a cup of coffee and some "hangar flying" with a few airport bums. Granted, it hadn't been much of a visit to Oklahoma, none-the-less, the "Sooner" state would go in my logbook with a Stearman landing. Thirtysix down, twelve to go.

My next leg would take me north into Kansas. As predicted, the winds were picking up. In the incredibly clear air, and from my vantage point of about 500 feet up, I was continually amazed at how far I could see. Rumbling along and gaping at the scenery, I soon found myself in a situation where fuel was getting low and there were no airports up ahead with runways favoring the steadily increasing wind. Not heeding the airline pilot's advice was coming back to bite me.

After wrestling with my map in the windy cockpit, Garnett, Kansas, became my choice as a fuel stop. If a little burg like Alto or Smyrna had an airport, that would be similar to what Garnett looked like as I flew over the windsock. After a beautiful landing (which nobody witnessed), I taxied up to the lone fuel pump. The pump looked like it might be older than my WWII era airplane. I shut down, got out and looked around

nobody home. "Good call on a fuel stop," I thought to myself.

With my chart spread out on a lower wing, I was weighing alternatives when an old Ford pulled up. "Got gas?" I asked as the old guy walked from his car. "Cheapest in the state," he hollered back. Turns out this "very part-time" airport manager had heard me fly over and driven to the airport. Garnett, Kansas, was a good choice for fuel after all.

After fueling, we shot the breeze as I tried to work out some kinks. I paid for the fuel, got a couple sodas from a machine and a handful of snacks from one of those honor boxes. Add Kansas to my quest for Stearman landings in all the contiguous 48

It was early afternoon as I continued north, eating junk food, sipping a Diet Coke and marveling at the pure size of prairie country. The floor of my old plane was looking like my grandkids had been in the airplane. Candy, crackers, nuts and chips were everywhere. I made a mental note to do some slow rolls to dump all the litter. The rolls would have to wait until I got home and the baggage compartment wouldn't be full of loose gear.

President Bush was still campaigning in the area, so I had to give Kansas City, Kansas, a wide berth to the west. Shooting the gap between Kansas City and Topeka, I could see another skyline off to the west. After struggling with my map I determined it was Manhattan, Kansas. The city must have been a good 75 miles away. I couldn't believe the visibility ... even with my 54-year-old eyesight.

6 p.m. Next stop ... Falls City, a small town airport in the very A fish ladder has been put in the chute below the bridge. southeast corner of Nebraska. Falls City was a less than Hatch and Craw's two buildings are connected by an memorable stop. More fuel, oil, vending machine snacks, acoustic telephone. The village and depot may be connected Cokes ... and I was back on the way. Scratch the "Cornhusker" soon. state off my list ... number 38.

The rest of the day was spent working back to the northeast and the National Stearman Convention in Galesburg, Illinois. **100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER** The wind was off my left wing, but just slightly behind me, **SEPTEMBER 29, 1904** making my groundspeed respectable. I made a decision to Lowell Specialty Co. installs new machinery. They have Oklahoma, that is. Fueling a Stearman is no easy task. The gas grind it out and get all the way to Galesburg that evening. I received inquiries from India and New Zealand for their tank is in the top wing, ten feet in the air. Climbing up there wouldn't total quite as many miles as the previous day, but sprayers. with a heavy gas hose in tow wasn't worth the effort to top off darned close. My butt was not at all pleased with the decision Citizens Telephone Co. connects to the state line at Grand from upstairs. Rapids, ending the long waits by persons trying to connect to The route took us across the Missouri River, part of the

state of Missouri and into Iowa. The "Hawkeye" state has been Pastor Thoms of the Baptist Society of Dansville refuses in my logbook for years, but I landed at a little airport in to leave the church as asked, and is forcibly evicted and jailed. Centerville anyway ... mainly because I needed fuel. Duh! Farmers are making big money at Escanaba, raising There was nobody around, but the pump was self-serve with a cucumbers and selling them to the pickling company there. credit card. A big bonus was a plate of homemade cookies in the little office building. Add those crumbs to the mess in the Hosmer Andrews is boarding the Moseley teacher. bottom of my airplane.

When I came to the Mississippi River it was getting to that great part of the day when the sun is getting low, shadows are growing and the wind is settling down. I couldn't resist a northerly jog to follow the mighty river for a few miles. It would be hard to imagine a more breathtakingly beautiful few minutes of flying.

Back in Galesburg I got a room, shower and dinner. After a quick phone call to my wife, I slept like a corpse until the next morning. I'm planning a serious trip for next summer, roughly

following the Lewis and Clark Expedition of 200 years ago. I'll get the ten states needed to complete my quest for all 48. I'm glad I have nearly a year to let my butt get used to the idea.

My World

By Angela Miller

# TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The poem, "My World" is important to me because it shows that I'm not afraid to be an individual. Many of my peers, however, are intimidated by my differences and tend to stay away from me. I have been extremely hurt in the past as a result to this unnecessary fear, and would just like to show Lowell Ledger readers that it is not a crime to be different. I'm also encouraging others to reach for their goals. Persistence is the key to success. Despite past failures, one would never stop trying to make his or her dream a reality. Thus, I would strongly appreciate having my work published in the local newspaper.

Secondly, I would like to suggest that there be a separate column reserved for publicizing local talent. This way, gifted individuals from all over the city can share their talent with the public. People should be able to submit anything from poetry to short stories.

Not only would this bring in more readers, it would also raise the confidence of many Lowell citizens. Anyway, I would like to thank you for your time and I hope you consider my suggestion.

Sincerely, Angela Miller I hold my head up high.

Come on into my world, but careful watch your step. Within this shell of flesh and bones, oddities are kept. I walk among the color, beyond the gray and white. Stretching my head upward, searching for the light. It's hard to see things my way.

I am a different sort, Portraying my own defense

In my mental court.

Future dreams of plenty.

Sweet candy for the mind.

Fortune, fame, and romance, Desires of that kind.

My confidence had crumbled in the clenched hands of my

While choking down my sorrows, I hope this pain won't

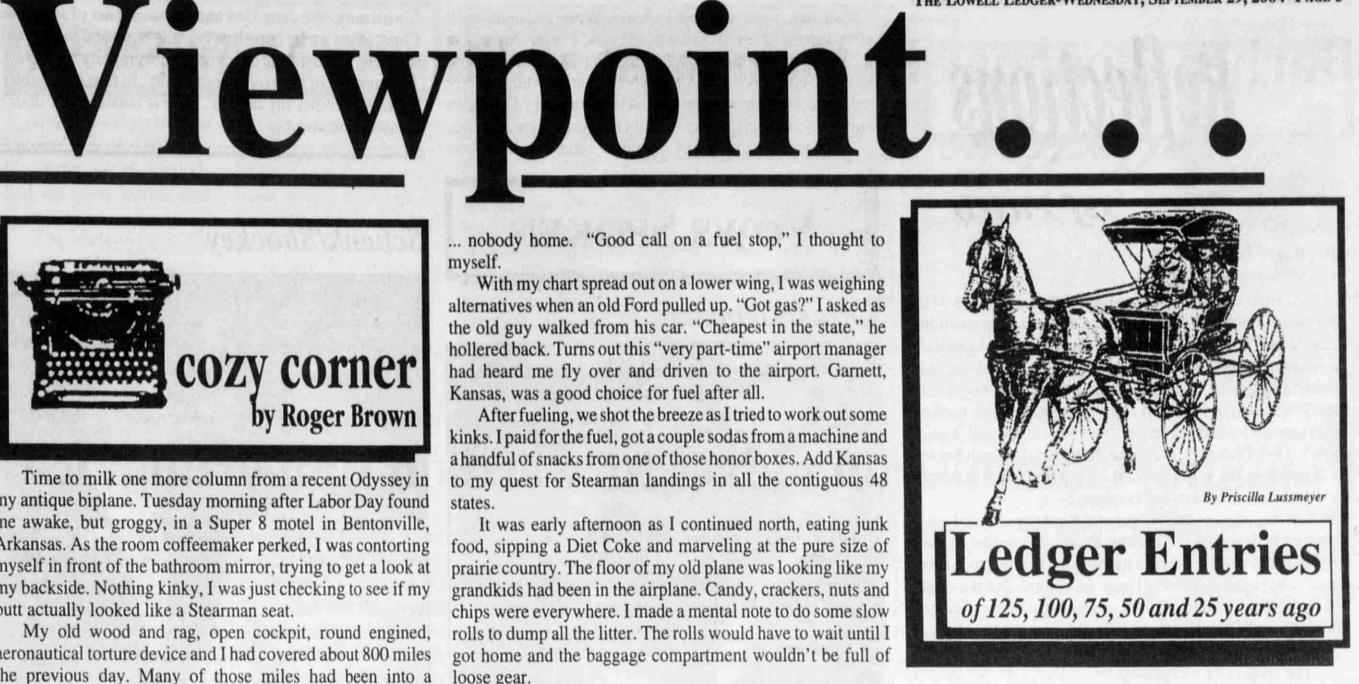
With glitter, fire, and dragons,

I decorate my world.

It's down right dull and boring to be a normal girl. The reason why I say this is some people call me strange, But I stand by what I stated and I know that I won't change. Despite my soiled self-esteem, I have the will to try.

With fortune just beyond my grasp.

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## **125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL OCTOBER 1, 1879**

Better fetch in your cordwood. Buckwheat cakes are not far off.

Miss Tilly Robinson is teaching in Vergennes. The saw and shingle mills now start at 6 a.m. and close at

## **75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER** AND THE ALTO SOLO **OCTOBER 3, 1929**

There were 225 members of the second annual Michigan poultry tour who were entertained at dinner by King Milling. The governor's annual fire prevention message empha-

sizes farm fire dangers. The Ionia-Lowell-Grand Rapids motor bus is wrecked at

Ada; nobody hurt. Pat Bowes directs traffic at Cascade Village while the new

bridge construction creates one-way conditions. The Fallas Canning Co. starts fall mincemeat production.

### **50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER SEPTEMBER 30, 1954**

The first home football game of the season will be played under the new lights Friday.

All Runciman operations are moved to Lowell's remodeled offices. The Grand Rapids elevator and warehouse will be used only for storage.

Members of the Vergennes Cooperative Club are directed to show up on Thursday in Halloween costume.

Ada, Cascade, Martin, Murphy and Orchard View schools are meeting to work out a consolidated high school. The Strand Theatre features "The Robe" for four days,

with four shows on Sunday.

## **25 YEARS**

THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER

## **OCTOBER 3, 1979**

Perfect weather helps the 11th Fallasburg Fall Festival to break all records, including attendance of 20,000, almost triple last year's record.

MEDIC, an area medical team, is opening its office in Alto.

The Ada covered bridge, torched a few weeks ago, is judged not salvageable.

Almost 500 acres along 52nd in Cascade Township will be Amway's expansion site; it was chosen over a site in Texas. Building beams arrive for the new St. Mary's church.



### Dr. Roger La Warre First Congregational U.C.C.

I would like to encourage you to read Luke 16:19-31 and to think about some of the meaning that can be gleaned from this story. The story is called "The Rich Man and Lazarus." It is a story that has been used in countless sermons about giving and managing our wealth so as to be in mission to the poor. The story does speak to that. It is a story that has been used as a springboard into conversation about heaven and hell. You can get that from the story, I suppose. However, for me, it has been a story about the way you and I (the haves) relate to the poor and underprivileged in our community.

Let me use a story to get our thinking cranked up: A number of years ago in Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti, which is one of the poorest nations in the Caribbean, a luxury hotel was being constructed near the capital. But the owners of the hotel soon found that they had a big problem. The view from the grand hotel was being spoiled, because a nearby slum could be seen from the hotel windows.

The owners, however, soon found a solution. No, they did not go out and try to clean up the slum area and improve the life of the poor trapped in the systems of poverty. Instead, they built a wall around the hotel, so that the guests at the hotel would no longer be able to see that the slum was there.

Before you get your paper and pencil and write the owners of the hotel, stop and think about the "Lazarus" that dwells outside your door. Think about the wall that you have built so that you don't have to be reminded of the "dirt," suffering, humiliation and loss of life that is occurring outside your door and my door. Some of you have purchased big, expensive homes in gated communities to secure yourself from poverty. We have moved ourselves into exclusive environments and have learned to close our eyes to the pictures and the news reports that tell us 15 to 20 million people around the world die from starvation or hunger-related illnesses.

This is not about who deserves to be rich and who deserves to be poor. No child deserves to die of malnutrition and hunger. This is about the lack of true Christian community and the lack of desire by Christians to build networks with other Koopman. Bridesmaids were Potts and Scott Hays.

Christians to address serious human suffering and injustice. It is not that we have caused the poverty and hunger. After all in the scripture you may have read, the Rich Man did not cause Lazarus' condition. He didn't kick him or deny him food or reject him as a human being. He did what you and I do so often - he simply ignored him and let him live just as he was living. That fact, and that fact alone, tells us something about true

Christianity. We deny God and the saving act of Jesus the Christ when we let ourselves become blind and indifferent to others. The opposite of poverty is not property and riches. The opposite of poverty is community. In true community Lazarus becomes my brother. Who is outside your door? Please, think about it.

## **VOWS SPOKEN**





Mr. and Mrs. Mike Curtis

The July 31, 2004 wed- Amber Metternick, Amanda glish Hills Terrace. Parents of Postema and Becky Cook. the couple are Merrie Kathy Curtis of Lowell.

ding of Jessica Koopman and Fetterhoff, Beth Wierenga, Mike Curtis took place at En- Melinda Fenske, Kelsey Best man was Charlie Koopman, and Bucky and Yarrington. Groomsmen were Chris Curtis, Andy Curtis, Pat

Maid of honor was Liz Johnson, Ryan Roth, Todd

Schenk/Shockey

Church was the setting for the of Lowell. May 22, 2004 wedding of Lisa



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Matron of honor was Shockey and Kurt Schenk. Stephanie Mayne. Brides-Parents of the couple are Bill maids were Julia Ennis and and Lois Shockey of Jenison Dawn Metternick. Flower girl was Shyloh Schenk.

Shaun Parker served as best man. Groomsmen were Nick DeZwaan and Matthew Schenk. Ringbearer was Vincent Cebelak.

A reception was held at Boulder Creek Golf Club.

You must live in the present, launch yourself on every wave, find your eternity in each moment. -Henry David Thoreau



# LUNCH MENU

**Elementary Menu** Week of Oct. 4, 2004

MON: Mini com dogs o chicken taco, pears salad, milk.

TUES: Chicken nuggets or philly cheese sub peaches, green beans

WED: Beef taco or barbecued rib sandwich, or anges, fresh vegetables,

THURS: Cheese pizza or turkey bacon sub sandwich, warm cinnamor apples, tater tots, milk.

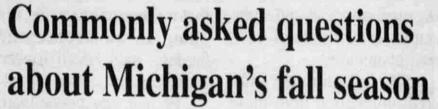
FRI: Chicken hip dippers or baked ham, mashed potatoes, mixed fruit

# ENGAGEMENTS

Engaged and planning an October 2, 2004 wedding at St. Patrick Parish are Jody Seif and Louis Markel, both of Lowell.

daughter of Joe and Annette Seif of Ada. She graduated from Lowell High School in ids Community College. 2000 and currently works at Rockford Public Schools and Lowell Meijer.

The future groom is the son of the late Norbert and Diane Markel and stepson of Karen Markel of Lowell. He is a 2000 Lowell High School The bride-to-be is the graduate and currently works at Brigade Fire Protection while attending Grand Rap-



view Michigan's fall color?

The annual seasonal show peaks in stages, beginning at the top of the state in the Upper Peninsula where it gets cooler first; it then moves southward. Peak color usually is found in the U.P. between mid-September and early October; in the northern Lower Peninsula between late September and mid-October; in mid-Michigan from early to mid-October, and in southern Lower Michigan from mid- to late October. Color patterns depend greatly on the weather as well as lake-effect warming that delays color changes near Great Lakes and inland water shorelines. What makes the leaves

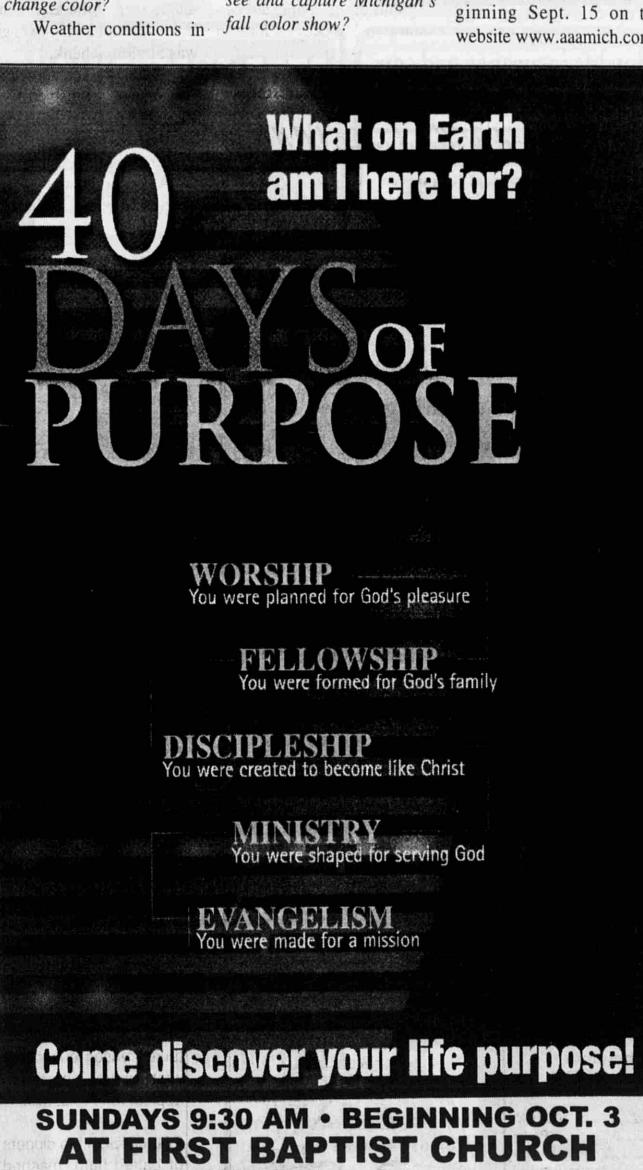
change color?

What is the best time to early September largely determine how brilliant each season's color will be. Bright, sunny days and cool nights will create a great show. Daylight length also is a determinant. Shorter days cause leaves to stop producing chlorophyll and lose their green color and begin the process that causes leaves to drop. Rain also helps growing conditions.

How many species of trees are there and what colors do they turn?

Michigan has nearly 150 different species of trees in its 18.6 million acres of forest. Hardwoods such as aspen, maple, birch, sumac and oak produce beautiful colors.

What is the best way to see and capture Michigan's



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Louis Markel and Jody Seif

Michigan travelers have plenty of choices, including many old roads that cut through great stands of hardwood and pines, and statedesignated scenic routes. Bike trails, horseback or cider mills

the most current fall color con- cer. ditions?

Call the Travel Michigan hotline at 888-78-GREAT (784-7328). Conditions are updated each Wednesday beginning Sept. 15 on the website www.aaamich.com.

SEPT. 30: Jimmy Hodges, OCT. 1: Sue Zoodsma, Lowell Swift, Linda DeCator, Stephanie Foss, Justin Anes, Ray Zandstra, Mark Sara Schuitema. are other ways to view the Willmarth, Jay Thaler, Marion Miller, Haley Main, OCT. 2: Doris Titcombe. How can I keep track of Ernie Barnes, Jessica Spen-



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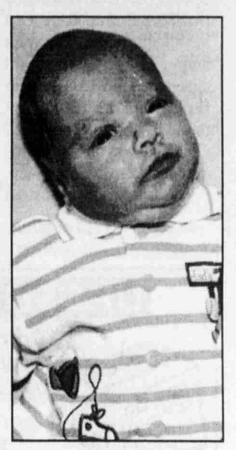


CPL Joshua J. Van Alstine and his wife Evelyn are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Brady James. He was born on June 22, 2004 at 10:45 p.m. at Onslow Memorial Hospital in North Carolina where Josh is stationed. Brady weighed 3 lbs. 10 oz. and measured 16 3/4 inches long. Welcoming him home are his big sister Taylor and big brother Jacob.

Proud grandparents are Mark and Peggy Johnson of Alto, Cheryl Craft of Portsmouth, Ohio. Great-grandparents are Dale and Charlotte Johnson of Alto and William and Barbara Jousma of Caledonia; also aunts Kristin and Lisa Johnson of Alto.



OCT. 3: Mike Moore, Jim Stoutjesdyk Sr.



**Brady James VanAlstine** 

OCT. 4: Marj Harding, Raymond Kastanek, Cody Chambers, Rich Wade, Dennis Denton Jr., Morgan Olin, Theresa Baerwalde.

OCT. 5: Bradley Kiczenski, Allen Reynolds.

OCT. 6: Steven J. Avers, Randy Tulecki, Emma Jo Clouser.

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**UPS SHIPPING** 

# School contracts, continued...From Page 1

for the Michigan Education compromised by considering tinuing with Supercare One. planning time was added as Special Services Association (MESSA)'s Supercare One health insurance. This year and in '05-'06 the staff will change to MESSA's Choices II plan with the district paying in full for the coverage.

"That was one of our primary concerns," Truax said. Miller said the district

tested program.

process."

option of paying the differ- higher deductible the district ence in premiums and con- wanted, as well.

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this plan, which is still an un- The difference in the cost of the premiums is estimated to "That's something the be \$95. Miller said this satisboard agreed to look at," fies the board's requirement Miller said. "It was not in ex- that the employees participate areas of pay for high school istence when we started this in the cost of their health insurance. Built into the Choices Staff members have the II plan is the \$5 drug card and building curriculum teams.

> This March, the school board declared an impasse in Nancy Hopkins said the pubnegotiations related to middle lic scrutiny during the proschool planning time. This longed contract negotiations was the most controversial of the language issues in the contract. The impasse was declared in order to implement a LEA filed an unfair labor prac- school system," she said. tice suit based on the declaraand contract language cutting moving into a brighter future

part of the tentative agreement that led to the contract.

Changes to contract language also took place in the department chairs and pay for teachers chairing district and There are also changes in personal leave language.

School board president will benefit the district as it moves forward.

"The teaching staff and the public became more aware pilot program for reading and of how complex these issues math at the middle school The are of funding the public

Both union and district tion. The suit was dropped leaders expressed hope of

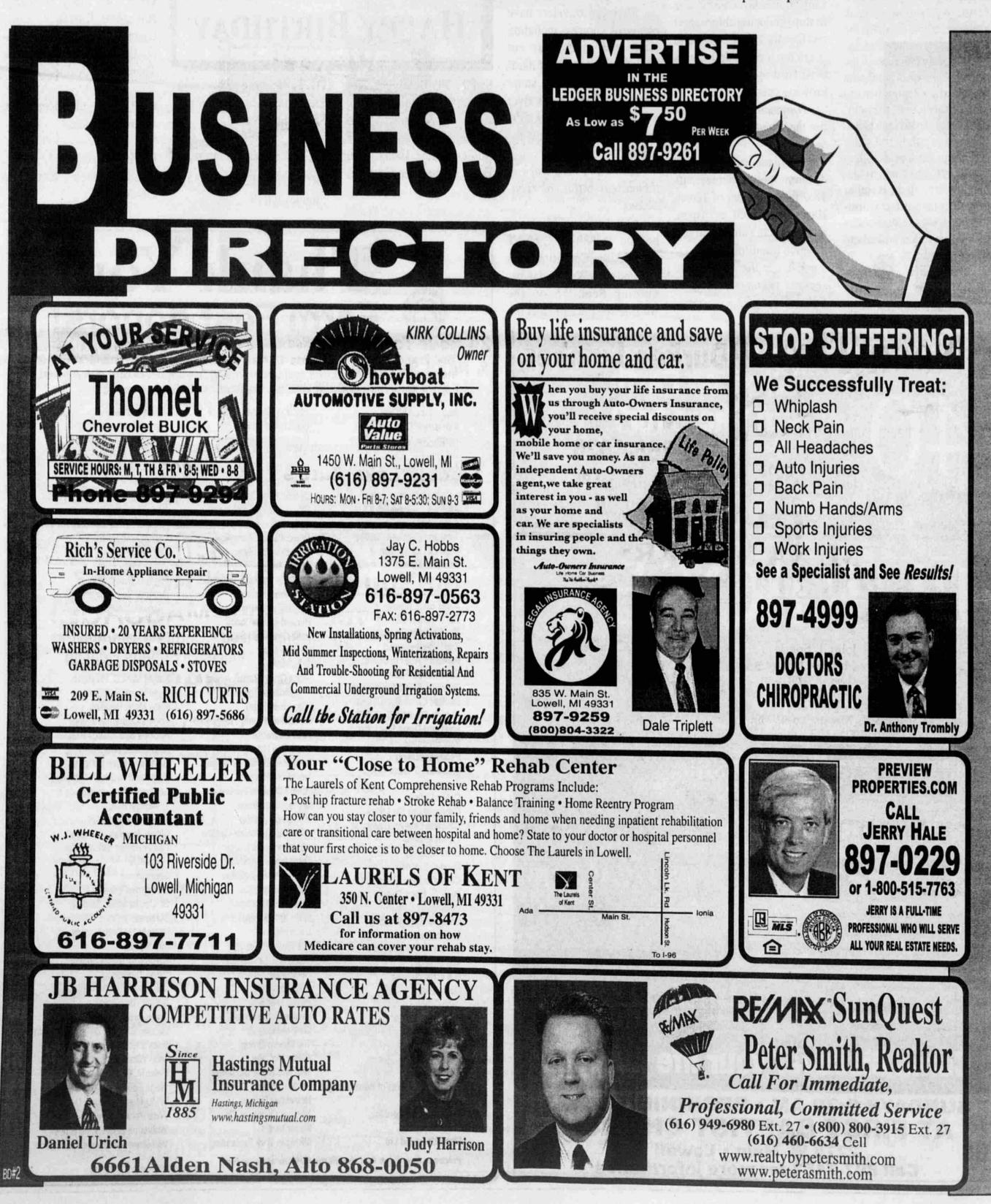
Monday. But the board acknowledged that the financial picture continues to look grim in the coming years.

"We will need to look at budget cuts in the future," Miller said.

With that in mind, the board announced the formation of a cost-containment committee. The 15-member group includes parents, teachers, administrators, bargaining representatives and representatives of the local business community.

"We had informally gathered information from those groups before and this time we felt ... like it was really important to have that community voice and have those thoughts," Miller said.

The district made a three- board. tiered list of possible places to



cut the budget three years ago. "We've now finally made almost all those cuts on that list," said LAS assistant superintendant for finance and personnel Connie Gillette.

The board felt it was especially important to seek a wide range of input as it faces more challenging budget decisions in the future.

"It's not (going to be) some of the simpler things that we've come to so far; it's going to be deeper and harder," said board trustee Mark Lessens.

Former city councilman

Mike Blough is chairperson

of the committee, which had

its first meeting Tuesday. The

committee will act in an advi-

sory capacity to the school

By Dave Stegehuis

## HUNT PREPARATION

A cheap lesson on a recent fishing trip reminded me to pay more attention to details before leaving home. A dead starting battery on the boat could have been avoided by checking out all mechanical equipment before traveling. Leaving essential items behind is another common mistake, but making and using a comprehensive list can eliminate the problem.

This fall many of us are planning to hunt locally, while others will travel across the state, the country, or around the world. Regardless of the destination, when one gets into the field, it is soon apparent whether or not proper planning has been done. Following are some things to give attention to before heading out.

Proper clothing can make or break a trip. Physical comfort allows one to stay out longer and focus more on enjoying the experience. Good rainwear is essential on extended hunts when staying indoors is not an option. Properly fitted waterproof boots should be well broken-in by hunt time. Do a dress

rehearsal to identify possible problems.

Extensive practice with a bow under realistic conditions is necessary for most of us to become skilled enough to humanely take game with it. Practice with a firearm that has been properly sighted-in is also a prerequisite to any hunt.

Dependable transportation will get one to the hunt location on time and in good humor. Tune-up that truck or ATV. Firm-up airline reservations and make sure you understand and are able to comply with regulations regarding firearms, especially when leaving the country.

Speaking of regulations, don't forget to study the hunting rules in your area. I found Michigan's Big Game Hunting Guide to be brief compared to the rules in Montana. Be sure



ANNUAL FALL COLOR TOUR Kent District Library presents its third annual "Fall Color



THE LOWELL LEDGER-WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2004 - PAGE 9 to have the correct licenses and permits and put them on your list so they will not be left behind.

Last, but just as important as anything else, be physically ready to meet the demands of the hunt. Preparation may require a medical check-up as well as an exercise program. Remember you could find yourself walking long distances with heavy clothing and, in addition, be carrying a firearm and probably a loaded backpack. If you anticipate packing an elk quarter off a mountain, then you will have to work even harder to get in shape.

Anticipation adds to the total hunting experience, so consider all of the preparation just part of the hunt. Good hunting

Tour." Visit any four of the 18 KDL branches during October and you can sign up to win a reading gift basket. One basket will even contain diamond earrings!

Many of the local Friends groups will sponsor book sales and special events during the month to coincide with the tour. A program brochure, which contains directions to the branches and fall program information, can be picked up at any branch. The Fall Color Tour is sponsored by the Kent District Library Alliance of Friends.

For more information call the Kent District Library at 784-2007

# Vintage tractor collection preserves local farm history

## By Dan Schneider

The International Harvester Company got started in 1831.

That was when Cyrus Hall McCormick first tested a farm implement called the Virginia Reaper. He invented this reaper in the state of Virginia, later partnering with an implement manufacturer in Chicago which is where he started. building some manufacturing facilities.

eventually turning out not only reapers but mowers and harvesters, as well. In 1902, Company merged with the Deering Harvester Company, a competitor also located in Chicago. This merger formed the International Harvester Company, which was making farm implements with parts manufactured by both companies.

"They took the best of the companies." Harold Metternick, Jr. said.

By the early 1990s, examples of this machinery were

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Lowella

making their way into number of International Har- mobile-museum trailers. One trailer were manufactured by Metternick's barns in south- vester Farmall tractors. west Lowell Township

"These implements were around here," he said. out in the fence rows and out faster and faster as time goes on," Metternick said.

machinery on steel wheels: stored. One is a white 1950 binders, cultivators, discs, po- Farmall C demonstrator. tato planters and seed drills. They were all covered with restored at the 1992 Red Power rust after coming out of the show in Marion, Ohio, fence rows and forests' edges. Metternick said. "When we

These factories were 50 to 100 years old," he said. 'Why in the world would you Metternick restored some want a white one?" of them as close as possible to what they looked like new. painted white at the factory the McCormick Harvester Hespent last winter refurbish- and taken to county fairs and

> First he would wire-brush as tractor models. Then they much rust off as possible. Then were taken back to the factory he'd rust-proof and paint the and repainted red before bemetal parts red and blue or red ing sold to farmers. Metternick and green according to the discovered white paint under paint schemes from old Inter- the bolts he loosened when he national Harvester product started restoring the C and decatalogs in his collection. The termined he had a demonstrametal wheels of the tractors tor on his hands. The tractors

Metternick also owns a Metternick has built two

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"There's about 25 of them

The first Farmalls revolu-

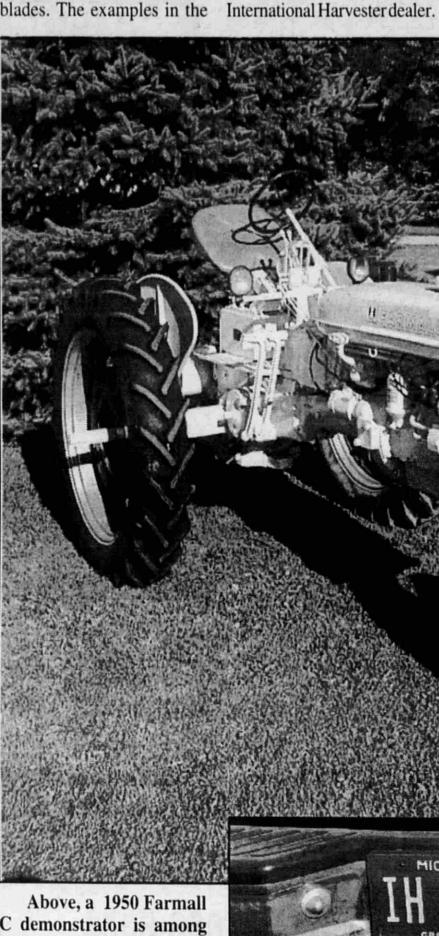
they're going to be scrapped tionized the family farm when it was introduced in 1924. They are in varying condi-He has 30 pieces of farm tions-some rusty, some re-

"This was the first one "Most of the stuff is from took it to the show, they said

The demonstrators were ing eight of the implements. such for promotion of new were painted light cream-yel- are rare and prized by collectors.

is made out of a 1977 Chev- several of the companies, like ron travel trailer. It contains Milwaukee Harvester Comvintage sales literature, some pany, that were also bought written history of Interna- up in the McCormick-Deering tional Harvester, corn shellers merger in 1902. and sickle grinders. These were mounted on the steel seum consists of two hay wagwheels of hay mowers in the ons containing hit-and-miss

The other traveling mufield and used to sharpen the engines and a sign from an



C demonstrator is among the first tractors Harold Metternick, Jr. restored.

Let us endeavor to live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry.

-Mark Twain

A sign Metternick made for the back of his truck displays the old logos for the International Harvester Company, International trucks on the left and the most modern logos on the right.



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Metternick has examples of many other products manufactured by International Harvester. These include a 1957 International fire engine, refrigerators, freezers and a milk-can cooler. But Metternick's main interest is in implements.

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# LAAC to present "Murder by Natural **Causes**" beginning Oct. 8

By Dan Schneider

In a production featuring a high proportion of cast members from the Lowell Area, the Thebes Players are presenting "Murder by Natural Causes.'

The play by Tim Kelly is a mystery-drama about a woman, Allison Sinclair (Sally McAlpine) who tries to kill her husband, Arthur Sinclair (Jim Hodges), who happens to be a mind reader. He's a very popular mind reader on TV and the radio, and he has a book coming

wife enlists her lover, Gil Oct. 15, 16, 22 and 23 at 6:30 Weston (Jeff Stacer) to try to bump off the mentalist. The 12:30 p.m. hitch is they insist his death be by natural means. The mentalist helps them in this regard by having a bad heart. Several complications ensue, however, and there is a surprising plot twist.

Other actors in the play are Dean Borth as George Brubaker, Diana Roush as Jessica Prescott, Anne Pasquale as Marta the maid. Steve Tokarski as detective Eddie Oakman and Marla McFadden as Mrs. Carrington.

The dinner theater production takes place at Larkin's Other Place in downtown Lowell. The menu features chicken with marshmallow sauce, redskin potatoes and caesar salad.

Tickets range in price from \$21 to \$26. The production opens Friday, Oct. 8 at Motivated by greed, the 6:30 p.m. Performances are p.m. and Oct. 10 and 17 at

Call the Lowell Area Arts Council at 897-8545 to reserve tickets. Since it is a dinner theater, it is recommended that tickets be purchased 48 hours in advance of the performance.



From left: Ann Pasquale, Diana Roush, Jim Hodges, Dean Borth, Sally McAlpine and Marla McFadden in a scene from the Thebes Players' upcoming production of "Murder by Natural Causes."

## Lowell woman selected for national fellowship program

Miami's School of Architec- in Community Building. She ing and become members of County's Land Use agent and ture recently announced that will represent the state of the Community Building is the project manager for the Kendra Wills, of Lowell, has been selected as one of the recipients of the 2004- '05

Michigan.

Upon completion of the program, Fellows earn a cer-

The University of Knight Fellowship Program tificate in community build- Extension Service as Kent Network of Fellows, Scholars and Faculty. Wills works for the MSU

United Growth for Kent County project.

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storing the rusty pieces in his collection and hopes to some day have a building in which to display them.

"This is history as far as I'm concerned," Metternick

Especially the history of farming in southeastern Kent County. Metternick is the second owner of several tractors and implements first owned by farming families in Lowell, Bowne and Vergennes townships.

on a farm himself. He started doing some small-scale farming in 1962 with a 1954 Super

He plans to continue re- C Farmall. He's been collecting implements and tractors for about 15 years.

> International Harvester machinery "because they had just gone belly up."

Tenneco Inc. bought In- cade through tough financial ternational Harvester and times. merged the company with its 1984. The once-great farm agricultural equipment." machinery manufacturer had struggled for the previous de-

Still, Metternick said, "It He focused his interest on Case equipment subsidiary in was the grand-daddy of all



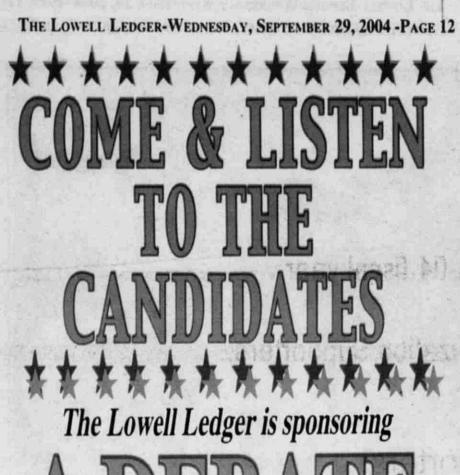
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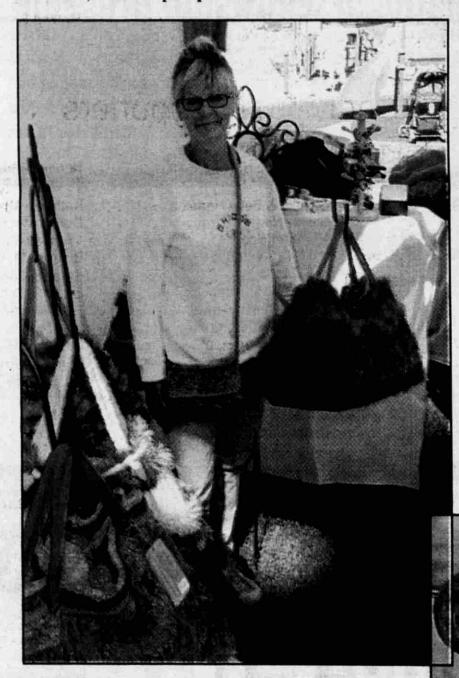
## Fall Festival, continued...From Page 1

Darwish. Coldwater, is a photographer tints. The photographs are of who makes black and white the insides of old houses and photographs. He and his bathtubs-the bathtub photos daughter, Farah, color them are now a series. He also uses

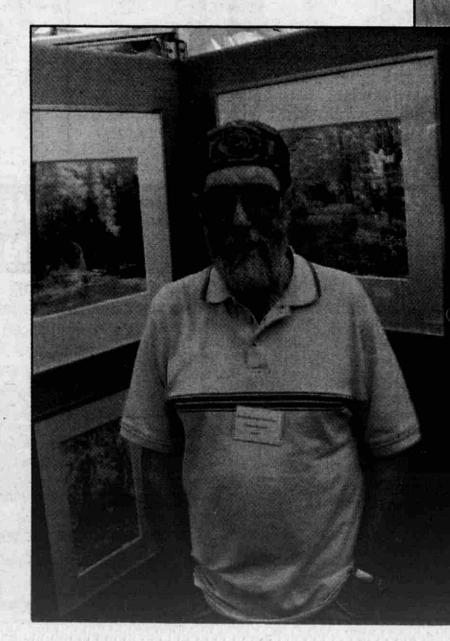
from by hand into a variety of subtle



Above, Ryan Olsen, 3, of Gowen applies paint to paper in the children's area. At right, Molly Grant, 6, of Cascade, with the pumpkin she decorated.



Judy Merckling with the purses she makes out of wool from all over the world.



multiple exposures to create ghostly images of women in out of tea parties.

I want to get the effect I'm rian things."

Merckling, she said.

The purses are a number spare time after pottery. "I knit to keep my hands place.

moving," she said. Weiermiller turns vessels





with his photographs.

larger pieces.

Above, Cedarville glass artist Rick Shapero with several of his colorful pieces. At left, Norm Darwish

"It's something I've always wanted to do since Victorian garb moving in and woodshop in the seventh grade," he said. "You get "I can lock the film down caught up in life and you don't and expose as many times as get a chance to get back to it."

"Life" included making looking for," Darwish boats for many years and sevsaid."My partner, who's also eral other woodworking my wife, Connie, likes Victo- projects. He's been making jar-shaped wooden objects for from 12 years in Cheboygan. He Brighton, had shown clay pots gets the wood mostly from at Fallasburg several years Michigan forests, where he ago. She was there this year hikes frequently. The pieces with hand-knit, felt purses are finished in hand-rubbed which she knits out of wool tung oil, showing the patterns and shrinks in warm water of the woodgrain. He spends and "every one is different," up to 15 hours making his

Weiermiller has shown at of different colors and are the Fallasburg Fall Festival in something she does in her the past and said he likes the setting and atmosphere of the

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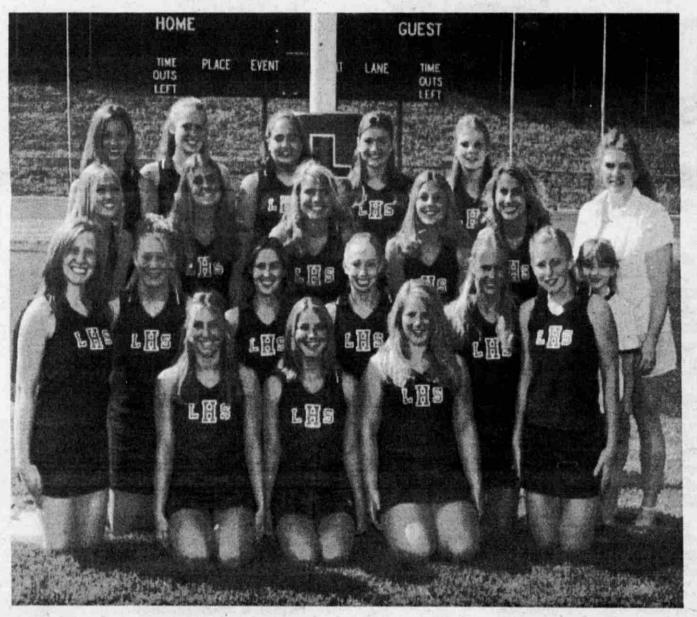
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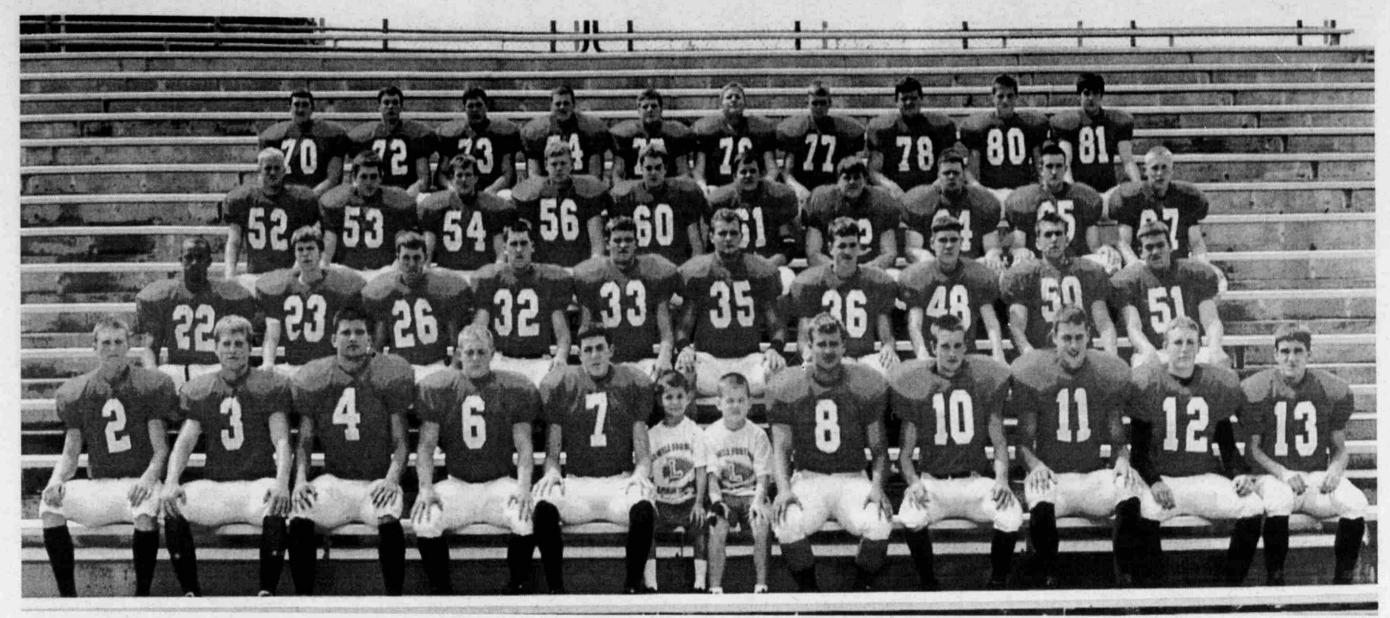




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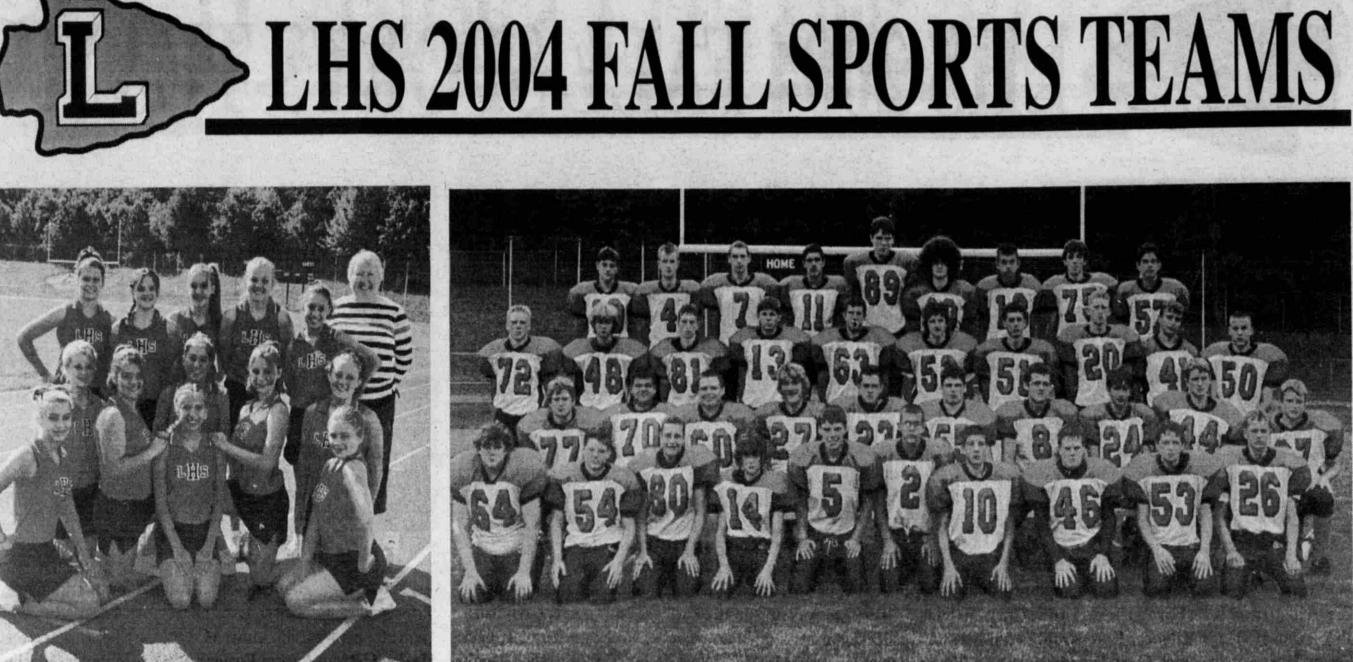
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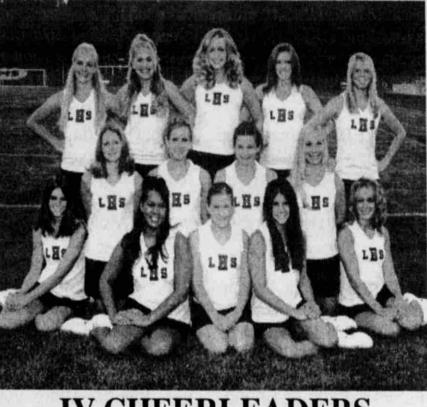
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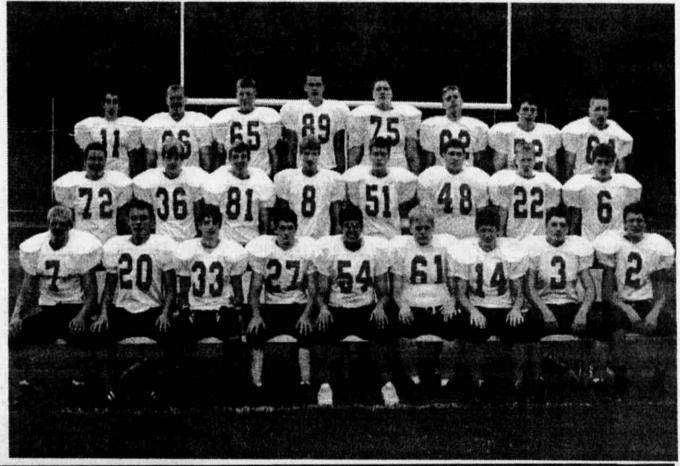
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Notices in The Ledger's 1ST TUES.: Diabetic Sup-"Coming Events" are free port group, 9:30 Schneider Women's Club meets at of charge to any nonprofit Manor Community Rm., organization in the Lowell, 725 Bowes Rd. Ada. Alto & Saranac areas. We prefer such notices 1ST TUES .: Adults with to be kept brief and to be AD/HD at Calvin College, submitted by mail, but will 7-9 p.m. Call Gary Engle accept notices by phone at at 897-6325 or 248-2423. 897-9261.

SUN.: Tri-town Conserva- Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., Look 9794. tion Club trap & skeet Memorial Fire Station, 315 league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12- S. Hudson St. 5 p.m. Call Larry at

Christian Athletes & Lincoln Lake. Friends, 7-8:30 p.m. in homes. Call 676-1355.

MON.: Women's over 30 Guild, D.W. Richardson practice at Saranac High drop-in basketball, 7-9:30 Center, 5255 Grand River p.m. at Cherry Creek El- Dr. 6:30 social 7 p.m. meet- 7 p.m. /band: 7-8. Kathy 7144 Headley, Ada. ementary. Call Dave ing/ program. Call Maatman, 897-5981 (YMCA) 897-8445. Fee S3. 975-9977.

MON.: Boy Scout Troop 2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS at Franciscan Life Process 102.11 & up or completing - Mothers of Preschoolers 5th grade, meets 7-8:30 p.m. at Scout Cabin, end ters. 9:15-11:30 a.m. at of N. Washington St. Call Impact, a Wesleyan Tim Vanderwulp at 897- Church, 1070 N. Hudson. 4302 for more info.

Education meets 7 p.m. in Saranac 300 High Street.

S.E. at 7 p.m.

ship Historical Society of Columbus #7719 meets tipurpose Rm. 750 Fuller 7688. meets 7:30 at historic St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m. Ave. N.E. museum.84th/Alden Nash.

torical Society board journaling group meets at Middle School choir room. p.m.; Sat.: 9:30 - 2:30 p.m. meetings at chamber of- 4 Health Wellness Center, Call 897-1502 after 5 p.m. 200 N. Monroe. 647-3920. fice or Fallasburg, 7 p.m. Saranac, 5:30-8:30 p.m. All invited. Call 897-7161 for Light refreshments served. 1ST & 3RD THURS.: Alto LOWELL AREA ARTS info. or location.

3RD MON .: Women of the 3RD TUES .: Parents of Nash Ave. at 7 p.m. Moose business meeting children w/AD/HD at St. at 7:30 p.m.

4TH MON .: Clark-Ellis Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call Church, 2700 E. Fulton. American Legion Post 152, Linda: 874-5662; teen 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at group: Sarah 281-6588. 7:30 p.m.

Neuropathy support group, Girls Club - Calvary Chris- are invited. 7 p.m./ Schneider Manor tian Reformed Church. Community Rm., 725 Ages 8-13. Call 897-8694. 2ND THURS.: Genealogy- 7:30 p.m. 101 W. Main. Bowes. Dorothy 897-9794.

TUES .: Take Off Pounds noon, Lowell Masonic 8 p.m. Sensibly Tops MI#372 Temple, 119 Lincoln Lake. meets at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community WED .: 8 p.m. ALANON Wellness Center in Wed .- Fri. 12-6 p.m.; Sat. Bldg. Weigh-ins 5:45 p.m. upstairs @Lowell Congre- Saranac. Parent Support 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. 519 E.

TUES .: Cub Scout Pack 3188 at 1st United Meth- WED .: Lowell Church of Cubmaster Bruce Doll, Bible School, 5:30 - 7:30 imagesofvision.com.

TUES .: Flat River WED .: Tri-town Conserva-Woodcarvers at LAAC, tion Club trap & skeet 6:30-8:30 p.m.

1ST TUES .: Grattan Historical Society at O'Brien 2ND WED .: Kent County Public invited.

sonic Lodge meeting, 7:30

2ND TUES .: G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing

... because mothering mat-Call 897-8304 for details.

MON.: Lowell Board of 2ND & 4TH TUES.: women/adolescents at the Administration Building, needleart/guilting bee, 5- Mondays: 5:30-8 p.m. 897-8:30 p.m., 4 Health 9393. Wellness Center, Saranac. 1ST MON.: V.F.W. Post All are welcome. Contacts: 1ST THURS.: Michigan TORICAL MUSEUM: #8303, 3116 Alden Nash Bev or Melissa, 642-6466. Hepatitis C Foundation Tues., Sat. & Sun.1-4; Light dinner provided.

3RDMON.: Fallasburg His- Scrappers. scrapbooking/ club meeting, Lowell 8 p.m.; Thurs.-Fri.: 9:30 -5 Bev or Melissa, 642-6466.

> Luke's Lutheran Church, 2ND THURS .: N.A.R.F.E., or 32156 4 Mile NE/ E. 1:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran

WED.: Rotary meets at meets at Alto Library 6:30-

gational Church.

8800.

league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 6- 3RD THURS .: VFW #8303 SAT., OCT. 2: Girl Scouts 10 p.m.Larry 754-7104.

Room of Grattan Township Youth Fair Board meeting. Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. 7:30 p.m., King Memorial Supporting Parents group, w/completion of form/fee Youth Center, 4-H Fair- Franciscan Life Process \$10. Susan Merriman (868grounds. Call 897-6050. Center. Call 897-7842.

2ND WED.: Lowell 12 p.m. in Schneider Manor Community Room. 725 Bowes Rd.

2ND WED.: Support group for Peripheral Neuropathy. 4 p.m., St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church, Grand 1ST & 3RD TUES .: Lowell Rapids.Call Dorothy 897-

THURS .: Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene 754-7104. Public welcome. 2ND TUES .: Lowell Ma- Church, 201 N. Washington St. 5:30 p.m. Register MON.: LHS Fellowship of p.m., Masonic Center, 119 1/2 hr. before the meeting. For info. 1-800-651-6000.

> THURS.: Saranac Area Musicians and Singers School Band Rm. Choir:6-

**THURS.:** Pottery classes Center, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call 897-7842.

THURS .: St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant Needlers, school: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.;

support meetings, 7 - 8:30 Thurs., 1-8. Families: \$10; p.m., Spectrum Health Kent individuals \$3; 5-17 \$1.50; 2ND MON .: Bowne Town- 2ND & 4TH TUES .: Knights Community Campus Mul- members free. Call 897-

Lions Club meets at Annalaine's on S. Alden

EVERY OTHER WED .: ing 7:30 p.m. -? All 8-9 p.m.; Tues./Fri:12-1,

Alto Family Tree Club

Group 7-8:30 p.m. Call Main St. Call 897-2037. 642-6466 for information.

862-8841.

Ladies Auxiliary, 3116 Bring-a-Friend, Lowell Alden Nash S.E. at 3 p.m. Rollaway Family Fun Cen-

3RD THURS.: Royal Arch MON., OCT. 4: Athletic Masons, 7:30 p.m., Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake. Dinner: 6:30.

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

FRI .: Arts/Crafts volun- McCabe. teers meet at Franciscan Life Process Center, 9:30 THURS., OCT. 7: Picture a.m.-12:30 p.m. Call Pator Judy at 897-7842 to meet new friends, share your talent

2ND SAT.: Ada Historical Society, 10:30 a.m. at Averill Historical Museum, sold at tour homes.

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. Call 676-9346

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ENGLEHARDTLIBRARY 3RD TUES .: Saranac 1ST THURS .: 4-H drama HOURS: Mon.- Wed., 12 -

> COUNCIL: Tues.- Fri.: 12 - 5 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. Monday / a.m. by appt 149 S. Hudson, 897-8545 WWW. lowellartscouncil.org.

LOWELL SERENITY 2ND THURS .: Loyal Order CLUB MEETINGS: (AA) of the Moose, men's meet- Mon., Wed., Thurs: 12-1 & LAST MON.: Peripheral 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. members in good standing 4:30-5:30 & 8-9 p.m.; Sat./ Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m.; (NA) Mon./Thurs., 6-897-8565.

> FLAT RIVER OUT-REACH MINISTRIES 3RD THURS .: 4 Health THRIFT SHOP HOURS:

THURS., SEPT. 30: Middle odist Church, 6:30 p.m. the Nazarene Vacation 3RD THURS .: Rubber school question and anstamping at Christian Life swer session at 7 p.m. at 897-9782 / email: bruce @ p.m., 5-12 yrs. Call 897- Center 6-9 p.m. Create Lowell Middle School cafscrapbooks, share sup- eteria. Administrators plies. Call Dawn at teachers, counselor available.

> ter, 2-5 p.m.\$5 per scout. 3RD THURS.: Parents New registries attend free 9948) for info. or to RSVP.

Boosters regular meeting at 7 p.m. in high school staff lounge.

Vergennes Cooperative Club meets at 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor Activity Rm. Program: 90 years of Vergennes Co-op Club. Hostesses: Alice Bauer, Julia Hurley, Aileen

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



MON .: 9:00 a.m at Woodland Mall. TUES .: 9:00 a.m. at Woodland Mall

WED., SEPT. 29: Potato Bar and 12:45 p.m. Shop M THURS., SEPT

12:45 p.m. St. Ann FRI., OCT. 1: 9:3 Bowling; 12:45

Bingo. MON., OCT. 4: Advisory Council.

TUES., OCT. 5: a.m. Out & Abou gram; 12 p.m. Soup & Games at Center Salad

the new east wing. Call 897-7688. SAT., OCT. 9: Harvest

Celebration in Lowell all day. For vendor space on the Riverwalk call the chamber at 897-9161.

SAT., OCT. 30: Hallow-897-8545.

SAT., OCT. 30: Family, Friends and Neighbors craft show at Grattan Academy High School in Greenville, Dianna 691-6504.

SAT., OCT. 9: Free admission to Lowell Area Historical Museum. Visit

een Masquerade at Deer Run Golf Club featuring Great Lakes Band, Opens retakes at LHS, 9-11 a.m. 7 p.m.; music at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$10. Call LAAC at

## By Dan Schneider

Kenowa Hills.

"We scored on our first after attempts. six possessions and that was it," Lowell coach Noel Dean cising its second string the

Red Arrow Mike Koster caught for two touchdowns. receptions contributed to his Esbaugh led rushing with 119 Quarterback Keith Nichol 88 total receiving yards in the yards on 22 carries.

Lowell won 42-0, exer- since 2001. entire second half of the game. for 118 yards and two touch-

threw both of them and ran in game. Those yards put his There were two touch- two himself. Ryan Esbaugh name on the state record list downs for every Red Arrow ran in two touchdowns from for most career receiving yardscorer in last Friday's rout of short yards out. Ramsey age with 3,220 career yards. ception. Charrouf was perfect on point- That number breaks the record J.T. Jones of Ithaca has held

Koster's two touchdown downs, and no interceptions.

Leading Lowell in tack- nation of the OK White con- cats, who are 2-2 so far this les

Nichol threw seven for 10

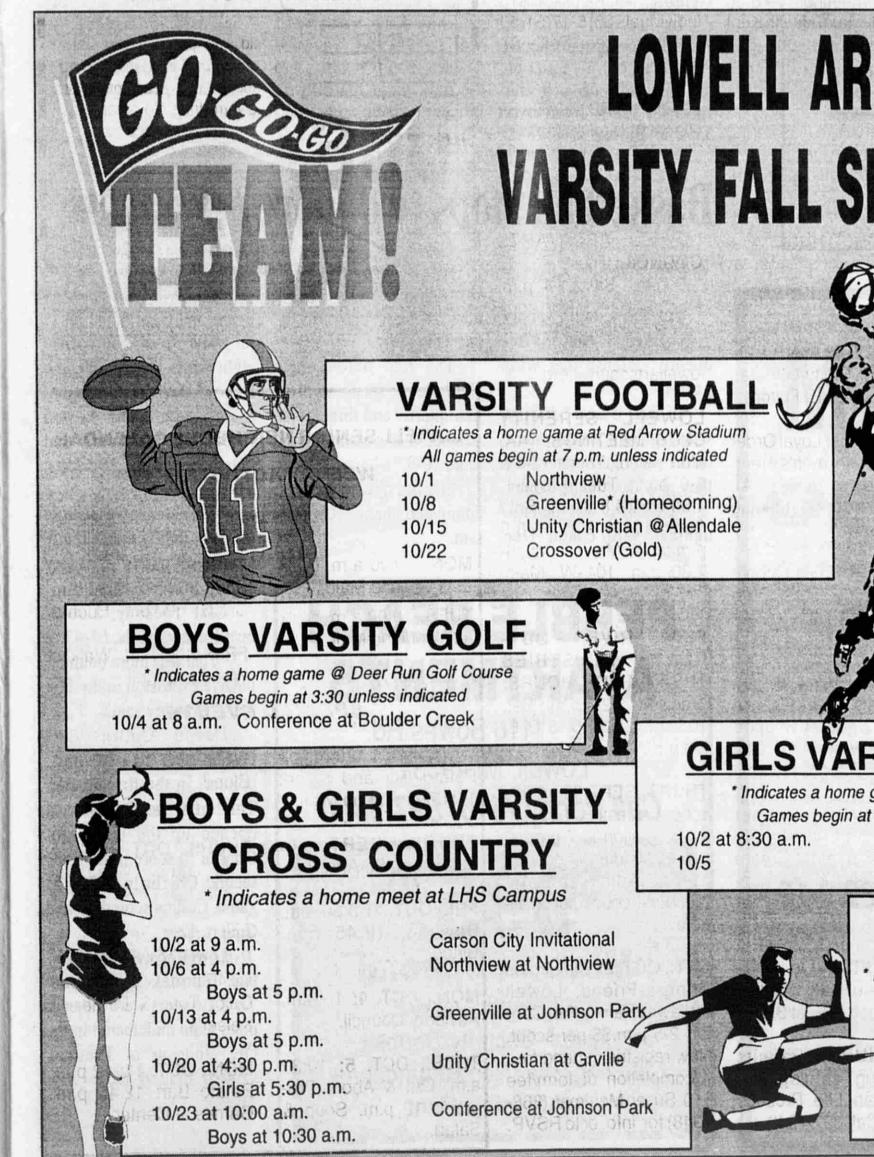
# **Final tourney for** vintage boys of summer

A member of the Ludington Mariners vintage baseball team rings the bell at the scorer's table after making a run against the Douglas Dutchers Saturday in the second match of the Fallasburg Fall Finale vintage baseball tournament. Batters warm up in the background.

The Mariners won the match 5-4 before losing to tournament champions, the Kent Base Ball Club, 24-8. There are no strikes in the 1860s rules by which these games were played, batters were allowed three swings to use as they pleased. This partly accounts for the high scores.

The host Fallasburg Cubs lost their first-round match against Kent Base Ball Club, 18-14. The Dutchers were victorious over the Cubs in the consolation match. The score was 13-10.

The glory of friendship is not the outstretched hand, nor the kindly smile nor the joy of companionship; it is the spiritual inspiration that comes to one when he discovers that someone else believes in him and is willing to trust him. -Ralph Waldo Emerson





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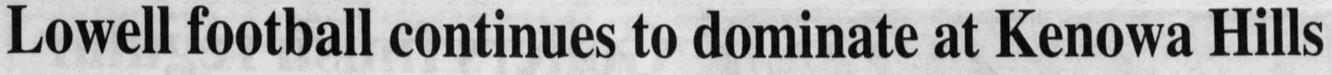
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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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. Walk	THURS.: 9:00 a.m. Walk/ Shop at Malls; 9:30 a.m.
n. Walk	Crafts; 1:00 p.m. Euchre.
	FRI.: 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.
ECIAL	EVENTS

: Noon Salad; Meijer.	WED., OCT. 6: 10 a.m Blood Pressure Check 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer.
<b>. 30:</b> ne's.	THURS., OCT. 7: 12:15 p.m. Dance Westside Complex.
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p.m.	FRI., OCT. 8: 12 p.m Birthday/Anniversary 12:45 p.m. Bingo; 3 p.m
0 a.m.	Color Tour & Dinner a Keiser's.
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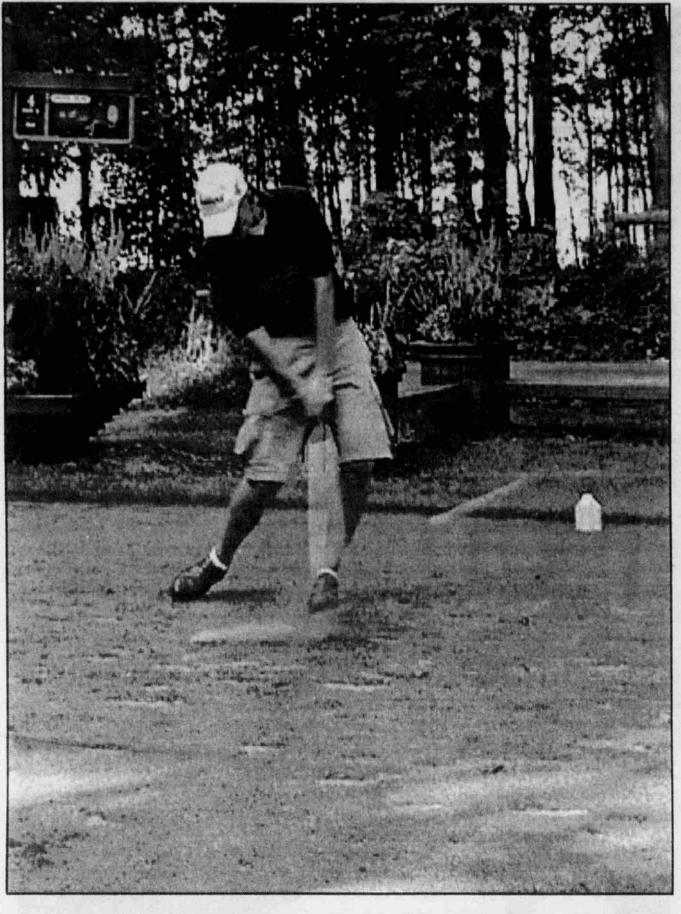


was Kameron Blake ference. The only other unde- season in conference play. with six. Koster had an inter- feated team left in the confer- Lowell's homecoming game, ence is Greenville, who edged and final home game of the The win improves Sparta at home last Friday. season, is Friday, Oct. 8, Lowell's record to 5-0 and Lowell travels to Northview against Greenville. continues Red Arrow domi- this Friday to take on the Wild-



# LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS VARSITY FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

* Indicates a hol	KETBALL me game at LHS Main Gym at 7:30 p.m. unless indicated Ionia Cedar Springs Sparta* East Grand Rapids* Kenowa Hills
10/28 11/2 11/4 11/9 11/11	Northview Greenville* Unity Christian Cedar Springs* Crossover (Gold)
<b>RSITY TENNI</b> e game @ LHS Tennis Courts at 4 p.m. unless indicated Conference (Greenville) Crossover - Gold	S
TA ST. M. PERKEN	SITY SOCCER Arrow Stadium • Games begin at 6:45
10/2 at 11:30 a.m. 10/5 - TBA 10/7 - TBA 10/11 - TBA 10/14 - TBA	E. Lansing Tournament Crossover OK Tournament* OK Tournament* OK Tournament*



Ryan Kalman hits a seven iron from the tee at Deer Run's hole four during last Wednesday's win over Northview.



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# **Golfers finish regular** season with two wins

## By Dan Schneider

The Lowell boys varsity golf team finished out the OK White regular season with two wins on their home course.

Last Wednesday they beat Northview at Deer Run, scoring 162 to the Wildcats' 175.

Kyle Wittenbach was the low scorer for Lowell in that match, shooting 37 for his best nine holes of the season. Ryan Kalman shot 40 for Lowell, Vinnie Larkin, 42, and Brian Scheider, 43.

couple of meets," said Lowell coach Gary Fredline.

Wittenbach has been achieving low scores all season and Kalman has improved the consistency of his play. Various players emerge at difand four spots.

four guys I have left do the job the same guys, but they come through for us," Fredline said. Hosting Greenville on

Monday, the Arrows won 162-"It's been a pretty good 175. Wittenbach shot a 39, 18 holes, starts at 8 a.m.

# **Tennis rebounds against Greenville after loss to Wildcats**

By Dan Schneider

tennis team recovered Monday from last week's disappointing loss to Northview with a trouncing of Greenville. The Arrows defeated the Yellow Jackets 7-1 in Lowell.

The only thing standing in the defeated Kayla Peterson and against Northview was a 5-3 way of a Lowell shutout was Melissa Cole 6-2, 6-2 to win loss for Lowell, the Red Ar-Greenville's star first singles second doubles for Lowell. rows winning second, third player, Emily Dudzik, who Kayla Irwin and Shelly and fourth doubles. defeated Lowell's Mandy Wernet had the only shutout Gunberg.

In second singles, defeating Katie Saladin and Rachelle Levingston defeated Mariah Sheldon in third Anna Prahl 6-0, 6-1 for Low- doubles. Fourth doubles was traveling to Greenville for ell. In third singles it was the only close match with Saturday's conference tour-Lowell's Haley Irwin over Lindsay Aiken and Nikki nament. Trisha Bailey 6-1, 6-1.

Lowell's Heather Spratt de- Baker of Lowell defeating The Lowell girls varsity feated Brittany LaFollette 6- Ashley Kassuba and Alanna 2.6-1

> In first doubles, Kelly Koning and Becky Plummer well and we did. We lived up defeated Ashley Wiborn and Ashleigh Dean 6-1, 6-0. Jean Kimberlin and Julie Geelhoed of the evening for Lowell,

# **Basketball stops two more opponents**

## By Dan Schneider

For the Lowell varsity girls basketball team, it's frequently defense that wins games.

on the wall of the gym where time, 26-9. they play their home games. "I think it was defense dominated them," Crowley again," said coach Dee said.

Crowley, of Lowell's 50-32 home victory over Northview last Thursday.

"Defensively we just 21-17.



Kalman and Josh Gilliard, a 41, and Larkin, a 47. "They've pulled it up to

the point where it's what I expected them to shoot," Fredline said.

The Arrows have a break ferent times to take the three until the OK White tournament next Monday at Boulder "It seems a couple of the Creek Golf Club in Belmont.

"I think we're ready for for us. It might not always be it," Fredline said. "We played pretty well in the first tournament and I expect we will play well in this one."

The tournament, which is

Hackworth 5-7, 6-4, 6-4.

to our expectations," said

Lowell coach Bonnie Wall.

"We expected to do that

Last Wednesday's match

The Arrows are 3-3 in OK

White competition this year.

They host Cedar Springs

Wednesday at 4 p.m. before

# Lowell hosts cross country invitational

**By** Dan Schneider

from around the area converged on Lowell High School Saturday for the Lowell Invitational meet.

Running in a top division, Division three, which included the likes of Forest Hills Northern, Brighton and Rockford, the Red Arrow boys team finished sixth.

"I thought they did a great job," said Lowell coach Clay VanderWarf.

Top finishers for Lowell were Eric Schumm (10th place

in 16:57), Mitch Solon (23rd, 173 points. Top runners were Top cross country teams 17:30), Steve Ellison (25th, Karen Judd (21st, 20:44), 17:32), Jon Riddle (38th, Abbie Debiak (32nd, 21:21), 18:02) and Andy Mark (45th, Monica Fitzpatrick (33rd, 18:22). Lowell's team score 21:22), Emily Gerard (43rd, was 141.

"Eric, Steve and Mitch (44th, 22:05). have been going back and forth as far as who's leading," fifth runners up there, we'll VanderWarf said.

the boys top division with 69 White is a lot more competipoints. Brighton was second tive this year than it has been with 81. Rockford finished in the past and the one thing I third with 94.

In the girls race, the Red packs." Arrows finished seventh with

22:04) and Rebecca Woods

"We get those fourth and definitely be a stronger team,' Forest Hills Northern won Vander Warf said. "The OK notice is they are running in

> Rockford won in the girls top division with a team score of 39 and three runners in the top 10. Brighton also put three in the top 10 to take second place with a team score of 65. Forest Hills Northern scored 74 to take third place while Grandville was close behind scoring 76.

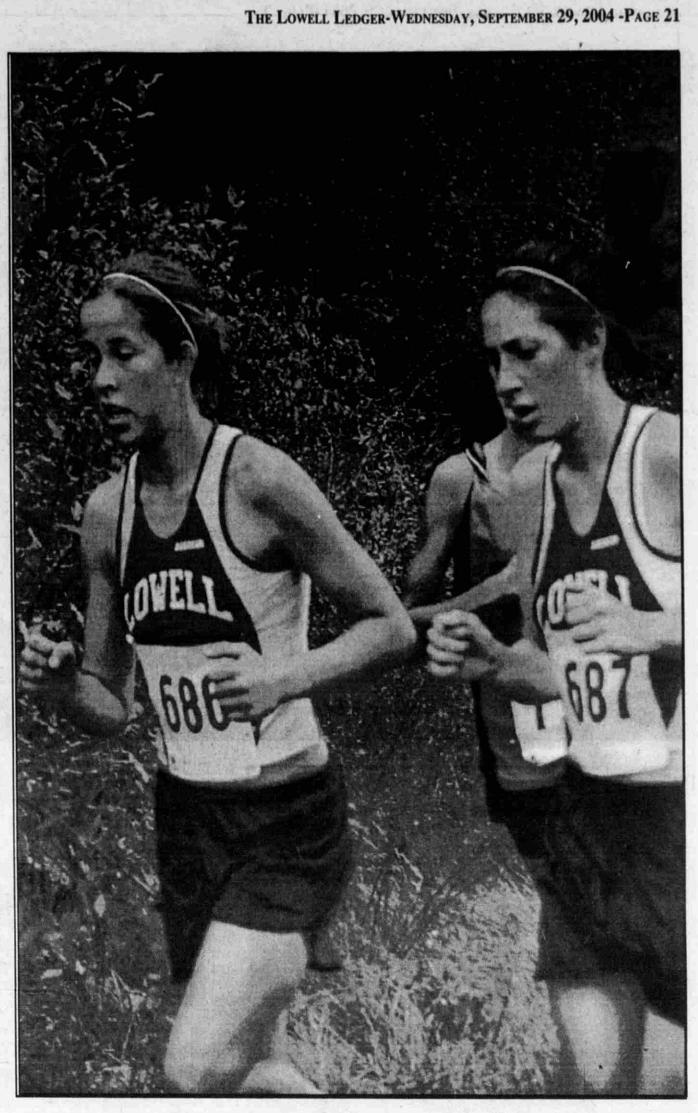
Grand Rapids Christian won both the boys and girls races in Division two. Defending state champions Grand Rapids West Catholic won the boys Division one. Whitehall won the girls Division one.

There were 36 teams out for this year's invitational, the most yet at the cross country race. The boys junior varsity race had 306 runners and the girls, 270.

"Teams just wanted to check out the course for regionals," VanderWarf said Lowell is hosting MHSAA Division II and III

regionals this year. In last week's OK White conference action, the Lowell boys lost to East Grand Rapids, 21-34. They are 0-3 in the conference. Lowell girls are 2-1 in conference after losing 13-69 against the Pioneers.

The Red Arrows host Kenowa Hills Wednesday at 5 p.m.



a time of 20:44.

At left, Lowell's Eric Schumm sprints to the finish at the Lowell Invitational. He was Lowell's top finisher in the boys race.



points and eight rebounds in the game. Brook VanEck had The Red Arrows held eight points. Keni Gallert and Northview to six points in the Kelsey Crowley each had four In fact, it says "defense first quarter and three in the assists in the game. Lowell wins" on their warmups and second. They were up at half- forced 23 turnovers and outrebounded the Wildcats,

Amy Oberlin had 14

"Our defense was so tight on them they weren't really getting off shots," Crowley

Last Tuesday, Lowell beat Kenowa Hills, 61-47. "That was more of an of-

fensive explosion in the first half," Crowley said. Devon Collins and

Gallert each hit two threepointers in the first quarter. This drew the defense and opened up the inside for Oberlin to score nine in the second. Oberlin had 17 in the game. Collins scored 15 and Gallert, 12.

Lowell hosts Unity Christian Thursday at 7:30 p.m. The Crusaders were the only other team undefeated in the OK White as of Tuesday. Lowell played Greenville Tuesday.

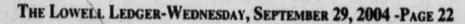
I am enough of an artist to draw freely upon my imagination. Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world.

-Albert Einstein





Abbie Debiak (left) and Monica Fitzpatrick finished second and third for Lowell and 32nd and 33rd overall in the girls Division three race at the Lowell Invitational. Karen Judd took Lowell's top spot and 21st in the race overall with

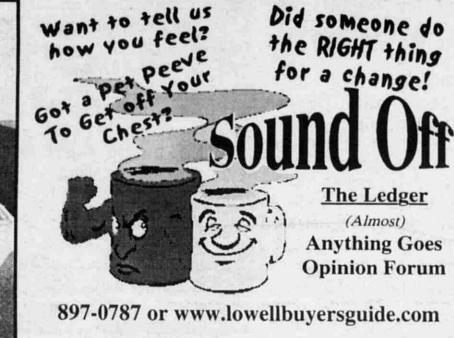






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# **Equestrians trot** on to state finals

Two Lowell equestrian teams are headed to the MIHA State Finals Oct. 14 - 17 in Midland.

Wolf led the team which up- and Amy VanEns, a freshset Rockford, last season's District champion, by over Travis Craig, Julie Dunn, Liz Ashley Waldron.

The stop signs at the railroad tracks on Bailey Dr. are there for a reason. Please stop before someone gets killed!!!

We recently visited the Lowell Museum and were very impressed with their exhibits. Lots of stuff for kids too. Well worth the visit!

The medical plaza sure is beautiful. Don't try to interrupt their lunch hour with a question. Very crabby!!!

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SALE! ONE DAY ONLY! - items. 891-8369 Sat., Oct 2, 9 am - 5 pm. Corner of Alden Nash & Fore- 3 FAMILY SALE - 976 N. man. Children's, mens & Washington, Fri., Oct. 1, Sat. women's clothing, 2 stroll- Oct. 2, 9am to 5pm. Dressers, jump seat, books, small ers, lamps, chain, misc. GARAGE SALE - 210 appliances, toys, small bi- household items, baby thru cycle & LOTS MORE. Multi- teenage clothing and much family sale.

ESTATE SALE - Fri., Oct. 1, BARN SALE - Sept. 30, Oct. 10-6 p.m. and Sat., Oct. 2, 1. Oct. 2 starts at 9A.M. Many 9-3 p.m. 7601 Fase, Ada, unusualitems, antiques, furacross from the covered niture, tools. You won't want GARAGE SALE - Oct. 7, 8 & bridge.

MOVING SALE - Tools, furniture, lots of \$1 items and misc. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 1-2, 9-4 p.m. 1015 Beech St.

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GARAGE SALE - Thursday, September 30, 9-5 p.m. 10763 Grand River Drive (between Lowell and Ada, near Kissing Rock Road) -50% off everything!

Marsac, Lowell. Sept. 30 & Oct. 1, 8-5 p.m. Guns, military stuff, uniforms, antique tools, electric tools, Model T tools, deer horns, 6' cross cut saw.

9, 9-5 p.m. Kids winter clothes & more! Bike, kettle car, desk & all sorts of things. 4890 Wheat Dr.

## SALES

GARAGE SALE Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 2, 9 6 p.m. 1950 Parnel NE at 2 Mile. Chipper/shredder, generator, air compressor, drywall jack, cement tools, misc power tools, stove pipe, plumbing hardware, house hold, baby furniture & kids clothes, table/ chair. Halloween,

GARAGE SALE - 7252 Alden Nash, Alto, Nice brand name baby clothes. children's clothes, green glass cans, 4 foot showcase & etc. 1994 Ford truck, 5 speed, great shape. Thurs., Sept. 30, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

and more.

## SALES

MULTI-FAMILY 3 STALL GARAGE SALES - Thurs... 9/30, 9-5 p.m.; Fri., 10/1, 9-4 p.m. Little Tikes toys, kids' clothes, furniture, baby swing, saucers & many household items. 1040 Lincoln Lake, in city limits. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

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The 5-member C team (teams with 5 riders or less) also took home a District V title with 474 points. The 17-member A team Highpoint riders were Lauren (teams with 10 or more) won VanEns, a sophomore, and its season with a total of 952 seniors and co-captains Kelly points. Sophomore Jessica Foote and Kim VandenBerg. Bouman and senior Michelle Collette Benmark, a junior,

man, also contributed. Lowell's B team finished 200 points. Also recognized sixth with 111 points. Strong for their efforts were seniors efforts were made by sophomore Melissa Addington, Foster, Meg Silverman and freshman Andrea Kulhawik and sophomore Mary Mendez.

I don't have firsthand

knowledge, but to the person

who asked why the fire de-

partment drives so fast down

Main Street, I have an an-

swer. Maybe it is because they

an older style blue caravan-

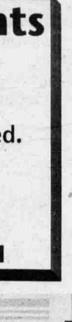
you need to learn how to drive,

vou could have killed the kids

on the sidewalk that you al-

To the idiot who drives

are going to a fire?



most hit. Red flashing lights on a bus mean STOP !!! If Kerry wins, we will have a new direction every time the wind changes direc-

tion. Hopefully not Hurri-

cane strength!

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