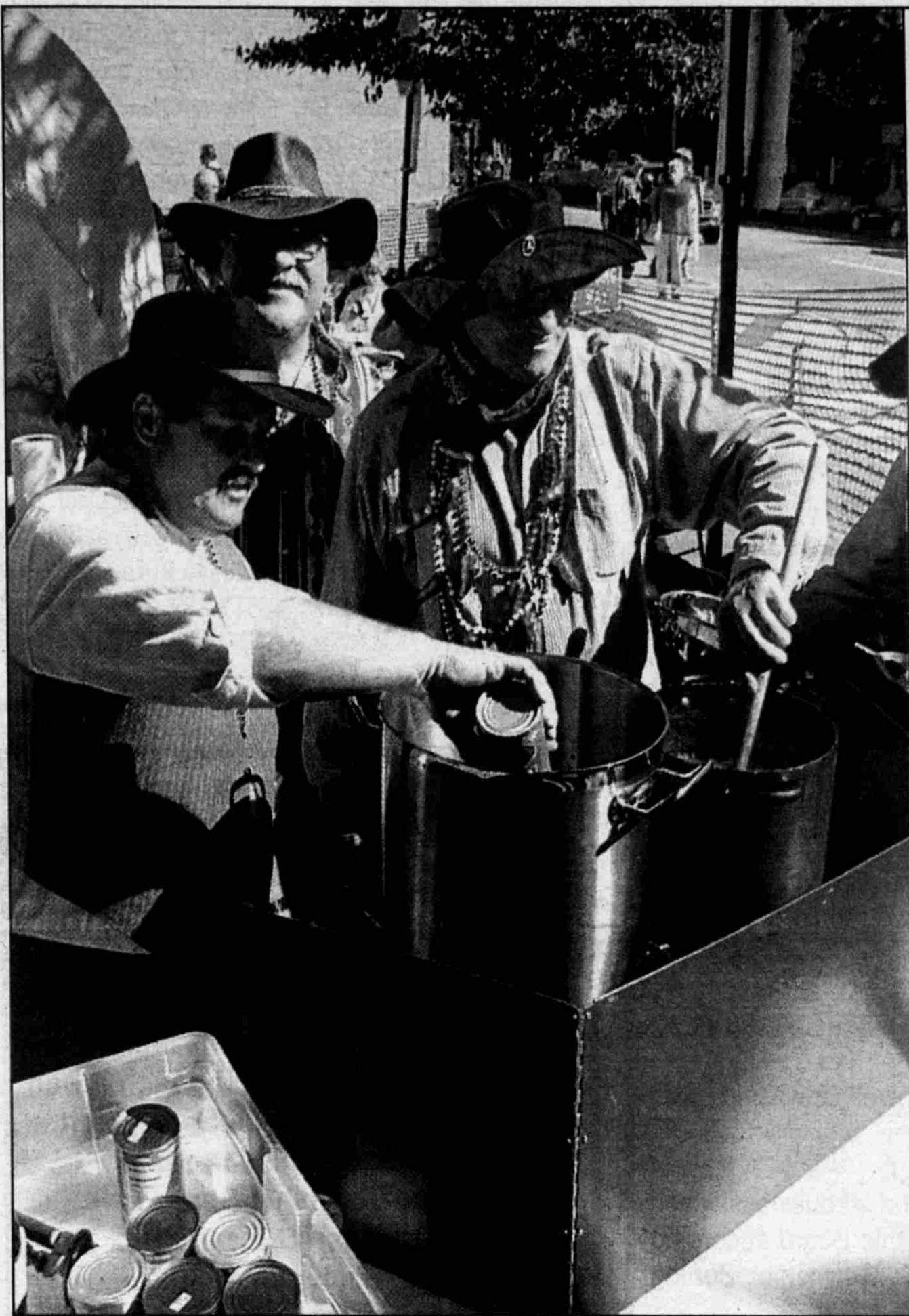


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## Sunny skies grace fall festival weekend

By Dan Schneider

As has been the case on particular October Saturdays for the past few years, there was a lot going on in Lowell Saturday.

The Third Annual Larkin's Chili Madness Chili Cook-off raised about \$1,000 for the Lowell Area Fire Department. In the process, the event exposed Lowellians to several varieties of mouth-scorching fare.

Taking first in the judging was Craig Williams'

"Dragon Spit" chili. Williams is from Grand Rapids. Also from Grand Rapids was the "Missing Jack's" chili team. They took second place in the judging and won People's Choice for the second year in a row. Third place went to Lowell's own "JJJ" chili team. The Laurel's of Kent entry took first place in the White Chili division, de-throning "Abel's Fabeled" chili which had won the honor last year and the Cook-off outright in the first year of its existence.

Any corn still growing

within the city limits of Lowell is most assuredly safe. The scarecrows, assembled Saturday at the Lowell fairgrounds, numbered nearly 100. They were constructed in various styles. Some were even hung up to discourage crows from landing on the Lowell Showboat.

Furthermore, several hundred people toured eight historic homes in the city of Lowell, Saturday. It was the second year the Lowell Area Historical Museum has put on its historic home tour.

At left, Rocky Ashlock, Rich Prenger and Tony Leale of the "Missing Jack's" chili team. Their chili won the People's Choice award for the second straight year. More scenes from the festival on pages 10 and 11.

## Walk to school will help establish safe routes for kids

By Dan Schneider

Students, teachers and parents took part in a walk to school last Friday at Cherry Creek Elementary.

Cherry Creek was one of 11 schools selected statewide to be part of a Governor's Council pilot program called Safe Routes to School. Friday's walk was the first step in the program, intended to create walkable communities around schools and promote health benefits of walking to school.

Students living in the Cherry Creek area have been walking to school since the school year started after district budget cuts eliminated busing in the area. Friday's event encouraged parents to walk with their children and assess various aspects of the

route. There were 113 parents and students participating.

Upon reaching Cherry Creek, parents filled out "walkability checklists" evaluating the sidewalks, street crossings, driver behavior and aesthetic character along the route. The checklist asked questions like "Did you have room to walk/bike?" "Was it easy to cross streets?" "Did drivers behave well?" and "Was your walk pleasant?"

Rachel and Dan Stadt walked to school with their daughter, Madison. Rachel Stadt said she walks to school every day with her daughter and several other students. She had few complaints about the walking route, overall, saying drivers were courteous along the route.

"The only thing, and we've expressed our opinion at the Family Links meeting, is the railroad tracks," Stadt said.

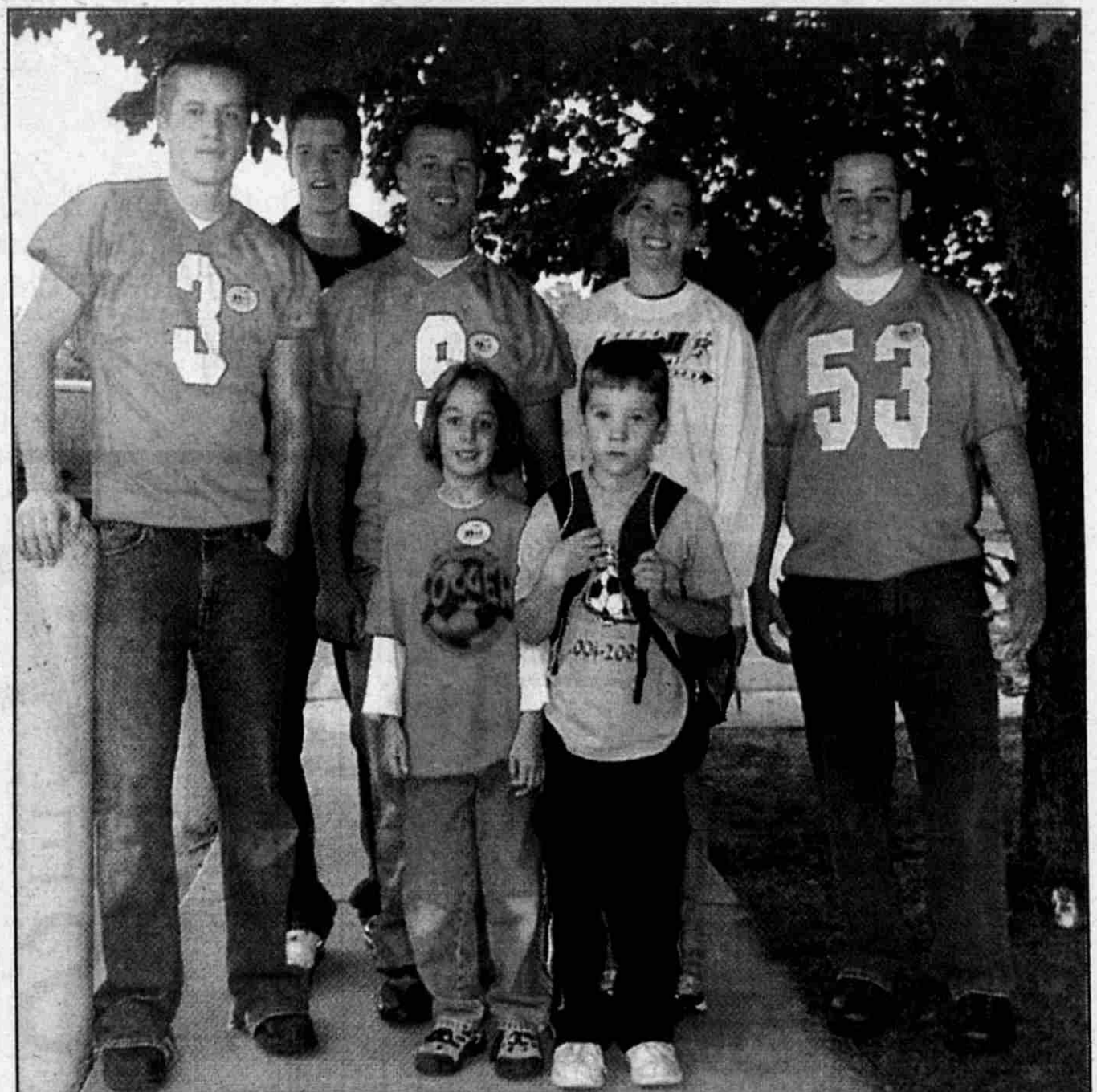
The railroad company has been slow to repair the track crossing on Foreman Road after street reconstruction was completed this summer.

Stadt said she has noticed an increased number of crossing guards and safety patrols in the area.

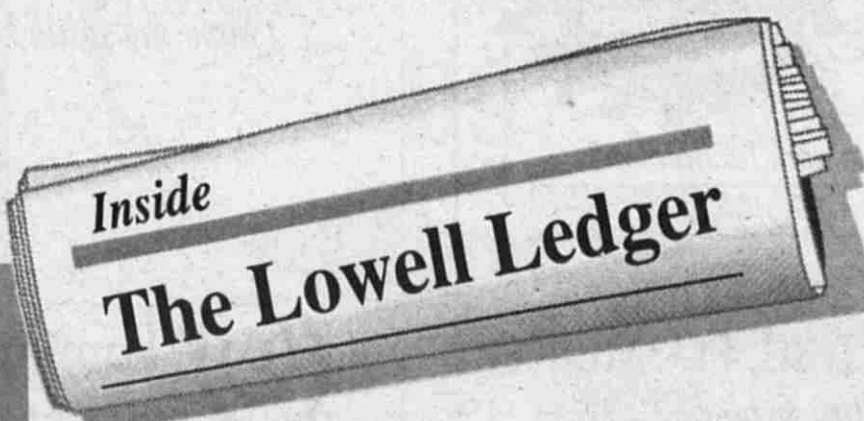
"I've noticed new police cars out, just driving around during walk time," she said.

The state will analyze the checklists to determine the characteristics of a good walk zone. Information from the 11 pilot schools will be used to help establish safe walking routes elsewhere.

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Lowell Red Arrow athletes Brock Graham, Ryan Converse, Ryan Esbaugh, Hannah Kinney and Tim Droese walked with Cherry Creek Elementary third grade students, Madison Stadt and Tyler Davis. There were 20 athletes who volunteered along walking routes during last Friday's walk to school day.



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## OBITUARIES

**RECTOR** - Teresa Marie Rector, aged 36, of Grattan, went to be with her Savior on October 1, 2004. Teresa is lovingly survived by her children Timothy Alan Rector and Cheyenne Marie Rector of Lakeview; mother Donna J. Rector; special friend Steven Goodyke of Grattan; father Richard D. and step-mother Karen Rector of Howard City; brothers Rocky Rector and special friend Joanne Shreves, Stephen D. and Denise Rector of Sand Lake; niece and nephew Laura and Ben Rector; stepbrothers and sister David and Mary

Tobias, Shar and Frank Walsh, Glen Jr. and Melinda Tobias, Scot and Diane Tobias and their children; aunts Leila Rector of Rockford, Sophia (Jo) and Ken Bronsinc of Dorr, many cousins and friends; former husband and father of her children Timothy A. Wilson of Lakeview; very special cousin Stacy Rector-Mauer of Lowell. Funeral services were held Thursday at the Reyers North Valley Chapel with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

## October begins car/deer safety month

October is mating season in Michigan, which means the state's 1.75 million whitetail deer will be more active, and more likely to be involved in a car-deer crash. Car-deer crashes cause at least \$130 million in damage each year, or an average of \$2,000 per vehicle. Recognizing this fact, Gov. Jennifer Granholm has proclaimed October as "Michigan Car-Deer Crash Safety Awareness Month."

The theme of this year's campaign is "Car-Deer Crashes, Myths & Facts."

**Myth #1:** Don't swerve to avoid hitting a deer. Police statistics show that most motorist deaths and injuries occur when drivers swerve to avoid hitting the deer and strike a fixed object, such as a tree or another vehicle.

No one wants to see a deer destroyed, but striking the animal is often the safest action.

**Myth #2:** Motorcyclists are not as likely to strike deer. Motorcyclists, in fact, are more vulnerable to injury or death in motorcycle crashes. Seven of the 11 Michigan car-deer fatalities in 2003 involved motorcycle riders. Motorcycle-deer crashes increased 39 percent from 2002-2003, and represent 40 percent of the entire increase in all types of motorcycle crashes last year. Unlike car-deer crashes, motorcycle-deer crashes occur mostly in the summer.

Nearly half of all car-deer crashes occur in the October-to-December mat-

ing season when deer are very active, and crashes spike again in spring when the season's first grass appears along highway rights-of-way.

All motorists should "think deer" whenever they are behind the wheel, drive defensively, as if a deer can appear at any moment, and remember to always fasten your safety belts.

- If a crash with a deer is unavoidable, drivers are recommended to:
- Brake firmly.
  - Hold onto the steering wheel with both hands.
  - Come to a controlled stop.
  - Steer your vehicle well off the roadway.
  - Don't swerve.

U.P. In fact, all of the top 10 counties for car-deer crashes in 2003 were in southern Lower Michigan, Kent with 2,450.

To help avoid dangerous encounters with deer, motorists are asked to:

- Watch for deer, especially at dawn and dusk.
- Approach cautiously if you see one deer as there may be more out of sight. They often travel single file, so chances are more are nearby waiting to cross, too.
- Be alert all year long, especially on two-lane roads. Watch for deer warning signs.
- Slow down when traveling along deer-population areas.

Copies of the brochure "Don't Veer for Deer," are available free by calling the Michigan Resource Center at 517-882-9955.

**Myth #3:** Most car-deer crashes occur in northern Lower Michigan or the

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## LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2004

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

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

Linda S. Regan, Clerk  
Lowell Charter Township

## NOTICE

Bowne Township has several openings on the appointed boards of Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Review, Downtown Development Authority. If you are interested in serving on one of these committees, please submit a letter expressing this interest to the Bowne Township Board at 8240 Alden Nash S.E., PO Box 35, Alto, Michigan 49302 by December 1, 2004.

Bowne Township Board

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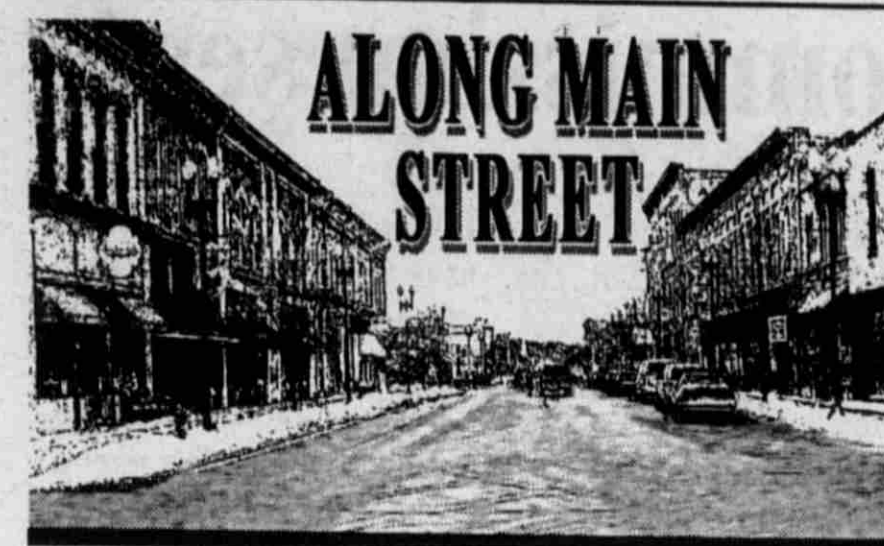
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### KIDS' CLUB POP CAN DRIVE

First United Methodist Church Kids Club of Lowell will have a door-to-door pop-can drive Wednesday, Oct. 13 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. (rain date Oct. 20). Proceeds to purchase school supplies for deserving Lowell students.

### ACADEMIC BOOSTERS

Everyone is welcome to attend the Academic Boosters meeting on Thursday, Oct. 14 at 8:30 a.m. in the volunteer room of the high school. Call Julie at 897-6353 with questions.

### FORMER LHS GRAD ON GAME SHOW

Tim Mullen, a graduate of Lowell High School, was a contestant on Wheel of Fortune. It will air Friday, Oct. 15.

### FOOD ITEMS NEEDED FOR F.R.O.M.

If you can donate, Flat River Outreach Ministries needs potatoes (boxed or canned), crackers, pork & beans, Hamburger Helper, pancake mix and syrup.

### TOTS BABY SHOWER

Tots on Track for School and Lowell Community Wellness will sponsor a free baby shower for expectant mothers on Wednesday, Oct. 20 from 7-8 p.m. in Bright Beginnings Family Resource Center. Call Kathy at 987-2532 to register.

### VETERANS OF LOWELL PROGRAM

The Freedom Series will present a program at Lowell High School on Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. "Roundtable: The Veterans of Lowell" is free and open to the public.

### HALLOWEEN MASQUERADE

Lowell Area Arts Council presents Halloween Masquerade on Oct. 30 at Deer Run Golf Club at 7 p.m.; Great Lakes Band, 8 p.m. Costume contests. Tickets \$10. Call to reserve your spot 897-8545 or www.lowellartscouncil.org.

### ALMOST NEW SALE

TOTS will hold a fall "almost new" sale on Saturday, Nov. 6 from 9 a.m. - noon at Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center Gym, 300 High St. Bring your outgrown clothing or baby essentials to help local families or come and shop. Call Kathy at 987-2532 to participate.

### ST. PATRICK-PARNELL CRAFT SHOW

Home baked goods, hourly raffles, lunch served all day at the craft show, corner of Parnell Ave. and 5 Mile Rd. on Saturday, Nov. 6 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Proceeds go to the historic church altar.

## Call for auditions

The Thebes Players will perform a dinner theatre production of "Wedding of the Year" (comedy) in April. Auditions are on Jan. 26 & 27. Call 897-8545 for more info. or to borrow a script.

## MacDonald medals in senior golf league

Duane MacDonald, coordinator of the Monday morning Senior golf league which meets at Arrowhead Golf Course, had a record seven skins on the back nine this past Monday, Oct. 11. The league, which consists of 12 - 15 golfers, has been meeting for the past 15 years.

## LAAC presents Murder By Natural Causes



The Lowell Area Arts Council production of "Murder By Natural Causes" is currently at Larkin's Other Place. Come and see the twists and turns of this mystery-drama, written by Tim Kelly. Pictured are Jeff Stacer (Gil Weston), Sally McAlpine (Allison Sinclair) and Jim Hodges (Arthur Sinclair). Dinner theater performances are Friday and Saturday, Oct. 15 & 16 and 22 & 23 with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the play at 7:30. Tickets are available by calling the LAAC at 897-8545.

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# Two candidates face off for county commission seat

By Dan Schneider

On Nov. 2, in addition to deciding the president of the United States, and federal and state legislators, voters going to the polls will be choosing a candidate for a lower-profile public office: county commissioner.

The county commission is the county's main legislative policy-making body. However, the commission's main charge is allocating the county's resources to provide services. These include the county court system, the county correctional facility and John Ball Park Zoo.

The commission also appoints various boards to oversee particular services. The board of road commissioners, the Kent Community Hospital Corporation board of trustees and the county election commission are among them. This year, county commissioners are receiving a salary of \$18,500. The position is not a full-time job.

Lowell is in district five

of the county's 19 districts. The fifth district includes the city of Lowell, and the townships of Lowell, Vergennes, Bowne and Cascade. County commissioners are elected to two-year terms. The candidates running for the fifth district's county commission seat in this year's election are incumbent Jack Horton, a Republican from Lowell, and Dave Komejan, a Democrat, also from Lowell.



Jack Horton

Horton, 49, is finishing his third term as fifth district county commissioner. He was previously a state representa-

tive for eight years. Following graduation from Cornerstone University, called Grand Rapids Baptist College at the time, Horton spent three and a half years in Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary before studying political science for one year at Calvin College.

He is currently self-employed in real estate investments, repairing houses and re-selling them. "I enjoy involvement in the political process," he said of his decision to run again. "I think it is an honorable calling ... and I want to continue to serve."

Democratic candidate Komejan, 46, pursued some college studies after graduating from high school. He completed technical certification training and works in electronics at Siemens Corp. A district five resident for 10 years, he ran for a commission seat in 2002.

Komejan is an executive board member of United Auto Workers local 1485 and an insurance representative for the local.

"Being active with the UAW, which is pretty strongly affiliated with the Democratic party and seeing the disparity between the Republican and Democratic positions on the commission" is what influenced his decision to run in this election, he said.

There are only three Democrats on the current county commission, all of them from urban districts.

"I felt that I would like to be representative of the Democratic Party and hopefully bring some balance to the commission," Komejan said.

Both candidates see agricultural land preservation as being among the pressing issues facing the county.

"It's going to affect everybody, our children, and our grandchildren in the future," Komejan said.

He also believes there are environmental benefits to maintaining land in agriculture.

"Probably the issue that has consumed the bulk of my



Dave Komejan

time is farmland preservation," Horton said. "It's still a contentious issue."

He chairs the agricultural preservation board and has long been a supporter of Kent County's purchase of development rights (PDR) program. PDR purchases easements on farmland that restrict its use to agriculture in perpetuity, preventing development. A farm in Vergennes Township will soon become the first PDR land in Kent County. Komejan also supports the program.

The controversy surrounding PDR comes mostly from the idea that it might restrict property rights. Current county commission board chairman David Morren and finance committee vice chairman Dean Agee are both home builders.

So far, no county funds have been used for PDR. The Vergennes purchase was funded by private foundations. Horton is critical of a past decision by the commission not to commit \$400,000 of county funds toward PDR land preservation in the Fruit Ridge area of northwest Kent County. With a matching grant from the Frey Foundation and matching federal funds, the county's outlay could have become \$1.2 million and bought development rights on 300 acres.

Komejan said farmland will become one of our society's most valuable resources in the future.

"Once you take a piece of property like that and develop it or use it in other ways, it's real hard to get it back into agriculture again," he said.

"Maybe not right now, but in the next generation I can see the U.S. as the supplier of food for the whole world. I can see agricultural land being a more important commodity than oil."

Horton said federal requirements will mandate a central 9-1-1 dispatch system for the county in the next few years.

"We are going to have to upgrade our central 9-1-1 system and our central dispatch,"

Horton said. "We're going to have to go to the voters because we can't pay for it with the general fund."

Horton prefers a millage to finance the project over a telephone service surcharge. With fewer people using land-line phones today, the millage would more evenly distribute the burden of paying for the system, Horton said.

Komejan also supports fast action on creating a central 9-1-1 system.

"It's a good thing for the county," he said. "It will provide a faster response to our emergencies."

The failure in August of the millage proposal to fund the construction of a new wildlife park in Kent County will make the John Ball Park Zoo an issue in the next year, Komejan said.

"As a community, we're going to have to look at what to do with the current site," he said.

The county commission will also have to make decisions about developing new park land it has purchased, Horton said. Millennium Park, just west of Grand Rapids, and another piece of parkland near Segwun in Lowell Township will need to be developed.

## Veterans' stories to be told at LHS

The Lowell Performing Arts Center at Lowell High School will host three Lowell World War II veterans on Tuesday, Oct. 26. Professional interviewer Frank Bor-

ing will talk to T/Sgt. Robert Feagan, Sgt. Alfred Roth and ABM Dave Clark, Jr. about their experiences in the Asiatic-Pacific theater of World War II.

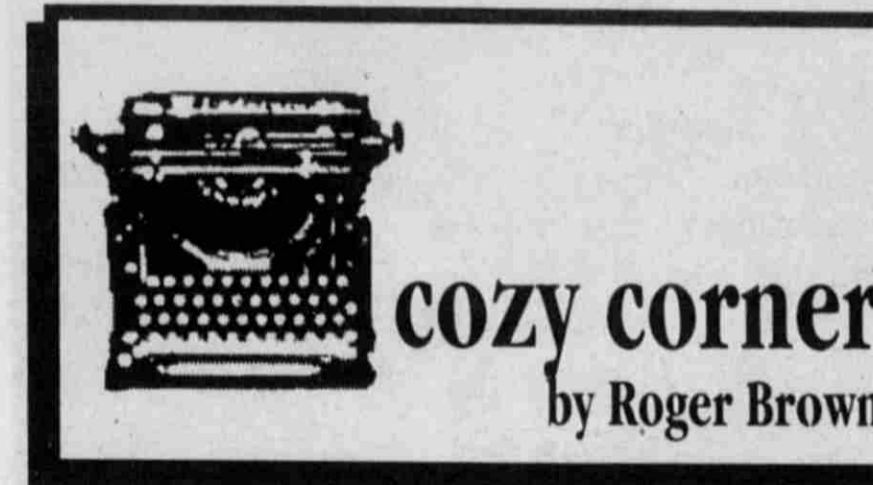
The interviews will be recorded for an oral histories project established by the Library of Congress, with the Lowell Area Historical Museum and the Michigan Military History Museum doing the work in Lowell. It is a free event, beginning at 7 p.m., and the public is welcome.

## Ministry helps many in Lowell area

Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. is appreciative of the Lowell community and surrounding areas for their purchases in September. They helped provide 58 families with food and emergency financial assistance to 32 local families.

Gratitude is when memory is stored in the heart and not in the mind. —Lionel Hampton

# Viewpoint



The longevity of this column (27 years) can be traced to three guiding principles. Number one is, when poking fun at someone or something I try to include myself in the jab. Number two is, like a good dinner guest I avoid religion and politics. And number three, this column gets printed every week because ... I own the paper. I'm not quite sure where this week's column is taking me, but I think it's going to violate one of these principles.

A couple weeks ago I flew my old biplane down to an airstrip near Columbus, Ohio, for its FAA required annual inspection. For fourteen years I've had the same mechanic. His shop and home are on a little grass strip he owns. He and his wife put me up in their house each year during this two-or three-day process. Despite my bad habits, we've become good friends.

The Lowell Airport's fly-in had taken place on this particular Sunday morning. Fifteen people made a donation to the airport for a ride in my old crate. After the last ride I gassed up the plane, grabbed a bite to eat, packed, caught the last half of the Lions game and took off for Ohio. There was just about enough time to get there before dark. No, my plane doesn't have lights. It's a good thing the Lions game didn't go into overtime.

The sun was nearing the horizon as I made my landing. My mechanic was just taking off in his vintage Beech 18, a twin-engine aircraft. Two of his three lovingly restored Army Stearmans were parked outside. Since his airstrip isn't lighted and it was so close to sunset, the whole scene seemed a little peculiar. You know what they say, "A day without sunshine is like a night ...". Flying back to a dark airstrip is no easy task.

I parked my Stearman, shed my coveralls, retrieved my bag from the plane and it was now getting dark. I heard the rumble of the Beech's twin radial engines as it gracefully came around the pattern and landed. Six people piled out. My mechanic and five young men, all remarkably fit, well groomed and aged between their late twenties and late thirties. As introductions were made, it was explained that they were all Marine Corps helicopter pilots. If it seems odd to you that these guys were all out in the middle of Ohio farm country on a Sunday night, you're not alone.

As we put all the airplanes away in their hangars, the pieces of the puzzle began coming together. The previous year, my mechanic ... Dick and his wife Sue were out flying two of their beautiful Stearmans. By following them her car

and asking a few questions of locals, a woman visitor to the area was able to find their little airport.

Dick gave the woman a ride in a Stearman, and as usual, extended his warm hospitality. It turns out the woman was the flight surgeon for the Marine Corps' Presidential helicopter squadron. The squadron had evacuated Washington because of a hurricane and was temporarily hangered at nearby Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. In return, Dick, a sixties vintage Marine helicopter mechanic, jumped at the invitation to tour the Marine "White Top" choppers the next day.

Long story, short ... business cards were exchanged and an open invitation to any squadron members was extended. A year later, the President is campaigning in the Columbus area and five of his pilots show up at my mechanic's airstrip. Funny how this old world works.

After the airplanes were put away, Dick broke out the beer and we all sat around the hangar swapping stories. Well, they did. I was the only non-Marine in the group. I did get away with jokingly calling them a bunch of "Jarheads" after I was forced to admit I had been in the Army.

For two hours I was completely captivated by this group. I have never been around a more professional and confident, yet polite and down-to-earth bunch of guys. As you would expect, the helicopter pilots for the President of the United States should be the cream of the crop. These guys were not a disappointment.

So, what did we talk about? Dick shared his experiences as a helicopter crew chief based in Hawaii back in the sixties. He was in a squadron that retrieved space capsules after splash-down. The President's pilots almost seemed envious of that kind of duty, though they had a lot of great stories of their own.

After a couple hours, the Marines gracefully made their departure. I hated to see them go. As tired as I was, I could have listened to them all night. Of course, they did have a rather important job to do the next day. Staying out late drinking beer would probably not be a good career move.

We never talked politics, but there were a few anecdotes about the President. It was clear from the discussion these guys all like and highly respect their Commander-in-Chief. My best guess is they will all be voting for their current boss in November. Warts and all, if "W" is good enough for these guys, he's good enough for me.

Of course, if I'd had the same chance encounter with Michael Moore's film crew ... or a bunch of college professors ... or the Dixie Chicks ... I'd still be voting for George. In fact, I'm certain I'd be even more convinced I was voting the right way if forced to spend time with that crowd.

There, I've violated one of my guiding principles. If you're voting the other way, don't be offended. Remember the source. I'm the guy who usually writes about falling off ladders and mangling myself with power tools. What do I know about presidential politics?

## TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

While I must agree with Pete Odland in the Oct. 6 Ledger when he suggests that John Kerry was appealing to the hunting crowd, both sides use this ploy. Our own local Republican candidate for governor had two hunting poses in his campaign tri-fold.

I differ with his assertion that the Assault Weapons Ban and Law Enforcement Protection Act S.1431, in which Sen. Kerry was one of 14 co-sponsors, would have made Kerry's Browning shotgun illegal. Nowhere in section (C) of S.1431 concerning shotguns does it specify either the Browning or the Remington 1100, as mentioned by Pete, in its list of banned shotguns.

Further, in section (H) A semi-automatic shotgun that has (iii) the ability to accept a detachable magazine; or (iv) a fixed magazine capacity of more than 5 rounds. Neither weapon that was mentioned fits these criteria. I know that the 1100 has a 4 shot magazine.

This same letter wrongfully asserts that Sen. Kennedy proposed the bullet ban amendment S.1805. In truth, bill S.1805, sponsored by Sen. Larry Craig (R) Idaho, which incidentally was endorsed by the NRA, was designed to "prohibit civil liability actions against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for

damages resulting from the misuse of their products." Kennedy tried to attach SA 2619 which would ban armor piercing ("cop killer") bullets. Typically, armor piercing bullets are Teflon coated which are designed to penetrate body armor.

Pete fears that his wife's .30-30 will be outlawed if Kerry gets his way. Again, let's have a reality check. The .30-30 is a blunt, soft-nosed lead core copper jacketed bullet, certainly not armor piercing.

Finally, Dan Rather made a serious blunder for which he apologized. I am not so naive as to expect an apology from Bush for abandoning his support of the 1994 Assault Weapons Ban, which in April 2003 he said he would reauthorize and then recently reneged. At least his father had the courage to stand up to the NRA during his presidency.

Sincerely,  
Ron Heffron

To the Editor,

On Saturday last, a beautiful warm sunny day for the festival, I was driving north on an east side residential street at around 15-20 mph, enjoying the colorful trees and looking for a certain address. In the street on my right in an intersection, I noted a small orange plastic pylon and something gray next to it. As I came almost up to it, to my shock and horror, two teen girls, wearing clothing that blended with the asphalt color, rose up from the street, and with sheepish grins moved toward the sidewalk. To them, this little prank probably seemed innocent and a bit of fun on a quiet day. To

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By Priscilla Lassmeyer

## Ledger Entries

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

### 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL

OCTOBER 15, 1879

Go to Tran's Hall and try the roller skates. Ice is almost impossible to buy now. There are 45 inmates in the Kent County poor house. The band and firemen will give a dress parade Friday afternoon.

H.R. Church and Henry Mitchell are shipping a great deal of apples to Milwaukee.

### 100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER

OCTOBER 13, 1904

John Kellogg's dry kiln burns, but the cider mill and evaporator buildings are saved.

Lowell Specialty Co. buys the Lowell canning factory to convert to woodworking; crates and boxes, and frames for cream separators will be manufactured.

A contract for grading and bridgework has been awarded to Carland and Doyle for the Grand Rapids and Ionia Electric Railway.

Wayland Taylor of Pratt Lake has smallpox, and people on the South street are quarantined.

McCords: "Mrs. Emmanuel Yeiter dug 48 bushels of potatoes one day last week."

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

OCTOBER 17, 1929

Belding invites Lowell to its annual Window Night on the 23rd, in spite of the crooked road between (M-66).

"Noah's Ark," with a cast of thousands and Vitaphone sound, is playing at the Strand Theatre the next three nights.

"Between Meals pep up with candy": Mrs. H.C. Scott, Homemade Candies.

Happy Allen's General Store at McCords will buy your poultry and eggs.

Bell System engineers say that wrong numbers are usually the result of misunderstanding between caller and operator.

### 50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER

OCTOBER 14, 1954

State Savings Bank installs a proof machine, which records and stores all transactions.

Supt. Gumsier and board members tour elementary schools in other towns, getting ideas for Lowell's new school now being built.

Ray Cornell builds houses, and they sell as fast as he can make them.

King Milling's retail flour is "King Flake Enriched Flour." Competition is keen in the grocery business: Munroe's, Precious, Kroger, A&P, and Sanitary have ads.

### 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER

OCTOBER 17, 1979

Lowell's Roger Willis and another science teacher at Belding High School are authorized by NASA to teach about moon landings; they bring their moon rock samples to the middle school.

Social Security checks now are eligible for direct deposit by recipients.

Lowell Area Music Boosters start a fund drive to replace the 13-year-old, threadbare band uniforms.

Amway Corp. gets an article in The November Saturday Evening Post.

The 1980 Dodge Aspen sells for \$5,000 (oops, \$4,995).

**SPECIAL NOTICE**  
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**MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Bowne Township is currently in the process of updating the township's "Master Plan". The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 19, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. The public are encouraged to attend these sessions. The meeting will be held at the Township Office, 8240 Alden Nash SE., Alto.

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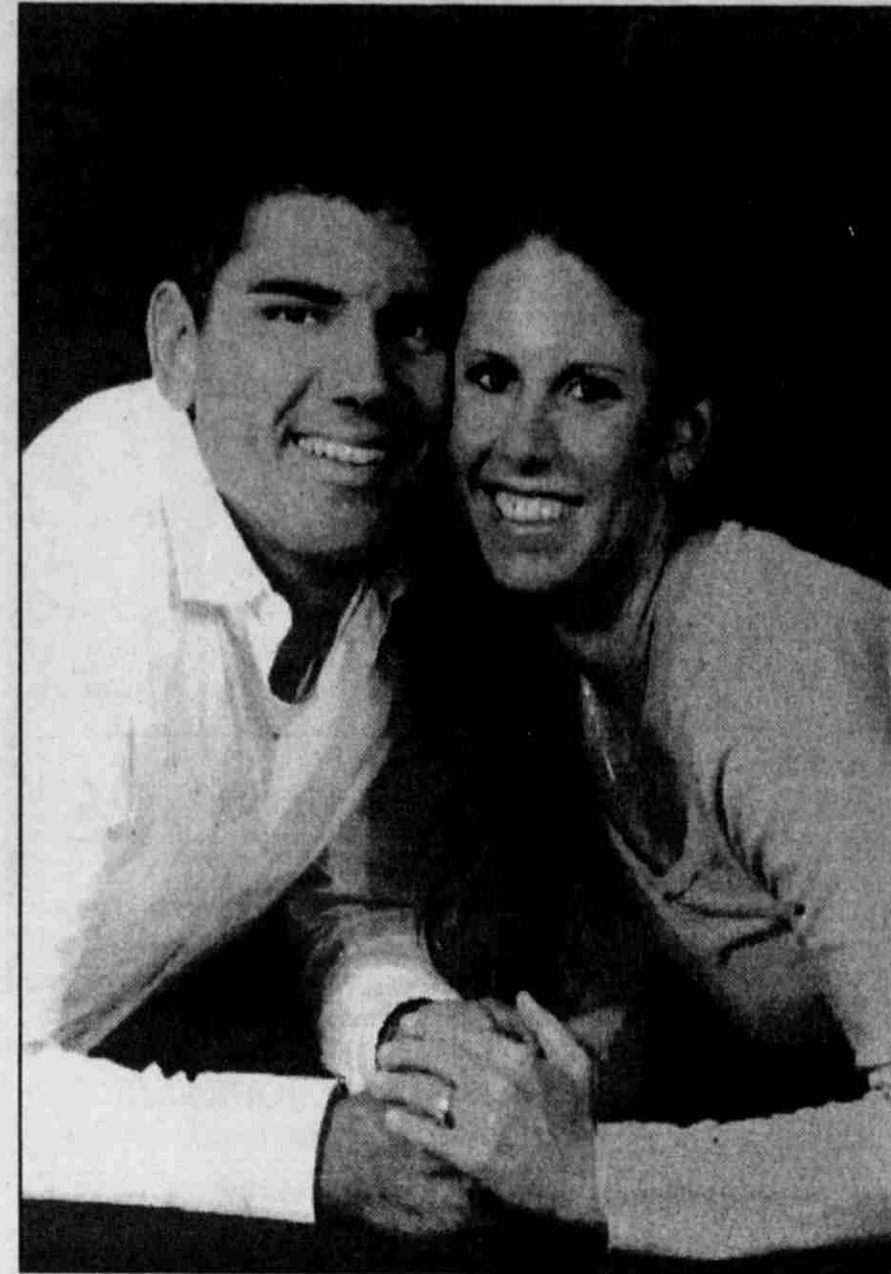
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## ENGAGEMENTS

### Cahoon/Lowe



Dominic Lowe and Bryony Cahoon

Bryony Cahoon and Dominic Lowe of Lowell are engaged and planning an April 2, 2005 wedding at Park Congregational Church in Grand Rapids.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Debbie and Greg

Bush of Ludington and Blair and Trudy Cahoon of Lowell.

The future groom is the son of Bob Lowe of Ashley and Anita Rositas of St. Louis.

A reception will follow at The University Club in Grand Rapids.

## Marrons recognized for volunteer service

Jim and Evie Marron of Lowell Area Arts Council's Thebes Players were given recognition Friday night for being awarded the Community Theater Association of Michigan's Volunteer Service Award. The award was given before the opening night performance of the Thebes Players' "Murder By Natural Causes" dinner theater production. Jim Marron is the director of the play and Evie helped build sets and arrange costumes. The annual award goes to people who have given 10 years or more of significant volunteer service to community theater in Michigan, and the Marrons have been involved in theater in Lowell for many years.

Meanwhile, there are several performances left of "Murder By Natural Causes" with dinner at Larkin's Other Place. The main dish on the menu is chicken marsala, not "marshmallow chicken" as was mistakenly reported in the *Ledger* in the Sept. 30 edition. Call the Lowell Area Arts Council for more information and for ticket availability, 897-8545.



Evie and Jim Marron

## Weaving classes offered at FLPC

The Franciscan Life Process Center (FLPC) is offering a weaving class beginning in November.

Master weaver and FLPC volunteer, Jochen Ditterich, will share his skill and love of weaving with beginner

through advanced students at a cost of only \$40. Six, 2-1/2 hour sessions will be held at the center, 11650 Downes, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. each Friday beginning on Nov. 5. Advanced registration is required as only six weaving looms are available. All weaving materials are included.

Ditterich has been weaving for more than 40 years and was the owner of The Weaver's Shop and Yarn Company in Rockford for 22 years. He is now a production hand weaver.

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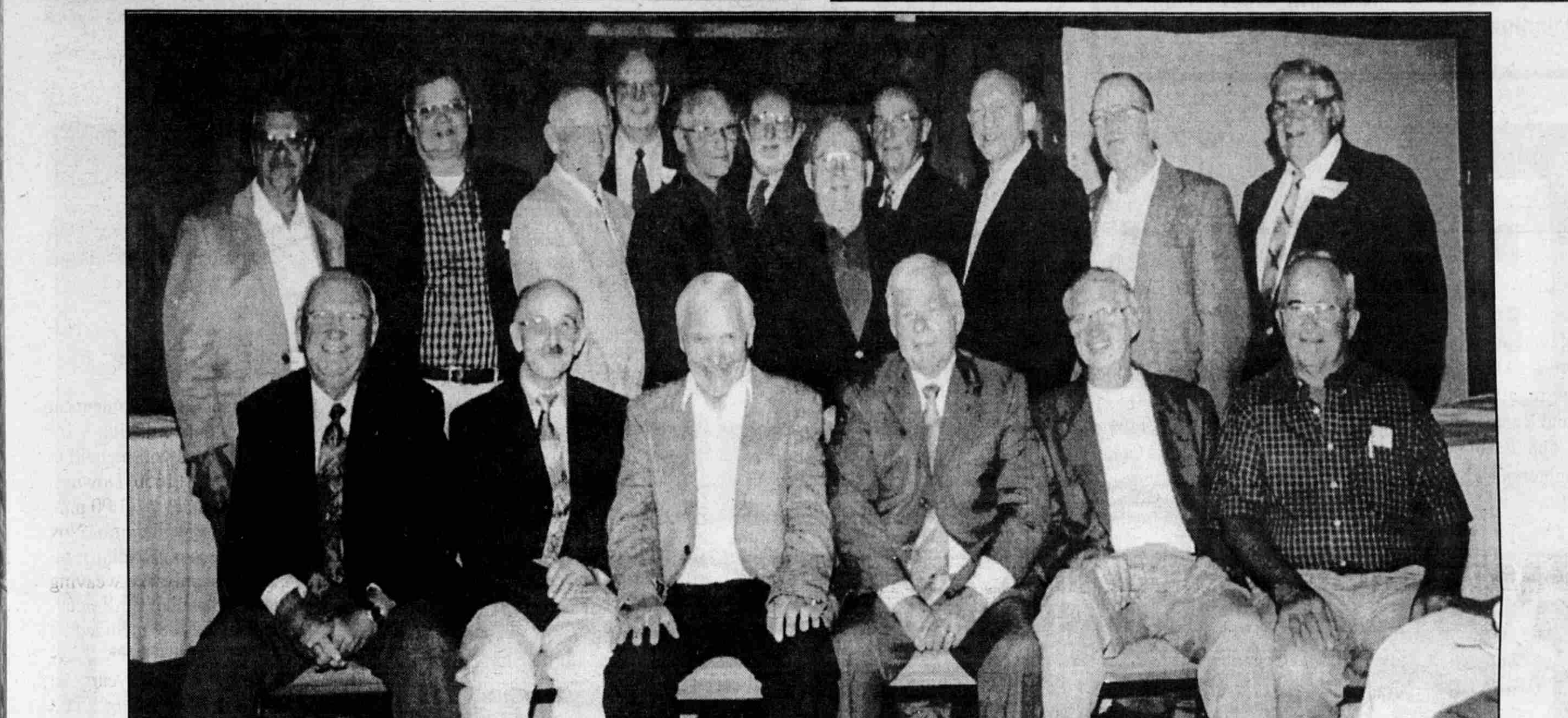
**TUES:** Chicken tenders or lasagna roll-up, mashed potato, fruited Jell-O, milk.

**WED:** Mozzarella cheese sticks w/spaghetti sauce or ham & cheese on bun, carrot and celery sticks, pears, milk.

**THURS:** Spaghetti & meatballs or chicken fajita, cole slaw, peaches & cherries, milk.

**FRI:** Pretzel & chili or spicy chicken sandwich, green beans, pineapple, milk.

## Lowell Class of 1954 holds reunion at Deer Run Golf Club



The 50th Lowell High School class reunion was celebrated on Sept. 17 and 18. A pig roast was held at the home of Gil and Sandy (Thompson) Van Weelden on Friday; the class enjoyed dinner and memories at Deer Run Golf Club on Saturday. Pictured, clockwise, front row, left to right, are: Sandra Thompson Van Weelden, Helen Bryant Kuiper, Ruth Preston Beard Cannon, Lois White Tomaszewicz and Nancy Potter Hicok Porter; back row are: Katherine Hovinga Snyder, Mildred Mullen, Carole Parsons Anderson, Arlene Bryant Irvin, Janet Clinton Van Wyck, Jill Ostrander Anderson, Nancy Smith Jackson Thornton and Nola Bedell Bryan. Missing from the picture were Jenet McPherson Patrick and Shirley Thomas Robinson. The teachers who attended the class of 1954 reunion were, right to left: Louise Hoffs Peppel, Velma Perry (spouse), Robert Perry and Betty Roth Yeiter. The men's group, left to right: George Anderson, Rev. Bernard Dawson, Roger Ryder, Richard Bryan, Dr. Raymond Hoag and Arnith Stahl; back row are: Floyd Everling, Dr. Steven Myers, M.D., Dr. James Davis, Robert Grummet, Paul Richardson, Orley Kranenberg, Ronald Winks, Bruce Clemenz, Douglas Antonides and Richard Huver.

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## Walk to school, continued...From page 1

"They're using these pilot schools to create a tool kit that will go out to all schools in Michigan," said Cherry Creek Safe Routes to School co-coordinator Jessica Johnston.

The Safe Routes to School team recently collected parent surveys about the walking routes. Their analysis should be complete by January. The survey assesses behaviors and attitudes among parents related to kids walking to school.

Students will also complete surveys in their classrooms. Friday's walk was the kickoff for several other steps in the program. The team is looking for parents and community members to walk assigned parts of the route Nov. 3 at 4:30 p.m. and provide feedback. The team plans to compile all the information it gathers and publish a Safe Routes to School brochure at the end of the year.

## To The Editor, continued...From Page 5

me, with some 60 years of driving experience, it was a tragedy, not an accident, waiting to happen. If I had glanced to my left

instead of my right at the moment, if I had been going even the 25 mph speed limit and had turned to my right onto that street, and if our guardian angels were not watching over all of us at that moment, there very probably would have been two teens dead under my car ... their families and mine totally devastated, and a great deal of agony and expense for years to come, etc.

A few years ago someone wrote a "Letter to an Editor" regarding children playing in the streets, saying "Children are not 'careless,' they are 'carefree,' and that others should watch out for them to keep them that way."

Perhaps there is some truth in such a statement for little tots, but certainly by the time children are old enough for kindergarten, they should have been trained to know that streets are made for vehicles traveling, not for playgrounds. And parents, be sure your child, of one-18, is wearing something light-colored and reflective as we head into the season where it is dark even before dinner and after breakfast. Something that will reflect headlights may save their life.

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Grand Rapids

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## OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuus

### OFF ROAD VEHICLE PLAN

Interested citizens will have the opportunity to present their ideas regarding off road vehicle (ORV) use on public land in Michigan this month.

The Department of Natural Resources is scheduling several meetings around the state to provide information about past and present planning and to gather public sentiment concerning ORV operation.

Off road vehicles include trucks, motorcycles, ATVs (all terrain vehicles), and dune buggies capable of traveling cross-country. A snowmobile is not considered an ORV.

Because these vehicles can be operated in areas absent of roads or trails, there is always the possibility of environmental damage.

For this reason, operation of ORVs is strictly regulated on public land. Over the past 25 years, since the current off road vehicle plan was written, more pressure from all recreational users has been placed on public lands.

As one might expect, motorsport enthusiasts are looking for more opportunities to enjoy their sport.

On the other hand, there is public concern for protecting our natural resources.

At this time, opportunities to ride ORVs in the southern Lower Peninsula on public land are rare.

The northern half of the Lower Peninsula does have trails, roads, and areas that are posted open for ORVs, especially in national forests.

There are a number of designated ORV trails as well as other trails that are not posted closed and are open to ORV travel in the Upper Peninsula.

Many cities and townships in the Upper Peninsula have special ordinances allowing operation on road shoulders and other areas generally banned for ORV use.

Designated footpaths, some wilderness trail systems, and protected areas are posted closed.

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It will not be easy to come up with rules that will keep all outdoor participants happy.

Except for outboard motors on my fishing boats, I consider myself a quiet user of our fields and forests by doing things like hiking, and cross country skiing.

Over the last year, however, I found that ATVs (quads) can be useful around the yard, camp, and yes, fun to ride. I will be following the review process closely.

Regardless of the proposed use, when it comes to the allocation of our natural resources we must consider the impact on wildlife, plants, soil, air, and water quality, as well as social considerations.

Information about the plan and meeting schedule can be found on the DNR website at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

### 'HARDT HAPPENINGS'

#### TEEN READ WEEK

Teens will be reading for the fun of it as Kent District Library celebrates Teen Read Week Oct. 17-23. KDL joins

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# Festival scenes



Sandy Berly (from left), Gail Hollinger and Lucille Phillips page through a scrapbook of history of Jim and Barb Barber's rental house on Monroe Street while on the Lowell Area Historical Museum's Lowell Historic Home Tour.



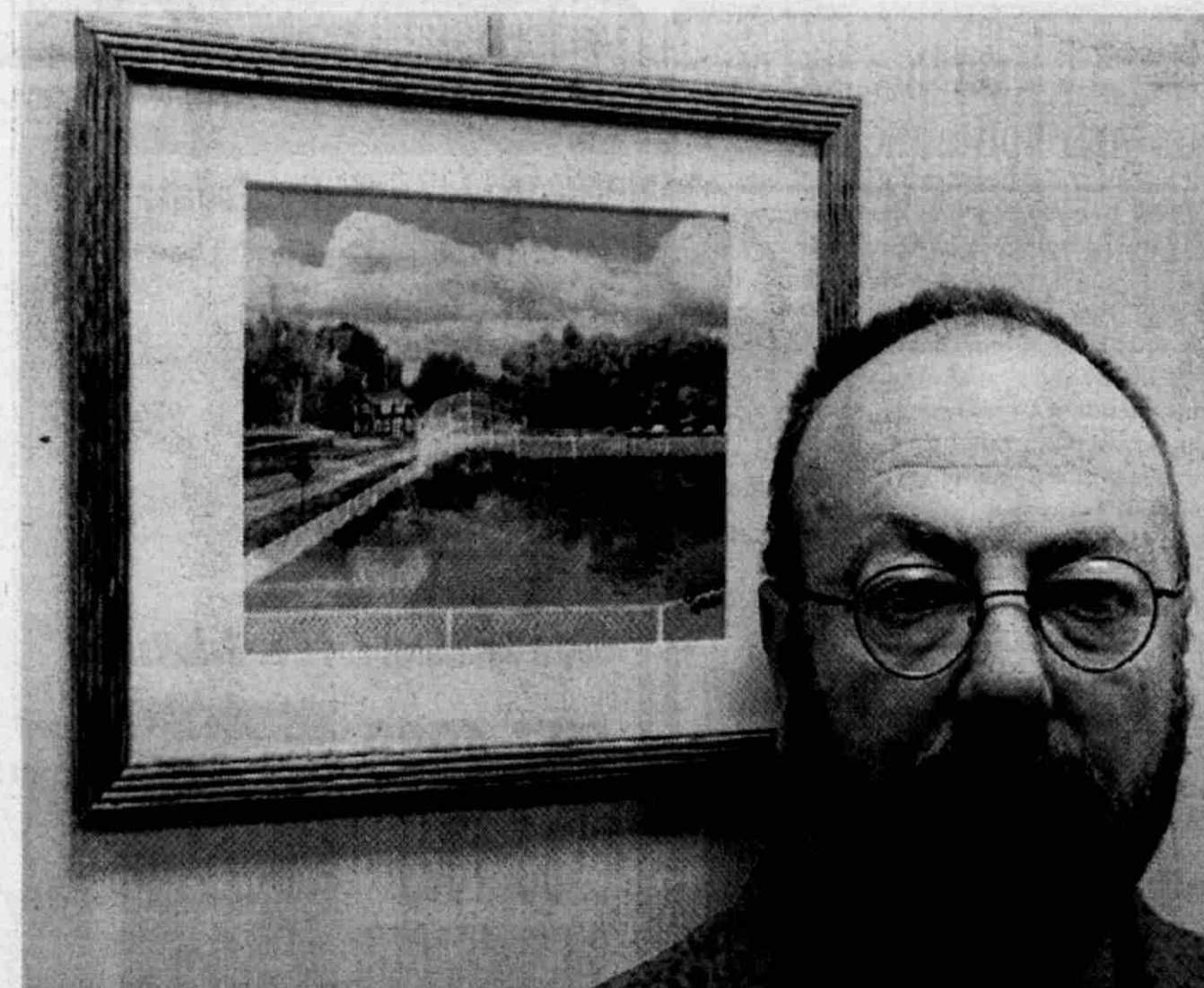
The crowd early on at the Larkin's Chili Madness Chili Cook-off.



Justin Doll of the Lowell Webelos pack #3188 cutting a Christmas tree out of plywood for future use as a Christmas Through Lowell sign. The Webelos were cutting the trees for a service project. Stock Lumber in Lowell donated the wood.

## Featured Artist

Ronnie Lane



Ronnie Lane with his piece, "The Great Flood of 2004." He created it after seeing a flooded ball field at Ada Park this spring.

By Dan Schneider

There are some surreal pictures currently on the walls of the Huntington Galleria at 414 E. Main.

They're computer-generated images, some of which are landscapes, but they don't look much like anything around Lowell. In fact, they are collectively called "Pictures From Not Around Here." They are by local artist Ronnie Lane.

"It's all done in layers and sometimes there's bits of photography and other times it's just manipulated color," Lane said.

He uses the computer program Photoshop to put together patches of color. The color is put down, layer upon layer, on the computer screen. "The trick is to do it in such a way that it looks like a photograph," Lane said. "The process is mostly a matter of looking at something and saying, 'how can I recreate this?' and then finding a way in Photoshop to do it."

Sometimes the pictures are reactions to things he sees walking around; other times he just finds them in his head.

"It's just whatever idea comes to me," Lane said. "The more you work at it, the more

it suggests itself."

He takes digital photographs and incorporates them into the pictures. They are usually small elements, like the cars in "The Great Flood of 2004."

Lane has been doing this type of art for seven years. Previously, he worked in a print shop, which instilled in him the desire to create.

"I began to want to make my own art instead of print someone else's," Lane explained.

The exhibit "Pictures From Not Around Here" runs through Nov. 3.

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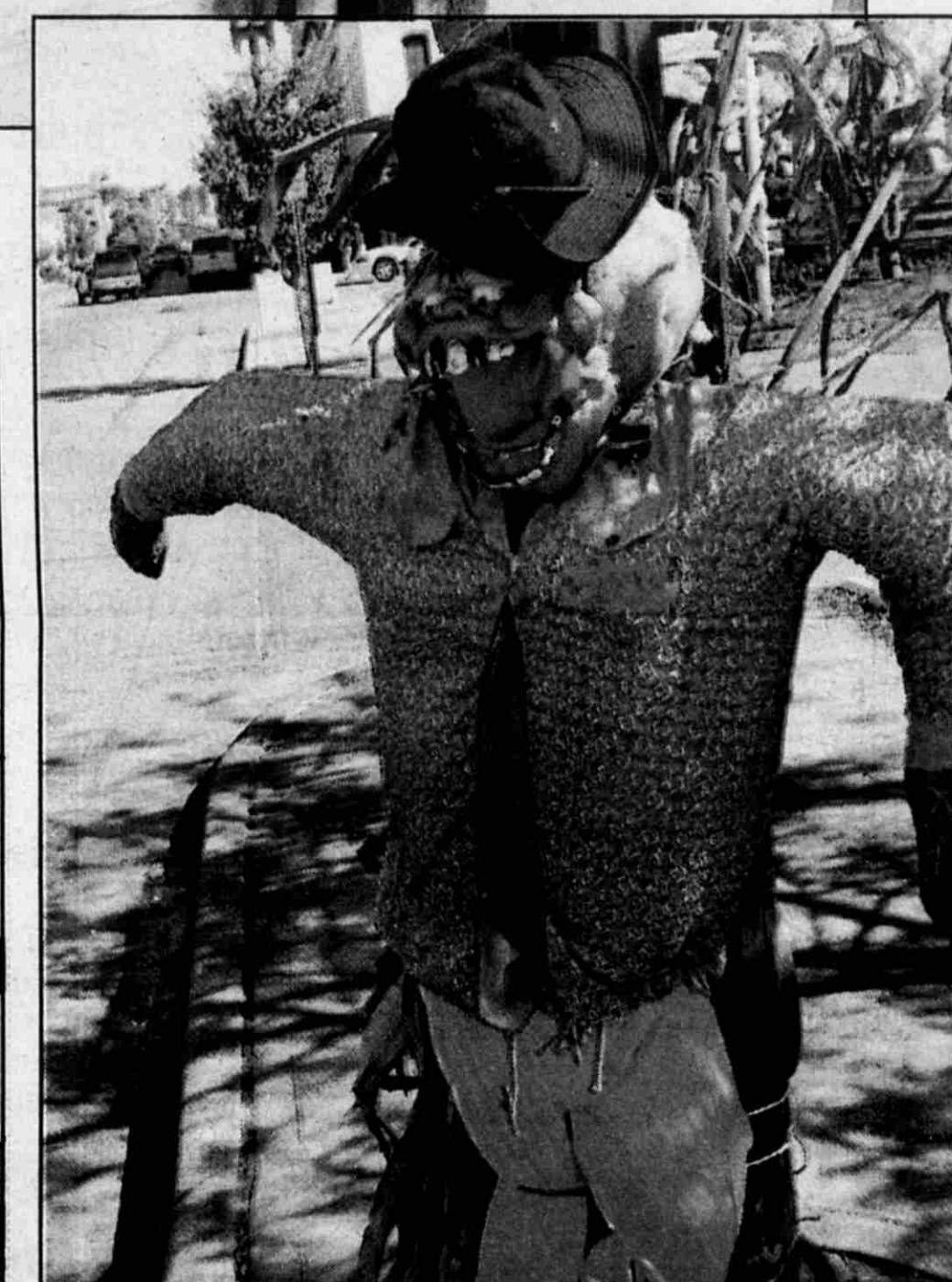
# Festival scarecrows



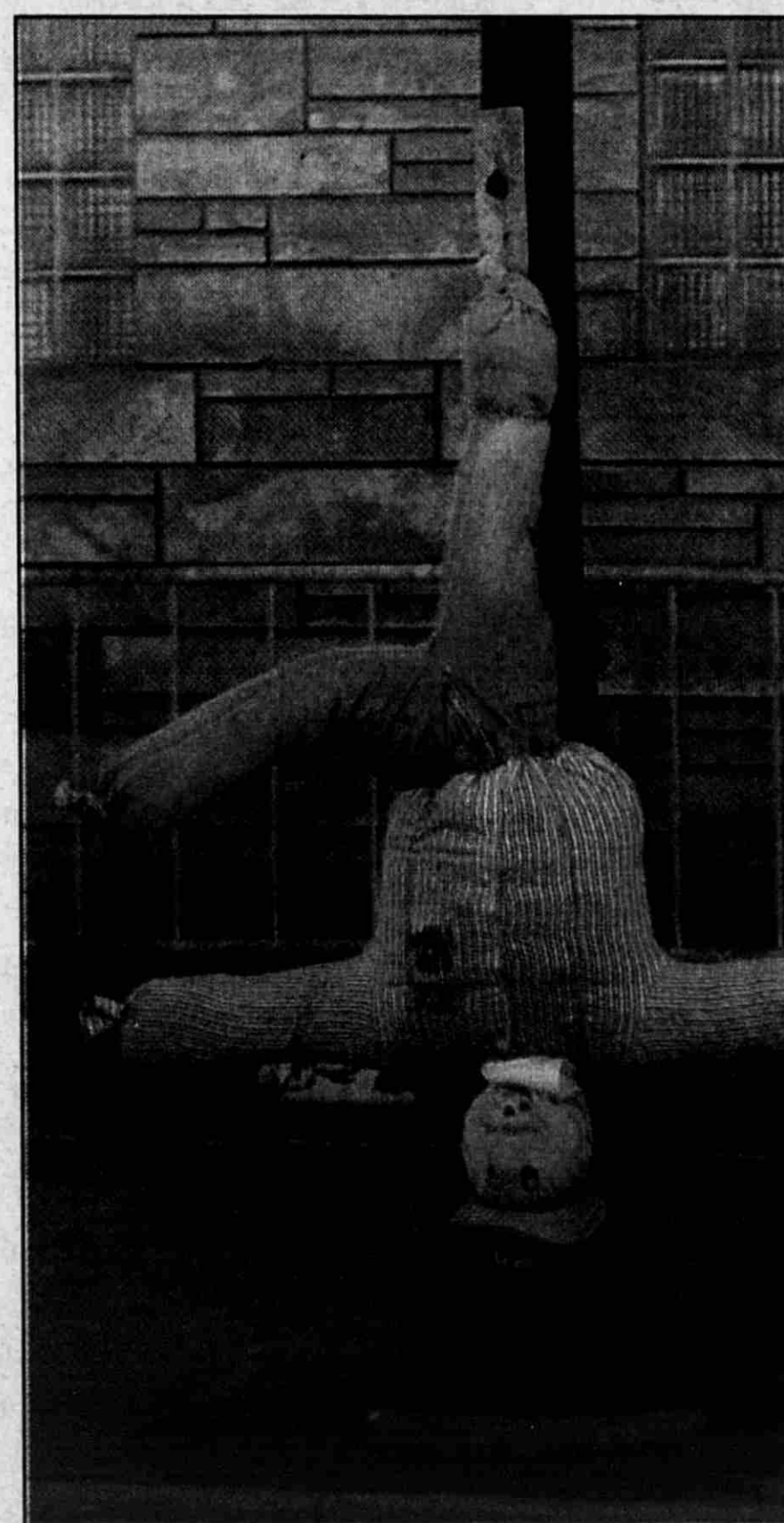
Collette Wheelock, Ashlei Wheelock, Zack Wheelock and Shelly Phelps put the finishing touches on a scarecrow at the Lowell fairgrounds.



At right, it appears this scarecrow is calculated to strike fear into the hearts of very small crows.



Above, Hunter S. Crow investigates fear and loathing in Lowell. Below, Mr. Ugly strikes a pose on Main Street.



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# COMING EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**THIRD MON.:** Peripheral Neuropathy support group, 7 p.m./ Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowes. Dorothy 897-9794.

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

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

**TUES.:** Cub Scout Pack 3188 at 1st United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m. Cubmaster Bruce Doll, 897-9782 / email: bruce@imagesofvision.com.

**TUES.:** Flat River Woodcarvers at LAAC, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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

**TUES.:** Women's Community Bible Study. Free nursery and preschool story hour/craft time 9:45-11:15 a.m./women only at 7:15 p.m. Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Call 897-7060 or 897-7555.

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

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

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

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

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

**2ND & 4TH TUES.:** MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers... because mothering matters. 9:15-11:30 a.m. at Impact, a Wesleyan Church, 1070 N. Hudson. 897-8304.

**2ND & 4TH TUES.:** Saranac Needlers, needleart/quilting bee, 5-8:30 p.m., 4 Health Wellness Center, Saranac. All are welcome. Contacts: Bev or Melissa, 642-6466. Light dinner provided.

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

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

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

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

**WED.:** Rotary meets at noon, at Lowell Masonic Temple, 119 Lincoln Lake Ave.

**WED.:** 8 p.m. ALANON upstairs at Lowell First Congregational Church, 404 N. Hudson St.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**2ND THURS.:** Loyal Order of the Moose, men's meeting at 7:30 p.m.-?

**2ND THURS.:** Genealogy-Alto Family Tree Club meets at Alto Library 6:30-8 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**2ND SAT.:** Ada Historical Society, 10:30 a.m. at Averill Historical Museum, 7144 Headley, Ada.

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

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**LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL:** Tues.-Fri.: 12-5 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. Monday / a.m. by appt. 149 S. Hudson. 897-8545 or www.lowellartscouncil.org.

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

**FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP HOURS:** Wed.-Fri. 12-6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 519 E. Main St. Call 897-2037.

**WED., OCT. 13:** Kids Club of First United Methodist Church is having a popcorn drive, 4:30-5:30 p.m. in area neighborhoods.

**THURS., OCT. 14:** Academic Boosters meeting at 8:30 a.m. in volunteer rm. at high school. Call Julie 897-6353 with questions.

**SAT., OCT. 16:** Swiss steak dinner at Bowne Center United Methodist Church, 5-7 p.m., corner of 84th/Alden Nash (M-50).

**SAT., OCT. 16:** Attic Treasures Roadshow at White Hills Bible Church, 3900 E. Fulton. Bring items to be appraised. \$5 per item. ???'s, call Judy 897-7688.

**WED., OCT. 20:** TOTS/Community Wellness will co-sponsor a free baby shower, 7-8 p.m. at Bright Beginnings Family Resource Center, 300 High St. Call Kathy at 987-2532 to register.

**TUES., OCT. 26:** Freedom Series: Roundtable: The Veterans of Lowell at 7 p.m. at Lowell High School. Public welcome; free admission. Call 974-1955.

**SAT., OCT. 30:** Halloween Masquerade at Deer Run Golf Club featuring Great Lakes Band. Opens at 7 p.m.; music starts at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$10. Call LAAC at 897-8545. Costume contests.

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

**SAT., NOV. 6:** St. Patrick/Parnell craft show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Lunch all day; home-baked goods, hourly raffles.

## School building improvements progressing

By Dan Schneider

Last year's service learning pilot program in Lowell

Area Schools was a resounding success, at least if teacher

interest in the program is an indication.

The program started last year with four teachers doing projects. This year, 51 teachers have expressed interest in taking part, said service learning coordinator Carla Stone, at Monday's school board meeting. She still has a presentation on the program to give at Cherry Creek Elementary this Wednesday.

The service learning program combines curriculum subjects with community service projects. For instance, a project last year by Cherry Creek teacher, Carmen Reynolds integrated social studies, reading and character education. In the project, Lowell students read a book and later discussed it with students from an inner-city Grand Rapids school. The service learning grant also helped the students buy books for the urban school's library.

Another project last year was led by middle school teacher, Theresa Wasciuk. Her students made clay bowls and organized an ice cream social to benefit Flat River Out-

reach Ministries, Inc. "If you can teach that knowledge and apply it to things that are benefiting other people, it starts to sink in," Stone said.

Lowell's program received a \$24,500 grant this year from Learn and Serve America, the national organization that started the service learning idea.

"I would hope that everyone (teachers) would want to apply and we'd spend all our money and have to find more some way," Stone said.

In other news at the school board meeting, building principals gave updates on the progress of Honeywell, Inc. projects in their buildings. The projects include lighting upgrades, a new boiler at the middle school, and various measures to increase energy efficiency. Honeywell guarantees the new equipment and labor will pay for itself through energy-efficiency savings.

Cherry Creek Elementary principal Maureen Dorough reported that lighting installa-

tions were 95 percent complete in her building.

"Our light is as bright as the Vegas strip," she said.

A new air conditioning system is 50 percent completed and new bleachers will be installed at the school in November, she added.

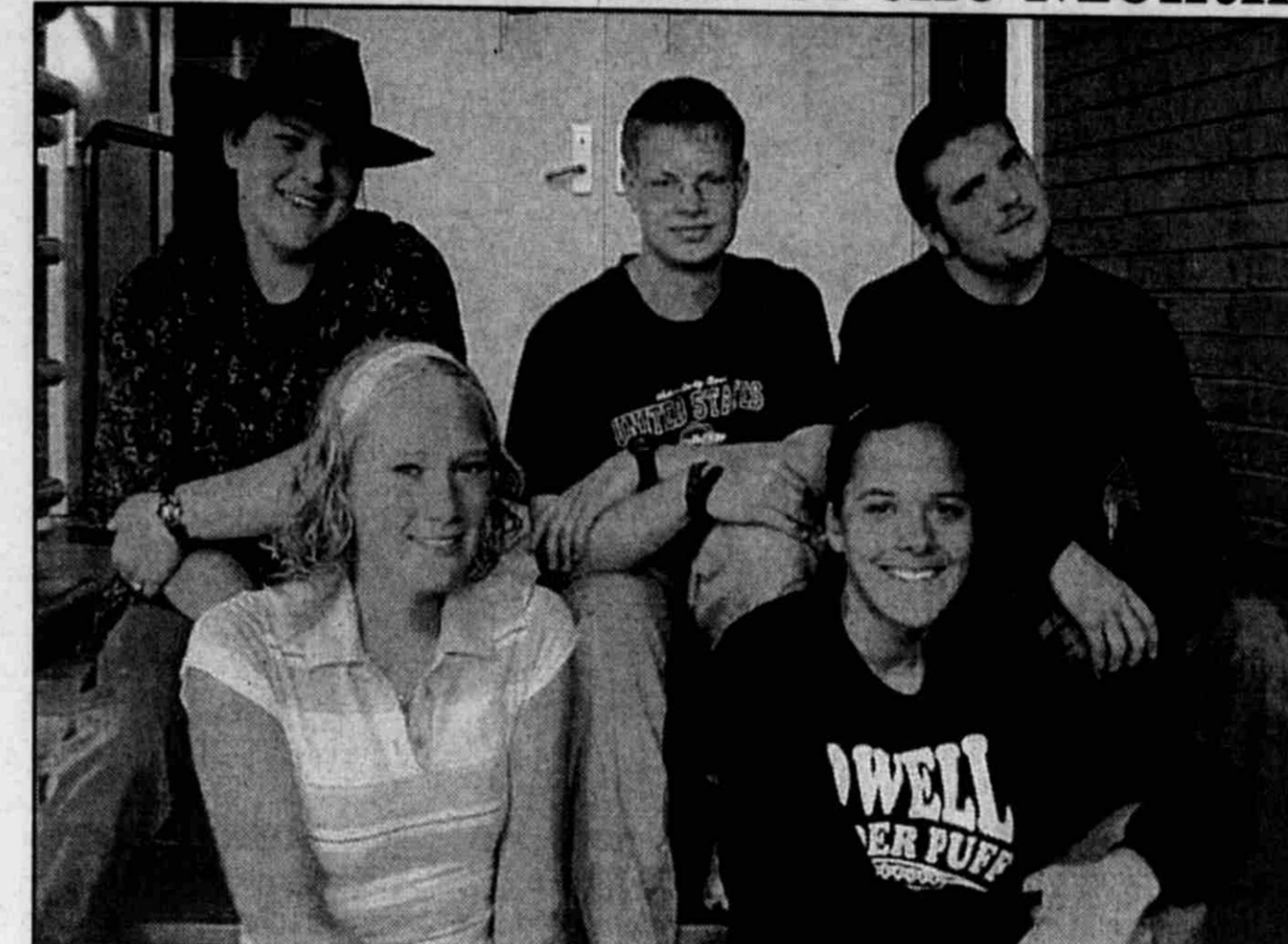
"We see people from Honeywell in all the time," Dorough said. "They're working very cooperatively with us."

At the middle school, the main project was to replace the school's out-of-service boiler. Middle school principal Linda Warren said the boiler is in and awaiting the installation of chimneys and wiring.

"The two new boilers will be working in a week or two, so I hope the sun will keep shining," Warren said.

The boilers will be more efficient than the previous ones. The efficiency gains come from the new boilers' ability to heat with lesser volumes of water.

## October Students of the Month



October Students of the Month, front row, left to right, are: Shelly Wernet and Erin Beddows; back row: Anna VanderHart, Scott Beatson and Matt VanEns.

The first LHS students of the month for the 2004-2005 school year have been selected for their exceptional expertise and determination in each of the areas mentioned.

**Scott Beatson**, a sophomore, was selected by the science department. He is the son of Mark and Tammy Beatson of Ada. Extracurricular activities include Model U.N. and assisting in the Lowell Performing Arts Center. His nominating teacher chose him for his overall exceptional performance.

**Erin Beddows**, a junior, was chosen by the math department. The daughter of Tom and Carmen Beddows of Lowell, she is involved in varsity soccer, cross country and the Lady Arrows Varsity Club. In addition, she has received all-conference honors in soccer. Her teacher nominator says she takes full responsibility for her learning and helps others with their homework. She has shown a great desire to be successful in calculus.

**Anna VanderHart**, a senior, is being honored by the art department. She is the daughter of Mark and Barbara VanderHart. Her extracurricular activities include Science Olympiad, LPAC crew, marching band and Destination Imagination. Next year VanderHart plans to take classes at GRCC. Her teacher nominator says she has been doing great work in class and is very creative.

**Shelly Wernet**, a senior, was selected by the English department. The daughter of Tim and Sue Wernet, she is active in FFA and tennis, and is vice president of Pals. Wernet plans to attend college next year. Her teacher nominator says her work in Advanced Placement literature is outstanding and her contributions to class discussions demonstrate her remarkable insight into each story.

**Matt VanEns**, a senior, was the choice of the technology department. The son of Dan and Kathie VanEns, he is a member of the LHS football team. He is employed at Kent

County Conservation League and Kentree Polo Club. His nominating teacher says he

has an outstanding work ethic, attitude and overall performance.

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**TUES.:** 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**WED., OCT. 13:** 8:30 a.m. Traveling Breakfast Steak & Shake; 12:45 p.m. Health Expo Senior Day at Rogers Plaza.

**THURS., OCT. 14:** 11 a.m. Shop Greenville K-Mart, Downtown & Lunch at KFC.

**FRI., OCT. 15:** 10 a.m. Community Sr. Neighbor Lunch at Grandville.

**MON., OCT. 18:** 12:45 p.m. Movie at Center "The Passions of Christ."

**TUES., OCT. 19:** 10:30 a.m. Out & About; 12:45 p.m. Shop Target and Hobby Lobby.

**WED., OCT. 20:** 12 p.m. Salad & Sandwich; 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer.

**THURS., OCT. 21:** 12:45 p.m. St. Anne's.

**FRI., OCT. 22:** 9 a.m. Farmers' Market; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

**MON., OCT. 25:** 12 p.m. Pizza & Salad.

**TUES., OCT. 26:** 10:30 a.m. Out & About; 12:45 p.m. Klackles Orchard.

**WED., OCT. 27:** 8:30 Travel Breakfast, Gathering Place; 11:15 a.m. Coopersville Train Ride and Museum.

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# A rainy Friday for Homecoming 2004

A win for the home team Friday night added excitement to Lowell High School homecoming week.

Despite rain showers that silenced the marching bands, the parade still made its way west along Main Street before the game. The junior float, constructed on the board game theme "Monopoly" took top honors. The class had also won homecoming float-building contests as sophomores and freshmen.

The powder puff football game took place under favorable weather conditions. It ended this year in a tie, with both teams scoring 14.



The 2004 Lowell High School homecoming court, pictured, back row, left to right, are: David Sefton, Kevin Eggebeen, Steve Ellison, Anthony Bronkella and Joe Mull; front row are: Chelsea Karas, Sabra Kinsley, Emily Gerard, Nicole Gibbs and Elise Wisnieski.



The junior class's winning parade float, built on a "Monopoly" board game theme.



Last year's homecoming king, Patrick Doyle, left, crowns 2004 homecoming king, Anthony Bronkella after coronating 2004 homecoming queen, Nicole Gibbs.

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# Homecoming hey-day: Lowell romps over Greenville

By Dan Schneider

Greenville coach David Moore came into last Friday's game 5-1 and tied for second place in the OK White. He left the game with his faith in the Associated Press high school football rankings shaken.

"That's the best team in the state right there," he said after the Red Arrows scored 54 points to the Yellow Jacket's zero on a rain-soaked homecoming night. "They don't have any weaknesses, they do a great job."

Lowell remained second to Muskegon this week in the Associated Press division II state rankings.

Rain came down in buckets through much of the first half. Greenville came prepared for Lowell's running game, so the game would have to go to the air with hardly a dry football to be found. That clearly didn't discourage the Lowell offense, however. In the first half alone, Red Arrow quarterback Keith Nichol passed for 285 yards on 10 completions out of 19 attempts.

"We can throw the ball so that's what we chose to do," said Lowell coach Noel Dean.

Frank Mulder was the leading receiver for Lowell, catching four passes for 140 yards and a touchdown. The touchdown was a spectacular

87-yarder in the second quarter. Mike Koster caught four passes for 120 yards and two touchdowns. Brad Shea's one reception of the game, in the second quarter, was for 14 yards and a touchdown.

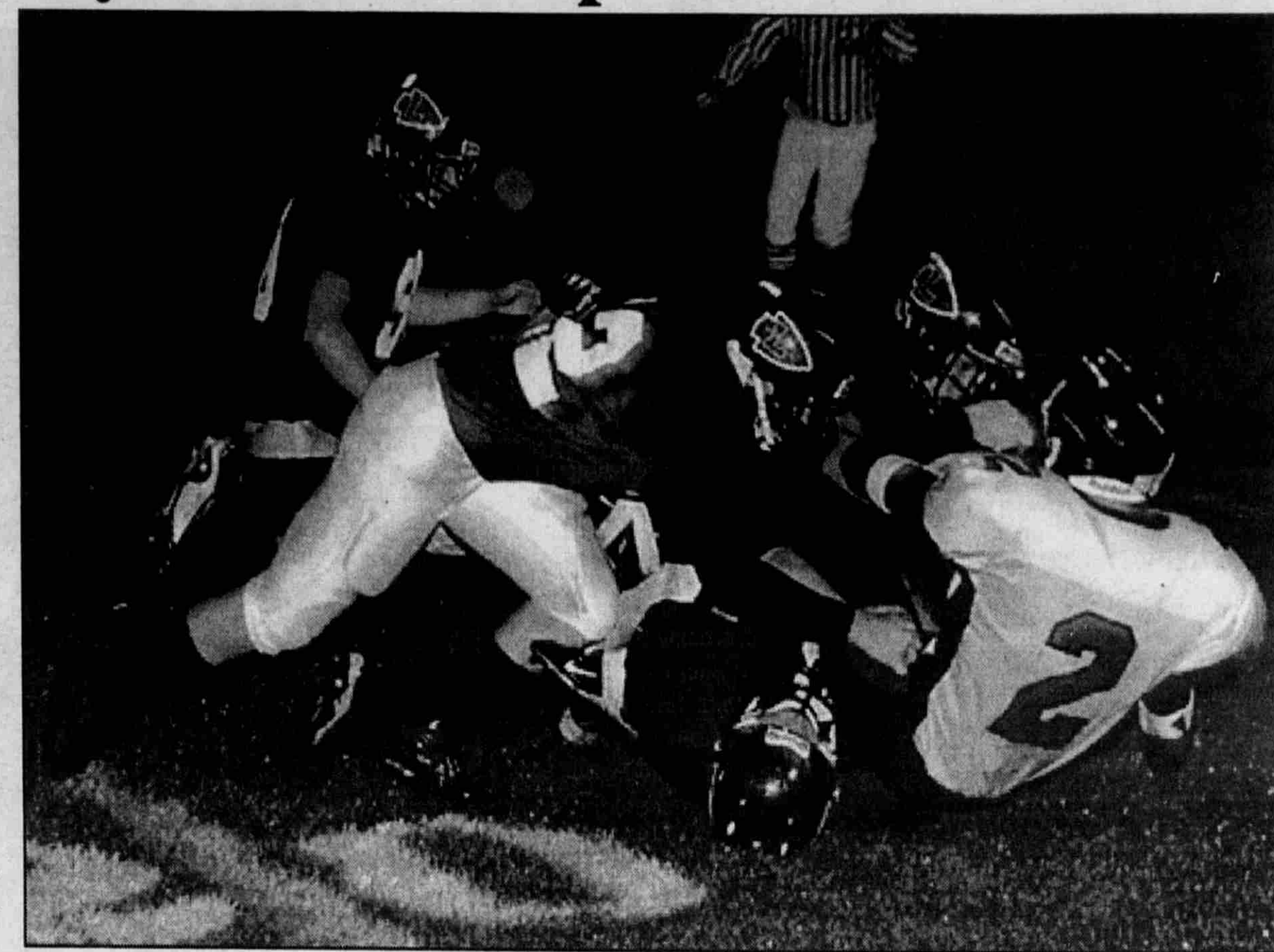
Running back Gabe Delnick made his case for getting more hand-offs in the Red Arrow offense. The junior covered 184 yards in four explosive carries.

"We've been running a lot of one-back sets the last few weeks and Gabe has been sitting on the porch," Dean said. "That was his way of talking to me."

One of Delnick's statements came in the fourth quarter. He somehow broke through a seemingly impenetrable pack of defenders, turning what might easily have been short yardage into a 63-yard run for a touchdown.

Lowell's second string showed the benefits of experience gained during regular playing time in Lowell blowouts this season. They scored two touchdowns in the fourth quarter. But this brought attention to a fact that might become a problem for Lowell: they haven't yet gotten the experience of gutting out a down-to-the-wire game.

"Keith Nichol has not taken a fourth-quarter snap this whole year," Dean said.



A pack of Lowell defenders tackle Greenville's Trevor Johnson for a loss in the first quarter of last Friday's game. Brock Graham and Chris Meeuwsen led the Arrows in tackles with seven each.

"I've never had this problem before, and I don't know if it is a problem."

It was a milestone win for coach Dean, the 100th of his head coaching career, which dates back to 1991. He came to Lowell in 1996 and since then, the Red Arrows have won 78 of their 94 games played. That works out to a winning percentage of 83 per-

cent, putting Lowell ahead of the area's football powerhouses. Over the same time period, Rockford's winning percentage has been 79 percent and East Grand Rapids has won 80 percent of their games.

Among Red Arrow football's accomplishments since Dean has been coaching are the first state champion-

ship in 2002, a shared and an outright conference championship, and seven playoff appearances. The Lowell Touchdown Club presented Dean with a plaque recognizing these accomplishments after the game. The presentation also recognized the efforts of many members of Dean's coaching staff who have con-

tributed to making the team a source of pride for Lowell.

This Friday's game against Unity Christian, where a win will give Lowell the outright conference championship, will be held at Allendale High School, 10760 68th Ave. at 7 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the gate.

# Respectable third-place finish to boys golf season

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell varsity boys golf team capped a year of steady improvement with a third place finish last Tuesday in the OK White conference jamboree.

The team shot a 336 at Boulder Creek Golf Course in Belmont. That score put them right on the heels behind second-place Northview, who shot a 335. East Grand Rapids took first place with a team score of 323. It was a better result than Lowell might have anticipated at the beginning of the season, when they started with only one returning varsity golfer.

Josh Gilliard shot an 84 for Lowell; Brian Scheider, an 85. Ryan Kalman rounded out the Lowell scorers with an 88.

"Overall, I was really pleased because of the fact that we've been getting better all year and we ended up finishing it off at the conference

tournament," said Lowell coach Gary Fredline.

Lowell finished 11th out of 18; most were unfamiliar teams in last Thursday's regional at Binder Park Golf Course in Battle Creek. The Arrows' team score was 338,

Wittenbach shooting another 79.

"We had not played against the teams that were

there," Fredline said. "I thought it was a good effort and I think overall our season exceeded our expectations."

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**BOWNE TOWNSHIP NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Optech Computer Program Testing for the General Election is Friday, October 15, 2004 at 11:30 a.m. at the Township Office, 8240 Alden Nash SE., Alto, MI.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk  
 Bowne Township Clerk



# Lowell soccer looks for share of conference title

By Dan Schneider

Lowell is bound for a rematch in the OK White tournament final of boys soccer. They will get another chance Thursday against Unity Christian, the team that spoiled their perfect conference season.

They got there by beating Northview 4-1 Monday in Lowell. Thursday's game is at Unity Christian.

"I think we're going to be ready to go," said Lowell coach Paul Legge. "Their field is in good shape. It's a nice field for the way we play."

Last year, Lowell beat Unity in the conference championship. But because of a tie earlier in the season, it was only good enough for second place in conference. This year the game will be for a share of the conference title.

In the Northview game Monday, Zach Ligan scored two goals for Lowell. Shane Stokes and Kevin Gillman each scored a goal.

Lowell started its march to the tournament final with a 5-0 win over Kenowa Hills. Down 2-0 at the half, the Knights looked tougher in this contest than they had been in the 9-0 Lowell victory when the two teams met during the regular season. But a goal by Stokes off a rebound 10 minutes into the second half shattered the Knights' confidence.

"2-0, you're still in the game even if the other team is better than you are," said Kenowa coach Zack Kimmel. "3-0, it's tougher to get back in it."

Lowell outshot Kenowa



Lowell's Alex Carpenter sets up for the first of his three assists in last Thursday's OK White tournament opener against Kenowa Hills. Shane Stokes scored the goal on a rebound in the 5-0 Lowell victory.

22-1. Stokes had two goals and two assists in the game; Ligan, two goals; Austin Lancaster, one goal; and Alex Carpenter, three assists.

A lot of Red Arrows got playing time in the game. Lowell was also able to try some new offensive approaches the team has been working on in practice.

"We did get to work on some new things, put some things into play tonight," said Legge.

At the end of the game, he was already looking to up-

coming challenges for the Arrows.

"At this point, I think we're thinking about conference semifinals, conference finals, and the district tournament coming up," Legge said. "From here on out, every game is going to be a stronger team and I think that will change the tempo and change their motivation to play."

Last Tuesday, Lowell defeated Holland Christian 3-1 in a crossover match with the OK Gold conference.

# Strong finish for tennis team

By Dan Schneider

Lowell girls tennis coach Bonnie Wall is happy with the way this year's season ended.

"It was a good way to end the season with a win at the end of the regular season, and to go into regionals in what is one of the toughest regionals in the state and do as well as we did," Wall said.

After posting their best finish ever in the OK White conference—fourth place, the Arrows won last Tuesday's crossover match against the OK Gold's Wayland, 5-3.

Lowell's Mandy Gunberg won first singles in

that match, beating Deb Rookus 6-2, 6-1.

Rachelle Levingston won second singles for Lowell, beating Jacki Hupp 6-1, 6-3.

Lowell's Heather Spratt defeated Angela Laver 6-0, 7-5 in the fourth singles match.

In second doubles, Lowell's Jean Kimberlin and Nikki Baker defeated Hillary Kubiak and Danielle Baker 7-6 (3), 6-1.

Lowell's Lindsay Aiken and Terrah Tawney won by default after going up 3-1 in the first set against Sophia Nelson and Lisa Carrell in fourth doubles.

Lowell finished fifth out of 11 teams in the regional tournament at Forest Hills Central.

"It was a great day for us," Wall said.

Three seeded doubles teams made it to the semifinals play. They were first doubles Becky Plummer and Kelly Koning, second doubles Kimberlin and Julie Geelhoed, and third doubles Kayla Irwin and Shelly Wernet. Second singles Levingston and third singles Haley Irwin won their first-round matches, advancing to take on seeded players.

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# Girls roll, boys struggle in race against Northview

By Dan Schneider

Putting five runners in the top seven last Wednesday, the Lowell girls cross country team made quick work of the Northview Wildcats.

"They pretty much dominated, had a nice pack running together," said Lowell

coach Clay VanderWarf.

The Arrows' team score was 19 compared to Northview's 45. Lowell's Karen Judd took first place in the race with a time of 20:56 and Monica Fitzpatrick finished second in 21:17. Lowell's other scoring run-

ners were Brittany Dietz (fourth, 21:36), Abbie Debiak (fifth, 21:39) and Emily Gerard who finished seventh in the race in 22:16.25, a split second ahead of Emily Hauschild (22:16.69).

The boys team lost to

Northview, 25-32. The Arrows' top runners were in good position but Northview put several in ahead of numbers four and five.

"The score kind of indicated a close one but they kind of dominated us," said

VanderWarf. "They had a lot of guys between our third and fourth."

The top five Red Arrow boys were Steve Ellison (second, 17:25), Eric Schumm (fourth, 17:40), Mitch Solon (fifth, 17:50), Andy Mark

(10th, 18:43) and Jon Riddle (11th, 10:45).

Lowell's next race is Wednesday against Greenville at Johnson Park in Walker. The girls go into it 4-1 in the OK White, the boys are 1-4.

# Red Arrow basketball sluggish in second halves at Ionia, Cedar Springs

By Dan Schneider

The Red Arrow girls varsity basketball team struggled in the second half of two consecutive games last week.

At Ionia last Tuesday, Lowell had the kind of lead they have been used to this season going into halftime. They were up 30-12. Then the Arrows' poor performance at the free throw line contributed to Ionia's outscoring them 13-6 in the third quarter and by two points in the fourth.

"We had trouble scoring in the fourth quarter and then we didn't finish free throws very well," said Lowell coach Dee Crowley.

Lowell was three for eight from the free-throw line in the fourth quarter. But, still managed to pull off the 49-40 win.

"We make a few of those free throws and the game isn't close," Crowley said. "The game wasn't in jeopardy, we just needed to finish those free throws."

Amy Oberlin led Lowell with 12 points. Kendra Gallert

scored 9; Brittany Bueche, 8; and Devon Collins and Kelsey Crowley, 6.

Then the Red Arrows were shocked in the second half of last Thursday's game at Cedar Springs. After being up 25-10 at halftime, Lowell only scored 11 points in the second half. This allowed Cedar Springs to tie the game up as time expired.

But Lowell was able to pull it back together in overtime, scoring 12 points to win 48-42.

"I think we were a little flat defensively," Crowley said. "Cedar played a real good match-up zone that we had trouble with."

Gallert led Lowell in scoring with 12. Collins had 11, Oberlin 8, and Crowley had 7.

Lowell is 12-0 so far this season and ranked sixth in the state in class A. The Red Arrows' next game is Thursday hosting Sparta at 7:30 p.m.

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## SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD September 20, 2004 - 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the August 16, 2004 Regular Meeting were approved. The meeting agenda and a list of invoices was also approved.

Two Public Hearings were held; J&T Machining applied for an Industrial District and PA 198 Tax Abatement. Marsha and Walter Henschke asked for a Temporary Dwelling Special Use Permit while they build a home on their property on Three Mile Rd.

Motions approved:

- Motion to approve the draft language of the Beer and Wine Ordinance and to schedule a Public Hearing at the October 18, 2004 Board meeting.
- Motion to send the amended draft of Lowell Area Recreation Authority Trailways Agreement to the Township Attorney for review.
- Motion to refer the AT&T Communications request for the construction of a tower to the Planning Commission.
- Motion to approve the 2004 Township Millage Rate of 0.8776.
- Motion to establish an Industrial District for J&T Machining.
- Motion to approve a PA 198 Tax Abatement for J&T Machining for a period of 12 years.
- Motion to grant a Special Use Permit for a Temporary Dwelling for Walter and Marsha Henschke, at 10020 Three Mile
- Motion to adopt Resolution 2004-3, supporting participation by Precise Engineering in a Tool and Die Recovery Zone.
- Motion to direct the township attorney to review and work on a violation of the Private Road Ordinance.

Complete minutes are available on the township web site at [www.vergennestwp.org](http://www.vergennestwp.org), or at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Vergennes Township Board is October 18, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall located at the corner of Parnell Road and Bailey Drive.

Mari Stone, Vergennes Township Clerk



**'HARDT HAPPENINGS**

**BUYING AND SELLING BOOKS**

The Englehardt branch will present the program "Determining a Book's Value: Buying and Selling Books on the Internet," on Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. Don VanderKolk will give a hands-on presentation of helpful tips for buying and selling online and hints of good web sites to use. Call 647-3920 for more information.

**BLUE'S CLUES AT THE LIBRARY**

Kids ages six and under are invited to hear stories and music, and collect clues about blue dog. Registration is required. The Englehardt branch offers the program on Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m. (647-3920); the Alto branch on Monday, Oct. 25 at 10:30 a.m. (647-3820).

**HISTORIC SHIP PRESERVATION**

The Alto branch will present "Historic Ship Preservation" on Thursday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. Using video, anecdotes and artifacts, Mannie Gentile will chronicle the preservation efforts of the world's third largest fleet of the U.S. Navy. For more information call 647-3820.KDL News

**NOTICE**

**BOWNE TOWNSHIP IS SEEKING BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

**SNOWPLOWING BIDS - to plow township office parking lot; to plow 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

## IN THE SERVICE

**Coast Guard Seaman Joshua E. Baker** recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J.

During the eight-week training program, Baker completed a vigorous training curriculum consisting of academics and practical instruction on water safety and survival, military customs and courtesies, seamanship skills, first aid, firefighting and marksmanship.

Baker, a 2003 graduate of Lowell High School, is the son of Teresa and John Baker of Lowell.

**Jamie Zoodsma**, a 2004 graduate of Lowell High School, enlisted in the Marine Corps on July 15 at Marine Corps Recruiting Substation Grand Rapids in the Delayed Entry program. Zoodsma enlisted for four years, and is scheduled to report to Marine Corps recruit training on Feb. 21, 2005 in Parris Island, S.C. She is expected to graduate from recruit training around May 27.

Zoodsma is the daughter of Ben Zoodsma of Lowell and Susan Zoodsma of Wayland.

**SYNOPSIS**

**BOWNE TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**Regular Board Meeting**

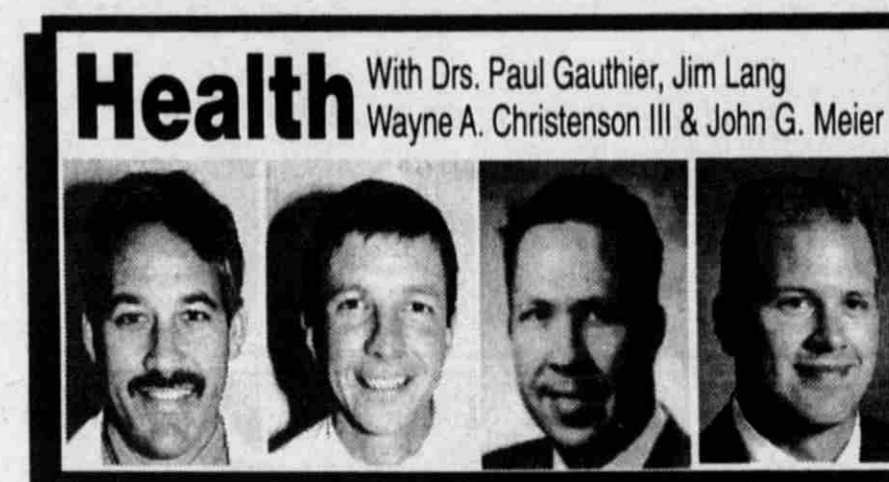
**September 20, 2004 - 7:30 p.m.**

MOTIONS APPROVED:

- Minutes approved for August meeting.
- List of invoices approved.
- Motion to approve EMT School for firemen.
- Motion to authorize property tax millage levy to support 2004-05 budget.
- Motion authorizing Supervisor and Clerk to sign Road Commission work order.

Complete copies of the minutes are available at the Township Office, 8240 Alden Nash SE., Alto, MI 49302 or on the website [bownetwp.cc](http://bownetwp.cc).

Sandra L. Kowalczyk Bowne Township Clerk



**Health** With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang, Wayne A. Christenson III & John G. Meier

**SORE THROAT**

A sore throat is probably one of the most common complaints in any family doctors office. Most sore throats are caused by infection with a virus as seen in colds, mono, or the flu. A bacterial infection may also cause a sore throat, the most common example is streptococcus. Non-infectious causes of sore throats are allergies, coughing, low humidity, smoking and yelling excessively.

Your doctor will usually perform a rapid strep test or throat culture to determine if your symptoms are caused by strep. If the strep test is positive, you will usually be treated with an antibiotic. If the strep test is negative, antibiotics are usually not indicated.

Sore throats that are caused by a virus will get better by themselves usually within a week to 10 days. We recommend over-the-counter pain relievers, warm salt water gargles or spraying the back of the throat with chloraseptic. Antibiotics should not be prescribed for viral infections because they will not shorten the illness, they can cause adverse effects and may lead to bacterial resistance.

When an antibiotic is prescribed for a sore throat caused by strep, be sure to take the entire course of medication as directed. Do not stop the medicine when the symptoms have improved as this certainly encourages bacterial resistance. Always take the full course and do not share your medications with others.

Tonsilectomy is usually reserved for children who get frequent sore throats that are due to strep or that have chronically enlarged tonsils that inhibit normal breathing.



The bears den of Pack 3106 from St. Patrick's visited the Lowell Ledger, Monday, Oct. 4. Pictured, back row, left to right: Michael Blake, Kyle Acker; middle row, Alex Juarez and Matthew Shalda and front row: Jack Brooks, Jacob Volk and Cullan McCormick. The scouts talked to Jeanne Boss, editor of the Ledger, to find out where the news comes from and how it's printed in the Ledger. Then they toured the town of Lowell visiting the Showboat and a few of our historic homes in Lowell. A special thank you to the Ledger and the Curtis and Blough families for helping us with our tour.

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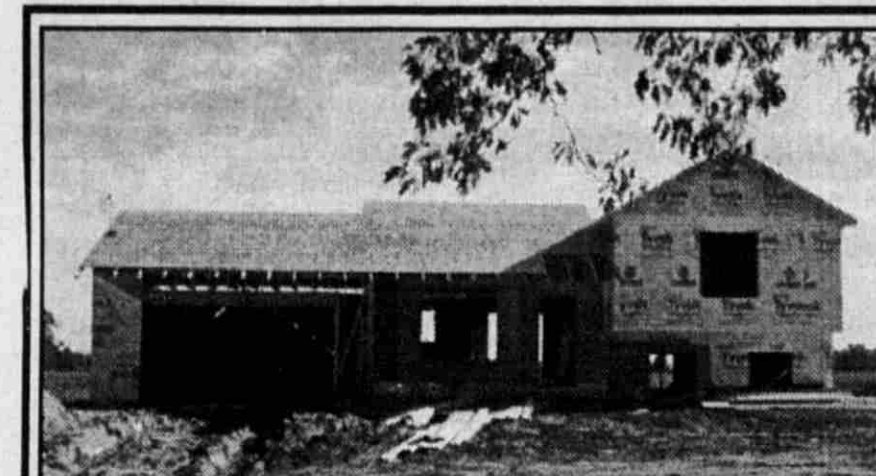
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Talk about being challenged on bikes. What about the kids riding around at night without lights on their bikes?

It is so nice to have the intersection at North Washington and King St. repaired. A big thanks to the city street crew.

A gray haired man should not be driving a certain red dump truck.

People driving on Lincoln Lake - please watch for the buses.

Stop stealing political signs! It just makes you look bad.

It may be wise to focus some serious attention on the deteriorating Burch Field bleachers before someone gets injured.

If Bush loses the election, he has only his conduct as President to blame, so don't take it out on me, my children or my JOHN KERRY sign in my front yard

Thank you to everyone in Lowell for making Malorie's 2nd birthday party fundraiser a huge success - you raised \$730.00 to help find a cure for Spinal Muscular Atrophy!  
 Michelle, James, & Malorie Fox

We missed the Lowell Marching Band at the Homecoming. The National Anthem just isn't the same from a recording. Just a few dedicated and wet band members would have been appreciated.

My pet peeve is when you go out to your car and you have a flir or some piece of literature stuck to your vehicle. People shouldn't be allowed to do that.

Football team, thank you for a great game! We are proud of you!! Good luck in the future.

I watched Fahrenheit 9/11 this weekend. I was undecided on who I was going to vote for. I now know it will be Kerry & not Bush. That documentary opened my eyes!

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Ned Stoller 616-897-0479.</p> <p><b>ACCOUNTING/BOOK-KEEPER SERVICE</b> - MBA with 8 years of Accounting experience. Proficient in QuickBooks. Please call 616-897-2936.</p> <p><b>HELP WANTED - MANAGEMENT TRAINEES</b>. No experience necessary, \$400 week to start. Call for interview, 475-6603.</p> <p><b>CRYSTAL FLASH ENERGY</b> - is accepting applications for seasonal Propane and Fuel Oil Delivery drivers. Applicants must have a minimum of one year driving experience, and a valid MI CDL with BX, air brake, hazmat, and other required endorsements. These positions offer a variety of hours and schedules during the winter heating season. We offer competitive pay and a safe work environment. Bi-lingual candidates encouraged. Please reply: CFHR@crystalflash.com, P.O. Box 1804, Grand Rapids, MI 49501-1804, Fax to (616) 365-3240, or complete an application at any Crystal Flash Energy location.</p> <p><b>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR FINANCE &amp; PERSONNEL</b> - Extensive knowledge of Microsoft Office Products (Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint) is required. Applicants must have excellent interpersonal, organizational, oral &amp; written communication skills; be able to handle multiple tasks simultaneously, work independently &amp; maintain confidentiality. A minimum of five years secretarial experience is required and school experience is preferred. Salary will be commensurate with skills. Full time; 52 weeks per year; Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Send resume &amp; letter of interest to Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331. Deadline for application is Tues., Oct. 26, 2004.</p> <p><b>FOR RENT</b> - 2 bedroom, 1 bath house in City. \$700 &amp; utilities. \$400 deposit. Includes washer/dryer. 1 year lease. No pets or smoking 897-9317.</p> <p><b>FOR RENT</b> - Lowell, 1 bedroom apartment, water &amp; sewer, storage, trash included. No smoking. Washer, dryer available. \$450/mo. No pets. 897-4829.</p> <p><b>ATTENTION</b> - Local company needs men &amp; women to fill many full time positions. \$1,600/month. Must start immediately. Call now for interview. 616-475-6603.</p> <p><b>CENA's</b> - The Laurels of Kent at 350 N. Center Street in Lowell, MI, currently has openings on 2nd shift. Our building is newly renovated and air conditioned. We offer great benefits with high wages based on your experience. Visit us for a tour or call Carol Creger, RN, SDC for more information (616) 897-8473.</p>	<p><b>EVENTS</b></p> <p><b>SNOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> - at 3189 Snow Ave. SE will serve a family-style Beef &amp; Pork dinner on Wed., Oct. 13, starting at 5:30 p.m. Adults \$8, ages 5-12, \$2.</p> <p><b>HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY</b> - Riverview, Fulton St. Lowell, Friday, Oct. 22, 9 p.m. \$5 cover, all ages. Eighth Chakra, Genocya, New Crime Icons, &amp; Dirt K n a p      www.EighthChakra.com</p> <p><b>FREE</b></p> <p><b>FREE KITTENS</b> - 2 males, 9 weeks; 4 females, 11 weeks. Call 897-6371.</p> <p><b>LOST</b></p> <p><b>LOST DOGS</b> - If anyone knows about a man in a blue sports car w/dark hair, glasses &amp; a goatee who took 2 dogs, a pug &amp; a bulldog, that did not belong to him please call 897-9975. Reward.</p> <p><b>SALES</b></p> <p><b>GARAGE SALE</b> - Oct. 16, 8am. to 4pm., 1017 Alden Nash SE. Many misc. items, some sports equipment, some toys, oriental chair, &amp; pictures.</p> <p><b>GARAGE SALE</b> - Oct. 15 &amp; 16, Fri. &amp; Sat., just like clean sweep in the garage &amp; the house. 10930 Sconcewood.</p> <p><b>WANTED</b></p> <p><b>HOUSEKEEPER WANTED</b> - Call 987-6481.</p> <p><b>WANTED</b> - Cash paid for old or junk motorcycles, snowmobiles &amp; ATVs. Running or not. Call Rich 616-446-8352.</p> <p><b>WANT TO PURCHASE</b> - Used Circle Y Show Saddle. Leave message at 365-2309 or 915-7528.</p> <p><b>MAGIC 8 BALLS WANTED</b> - To borrow for the LAAC, "Murder By Natural Causes." Will return by end of October, please call 897-8369 if you can help. Join the fun, Murder's on the Menu at Larkin's Other Place. Tickets 897-8545.</p> <p><b>IN MEMORIAM</b></p> <p><b>IN MEMORY OF CAROL WIELAND who passed away four years ago October 13, 2000.</b>      Greatly missed by her family</p>	<p><b>SERVICES</b></p> <p><b>WINDOW WASHING</b> - residential &amp; commercial, reasonable rates. Now scheduling fall cleaning. Call Randy, R &amp; R Enterprises, 693-2932.</p> <p><b>PLUMBER - Experienced. Residential, Service or New Construction. Reasonable rates. Call 897-2575.</b></p> <p><b>JOHN DEBIAK HORSESHOEING &amp; HOOF TRIMMING</b> - Serving the Greater Kent/Ionia County area with 15 years of professional, full-time experience. Call 897-4290.</p> <p><b>TOWING - Servicing Lowell &amp; surrounding areas. Flat bed &amp; wrecker, Tire changes, Jump starts, Lock outs, 24 Hr. service. Call Lincoln Lake Autos 446-5909.</b></p> <p><b>SNOWPLOWING</b> - Tired of shoveling that driveway? We have great hourly or seasonal rates available. Long, short, straight or curvy driveways. We do them all. Call Homrich Mobile Washing &amp; Snowplowing at 897-0269 for your free quote.</p> <p><b>PAYROLL &amp; BOOKKEEPING SERVICE</b> - By certified Quickbooks advisor. Call Kathy 897-0686.</p> <p><b>ALTERATIONS</b> - Experienced professional men's, women's, leather coats, all fabrics, zippers replaced, wedding &amp; prom dresses altered. Call Helen 897-6071.</p> <p><b>LET ME BE YOUR AVON REPRESENTATIVE</b> - Great new products along with the good ole' products. Make great holiday gifts. Call Lisa at 897-3065 for a brochure.</p> <p><b>SHIP UPS AT THE LEDGER OFFICE</b> - Daily pickup. Small box packaging available. 105 N. Broadway.</p> <p><b>LISA'S DAYCARE</b> - Has full-time positions available. Kids welcome for Murray Lake School. Great country setting with indoor &amp; outdoor play areas. Planned daily activities &amp; occasional field trips. Call Lisa at 897-3065 for an interview.</p>
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**GO GO GO TEAM!**

## LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS VARSITY FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

<p><b>BOYS &amp; GIRLS VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY</b>              * Indicates a home meet at LHS Campus</p> <p>10/13 at 4 p.m.      Greenville at Johnson Park              Boys at 5 p.m.              10/20 at 4:30 p.m.      Unity Christian at Grville              Girls at 5:30 p.m.              10/23 at 10:00 a.m.      Conference at Johnson Park              Boys at 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL</b>              * Indicates a home game at LHS Main Gym              All games begin at 7:30 p.m. unless indicated</p> <p>10/14      Sparta*              10/21      East Grand Rapids*              10/26      Kenowa Hills              10/28      Northview              11/2      Greenville*              11/4      Unity Christian              11/9      Cedar Springs*              11/11      Crossover (Gold)</p>	<p><b>BOYS VARSITY SOCCER</b>              * Indicates a home game at Red Arrow Stadium • Games begin at</p> <p>10/14 - TBA      OK Tournament*</p>
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**Varsity Football**  
 \* Indicates a home game at Red Arrow Stadium  
 All games begin at 7 p.m. unless indicated  
 10/15      Unity Christian @ Allendale  
 10/22      Crossover (Gold)

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# International Credit Union Day



## Thursday, October 21



**WHEN:** Thursday, October 21  
9:30 am until 5:30 pm

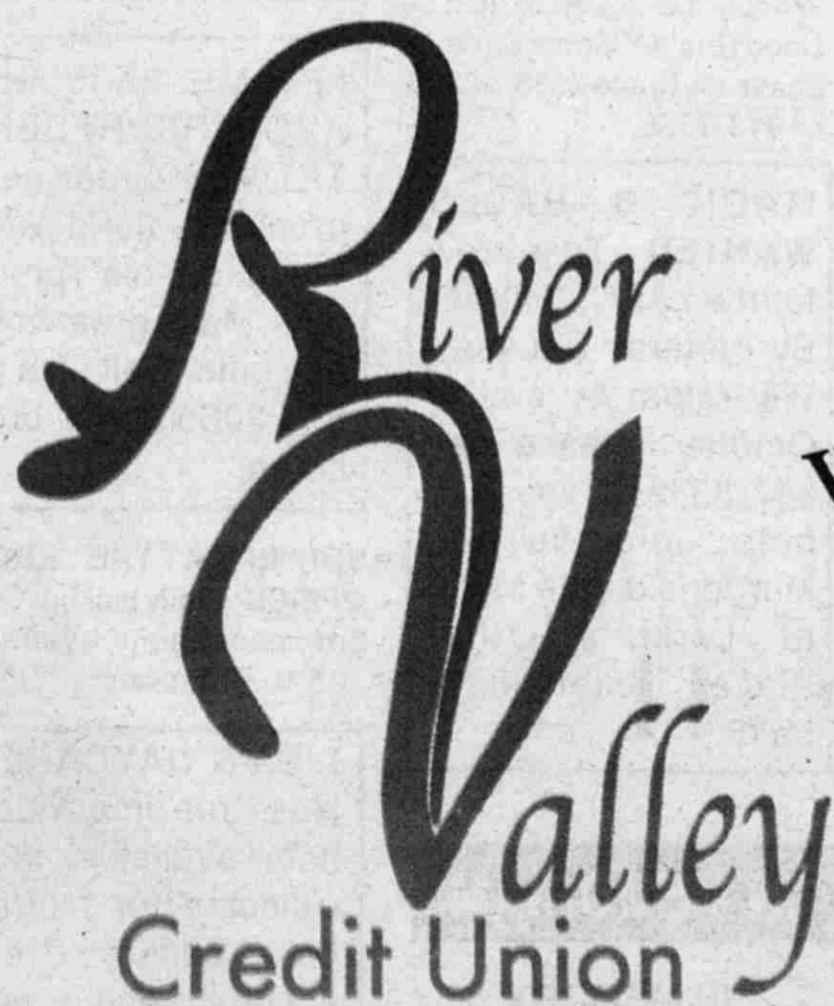
**WHERE:** Either of our convenient  
locations in Lowell or Ada.

**WHY:** BECAUSE WE LOVE  
OUR MEMBERS!

*Free Doughnuts,  
Cider, and  
smiles!*

Join us on Thursday, October 21, when over 120 million credit union members worldwide will celebrate International Credit Union Day. Because credit unions are not-for-profit financial cooperatives, their focus has always been on service to members. No need is too big or too small.

At credit unions, people are worth more than money. Achieve your dreams with River Valley Credit Union and celebrate International Credit Union Day, Thursday, October 21.



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