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## Undefeated Arrows keep rolling past the competition

Lowell's Keith Nichol runs the football against South Christian. The Red Arrow quarterback kept the ball 11 times for 41 yards and a touchdown in Friday's victory. Story page 16.

Photo submitted by Joe Provonche

## New LAS organizational system emphasizes teamwork

By Dan Schneider

Lowell Area Schools has organized its teaching and administrative staff into three teams in an attempt to get all the district's buildings working toward the same goals.

"You want to make sure there is continuity throughout the system, it fits together, and that there's common focus for school improvement," said Mark Kasmer, Lowell Area Schools assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction. "The primary goal of the teams is ... to make sure one group isn't off doing something that doesn't fit in the system."

The three groups of teams—the district leadership teams (DLTs), the building leadership teams (BLTs) and the district school improvement team—are new this year. The teams are designed to interrelate, to exchange information and develop strategies for accomplishing the district's goals.

"The goals are really created from within, based on the priority of the needs of the school district," Kasmer explained. "Literacy is the primary focus of the district currently."

Outside requirements factor into the district's goals. Part of the job of the teams is to make sure the requirements under the federal No Child Left Behind act and Michigan's Ed-Yes program are met throughout the district.

"I've used it in other districts that I've participated in,

in the past and it's worked very well in that there's participation and ownership, and communication is a big piece," Kasmer said. "And finally, the idea is to focus everyone's energies and time."

Before LASHired Kasmer last year, he had been part of a similar system as an elementary principal at Sparta Public Schools.

In Lowell, the teams are created using several different structures. The district leadership team's membership consists of all the teaching and building administration staff in the district. They are divided into 12 teams, each representing an academic study area. The writing teachers for all seven buildings in

the district, for instance, have met twice this year as the writing committee of the DLT.

"Their basic goal is K-12 articulation of programs and services," Kasmer said.

The DLT meets five times each school year. The first meeting this year was before the school year started. The committees will have their third meeting in November.

The building leadership teams consist of staff, administration and parents from each school building. Students participate in the high school's building leadership team. The BLTs have school improvement plans for their buildings.

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## Charity seeks to rezone to central business district

By J. Lobdell  
Contributing Writer

Looking for the direction that will mean less variances and allow for maximizing its property, members of the Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. approached the Lowell Planning Commission Monday night to see if its property could be rezoned to central business district.

Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) is looking to move its operations to the Masonic Lodge site located at 112 Lincoln Lake. Pastor Roger La Warre said the C2-central business district actually fits the needs of the group the best in that it would allow for the three-story building, allow for 100 percent parking and building coverage on the property, and fit

the overall plans for the site which is to serve visitors and residents of Lowell.

The city's other business district, including general business which several parcels near the site are zoned, did not allow for the needs of the ministry and could create issues in regards to parking, said La Warre.

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# OBITUARIES

**BELL** - John "Jack" C. Bell, aged 70, of Ludington, formerly of Kentwood, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, October 16, 2004, while visiting children in Grand Rapids. He is survived by his wife Marilyn of 47 years; children Kathy (Bryan) Addington of Lowell, Judy (Gerald) LaValley of Caledonia, Nancy Mead of Hudsonville, John B. Bell of Wyoming; three grandchildren Melissa and Josh

**BENCKER** - Lily T. Bencker, aged 91, of Alto, went to be with her Lord and Savior October 23, 2004. She married Pete Bencker in 1933, who preceded her in death in 1980, and a grandson Larry Bencker in 1997. She is survived by one son Lyle and his wife Delores; brother Harold (Marilyn) Johnson; sister Gladys (Dale) Shade; grandchildren Michelle (Tom) Tava, Ron (Linda) Bencker, Debra (Tim) Craig, Pete (Nancy) Bencker; 12 great-grandchildren, eight great-great grandchildren. Graveside services by her request will be held Thursday, October 28 at 3 p.m. at Bowne Center Cemetery, Rev. Dean Bailey of Alto Bowne Center United Methodist Church officiating.

**HOSETH** - Wallace (Ted) L. Hoseth, aged 83, of Lowell, went to be with the Lord, October 24, 2004. He was preceded in death by his son Michael. He is survived by his wife Pat; children David (Kathy) Hoseth, Linda Drost, B. Ted (Dawn) Hoseth, Kevin (Candy) Hoseth, Julie Goeman; grandchildren Sara (George) Ponchaud, Kevin Klahn, Eric Klahn, Jason, Angie, Aaron Drost, Jason Ruge, Justin, Kati, Molly Hoseth, Ryan, Aubrey, Micah, Caleb, Emily Hoseth, Rachael Goeman; sisters Phyllis Geelhoed, Bonnie Hoseth; brothers Bob (Bonnie) Hoseth; Irwin Hoseth; several nieces and nephews. He loved his family and the Lord. The funeral service will be held

Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Alton Bible Church, Rev. Ken Ford officiating. Interment Alton Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Alton Bible Church, 2780 Lincoln Lake Ave., Lowell, MI 49331.

**WINGEIER** - Clare E. Wingeier, aged 77, of Newaygo, formerly of Alto, died Thursday, October 21, 2004 at Gerber Memorial Health Services in Fremont. He was born Clare Ernest Wingeier in Detroit, the son of Edwina (Quiggle) and Alex E. Wingeier on April 18, 1927. He married Patricia Mae (Little) Whittemore on May 1, 1981 in Caledonia. He was a mechanic for Borgman Ford, Grand Rapids until 1992 and also was employed at Wal-Mart for 10 years until January 2004. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a member of the Lowell VFW and Grace Bible Church of Newaygo. He is survived by his wife Patricia; children Karen and Alexander McPherson of Warsaw, IN, Nancy and Donald McNinch of Gowen, Scott Wingeier of Dallas, Thomas Wingeier of Grand Rapids, David and Nancy Wingeier of Gun Lake, Rodney and Denise Wingeier of Newaygo, Marcie and William Besmer of Newaygo; stepchildren Gary McWhinney of Alto, Susan and Michael Jansma of Lowell, Diana and Tom Bruxtroort of Caledonia, Bonnie Troland of Caledonia; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Memorial services were held from the Grace Bible Church on October 26 with pastors Sam Whittaker and Todd James officiating. Interment at Bowne Center Cemetery, Alto. For memorials please consider the Grace Bible Church of Newaygo.

# Ordinance allowing for signs in residential areas heads to city council

By J. Lobdell  
Contributing Writer

150 feet apart, thus preventing a bunch of signs on one lot.

"I have a corner lot and you can't see one sign from the other," Langdon said. "Also each street has a different audience. Those who travel down one don't see the sign on the other street."

But the commission was unanimous in its decision that one sign per residential lot was enough.

"I think you could get to the point where a person says, 'Why is he allowed two signs

and I am only allowed one?'" said commissioner Garland Berry, adding that keeping the ordinance at one sign per lot cut down on potential conflicts.

Chair Clark Jahnke said it created uniformity in the ordinance by maintaining a one-sign limit.

"I feel on a corner lot there should be one sign in within the front rather than allowing additional signs,"

said commissioner Barbara Schmaltz.

Under the proposed ordinance, a resident may have one ground sign not to exceed a height of three feet. That sign must be placed in the front yard and cannot be any closer than half the required setback distance. City manager David Pasquale said the average setback is about 30 feet, making this requirement about 15 feet.

The ordinance also distinguishes between wall signs such as address plates, which can be one square foot, and nameplates, which can be two square feet. Ground signs are allowed in addition to these wall signs.

The commission initially began reviewing a sign ordinance for the residential district after Langdon was cited for having religious signs in his yard last May. At that time

it was discovered the city forbids such signs in residential areas which goes against the U.S. Constitution in regards to freedom of speech. The commission decided to repeal the ordinance.

The city council is expected to review the new ordinance at its next meeting on Nov. 1. Before becoming part of the city's ordinance book, the council must approve it.

# Planning commission looks at allowing body shops in general business district

By J. Lobdell  
Contributing Writer

It won't be right, but those interested in opening body shops in the city's general business and light industrial districts may have to seek a special use permit.

That was the decision of the Lowell Planning Commission at its Monday night meeting after reviewing and discussing a proposed ordinance change to allow body shops in the two districts.

Originally proposed for just the general business district, the commission unanimously agreed with chairperson Clark Jahnke that the light industrial district needed to be added.

Jahnke said it just made sense for such activity to be in the light industrial district which serves as a buffer to other districts.

The ordinance change

would allow body shops by right in the industrial district.

Also, under the proposed ordinance, which is now headed to the city council, the definition of a body shop is revised to allow for it under vehicle repairs. City manager David Pasquale said all work must be done inside the building and the vehicles must be stored in a gated area.

By requiring a special use permit, the planning commission will still have the opportunity to review each body shop request as it comes up to determine whether it fits the area being considered, Pasquale explained. That pro-

cess will include a public hearing on the special use permit as well as a site plan review.

"The commission may or may not approve it, depending on how it sees how it fits with the adjoining properties," Pasquale said, adding that in the industrial district, all that is required is site plan review.

The changes occurred after a landowner came before the planning commission seeking a special use permit for a body shop on a parcel he owned. Hugh Cosgrove, who owns 423 W. Main St., said at the time, most inquiries came

from people interested in opening such businesses. Discussion concerning body shops centered on the fact that the industry has changed significantly since the city restricted such operations, so the commission decided to revisit the matter.

With the help of its building inspector Doug Hopkins, the commission put together the new ordinance which the city council will receive at its next meeting, Nov. 1. The council must approve the changes which then go into effect 10 days after being published.

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# VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on **Monday, November 8, 2003 at 7:00 P.M., at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI** to consider a wireless communications facility application to construct a new cellular tower.

AT&T Wireless Services have requested a special use permit application review to construct a new cellular tower on property owned by Ronal and Norma Noall. The property address is known as 12654 Heim St. N.E., Lowell, and parcel number 41-16-22-400-026. The tower property will be located on the south side of Heim, west of Lincoln Lake Ave. in the S.W. quarter of section 22.

Residents and property owners within 300 feet of the applicant's property will receive this notice by mail.

The complete application can be reviewed at the **Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey drive, P.O. Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671 [fax 897-5674]**. Written and oral comments will be received until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Planning Commission Chairman or the Planning Coordinator at the Township Offices. Comments may be emailed to the Planning Commission at: zoning@vergennewtp.org.

Vergennes Township Planning Commission

# LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 04-178,417-DE

Estate of FRANK C. POTYRAJ, Date of birth: 12/28/1915

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

10-21-04

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# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ESTABLISH A REGULAR ELECTION DATE

Please take notice that pursuant to the provisions of the Consolidated Election Law enacted in December of 2003, the Board of Education of Lowell Area Schools will conduct a public hearing on the establishment of a new regular election date pursuant to the law,

The dates authorized by law for school regular elections are:

- a. The odd year May regular election date.
- b. The general election date in both even and odd years.
- c. The May regular election date in both even and odd years.

The Board has tentatively established the May regular election date in both even and odd years as the regular election date on an annual basis.

The hearing will be held in the Administration Office in the district at 6:30 o'clock in the evening on the 8th day of November, 2004.

If the Board of Education fails to approve the tentative election date of any other date authorized by law, the regular election will be held at the odd year general election held in November commencing with the election to be held November 2, 2005.

The Board of Education is authorized by law to adopt a resolution setting the regular election date immediately subsequent to the public hearing.

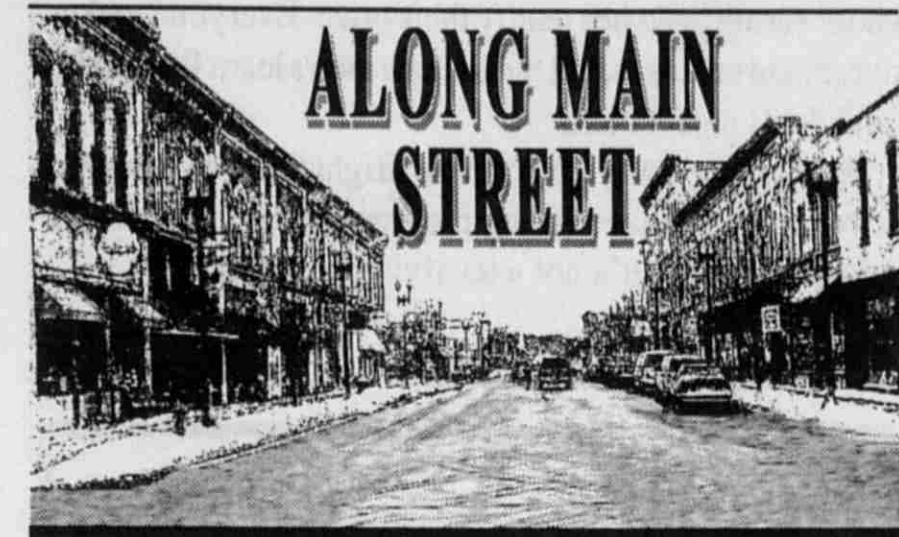
Patrick Nugent  
Secretary, Board of Education

# NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regularly scheduled meeting of October 18, 2004, the Lowell Charter Township Board adopted Ordinance 07-2004, an ordinance to provide regulations for the subdivision of land within the Charter Township of Lowell. The ordinance specifies procedures for application and review, improvements and regulations, variance and enforcement, and division of platted lots.

This ordinance shall become effective November 27, 2004. A copy of the complete text of the ordinance can be obtained at the Lowell Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., during regular Township hours or by calling 897-7600.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk  
Lowell Charter Township



# FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Lowell hosts Greenville in the pre-district round of the football playoffs on Friday, Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. at Red Arrow Stadium. Gates open at 5:30; tickets are \$5. No passes are allowed. Advance tickets available on Friday only, 7:30 - 3 p.m.

# HALLOWEEN AT THE SHOWBOAT

The Lowell YMCA will host Halloween at the Showboat on Saturday, Oct. 30 from 3-6 p.m. \$3 per person; \$2 per person with 2 canned goods for Flat River Outreach Ministries or \$10 per family. Hot dog cookout. Call 897-8445 for more info.

# HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREATING

This Sunday, Oct. 31, Lowell will participate in trick or treating. If you are participating, please leave your porch light on between the hours of 5:30 and 8 p.m.

# ATHLETIC BOOSTER MEETING

The Lowell Area Schools Athletic Booster Club regular meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. in the high school staff lounge.

# RED ARROW ORCHESTRA CONCERT

The Red Arrow orchestra fall concert will be held at the Lowell Middle School stage at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 1. Free and open to the public.

# 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, 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.

# OPENINGS FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Curiosity Corner Preschool of the TOTS program has openings for children who will be 3 or 4 by Dec. 1. Call 987-2532 for more information. Both A.M. and P.M. classes are available.

# 86TH DISTRICT DEBATE AT CITY HALL

Lowell Cable TV channel 20 will show the debate on the following dates: Wed., Oct. 27 and Mon., Nov. 1 at 7 p.m.

# FOODMOBILE

The Foodmobile will be at Lowell Fairgrounds, Foreman Building, on Saturday, Nov. 13 from 10-11 a.m. or until food is gone. Bring a box or bag for the mostly produce distributed by Flat River Outreach Ministries.

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### STAY AWAY FROM THESE "SCARY" INVESTMENT MOVES

Halloween is right around the corner - time for Shrek, Buzz Lightyear, Wonder Woman and all their friends to make their annual requests for candy. These trick-or-treaters probably amuse more than frighten you - but can the same be said for your investment strategy? The fact is that many of us make some pretty "scary" investment decisions.

Here are a few of these frightful moves to avoid:

• **Investing too conservatively or aggressively** - There's no one "right" way to invest. If you are naturally more of a risk-taker, you might tend to invest more aggressively - so you'd be interested in growth stocks that offer poten-

tially big returns, along with significant volatility. On the other hand, if you typically avoid taking chances in your life, you might be drawn toward "safer" investments, such as bonds or certificates of deposit (CDs) - investments that offer strong protection of your principal but little in the way of growth. To be a successful investor, you may need to leave your "comfort zone" but avoid becoming too aggressive or too conservative.

• **Not diversifying your portfolio** - By diversifying your investment dollars across a range of vehicles - stocks, bonds, government securities, real estate, money market accounts, etc. - you can help protect yourself against massive downturns that primarily affect one type of asset. Also, the better diversified you are, the better your chances for success.

• **Chasing after "hot" stocks** - By the time you invest in a "hot" stock, it may already be cooling off. And, in any case, this stock might not be suitable for your individual needs. It might not help you diversify your holdings, and it might carry more risk than you'd like.

• **Reacting to short-term events** - Every single day, the newspaper is full of big events: an increase in interest rates, an election, a war, a corporate scandal - the list goes on and on. If you made an investment decision in reaction to each of these events, you'd never be able to follow a consistent,

long-term strategy that's tailored to your needs and goals. As an investor, try to look past the headlines - in many cases, they'll fade quickly enough.

• **Forgetting about the impact of taxes** - Taxes can erode an investment's "real" rate of return. Consequently, you'll want to become a "tax-smart" investor. Take full advantage of tax-deferred vehicles, such as your 401(k) or a traditional IRA, or tax-free investments, such as a Roth IRA or some types of municipal bonds. And try to avoid frequent buying and selling; if you hold your stocks for at least a year, you'll be assessed a lower capital gains rate when you do sell.

• **Not learning from your mistakes** - In the late 1990's, investors went wild over "dot-com" stocks, driving prices higher and higher. But when many of these companies showed little - if any - earnings, the prices plunged and the technology "bubble" burst. Yet in 2004, we're again seeing investors being drawn to some types of technology stocks whose earnings do not justify their price. Everyone makes investment mistakes, but the best investors learn from them - and don't repeat them.

By staying away from these frightening investment moves, you can make strong progress toward your financial goals - and that's not a terrifying prospect at all.

## Flat River Ministries rezoning, continued...From Page 1

The Central Business District zoning actually ends at Larkin's on the south side of West Main Street and at the Flat River Antique Mall on the north side of the street. "You would need to look at where the next logical spot is to stop or start [the district]," said city manager David Pasquale... something the planning commission did not feel comfortable doing

without the advice of a planner.

At the request of the commission, Pasquale said he would contact Steve Longworthy who has worked with the city on its ordinance book to take a look at the area and see what he would recommend if the Central Business District should be expanded.

Commission member Jim Hall said he could see some potential for another site that could benefit from being rezoned Central Business District.

Commission member Garland Berry raised concerns about FROM moving so close to a residential area. La Warre said the group planned to talk to neighbors but had not done much yet

since they wanted to make sure the rezoning and building were a definite possibility.

"You have to remember that most of the residents are familiar with it being commercial since they were there after it was commercial," Hall said, adding the commercial district on Lincoln Lake has been around for about 40 years.

Chair Clark Jahnke said the commission does not do spot zoning, which Flat River is requesting. But because there are other sites that could benefit, the commission decided to hold a public hearing to review the area for a rezoning to Central Business District at its Nov. 23 meeting. The hearing is dependent on the city receiving informa-

tion from the planner along with comments from the Downtown Development Authority officials as well.

Pasquale said the DDA district already extends to Alden Nash, but added he would contact the DDA chairperson, Jim Reagan, for comments.

FROM also presented preliminary site plans for the property on Lincoln Lake. Several of the commission members commented that they liked the idea of having a new building constructed versus trying to get the old building to conform to the needs of the program.

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**Health** With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang  
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**ACNE**

Acne is the result of inflammation of the tiny hair follicles on the face, chest and upper back. Acne is most common in the teenage years but can last well into adulthood.

Acne occurs when the hair follicle produces excessive oil leading to plugging of the pore resulting in increased bacterial growth and inflammation. Hormonal changes associated with patients are often the trigger for acne. Acne is not caused by dirt, eating certain foods, or drinking cola. Using cosmetic products may worsen acne. Excessive rubbing or hard scrubbing of the skin will also exacerbate acne. Pinching or squeezing acne lesions is never recommended.

Washing the skin with warm water and gentle cleansers is recommended to remove excess oil, dead skin, and bacteria. Do not scrub the skin with harsh cleansers, this will only increase inflammation. Over-the-counter medications that contain benzoyl peroxide, salicytic acid or resorcinol are usually effective in mild cases. Topical or oral antibiotics are prescribed for more stubborn cases. These medications are usually taken for several months or years. Acutane is a medication prescribed by doctors for the most severe cases of acne. It is very effective but can have significant side effects and must be monitored closely.

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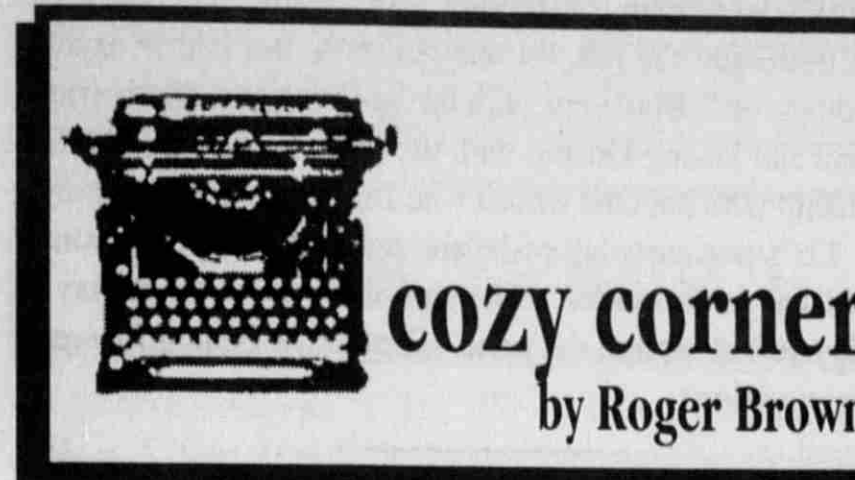
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# Viewpoint . . .



**cozy corner**  
by Roger Brown

About ten days ago my left eye had been bothering me for a couple weeks or more. The white part of the eye was all red and irritated. There was no reason for the affliction that I could pinpoint. All the political ads on TV may have had something to do with it. Most of John Kerry's stuff has me seeing red.

Whatever the cause, I finally went to see my doctor about it. He took a look and diagnosed it as conjunctivitis... something or other. He wrote a script and I went across the street to the pharmacy. Eazy-peazy-Japaneezy. I'm guessing that if we nationalize our health care, I would first have to go through a process akin to a visit to the Department of Motor Vehicles. Sorry, it's election time and I just can't help myself.

The treatment for my malady was a tiny plastic bottle of eye-drops. The drops were to be administered four times a day for five days. After a couple days there was marked improvement, though my right eye seemed to be a bit irritated and sore. I laid it to overwork from the left eye being out of service. I began putting over-the-counter drops in the right eye when treating my left eye with the prescription stuff. Between my treatments and watching only obscure cable channels with no political ads, my eyes began to improve.

A few days into my recovery, we had a friend over for dinner. We had coffee around the kitchen counter and enjoyed some pleasant conversation after the meal. It was time for the dogs' evening pills, so I did that little chore as we talked. (By the way, I want to know if John Kerry is going to pick up the tab on my dogs' medication? Their drugs are way more expensive than ours.)

While in the process of taking care of the dogs, I decided to treat my eyes as well. First the prescription stuff in the left eye, then the o.t.c. stuff in the right. You might think administering eye-drops while entertaining guests would not be apropos. You would probably be right. Whatever the case, I'm sure our guest found what was about to follow, very entertaining!

My wife refuses to take any of the blame, but somewhere in the process of straightening up the kitchen in preparation for a guest, somebody moved my cheese... or in this case,

my eye-drops.

We were all chatting away as I put the drops in my left eye. With my head tilted back I repeatedly winked my eye, letting the solution do its work. While in this position I multi-tasked by re-capping the prescription stuff and grabbing the o.t.c. drops for my right eye. When the drops went in the right eye, things began to happen. By "things" I mean I must have looked like one of the dancers from the church scene in "The Blues Brothers".

In my blind multi-tasking I had grabbed a little bottle of a prescription topical treatment we have for a fungal skin ailment the dogs have picked up. The size and shape of the plastic bottle was almost exactly the same as my o.t.c. eye-drops. Two drops later, and I was flopping around the kitchen like a big bass in the bottom of the boat.

Totally blind, I made my way to the kitchen sink where I wildly splashed water in my eyes. My nose was running profusely, I was having trouble breathing and part of my dinner came up. Of course I couldn't talk, and my wife and our guest were clueless as to what was wrong. They were thinkin' heart attack and all sorts of things. Can't say I blame them. It must have been quite a sight, a big lumox like me flopping around in the kitchen for no apparent reason.

After some quick detective work, my wife figured out what had happened and began asking me why I had done something so stupid. About the same time I had recovered my voice enough to scream back at her that I had done it on purpose just to see what would happen. There may have been a few expletives thrown in for good measure. Our dinner guest, who happens to be single, was getting a good idea of how people who have been married 32 years relate to each other in an emergency.

I continued to rinse the eye with everything imaginable. We emptied the medicine chest of various eye-drops. Ice cold water seemed to help. Finally coffee seemed to be the best rinse. The episode pretty much killed the after-dinner conversation and our guest soon left. I considered a trip to the e-room, but decided to see what morning would bring. Terese and I bickered a little more about my stupidity and who was at fault. I took some aspirin and went to bed.

The next morning both eyes were red and swollen, but at least I could see. After putting the dogs' medication in a remote cabinet, I continued my treatment. A few days hence, my eyes seem to be normal and I don't think I did any permanent damage. Terese and I are still fighting over who was at fault. All's well that ends well.

In closing, if you are really, really sick of political ads on TV, I have some drops I could loan you. I guarantee you won't be watching TV for awhile.

## TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

On Oct. 16, Cousin's Hallmark held a "Ladies Night Out." Since the day had been pretty dismal, a friend and I decided it might be fun to go.

Yes, there were many bargains, discounts, handmakeovers, free gifts and drawings. There were also plenty of treats, all

made by the staff, but what made the night so great was that it was more like entering the home of a friend than going into a store. Everyone was made to feel as if they were among family and friends.

Like "Cheers," it's always nice to "go where everybody knows your name," or at least you're made to feel as though they do.

Thanks to Karen and her wonderful staff for a great time, and a great start to the holiday season!

Lori Nowak

## Letters, Letters, Letters...

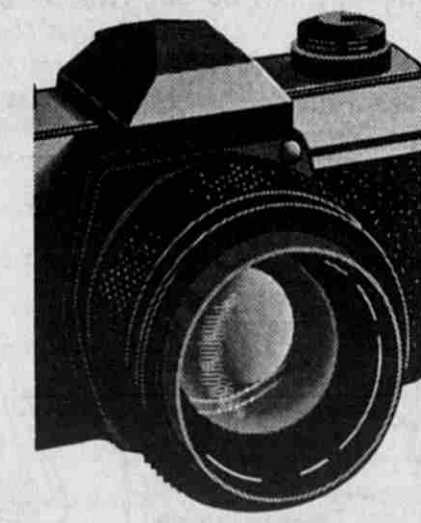
The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed one written page or one typed, double-spaced page.

"Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or emailed to: ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com Letters must be signed and please include a phone number when emailing.

Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy. The Ledger reserves the right to limit submissions from the same writer to twice a month.

The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

## Attention All Coaches, Proud Parents, Athletes & Others Who Wish To Submit Photos In The Ledger...



It is important that the subject's face not be shaded in order to print your photo clearly in the paper.

All group pictures should be taken WITHOUT caps, visors, etc.

Photos will no longer be accepted if faces are too dark.



By Priscilla Lussmeyer

## Ledger Entries

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

### 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL OCTOBER 29, 1879

The upper Grand River bridge is nearly completed. A new restaurant has been started in the Young building. First snow last Friday—about two flakes to the square foot. The editor goes to Detroit this week to find a new steam engine to run the new power press.

The shingle mill turned out nearly two million shingles this season. It is now shut down for the winter.

### 100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER OCTOBER 27, 1904

"Get your potato crates at Lowell Planing Mill." The Lowell Canning Co. fails, with Jarvis Train the biggest loser (\$1,000). Lowell Specialty will take over the building for woodworking.

The tongue drops on a double buggy while in motion, the horse panics and a family is dumped and injured.

Norton Henry stops clerking for D.G. Look and plans his own drug business.

Miss Scott will give the first big party of the season at Halloween, with orchestra and square dancing.

### 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO OCTOBER 31, 1929

M.B. McPherson describes how the so-called "mill tax" system works for road building and maintenance. It is complex and the city and county are fighting about it.

Charles D. Stocking and Joseph C. Scott, both 37, both WWI veterans, are buried at Oakwood Cemetery the same week.

The United States has almost 20 million telephones, and is adding them at the rate of 800,000 a year.

Charles Rudd, 74, who owns a gas station on US16, has trapped two sets of nighttime burglars in his station for the police to pick up. He lives next door.

Miss Mary Delaney is driving a new coach, and Thomas Eddy has a light delivery truck.

### 50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER OCTOBER 28, 1954

Seymour Hesche of Lowell will direct the western Kent County crew taking the annual farm census for the Department of Agriculture.

Be sure to vote next Tuesday, Nov. 2. Among many award winners at 4-H Fall Achievement Day is Erma Richmond, a club leader in Vergennes Township who receives a free trip to Chicago.

The new '55 Chevrolets and Pontiacs come out to the sales rooms this week.

Gov. "Soapy" Williams stops in at Keiser's Kitchen for cough drops (he's campaigning) and handshaking all around.

### 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER OCTOBER 25, 1979

Nineteen-year-old Amway sees sales figures go over half a billion dollars annually.

With 11 proposals on the November ballot, the Ledger suggests taking a clipping along to the booth.

The Methodist church starts construction on a new steeple to replace the one blown down in August.

Steve Marker brings the first buck to the Ledger, a 6 point shot with bow and arrow.

A federally-funded study of Lowell's flood plain now under way may furnish some solutions for annual flooding losses.



# Reflections Of Faith

Rev. David Sims  
First Baptist Church

Caution—Decision in Progress! Countless signs, banners and ads have been dotting our landscapes, deluging our mailboxes and demanding our attention these days. One would have to be deaf and blind to not know what season it is ... Election Season. The countdown to the polls is on, and our appointment with the ballot at the voter booth is just around the corner.

In many ways, every election is a brush with destiny as the course of the next two, four or six years is determined. Such a significant privilege and responsibility of citizenship carries the solemn duty of every voter to become as well-informed as possible in order to submit a ballot with integrity. But recent statistics that I read were troublesome, describing our great nation as having a startling number of uninformed voters throughout much of the history of our democracy. That makes me even more grateful to have and know God who is sovereign over the affairs of mankind! As Proverbs 16:7 says, "In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps." Daniel 4:17 adds, "The Most High is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and gives them to anyone He wishes ..."

God's plan, however, includes the involvement of people, and it behooves us to seek to advance values and priorities that mesh with His. The significance of pursuing an alliance with the Almighty's program is emphasized in Psalm 127:1, "Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain." It is not only important that we exercise our civic duty at the polls, it is also important how we exercise that privilege. Let's encourage each other to study and know all the issues and candidates as best we can, and seek to do God's work through government after the pattern of Romans 13:1-7, choosing good "servants who give their full time to governing."

Once again, we are called upon to participate in destiny ... directing our homeland in such vital issues as security, sanctity of life, family, judicial latitude and religious liberty. May we go to the polls with prayer. And as we go to vote, may we be reminded that a more crucial ballot exists for each of us. Everyone has his or her name on that ballot, and there is only one issue at stake. The key question that determines our destiny awaits a reply from all of us — "What have you done with Christ?" John 14:6 records Jesus' claim, "I am the way, the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father except through me." May your faith be the living sort that betrays a real and lasting kinship with the ultimate Winner, a relationship with the One whose vote for us means everything.

Let's live each day with care, remembering, "Caution — Decision in Progress." Our appointment with destiny's ballot is just around the bend. Right now counts forever! Happy voting!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

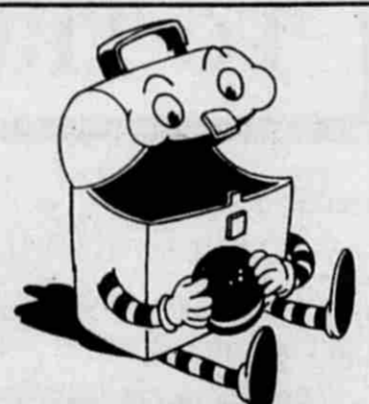
OCT. 28: Aaron Stencil, Bonnie Essich, Debbie Stoutjesdyk.  
OCT. 29: Tammy Barber, Al Mulder, Jared Spencer, John Butler Jr., Jeremy Drake.  
OCT. 31: Bill Richter, Bob Richter, Connor Duiven, Lou Mulder, Larry Taunt.  
NOV. 1: Walt Batt, Abbot Kastanek, Brenda Lea Owen, Patti Brenk, Suzanne Olin, Anthony Kiedis.  
NOV. 2: Barb DeLoof, John Mogor  
NOV. 3: Connie Stencil, Jennifer Zoodsma, Denise Dommer, Christina Dixon, LeeAnn Brenk, Becky Myers, Ken Kline.



### 'HARDT HAPPENINGS

"DECORATING FOR THE HOLIDAYS"  
Learn tips about beautifying your home for the holiday season at "Decorating Your

Home for the Holidays," presented at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 9 at the Englehardt Library. Stephanie Heaton of Daisy's Floral in Lowell will demonstrate making holiday floral arrangements, and decorating wreaths. Make a table centerpiece; also bring three yards of ribbon to make a bow to add to your favorite holiday wreath. Registration fee is \$5. Call 647-3920 for information or to register.



### LUNCH MENU

Elementary Menu  
Week of Nov. 1, 2004

MON: Italian dunkers or crispito, cheese stick, green beans, pears, milk.

TUES: Hot dog on bun or diced chicken BBQ, oven baked fries, fresh fruit, milk.

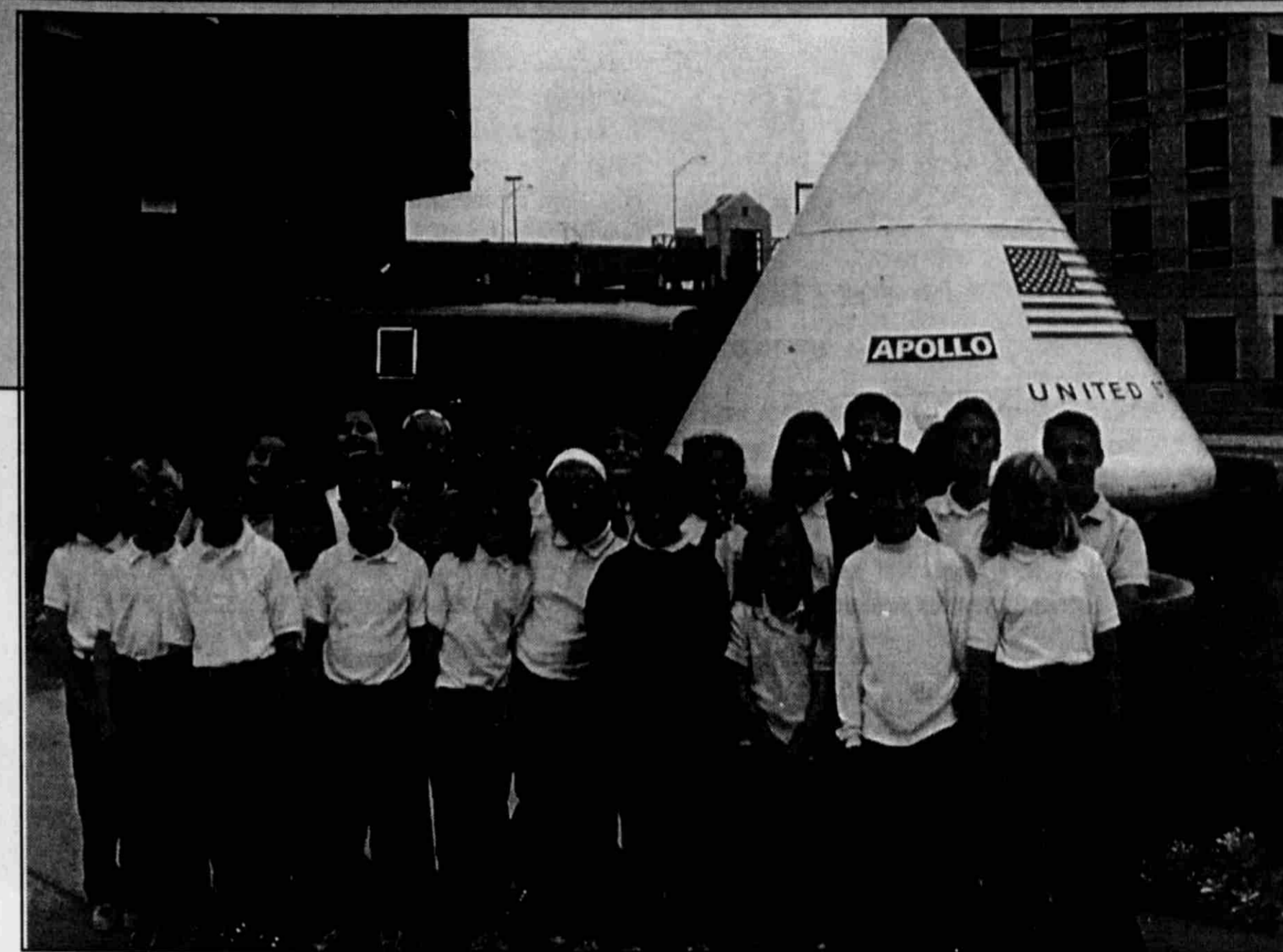
WED: Ham & cheese bagel or dino pasta w/ franks, carrot coins, fruited Jell-O, milk.

THURS: Grilled cheese sandwich or chicken salad sandwich, tomato soup, applesauce, milk.

FRI: Pizza or breaded pork patty, salad, grapes, milk.

## Studying the stars

Third grade students from the St. Patrick School in Parnell enjoyed the Grand Rapids Museum on Friday, Oct. 8. To culminate their study of space, they visited the planetarium where the program, "Surfing the Solar System," was being shown.



## IN THE SERVICE

Marine Corps Cpl. Joshua J. Van Alstine, and the Marines and Sailors of the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) and Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) recently captured four suspected anti-Iraqi militants in Northern Babil province.

Van Alstine's unit also provided assistance from the MEU's Force Reconnaissance platoon to Iraqi Special Weapons and Tactics members as well as Iraqi national guardsmen, to help capture a former Baath Party leader and apprehend two men suspected of firing on Marines.

Since assuming operational control of Northern Babil in July, Van Alstine's unit has worked closely with

ron and a MEU service support group.

Van Alstine is the son of Peggy and Mark Johnson of Alto.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Steven Riggs Rickert welcomes home little brother

### Jack Charles

He was born August 20, 2004. He weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. and measured 20 inches long.



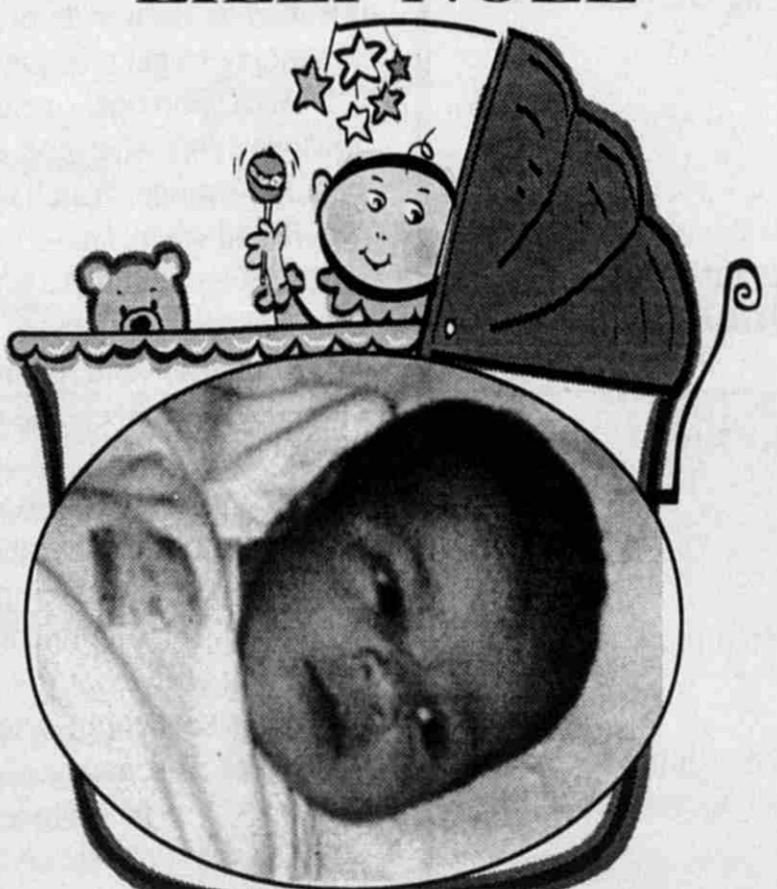
Proud parents are Jay & Kris Rickert of Lowell. Grandparents are Mike & Char Kooistra, Steve Kelley & Darle & Joan Rickert. Great-grandmother is Ruth Graham.



## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Kevin & Cher Goggins along with big brother Caden welcome home

### LILLI NOEL



She was born August 27, 2004. She weighed 8 lbs. and was 20.5 inches long.

Grandparents include Ron & Ann Wittenbach of Lowell, Larry & Connie Zuercher of Dalton, Ohio & Pat & Peg Goggins of Pierson. Great-grandparents include Bob & Velma Perry & Annabelle Wittenbach, all of Lowell, & Mrs. Pauline Gerber of Kidron, Ohio.

The law does not allow motorcycle plates or company-owned passenger plates to be renewed early. For more information on renewal options and other services, visit the Secretary of State web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos.

**IMPACT**  
Trunk-or-Treat  
Sunday, October 31st

Check out a night of fun for the community at Impact.  
3:00-5:00 Games & Crafts  
5:00-8:00 Trunk-or-Treating  
Call 897-8304 for more info  
www.impact-church.org

**Pianist Wanted**  
for 10am service,  
2 Sundays/month.  
If interested please contact:  
Pastor Joe Fremer  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Lowell, 897-5790  
mailbox@goodshepherdlowell.org

# AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

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| <p><b>ATTENTION: BIBLE BELIEVERS</b><br/>If you would like to attend a church where the King James Bible is held up as the perfect, preserved word of God with all the words of God for all English speaking people, then give us a visit at: 901 W. Main, Lowell</p> <p>Across the street from the Vanner Dodge dealership.<br/>897-6284 or 485-4195<br/>10AM Sunday School; 11AM Morning Service; 6PM Evening Service; Wed., 7:30PM Prayer Meeting.</p> | <p><b>ALTO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b><br/>Kirby and Harrison<br/>Alto • 616-691-8011<br/>Worship.....9:30 A.M.<br/>Children's Church.....9:30 A.M.</p> <p><b>OPEN HEARTS - OPEN MINDS - OPEN DOORS</b><br/>Pastor Dean Bailey</p>   | <p><b>Contemporary Services</b><br/>Lowell High School Auditorium<br/>(Nursery &amp; Children's Ministry Provided)<br/>Sunday Mornings.....10 AM<br/>Impact Youth (Sunday at the Pastor's home).....5 PM<br/>Phone us @ 897-0333 or 437-5093<br/>Call for a free CD Service Sample</p>  | <p><b>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL</b><br/>Rev. William J. Renkema - 897-7060<br/>1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI<br/>Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M.<br/>Sunday School.....11:20 A.M.<br/>Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.<br/>Nursery available at both services<br/>Barrier-Free</p>   |
| <p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b><br/>621 E. Main Street • 897-5936</p> <p>Worship Services<br/>8:30 &amp; 11:00 a.m.<br/>Sunday School 9:45 a.m.</p> <p>DR. MICHAEL T. CONKLIN, PASTOR<br/>Nursery &amp; child care available at both services<br/>Barrier - Free Entrance</p>   | <p><b>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH</b><br/>10501 Sattlemwood • Ph. 897-7185<br/>Sunday School.....9:45 A.M.<br/>Morning Worship.....11 A.M.<br/>Evening Service.....6:00 P.M.<br/>Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:00 P.M.<br/>Rev. Rick Ferguson - 987-6475<br/>ALL ARE WELCOME!<br/>(Barrier-Free)</p>   | <p><b>CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER (Assembly of God)</b><br/>3050 Alden Nash S.E. • 897-1100 • Staffed Nursery<br/>Robert W. Holmes, Senior Pastor<br/>Dave Noonon, Asst. Pastor<br/>Jonathan &amp; Stacy Holmes, Youth Pastors<br/>SUNDAYS:<br/>Worship: 9:30 a.m. &amp; 6:00 p.m.<br/>WEDNESDAYS:<br/>Family Night: (For All Ages) 7 p.m.<br/>*XL* Youth: 7 p.m.</p> | <p><b>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</b><br/>Fr. George J. Fekete<br/>402 Amity St. • 897-9820<br/>www.stmary-lowell.com<br/>Weekend Masses: SAT. 5 PM; SUN. 9:30 AM<br/>Weekday Masses: 7:45 AM<br/>Holy Day Masses: 9 AM &amp; 7 PM<br/>Saturday confessions: 10-10:30 AM<br/>Prayer &amp; adoration each Wed. 8:15 AM - 8 PM<br/>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, CHILDREN TO ADULTS - CALL SPENNA BERGER 897-7915<br/>SEE LOWELL CABLE CH. 48, EWIN FOR 24 HR. CATHOLIC BROADCASTING</p>   |
| <p><b>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b><br/>10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod)<br/>Halfway between Lowell &amp; Saranac on M-21<br/>www.goodshepherdlowell.org<br/>Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Class. 9:00 A.M.<br/>Worship Service.....10:00 A.M.<br/>(Nursery available)<br/>Joseph Fremer, Pastor 897-8307<br/>All facilities are wheelchair accessible</p>  | <p><b>APOSTOLIC LIGHTHOUSE UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH</b><br/>SUNDAY SERVICES 10:00 A.M.<br/>SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES 6:00 P.M.<br/>WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00 P.M.<br/>At 215 1/2 W. Main, Lowell<br/>(entrance in rear of building)<br/>CALL FOR FREE HOME BIBLE STUDIES<br/>Pastor Robert L. Hubbard<br/>Phone: (616) 897-1267<br/>website www.aplighthouse.com</p> | <p><b>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b><br/>201 N. Washington • 897-8800<br/>Sunday School.....9:45 A.M.<br/>Morning Worship.....10:50 A.M.<br/>Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M.<br/>Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M.</p> <p>PASTOR RICHARD FORSYTHE<br/>Staffed Nursery Provided<br/>Barrier-Free Entrance</p>  | <p><b>SOUTH BOSTON BIBLE CHURCH</b><br/>(Kyser Road SE at Grand River Ave.)<br/>WE ARE YOUR NEIGHBORS • WE CARE ABOUT YOU<br/>Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M.<br/>Sunday School.....11:00 A.M.<br/>Word of Life (for &amp; 8 &amp; 9 High).....6:30 P.M.<br/>Evening Praise.....7:00 P.M.<br/>Wednesday Kids Klub (ages 2-5).....7:00 P.M.<br/>Olympians (1st - 6th grades)<br/>Prayer and Bible Study<br/>Library, Nursery, College &amp; Children's Services provided. Wheelchair Accessible<br/>Church 897-7623 • Parsonage 897-5464 • sbccbch@juno.com</p> |
| <p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b><br/>2275 West Main Street • 897-7168<br/>Internet: http://www.fbclowell.org<br/>Rev. David O. Sims &amp; Rev. W. Lee Taylor<br/>Wayne Haines, Youth Pastor<br/>Sun. Worship Service.....9:30 A.M. &amp; 6:00 P.M.<br/>Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M.<br/>AWANA/CLUB J.C. ....Wed. 6:15 &amp; 6:30 P.M.<br/>Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times<br/>Nursery Provided • Barrier Free</p>             | <p><b>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH</b><br/>Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road<br/>897-5648<br/>Sunday School.....10:00 A.M.<br/>Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.<br/>Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M.<br/>Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M.<br/>(Sept. - April)<br/>Prayer and Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.<br/>Pastor Ken Ford (Home) 897-6418<br/>YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>                      | <p><b>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL</b><br/>(United Church of Christ)<br/>404 North Hudson • 897-5906</p> <p>Worship and Church School.....10:00 A.M.<br/>Dr. Roger LaWare.....Pastor<br/>Megan MacNaughton.....Music Director<br/>Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided<br/>Come Join Us For Praise &amp; Worship</p>                                      | <p><b>LOWELL LEDGER</b><br/>1000 W. Main Street<br/>Lowell, MI 49752<br/>897-7168</p>  |

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**TRUNK OR TREAT**  
A Community event  
October 31  
Involving loads of candy in car trunks!!

In the **First Baptist Church** parking lot will include: "safe" candy, lots of games, horse rides, free popcorn, free cotton candy, free drawings for many prizes, hot coffee and doughnuts for parents.

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Address: **2275 W. Main, Lowell, MI**  
It will be just as fun as when you were a kid!!

Call 897-7168 or email fbclowell@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions or comments





## KENT COUNTY NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors of Kent County, Michigan  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, a General Election will be held on:  
**NOVEMBER 2, 2004**

In the following cities and townships of the County of Kent, State of Michigan:

|                           |                       |                     |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| City of Cedar Springs     | Algoma Township       | Grattan Township    |
| City of East Grand Rapids | Alpine Township       | Lowell Township     |
| City of Grand Rapids      | Bowne Township        | Nelson Township     |
| City of Grandville        | Byron Township        | Oakfield Township   |
| City of Kentwood          | Caledonia Township    | Plainfield Township |
| City of Lowell            | Cannon Township       | Solon Township      |
| City of Rockford          | Cascade Township      | Sparta Township     |
| City of Walker            | Courtland Township    | Spencer Township    |
| City of Wyoming           | Gaines Township       | Tyrone Township     |
| Ada Township              | Grand Rapids Township | Vergennes Township  |

To obtain information regarding polling locations, contact your city or township clerk or go to [www.accesskent.com](http://www.accesskent.com).

The **POLLS** of said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. of said day of the election for the purpose of electing the following partisan and non-partisan officers:

### PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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| <b>Congressional</b><br>Representative in Congress   | <b>Township</b><br>Supervisor<br>Clerk<br>Treasurer<br>Trustees  |
| <b>State</b><br>State Representative   |  |
| <b>State Boards</b><br>State Board of Education<br>University of Michigan Board of Regents<br>Michigan State University Board of Trustees<br>Wayne State University Board of Governors | <b>Judicial</b><br>Supreme Court Justice<br>3rd District Court of Appeals<br>27th Circuit Court<br>Probate Court<br>59th District Court<br>61st District Court<br>62A District Court |
| <b>County</b><br>Prosecuting Attorney<br>Sheriff<br>Clerk/Register of Deeds<br>Treasurer<br>Drain Commissioner<br>Commissioner   | <b>City</b><br>City Council Members<br>(Cedar Springs and Rockford only)   |

### IN ADDITION TO THE ELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR VARIOUS OFFICES, THE FOLLOWING STATE PROPOSALS WILL BE VOTED UPON:

#### PROPOSAL 04-1

#### A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE VOTER APPROVAL OF ANY FORM OF GAMBLING AUTHORIZED BY LAW AND CERTAIN NEW STATE LOTTERY GAMES

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Require voter approval of any form of gambling authorized by law after January 1, 2004.
- Require voter approval of any new state lottery games utilizing "table games" or "player operated mechanical or electronic devices" introduced after January 1, 2004.
- Provide that when voter approval is required, both statewide voter approval and voter approval in the city or township where gambling will take place must be obtained.
- Specify that the voter approval requirement does not apply to Indian tribal gaming or gambling in up to three casinos located in the City of Detroit.

Should this proposal be adopted?

#### PROPOSAL 04-2

#### A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO SPECIFY WHAT CAN BE RECOGNIZED AS A "MARRIAGE OR SIMILAR UNION" FOR ANY PURPOSE

The proposal would amend the state constitution to provide that "the union of one man and one woman in marriage shall be the only agreement recognized as a marriage or similar union for any purpose."

Should this proposal be adopted?

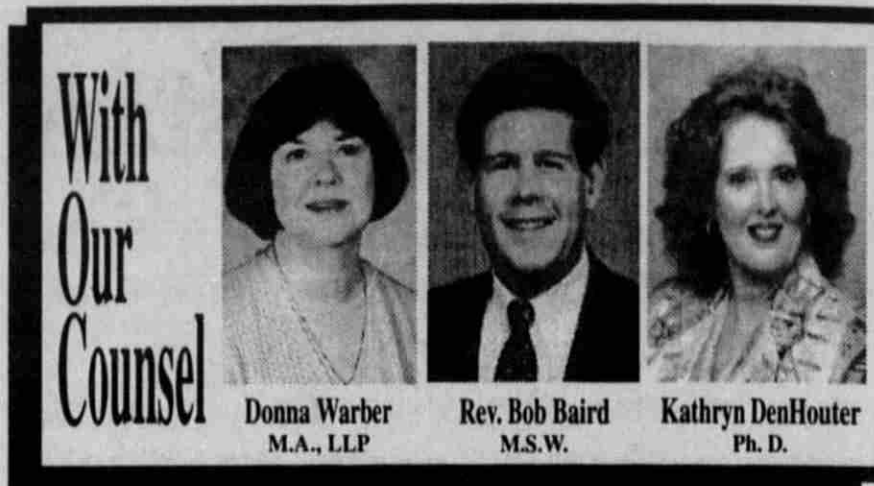
In addition to the State Proposals, proposals submitted by certain cities and townships will be voted upon.

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All the cities and townships in Kent County have evaluated their polling places for handicap accessibility. If you are prevented from voting in your precinct due to physical barriers and wish to be reassigned to an accessible polling place, please contact your local Clerk no later than 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 30, 2004.

A voter who is physically unable to attend the polls without assistance of another person, or who is at least 60 years of age, or will be away from the community is eligible to receive an absent voter ballot. If you wish to apply for an absent voter ballot contact your local City or Township Clerk or call Michigan Relay Center TDD# 800-649-3777.

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO QUALIFY AS A VOTER!  
YOUR KENT COUNTY CITY AND TOWNSHIP CLERKS  
**MARY HOLLINRAKE, COUNTY CLERK**



In past columns, the five Pillars of Self-Esteem: the practice of living consciously, self-acceptance, self-responsibility, self-assertiveness and living purposely, were outlined by Nathaniel Branden. The last pillar is the practice of personal integrity.

Personal integrity involves living with ourselves on a very fundamental level. Questions such as: Are we honest? Are we trustworthy? Can we keep our promises? need to be asked on a daily basis. If we say we have standards, but our behaviors don't match what we say, we lose self-worth and self-esteem in our own eyes. This is because our words and our behaviors don't match.

Most of the behaviors involved with our issues of personal integrity are small ones, not big ones. It has to do with being our own best friend, and being comfortable in our own skin. For instance, when our lack of integrity has been exposed to other people or to our acquaintances, we can always avoid these people, but you cannot avoid yourself. You are in your skin 24/7. The feelings you have about yourself follow you around and this deeply affects your self-esteem.

Also, your self-esteem is dependent on how well you negotiate your standards with your behaviors. Sometimes our standards are too high which can result in a constant state of self-denigration. This form of self-destruction can lead to constant frustration and/or anger. This jeopardizes one's self-esteem. When this happens, we need to readjust our standards. Conversely, when our standards are too low, we become disgusted with our lack of excellence and care for ourselves and others. Once again, the standards need to be readjusted.

The challenge for all of us in this world today is to keep our standards realistically high while societal moral values are disintegrating all around us. Far too often we feel like we're living in a moral sewer. Personal integrity is one of the hardest pillars to achieve, but it is truly the one that allows you to feel comfortable in your own skin. Also, it has major implications on how you conduct yourself with others on a day-to-day basis. Even though we might be far from perfection or even from the standards we have set, we need to remember that small growth steps in the right direction help us build higher self-esteem.

Like so many things in life, to improve our self-esteem, we need to be aware of its pillars (or components) and take the time to practice, practice and practice.



### RESPONSIBLE HUNTING

Marksmanship skill is an important part of hunting. It is the responsibility of every hunter to take a shot only when he or she has the ability to make a clean humane kill. This ability comes only with knowledge and practice.

Everyone planning to hunt during the firearm deer season should spend time at a shooting range to make sure his or her shotgun, rifle, or muzzleloader will shoot where it is pointed. Most of us do not shoot year around and need to spend time practicing to get reacquainted with our firearm.

Area sportsmen's clubs usually schedule time before the season opener when non-members, for a reasonable fee, can use the club's range. Watch for published notices or call to find out where and when. I have found that club members managing the sight-ins are willing to give advice and will help in other ways if assistance is requested.

A shooter anticipating a loud bang and a whack on the shoulder may flinch and pull the shot. A special shoulder pad can be worn to absorb recoil from shotguns and big bore rifles. Also, exposure to gunfire can cause hearing loss over time. Whether shooting at a range or at another safe location, be sure to use proper ear and eye protection. Both will be required at an organized shooting range. The more comfortable you are, the better you will shoot.

When not certain exactly where a gun is shooting, start with a target at close range. Get on paper, then move on to longer distances. It is possible to zero a scoped gun by shooting only one round. From a steady bench rest, fire one careful shot, then hold the gun firmly on the bullet hole and adjust the scope reticle to the center of the target's bulls-eye. It would be wise, however, to fire several more rounds to be sure of the results and fine tune if necessary. Besides, you can always use the practice.

All of this should be accomplished well before season, so if there is an equipment problem there will be time to get it fixed. Range time will also provide an opportunity to become familiar with the firearm especially if it is new or borrowed. Practice is necessary to build confidence in one's ability to safely and effectively use a firearm.

## The Right to Vote - Priceless

Carl Levin,  
Senior U.S. Senator  
from Michigan

The Declaration of Independence states that governments derive "their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed." The Constitution begins, "We the People of the United States," and President Abraham Lincoln described our nation in the Gettysburg Address as a "government of the people, by the people and for the people."

A common thread weaves

through each of these revered documents - the right of the people to democratic governance. On Nov. 2 in polling places across the country, millions of U.S. citizens will exercise a priceless right - the right to vote.

While the right to vote is often taken for granted, the voting franchise has not always been universal in our country. A brief history of voting in the United States reflects the changes our democracy has experienced in our 228-year history.

The Constitution left it up to the states to decide the "Times, Places and Manner of holding elections for Senators and Representatives," but reserved for the Congress the power to "make or alter such regulations." Congress has used that power to enfranchise African-Americans, Native Americans, women and citizens from ages 18-21.

In the early days of our republic, only white male landowners were routinely allowed to vote. By the time of the Civil War, most white men

without property also had the right to vote.

Following the Civil War, Congress passed Amendments 13, 14 and 15, the "Reconstruction Amendments," which abolished slavery, gave former slaves their citizenship and enfranchised African-American men. Yet even though the 15th Amendment granting African-American men the right to vote was ratified in 1870, some states found ways to circumvent the amendment by instituting poll taxes and literacy tests as well as through intimidation and fraud.

This discrimination and disenfranchisement continued for over 90 years until the 24th Amendment outlawed poll taxes in 1964. In 1965, the Voting Rights Act became the law of the land and abolished literacy requirements for voting, expanded voting rights for non-English speaking Americans, and authorized federal supervision of voter registration and elections where needed.

Even though the 15th Amendment stated that the right of U.S. citizens to vote "shall not be denied or abridged" because of race or color, Native Americans weren't allowed to vote until 1924 when the Snyder Act granted full U.S. citizenship to the first Americans. However, some states still illegally disenfranchised Native Americans for another 40 years. In 1962, New Mexico became the last state to allow Native Americans to vote.

Women fought for 80 years to gain the right to vote. In 1840, Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton met and began working to secure voting rights for women. The abolitionist Sojourner Truth also fought for women's rights, including the right to vote. In 1873, Truth tried to cast her ballot in a local elec-

tion in Battle Creek but was not allowed.

In 1869, Stanton and Susan B. Anthony founded the National Woman Suffrage Association and continued to press their cause. Although this famous suffragist did not live to see Congress pass the 19th Amendment in 1919 giving women the vote, it was widely known as the Susan B. Anthony amendment.

According to the *New York Times*, on the day the Senate passed the amendment, "Suffragists thronged the Senate galleries in anticipation of the final vote, and when the outcome was announced by President Pro Tem Cummins they broke into deafening applause. For two minutes the demonstration went on, Sen. Cummins making no effort to check it." The states ratified

the amendment in 1920, enfranchising half of the U.S. population.

With the passage of the 26th Amendment in 1971, Congress lowered the voting age from 21 to 18. Today, all U.S. citizens (except convicted felons) over age 18 are eligible to vote.

For large segments of our society, the right to vote has been long sought and hard fought. Yet through it all, the history of the expansion of the right to vote in our country reflects the Constitution's vision of forming "a more perfect Union."

Our democracy depends on an informed and involved citizenry. On Nov. 2, I hope all Michigan voters will exercise the most fundamental right of democracy - the right to vote.



### GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT FOR NOVEMBER 2, 2004

Your ballot may not be exactly as presented if you are in an area outside the city of Lowell. The following ballot was obtained from the Department of State website: <http://www.michigan.gov/sos>. Go to this site to view your ballot information, check your polling site, voting equipment and obtain more general election information.

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| <b>PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES</b><br>VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES<br>4 year term, Vote for 1 position | Republican<br>George W. Bush<br>Dick Cheney<br>Democrat<br>John F. Kerry<br>John Edwards<br>Green<br>David Cobb<br>Patricia LaMarche<br>US Taxpayers<br>Michael Anthony<br>Peroutka<br>Chuck Baldwin<br>Libertarian<br>Michael Badnarik<br>Richard Campagna<br>Natural Law<br>Walter Brown<br>Mary Alice Herbert<br>Ralph Nader<br>Peter Miguel Camejo | <b>MEMBER OF THE WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS</b><br>8 year term, Vote for 2 positions | Republican<br>Susan Licata Haroutunian<br>Republican<br>Paul C. Hillegonds<br>Democrat<br>Tina Abbott<br>Democrat<br>Annetta Miller<br>Green<br>Margaret Gutshall<br>US Taxpayers<br>Philip A. Adams<br>Libertarian<br>Jerry Jankiewicz<br>Libertarian<br>Thomas W. Jones<br>Natural Law<br>Kathleen Oakford |
| <b>3RD DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</b><br>2 year term, Vote for 1 position                               | Republican<br>Vernon J. Ehlers<br>Democrat<br>Peter H. Hickey<br>US Taxpayers<br>Marcel J. Sales<br>Libertarian<br>Warren Adams  | <b>KENT COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY</b><br>4 year term, Vote for 1 position                         | Republican<br>William A. Forsyth   |
| <b>86TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE</b><br>2 year term, Vote for 1 position                                    | Republican<br>Dave Hildenbrand<br>Democrat<br>James Turner<br>Libertarian<br>Bill Gelineau   | <b>KENT COUNTY SHERIFF</b><br>4 year term, Vote for 1 position                                      | Republican<br>Lawrence A. Stelma<br>Democrat<br>Russ Stothers  |
| <b>MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION</b><br>8 year term, Vote for 2 positions                               | Republican<br>Nancy Danhof<br>Republican<br>Robert M. Smart<br>Democrat<br>Marianne Yared McGuire<br>Democrat<br>Herbert S. Moyer<br>Green<br>Peter Ponzetti<br>US Taxpayers<br>Gail M. Graeser<br>US Taxpayers<br>Stephanie Poortenga<br>Libertarian<br>Scotty Boman<br>Libertarian<br>Ernie Whiteside<br>Natural Law<br>Colette McLogan              | <b>KENT COUNTY CLERK/REGISTER</b><br>4 year term, Vote for 1 position                               | Republican<br>Mary Hollinrake<br>Democrat<br>Susan M. Lindhout<br>Libertarian<br>Lynne M. Bradley-Horan  |
| <b>MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN BOARD OF REGENTS</b><br>8 year term, Vote for 2 positions                | Republican<br>Patrick Anderson<br>Republican<br>Carl Meyers<br>Democrat<br>Olivia P. Maynard<br>Democrat<br>S. Martin Taylor<br>Green<br>Nathaniel Damren<br>US Taxpayers<br>Karen Adams<br>US Taxpayers<br>Joe Sanger<br>Libertarian<br>Michael R. Corliss<br>Libertarian<br>James Lewis Hudler<br>Natural Law<br>Mary F. Debusschere                 | <b>KENT COUNTY TREASURER</b><br>4 year term, Vote for 1 position                                    | Republican<br>Kenneth D. Parrish<br>Democrat<br>Stephen Lauka  |
| <b>MEMBER OF THE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES</b><br>8 year term, Vote for 2 positions            | Republican<br>Melanie Foster<br>Republican<br>Randall Pittman<br>Democrat<br>Joel I. Ferguson<br>Democrat<br>Phil Thompson<br>Green<br>Benjamin Alan Burgis<br>US Taxpayers<br>Crystal Van Sickle<br>Libertarian<br>Bill Hall<br>Libertarian<br>Michael H. Miller<br>Natural Law<br>Katherine Dem  | <b>KENT COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER</b><br>4 year term, Vote for 1 position                           | Republican<br>Roger G. Laninga<br>Democrat<br>Joseph R. Marckini   |
|  |  | <b>KENT COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5</b><br>2 year term, Vote for 1 position                      | Republican<br>Jack Horton<br>Democrat<br>Dave Komejan  |
|  |  | <b>JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT</b><br>6 year term, Vote for 2 positions                            | Republican<br>Marilyn Kelly<br>Justice of the Supreme Court<br>Stephen J. Markman<br>Justice of the Supreme Court<br>Leonard Schwartz<br>Democrat<br>Deborah Thomas<br>Democrat<br>Brian Keith Zahra   |
|  |  | <b>3RD DISTRICT JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS INCUMBENT</b><br>6 year term, Vote for 2 positions    | Republican<br>Joel P. Hoekstra<br>Judge of the Court of Appeals<br>David H. Sawyer<br>Judge of the Court of Appeals  |
|  |  | <b>17TH CIRCUIT JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT</b><br>6 year term, Vote for 2 positions                 | Republican<br>George S. Buth<br>Judge of the Circuit Court<br>Steven M. Pestka<br>Judge of the Circuit Court   |
|  |  | <b>KENT COUNTY JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT</b><br>6 year term, Vote for 1 position                   | Republican<br>Nanaruth H. Carpenter<br>Judge of the Probate Court  |

State of Michigan  
PROPOSAL 04-1  
CRC Analysis

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE VOTER APPROVAL OF ANY FORM OF GAMBLING AUTHORIZED BY LAW AND CERTAIN NEW STATE LOTTERY GAMES

This proposal would:

- Require voter approval of any form of gambling authorized by law after January 1, 2004.
- Require voter approval of any new state lottery games utilizing "table games" or "player operated mechanical or electronic devices" introduced after January 1, 2004.
- Provide that when voter approval is required, both statewide voter approval and voter approval in the city or township where gambling will take place must be obtained.
- Specify that the voter approval requirement does not apply to Indian tribal gaming or gambling in up to three casinos located in the City of Detroit.

Should this proposal be approved?  
Yes  No

State of Michigan  
PROPOSAL 04-2  
CRC Analysis

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO SPECIFY WHAT CAN BE RECOGNIZED AS A "MARRIAGE OR SIMILAR UNION" FOR ANY PURPOSE

This proposal would:

- Amend the state constitution to provide that "the union of one man and one woman in marriage shall be the only agreement recognized as a marriage or similar union for any purpose."

Should this proposal be approved?  
Yes  No



# Soil - underfoot and underrated

By Dan Schneider

In southern Lowell Township, farmers are still in the fields harvesting feed corn this week. A rainy spring kept farm fields muddy throughout the area, which kept tractors out of the dirt and delayed planting this season.

"It's good soil," said Carl Blough of the Capac loam soil on property he rents at the corner of Segwun Avenue and 52nd Street. Late Monday afternoon, he was harvesting feed corn with a Case-IH tractor. But, he said, "It's pretty wet."

Blough said the land hadn't had its drainage tile updated in probably 50 years.

"What's here has got to be old tile," he said. "That's why we had to plant it way late, because it's wet here." The high water capacity—and therefore the tendency to become muddy—in certain prime agricultural soils can be frustrating for farmers. But it is essential for their crops. It's a big part of what makes them "prime" soils for growing things.

By luck of the glacial

draw, the area south of the city of Lowell ended up with a lot of Capac and Marlette loam. These are two of the 35 soil types considered prime farmland and found in Kent County.

Capac loam covers vast areas of the land in southern Lowell Township. One contiguous area of the soil encompasses more than 40 different plots of farmland. Marlette loam is a distant second, but still fairly common in the area. Both soils formed by similar means.

"For both of the soils, the original material was glacial till, material dropped directly from glaciers," Michigan State University soil science professor Del Mokma said.

As the glaciers receded, they deposited rocks and gravel and pebbles and sand—various sizes of particles—onto the flat Lowell Township landscape. Plants grew, died, and left organic material in the cracks. As the cycle of death and rebirth of plants added organic matter to the soil, Capac and Marlette loam formed.



An excavator operator digs into the ground to allow the installation of drainage tile on farmland in southeastern Lowell Township. The excavation cuts through an area of Parkhill loam soil, which drains poorly compared to the Marlette loam soil that surrounds it.

"These soils are defined as having formed under trees and under vegetation," Mokma said.

The composition of the soils, determined by the amount of clay, silt and sand mixed together, makes them capable of holding a lot of

water. Too much, in the case of Capac loam in the spring. Capac requires the installation of a drainage system to allow tractors onto it early in the planting season.

The Capac outperforms the Marlette in the dry months of June and July, when corn growth is in high gear.

"It holds the moisture," Blough said. "In a dry year it does real good."

The Capac loam holds water close to the surface.

"It's going to out-produce the Marlette because it has that higher water table," Mokma said. "It's not going to be as susceptible to drought as Marlette."

Both the Capac and Marlette loams have high nutrient-holding capacities.

That is because of the clay content in the soils.

The prime farmland soils are in limited supply in Michigan.

"Most of it's in agriculture," Mokma said.

There are large areas of forest not converted to farmland in northern Michigan, and huge areas of the same in the Upper Peninsula. But they don't cover prime agricultural land.

"There's a reason there are trees up around there and there is no agriculture," Mokma explained. "It's because it's not suitable."

North of Bay City, for instance, only feed corn can be grown and not sweet corn. This is due to the quality of the soils there.

The area south of the city of Lowell has built a farming heritage on its large, relatively homogenous areas of loam soils. Near the confluence of the Flat and Grand rivers, soil types are more variable.

Soils with names like "Landes loam," "Cohoctah loam," and "Abscota loamy sand" line the banks of the Grand River. On the surrounding hillsides, there are names like "Metee loamy sand," "Tekerink fine loamy sand," and "Oakville fine sand." These soils are found in much smaller parcels than the expanses of farmland soils to the south.

"Often you'll have real dissimilar soil types in the riverbed as opposed to what's above the valley close to it," said Steve Utic, district conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

This is because the meltwaters of the glaciers had more dramatic impact around the rivers. In these areas, water from the glaciers had strong enough currents to move larger pieces of rock, even boulders. And this rushing water moved them more haphazardly.

"When there was a lot of grade on that melt-water... then most of the material was carried with it," Utic said. "As it became calmer and calmer, it began to drop out the cobbles and pebbles and eventually the silt."

Where glacial melt-off was less dramatic, rocks and other particles settled out of the glaciers in a more rational order. That is what created the large, contiguous areas of prime agricultural land.

# Local author works on second book after a "ducky" first printing

By Dan Schneider

Lowell author Bob Tarte is five chapters into his second novel.

His first book, *Enslaved by Ducks* is in its third hardcover printing and was released in paperback at the beginning of this month. In the time since its publication in November of 2003, the book has had extensive national readership. Tarte has received e-mails about the book from all over the country.

During the summer, the book attracted the attention of Patricia Heaton from the television show, "Everybody Loves Raymond." Heaton purchased an option to turn the book into a TV sit-com and would play Tarte's wife, Linda, if the show were produced.

*Enslaved by Ducks* is a personal narrative about Tarte's moving to an old farmhouse west of Lowell and rapidly accumulating pets at the urging of his wife, Bob and Linda Tarte are the main human characters in the book. But the animals quickly assert their own personalities. The first is a rabbit named

Binky, which precipitates the author's collection of animals. The animals—rabbits, parakeets, parrots, a dove—gradually fill the house. Outdoor animals—ducks, geese, turkeys—are later added.

While some of the animals have died, others have stayed around, and new pets have been acquired, as well. In fact, Tarte can no longer maintain an exact count.

"We have somewhere between 36 and 40 animals," he said.

Lowell readers will be able to identify, at least geographically, with the book on a different level than the national reading public. Tarte makes mention of *The Ledger*, for instance, and of local restaurants and the like.

Tarte wrote the book with a humorous voice, something he found lacking in several pet books he'd read after taking up multiple-pet ownership.

"We like pet books," Tarte said. "But we were struck by how deadly serious most of them are."

*Enslaved by Ducks* is, for the most part, humorous, but Tarte also allows the reader

to get very close to sensitive aspects of his life, like dealing with depression. The sickness and death of animals bring the narrative closest to the author's inner feelings.

Tarte's new book, with the tentative title *Fowl Weather*, focuses less on animals and more on other aspects of his life, such as helping his mother live with Alzheimer's disease.

"It's a little darker than this book (*Ducks*)," Tarte said. "I'm hoping I can treat it in such a way that it will still be light and fun to read."

Animals will still be part of the book, since they continue to be a major part of the author's life. But they might not function as characters as much.

"They sort of provide the setting of the book instead of really being the focus of the book," Tarte said.

The animals, especially demanding parrots, also factor into the book's writing process.

"If I go down to get a cup of coffee, it can take me an hour to get back upstairs because of all the parrots," Tarte said.



Lowell author Bob Tarte with a prominent character from his first novel, *Enslaved by Ducks*. The book has gone through three printings and the author is now working on the fifth chapter of his second novel.

## Change Your Clock - Change Your Batteries

The Lansing Area Safety Council reminds you that as you prepare to set your clocks back for Daylight Saving Time, it is also a good time to replace the batteries in your smoke alarms, and test alarms to insure that they are working properly.

Working smoke alarms are critical:

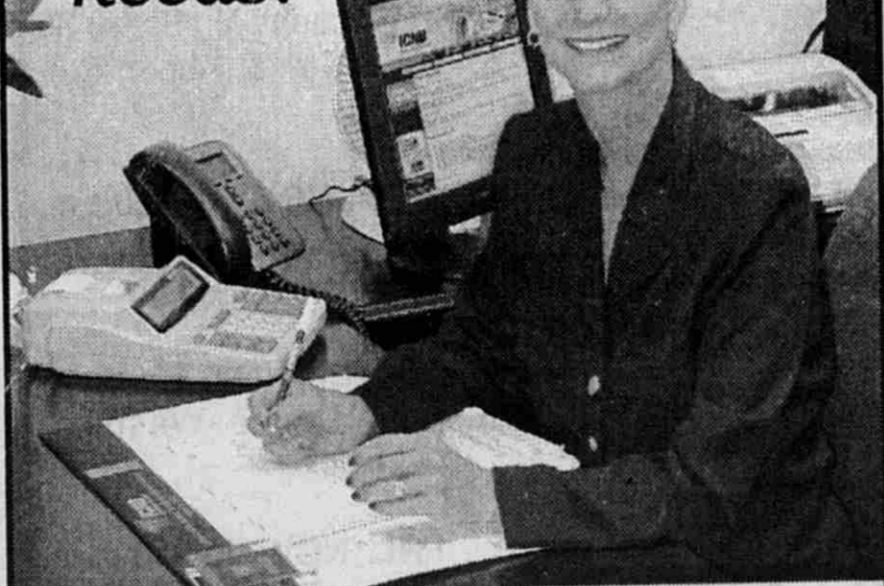
- Every 20 minutes, a person is injured in a fire.
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- Fires are the third leading cause of accidental death in the home.

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U-11 -----Under 11 years of age after July 31, 2004 @ 12:30

U-10 -----Under 10 years of age after July 31, 2004 @ 12:30

BOYS & GIRLS

U-9 -----Under 9 years of age after July 31, 2004 @ 12:30

PLAYERS MUST BRING:

- 1) Soccer Ball, Cleats, Shin Guards
- 2) 1" Photo
- 3) COPY of birth certificate, new players only
- 4) Insurance and Physician information
- 5) Payments ARE accepted.

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# COMING EVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto & Saranac areas. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

**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 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.

**3RD MON.:** Peripheral Neuropathy support group, 7 p.m./ Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowes. Dorothy 897-9794.

**3RD MON.:** Lowell Showboat Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. at Lowell Church of the Nazarene in the Fellowship Hall.

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

**TUES.:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops M1#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 meet at LAAC from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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

**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, Plainfield Senior Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. NE, 6:30 social; 7 p.m. meeting/program. Call Sandy 285-0621 or June 231-780-1249 for more information.

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

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

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

**3RD TUES.:** Saranac Scrappers, scrapbooking/journaling group meets at 4 Health Wellness Center, Bridge St., Saranac, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Light refreshments are 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, Lowell Masonic Temple, 119 Lincoln Lake.

**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 Woman's Club, noon 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 Rapids. 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.:** Pottery classes at Franciscan Life Process 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 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 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.:** VFV #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.

**LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM:** Tues., Sat. & Sun. 1-4; Thurs., 1-8. Families: \$10; individuals \$3; 5-17 \$1.50; members free. 897-7688.

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

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**FRI., OCT. 29:** Buy your football playoff tickets for the Lowell/Greenville game, held at Red Arrow Stadium, on Friday at the athletic office from 7:30-3 p.m. \$5 per ticket; gates open at 5:30 p.m.

**SAT., OCT. 30:** Halloween on the Showboat, sponsored by Lowell YMCA, 3-6 p.m. Open to all; hot dog cookout. Call 897-8445 for more info.

**SAT., OCT. 30:** Halloween Masquerade at Deer Run Golf Club. Open: 7 p.m.; music: 8 p.m. \$10. Call LAAC at 897-8545.

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

**MON., NOV. 1:** Athletic Boosters meeting at 7 p.m. in high school staff lounge.

**THURS., NOV. 4:** Lowell Vergennes Cooperative Club, 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Hostesses: Marilyn Cahoon, Marie Rickert, Shirley Weeks. Make reservations for Dec. 2 Christmas dinner, 12 p.m. now; \$7 per person.

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

**SAT., NOV. 13:** Foodmobile at Lowell Fairgrounds, in Foreman Building, 10-11 a.m. Bring own box or bag for distribution of mostly produce. Available to all.

**SAT., NOV. 20:** Lowell First United Methodist Church craft fair and luncheon. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Booths are still available. Call Joyce at 897-7259 for information.

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**MON.:** 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.  
**TUES.:** 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.  
**THURS.:** 9:00 a.m. Walk/Shop at Malls; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1:00 p.m. Euchre.  
**FRI.:** 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

**LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM:** Tues., Sat. & Sun. 1-4; Thurs., 1-8. Families: \$10; individuals \$3; 5-17 \$1.50; members free. 897-7688.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**WED., OCT. 27:** 8:30 Travel Breakfast, Gathering Place; 11:15 a.m. Coopersville Train Ride and Museum.  
**THURS., OCT. 28:** 12:45 p.m. Tour Grand Rapids Press.  
**FRI., OCT. 29:** 10:30 a.m. Lunch at Noel's Restaurant, 12:45 p.m. Bingo.  
**MON., NOV. 1:** 10 a.m. Advisory Council.  
**TUES., NOV. 2:** 10:30 a.m. Out & About; 12 p.m. Soup & Sandwiches.  
**WED., NOV. 3:** 10 a.m. Blood Pressure Check; 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer.  
**THURS., NOV. 4:** 12:45 p.m. Shop Ionik A-Mart & Sav-A-Lot.

**FRI., NOV. 5:** 9 a.m. Bowling; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.  
**MON., NOV. 8:** 11 a.m. Prescription Discounts; 12 p.m. Salad & Pizza; 12:45 p.m. Games at Center.  
**TUES., NOV. 9:** 10:30 a.m. Out & About Program.  
**WED., NOV. 10:** 8:30 a.m. Traveling Breakfast "Russ's."  
**THURS., NOV. 11:** 12:15 p.m. Dance Westside Complex.  
**FRI., NOV. 12:** 10 a.m. Community Senior Neighbors Lunch at Grandville.  
**MON., NOV. 15:** 4:15 p.m. Dinner at Sam's Joint.  
**TUES., NOV. 16:** 10:30 a.m. Out & About.

## Foundation benefits from historical dinners

Carolyn Jane Blough (from left), Vaughn and Margie Morrison, Sharon Vosovic, Liz Baker, Minnie Kansman, Betty Morlock, and John and Paula Blumm are pictured at right enjoying a meal and good company at the "Dinner with Friends" event hosted in the Victorian dining room of the Lowell Area Historical Museum. A portrait of Mr. Graham hangs on the back wall.

Ivan Blough's place setting was vacant in the foreground while he took the picture. Dinners were hosted at nine homes in and around Lowell to benefit the Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation. The event raised \$5,500 for the foundation with dinners served.

The money raised will be used by the foundation to help provide grants to teachers in Lowell Area Schools for educational projects not funded by the school district. In its most recent round of grants this fall, the foundation is giving \$19,000 to support 22 projects. These include a resource library for challenged readers and instruments for the string orchestra program at the middle school, pit carts for the Red Arrow marching band and a new backdrop curtain for plays at the high school, an improvement project for the Cooper Woodlands Preserve at Cherry Creek, and student-journaling software at multiple schools. A grant from the foundation will also allow the Ladies Varsity Club at the high school to host the West Michigan Women in Sports Leadership Symposium.



## Lowell Area Schools receiving energy efficient building upgrades

Honeywell announced a \$2.2 million Energy Savings Performance Contract with the Lowell Area Schools district. Work under the contract began in July and Honeywell is providing energy-efficient building upgrades across all eight facilities in the district.

The upgrades will help the district cut its utility costs by 15 percent, which is expected to generate \$2.9 million in savings over the 10-year contract. The energy savings fund the project — so the improvements don't affect the district's annual operating budget. And Honeywell guarantees the results so there is no financial risk to the school system.

"The taxpayers in our school district have been generous, and we want to be good stewards of the facilities they helped build," said Shari Miller, superintendent of Lowell Area Schools. "This contract enables us to make necessary capital upgrades, despite the decline in state funding and without a bond referendum."

The Lowell School District covers nearly 130 miles and serves more than 3,900 students through four elementary schools, one middle school, two high schools and a central office that also houses early childhood education programs.

The district initiated the energy savings project to increase the comfort of student, faculty and visitors, while reducing its consumption of electricity and natural gas.

The building management system will be upgraded to provide centralized control of all facilities across the district. This will give the district a "global" view of its equipment, which will help it make more informed maintenance decisions. For example, the retrooled management system provides alarm information that allows buildings personnel to solve problems before they become major repair issues.

The project also includes a changeover to more energy-efficient lighting, upgrades to boilers and other HVAC equipment, and retrofits that improve water conservation. And Honeywell will develop training classes for maintenance staff in the district and provide ongoing support as needed. The construction phase of the project will be completed in February 2005.

"Like the Lowell Area Schools, many school districts face higher operating costs and tighter budgets," said Laura Schultz, vice president of Global Marketing for Honeywell Building Solutions. "Performance contracting is a no-lose option that

Honeywell has provided for more than 25 years. Schools are guaranteed to recoup their investment through the energy savings the program affords."

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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 Decedent's Estate  
 FILE NO. 04-178,413-DE

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 The decedent, DARRYL GENDER, who lived at 2381 - 15 Mile Road, Sparta, Michigan died 9/14/04.

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# New organizational system for LAS, continued...From Page 1

They work to develop plans to accomplish an improvement goal each year. The BLTs meet regularly at each building. There are three district-wide meetings of the BLTs scheduled each school year.

The district school improvement team, consisting of the chairpeople and administrative reps for the district and building leadership teams, provides intercommunication for the district. The district school improvement team meets on a monthly basis.

Seventh-grade math teacher Sharon MacDermaid said, "It's too early to say," whether the leadership teams will be effective. In addition to being a member of the math district leadership

team, she is the chair of the middle school building leadership team and a representative on the district school improvement team. She said she thought the meetings were redundant.

"We have a set of district level math goals and building math goals ... we have two sets of goals which don't necessarily overlap," MacDermaid said. "Given enough time, it might start to make sense but to a lot of the staff I think it feels like we're meeting for the sake of meeting."

But she felt the program had more value after its goals and procedures were clarified at last Wednesday's second meeting of the district strategic improvement team.

"After we left the meeting

last week, things seemed to have a lot more purpose," MacDermaid said. "There's still some overlap but I think it has a lot of potential to work."

She said she has also seen positive results from the building leadership team.

"The school improvement plan that we're devel-

oping right now at the middle school has a lot more ownership than any we've had before," said MacDermaid.

Bushnell Elementary literacy specialist Rochelle Cummings is a building leadership team rep and a member of the English language arts district leadership team. She also said the early meet-

ings of the groups were a lot to handle.

"It can be a little overwhelming because of all the goals we're trying to achieve, but I'm encouraged so far," Cummings said.

She added it will probably be just a matter of time before the system starts to create clear results.

"We've been able to talk as a district across the grade levels and across the schools," Cummings said. "I think we're getting on a correct path that will help us talk on the same page and hopefully make changes in the places we need to."

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

TRAIL CLEAN-UP DAY SATURDAY

Work will continue this Saturday to remove brush piles and construct hiking trails in the Cooper Woodland Preserve. Work includes chipping loose brush in the eastern portion of the woodland and placing timbers to define the trail, spreading

woodchips along a trail in the northern part of the woodland, and chipping loose brush along an easement to establish an access trail from Foreman Road.

The primary goal of the cleanup day is to make the easement passable to allow access to the woodland for Cherry Creek Elementary students and for public recreation.

Volunteers are needed from 9 a.m. to noon and are asked to bring tools such as rakes, shovels, small saws, pruning shears and wheelbarrows. Gloves and safety glasses are recommended, as are name labels for tools. For more information, call Betsy at 897-2650.

# Cross country finishes conference season - Regionals Saturday

By Dan Schneider

The OK White conference ended its cross country season Monday at Johnson Park.

The girls team finished second in the conference jamboree, putting them in second place overall in the conference. East Grand Rapids

finished first in the jamboree and took top overall honors in the OK White. Behind Lowell by two points were the Unity Christian Crusaders.

Lowell's varsity seven in Monday's race were Karen Judd (21:06), Abbie Debiak (21:34), Monica Fitzpatrick (21:49), Emily Gerard

(22:04), Jenna Church (22:07), Rebekah Woods (22:58) and Emily Hauschild (23:04).

Schumm was the top finisher for Lowell in 17:29.

The Crusaders edged the Red Arrows in the girls race, 27-28. The Lowell girls team finished 5-2 in the OK White and the boys improved their record to 3-4.

Lowell hosts the regional cross country race Saturday.

"It's going to be a tough race just because we've got a lot of the good teams here," said Lowell coach Clay VanderWarf. Lowell's division includes Grand Rapids Christian, South Christian, East Grand Rapids and Thornapple-Kellogg. The regional starts at 10 a.m.; Lowell girls race at 10:30 a.m. and the boys race at 11:30 a.m.

# Red Arrow basketball tops East, 49-38

By Dan Schneider

The Red Arrow girls basketball team beat East Grand Rapids last Thursday at Lowell High School. The score was 49-38 in the mostly-defensive contest.

East Grand Rapids got the jump on Lowell, but barely, ending the first quarter up 11-10. But the Arrows outscored the Pioneers in the succeeding quarters.

"Both teams played re-

ally good defense and so it was a defensive struggle," said Lowell coach Dee Crowley. "We didn't really put them away until the fourth quarter."

Up by five going into the fourth, the Arrows sealed the victory with an 8-0 run.

"It was just a stretch there where we were able to get a quick steal and defensively we were able to stop them from doing what they wanted

to," Crowley said. Both teams kept a tight handle on the ball. East gave up 14 turnovers while Lowell gave up only seven.

"It was two good teams playing so there wasn't a lot of turnovers and mistakes," Crowley said.

Kendra Gallert led the Red Arrow offensive with 22 points. Kelsey Crowley had eight points while Amy Oberlin and Brook VanEck

each scored seven. VanEck led Lowell in rebounding with nine boards. The Pioneers led in rebounds, with 23 to Lowell's 21.

The Red Arrows continue unbeaten, improving their record to 14-0 with the win. Lowell played on the road Tuesday against Kenowa Hills and will travel Thursday to take on the Northview Wildcats.

Sparta won the OK White jamboree followed by East Grand Rapids and Northview.

In the final dual match of the OK White season, the Lowell boys won 23-34 against Unity Christian.

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# Undefeateds clash: Lowell crushes South Christian, 49-7

By Dan Schneider

Lowell beat South Christian last Friday at East Kentwood Stadium. It was a big win to cap a regular season characterized by big wins. The score was 49-7 in favor of the Red Arrows.

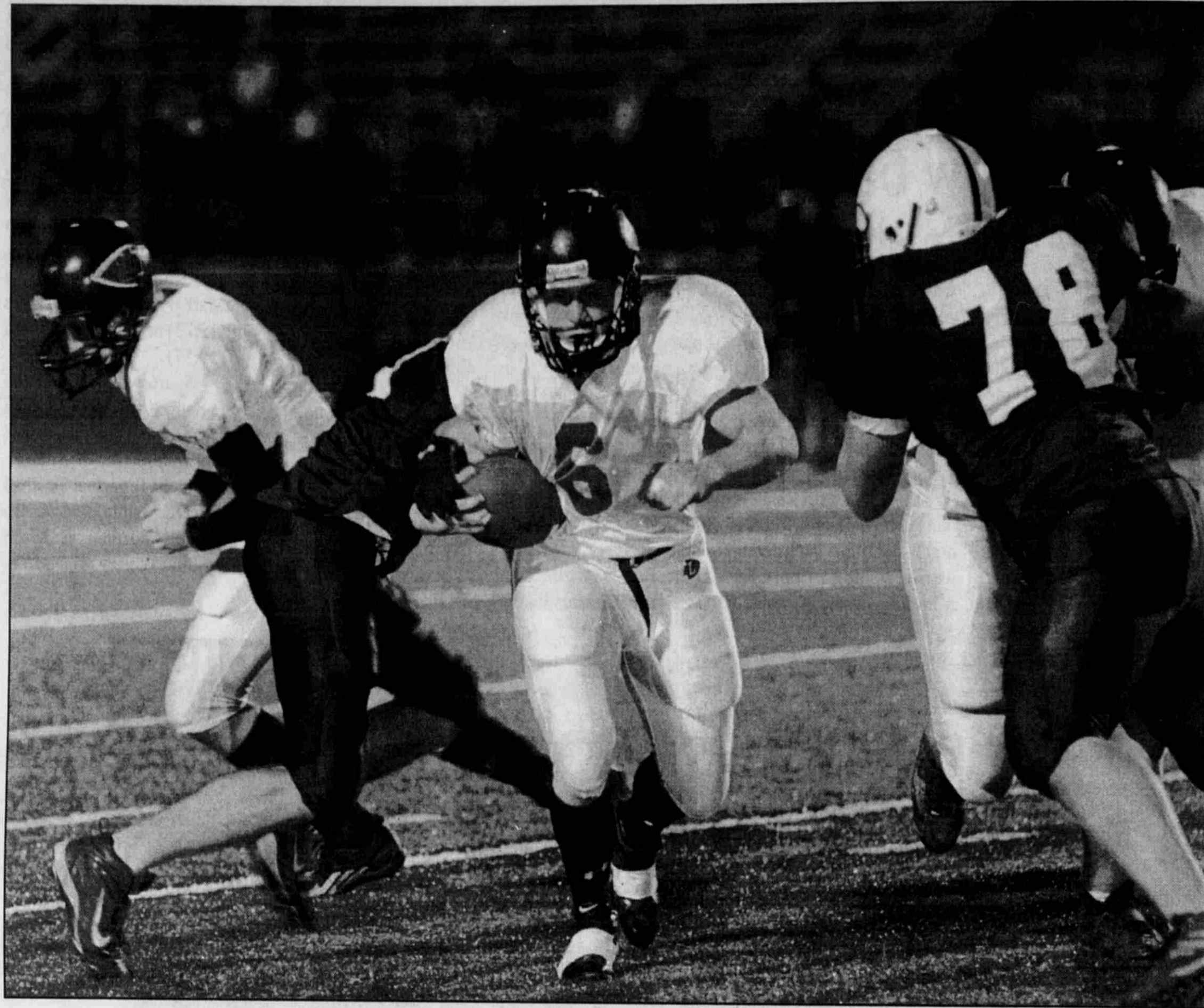
Leading the charge for Lowell, and putting the game's first touchdown on the scoreboard, was senior Ryan Esbaugh. The first touchdown was a short run to put Lowell up 7-0.

OK Gold conference champion South Christian countered with a 13-yard touchdown run by Ryan Kroll to tie the game.

Then Esbaugh made the Sailors try to catch him. He ran for a touchdown from 40 yards out in the first quarter, then ran 70 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter. These all contributed to Esbaugh's 260 total rushing yards in a ground game built on one-back sets. He made all that yardage on 15 carries.

"It was exciting to win against such a great program and team," said Lowell coach Noel Dean.

The ground game wasn't the only thing working for Lowell. Two other touchdowns came on Keith Nichol passes to Mike Koster. Nichol threw 10 completions out of 15 attempts for 160 yards in the game. Koster was the leading receiver with five receptions totaling 79 yards. Nichol put in a touchdown himself with a one-yard run in the third. Gabe Delnick finished Lowell's scoring with a touchdown run in the fourth.



Lowell's Gabe Delnick charges through the South Christian line in the fourth quarter of Friday's game.

While the offense was racking up yardage and touchdowns on the ground and in the air, the defense was making sure nothing else would get past after South Christian's first-quarter touchdown. Lowell held the Sailors to 101 rushing yards, allowing only nine first downs and forcing five punts.

Esbaugh led the way on the defensive side of the ball, too, with seven tackles. Mike McElroy had five unassisted tackles in the game. With the win, Lowell carries a perfect record into Friday's playoff opener against Greenville. The Michigan High School Athletic Association's Selection

Sunday procedure put Lowell in Division III for this year's playoffs. Lowell was on the cusp of the Division II cut-off, but Dean said there is no lack of challengers in Division III. It still won't be easy to get back to the dome.

"Absolutely not, I don't think so, no way," Dean said. Lowell's being in Division III does mean the Red Arrows will not get a shot at Muskegon. The two teams were tied for first place in the state in the Associated Press's Oct. 19 Division II rankings. The poll was based on tentative divisions made prior to Selection Sunday.

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Instead, his focus is on what lies just ahead of the Arrows— "just trying to stop Greenville's offense and (finding out) how to exploit their defense and doing those kinds of things."

In their last meeting, during the OK White season, Lowell hammered the Yel-

low Jackets, 54-0. Lowell will host Greenville Friday at 7 p.m.

The win over South Christian marked the end of the regular season for both teams. Here are Lowell's offensive statistical leaders for the regular season:

Esbaugh carried the ball 150 times in the regular season for 1,096 yards and 23 touchdowns.

Nichol completed 73 out of 113 passing attempts for 1,308 yards and 15 touchdowns. He was picked off only three times during the regular season.

Koster caught 35 passes for 733 yards and nine touchdowns for the season.

Defensive leaders: Esbaugh had the most tackles on the Red Arrow defense with 51.

McElroy made 21 tackles unassisted. Koster and McElroy had four interceptions each. McElroy led in defensive scoring, running two of his interceptions back for touchdowns.

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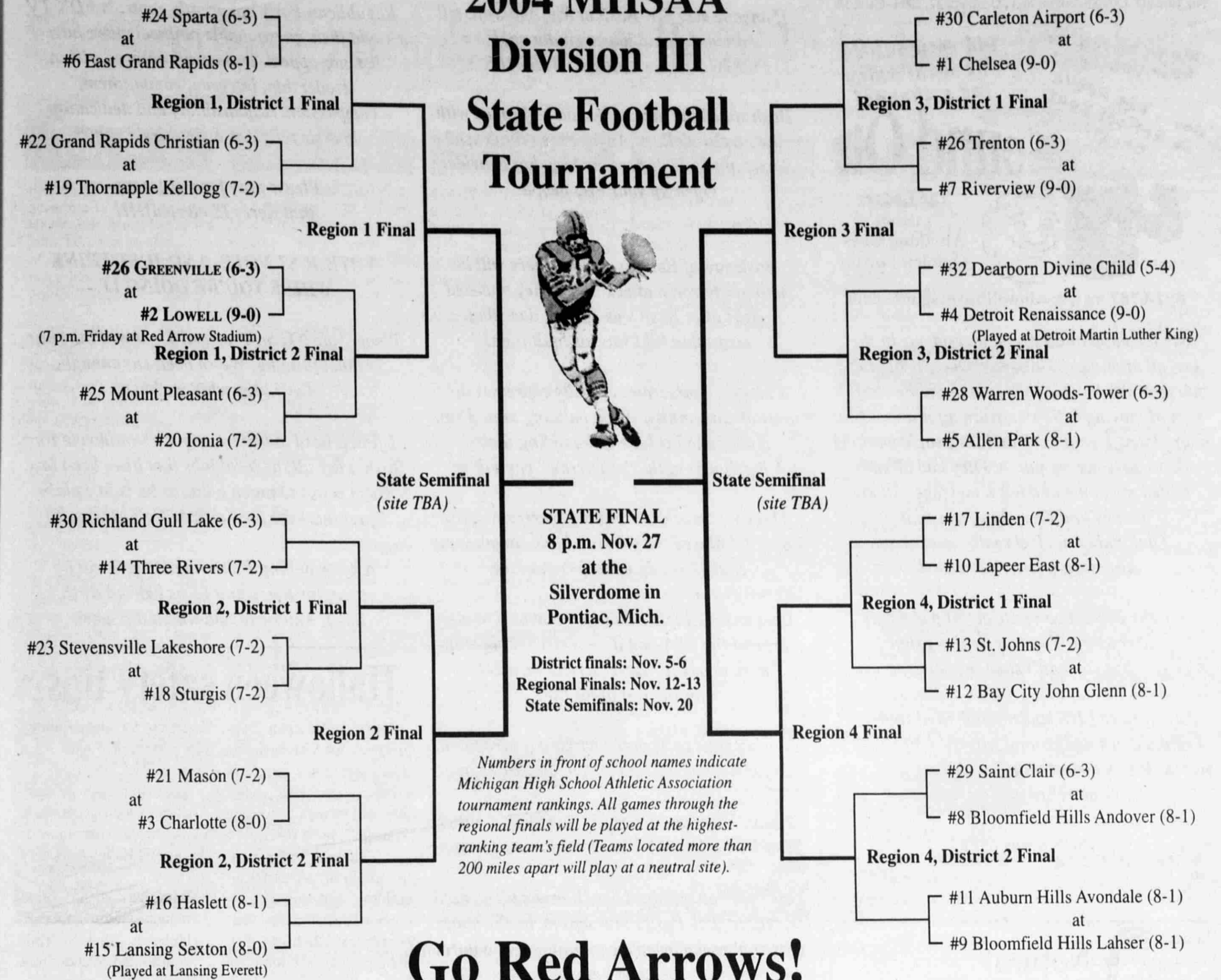
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## 2004 MHSAA Division III State Football Tournament



Go Red Arrows!

## Rangers stop Lowell in district soccer final

By Dan Schneider

Forest Hills Central ended Lowell's season by winning Saturday's district soccer final in Caledonia, but the Red Arrows didn't go down without a fight.

"The kids were ready to play, they were excited to play, they thought they could win and they were one play away from being there," said Lowell coach Paul Legge.

After Central scored early in the game and held onto the lead for the first half, Lowell came out and scored quickly in the opening minutes of the second half. It was a Shane Stokes goal on an assist from Zach Ligman.

The two teams gutted it out for the duration of the rain-soaked game. The conditions made play difficult. There was standing water on

parts of the field, mud everywhere. The game went into overtime, where Central was the first team to capitalize on a scoring opportunity—a shot off a rebound.

"I think both teams worked hard. It was just a matter of who gets the lucky bounce or who makes the play when the ball pops loose," Legge said of soccer played in inclement conditions.

Lowell left the field without a conference championship but they had given the number-one-ranked team in the state a run for their money.

"Tough way to go but if you're going to lose, I guess you might as well lose to the best team in the state," Legge said. "We were in, by far, the most difficult district in the state."

Lowell advanced to the

district final by beating Grand Rapids Central last Thursday. The score in that game was 7-2. Lowell exercised its backup

players while the starters rested for most of that game. The win against Grand Rapids Central gave this

year's Red Arrows the most wins ever in a season for a

Lowell soccer team. They finished the season 17-5-1.

### NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regularly scheduled meeting of October 18, 2004, the Lowell Charter Township Board adopted Ordinance 06-2004, an amendment to the Lowell charter Township Zoning Ordinance. The amending ordinance amends Section 3.9, Site Condominium Subdivisions. The ordinance amendments specify procedures to review a site condominium, the information required to be provided for the proper review of a site condominium subdivision plan as well as definitions applicable to site condominiums.

This ordinance shall become effective November 3, 2004. A copy of the complete text of the amending ordinance can be obtained at the Lowell Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., during regular Township hours or by calling 897-7600.

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# Sound Off

The Ledger (Almost) Anything Goes Opinion Forum

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My husband and I are new residents in the Lowell area. Last Thursday, Oct. 21, I left my purse in the McDonald's and in all the confusion of moving I didn't realize it for about two hours later. I went back and the people working there gave me my purse. They had already called my home and left a message. All my money and everything was in it. That makes me feel really good about choosing a town like Lowell.

To the Republican patriots who stole my Kerry sign. You can steal my sign but you can't steal my vote!

As a former LHS student and band student, I really don't understand why the band didn't march. It was homecoming, and it was just rain. I've marched in a lot worse.

Bush needs to go!

If anyone sees Mr. Bush or Mr. Ashcroft, tell them I would like my inalienable RIGHTS back please ...THANKS

Bush stated the tax cuts would be funded with the surplus dollars. Anyone seen that cash? Some uniter! He's been nothing but a divider. Open up your eyes people.

Bush says if Kerry is elected, there will be another terrorist attack. Since they attacked right after Bush was elected, does that mean that 9/11 was his fault then?

I love the scarecrows, it really expresses the unity of community. While building mine I saw a man and his little girl building theirs. A big thanks to the "scarecrow" committee.

Three weeks of deteriorating scarecrows, it's worth it!! Maybe the person who is complaining could form an upkeep committee.

Does anyone realize that Kerry owns 5 homes around the USA and if he is elected, we will have to pay for secret service men 24/7 for the rest of his life?

Leaving your carts in the parking lot creates a job for someone at a time that jobs are scarce.

If John Kerry and his wife will bring all of her factories back to the USA, I might vote for him.

Vote "yes" on proposal one. Former Lieutenant Governor Dick Posthumus agrees, as the major reason is so that people can continue to control where the lottery money goes. Source: WJR760am News/Talk

Why is the word liberal such a nasty word? I'm proud to be a liberal, to me it means having an open mind and not afraid of change. Conservatives are narrow-minded & stubborn!

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Republican Party apparently controls FOX TV and their questionable political views have listener appeal. Democrats enforce, vision, leadership, integrity, commitment, compassion, responsibility and dedication to their religious & country's values.

Please pray for our troops-that Kerry IS elected!!!!

VOTE JUST VOTE- AND JUST THINK WHILE YOU'RE DOING IT.

Please vote NO on Proposal I - it will hurt our school funding. We've been cut enough. Let's keep what we have.

I find it hard to believe anyone would vote for Bush, after all the local jobs that have been lost. Bush is not so much a liar as he is just plain ignorant. Vote for Kerry or Call Marvin!!!!

After watching Fahrenheit 9/11 I will be voting for Kerry and I was behind Bush. Be an American and watch the movie.

## Halloween safety tips

As Halloween approaches, AAA Michigan reminds parents and caregivers to be extra careful if their children will be trick-or-treating on neighborhood streets. "Pedestrian traffic fatalities are already a great risk for children, and this risk increases fourfold during Halloween," said Richard Miller, manager of Community Safety Services for AAA Michigan.

Miller added that Daylight Savings Time ends on Halloween (Oct. 31) this year, which means that darkness will descend one hour earlier - perfect weather conditions for ghouls and goblins, but dangerous for young Halloween pedestrians, who often dress in black costumes. To help reduce the scary risks for young pedestrians, AAA Michigan recommends these basic Halloween safety rules:

- Motorists should drive more slowly through neighborhoods. Look for children around porches, front lawns and other remote areas, not just sidewalks.
- Parents are encouraged to walk with their children door to door while trick-or-treating.
- Both children and parents should wear light-colored clothing or costumes with reflective material or tape for the best visibility to drivers. Glow sticks are also a popular option to make children more visible.
- Instead of masks, use face paint. Masks can limit the ability to see and hear oncoming traffic.
- Carry flashlights to see and to be seen at night.
- Always walk facing traffic if there are no sidewalks available
- Parents are encouraged to check their children's candy before allowing them to eat it.
- Halloween parties and mall trick-or-treating can be two safe popular alternatives to the traditional Halloween.
- Lowell will celebrate Halloween on the traditional date, Sunday, Oct. 31 from 5:30 - 8 p.m. If you wish to participate, it is suggested that you leave your porch lights on for the trick or treaters.



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