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Already tight budgets stressed by high price of fuel



Lowell Area Schools buys one thousand gallons of diesel fuel per month to fill its thirsty bus fleet.

By Dan Schneider

As consumers in Lowell watched unleaded gas prices go as high as \$3.49 per gallon at local stations last week, the schools and local businesses also struggled with higher fuel costs.

"We're doing everything we can but we're looking at thousands of dollars more than last year and who knows where it's going to stop," said Lowell Area Schools director of transportation and operations Larry Mikulski.

The district purchases 1,000 gallons of diesel fuel per month to keep its buses running. While the district shops for the best price among three vendors and benefits from buying in bulk, the costs have still climbed dramatically over the summer.

When the district last bought fuel in July, its price for a gallon of diesel was \$1.80. Last Thursday, the best price was \$2.24 per gallon and was expected to go up. In the spring, Lowell budgeted for diesel prices to increase, but only by a third. And when the budget was put together, they were getting diesel for 93 cents per gallon.

"We're looking at easily \$15,000 more than we anticipated and that's if

it doesn't go up," Mikulski said.

By the beginning of this week, prices at Lowell service stations stabilized at about \$2.99 per gallon of unleaded regular. High prices are due in part to supply restrictions caused by the destruction left by hurricane Katrina, but it was already a record summer for fuel prices in Michigan.

Lowell Schools has measures in place to reduce its fuel consumption. Drivers are no longer allowed to idle their buses for more than five minutes, for example.

"That's going to be quite an issue when it gets cold," Mikulski said.

The district is also asking some parents to have their children walk to the corner of side streets to get picked up.

Mikulski said if gas prices stay high, the district may have to resort to canceling field trips and other fuel-consuming activities.

Meanwhile, the fuel shortage is being felt at several Lowell companies that depend on fuel for manufacturing and shipping.

Dean Lonick, president of Michigan Wire

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Community finds ways to help hurricane relief efforts

By Dan Schneider

Last week, people in Lowell were looking for ways to help the millions left homeless after Hurricane

Katrina pounded the gulf-coast states.

A group of youngsters set up a lemonade stand

on Elm Street, posting a sign-holder on the corner of North Hudson Street to attract business.

"We just kind of felt really bad because a lot of people are homeless and don't have anywhere to go," said Brandy, 12, who came up with the idea.

They started selling lemonade at 10:30 a.m., Friday, and by 3 p.m. they had raised \$35. The price of a glass was 15 cents.

"A lot of people have been giving us more," said Brandy, who declined to give her last name.

One of their mothers is matching the funds raised through her employer, All-State Insurance. The middle and high school students said the hurricane was a frequent topic of discussion in their classes.

They had set up lemonade stands before, but this one for charity was their most successful.

While lemonade was being sold on Elm Street, Lowell truck driver Joe Lunstrom was driving a Corrigan moving rig along

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At right, Dylan Schumacher advertises a hurricane-relief lemonade stand to motorists passing on North Hudson Street.



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ANTCLIFF

Richard T. Antcliff Sr., aged 69, of Belding, passed away Thursday, September 1, 2005. He was born in Muskegon September 16, 1935. He retired from Electrouloux in Greenville. He was married June 1, 1957 to Hazel Abson and she survives along with their children Annette and Robert BeVier of Belding, Teresa and Roger Walling of Ada, Dawn and Todd Jonker of Lowell and Tina and Carl Cooper of Pierson; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; six sisters and two brothers. He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Richard T. Antcliff Jr. Funeral services were Tuesday at Johnson-Feuerstein Funeral Home, Belding. Memorials may be given to Hospice of Michigan.

CIMEK

On September 3, 2005, Edward Cimek passed from this world surrounded by his loving family. He was born on January 25, 1917 and was preceded in death by his brother Chet, granddaughter Jennifer, great-great-grandson Aidyn. His family includes his loving wife June of 67 years; five children Teresa (Al) Heintzelman of Rockford, Betty (Jim) Ritter of Texas, Barb (Terry) Sinclair of Alto, Jan (Nick) Cariano, Allen (Sarah) Cimek; sister Geri (Frank) Patis; 18 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren. He owned and operated Cimek Construction Co. in the 1940s and 1950s and worked with other large construction companies as well. He was a member of

many organizations, notably the National Guard, CCC and the Masonic Temple. He was passionate about his family, God and country. He was on a bowling league until he was 85 years old. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the chapel of East Congregational Church with Rev. Daniel Plasman officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Holland Home.

TRUMBELL

Harry O. Trumbell, D.D.S., aged 86, of Saranac, passed away Sunday, August 28, 2005 at Cumberland Manor, Lowell. Born June 10, 1919 in Owosso, he was the son of Albert and Lillie (O'Brien) Trumbell. He graduated from Benzonia High School and furthered his education at Grand Rapids Junior College, Wayne Tech and the University of Michigan. Following the invasion of Pearl Harbor during WWII, he enlisted in the US Navy. After the war Dr. Trumbell operated a private dental clinic in Ionia and practiced at the Ionia State Hospital and

Ionia Correctional Facility. Harry was an avid golf enthusiast. His wonderful sense of humor and ability to make others laugh will long be remembered and appreciated by those who knew him. He will be sadly missed by his wife Virginia (Poff) Trumbell whom he married May 7, 1977; two step-daughters; four step-sons; many step-grandchildren; three nieces; one nephew. Preceding him in death were his parents; first wife Seraphina; step-son Jack Bertucci; three brothers Emory, Albert, Wayne Trumbell. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Saranac with Father George Fekete officiating. Interment in Benzonia Cemetery. Memorials to Hospice of Holland Home, Alzheimer's Association or St. Anthony's Catholic Church would be appreciated.

VAN OEVEREN

Mr. Raymond C. VanOeveren, aged 88, of Grand Rapids, passed away unexpectedly at Laurels of Kent in Lowell on Friday, September 2, 2005. Ray

was preceded in death by his wife Jeanne and brother Leonard. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law Pam and Gary Lindeman and many other friends. Ray honorably served his country in the US Army during WWII. He worked at Ringleberg's Body Shop and

was active at Mel Trotter Ministries. The funeral to celebrate his life was held at Heritage Life Story Funeral Home Van't Hof Chapel on Tuesday under the auspices of the Kent County Veterans Honor Guard. Contributions may be made in his memory to Mel Trotter Ministries.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 05-180,033-DE

Estate of **GEORGE E. BAILEY** deceased
Date of birth: 09/23/1923

TO ALL CREDITORS:

Michael J. Tummino Jr.
P21618
311 E. Main St.
Lowell, MI 49331
616-897-5931

Frieda Bailey
1020 Sibley St.
Lowell, MI 49331

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, **GEORGE E. BAILEY**, who lived at 1020 Sibley St., Lowell, MI 49331 died 02/12/2005. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred

unless presented to **FRIEDA BAILEY**, named personal representative or proposed personal representative or to both the probate court at 1020 Sibley St., Lowell, MI 49331 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. 08/30/05

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 05-180,121-DE

Estate of **CHRISTINE HOLLINGSWORTH**, deceased
Date of birth: 09/23/1952

TO ALL CREDITORS:

Susan M. Potyraj
P46249
410 Bridge St. NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
616-454-4119

Emily K. Hollingsworth
74 Morris
Athens, Ohio 45701

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, **CHRISTINE HOLLINGSWORTH**, who lived at 5593 Rockbluff Dr. NE, Comstock Park, MI died 08/19/2004. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless

presented to **EMILY K. HOLLINGSWORTH**, named personal representative or proposed personal representative or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. 08/30/05

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Marshall remembered for his dedication to VFW

By Dan Schneider

Gordon Marshall, who died Aug. 29 of lung cancer at the age of 63, left his mark on Lowell and especially on this town's veterans.

His legacy lives on most visibly in Lowell's downtown veterans' memorial, which he was instrumental in creating.

"He was the primary person in getting our memorial," said Navy veteran and past Lowell Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) post commander Mike Willard, a longtime friend of Marshall's.

He will be remembered for his commitment to whatever he did.

"When he got involved in something, he put 110 percent into it," said Marlene Marshall, his wife of 21 years.

Marshall worked 36 years for the Michigan Department of Transportation. He described himself as a fiercely competitive muzzleloading rifle enthusiast. He won multiple state shooting

championships. But he reserved his greatest passion for Lowell's veterans' organizations, particularly Veterans of Foreign Wars post 8303.

"The VFW was like his second home, he was so involved," Marshall said.

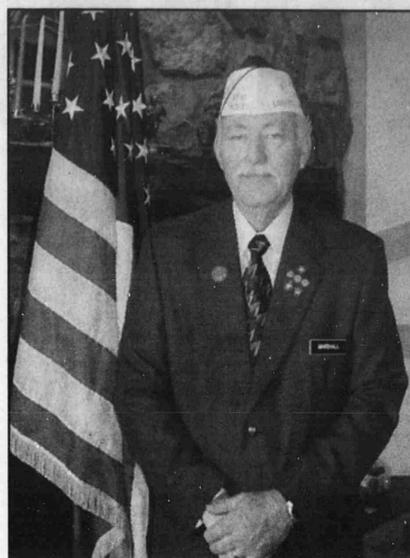
He was first elected post commander for a one-year term in April of 1994. Most post commanders serve in that capacity for about two years. Marshall was post commander for seven.

"We just kept electing him," Willard said.

Willard knew Marshall as a teenager and was the outgoing post commander when Marshall was first elected.

"He was dedicated," Willard said.

Marshall's dedication to veterans took him beyond involvement in Post 8303. In addition to the many duties he performed for the local post, Marshall was past commander of the Kent County United Veterans Council, post commander for the VFW Eighth District, chairman of the Drug and



Gordon Marshall

Safety Committee of the state VFW, a member of the military assistance program and the state bylaws committee. "He was very dedicated to the veteran," Willard said. "You can tell that, look at our post."

Marshall also held offices with the American Legion in Lowell.

Marshall, who was born in Boston Township in Ionia County, went to Lowell schools. He graduated in 1960 and four years later began his own military service when he volunteered for the United States Coast Guard. He received numerous awards for his service in the Vietnam War. After his honorable discharge, he returned to Lowell in 1968.

"He was very proud of his son who is in the military," Marshall said. "He was a very good father, he was a very good grandfather."

As parade marshal on Memorial Day, Marshall annually gave a speech at the Civil War Memorial at Oakwood Cemetery. This is just one of the many roles the post will have to fill in the wake of his passing.

"It's going to hit it (the post) for quite some time, because he did a lot," Willard said.

Camouflage Ball raises \$92,000 to benefit CF

This year's fifth annual "Camouflage Ball," a fundraising dinner to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, took place Friday, Aug. 26 at the Delta Plex in Grand Rapids.

Pete Odland, who owns Whites Bridge Tooling in Lowell, founded "Hunt for a Cure." His son, Dylan, has cystic fibrosis. Hunt for a Cure includes a Field Day

at Rockford Sportsman Club and a golf outing, but the Camouflage Ball is the main event. This year's ball raised \$92,000.

Odland said the event receives a lot of support from people in the Lowell area.

This year, Tom Veurink, of Alto, won the door prize at the Camouflage Ball. The prize is a hunting safari to

Africa. A hunt with rock legend Ted Nugent was also raffled off at the event.

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's mission is to assure the development of a cure for cystic fibrosis while improving the lives of those who have the disease. Cystic fibrosis is a terminal disease affecting the lungs and digestive system with no known cure.

Goodrich theaters offer free concessions with donations to hurricane Katrina victims

Goodrich Quality Theaters will be offering their theaters as a collection site for donations for the victims of the Katrina Disaster. Free concessions will be offered as an incentive to participate.

Anyone donating \$5 or more will receive a free 20 oz. drink coupon and donating \$10 or more will receive a free Frequent Moviegoer Combo, (2) 20 oz. drinks and an 85 oz. popcorn.

The donations collected at Goodrich theaters will be delivered to the Red Cross

Katrina Disaster fund. Ada-Lowell 5 is a Goodrich Quality Theater.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOWNE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2005 7:30 P.M.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP HALL
8240 ALDEN NASH SE
ALTO MI 49302
(616) 868-6846

Item 1: Request for Rezoning of parcel 41-24-22-300-003 From Agricultural to Rural Residential. David Mielke 12387 92nd Street SE.

Item 2: Request for Variance of Article 3.02B, Article 6, Paragraph 6.05. on parcel 41-21-33-400-011, Thomas Gasser 11881 108th Street SE.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk
Clerk-Bowne Township



ACADEMIC BOOSTERS

The Academic Boosters meeting is Thursday, Sept. 8 at 8:30 a.m. in the volunteer room at LHS. Call Lynnae at 897-4289 with questions.

FOOD DRIVE AT 1ST HOME FOOTBALL GAME

Flat River Outreach Ministries food pantry needs food. Please bring non-perishable food items to Red Arrow Stadium on Friday, Sept. 9 for the Lowell/Kenowa Hills game; look for the FROM table at the main concourse inside the stadium. Also drop-off locations are at 519 E. Main or the Lowell Ledger.

DRESS SWAP 2005

The Lowell class of 2007 will join the Northview class of 2007 for a fundraising dress swap. Students may drop off their dresses to C-102 (Mrs. Schutte's room) on Sept. 7 and 8, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Others can drop off dresses in front of the high school office, Sept. 7 from 7-8 a.m. or 4-5 p.m. Check with your tax representative concerning a possible tax write-off. The dress swap will be in the seminar room at Northview High School, Saturday, Sept. 10 from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - all priced at \$25.

ALTO FALL FESTIVAL

The 25th annual Alto Fall Festival will be Saturday, Sept. 10. It begins with a pancake breakfast at the Alto Fire Station at 7 a.m. Come and spend the day - make it a family outing.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Flat River Outreach Ministries is in need of volunteers. If you can donate even three (3) daytime hours a month of your time, call Barbara Schmalz at 897-9314.

FOODMOBILE

The Foodmobile will be at Lowell Fairgrounds, Foreman Bldg. on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 10-11 a.m. or until food is gone. Bring own box or bag for the mostly produce. Available to those living in the Greater Lowell area. Distributed by FROM.

2006 SENIOR PARENTS MEETING

A parents class of 2006 senior trip planning meeting is Monday, Sept. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at LHS in the math classroom.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Lowell Rotary Club is sponsoring a blood drive for the Michigan Community Blood Center on Wednesday, Sept. 14 from 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

FALLFEST 2005

The Bluegrass Music Festival will feature TV performer and bluegrass star Gary Brewer with his band, the Kentucky Ramblers on Sat., Sept. 17 (4 and 9:55 p.m.) and Sun., Sept. 18 (2:35 p.m.) at the Lowell Fairgrounds. The Fallfest will start Thursday, the 15th from 7-10 p.m. with a free concert of bluegrass bands auditioning for next year's festival; Friday's music is from 6-10 p.m. (\$7). 269-795-9072 for information.

LHS HOMECOMING PARADE

Any nonprofit or community benefiting organizations which would like to enter the parade should call 616-490-2003. Deadline is Sept. 15. Parents who would like to work on float constructions should meet at the fairgrounds 3-9 p.m. the week of Sept. 19.

HURRICANE RELIEF DONATIONS

Flat River Outreach Ministries is collecting money for Hurricane Relief. You can forward checks, made out to FROM Hurricane Relief, to Huntington Bank in Lowell or drop them off at the FROM Thrift Shop.

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a request to rezone the former Quake-Zik property located south of Foreman Road and west of Alden Nash Avenue from R-1, Rural Low Density Residential District to R-2, Medium Density Residential. The property consists of 121± acres.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

The property is legally described as follows.

Parcel 41-20-04-200-016

THE EAST 764.28 FEET OF THE NORTH WEST FRACTIONAL 1/4, EXCEPT THE NORTH 577.5 FEET OF THE EAST 513.0 FEET AND EXCEPT THE NORTH 660 FEET OF THE WEST 251.28 FEET; ALSO, THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST FRACTIONAL 1/4, SECTION 4, T6N, R9W, LOWELL TOWNSHIP, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2005
TIME: 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
LOWELL, MI. 49331

The proposed rezoning request is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township Offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, MI. 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday or by calling 897-7600.

Dave Simmonds, Secretary
Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Vergennes Township Board has adopted an amendment to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance at a Regular meeting of the board held on **Monday, August 15, 2005 at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell.** A summary follows of the adopted text amendment:

Chapter 3 Zoning Districts

Amend R-A District, Section 201.304 (B) (1); to further describe permitted uses for farm related buildings and property.

Amend R-A District, Section 201.304 (C) (10), to add a new section requiring a special exception use permit for free-standing farm buildings located on parcels not contiguous with property with a farm dwelling. There are conditions for minimum acreage and use restrictions.

Chapter 4 General and Special Regulations

Amend Section 201.402 (A) to add language referencing the new section to be added to Chapter 3.

The complete text of the ordinance amendment can be reviewed at the **Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671** [fax 897-5674] or on the website at www.vergennestwp.org. The amendment takes effect 8 days after publication.

Mari Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

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A group of middle and high school students spent their day off Friday selling lemonade to raise money for hurricane relief. Pictured, front, left to right, are Tyler Schneider, Breanna, Denise, Brandy and Hayley; in back are Daylore and Kathy.

Annual library report shows decrease in library usage

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

More than 93,000 people visited the



LUNCH MENU

ELEMENTARY MENU

Week of Sept. 12, 2005

MON: Cheesy ravioli & breadstick (Alto & Murray Lake - hotdog on bun also offered), tater tots, assorted fruit, milk.

TUES: Chicken drumstick (Alto & Murray Lake - 3 meat sub sandwich also offered), mashed potatoes/gravy, assorted fruit, milk.

WED: Mozzarella cheese sticks w/ dipping sauce (Alto & Murray Lake - taco quesadilla wedges also offered), fresh tossed salad, assorted fruit, milk.

THURS: Sausage Pizza (Alto & Murray Lake - Fish patty on bun also offered), fresh vegetables & dip, assorted fruit, milk.

FRI: Deluxe nachos w/ meat, cheese & lettuce (Alto & Murray Lake - burrito also offered), carrot coins, assorted fruit, milk.

Englehardt Library in 2004, checking out more than 130,000 items; and the staff answered almost 30,000 information requests.

The numbers were part of an annual report presented to the Lowell City Council last month by the Kent District Library (KDL). The KDL oversees the operation of 18 branches in Kent County, including the Englehardt branch. Local municipalities, such as the city of Lowell, provide the space and take care of maintenance of the facilities.

Branch manager Jane Aronson and KDL director Martha Smart attended the meeting, presenting information about the past year at Englehardt and activities taking place throughout the KDL system.

Aronson said besides replacing the light bulbs, making for a brighter facility, the library also has a handicapped accessible door and signs at the parking lot entrance placed by the city that say "no skateboarding." She said the teen area has been refurbished to

make it more "teen friendly." Funded through an \$8,636 grant from the Lowell Community Fund, the area included the addition of a water cooler, a red sofa, and a computer that only has computer games. Aronson added that the computer is a popular spot for teens and the change has made a difference.

In the numbers, the library has seen a drop in attendance for youth and adult programs. In 2004, 2,322 patrons attended programs, down from 2003's attendance of 2,857.

The facility has seen a 38 percent decrease in program attendance over the past four years.

Still, Englehardt does have some popular programs, including the recent pet show, which brought almost 70 people to the site, Aronson said.

Other numbers for the facility are fairing better. About 75 percent of the library's population, estimated at 13,003 for both the city and township of Lowell, has library cards; this is a 55 percent increase in the past four years.

Total number of items checked out went down slightly from 2003's 133,449 to 2004's 131,910. The facility is reporting a 43 percent overall increase in materials checked out over the past four years. Computer assistance also took a slight dip from 2003's 1,775 to 1,711 in 2004. Computer assistance peaked in 2002 with more than 2,000 requests for help.

Rolling Fork, Mississippi, by 5 p.m., Friday, and go south from there.

He's traveling with Wayne Haines, youth pastor at the First Baptist Church of Lowell. Lunstrom had planned to take his wife along.

"After all the looting and rioting and people acting like crazies, Joe said, 'you know, I really don't want to take you,'" she said.

So she stayed home with their son. She doesn't know yet when he'll return, but agrees it's important work.

"It's something that he had to do, something that needed to be done," she said.

Viewpoint



by Roger Brown

cozy corner

Everyone likes to receive a compliment here and there. I'm no different, though I am among those who feel terribly awkward when we get one. Fortunately for me, compliments don't come around that often.

When I do get a pat on the back, it's usually for one of a few things on a very short list.

One is my hair. My hair has been gray for so long I can't remember what color it was. Fortunately it has turned a shade of gray that garners a few compliments. Even though it is rapidly thinning I'll occasionally get a female barber who oohs and ahhs about what's left up there. I get uncomfortable and respond with, "Yeh, what's left of it." Or with a joke like, "Thanks, it's been gray since high school."

Consequently, I've taken to seeking out male barbers where the talk is sports, hunting, fishing and maybe some politics. I'd much rather trash the Lions than field compliments about my hair.

My old airplane gets a lot of compliments. I'll land at an airport for fuel and invariably someone tells me how beautiful my old biplane is. I fend off these adulations with, "Thanks, but it's a fifty-footer." When I get the quizzical look in return, I explain that it looks pretty good if you stay back at least fifty feet. Since my airplane is 64 years old and was last restored in 1968, the "fifty-footer" joke is far too true.

Every once in awhile someone will compliment me on this column. My first reaction is sheer panic. A compliment means there are people out there who actually read this stuff. That's a very scary thought.

These compliments are fielded with, "Thank you, I do okay for a guy who flunked high school English." Or with, "Thanks to Spell-Check it's actually legible." Anything but a sincere, "Thank you, I appreciate that very much." That's what I feel, and that's what I should say. I just can't force myself to get the words out.

My brother and I recently swapped titles on my old Harley and his old Model-A pickup. I've been putt-putting around in the Model-A every chance I get. You don't see one every day, so it attracts curiosity seekers and the inevitable compliments. I quickly credit my dad and brother with the

restoration work and thus shield myself from any undue compliments. Heaven forbid that I should get a nod-of-approval I don't deserve.

There is one thing I happen to be very good at, get a few compliments for and don't mind getting them. I'm a darned good mover of things. I seem to have just the right combination of brains and brawn to get a heavy sofa up a flight of stairs, around a tight corner and through a narrow door with a minimum amount of effort and damage.

I'm good with heavy stuff like printing presses and not so heavy household stuff like refrigerators and pool tables. I was born with a sense of how to get an item from here to there. I can hoist it, roll it, pinch it, slide it, tumble it or just plain man-handle it to where it needs to go.

If an object needs to stand, twist, turn, tilt or wiggle to get up a stairway or through a door, I seem to know what has to be done. If some disassembly is required, I have just enough mechanical aptitude to take off some legs, handles or a door ... whatever it takes to get the rest of the object through a door or down a hall.

Since I missed my calling and didn't get into the moving business, I have to work for compliments instead of cash. In this case, I know I'm good. After recently helping a neighbor get a new sofa up two flights of stairs and the old sofa down, you bet I accepted the compliment on my moving prowess. That, and a cold glass of water was all I got.

You say you're moving something? Don't get any ideas. I have also become quite adept at coming up with excuses as to why I can't help you.

That about covers it for any areas where I might expect to get a compliment. Every once in a while I do get blindsided. Such was the case just a few days ago.

My daughter was in the states for most of the summer while my grandkids were out of school. Consequently, Terese and I were able to spend a fair amount of time with eight-year-old Maddie (Jim) and six-year-old Zach (Boog). Our fun included ice cream runs in the Model-A, B-B guns, bottle rockets, scooter rides, county fairs, tubing behind the boat and teaching Boog to ride a two-wheeler. I don't know who had more fun, them or me.

All good things must come to an end, and they went back to their home in China at the start of the school year. A couple weeks ago I was talking to my daughter on the phone. The kids were at school. She told me that out of the blue, Boog asked to call "Grandpa Ted" (that's what they call me). Since we are twelve time zones away, she explained that I'd be sleeping. Then, as an afterthought she asked Boog why he wanted to call old Grandpa Ted.

Boog's answer was, "Cause he's my best friend." That was by far ... bar none ... hands down ... the best compliment I've ever received. Thank you Boog, I appreciate that very, very much!

Ledger Entries

of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago

By Priscilla Lussmyer



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL SEPTEMBER 8, 1880

The rear end of a late log drive passed last Saturday. The Congregational Church is closed for the time being.

The "Boy Orator" was at Train's Hall to deliver a speech Saturday.

Etta Fox and Mina Robinson of Vergennes are attending school at Lowell. (Most "outside" students boarded in town).

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER SEPTEMBER 7, 1905

Pioneer John S. Hooker suggests the name "Negonce" for the newly-built block, in honor of the beautiful first granddaughter of the tribal chief.

Cement sidewalk is being laid in front of several Main Street businesses.

Common Council announces plans to build a sewer on Washington Street.

A round trip, Chicago to Portland or Seattle, will cost \$56.50.

People from Belding and Grand Rapids are boarding at Weekes' on Murray's Lake.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO SEPTEMBER 4, 1930

The new paved route M-21 from Saranac to Ionia, cut through scenic territory, is open, and complete from Ionia to Holland.

Rural voters are urged to vote NO in the Primary on a proposed change in choosing county delegates, since cities can create more districts, while townships can't.

If you see a fire near the road, call central. The state will pay toll charges.

Wayne County has almost 40 percent of the state's population of almost five million. Population increased by 32 percent over the last census.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER SEPTEMBER 8, 1955

Total school enrollment is up over five percent to 1114 as of Tuesday; St. Mary's School also increased about the same amount.

Kindergarten is swamped with 82 children, and another teacher must be hired for high school.

Congressman Gerald R. Ford visits NATO Headquarters near Paris.

The Michigan Dept. of Agriculture says 78 percent of Michigan shade trees are elms, and those with Dutch elm disease must be promptly cut and destroyed.

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The Lions Club of Alto sponsors its first Fall Festival for this weekend.

The Fallasburg Cubs (baseball team of the '30s and '40s) have a reunion at Fallasburg Park and promise another one next year.

Meteorologist Kurt Schmitz has a weekly column, "Weather Word", this week the possibility of a hurricane in Michigan would be only side effects of one elsewhere.

A letter to the editor complains about lack of police control of teen drinking, driving and drug misbehaviors.

Attention Kent County Senior Citizens The Commodities Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) is currently accepting new clients

You must be at least 60 years of age, income can not be more than:
\$1037 month for a household of one, or
\$1390 a month for a household of two

This program provides a monthly distribution of cheese, canned meats, vegetables, fruits, grains and cereals and juices.

We are accepting new or transfer clients at the following locations:

Alto Library - 6071 Linfield, Alto
American Legion Post - Cedar Springs
Byron Center Community Ministries - 8250 Byron Creek Dr., Byron Center
Northeast Complex (Senior Pantry) - 836 Fuller NE, Grand Rapids
Porter Hills/Harvest Way - 100 Ida Red, Sparta
Sheldon Complex - 121 Franklin SE, Grand Rapids
West Side Complex - 215 Straight NW, Grand Rapids
North Kent Service Center - 10075 Northland Dr., Rockford

You must provide these items to register:
Proof of household income
Drivers license or State I.D.
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For distribution dates and times, or for more information about this program, please call: Northeast Complex 336-7740, Cherie at 336-4188

This program is provided by Area Community Services Employment & Training Council Community Action Program (ACSET-CAP)

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NO BENEFIT WITH DAILY VITAMIN E

For years, millions of people have taken Vitamin E because of its antioxidant properties and possible heart benefits. It was also assumed that Vitamin E may help prevent certain types of cancer.

The Heart Protection Study, a large study published in 2002, showed no positive effects of Vitamin E in people taking the supplement over a five-year period.

A recent study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association enrolled over 7,000 people, age 55 and older, with a history of heart disease, stroke, diabetes or other cardiovascular risk factors and followed them for 10 years. Half of the subjects received 400 units of Vitamin E daily while the other half received a placebo.

The trial showed that there were no differences between the two groups in the incidence of any cancers. However, the Vitamin E group had an increased incidence of heart failure. This is one of the biggest and longest studies of Vitamin E to date. Currently we do not recommend Vitamin E supplements as its risks seem to outweigh any benefits.

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 250 words. "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. Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy.

The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

Reflections of faith

Dr. Roger La Warre, pastor
First Congregational UCC

Matthew's Gospel brings us a rather interesting, but strange, story. It is found in the first four verses of Matthew chapter eight. Jesus is just returning from preaching and teaching on a hillside and a man approaches him with the dreaded disease called Leprosy. The man says to Jesus, "Lord, you can heal me if you will." What an affirmation of faith! Here we have a man, banned from any social contacts due to the belief that Leprosy was contagious; a man banned from family and friends, lonely and suffering death by inches from the decay and loss of limb that occurred slowly and painfully due to the effects of the disease. We wouldn't blame this man if he cursed his lot in life, gave up, and died. But, to be so full of faith as to come to Jesus and confidently say, "Lord, you can heal me if you will."

This man had every incentive from society to see himself as worthless and doomed. After all, he had been quarantined, banished to a leper colony to live and die as one unlovable. He was infected by a condition that he did not seek or deserve, rejected by those he knew and avoided by those who did not know him. On top of this, he

could remember days before having to face the truth of his disease, days when he laughed and loved and played with his children. Now, all that was gone. He was banished by society and condemned by the circumstances of his life.

You and I know the "lepers" of our society. They are the ones whose differences become a very threat to our secure, little worlds. The divorced, the single parent, the victim of abuse, the elderly, the less educated or the struggling teenager know the feelings of being the "untouchables" - those we quarantine not by building colonies and covering our mouths but by the walls we build as we lower our eyes and turn our backs on them.

It is Jesus who shows the way of true love. For Jesus' response is to reach out and touch the man and say, "I will. Be Healed!" It was in that touch that true dignity and restoration were conveyed. The words only describe love's intent. To be touched by a loving hand has always been and will continue to be the most powerful tool of healing. Some of you reading this are already practicing that "touch." You write letters to the sick and struggling. You shake hands and welcome the stranger in your company, your family, and/or the places of shopping or the places of worship. You place a hand on a shoulder to comfort; you walk hand in hand with a child or hold a hand of one who is dying. All of this is the godly touch that opens the way for healing and strengthening of the human spirit. God brings that touch to us in Christ our Lord. Why can't we do the same for others in our community? Jesus touched the untouchable of the world. We are called to do the same.

Engagements

Yonker/Livermore

Announcing their plans for a December 30, 2005 wedding are Shanda Mae Yonker and Zachary L. Livermore.

The bride-to-be and her parents, Thomas and Kimberly Yonker are from Alto. She is a graduate of Lowell High School and is attending Grand Rapids Community College.

The groom-elect, of Lake Odessa, is the son of Darwin and Margie Thompson of Alto. He is a graduate of Lakewood High School and attended Taylor University in Indiana.



Shanda Yonker and Zachary Livermore

Weddings

Sells/Mathews



Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Sells

The June 4, 2005 wedding of Abbey Mathews and Christopher Sells took place at West Cannon Baptist Church. Parents of the couple are Alan and Jayne Mathews of Lowell and Bruce and Susan Sells of Muskegon.

Maid of honor was Meghan Mathews. Bridesmaids were Kristen Elyea, Rebekah Osburn, Rebecca DeBoer and Stephanie Sells. Flower girls were Sara

Hawkins and Ariyanna Clark.

Jason Sells served as best man. Groomsmen were Eric Ott, Jared Elyea, Josh Elyea and Jason Mathews. Ushers were Jeremy Green and Ted McCully.

Master and mistress of ceremonies were Rob and Connie Wynalda and Tony and Becky Tovar.

Following a honeymoon in Petoskey and Mackinaw Island, the couple now reside in Ada.

Better Business Bureau cautions donors on hurricane relief appeals

Hurricane Katrina is prompting some people to take advantage of American's eagerness to assist victims, reports the Better

Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance. Donors should be especially alert to these typical post-disaster situations, the Alliance warns:

- Phone solicitors may seek contributions allegedly on behalf of well-known relief charities without authorization from those or-

ganizations. Ask the caller to send written information before making a donation decision.

- Online giving requires

donor alertness. Spam or email messages asking for a contribution may be used in a "phishing" scam, where the messages link to a "false" website that looks like the website of an established relief charity.

- New charities spring up virtually overnight. These groups may have good intentions but lack the means and experience to deliver aid quickly to those in need.

Donors can visit the www.give.org website to access detailed evaluative reports on many of the relief organizations providing assistance.

People who want to volunteer for work in disaster areas should note that the relief agencies are depending on volunteers who have disaster experience. However, these charities' offices throughout the country may welcome local volunteers who can help with routine activities.

As with all other disaster relief situations, most relief charities prefer financial contributions rather than donated goods. This enables them to purchase needed items near the disaster relief site(s) for easier distribution.

To check out a charity located in Western Michigan, visit www.westernmichigan.bbb.org.

Hildenbrand says more tax cuts are good for Michigan economy

State Rep. Dave Hildenbrand voted on a \$1 billion tax relief package to jumpstart Michigan's economy and help put back to work thousands of people who have lost jobs in recent years.

"This plan is our way of being proactive in the face of an economic crisis," said Hildenbrand, R-Loell. "Our plan is fiscally responsible, and will provide much needed jobs to Michigan residents. This new plan will provide tax relief for thousands of business owners while balancing the budget."

As passed today, the House Republican tax plan:

- Provides a personal property tax (PPT) credit of 20 percent for manufacturers on existing equipment and up to a 50-percent credit for new equipment they buy;
- Eliminates the tax on health care provided by employers;
- Cuts taxes for more than 33,000 small businesses;
- Reduces tax burden on payroll and equipment; and
- Cuts the SBT rate for every business in Michigan from 1.9 to 1.7 percent.

The plan, which now goes to the Michigan Senate for consideration, is supported by the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce, the National Federation of Independent Business and the Small Business Association of Michigan.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. needs volunteers. If you can donate even three daytime hours a month, and would like to do something both satisfying and fun, please call Barbara Schmaltz at 897-9314.

HURRICANE RELIEF DONATIONS

The Kent District Library will be accepting monetary donations for Hurricane Relief at all 18 branches Sept. 8, 9 and 10. All proceeds will benefit the American Red Cross, in support of Katrina relief. Participants seeking a tax

deduction can make a check out to The American Red Cross.

Anyone who makes a donation will receive a yellow sticker that reads "KDL for Katrina Relief." If you have further questions, contact Brian at 647-4148.



Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER 8: Wilma Fairchild, Terresa Kenney.
SEPTEMBER 9: Sarah Schalow, Amy Cook, Allison Mahalic, Linda Morrison, Charles Gee.
SEPTEMBER 10: Brecken Hendrick, Chris Gerard.

SEPTEMBER 11: Sean Ellis, Justin VanDyke, Susan Barry, Diane Johnson.
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SEPTEMBER 13: Beatrice Kuiper, Randy McIntyre,

Gloria Ossewaarde, Haley Briggs.
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<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street • 897-7168 Internet: http://www.fbclowell.org Rev. David O. Sims & Rev. W. Lee Taylor Wayne Haines, Youth Pastor</p> <p>Sun. Worship Service.....9:30 A.M. & 6:30 P.M. Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M. AWANA/CLUB J.C.....Wed. 6:15 & 6:30 P.M. Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times Nursery Provided • Barrier Free</p>	<p>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road 897-5648</p> <p>Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study.....7:00 P.M. Pastor Ken Ford (Home) 897-6418 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p>First Congregational Apostolic Church of North America Located at 404 North Hudson (First Congregational Church Facility)</p> <p>Christ Centered Sunday Worship.....4:00 PM Bishop Alex McCullough.....Clergy In Charge Reverend Deacon Mark O. Fleet, Clergy In Assistance Parsonage.....(616) 897-2587 Corporate Web Page.....http://www.ca-na.org May the Lord fill you and bless you this day!</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906</p> <p>Worship.....10:00 A.M. Church School.....10:15-11:15 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWarre.....Pastor Shannon Hanley.....C.E. Director Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided Come Join Us For Praise & Worship</p>	<p>APOSTOLIC LIGHTHOUSE UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH SUNDAY SERVICES 10:00 A.M. SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES 6:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00 P.M. 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell CALL FOR FREE HOME BIBLE STUDIES</p> <p>Pastor Robert L. Hubbard Phone: (616) 897-1267 www.aplighthouse.com</p>

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Science in action

Lowell Schools adopted Battle Creek Science Kits (BCSK) last year as part of their elementary science curriculum. With these kits, the teachers are able to provide many hands-on activities and materials to teach science to their students.

Pictured are several Murray Lake fourth grade students in Linda DeCator's class, trying out their newly made project from their BCSK Earth materials. Catherine Majinska said, "We made wind socks in class. Then we brought them outside so we could tell which direction the wind was blowing."

Grant Peterson added, "We also learned how to use compasses so we could tell the exact direction the wind was blowing. It was hard because the wind kept blowing in all different directions. It was a lot of fun."

DeCator said, "We are trying to get kids turned on to science. These kids have all the materials right there for us to use. Students learn so much more when they can actually DO the science and not just read about it."

This year, each elementary grade level has added two more BCSKs to the two kits they already implemented last year.



Benefit karate exhibition organized for Anna Organek

By Dan Schneider

When Alto martial artist Mariah Moore, 11, went to test as a potential marrow donor at Lowell High School

on July 12, she found out she was too young to be placed on the registry.

But that didn't stop her from wanting to help Anna Organek, the local eight year old whose fight against

non-Hodgkins lymphoma inspired the bone marrow drive at Lowell High School several weeks ago and countless fundraising efforts.

Moore was old enough to

win national championships in Wushu karate. And she was old enough to travel to China to study with world-renowned coach Grand Master Wu Bin. So, after she was unable to be tested for a match, she began to think of a way her karate skill could help Organek.

"The whole way home (from the marrow drive) I was thinking that she's just a girl like me and she could die, so that is how I decided to take a kick at Anna's cancer," Moore said.

"Take a Kick at Anna's Cancer" is the name she came up with for a martial arts demonstration she organized. It will take place Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in Alto during the annual Fall Festival. Admission

is free, but donations are being accepted to benefit Organek.

Moore had no trouble convincing her fellow martial artists to join the cause, including champion stick fighter Wendy Wiggers. Wiggers is coming all the way from China.

"It took them not even a day to answer," said Marjorie Moore, Mariah's mother.

Moore is organizing the event herself.

"This is something Mariah came up with on her own," Moore explained.

The lineup for the exhibition also includes Grand Master Bong Jornales, who is in the Karate Hall of Fame and a three-time world champion; Chinese national

champion, coach and judge Wang Fang; 11 year old U.S. national champion Matthew Quintero; Moore herself, and students from the Ro-Ken Karate school in Lowell.

Moore was impressed with Organek's courage when the two met a few weeks ago.

"When I was actually there, she had to get a shot, one of her shots that she has to do three times a day, and she didn't even blink, and I was so impressed with her," Moore said.

Moore is also selling "Take a Kick at Anna's Cancer" T-shirts as a fundraiser. They are available at Lowell Area Schools elementaries and at Saturday's performance.



Mariah Moore and Anna Organek sport Moore's trademark red, white, and blue bandanna.

Contest invites Michigan students to write about their heroes

Michigan eighth grade students have written an exceptional book. It's called "My American Hero," a collection of essays about Michigan students' personal heroes. The essays provide insight into who Michigan young people consider to be their heroes of today.

The booklet will be distributed to Michigan schools to introduce the 37th

annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

Each year, several thousand eighth graders from nearly 500 Michigan schools enter the patriotic writing contest, which encourages Michigan young people to explore their roles in America's future.

This year's contest, held Oct. 17 - Nov. 18, will ask

students to write on the topic, "My American Hero."

Sign-up kits will be sent to schools throughout Michigan in early September. The contest is open to any eighth grade student in Michigan enrolled in a public or private school, and offers a variety of awards on the local and statewide levels.

The first place entry from each school will be

entered into the statewide competition from which the top 10 essays in the state will be chosen. The award for the first place statewide winner will be \$1,000 (\$500 in cash and a \$500 savings bond), while the rest of the top 10 in the state will earn \$500 (\$250 in cash and \$250 in savings bonds).

The top 10 will be honored in May 2006 in

Lansing, where they will meet the state's top governmental leaders, be honored in pre-game ceremonies at a Lansing Lugnuts minor league baseball game, and attend an awards banquet aboard the Michigan Princess Riverboat.

To learn more about the contest, or to request the booklet of highlights from last

year's entries ("My American Hero"), contact your local Farm Bureau Insurance agent or write to Lisa Fedewa, Communications Department, Farm Bureau Insurance, 7373 West Saginaw Hwy., P.O. Box 30400, Lansing, MI 48909 or visit our website at www.farmbureauinsurance-mi.com.

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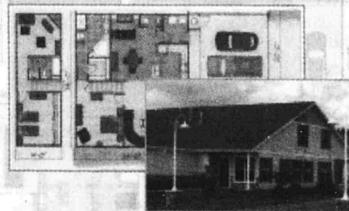
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To my friends, family, neighbors and anyone who will help me save Anna,

Hi everyone! It's Mariah. Not too long ago I met someone very special. Her name is Anna Organek. Anna is a little girl from Lowell who has cancer. She's 8, just a little bit younger than me. She needs a bone marrow transplant soon and time is running out! I went to her blood drive to get tested to see if I could donate bone marrow but they wouldn't let me. They said I was too young. It really made me mad because what if I am the one person who is a match for her? I just couldn't quit thinking - She's just a little girl. Kids aren't supposed to die. I have to do everything I can to save her. I think that is what Jesus would want me to do. So, I had an idea and I went to work on it. That's how I decided to:

Take a KICK at Anna's Cancer!



This is your personal invitation to take a kick at Anna's Cancer with me! With a little help from some very special people, I have organized a World Class Martial Arts Show to raise money for Anna. The entire event is free. Just show up! If your heart tells you to, make a donation to help save Anna. All funds will go to bone marrow drives and testing to find a match for Anna. Everyone asks, "How did you get National Champions, World Champions, and a National Champion all the way from China to perform with you?" The answer is, I just asked. How could anyone say no to saving Anna?

Now I'm asking you, Please, Please, Please, won't you TAKE A KICK AT ANNA'S CANCER WITH ME?

Alto Fall Festival promises all kinds of fun again this year

By Dan Schneider

The reigning pie and watermelon eating champion of Alto is looking for some challengers at this year's Alto Fall Festival.

Okay, he didn't win last year but that was only because the contest was rigged to make it more interesting. The perennial champ had to eat an entire eight-inch pie last year while the other contenders ate just slices. And the champ had the last bite of his whole pie in his mouth by the time the winner finished his slice.

The prize for winning each contest is \$10 each. But after years of his dominating the local circuit, the big prize this year might be the distinction of dethroning Kenny Bailey, Alto's watermelon and pie-eating king.

"We can't even remember the last time Kenny didn't win," festival chairperson Rena Williams said. "That's what we're trying to do, is find somebody who can give Kenny a run for his money."

It hasn't happened yet.

Bailey started entering and winning both the pie and watermelon eating contests at the age of 12. By the time he turned 15, he was moved up to the adult division.

"The last several years, we've made Kenny compete against adults because the kids didn't stand a chance," Williams said.

"Little kids just had no chance, no chance at all," said Bailey, who won't be old enough (18) to join the adult ranks without his special exception until November.

"I'd like to have some more competition," he said. He has a secret for his success at pie eating.

"I love pie," he said. "My favorite is double layer pumpkin, but that ain't a normal pie."

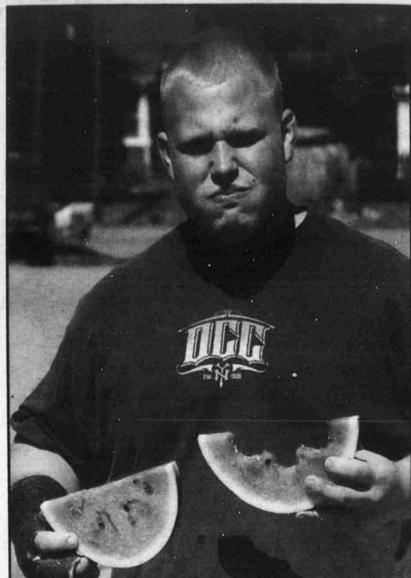
His favorite "normal pies" are blueberry and cherry, which is what's being served at this year's contest. The pies will be uniform in size—all four inches in diameter—so it will be a level playing field.

Bailey is grateful for not having to eat another eight-inch pie again.

"That was kinda painful, I didn't eat for two days," he said.

Bailey has been just as successful at eating watermelon.

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Kenny Bailey said he can whip all challengers in the Alto Fall Festival pie- and watermelon-eating contests.



Museum's history project acknowledged by Lowell schools

Carla Stone, left, of Lowell Area Schools academic service learning program, presents a plaque to Judy Straub, executive director of the Lowell Area Historical Museum. Also pictured, from left, are Mark Weber, Ivan Blough and Luanne Kaeb. The museum has teamed with the schools to do several interviews with World War II veterans. Students in the advanced placement (AP) history class at the high school and in the gifted and talented program at the middle school have conducted interviews with Lowell veterans. The focus has been particularly on veterans of World War II. The interviews are videotaped, resulting in documents that tell about the history of the Lowell community, of the United States, and particularly of the individuals' experiences. It is also part of a larger project of collecting veterans' oral histories for the Library of Congress in Washington D.C. Lowell veterans interested in being interviewed can request and fill out military information sheets at the museum.

Featured Artist

RaNae Couture

By Dan Schneider

and I tie them together," Couture said.

Grand Rapids artist RaNae Couture currently has her art on the walls of the Huntington Galleria, 414 E. Main.

She's been painting for about 28 years, or since she was 15. In her paintings, she uses forms and shapes from nature to express aspects of human existence.

"I take a lot from the human condition and nature,

Her paintings are varied. Some are representational, such as one painting of sunflowers and a landscape painted on two separate panels. Most of them are abstract, however, using mixed media and thick paint to attain different textures.

"A lot of times I use light colors but not always, it depends on the theme," she said.

For a painting about the way technology isolates people, especially youth, from the rest of the world, Couture chose "young" colors.

"I tried to use colors that you see a lot... that's popular now to incorporate youth," Couture said. "This painting is about how technology is impacting young people and it talks about the isolation that it can create within a family unit."

Couture has studied art at the University of Minnesota and at Wayne State University. Currently

a senior at Aquinas College, she is working on a bachelor of arts degree in painting; she is a nurse by profession.

"I'd like to merge the two and help people through art," she said. "People in the medical field, I think they're just now realizing more the importance of it."

Couture's art will be on display at the Huntington Galleria through Sept. 27.

While browsing the galleria, make a stop at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and view paintings by Lowell artist Gretchen Settle.



Artist RaNae Couture with her painting "Isolation of Technology," which is now on display at the Huntington Galleria.

LAAC presents Water Wonderland

The Lowell Area Arts Council presents Water Wonderland - Michigan's Fragile Resource, a multi-media exhibition, both visually and literally exploring the many facets of water.

The purpose of this exhibition is to bring Michigan artists and environmental organizations together to present a picture of our aesthetic, environmental, spiritual, and personal relationship to water. On exhibit are 32 Michigan artists selected by guest curators Marianne Menger and Tommy Allen. From our community are Jan Johnson of Lowell and Chris Kacos of Alto.

Water Wonderland will be open to the public from Sept. 13 - Oct. 29 at the Lowell Area Arts Council Gallery, 149 S. Hudson. A public reception to meet the artists is on Sunday, Sept. 18 from 2-4 p.m.

For a complete list of artists visit our website at www.lowellartscouncil.org. For more information regarding this exhibit contact the arts council at 897-8545; www.lowellartscouncil.org or info @lowellartscouncil.org.

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Processing Company and D&D Trucking, said the companies are facing high prices both for natural gas used in wire processing and diesel fuel used in trucking. "It creates quite the challenge every day to try to get through it," Lonick explained.

The natural gas prices have a major impact on the

wire processing operation. "It's very difficult to pass on to customers," he added. "Since we serve the automotive industry, they say 'we don't want to hear it.'"

That is presumably because the high gas prices are hurting not only manufacturing but sales for the auto industry.

Lonick said the companies are doing everything they can to minimize fuel consumption. For the trucking side, that means maintaining the rigs at a high level. It also means careful logistical planning, making sure few trucks are traveling without a load.

"You do everything you can to minimize

'deadheads,'" Lonick said. "You go looking for a better-priced fuel source, you do everything you can to conserve, you limit idling time ... you maintain your vehicles--particularly the engines, but not just the engines, all of the components--to a maximum."

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

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

MON.: Overeaters Anonymous, 7 p.m. at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building, no dues, no joining fee, no weigh-ins. Brenda 897-9141.

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.: Regular communication of the Belding-Ionia-Lowell Masonic Lodge #355 at 7:30 p.m. in lodge room, 211 E. Main, Belding. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. All Masons may attend. Date change for Sept.: the 12th.

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.

3RDMON.: 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 meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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

3RD MON.: Lowell Showboat Garden Club does not meet in the summer - will resume in the fall.

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

TUES.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community

Bldg. Weigh-ins 5:45 p.m.
TUES.: Cub Scout Pack 3188 meets at 1st United Methodist Church (as long as there is school), 6:30 p.m. 1st-5th grade boys. Contact Gary Liu at (616) 292-6039 for more information.

TUES.: Weight Watchers at Alto United Methodist Church, corner of Kirby & Harrison meets at 5:30 p.m. Register 1 1/2 hrs. before meeting. Call 1-800-651-6000.

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 Room of Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. Public invited.

1ST TUES.: Diabetic Support group, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowes Rd. 897-2760 or 897-9160.

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 & 3RD TUES.: Quake-Zik Sportsman's Club, 11400 Foreman Rd. at 8 p.m. 3D archery range open to public daily except Tues. evenings.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers ... because mothering matters. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Impact 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 at St. Mary School at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

WED.: Rotary meets at noon at City Hall, 301 E. Main, 2nd floor.

WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON upstairs at 1st Congregational Church, 404 N. Hudson St.

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

1ST WED.: GR area Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, 28th St. 5:30-9:30 p.m. Round Robin open play, all levels, walk-ins welcome. Call Jan 897-5759.

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

2ND WED.: G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, Plainfield Senior Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. NE. 6:30 p.m. meeting/program: Carol Beard-how to handle and sew on Lycra fabric. Olga 616-975-9977/June 231-780-1249 for more information.

2ND WED.: Royal Arch Masons, Hooker Chapter #73 meets at 7:30 p.m. in Belding Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main; dinner at 6:30 p.m. All Royal Arch Masons are welcome.

2ND WED.: Lowell Women'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.

3RD WED.: GR area Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, Alpine NW, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Round Robin open play, all levels, walk-ins welcome. Call Jan 897-5759.

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. 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. 250 Cherry, Lacks Cancer Center, Grand Rapids.

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 Monterey Grill at 7 p.m.

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

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

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

3RD THURS.: 4 Health Wellness Center in Saranac. Topic: "The Court Process for Juveniles." 7-8:30 p.m. Call 642-6466 for info. and to preregister.

3RD THURS.: Rubber stamping at Christian Life Center 6-9 p.m. Dawn 862-8841.

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

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

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

1ST & 3RD FRI.: Teen MOPS support group for pregnant teens and teen moms, 9:15 - 11:30 a.m. at Impact Church, 1070 N. Hudson. 897-8304.

2ND & 4TH FRI.: GR area Scrabble Club at Meijer Cafe, Knapp's Corners, 10 - 3 p.m. Round Robin open play, all levels, walk-ins welcome. Jan 897-5759.

FRI.: Arts/Crafts volunteers, Franciscan Life Process Center, 9:30-12:30 p.m. Pat or Judy at 897-7842.

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

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FRI., SAT. AND SUN.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley, 1-4/by appt. 676-9346.

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Fall hunting seasons preview

If the weather cooperates, hunting seasons should be productive throughout Michigan this fall. Most game species are on an upward trend or stable on a statewide basis, according to wildlife biologists with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Turkey hunting should be excellent this fall and prospects for ducks and geese are slightly better than last year.

Ruffed Grouse Season: Sept. 15-Nov. 14. After the firearm deer season ends, the grouse season re-opens from Dec. 1-Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula. The bag limit is five per day/10 in possession in Zones 1 and 2, and three per day/six in possession in Zone 3.

Outlook: The peak of the grouse population cycle was between 1998 and 2000. Now at the low end of its cycle, this year may be the bottom of the trough. Areas of good habitat will continue to provide the best grouse hunting opportunities. In West Michigan, good numbers may be found in Kent, Muskegon and Ottawa counties.

Woodcock Season: Sept. 24-Nov. 8. The bag limit will be three woodcock per day/six in possession.

Outlook: Woodcock hunters may expect a season

at moderate to high levels throughout their range. Hunters can expect another good year.

Outlook: Squirrels are at moderate to high levels throughout their range. Hunters can expect another good year.

Outlook: Expect to find an improved quail population from last year due to mild winter conditions, lack of severe ice storms and improved spring nesting conditions. Hunters could take an estimated 3,000 quail this fall.

Wild Turkey Season: Oct. 3-Nov. 14 in 11 hunt units in portions of the Lower Peninsula and three hunt units in the Upper Peninsula. Some units will be open for fall turkey hunting only on private lands. The bag limit is one bird (either sex).

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"The kid chops down the pie and then chops down the watermelon," Williams said.

"Pie goes down faster," Bailey said. "Because it is so good."

Bailey doesn't train for the contest in the off-season.

"I don't eat pie at all until after this," he said. "Soon as November comes around, because that is when my favorite pies are made (by) my aunt, my grandma and my mom."

But pie and watermelon eating is only a small part of what's happening at this year's 25th annual Alto Fall Festival.

The first event of the day will be the Alto/Bowne Township Fire Department's pancake breakfast. Starting at 7 a.m., it will be at the Alto Fire Station at 6260 Bancroft St. until 9 a.m.

A world-class martial

arts demonstration will be included this year, not a usual feature at a festival in a village the size of Alto. This event takes place from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Arts and crafts start at 10 a.m. and run until 5 p.m. During that time frame, an adult volleyball tournament will be at Alto Elementary.

Girls with ties to the Alto community are encouraged to enter the Miss Alto and Little Miss Alto contests, which take place between 9:30 and 10 a.m. The Little Miss Alto competition is open to girls between the ages of four and 10. Miss Alto entrants must

be between 11 and 17.

The annual parade will start at 12:15 p.m. Best-decorated bike will receive a prize.

This year's Blue Ribbon Baking Contest has expanded. Categories are: desserts, cookies/bars, candies, yeast/quick breads, jams/jellies and pickles/preserves. A grand champion from both the adult and youth age groups will win a \$25 prize.

Another contest, the "sexiest legs" contest, is open to people ages 14 and up.

If that wasn't enough to occupy your day, the annual

talent show will take place from 3 to 4 p.m. Acts can still sign up the day of the festival. Following the talent show, local bluegrass picker Luke Lenhart will take the stage.

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Any licenses that remain as of Sept. 19 at 10 a.m. (EDT) will be available for purchase over the counter by individuals who did not apply for a fall turkey license.

Outlook: Turkey numbers should be excellent; mild winter weather resulted in good survival and spring nesting conditions.

Duck Season: Starting Dates: October. Consult the 2005 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for exact dates and daily limits. A youth waterfowl hunting weekend will be Sept. 17-18 statewide for licensed youths 12 to 15.

Outlook: Duck populations in the mid-continent prairie and parkland regions are similar to last year, but remain 10 percent below the long-term average. Populations have been stable

over the past several years except Michigan mallards. Elsewhere, hunters should make a pre-season check of local ponds and marshes for waterfowl concentrations.

Geese Season: September/October. Some bag limits have changed, so consult the 2005 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for details.

Outlook: Michigan's local population of giant Canada geese now supplies more than 70 percent of the state's total Canada goose harvest. The early September hunts and the 30-day late season help control these local flocks through recreational hunting.

All in all, the stage is set for a very good hunting season. Please make it a safe one.

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September 27 "Running for Fun and Speed" presented by Dr. Edmund O'Connor, Sports Psychologist with RehabPros

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Lowell outguns Lansing Sexton, claims second win

Red Arrows host Kenowa Hills Friday in home, conference opener

By Dan Schneider

The Red Arrow lines held their own against both of Lansing Sexton's big lines, and the offense struck like lightning as Lowell won 48-22 Thursday in Lansing.

"The kids played well, they played a team game," Lowell coach Noel Dean said. "We were running a no-huddle against them, trying to wear them out and that seemed pretty effective."

Lowell started with the ball, taking it 60 yards for a touchdown. The scoring play was a two-yard run by Gabe Delnick.

The teams exchanged punts before Lowell found the end zone again. After Mike McElroy intercepted a Lendyn Davis pass and ran it down to the Sexton two-yard line, quarterback Keith Nichol kept the ball to put the Arrows up 13-0 (the extra point was missed).

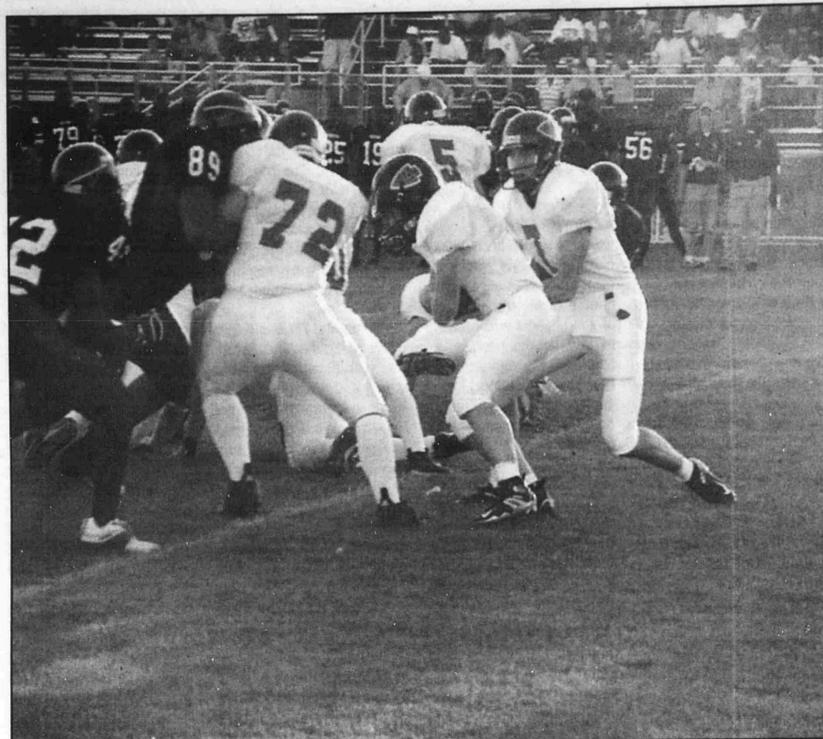
Then the teams exchanged fumble recoveries, the Big Reds jumping on Lowell's drop in the end zone. A 50-yard

run by Brandon Dunn set Sexton up for a 30-yard run by Trevor Wernet during which he leaped over the Lowell defensive line.

On the next drive, it was Lowell doing the long running, as Nichol kept the ball for a 57-yard touchdown run. Lowell was unable to complete the two-point conversion.

The Arrows forced a turnover on downs at the beginning of the second quarter. McElroy outran the Sexton coverage for long yards on a passing play. That set up a 23-yard, fourth and seven touchdown pass. McElroy was again the receiver. Lowell scored once more in the first half on a 32-yard pass to a heavily covered Brock Graham. Nichol kept the ball for the two point conversion. Lowell had the lead 34-7 going into half time.

Dunn ran the ball 80 yards for a touchdown on the first play of the second half. The Big Reds also scored a touchdown against Lowell's second unit in the



Lowell's Keith Nichol hands the ball off to Gabe Delnick. Delnick ran for 128 yards on the night.

fourth and converted for two. McElroy caught a 22-

yard pass and Delnick ran the ball 40 yards for two Red Arrow touchdowns in the third quarter.

Lowell's speed and explosive offense were able to win the day, despite Sexton's amassing more than 400 yards rushing. The Big Reds had a major size advantage on both lines. Even so, they didn't have much luck running the ball up the middle. Most of their big yardage came on pitches to the outside.

"I was impressed by all of it," Dean said of his team's efforts on both

sides of the ball. "Our defensive kids did a good job of maintaining the line of scrimmage. They only gave up two scores, when it mattered, against a highly regarded Lansing Sexton team."

Lowell's fast receivers proved too much for Sexton. Nichol threw 9 for 17 for 216 yards, and three touchdowns behind a line repelled the bigger Sexton defenders.

"Our line played extremely well considering what they were up against," Dean said.

The offensive line consisted of Alex Fleet at center, Phil Burton at right guard, Tyler Meppelink

at guard, Jay Eldridge at guard and Evan Ormiston at tackle.

Nichol kept the ball 15 times for 171 yards. Delnick had 23 carries for 128 yards. McElroy had three receptions for 88 yards and two interceptions on defense. Brad Shea caught the ball twice for 52 yards and Graham twice for 50 yards.

Kameron Blake led Lowell's defense with 17 tackles.

Lowell plays its first home game Friday at 7 p.m. at Red Arrow Stadium. It's also the first game of the conference season, as Lowell hosts the Kenowa Hills Knights.

Girls basketball wins season opener at Unity Christian

Strong defense, free-throw shooting are key in Red Arrows' first victory

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell girls basketball team was victorious in the first game of the season.

The Red Arrows beat former OK White rival Unity Christian by a score of 47-44. It was a tie game at halftime with the score 21-21. Then Lowell pulled out to a 10-point lead in the fourth quarter. The Arrows allowed Unity to get back to within a point, 45-44, with

six seconds left on the game clock.

The Arrows scored 19 of their 47 points from the free throw line, shooting 19 for 25, or 76 percent.

"We'll take that anytime," Lowell coach Dee Crowley said.

The score was 13-10, Lowell at the end of the first quarter. Lowell led 34-29 as the fourth quarter got underway.

"It's a younger, little

bit less experienced team," Crowley said.

Starters Kelsey Crowley and Brook VanEck return from last year's team that went 23-1. Those two players, Crowley said, will need to move from supporting roles to become major players on the starting offense.

"We have people adjusting to new responsibilities and new roles," Crowley said.

Brittany Lyman led Lowell scorers with 10 points. VanEck added nine. Crowley and Nicole Shepard each scored seven.

Underclassmen were responsible for 31 of Lowell's 47 points. The team has picked up several players from last year's undefeated junior varsity squad. The lead scorer among that group was Chelsea Harrison, who scored five.

Lowell turned the ball over 23 times and allowed Unity Christian nine offensive rebounds. Though the young team will have some things to work on, it still has some of the traits of last year's successful squad.

"They still play really good defense," Crowley said. "We have a lot of talent, we should challenge for conference."

Lowell traveled to

Rockford Tuesday. The Red Arrows host Byron Center Thursday in the first home game. That night is grandparents' night, featuring special recognition for grandparents of team members.

"Any other grandparents that want to come, it will be great to have them," Crowley said.

The game starts at 7 p.m. in the main gym at Lowell High School.

Red Arrow girls tennis tops Portland, Lakewood

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell girls tennis team opened last week with a dominating victory over Portland, and closed it with another win and a welcome addition to the team.

Recording shutouts in four flights, the Red Arrows won 7-1, against the Raiders last Monday.

Rachelle Levingston beat Lexie Kimball 6-0, 6-0 in first singles. Heather Spratt defeated Brooke Schrauben by the same score at second singles. In fourth singles Julie Geelhoed secured the win against Audrey West, 6-0,

6-0. Lowell's fourth shutout was at fourth doubles, in which Melissa Zuiderveen and Katy Barnes beat Jaymie Tibbitts and Kaylee Fedewa.

Closer matches were at third singles, where Kayla Irwin defeated Meagan Dorshimer 6-2, 7-5; first doubles, where Terrah Tawney and Lindsay Aiken defeated Emelee Haik and Erica Eldridge 6-4, 6-4; and second doubles, where Becky Plummer and Megan Vaught defeated Julie Schrauben and Andrea Ward 6-2, 6-3.

Tanya Baker and Paula

Lawrence suffered the Arrows' only loss. This was to Kim Schrauben and Sarah Filter in three sets: 6-3, 2-6 and 6-2.

Lowell coach Bonnie Wall was excited by the doubles play.

"We had a really exciting number one doubles," she said. "They were really aggressive and played right to the net."

Also, number two doubles "lobbed when they needed to, went to the net, hit a lot of good balls and used good strategy," Wall said.

Last Thursday, Lowell

had a make-up game for a rained out match against Lakewood of Lake Odessa. The Arrows won 5-3 and it came down to Baker and Zuidema playing in the fourth doubles match. They lost the first set but recovered to dominate the second two: 6-7(4), 6-0, 6-2.

"We would have either tied or won, so it was really good that they came through and won," Wall said.

The match was the

first for Brazilian exchange student Priscilla Freitas. She won the second-singles match after only two days of practicing. Freitas hadn't played tennis for three years before she mentioned to her host family that she'd like to try it in Lowell.

"She mentioned that she really would like to be part of a team," Wall said. "She came out and she wasn't too rusty."

She beat Lakewood's Emily Wernet 6-1, 6-4.

Levingston beat Kellie Walker 6-1, 6-0 in first singles. Spratt won third singles 6-1, 6-0 against Kristen Haskin. Kayla Irwin defeated Chelsea Bicksford 6-1, 7-5.

First through third doubles accounted for the three Lowell losses.

The Red Arrows played Tuesday at Middleville; the conference opener is Wednesday hosting Kenowa Hills at 4 p.m.

Boys golf opens conference season with lowest score yet, loss

By Dan Schneider

Opening the conference season at Cedar Springs, Lowell boys golf had their best score of the year, 155.

The problem is, the Redhawks scored 136.

Lowell's top scorer Kyle Wittenbach shot 34 for nine holes, two strokes short of a school record. He was

a total of four inches short on three separate birdie putts that would have put his name in the record book.

Josh Gilliard was the next high-scorer for Lowell with a 39. Brian Scheider and Vinny Larkin each shot 41.

"When you average less than 39 shots from four

players and you still get beat, that's tough," Lowell coach Gary Fredline said. "But we're playing well, though we hope to carry that through the season."

Lowell's next match is Wednesday, hosting Kenowa Hills. The Red Arrows travel to the Lakeview Tournament Friday.

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For a detailed listing of the proposed BFEs and information on the statutory period provided for appeals you may contact your local Floodplain Administrator, FEMA's Web site at http://www.fema.gov/fhm/st_hot.shtm, or call the FEMA Map Assistance Center toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE
11426 Kirby, Alto, Sept. 10th, 9 to 5. Microwave, lots of books, new coffee table, & lots of misc.

GARAGE SALE
Sept. 9-10, 9 a.m. - ?
9636 Tanglewood Ct., Lowell. Girls clothing, winter clothing, cue sticks, tools, bedding and misc.

COTTAGE DEMOLITION SALE
Morrison Lake, Sat., Sept. 17, 9 am to 4 pm. Cottage 80 Morrison Lake Gardens. North side of the lake alongside of golf course, just past the club house. Original Hamill log cottage, nice pine logs, newer windows, furnace, updated plumbing, siding, doors, misc. Everything goes.

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Sat., Sept. 10, 8-3 p.m.
10577 Bell Rd., Clarksville. Bikes, household items & clothing.

THE SEVEN FAMILY BARN SALE
Rain or shine, clothes, children thru adult, toys & furniture. 1 1/2 miles south of M44 on Lincoln Lake Rd., Sept. 8, 9 & 10, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

INSIDE GARAGE SALE
Sept 9th, 9 to 7, something for everyone! Household items, furniture, women's clothes (size 6 to 14), & much more! 506 Lafayette, Lowell.

ESTATE/GARAGE SALE
Sept. 9th & 10th, 10-5 pm, 867 Hillside Ct., E. on Main, N. on James to Hillside. Antiques, furniture, china, jewelry, fishing gear, books, toys, etc. Will cancel on day of rain.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE GARAGE SALE PAGE A SUCCESS!
This special section will return on April 24, 2006. just in time for the Eastgate Grand Slam Sales!

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Friday & Saturday, September 16 & 17. Community-wide yard sales. Great bargains. Key Heights Village (1/4 mile west of Meijer on M-21).

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GARAGE SALE
Sept. 8, 9 & 10, 9 a.m. - ?
Boys & girls NB-5T (lots of winter clothes), toys & household items. 11040 Woodbushe Dr. (Eastgate).

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Furniture, classical albums, antiques, too much to list. 11420 Service Rd. between Montcalm & Whites Bridge off M-21. Sept. 8, 9, & 10, 10-4.

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How long is the city going to let the junk cars sit in people's yards? Without proper tags! There is a company that will pay you money for these junk cars!

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I wonder if the people who called us stingy for giving millions after the tsunami will be helping us with Katrina?

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Shop in Lowell? With gas prices that would be nice but could somebody please stock simple things like invites to a boys birthday party.

With a town big enough for three traffic lights, why don't any of them have left turn signals?

The high gas prices are not the fault of the employees who work at gas stations. Blame the greedy oil owners!

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Cherry Creek morning helpers keep up the great job that you are doing. We appreciate you.

Why don't people stop griping about the barking dogs... If they want to solve the problem, talk to the owners.

For the person who doesn't like the kids getting out of practice on time... Volunteer your time and you wouldn't have to worry about it.

Gordon Marshall will be sorely missed. He will be taking over as Bingo chairman in heaven. He has left us all too soon. - Mike Lessens.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 05-180,042-DE

Estate of JONATHAN DAVID ROSENBERGER, deceased

Date of birth: 06/25/1982

TO ALL CREDITORS:

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The decedent, JONATHAN DAVID ROSENBERGER, who lived at 2845 Royal Vista Ct., N.W., Walker, MI died 06/16/2005. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to MARK ROSENBERGER & JUDY ROSENBERGER, named co-personal representatives or proposed personal representative or to both the probate court at 4387 Bedaki Dr.,

Lowell, MI 49331 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. 08/30/05

Michael J. Tummino Jr. P21618 311 E. Main Lowell, MI 49331 616-897-5931

Mark Rosenberger & Judy Rosenberger 4387 Bedaki Dr. Lowell, MI 49331

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MEMORY FOAM BED - Queen size. Original plastic. Visco foam, still wrapped, never used. Will sell, \$325/best. 989-227-2986.

FOR SALE

LOT FOR SALE - In Lowell, corner of Foreman & Beech St. Call 897-8832.

HOUSEFUL OF FURNITURE - 4 rooms. JC Penney living room, oak table set, bedroom set, recliner, mattress set, dining room (2 mos. old). Paid \$8,000 sell \$2,500. (will separate). 517-204-0600.

1989 JAYCO POPUP - great shape, \$650. 1981 Malibu Classic, front end damage, easily fixed, 63,000 original miles, \$300. Portable fish finder from Cabela's, used twice, \$25. 642-6706

SOLID WOOD FUTON - with thick mattress. Gorgeous! New, never used. Cost \$800, sell \$175. 517-719-0451.

PONY CART - good condition, red frame with wood seat, \$200 obo, 897-4205.

BOATS - 14R SeaNymph, gal. trailer, mint \$1350, Smoker Craft 13' Alaskan super deep V w/25hp Mercury 1997 motor, \$1800, 540-0540.

MISSION OAK DINING TABLE - 6 chairs, JC Penney brand (2 mos. old). Family size. Cost \$1,800, sell \$250/best. 517-719-8062.

BOAT MOTORS - 9.8 hp Mercury \$450; 7 1/2 hp Evinrude \$300; 5.5 Johnson, self contained, 1987, \$550, guaranteed. 540-0540.

MAHOGANY TABLE/CHAIR SET - 6 pc. set. Still in box, seats 6-8 people. Elegant! Cost \$1,000, sell \$150. 517-719-0451.

FOR SALE - '94 FORD ESCORT, 5 speed, great gas mileage, low miles on motor, runs, needs some work or for parts, \$750 obo. Call 642-0395.

2001 GENERAL ELECTRIC WASHER/DRYER - White, good running shape. Full size, guaranteed, \$150/pair. Dennis Distributing, 989-224-4822.

BOAT MOTORS - 3, 4 hp Johnson \$200; 6 hp Evinrude \$375; 9.5 Johnson \$425; 8 hp Evinrude \$475; 8 hp Mercury \$550; 15 hp Evinrude \$275. 540-0540.

BUCKSKINBAY - BOOTS, BOOTS, BOOTS! Mens, Womens, Childrens. Double H and Justin boots available for work, play or show. Try on a pair today. HATS, HATS, HATS! Mens, Womens, Childrens. We carry a great line of Charlie Horse, Resistol and Double SS staw and wool hats. Including George Strait.

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HAYLAGE CORN SILAGE, HM ground corn, straw & hay, 989-723-1886.

WROUGHT IRON DAYBED - bought, never used. Includes mattress in plastic. Cost \$600, sell \$125. 517-719-8062.

FOR SALE

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FOR SALE - 75,000 BTU propane furnace, hardly used, we burn wood. Great for house, garage, workshop or barn. \$50. Call 897-6765.

MUST SELL - Player piano for sale with rolls, Excelton piano, needs tuning. Call 897-5347.

FOR SALE - Four year old gelding quarter horse, needs experienced rider, \$600 obo. Call 897-7785.

DEER HUNTER'S SPECIAL - '19' travel trailer, cheap. Call 868-7302.

NEW & USED HEAVY WEIGHT STEEL POSTS - Evcs. 363-9738 - keep this ad.

3-5 FT. PINE TREES FOR ONLY \$25 EACH WHILE SUPPLIES LAST - Frazer Fir, Colorado Blue Spruce & White Pine, full & beautiful. Delivery & planting available. Call Kirsch Trees, 676-9257.

FOR RENT

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

LOWELL - 1-2 bedroom apartments seeking residents for the affordable price of \$625-\$650/mo. Offering 2 bathrooms, garage w/ opener, washer/dryer connections, walk-in closets, central air and a great move in special. Please call us at 866-443-3098, visit us at www.wmpmonline.com or see us at our open house Tuesdays 3:30-5:30 pm at Stoneridge Apartments on Boulder Drive.

HALL FOR RENT - Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash. Newly remodeled, smoke-free, private, great location & great rate! Call John at 299-0486 or 897-8303.

HOUSE FOR RENT - Corner of 84th St. & M-50. Large 3 bedroom ranch w/washer, dryer, dishwasher, 2 stall garage, large yard, \$900/mo. 866-2053.

FOR RENT - 1 & 2 bedroom trailers \$800 - \$840 to move in; \$400 - \$420 per mo. plus 1 mo. rent deposit. No dogs please. Call 813-8041 or 616-754-0276.

MOBILE HOME FOR RENT - 846 Montcalm Ave. 1 bedroom unfurnished by Fallsburg Park on the Flat River. \$400/mo., \$400 security deposit. Call 616-636-8967.

HOUSE FOR RENT ON 3 ACRES - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, new flooring, 1-stall garage. 1277 Alden Nash NE. \$900 per mo. Call 897-0686.

HOUSE FOR RENT - Cascade / Forest Hills schools, 2 bedroom, large full bath, \$850 per mo., 616-868-6368.

HELP WANTED

MAINTENANCE TECH NEEDED - For apt. community in Lowell, approx. 25-30 hours per week. Experience required. For more information and applications, call Heather at 897-7135.

HELP WANTED - General labor, full time, factory, good pay & benefits. Apply in person to HR Department, Michigan Wire Processing, 2487 W. Main, Lowell, MI 49331

CASHIER-PROCESSOR Goodwill Industries of Greater Grand Rapids is seeking experienced, part-time retail cashier-processor to work at our Lowell store. You may apply in person at 11625 Fulton St., Lowell or send a resume to Human Resources, Goodwill Industries, 3035 Prairie SW, Grandville, MI 49418 by e-mail to employment@goodwillgr.org or fax HR at 616-532-3044. EOE/MFH

EVENTS

OPEN MIC/JAM SESSION WITH JOHN & TIM - Every Wed. evening in the Century Post Pub, next to the Lowell Showboat.

SNOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH at 3189 Snow Ave S.E. will serve a family style Turkey & Dressing dinner on Wednesday, September 14 starting at 5:30 pm. Adults \$8, ages 5-12 \$2.

\$1 OFF A CLASSIFIED PLACED IN THE BUYERS GUIDE & LOWELL LEDGER

When you bring in 2 non-perishable food items. All food items will be donated to the Flat River Outreach Ministries. Classified ad must be paid for when placing ad. Offer expires 9/9/05

WANTED

WANTED - Cash paid for old or junk motorcycles. Running or not. Call Rich 616-446-8352.

BOWLERS WANTED - Saturday Night C'bers. We are looking for teams! Come join the fun! Call Ron at 304-2726.

ROOMMATE WANTED - to share house in country, call 897-6766 after 6 pm.

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE - to play tennis with, in the Ada area. Non-competitive, just for fun. Ask for Dave, 676-0310.

WANTED - Large dog cage, good condition. Call after 6 p.m., 897-0536.

FAMILY OF THREE LOOKING - for a house or trailer rent to buy in Lowell School district. Please call Angie or Dale after 3 p.m., 897-5630.

IN MEMORIAM

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Out through the fields and the woods And over the walls I have wended; I have climbed the hills of view And looked at the world, and descended; I have come by the highway home, And lo, it is ended. Robert Frost.

Remembering you and missing you on your birthday, September 10.

Your brother & his family.

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SHIP UPS AT THE LEDGER OFFICE - Daily pickup. Small box packaging available. 105 N. Broadway. Compare our prices! Call for a price quote! 897-9261.

TINY TYKES DAYCARE - 2 part-time openings available. First shift 0-4 years. Transportation to/from preschool. Also, openings for before school care. Busing for Lowell &/or Saranac. Reasonable rates. Suzie 897-0482.

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FOR ALL YOUR GENERAL CLEANING - Call A&G Cleaning Service. Reasonable rates. Ann VanderZiel 642-3736 & Gloria Closson, 897-5385.

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SOUND OFF LINE 897-0787 or go to: www.lowellbuyersguide.com

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PAYROLL & BOOKKEEPING SERVICE - By certified Quickbooks advisor. Call Kathy 897-0686.

CONCRETE - We pour any flat work, new & replacement. Call Brian for a free estimate. 616-318-9501.

NEW BANKRUPTCY LAW TAKING EFFECT ON OCTOBER 15, 2005 will make it extremely difficult and costly for you to file bankruptcy. If your debts are piling up this may be your last chance to do something about it. Call TODAY to schedule a FREE CONSULTATION. We are only accepting these appointments thru September 15, 2005 so HURRY and CALL US TODAY before it's too late! TUMMINO & TUMMINO, P.C., 311 E. Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331, 616-897-5931.

ALL SEASONS COMFORT - 24-hour service, no overtime charge. 2 ton A/C starting at \$1,400. Furnaces, ductwork, gas-piping. New construction and remodels. 874-6191.

PLUMBER - Experienced. Residential, Service or New Construction. Reasonable rates. Call 897-2575.

LICENSED DAYCARE - in my Eastgate home 15 years experience. Fenced in park-like backyard, days only. Call Diane at 897-8398.

BILL'S CUSTOM MADE FURNITURE & CABINETS - All types of wood, oak, maple, hickory, cherry plus others. Reasonable rates and free estimates. 989-855-3644.

HOUSEKEEPER - Has openings. Experienced, references and reasonable rates. Call Kris 642-0395.

HIGH QUALITY CONCRETE & STONE WORK - driveways, porches, steps, floors, retaining walls. Satisfaction guaranteed. 322-2106.

BIG STEPS LITTLE FEET IN ADA - has preschool openings for this fall. 682-8300.

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BOB FORD - formerly of Hahn Hardware, is doing all kinds of service work. Call 299-3198.

DOES YOUR HOUSE NEED CLEANING? - If so, call Elaine at 897-9880. Have references if needed.

NEED A DUMPSTER? - Fall Cleanup, roofing, trash, junk, etc. 14 to 20 yards available or one-time clean up. Call for free estimates. 616-835-2238.

LOWELL COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

**Wednesday
Sept. 14, 2005
2 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

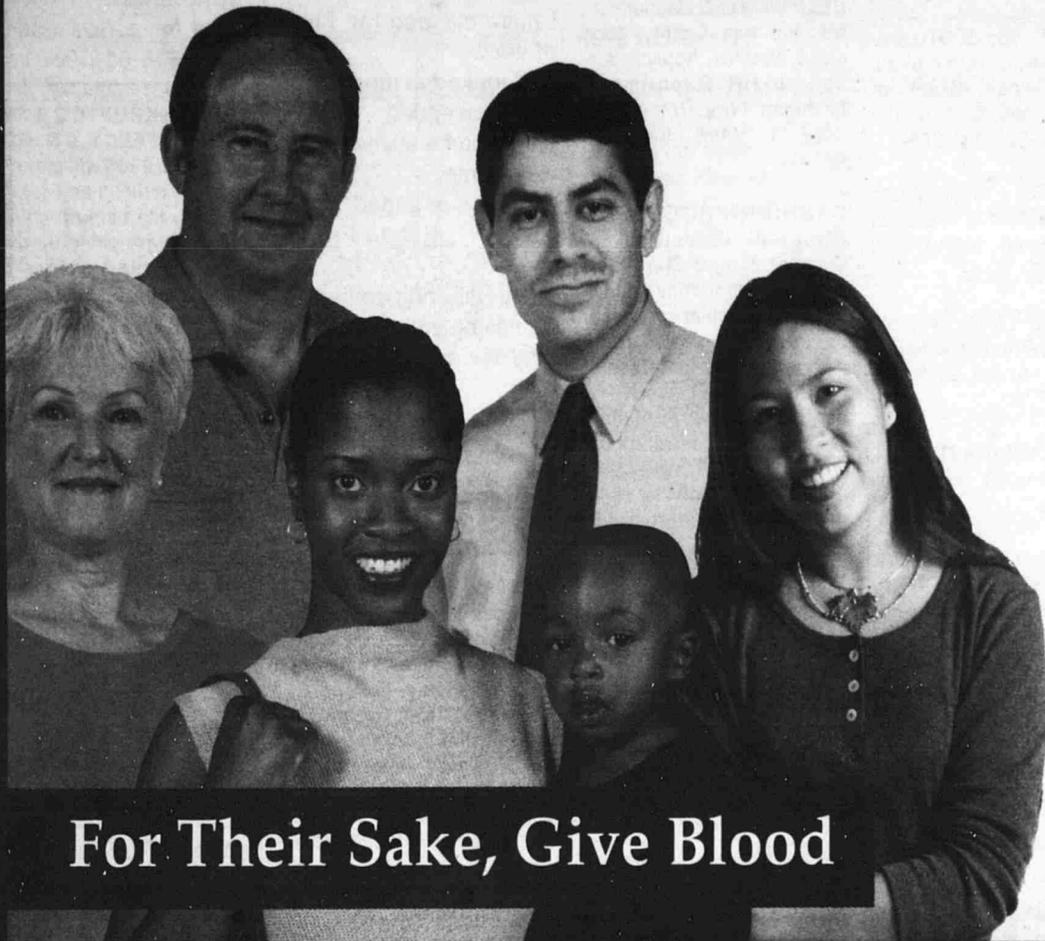
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