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Wednesday, October 12, 2005

Hot chili, cool scarecrows and historic homes only part of Harvest Celebration 2005

By Dan Schneider

owell was in full autumn mode this weekend for the annual Harvest Celebration put on by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

Scarecrows were built, miles were run, chili was cooked, historic homes were visited, and antiques and crafts were shopped for and purchased.

The earliest activity got started at 8 a.m. on Avery Street behind the Lowell police station.

By the time runners were crossing the finish line of the Harvest Hustle 5-K Run and Walk, chili cooks were getting stoves set up on North Broadway for annual Larkin's Chili

acts: This Red

◀ Arrow Highway

sign appeared

Madness Chili Cook-off. The "Dragon's Spit" chili team won the competition for the second straight year. This year, they received a pair of Lions tickets.

While chopping up meat to add to the mix, they said their chili isn't necessarily knock-your-socks-off hot as its name suggests. But they were working on a new recipe for a second chili this year.

"Our second batch we're gonna make a little more spicy than we usually do," said team member

Red Arrow road riddle

FULTON

Craig Williams.

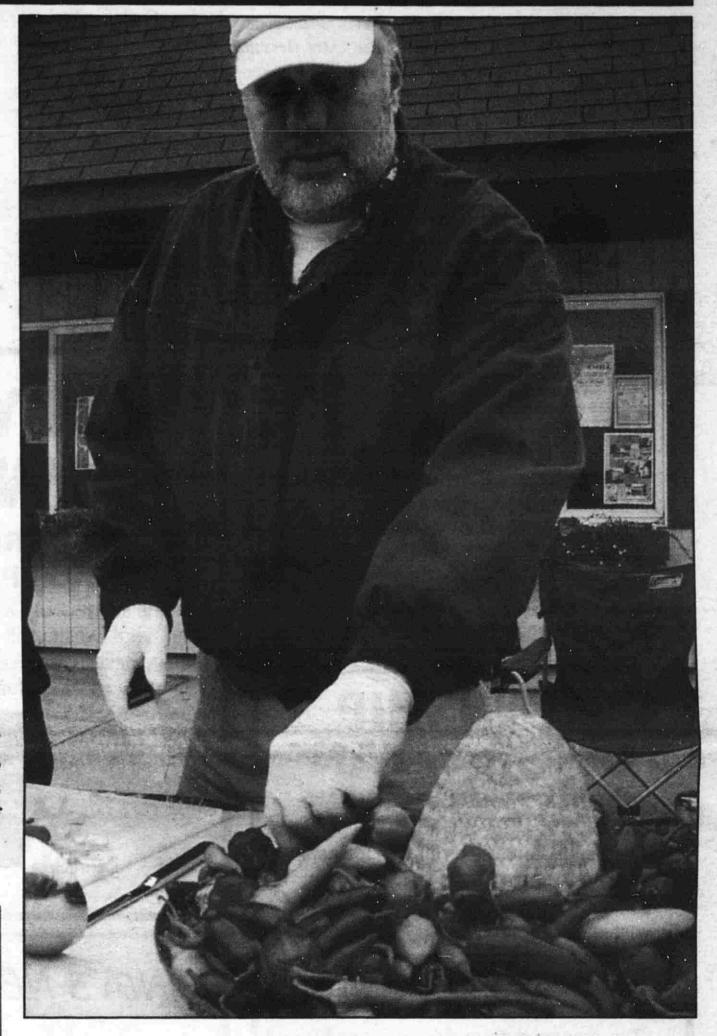
"Missing Jacks" chili took second place this year and also won the people's choice award. The cooks have a very basic chili philosophy.

"We just make chili to make it taste like chili," Rocky Ashlock said. "We don't want anything foreign in it. No cinnamon, no chocolate taste."

The Laurels of Kent entry took third place in the

> Harvest Celebration, cont'd., pg. 10

Jim Barnaby selects a pepper from a sombrero full of homegrown jalapenos, habeneros, chili peppers, cayenne peppers and Hungarian peppers in the early going of Saturday's Chili Madness Chili Cook-off.



Small wage hike approved for bus drivers by school board

budget calls for an increase

of \$175 in the foundation

\$175 per pupil increase over

last year," said assistant

superintendent for finance

"We are receiving a

allowance.

By Dan Schneider

owell Area Schools bus drivers will get a 1.1 percent wage increase this year.

The modest pay increase was calculated as part of a four percent total compensation package increase. The calculation factors in increases in the district's costs for retirement, social security, and Priority Health insurance benefits. Once those were added up, there was room for the 1.1 percent wage increase.

This year, the district is applying the four percent total benefits package increase for all of its employees. For employees receiving step increases in salaries, the step increase is another factor added against the four percent.

The district received good news from the passage

personnel Connie of the state budget. In the and school aid portion, the Gillette.

The district will have to wait for student counts to be finalized before it can assess the actual impact of the increase.

> School board meeting, cont'd., pg. 4

last week attached with new bolts to a pole at the intersection of Robinson Road and Fulton Street near East Grand Rapids. It is upside down. The sign appeared in the same spot last year around the time the Lowell football team started its state championship run through the Division 3 playoffs, East in the beating

Conjectures on facts: The sign was installed this year by a Pioneer fan who was not the original owner, which would explain its upsidedown orientation. That fan must have stolen the sign after last year's state championship run through the Division 3 playoffs by the Lowell football team. The original owner might want to reclaim the sign, or at least put it right side up.

based

process.

Historical perspective: Based on the cracked, weathered surface of the sign, it must have spent a

good deal of time marking the road it actually refers to, a stretch of highway between St. Joseph and New

Buffalo in Berrien County in Michigan's southwest corner.



Middle School Mold... Page 13



JESSUP

granddaughters

Berry of Lansing, Kathryn Bertha I. Jessup, aged 97, (Roger) Andrews of Lake of Lowell, passed away City, MI, Bradley Hagerty October 4, 2005, at Clark of Lansing; step-great-Community grandchildren Gretchen in Grand Rapids. She is Hammerberg of Crystal survived by her son Ronald Falls, MI, Lori (Gordon) Jessup of Lansing; grandson Swan of Williamston, James (Geri) Jessup of Jeffrey (Brandy) Andrews Rockford; granddaughter of Hawaii, Nicole (Dave) Ronda (Fred) Finelli of Beckett, Kimberly (Jeff) Blauvelt, NY; three great- Amley; 11 great-great Dawn, grandchildren. Mrs. Jessup Linda, Michelle Jessup; was preceded in death by her step-grandchildren Deanna husband Orval Jessup who

Cemetery.

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TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing on November 2, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning a proposed amendment in the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance.

The proposed amending ordinance would amend Section 13.11 of the zoning ordinance, pertaining to the special land use for removal of natural resources, so as to provide for the payment of an annual surveillance fee to the Township, by owners and operators under the terms of the special land use for removal of natural resources, so as to defray the Township's cost of administration, surveillance and enforcement of the special land use. The annual surveillance fee includes but is not limited to Township expenses for the review of applications, testing, monitoring, sampling, surveying, consultant fees and other related costs and expenses for the ongoing administration and surveillance of the special land use and for related Township purposes.

The amending ordinance includes other provisions covering procedures whereby notification of the annual fee is made, the refunding of any accumulated but unused annual fee amounts and other matters.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment on the proposed amending ordinance. Written comments concerning the ordinance may be submitted to the Township office at the above-stated address up to the time of the public hearing. Dated: October 7, 2005

> PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

a Teaching Life Certificate He is survived by his wife, Catholic Church with The of one's choice. from Western Michigan the former Marilyn Norris Rev. Peter Vu presiding. University in Kalamazoo whom he married on October Interment in Resurrection for several years. She was a Kleynenberg of Belmont; Past Worthy Matron and a grandchildren Joseph G. life member of the Eastern Kleynenberg Jr. and his Star, Chapter #90 and a wife Heidi of Hudsonville, Fund at Assumption B.V.M. by her husband of 36 years, member of the First United Eric Michael, Cheri the First United Methodist Gavin Kleynenberg, Alexa at the church. Church of Lowell, Dr. Kleynenberg; sister Mary Michael Conklin officiating. Oakwood Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Lowell.

Dorothy of Battle Creek; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son Michael William Kleynenberg, Mr. Joseph Kleynenberg, grandson Jacob; two brothers aged 75, passed away William Kleynenberg and

Creston High School and for Mr. Kleynenberg will

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died February 23, 1989, in a member of Assumption be offered Wednesday at 11 Memorial Florida. Mrs. Jessup earned B.V.M. Catholic Church. a.m. at Assumption B.V.M. may be made to the charity and taught elementary school 30, 1948; son Joseph G. Cemetery. Those planning Lois Dudley Yates, aged an expression of sympathy are asked to consider The Educational Endowment 2005. She will be missed Catholic School. Friends may

SCHADT

Lowell; brother James Ryan Patrick Schadt Kleynenberg and his wife (Dudley) aged 24, of Grattan Township, diedunexpectedly Friday, October 7, 2005. He nephews and dear friends. was preceded in death by Lois loved family (especially his grandparents Gordon babies) and music. She was Cornwell, Lolita Schadt, a graduate of Grand Rapids Wayne Dudley. He is Central High School and survived by his mother Albion College. Lois taught on October 8, 2005. He John Kleynenberg. The and stepfather Dennis and elementary music at East was a 1946 graduate of Mass of Christian Burial Margaret Dudley of Grattan; Grand Rapids and Caledonia father Donald Schadt of schools and was a piano Florida; sisters Kelly and teacher for many years. Christina; brothers Matt, She was an active member Kenny, Johnny; grandparents of First Church of Christ, Dolores Cornwell, Don Scientist in Grand Rapids and Schadt and Jean Delia, Rogue River Chorale, and Cathy Dudley; many aunts, Murray Lake Association. A uncles, cousins and friends. memorial service was held Ryan was a 1999 graduate October 9 at Frederik Meijer of Belding High School. Gardens in the Grand Palm He enjoyed racing quads Room. In lieu of flowers, the and his time on computers. family requests memorial Mass of Christian Burial contributions be sent to First was offered Tuesday at St. Church of Christ, Scientist. Patrick Church, Parnell, Rev. Grand Rapids or Hospice of Rock Badgerow, presiding. MI.

YATES

56, of Lowell, passed away

Bill Yates; her children Methodist Church of Lowell Kleynenberg of Kentwood; meet with the Kleynenberg Julia (Keith) Scott of since 1926. Funeral services great-grandchildren family from 10:30 until the Rockford, Cynthia (Daniel) were held on Friday at Kelsey Jo Kleynenberg, time of Mass on Wednesday Nutwell of Muskegon, Andrew Yates of Rockford: siblings Joan (Dave) Chalk, Gordon Dudley, Phyllis (John) Wahlberg, Sue (Dave) Pocklington; four grandchildren; many nieces,

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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the

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Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 05-180,356-DE

> Estate of RONALD H. CLARK deceased Date of birth: May 31, 1932

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, RONALD H. CLARK, who lived 11535 Fulton St. Lowell, MI died September 8, 2005. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to PAULETTE SHINABERY, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. NW, 2nd floor, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/ personal proposed representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Mary L. Benedict P45285 4519 Cascade Rd. SE Ste. 14 Grand Rapids, MI 49546

> Paulette Shinabery 11920 64th St. Alto. MI 49302

Vergennes houses, township hall burglarized

By Dan Schneider

Vergennes Township Hall and three residences in the township were broken into last Thursday night.

Township office receptionist Janine Mork was the first to arrive for work Friday

the bushes and when I got a amount of money. The rest of little closer I saw the window was broke out," she said.

Mork returned to her car clerk Mari Stone with a mobile the cash box," Stone said.

phone. Stone called the Kent to the site.

The thief or thieves used a brick from the township hall's landscaping to break 9900 block of Bennett Street the window. A digital camera and the township's deposit morning shortly before 9 box were stolen. The sheriff's department press release said "I saw the screen lying in the box contained only a small

> "They didn't take anything else, they didn't do

the office was not affected.

Lowell city fire truck gets

A family living on the barking in the middle of that same night. They later found a ripped screen and the disappearance of a purse. Items were also stolen from two cars parked in their driveway.

on the 10100 block of Benwhere she called township anything else, they just took nett Street also reported thefts

Mork, who has worked from their vehicles. One of County Sheriff's department at the township offices three the houses had a screen door and a deputy was dispatched years, said this is the only time left open, but no evidence a break-in has occurred during suggesting the home had been

> Friday morning, a woman on her way to work found the awoke to the sound of their dog township's deposit book and some other items scattered on the road at the intersection of Lincoln Lake Avenue and

The sheriff's department is reminding homeowners to Two homeowners living lock their homes and parked vehicles at night.

in all high school offices. One per family please.

LHS ACADEMIC BOOSTERS

Interested parents should meet in the volunteer room at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 13 for Academic Boosters

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The public is invited to the Lowell First United Methodist Church (basement), 621 E. Main for the West Michigan Bluegrass Music Assoc. open jamming, Saturday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m.

ATTIC TREASURES ROADSHOW

Tri-Rivers Historical Museum Network presents Attic Treasures Roadshow, Saturday, Oct. 15, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Saranac High School. \$5 per item. Lunch/baked goods. ???s call 897-7688.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Orientations for Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University will be Oct. 16 & 30 at Impact Church, 1070 N. Hudson at 3 p.m. Classes begin Nov. 6. Call 987-0142 or email pack3188 @yahoo.com

LAAC THEBES PLAYERS

"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" by the Thebes Players at LPAC in October: 21st, 7 p.m.; 22nd, 3 & 7 p.m.; 23rd, 2 p.m.; 29th, 7 p.m.; & 30th, 2 p.m. Ticket info., call 897-8545.

CALL FOR AUDITIONS

The Thebes Players are seeking actors for "The Foreigner" by Larry Shue. Production dates: Feb. 3, 4, 10-12. Auditions: Nov. 1 & 2, 7 p.m. at Englehardt Library. Call-backs: Nov. 3. For info. and to borrow a script, call Lowell Area Arts Council at 897-8545 or email www.lowell artscouncil.org.

DRIVER'S TRAINING SEGMENT 2

Held on Nov. 7, 8, 9, from 3-5 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. Students must attend all classes to receive certificate. Registration: Now thru Oct. 21. To be assigned a class, bring \$30 to the main office. Students must show log sheets and Level 1 License 1st day of class.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

The Belding, Ionia, Lowell Masonic Lodge will hold a Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament Scholarship fundraiser at the Masonic Lodge, 211 E. Main, Belding, on Sat., Oct. 22, starting at 3 p.m. For more info., contact Bob Rodgers at (616) 794-3100 or (989) 637-4258 or Paul Neal at (616) 527-3600.

WIN AN ORLANDO VACATION

Lowell Rotary Club will raffle off an Orlando condo vacation worth \$2700, air fare for 2 included. Held March 29 at Lowell City Hall. Raffle tickets are \$5 ea. or 5 for \$20. Proceeds to benefit Rotary International & Rotary Club of Lowell local projects. Tickets at Lowell Ledger/Buyers Guide, J.B. Harrison, Lowell Chamber, State Farm, Regal Insurance or Bernard's Ace Hardware.

ROTARY CLUB SEEKS CATERER

For its weekly meetings on Wednesday at noon at Lowell City Hall. Food service license required. Quote deadline: November 4. For more information call Lorain Smalligan at 897-8545 (weekdays) or 897-9384 (evenings before 8:00 p.m. and weekends).

second life in Third World country By J.B. Lobdell lock—that the 1984 Chevy fire down to deliver an ambulance dent of the Michigan Chapter

Contributing Writer

A 1984 Lowell fire truck, no longer useable, is just taking up space.

the Third World country of the Dominican Republic is in need of a fire truck for a new fire station it just completed.

least to city clerk Betty Mor- Jeanne Shores and I went said Steve Boyer, vice presi-

if sent to Santiago. "I have traveled to the

Dominican Republic on behalf The city of Santiago in of the Lowell Rotary Club the need for fire and rescue and for the Lowell-Rockford equipment. The city had just Ambulance," said Morlock, completed a new fire station in who also serves on the Lowell-Rockford Ambulance board. park that is about 10 miles out-

truck would serve a better use and meet with the mayor and people of Santiago.' It was through that meet-

ing that Morlock discovered a free trade zone or industrial So it made sense-at "This past summer, mayor side of the city in the country,

The nonprofit organization, founded in 1963, is based on the "people-to-people" philosophy, which grew out of a 1962 call by President John F. Kennedy for citizens of the Western Hemisphere to

work together.

of Partners of the Americas.

Fire truck, cont'd., pg. 4

Council considers fees for showboat

By J. Lobdell

Contributing Writer

Commerce presented its first tem Charles Myers to discuss \$50 for nonprofit rentals. draft of proposed fees for renting the Lowell Showboat at the city council's meeting last week.

As part of the agreement, the chamber of commerce

The Lowell Chamber of David Pasquale and mayor pro

individuals and businesses; \$150 for nonprofit organizations; and \$200 for chamber members. This would be in ad-

Baker met with city manager receive \$100 for private and is already giving the chamber Baker said chamber ac-

The proposed draft set the tivities such as the Riverwalk rental fee at \$300 for private Festival, Harvest Celebraboat, which is owned by the dition to a \$50 refundable de- asked about businesses uscity. A few months ago when posit if the boat was returned ing the boat during those questions arose over why a in good condition. The city special events, such as the

tion and Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts would be exempt from all fees.

director of the chamber Liz rentals; the chamber would Baker explained the business

Councilman Jim Pfaller rental fee for the boat and a would receive \$200 for private Flat River Grill which sells policy had not been created, rentals and \$100 for all other alcohol and other beverages.

Spectrum Health Butterworth

from those sales and would be exempt from paying the "I see the boat as an icon

the city and it bringing economic dollars into the community," Baker said. "I doubt anyone is getting rich by providing such a service during a city event. They have to pay us the 15 percent plus

Boat fees, cont'd., pg. 4

Hunter injured in fall from tree stand

was taken to the hospital did not return from an early a.m. Baird was transported to for a head injury. Sunday morning after falling morning hunt. He found Baird from his tree stand.

Daniel Baird was bowhunting alone in a woods near Fallasburg Park Drive and

Three Mile Road. His father

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WAITING (R

A Lowell teenage hunter went to look for him after he call, which came at about 6 Campus where he was treated lying on the ground after a fall of some 16 feet.

The Lowell Area Fire Department and Rockford Ambulance responded to the

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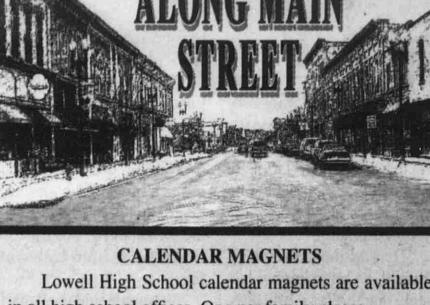
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By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

council decided to reduce the The project had been scaled scope of a sidewalk project, city manager David Pasquale got a call that there would be funds to cover the original proposed plan.

He told the Lowell City Council at its meeting last Inc. week that he was officially informed by the Kent County Community Development Department that the Community Development Block Grant specific dollar amount; this (CDBG) program would pro- did not go over well with the vide the extra dollars to cover council. the entire project.

With this additional funding, the project will now in- tract without knowing what

to Birchwood Court, on both sides of Lincoln Lake, Hunt St. from Beech to Lincoln A day after the city Lake, and along Ridgeview. back because the city only had about \$45,000 in approved block grant money, approximately \$20,000 below the lowest bid of \$69,529.50, which came from Lyonnais,

"I'm concerned about

Pasquale said the department recommended that the council approve a motion stating full funding versus a

issuing an open-ended conclude sidewalks along Beech the full amount should be,"

said councilman Jim Pfaller. "Whether it's state dollars or federal dollars, it's all tax funded dollars."

Pasquale said the reason for leaving the amount openended was so if some unforeseen problem occurred that caused the cost of the project to go up, it would be covered explained under the grant

already approved, DesJarden "I've never gotten a

checkbook out and not known Department of Public what I was writing the check Works director Dan Des Jarden for," said Charles Myers, said you never know what mayor pro tem. might happen when you start If the council specifies an digging underground, i.e., digamount, whatever overruns ging right into an underground

occur on the project will then water tank. If you did run into come out of the city's general something, then you know it's fund, Pasquale said.

The council approved the lowest bid of \$69,529.50, or

fully funded if unforeseen problems arise.

Depending on paperwork and final approvals, DesJarden expected the work to start in couple of weeks, and since the project is pretty straight forward, should be completed in another two weeks, before the snow starts to fly.

Business Matters

Stacev VanderBand has been named personal banker overeight years of banking exat the Lowell office of Ionia County National Bank, President James D. Fast recently Belding West office.

VanderBand, who has perience, most recently served as a personal banker at ICNB's of Phoenix

She will continue to provide lending and personal banking services while pursuing her bachelor of arts degree in business adminis tration from the University

Greenridge Realty announced that Joyce Thuston received Realtor of the Month in September.

This award recognizes Thuston for her outstanding success and achievements.

School board meeting, continued ... From Page 1

some time in December or for high level students," January," Gillette said.

Assistantsuperintendent receive good news from be clustered together. the new state budget, as years past.

to maintain their programs

gifted and talented students Mark Kasmer gave a report in Lowell schools will begin on changes to the district's in the first grade with reading, gifted and talented program. Kasmer explained. Students That is an area that did not reading at a high level will Math students are eligible

state funding for gifted and and teachers to identify those or higher on the next year's talented programming was children in kindergarten and cut completely this year also administer a test called after being paired down in the Slossen and identify the continue on to honors courses for college credit,

The clustering is subjects of writing and math. The criteria for these grade levels includes MAP testing and MEAP testing. to skip ahead a grade in "We would ask parents math by scoring 80 percent

expanded in second through several other opportunities The progression for fifth grade to include the available to gifted students Events League.

These students can

math in middle school.

Kasmer also listed at different buildings in the district. Among these he included spelling and geography bees, continental math league, Junior Great **Books and National Current**

In high school, there are honors courses available. advanced placement (AP)

"Districts are scrambling top five percent," Kasmer English and upper track and online courses. Testing out of some classes is also an option. These require teacher recommendation, a student application, and strong past performance among other criteria.

> There are building level gifted and talented liaisons currently at all the district's school buildings except for Alto. Parents can contact building principals or Kasmer to find out who these people are.

Gifted and talented meeting Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in the LAS board room in the Runciman Education building

Following Kasmer's presentation, high school counselor Mary Moore discussed the high school AP program with the board. There are 10 AP classes at the school in science, English, math and social

"We're hoping to add a psychology course in the next year or so to the AP program," Moore said.

AP testing takes place in May. The cost is \$82 per test, starting with a \$13 non-refundable deposit. The multiple choice tests are scored from one to five.

"Usually, a score of three, four or five is the score colleges require to get credit," Moore said.

Colleges are moving education will be discussed that up, however, and soon in more detail at a parents' four or five will be the

> Last year, there were 237 students enrolled in AP courses at the high school, down from 309 the previous year. Of those 237 students. 170 took the test in May. About 65 percent of those students scored three or higher on the test, making them likely candidates for college credit.

Boat fees, continued... From Page 3

their staff, plus haul things and felt if that is the city's con-

and the extra licensing fees it was worth waiving. from the state. There isn't much left." Myers said he would hate could accommodate 133 peoto see the showboat not being ple and the fee was more than

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back and forth from the boat, tribution toward these events. Pfaller thought the \$300

fee was too high. The boat used because of rental fees, \$2 per person. He suggested

Creekside Park pavilion has a deposit of \$75; if the pavilion is left in good shape, \$50 is costs money and manpower Pfaller also questioned each use.

whether the city should be charging nonprofits. Department of Public Works director Dan DesJarden responded by saying, "The time has come for in place, Baker said a rental no more freebies"... his reason being these fees aid the city in

"The area is not serviced

by city services and they

Boyer explained

lowering the fee and raising recouping some of the cost in the deposit. For example, the maintaining the boat. While he can sympathize with Pfaller on this issue, the fact remains it to clean up the facility after

The council decided Baker should revisit the rental fees and come back with a new proposal. Once the fees are policy can be put together.

Fire truck, continued... From Page 3 pose in the U.S. would be for A group from Santiago considered inadequate by came to Michigan several today's fire standards and for parades

After consulting with Lowell fire chief Frank Martin, it was determined that if the truck was put up for sale, it would not net very much.

"What we have is far better than what they have,' Morlock said. "Something like this is a great asset to them and they do take care of their vehicles because they know if they don't, they might not get another one.'

At last week's city council meeting, Morlock approached the council about waiving the bidding process so Partners of the Americas could help Santiago purchase the truck for about \$5,000. The organization would also cover all shipping costs to the city. The council approved the waiver and indicated staff could work out the details of the purchase price with Santiago and Partners of the Americas.

months ago and found the that reason is not saleable. needed something there in truck to be suitable to their Morlock explained, adding case of a fire or emergency," needs. That same truck is that probably its only pur-

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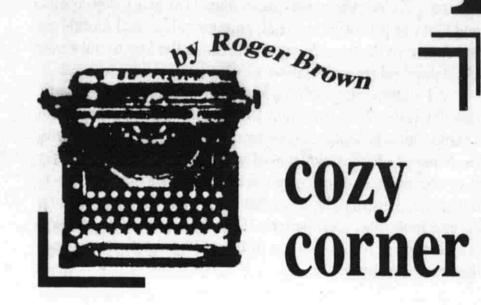
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We left off last week with a dead airplane engine. The incident left Terese, my wife, and me stranded in western Kentucky over Labor Day weekend. The airplane engine had quit, and would not re-start. It had run just twelve hours since a major overhaul by an increasingly suspect engine shop in southern Florida. The owner of the shop goes by Bobby and two of his mechanics I've dealt with answer to Leroy and Hollis. All we need is a Cooter and a Gomer and we'd have us a TV show!

Terese was none too keen on the idea that she had been in the plane most of those twelve hours as we flew over unforgiving terrain like open water, trees and swamp. I was just glad the engine quit while on the ground.

After exhausting my engine knowledge (ten minutes or less) and trying things suggested during frantic phone conversations with Bobby, I gave up and went to plan "B." I contacted a friend in Michigan who owns a four-place airplane and just happened to be "hangin' out" on this holiday weekend. He and his wife came to our rescue.

that afternoon. His airplane ran just fine, so my luck with mechanical stuff does not extend beyond things I own.

My old biplane spent the month of September tied down at that desolate state park airstrip. I was back in Florida and busy making a living. Since Bobby's shop is 800 miles from where the plane is tied down, he worked with a mechanic in Kentucky to try and resolve the problem. No luck. Not even a cough. I've had to work very, very hard at this, but so far I've managed to maintain my "cool" with Bobby and the boys.

September 23rd rolled around. I had long ago purchased a plane ticket to Michigan for this date. The purpose was to fly rides at the Lowell fly-in and get the plane through its annual inspection. Because our brush with Hurricane Rita caused airport closures and flight cancellations, I had been able to change the ticket to Evansville, Indiana, at no cost. Evansville is about a hundred miles north of where my plane is and is the closest commercial service. I spent the night in a cheap motel and the next morning I got a cheap rental car. Eager to get out of Evansville, I didn't even stop for a cheap breakfast.

At the airplane, I spent three or four hours trying a few more long-shot suggestions from various mechanicallybased more in sorcery than mechanics, but as they say, two parts must be insured. Bobby, Bobby, Bobby ... shame "What the hey?" Of course nothing worked, and I resorted on you. to plan "C."

pulling the engine. Fortunately, another Stearman owner keeps his plane at a strip in nearby Cadiz, Kentucky. I had met this guy at a fly-in the previous fall. He was a huge help material. If this next overhaul is as good as the first one ... and a tremendous resource for local assistance.

The next day we hoisted the engine off the airplane with a roadside tire service truck mounted with a small crane. We loaded the engine into my friend's truck and took it back to his hangar where he let me store the propeller, sheet metal panels and assorted parts. I took my newfound friend out to dinner as partial payment for all his help. Yes, my terminal engine was starting to rack up a sizeable tab.

After a restless night in another cheap motel, Sunday dawned. I couldn't work at crating my engine up for common carrier shipment because the lumberyard was closed. This idle time allowed me to think ... always a dangerous proposition. I called rental truck outfits for rates on a one-way from Cadiz to Bobby's shop. I told them I just wanted to rent the truck, not buy the darned thing.

Eventually, my idle mind came up with plan "D." called my wife and she agreed to drive my old pickup from the Keys, well over a thousand miles. She, and my truck. rolled into Cadiz Monday afternoon.

My friend helped us load the engine. For all his help we took him and his wife out to dinner. Terese needed a breather. so we spent Tuesday sightseeing around the "Lakes Region" and left early Wednesday morning for our trip back.

I won't say the trip went without a hitch. My truck was running rough and the last couple hundred miles were in torrential rain. We got a room in the town where Bobby's shop is located. I didn't sleep very well. My pending meeting with Bobby kept me awake.

Terese wanted no part of a confrontation, so she stayed at the motel. Me, my equally tired truck and my dead airplane engine showed up at Bobby's place early. I blew off Our friends arrived Saturday afternoon, I put them up the good-old-boy greeting Bobby extended and demanded in the lodge, we hung out by the pool, had a great dinner, a closed door meeting with him before the engine was offtoured the marina the next morning and headed for Michigan loaded. I think Bobby sensed he was dealing with a mighty

> I sat Bobby down and went through a long, long list of grievances and demands I had prepared. The bottom line was that I didn't want a "band-aid' approach to the problem wanted a complete disassembly and complete overhaul done right this time! We discussed a deadline, costs transportation of the engine back to Kentucky, installation warranty, etc. He agreed to each of my demands, but the proof will be in the pudding. The good-old-boy, handshake, good-as-my-word stuff is wearing very, very thin with me.

That was September 29th. I was hoping that by this time I'd have a definitive answer to what happened to my engine For my edification, as well as wrapping things up in this column. With the engine partially disassembled, I'm being told that a serrated union between the cam and cam drive gear was not properly assembled. The cam was able to slip and the engine is 85 degrees out of time. I'm no mechanic, but I know there are only 360 degrees in a circle. Being off 85 degrees seems pretty significant.

I explained this to my regular mechanic. He posed several other concerns, hence my lack of a definitive answer to the problem. He also faxed me a page out of the Continental W-670 overhaul manual with a bold-faced minded sources. Some of the suggestions seemed to be paragraph specifically warning that a proper union of these

If my engine comes out of Bobby's shop next month, With my meager bag of tools I began the process of gets hung on my airplane, I get it flown to Michigan without a severe case of frostbite and the overhaul seems to be a good one, then this ordeal will just be so much column then shame on me.

To The Editor

Dear Editor.

big appreciation to George Allchin. Last night (Friday) I Lowell a great place to live and operate a business. I am looked across the street and saw George in action setting sure that I speak for a lot of other people when I say: Thanks up tents along the Riverwalk in preparation for the Harvest George. Celebration. Then it struck me that the last time I saw George he was out at Fallasburg Park helping out during

I have observed George lending his time and effort on too many occasions to list during the three years we have been in town. He and his wife Pat consistently exhibit the I would like to extend a big pat on the back and a kind of volunteer spirit and community pride that makes

Cliff Yankovich Lowell

Ledger Entries

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125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL **OCTOBER 13, 1880**

Republican meetings at some schoolhouses have been well-attended. (The editor does not kindly mention Democrats.

with growing sugar cane on an acre of ground, and had about 100 gallons of syrup. Morris Johnson's new flouring mill on Dean Creek in

Three Cannon Township farmers have experimented

West Lowell is becoming very popular. Many Bowne farmers are busy picking apples, while

others are not bothering to, says the correspondent.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **OCTOBER 12, 1905**

The new Bergin Building has been leased to Edelmann & Nerreter of Saginaw, for a hardware store.

Wm. H. Murphy of Lowell has been elected County Drain Commissioner by the Board of Supervisors. The supervisors also vote for bonding to \$50,000 to

separate the poorhouse from wards for the feeble-minded Joe Leavitt opens the Lowell Junk Shop. He will pay

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO **OCTOBER 9 1930**

cash for scrap metal, paper and hides.

M21 now is hard-surfaced from Saranac to Ionia. making the Grand Rapids-Ionia trip scenic and smooth.

Lowell Merchants beat the Nationals Stars 9-6. all 9 runs, thanks to Rube Ehrhardt's pitching for seven

Bowne Township has 73 miles of the best highways in Kent County, thanks to good maintenance and

"Manslaughter" is the talkie sensation at the Strand Theatre, starring Claudette Colbert and Fredric March.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **OCTOBER 13, 1955**

Representative Gerald R. Ford Jr. will bring his 'mobile office" (house trailer) to Lowell next Thursday.

A speaker from the state police advises a large PTA crowd to close Lafayette near the school from 8 to 5 to ensure safe school-bus loading.

The Garden Lore Club will hear highway engineer Shoemaker about relocating the stone "gates to Lowell' (sponsored by the club) during widening of M21.

Drs. McKay and Hill have received a supply of Salk poliomyelitis vaccine, enough for children aged 5-6 who have not been in previous eligible groups.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **OCTOBER 8, 1980**

Decorative siding, rough-sawn boards and tiny cracks in house exteriors attract insects, which attract woodpeckers, says the article.

The top attraction of 1981 Chryslers is the fuelefficient, front wheel drive "K" car. Salmon fishing is very good, with new, upper-river

areas open to "liberalized" fishing.

Mark Hartley bags a twelve-point buck with a single

David O. Sims, pastor First Baptist Church

Home Improvement. Extreme Makeover. "New and Improved!" These commercial and entertainment slogans are making us think this month. Could such upgrading be possible ... for real? Is it possible that God might not be a cosmic kill-joy, but rather a sovereign personal Friend who truly has good things in mind for us? How can that be when it seems so much of life is painfully bitter instead of better? Yet, a basic read through the Bible assures us that "better" is definitely in the heart, mind, vocabulary and plan of God for us. And I am so glad it is! Without such a claim, I would surely end up deeply disturbed when the whole road of life feels like it is being swallowed up in a vast pothole. God so wants to make us better, He even takes the bad things and turns them into good for those who love Him! Only He can turn our tragic ends into fresh starts.

But how easy it is to discriminate! How unconsciously we deny that problems or pain can be positive. As we approach the Thanksgiving season, we will experience it all over again! Just as at yard-sale or moving time we sort through what we want to keep and what we would like to throw/give/sell away, we also do with the stuff of our life experiences. Without intent, we do make lists of what we are grateful for, and of what we would just as soon not even remember (let alone give thanks for). In a couple of months, our Christmas letters will highlight the "good" things of the year with the disappointments left



unverbalized to be read between the lines by the discerning reader. Yet, the Bible maintains that we should give thanks in all things. Why? There actually is rhyme and reason in it all.

Notice God's surprising and mysterious "improvement formula" in Ecclesiastes 7:1b "the day of death better than the day of birth" and 7:2 "It is better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of feasting, for death is the destiny of every man; the living should take this to heart." And 7:3 "Sorrow is better than laughter, because a sad face is good for the heart." And 7:4-5 "The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, but the heart of fools is in the house of pleasure. It is better to heed a wise man's rebuke than to listen to the song of fools." So how is life better through sorrow? Somehow it doesn't sound right.

But note with me where the "BETTERs" are hiding here: 1) The death of faithful loved ones relieves us of the burden of worry and care. Birth only begins a life of care-needs ... physically, materially, spiritually, emotionally. If one meets God in His Son, Christ, in this life, death really becomes an entrance to eternal life (John 3:16). The apostle Paul actually called it "gain" (Phil. 1:21). God sees it as "precious" (Psalm

2) The experience of bereavement also requires us to face our own destiny. It's not sadistic ... it's realistic! Partying can blur reality, but pausing to think about our forever will always do us good, especially in light of Hebrews 9:27 and the fact of our appointment with eternity.

1. In addition, the sobriety of sorrow compels us to take life seriously. Jesus said it this way: "Blessed are they that mourn ... " God wants us to understand how every day counts, and that our priorities are vital, and our values and morals set the course of destiny. Sorrow over sin is the key to our inner cleansing and transformation. (2 Cor 7:10)

2. Finally, wounds of honesty enable us to change positively. (see Proverbs 27:5-6) Tough love can hurt ... the truth can wound, but when said in love from a friend it doesn't destroy us. None of us likes confrontation, but how will we do better if no one says anything? A good mirror shows our blemishes, the grime, the smudges ... so that we can shave, wash, freshen up and look (and feel) better! Hmmm ... I believe that God tells it right. I pray I'll learn to better appreciate the valleys that make me better.

Briggs celebrate 50 years of marriage

A Golden wedding anniversary will be observed Saturday, October 15, 2005 by Howard and Barb Briggs of Lowell. The occasion will be celebrated with a family dinner at a later date.

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AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

defined, and early symptoms were outlined that can help parents identify ASD in their child. The most common presentation for a child with ASD is difficulty with communication.

By age three, most children have gone through the babbling stage, and by one year have said some words and acknowledge through their body language that they recognize a name. They point to a toy that they want and say a definite "no" when it's something they don't want.

However, some children remain mute throughout their life, or have early babbling, but it stops and they never progress through the other language milestones. Other ASD children are delayed in their language development, and don't talk until they are five years or older; others will use sign language or a combination of communication strategies to get across

Often, a child with ASD will use language in an unusual and eccentric way. They show difficulty combining words

into meaningful sentences. Some speak using single words, while others repeat the same group of words over and over. Echolalia often occurs. This is a condition that causes children just to repeat or parrot what they hear people say. At times, children can be only mildly affected by language problems, but they have great difficulty sustaining a conversation. Often, the normal "rules" of communication are not followed, and they rarely follow the natural "give and take" patterns of communication when talking to another person. Instead, they might share a monologue on a favorite subject, and not leave an opening for the other person to make a comment.

When they become involved in a conversation, many times In past articles, ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) has been their body language does not fit what is being said or what they are saying. For instance, they might laugh at something that has a sober intention. Common examples might include a high-pitched tone, a "sing-songy" or flat, robot-like voice. It is important to note that each child that has been diagnosed with ASD has their own unique problems with communication.

Screening tools for autism have been developed to gather information on how a child communicates. Instruments include the Checklist of Autism in Toddlers (CHAT), the Screening Tool for Autism in Two-Year-Olds (STAT), and the Social Communication Questionnaire (SCQ). The STAT is for a child who is 4 years or older.

If you suspect that your child might have ASD, contact a child psychologist to have one of these assessments done. Social skills training, and other programs specifically geared toward ASD can help your child make gains in the critical area of communication.

***I used to believe that marriage would diminish me, reduce my options. That you had to be someone less to live with someone else when,

Candice Bergen (1946 -

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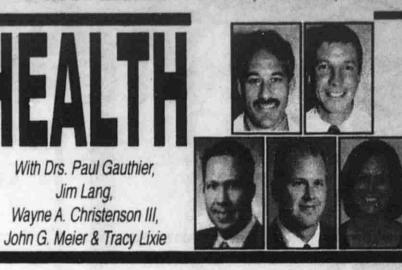
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COLD WEATHER INJURIES

We still have not seen the cold and snow, but it will soon be upon us. Cold related injuries occur most commonly in children and the elderly. We will review three conditions: frostnip, frostbite and hypothermia.

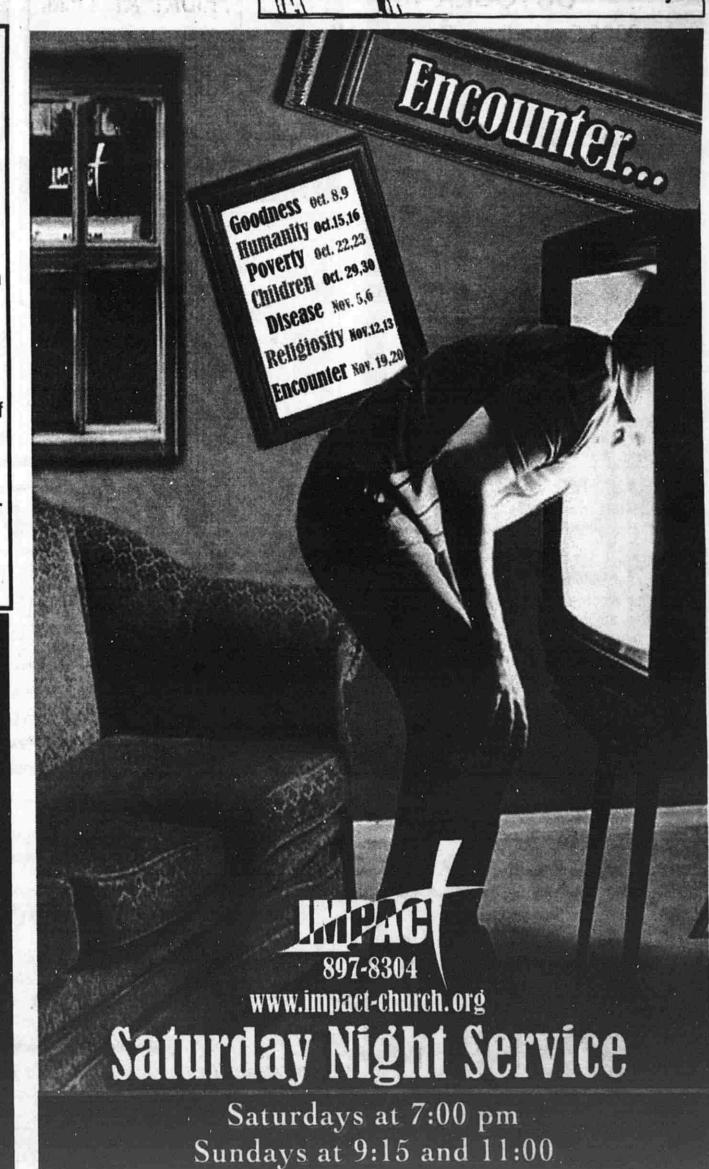
Frostnip and frostbite have to do with the amount of circulating heat in our extremities, especially fingers, toes and nose. Frostnip is the freezing of the top layers of skin; frostbite is the freezing of all of its layers. The skin affected turns waxy white and feels numb. Skin remains soft in frostnip, but is hard in frostbite. Treatment consists of warming the extremity. Never rub the skin to warm it as this can cause skin damage. Frostbite is a serious problem that requires medical attention.

Hypothermia is a condition that occurs when body temperature falls below 96 degrees. The elderly are at a higher risk for this than others. Signs of hypothermia include confusion or sleepiness, slowed or slurred speech, behavior change, excess shivering and slow reactions. Some illnesses and medications place a person at greater risk for hypothermia. Alcohol also lowers the body's ability to retain heat. Hypothermia requires prompt medical attention. The body must be slowly re-warmed under medical supervision.









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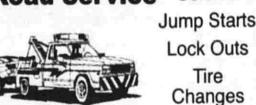
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This fall as the lush green landscape and bright skies of summer faded, so did the life of our loyal friend and hunting partner. Despite fervent hope and modern veterinary medicine, Toby, our beagle, died after bringing companionship and joy to our home for nine years.

Toby was an unusually large tri-colored beagle. His ears were the size of my hand. A deep multi-pitched howl and a lively white-tipped tail revealed his location when on the trail of game. One rear foot, from birth, had two toes which were connected by tissue only. The foot splayed out, exposing tender skin causing him to skip when he walked on rough surfaces, so we put an infant's sock and dog boot on it when it bothered him.

Toby, like most beagles, was born with the instinct to trail rabbits which he did with resolute determination and a booming voice that could be clearly heard echoing from frozen swamps and thick bramble tangles. His hunting instincts led him to pursue other interests. Toby was guardian of the yard which he overlooked from his vantage point on our elevated

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deck. He would patiently wait for squirrels to appear at the birdfeeders or for a stray cat to arrive to menace the birds that gather there. He became an expert at sniffing out shrews in the woods and moles in the lawn, and was occasionally successful digging them out.

Although a scent hound by trade, he developed the skill of a leopard for stalking squirrels as they sorted through spilled irdseed. When a squirrel finally spotted Toby, it would dash for a nearby tree and from the safety of a limb scold the hound with loud chatter as Toby howled his special squirrel howl from the base of the tree. He never caught a squirrel or rabbit, of course. For him the fun was in the chase. The front yard will probably be over-run with tunneling moles, seed snatching squirrels, and marauding felines now that the defender of the domain is gone.

Toby was gentle, never aggressive, but he would sniff the pant leg and shoes of a newly arrived friend or stranger just long enough to determine who you were, where you had been, and what you had been doing. He was a busybody. No matter how tired he became when riding in a vehicle, he never slept because he might miss something.

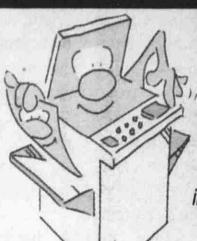
I never heard Toby growl, but if unduly pressured by an aggressive dog or a pair of over zealous grandchildren he would let out a very long, very loud howl. The startled kids would about jump out of their socks.

We who share our lives with a pet know that someday we will face the loss of our companion. Our grief will pass, but the memories of the good times with Toby will last a lifetime.

***If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you. This is the principal difference between a dog and a man. - Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)

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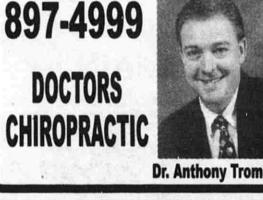
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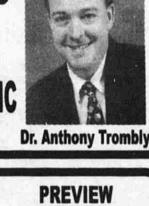
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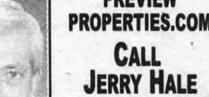
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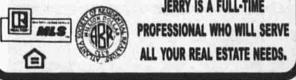
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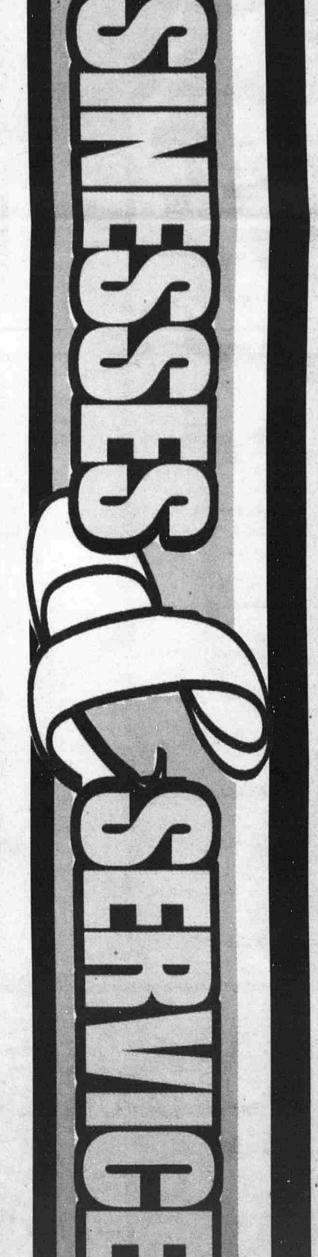
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Harvest Celebration, continued... From Page 1

year-old cancer patient Anna elsewhere managed to build Home Tour. Organek. Ionia County enough straw-stuffed men,

the the city's poles. scarecrow building, which

took place Saturday at the in and around Lowell, the

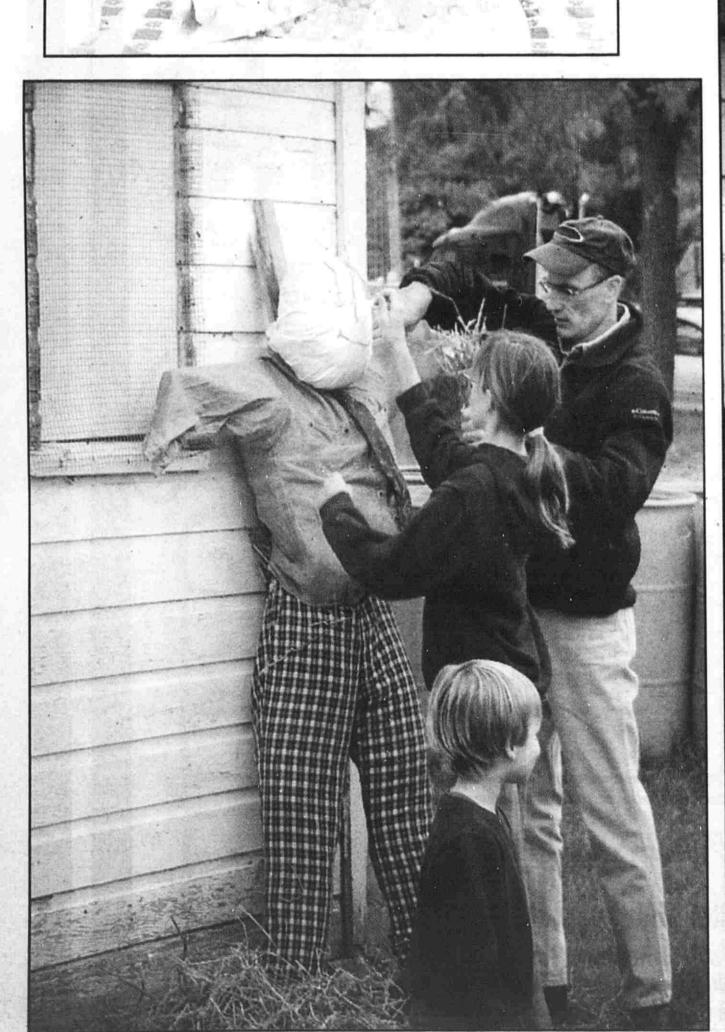
competition. Buffalo Dick's Lowell Fairgrounds, can museum and a historic bank white chili won the white be seen on lamp posts and building were open Saturday poles throughout morning and afternoon for The event raised more Lowell. In a few hours, the Lowell Area Historical than \$1,200 to help eight- people from Lowell and Museum's annual Historic

> Meanwhile, antiques Bank provided women and children to were being sold along adorn a good percentage of Riverwalk Plaza and crafts were for sale in the Foreman Five historic houses Building at the fairgrounds.



Middle School, hold the head of their scarecrow in place.

Barry Harding of Lowell slices an orange bell pepper in preparation for making "Chile's and Beer Chili."



Neil Mills and Calina Mills, 12, stuff their scarecrow while Colbe Mills, 3, inspects



A collection of scarecrows leans on the poultry barn at the Lowell Fairgrounds before being distributed throughout town.

Local dealership celebrates 30 years of business in Lowell

Harold Zeigler Ford president Aaron Zeigler, vice president and general manager Charlie Jeffrey, and chairman Harold Zeigler with Ford's new GT. The GT is probably the most exotic and powerful production car (albeit limited production) Ford has ever built Being selected to display the hot red car for sale in their showroom is one of the privileges the dealership has accrued in its 30 years in business.

The dealership cele-brated its 30th year Friday with a luncheon on the showroom floor. Zeigler started the company at its present location in 1975. It is now the oldest car dealer under the same continuous ownership in Lowell. Some current employees have been on the payroll since the company's early days.

The Harold Zeigler company has branched out to include 21 franchises in nine towns. A new dealership that will open soon in Grandville near the Rivertown Crossings mall is expected to be the company's highest-volume branch.

Zeigler lived in Ionia before starting his business in Lowell. This town, he said, seemed like a good place for a car dealership.

"I just thought it was a good location," Zeigler said. "I liked the town, I liked the people, it was close to Grand Rapids, close to where I grew up."

He said the business has become a lot more competitive since he first opened the store here. But trucks are still popular in the Lowell area, as was the case 30 years ago.

"People still buy a lot of Ford pickups," Zeigler said. "It's a good pickup market." A plaque from the Ford Motor Company recognizing Harold Zeigler's 30 years will

arrive soon to adorn the dealership's wall.



Cool start for inaugural Harvest Hustle 5-K run

By Dan Schneider

first cool temperatures greet- age division. ed 68 runners and walkers

run," said Marshall Randall, 48. overall race winner and outs in the Rockford area.

course. It came as a surprise Randall said.

surprise. I didn't know that with a time of 21:27. Full with the establishment of the was there." Randall said.

Saturday morning for the 17:36. Haney finished in

race results are available on Harvest Hustle.

"It was cool because it the Lowell Area Chamber of broke the pack up," said Jeff Commerce web site, www. munity Wellness board ent people." Some of the season's Haney, who won the 40-44 lowellchamber.org, and are meetings, (chamber exposted at the chamber and at ecutive director) Liz Baker cross country teams vol- will use the proceeds from Randall's time was the Lowell YMCA.

"Not a bad morning to Club, which meets for fre- around a few blocks of down- tor Patty Sellner. quent runs and track work- town Lowell before heading to the end of Washington she was not sure if it could "I was a little conserva- Street at the Boy Scout cabin be put together on relatively Sellner said. "That's one of challenge. The large hill on North tive at the cemetery because and returning through Oak- short notice. But it hap- the nice things about a small Division Street also greet- I wasn't sure if I was going wood Cemetery. After or- pened, she said, with "a lot community is when you do ed the runners early in the to hit that hill again or not," ganizers announced the end of the Cherry Creek Classic Melanie Droski was the earlier this year, Lowell was "That first hill was a overall top female finisher not long without a 5-K run

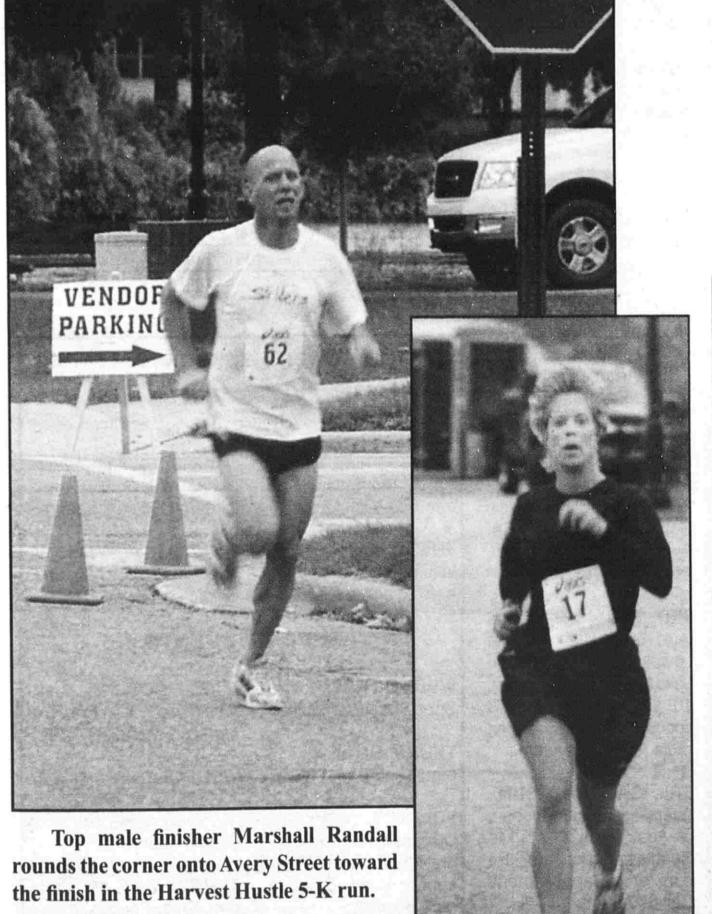
The Lowell High School

suggested that we do some-Starting on Avery Street thing along with the Har- Cross country coach Clay to \$1,000, to help fund its inaugural Harvest Hustle 5- 18:08. Both are members behind the Lowell police sta- vest Festival," said Lowell VanderWarf helped lay out community health activiof the North Kent Running tion, the course took runners Community Wellness directhe course. Organizers from ties such as the upcoming At first, Sellner said, helped manage the race.

"At one of our Com- of help from a lot of differ- something, volunteers come out of the woodwork."

> Community Wellness unteered out on the course. the race, estimated at close the Cherry Creek Classic weight loss challenge and the recently-completed "100 "It kind of flew itself," Miles in 100 Days" walking





Melanie Droski, the Harvest Hustle's top female finisher, makes the final sprint to the finish down Avery Street in the Harvest Hustle 5-K.





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call Sarah at 281-6588.

WED.: Rotary meets at

noon at City Hall, 301 E.

WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON

upstairs at 1st Congrega-

WED.: Tri-town Conserva-

tion Club trap & skeet

10 p.m.Larry 754-7104.

1ST WED.: GR area

Scrabble Club at Schuler's

play, all levels, walk- ins

2ND WED.: Kent County

Youth Fair Board meeting.

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grounds. Call 897-6050.

sons are welcome.

welcome. Jan 897-5759.

Main, 2nd floor,

Hudson St.

Notices in the "Coming Bldg. Weigh-ins are at Events" are free to any 5:45 p.m. nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto & TUES .: Cub Scout Pack EVERY OTHER WED .:

SUN.: Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12- TUES.: Weight Watchers 5 p.m. Call Larry at at Alto United Methodist 754-7104. Public welcome. Church, corner of Kirby &

MON.: LHS Fellowship of Register 1 1/2 hrs. before 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 Com- TUES.: Women's Commumunity Building, no dues, no joining fee, no weighins. Brenda 897-9141.

MON.: Women's over 30 7:15 p.m. Calvary Christian drop-in basketball, 7-9:30 Reformed Church. Call p.m. at Cherry Creek El- 897-7060 or 897-7555. ementary. Call Dave

MON.: Boy Scout Troop Room of Grattan Township 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 com- at 897-6325 or 248-2423. munication of the Belding-Ionia-Lowell Ma- 1ST & 3RD TUES.: Lowell p.m. in lodge room, 211 E. Memorial Fire Station, 315 Main, Belding. Dinner at S. Hudson St. 6:30 p.m. All Masons may

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

2ND MON.: Bowne Town- 9977/June 231-780-1249 ship Historical Society for more information. meets 7:30 at historic museum,84th/Alden Nash. 2ND & 3RD TUES.: Qua- THURS.: Weight Watch-

meetings at chamber of open to public daily except fice or Fallasburg, 7 p.m. Tues. evenings. All invited. Call 897-7161 for info. or location.

3RD MON.: Women of the Moose meeting at 7:30 p.m. matters. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at

3RD MON.: Peripheral Hudson, Call 897-8304. Neuropathy support group, 7 p.m. at Schneider Manor 2ND & 4TH TUES.: THURS.: Pottery classes Community Rm., 725 Saranac Bowes. Dorothy 897-9794. needleart/quilting bee, 5- Center, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

3RD MON.: Lowell Show- Wellness Center, Bridge boat Garden Club meetings St., Saranac. All are welare held in the Fellowship come. Contact Bey or nancy Crisis Center, 402 Hall at the Church of the Melissa, 642-6466. Light Amity St., non-denomina-Nazarene at 7 p.m. dinner is provided.

4TH MON.: Clark-Ellis 2ND & 4TH TUES .: Knights a.m.-3 p.m.; Mondays: American Legion Post 152, of Columbus #7719 at St. 5:30-8 p.m. 897-9393. 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at Mary School at 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

TUES.: Take Off Pounds children w/AD/HD at St. support meetings, 7-8:30 Sensibly Tops MI#372 Luke's Lutheran Church, p.m. 250 Cherry, Lacks meets at Key Heights Mo- 32156 4 Mile NE/ E. Cancer Center, Grand bile Home Park Community Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda Rapids.

Saranac areas. Keep no- 3188 meets at 1st United tices brief; may submit by Methodist Church (as long mail, but will accept no- as there is school), 6:30 tices by phone at 897-9261. p.m. 1st-5th grade boys. Contact Gary Liu at (616) 292-6039 for more info.

> Harrison meets at 5:30 p.m. meeting, 800-651-6000.

TUES.: Flat River Woodcarvers meet at LAAC from 6:30-8:30 p.m. league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 6-

nity Bible Study, Free nursery and preschool story hour/craft time 9:45 - Bookstore, 28th St. 5:30 -11:15 a.m./women only at 9:30 p.m.Rd. Robin open

(YMCA) 897-8445. Fee \$3. 1ST TUES.: Grattan Historical Society at O'Brien 7:30 p.m., King Memorial Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. Public invited.

> 1ST TUES.: Diabetic Support group, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Schneider Manor Commu- Belding Masonic Temple, nity Rm., 725 Bowes Rd. 211 E. Main; dinner at 6:30 p.m. All Royal Arch Ma-897-2760 or 897-9160.

1ST TUES .: Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College. 7-9 p.m. Call Gary Engle

... because mothering

3RD TUES.: Parents of

sonic Lodge #355 at 7:30 Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., Look 2ND WED.: Support group for Peripheral Neuropathy, 4 p.m., St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church, Grand

> of the American Sewing Guild, Plainfield Senior 3RD WED.: GR area Scrabble Club at Schuler's Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. NE. 6:30 p.m. meeting/ Bookstore, Alpine NW, program Olga 616-975- 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.Rd. Robin open play, all levels, walk-

Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club, ers at Lowell Nazarene 3RD MON .: Fallasburg His- 11400 Foreman Rd. at 8 Church, 201 N. Washingtorical Society board p.m. 3D archery range ton St. 5:30 p.m. Register 1/2 hr. before the meeting. For info. 1-800-651-6000.

> 2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS THURS.: Saranac Area Mothers of Preschoolers Musicians and Singers practice at Saranac High School Band Rm. Choir:6-Impact Church, 1070 N. 7 p.m./band:7-8. Kathy Maatman, 897-5981.

> Needlers, at Franciscan Life Process 8:30 p.m., 4 Health 897-7842.

> > THURS.: St. Mary's Pregtional help for pregnant women/adolescents.11

1ST THURS.: Michigan Hepatitis C Foundation

1ST THURS.: 4-H drama at 874-5662; teen group: club meeting, Lowell Middle School choir room.

Call 897-1502 after 5 p.m.

6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. 1ST & 3RD THURS.: Alto Girls Club - Calvary Chris-Lions Club meets at tian Reformed Church. Ages 8-13. Call 897-8694. 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 tional Church, 404 N. 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: "Financial Planning for Special Needs Children." 7 - 8:30 p.m. Call 642-6466 for info. and to pre-register.

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

3RD THURS.: VFW #8303

Center. Call 897-7842.

women. Ada 752-8300.

Ladies Auxiliary, 3116 2ND WED.: Royal Arch Masons, Hooker Chapter #73 meets at 7:30 p.m. in Supporting Parents group,

3RD THURS.: LaLeche 2ND WED.: Lowell League of Ada, Cascade, Women's Club, noon in Schneider Manor Commu-Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializing; meeting 7. Support for nity Room, 725 Bowes Rd. pregnant/breastfeeding

1ST & 3RD FRI.: Teen MOPS support group for 2ND TUES.: G.R. Chapter Rapids. Dorothy 897-9794. pregnant teens and teen moms, 9:15 - 11:30 a.m. at Impact Church, 1070 N.

> 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.

Hudson, 897-8304

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, held at Lowell Airport, 730 Lincoln Lake NE. 9 a.m. social time; 10 a.m. meeting, LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

FRI., SAT. AND SUN.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, located at 7144 Headley. Hours are 1-4 p.m. or by appointment Call 676-9346.

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\$1.50; members free. 897-7688

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FLAT RIVER OUT-REACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP HOURS: Alden Nash S.E. at 3 p.m. Wed.- Fri. 12-6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. 519 E. 3RD THURS.: Parents Main St. Call 897-2037.

Franciscan Life Process United Methodist Church, 3189 Snow,pork & beef

individuals \$3; 5-17 THURS., OCT. 13: Academic Boosters meet at 8:30 a.m. in volunteer room of high school.

> Foodmobile, free food at Lowell Fairgrounds, 10-11 a.m. Mostly produce available for anyone living in Greater Lowell area.

SAT., OCT. 15: Moonlight Walk at Wittenbach / Wege Center, 7-9 p.m. \$2 donation. Call 987-1002.

COUNCIL: Tues.-Fri.: 12 SAT., OCT. 15: West Michigan Bluegrass Music Assoc. open jamming, 7 p.m. at 1st United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main. Public welcome.

LOWELL SERENITY SAT., OCT. 15: Attic Treasures Roadshow at Saranac High School, 10-2 p.m. Call Lowell museum at 897-7688 for more info.

> SUN., OCT. 16 & 30: lmpact Church, 1070 N. Hudson will have orientations at 3 p.m. for Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University classes to start Nov. 6. 987-0142.

WED., OCT. 12: Snow Lodge, 211 E. Main, dinner starting at 5:30 admission. Call Duane at p.m. Adults: \$8; ages 5- 527-2610 for more info.



LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

897-5949

MON.: 9 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall; 10:30 a.m. Exercise Class.

THURS .: 9 a.m. Walk/ Shop at Malls: 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1:00 p.m. Euchre.

TUES.: 9 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall; 10:30 a.m. Exercise Class.

FRI.: 9 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.9:30 a.m. Exercise Class.

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED.: OCT. 12: Bosnia Shoppers.12:45 Meijer.

Mart & K-Mart. THURS., OCT. 13: 12:45 p.m. Food Pantry A-Z.

FRI., OCT. 14: 11 a.m. Discussion on Path Program; 12 p.m. Pizza Lunch; 12:45 Bingo. 1 p.m. Bowling.

MON., OCT. 17: 4:30 p.m. Dinner: Corner Landing.

TUES., OCT. 18: 12:45 p.m. Shop Greenville Wal-WED., OCT. 19: 8:30 a.m.

Traveling Breakfast "Perkins"; 12:45 p.m. Alto School Lunch. THURS., OCT. 20: 12:45

p.m. Shop Perrigo.

FRI., OCT. 21: 10 a.m. Turkeyville "Singing in the Rain"; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

School board takes a second look at middle school mold issue

Sunny Sullivan said

with mold have "only gotten

worse," since last year and

from the school last Monday.

She went to school for a brief

period, but quickly developed

and swollen and her neck

got hives all over," Sullivan

"Her eyes got all bloated

distressing symptoms.

her doctor pulled the student

By Dan Schneider

order, and even small amounts

health while we figure out

Julie DeVries, who has

high school, said her eighth

prices went up 23 percent!

provision in the energy bill

-which became law in August

-that directs the Federal Trade

whether the oil companies

underway now. I also have

will allow the federal govern-

ment to take action against

Gas prices continue to Commission to investigate

home heating fuel costs are are engaged in price goug-

expected to increase dramati- ing. That investigation is

Michigan families endure high co-sponsored two bills that

profits in history, with this OPEC and the oil companies

year's first-quarter earnings for price fixing.

That's why I included a

these issues," Lane said.

of mold are problematic for his you to continue," she said.

"He wants to be in school, her daughter's problems

Mold at Lowell Middle School was once again a topic at the Lowell Area Schools but we can't sacrifice his board of education meeting Monday night as three parents informed the board that their children had to be removed three children at the middle from the school on doctor's school and a daughter at the

Carolyn Lane of Saranac, grade daughter was removed whose son is in the sixth grade from the middle school due to at the middle school through health complications from the school of choice, said her doc- mold. She said she has respect said. tor recommended she remove for the response the board has him from the school. Her son shown so far. has an immune deficiency dis-

Sen. Debbie Stabenow

Michigan families and

cally this winter. And while

prices at the pump, oil compa-

nies are reporting their highest

up by as much as 80 percent

Santana Boulton.

Accepting New Patients

businesses are being delivered a one-two punch when it comes to energy prices, and it's got to stop! climb to record highs, and

SAT., OCT. 22: Texas Hold 'em Tournament fundraiser at Belding/Ionia Masonic Belding, Pre-register, must be at least 18 years old,\$50

That's a good start, but from last year's earnings. there is more work to do. The Even last year, Exxon Mobil cost of home heating fuels also reported the highest profits is expected to rise dramatiever recorded for a publicly- cally. The Energy Information Energy Assistance Program Readers rewarded

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> winter in the Midwest. For families struggling to make ends meet, especially seniors living on a fixed indevastating effects on household budgets. Last winter, I heard stories about Michigan line and winter heating costs. families burning fires in their kitchen sinks because they simply could not afford to heat their homes. This puts families

it happen again! That's why I will continue to fight for additional money for the Low Income Home

in danger – and we cannot let

home heating needs.

symptoms to contact her.

kind of mold and I think it's

her son's immune deficiency

Lane acknowledged that

Sullivan placed a news- school would not likely be assistant superintendent for

some kids."

"Ihave seen due diligence and Lowell Ledger several of students. But, she said, Mark Kasmer, on a way to

I also recently introduced market manipulation. the Energy Rebate Act of

gram that provides assistance for LIHEAP and consumer are necessities. It is wrong that crease by up to 77 percent this to eligible families with their protections against price the oil and gas industry contin-

weeks ago asking parents of she wanted the board to be keep students up to speed on cal restrictions keep them out of the middle school. This includes some instruction taking place at the high school.

But, Murphy said, "that's a short-term solution for their education."

A construction firm that specializes in dealing with building problems such as mold is being brought in to have a look at the middle school with LAS director of transportation and operations paper ad in the Buyers Guide a problem for a majority curriculum and instruction Larry Mikulski.

As we face the cold-weather You can get more infor-2005, which would give fami- mation about LIHEAP by

with particular health needs.

"The things we found

The district is currently

working with administra-

come, these increases have lies and small businesses an calling the National Energy immediate, one-time \$500 tax Assistance Referral project gas prices affordable for you rebate to help them meet gaso- toll free at (866) 674-6327. and your family. Gasoline and home heat-

other students displaying aware that there are students

insidious types of mold have said his feeling is that the

not been found in tests of school should be suitable for

suspect rooms at the building, all students. Another round of

enough to be hazardous for were of really low levels,"

is a special case, and the levels tors, including middle school

of mold present at the middle principal Linda Warren and

Murphy said.

"we're dealing with some tests was done Friday.

She said while the more superintendent Pat Murphy

gouging and other corporate ues to make excessive profits while our families struggle. months to come, I will be fighting to make heating and

Hunters must remember utility land is private property

With hunting season gearing up in Michigan, Consumers Energy is reminding people that hunting is not allowed on the utility's property. The ban protects the safety of neighbors, utility workers and others. It also addresses the

concerns of neighboring landowners that irresponsible hunters will use Consumers Energy property to trespass. "We are asking hunters to remember that Consumers Energy property is private land, not

public property," said James Feahr, Consumers Energy's land management field rep. "Responsible hunters do not hunt on the private property of others. We ask that Consumers Energy land be treated the same as other private property.' Special hunting provisions apply to Consumers Energy-owned lands bordering its AuS-

able. Manistee and Muskegon river hydroelectric plant reservoirs, where hunting is permitted However, construction of hunting blinds, target shooting, baiting, burning and fire pits are strictly prohibited on all Consumers Energy lands. In addition, use of dirt bikes, ATVs or other off-road vehicles are not allowed on utility property due to resource damage, the potential danger to drivers and passengers and possible damage to utility equipment.

Consumers Energy has prepared a brochure, "To Our Michigan Neighbors," which provides guidelines for landowners, developers and others on use of utility property. It covers how to secure and use easements, leases and licenses on Consumers Energy property, and information on who to contact before digging on utility land. A copy is available by visiting www. consumersenergy.com and typing "land brochure" in the search function.

Anyone observing hunting on utility land is asked to contact their local law enforcement agency or Consumers Energy's asset protection office at 1-800-760-3295.



Lowell soccer splits games with Forest Hills schools

By Dan Schneider

soccer matches get.

a strong contest.

Forest Hills Central the last possible second.

moving the ball with almost about five minutes of play. coach Paul Legge said. mechanical efficiency. But Around the 20-minute mark, snatching the ball out of putting pressure on Central.

Lowell's Ken Bieri had tying goal.

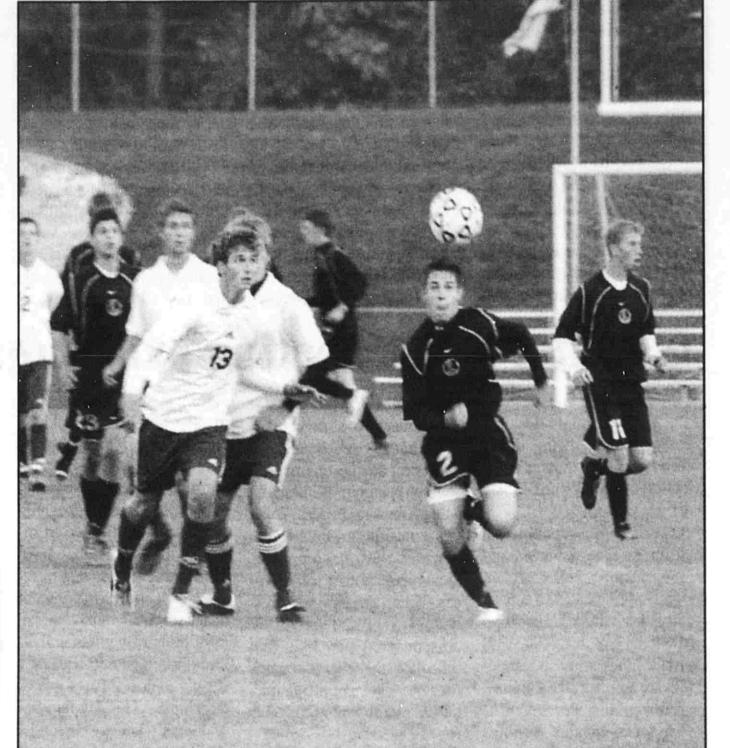
Well, almost always. already had a great game in overtime loss to Forest Hills The Rangers got a goal in at goal. He'd bumped two shots Central last Thursday was the 23:25 mark, the shot by over the top bar, taken risks about as good as high school Devon Higgins. But Lowell and stopped shots in the open had an answer about 10 field. He was in the open Lowell would have liked minutes later, when Kory field again at 4:20, diving to be on the other side of Anderson knocked in a after a shot. It bounced away the score, of course, but the shot on a rebound after a from the goal, and Bieri had Arrows showed resiliency corner kick. Central's Tom just enough time to get to his and grit in giving the Rangers Sahajdack put Central up knees and stop the rebound with 3:46 left in the first shot flying at him.

Although Lowell started phenomenol in the net the first half. They got a touch the second half strong, last five games, we're just on just about everything, Central regained control after not helping him out," Lowell

Lowell got a corner kick Lowell kept it close, always however, it was Lowell with 1:55 left, followed by another immediately after. At the 4:20 mark, Ryan Padgett scored the



Lowell's Chris Barlow moves the ball up the field against Forest Hills Central.



Lowell's Austin DeClercq (#2) tries to beat Forest Hills Central's Devon Higgins to the ball last Thursday.

overtime. While the phrase a goal this time around. efficiency" phrase "primal intensity" the right side. would accurately describe

heels later in the game," Legge said.

of the 15 minutes of the first overtime, the Arrows were

Lowell owned the first in the period did not result in

Garret Back finally could be used to describe broke the tie six minutes some hard-learned lessons. Forest Hills Central's play into the second overtime on

"It was a great high Lowell's efforts in the first school soccer game," Forest overtime. The first score Hills Central coach Mark Stacy said. "It doesn't get any better than that. It's too "We had them on their bad someone had to lose."

Lowell that was put on hold with the victory boosted Lowell's dominated the game most OK White reconfiguration in record this season to 6-5-3.

unable to put a goal in. Two rivalry dating back to the old next game is Thursday's corner kick opportunities late league," Legge said. "And conference the losing side of it. We give Arrow Stadium. them games, we always give

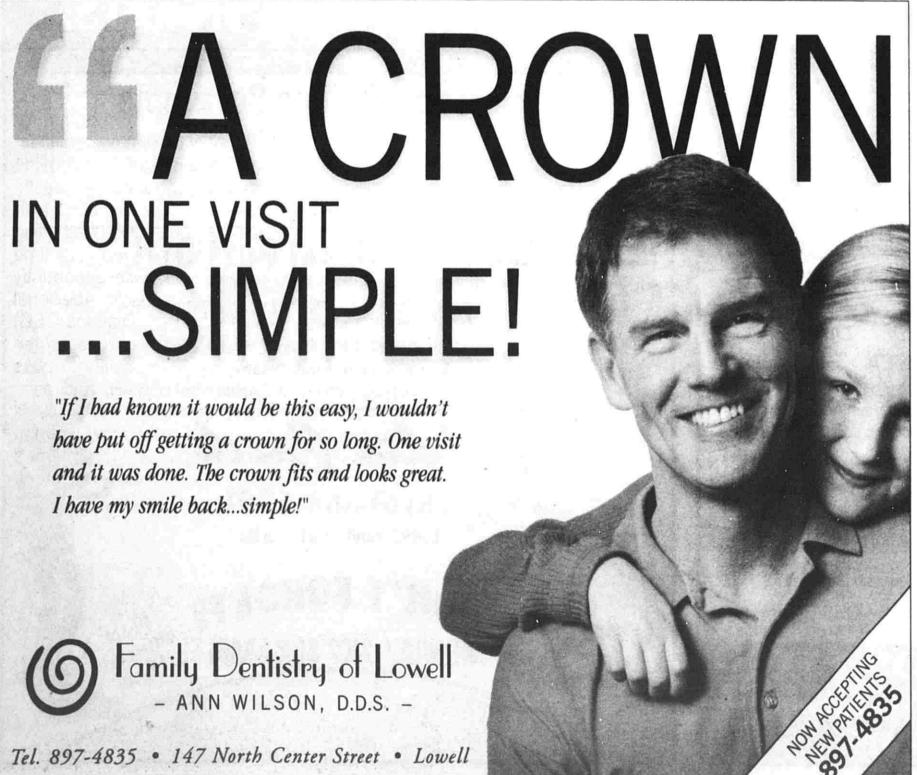
them games, we just come

The loss gave the Arrows

"We finally found out earlier in the game, the a breakaway goal shot from that if we make mistakes against a good team, it's going to cost us goals,"

> Lowell entered the game coming off a 4-1 win at Forest Hills Northern last Tuesday. Saturday, Lowell traveled to The game was a renewal Petoskey where the Arrows of an old conference rivalry beat the Northmen 1-0. The

> played at "This has been a league Northview Tuesday. Their historically, we've been on opener at 6:45 p.m. at Red





Red Arrows have strong showing at tennis regionals



Lowell's Priscilla Farias returns a volley in last Tuesday's second singles match against Grand Rapids West Catholic.

team capped the season before losing to Mona Shores with a strong performance in the semifinals. at the Division 2 regional tournament at Forest Hills opponent from Mona Shores Central.

regional champion Forest Northview in the semifinals. Hills Northern and runner-up Northview. Lowell finished ahead of Mona Shores.

"This is by far the best showing we've ever had," said Lowell coach Bonnie

Lowell's team score of 14 left the Arrows just a few wins shy of qualifying for the state tournament. It takes a top two regional finish or 18 points to qualify for state.

The fourth doubles team of Tanya Baker and Melissa Zuiderveen had the best finish for Lowell. They advanced to the finals in their flight with wins over Forest Hills Central and Northview before falling to Forest Hills Northern.

Megan Vaught and Katy Barnes scored a victory against Forest Hills Central at third doubles to advance

Kayla Irwin beat a seeded in number four singles.

teams. The Spratt beat her Mona Shores' At second singles,

Priscilla Farias won her first won her first match against against Grand Rapids West match against Grand Rapids Creston in first singles Catholic.

what Wall described as a against her Northview

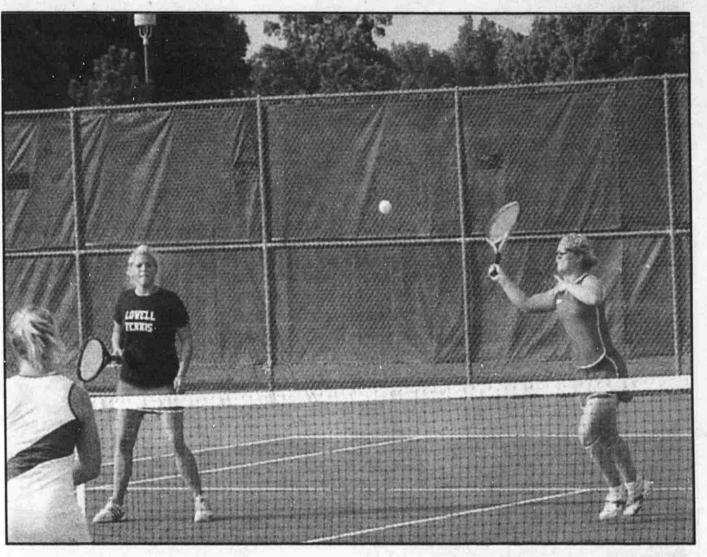
"Throughout the season, At third singles, Heather she's worked her way closer to be competitive and to and closer to her but just reach the semifinals in six of opponent before losing to hasn't been able to pull it eight flights," Wall said.

Terrah Tawney won their Creston after a first-round before running into the top-The Lowell girls tennis first match at second doubles bye. She fell just short in seeded player and eventual individual regional champion from Greenville.

Overall, it was a good day for Lowell.

"It was an exciting day

Last Tuesday, Lowell Rachelle Levingston won seven of eight flights



Kelly Koning (left) and Becky Plummer in last week's second doubles match against Lindsay Aiken and Grand Rapids West Catholic.

Basketball beats two big non-conference challengers

Red Arrows trounce Ionia, win rematch with Grand Rapids Christian

By Dan Schneider

Lowell won 52-45 at regional semifinal.

fourth in the state in Class A should be good." going into the game, so the win will likely secure a place win over Ionia was the first for Lowell in the state top 10 time the opening half of a for the first time this season. game has seen Lowell's hot

14 points.

This year's team has point.

two quarters.

"We've had a spurt in Grand Rapids Christian. It every quarter," said Lowell

Last Tuesday's 52-29 Brook VanEck was streak. Lowell scored 19 Lowell's leading scorer with points in the first quarter and 15. Kelsey Crowley scored had scored 23 by the time the Bulldogs registered their first

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non- or two really hot quarters in shots at the beginning, we Crowley said. conference wins last week, each game. For a stretch of got some steals off the press, a few games, it will be the they turned the ball over a closed in around those two arc in the first quarter and Lowell rebounders with six. team improved its record to second half, or the middle few times--a combination of scorers for the remainder one the rest of the game. It VanEck had four. Lowell

was a rematch of last year's coach Dee Crowley. "We're Lowell's first quarter points. double-digit scoring. Brook going to try to take one from Brittany Bueche added VanEck led Lowell with 13 The Eagles were ranked every game now and we another eight.

"The two of them were and Amanda Geelhoed each

"They missed some very hot in the first quarter," scored 10 points.

accounted for nine of four Lowell players to post the second half. points. Bueche, Crowley

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The Arrows pulled down assists.

Lowell hit three shots of those on the offensive The Ionia defense from behind the three-point boards. Brittany Lyman led those things," Crowley said. of the game. Still, at the was 29-9 at halftime. Lowell committed only 10 turnovers Crowley finish they were among the also outscored Ionia 23-20 in in the game. Lyman and

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Lowell blasts Forest Hills Northern, hosts Rangers Fri-

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell football team punched its playoff ticket Friday with a 40-0 shutout of Forest Hills Northern.

The season's sixth win came largely without the help of starting quarterback Keith Nichol. Nichol injured his ankle on a five-yard touchdown run early in the second quarter.

coach Noel Dean said.

quarterback for the rest of

game, I thought," Dean

the game, Nichol had run for twisted his ankle," Lowell two touchdowns. The first Lowell was sitting on was a one-yard keeper in the a 20-0 lead when Nichol first quarter. Gabe Delnick carried the ball three vards few qualms about putting for the first touchdown of freshman Torsten Boss in at the night

Boss's first drive at the helm ended in a five-"He played a great yard Delnick touchdown run. After Lowell forced the Huskies to punt on

fourth and 18, Delnick put little to threaten on offense. Lowell up 32-0 with his The Huskies managed only touchdown run of the night. He ran 33 yards off a screen pass, breaking to give some younger players tackles, twisting, fumbling and recovering to get down to the seven-yard line to set up the touchdown run

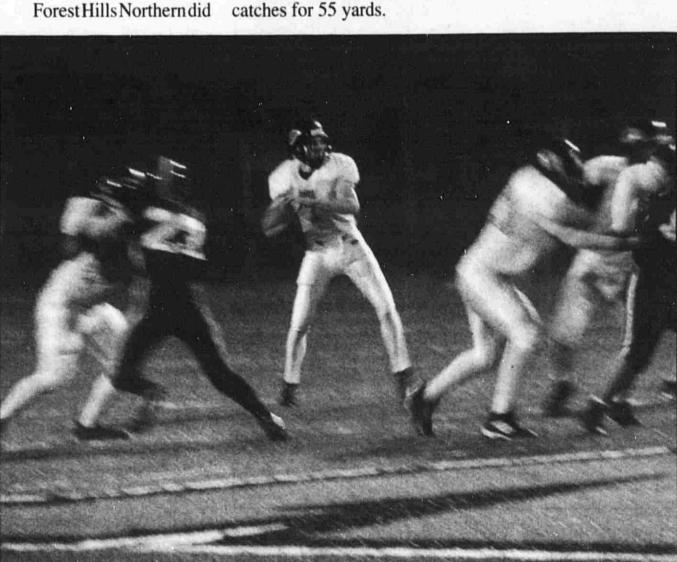
The point after made the game," Dean said. the score 33-0 at halftime.

Boss had the only score three passes for 45 yards. of the third quarter. It was a Nichol was seven for 12 for 10-yard quarterback keeper. 113 before he left the game. The extra point yielded the Brock Graham was the over Muskegon. The game

Delnick carried the ball 16 times for 97 yards and three touchdowns. Boss ran the ball 10 times for 69 yards and a touchdown. Nichol ran the ball seven times for 28 yards and two touchdowns.

Bill Watikunas's seven tackles made him the leading defender in the game.

Lowell's next game is Boss completed two of Friday. The Arrows host Forest Hills Central, who are coming off an upset victory leading receiver with three starts at 7 p.m.



92 yards of total offense.

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opportunity like we did last

Lowell took the chance

"We haven't had the

Lowell's Keith Nichol looks to pass against Forest Hills Northern. He left the game after injuring his ankle in the second quarter.

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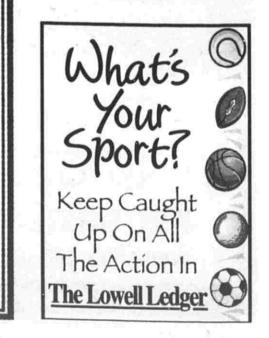
The Huskies' boys team placed four runners ahead of three more ahead of Lowell's second, Andy Mark, en route finished third in 21:05 and to a 16-47 win. Karen Judd was fifth in

The Red Arrow girls 21:38. But Northern claimed teamhad better luck breaking the next four positions to up the front of Northern's pack. Monica Fitzpatrick

Dilly placed fifth in the race with a time of 18:22 Mark was ninth with a time of 19:00. Mike Schumm (10th, 19:14) was Lowell's third runner followed by Jon Riddle (11th, 19:17). Kyle Ingebretson (14th, 19:23), Justin Boss (15th. 19:25) and John Woods (16th, 19:46) rounded out Lowell's top seven.

For the Lowell girls, after Fitzpatrick and Judd, came Erin Beddows (10th, 23:36), Emily Hauschild (11th, 23:39), Katie Riddle 23:44), Hayley Getzen (15th, 24:48) and Paige Senters (16th, 24:59).

Lowell's next meet is Wednesday against Forest Hills Central at Northview.



Boys golf finishes season in middle of OK White pack

By Dan Schneider

last Monday's OK White Silver Lake Country Club.

Top scorers for Lowell were Ryan Kalman (79), Kyle Wittenbach (82), Eric Mundt (83) and Josh Gilliard (84). The team total was 328 for 18 holes.

significantly higher than close race for second place holes put him in second scores from players in the state tournament. conference tournament at he usually does, but that just happens occasionally,

> this year in the conference. conference." East Grand Rapids cemented

Several Lowell basketball teams competed July 24 - July 30 in the American

Youth Basketball Tournaments (AYBT) held in Fort Wayne, Ind. The 8th/9th

grade girls team were the National Champs of Division IV. Pictured front row,

left to right, are: Keri Fosburg, Kayla Stanford and Ellie Timpson; back row

are: coach Dave Fosburg, Krista Foster, Heather Burger, Kara Rasch, Logan

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result in increased insurance

premiums for young drivers,

said Pete Kuhnmuench,

is the principal driver of a

motor vehicle typically pays

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companies at or before age

are generally much lower

for young drivers who use

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percent for 24 year olds to

80 percent for 16 year olds,

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There are ways for

company to another.

surcharges

25," he said.

Premium

"A young person who

DeClercq, Jace Mitcham and coach Keith Stanford.

Inexperience in young

Drivers between the

ages of 16 and 24 make

up about 16 percent of the

driving population, but were

involved in 26 percent of

all traffic crashes in 2004,

according to a recent study

by the Insurance Institute

of Michigan (IIM). By

comparison, 55 to 64 year

olds represent 14 percent of

all drivers and were involved

in 9 percent of all roadway

young people also tend to be

more deadly. Young people

between 15 and 24 have the

highest rate of fatal crashes

relative to other age groups.

In fact, the risk of being

involved in a fatal crash for

teens in Michigan is more

than two times greater than

inexperience are the two

main factors leading to

the high crash rate among

teens. Michigan's graduated

licensing law, which includes

a phase-in program for teen

driver licensing, has been

successful in reducing teen

motor vehicle accidents. The

number of young drivers in

all crashes has declined from

drivers age 55 to 64.

Immaturity

involving

crashes during 2004.

Crashes

Youth basketball champs

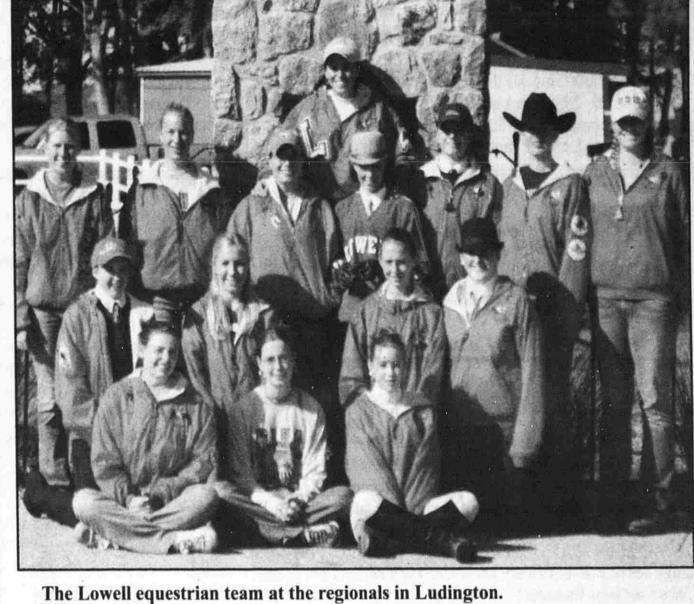
overall in the conference.

"Second, third usually not with Kyle, but it fourth were right in there for the conference," Fredline The fifth place finish put said. "Overall, it was a good Lowellin fourth place overall year, a good finish for the

Wittenbach competed in "We actually did quite its place atop the conference Friday's regional tournamen

well," Lowell coach Gary standings by winning with a at Angels Crossing in place among the individuals team competition pushed Lowell placed fifth in Fredline said. "Kyle shot team score of 294. It was a Vicksburg. His 85 for 18 at the tournament, but lower him out of qualifying for the

Lowell equestrian teams take Grand and Reserve at regionals



The Lowell equestrian 26 points. Fruitport was competition. The Lowell Grand Grand Champion with 365 equestrian B- and C-Championship (first place) points, Lowell C, Reserve teams travel to Midland C-team took Champion, had 358 points, Fairgrounds for the 2005 Championship Big Rapids, third, had 345 Michigan Interscholastic Reserve place) in their and West Ottawa, fourth match at Ludington over the place, had 287.

Coach Mike Foote did it loud and proud. momentum as the days the team (horses) and their Led by co-support team (parents)," captains Lauren VanEns, Mary Mendez and Collette Benmark, the team earned the Grand Championship the state championship

title with 531 points. Fremont, the Reserve Champion, had 456 points, McBain, third, had 370

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Sandra L. Kowalczyk

and Holland Christian, fourth, had 282. (Holland Christian's 282 points were taken on Saturday because their school does not allow Ask about special Sunday competition.)

The Lowell C-team was competitive all the way. As the final speed events started, competition was tight with the teams of Fruitport, Big Rapids and

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With Jonathan David

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would do either of those things, the point is she would still be the legal owner of that property and can determine what to do with the property without any input or say on your by the trust.

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of the gift to your daughter, that gift would be deemed to be a divestment and could serve to disqualify you from qualifying for Medicaid for a period of months.

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HOUSEFUL OF FURNI-TURE - Everything must go. (All items less than 2 mos. old). Bedroom, great room, dining, kitchen, living room, Solid oak & mahogany, new beds, too much to list. Cost \$8,000, will sacrifice \$2,500/ best. 517-204-0600.

1997 BUICK LeSABRE - low mileage, \$4,000. Call 897-

10X12 OVERHEAD GA-RAGE DOORS - White, aluminum, used. \$200 each. Call 897-6158.

FOR SALE - Class A BED & MATTRESS SET - COUNTRY Queen pillowtop (new, in APARTMENT plastic), never used, comes Coldwater Ave. - 1/2 mile with warranty, \$125. Call north Caledonia Sportsman 517-719-8062 Club. Kitchen, L.R., loft bedroom, w/d hookup, deck, 1

80 HUD HOMES - All 3+ bed- car garage. Lease at \$375 rooms, 2 bath; E-Z terms, as little as \$500 down. MUST 352-429-2409 weekdays SELL BY NOV. 1ST. No rea- only! sonable offer refused. Call 1-800-615-1224.

FOR SALE

MATTRESS/BOX SPRINGS - Brand new, \$49/set. Twin, full, queen, delivery available. Dennis Distributing. 989-224-4822.

1968 CHEVELLE PARTS Rolling frame, gas tank, front motorhome, \$750 obo. Ev- bench, 2 sets rear seat - pad, erything works. Call 642- SS hood, fair condition. \$1100 obo. Will separate. Call 987-4272.

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> WE HAVE MANY PRETTY CATS & KITTENS - in need of a good home. Many different colors & sizes. Please call after 6 p.m. 897-7838.

GOLF BALLS FOR SALE Previously experienced all in perfect condition - Titleist & Precept, \$6 per doz.; Pinnacle & Nike, \$5 per doz.; Top-Flite, \$3 per doz, or 4 doz. for \$10. Many other brands also. Call 897-8520.

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GOLF BALLS FOR SALE All in perfect condition with \$250 obo. Must sell - mov- no scuff marks. Assorted brands now only 25¢. Practice balls 50 for \$5. Call 897-

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> UPS SHIPPING AT THE LOWELL LEDGER! Call for a price quote! 897-9261

EVENTS

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UNITED SNOW

GARAGE WANTED ROOMMATE -10365 Male roommate to share house in country, 897-7455.

> old or junk motorcycles. Running or not. Call Rich

> once a week round trip to chiropractor in Grandville. Will pay \$25. Also need every other week help w/bird cage & misc. clean up, will pay \$25 for 2 hours. Call Linda at 897-9202.

HELP WANTED

COMMERCIAL CLEANING POSITIONS - Part-time positions available immediately in the Ada area. Monday thru Friday, 5-9 p.m. Experience necessary. Transportation and valid driver's license required. Stop in soon and fill out an application: Metropolitan Building Maintenance, 868 Barnum SW, Grand Rapids. MI 49509.

COMMERCIAL SPACE FOR LEASE - Located in the historic area of downtown Lowell. 500-1,000 sq. ft. Available immediately. Call for details, 616-437-7043.

SPACIOUS 1 BEDROOM APARTMENT FOR RENT 2nd floor, downtown Saranac. \$400/month. Ready to move right in. Newly remodeled. Off street parking & extra storage. Call 616-540

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.TFN

1200 SQ. FT. HEATE WAREHOUSE - storage space available for your boat, RV, motorcycle, etc Clean, secure, near Lowell airport. Call Bob at 616-437-6273.

INSIDE WINTER STORAGE - for large boat or RV. Also free assortment of Andersen windows, including slider & large picture window. Please call 676-4126.

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MOBILE HOME FOR RENT furnished, in Lowell. Call 723-1095.

1 BEDROOM APARTMENT FOR RENT - has stove, refrigerator, washer & dryer. Nice home on large lot. Asking \$400/month. Includes heat, electric & cable TV. 616-897-8218.

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HALL FOR RENT - Lowell

LOWELL TRUCK REPAIR facility seeks certified mechanic for engine and driveline work. Qualified candidates will be able to demonstrate proficiency in problem diagnosis and repair of diesel engines. Experience with Electronics is a plus! Excellent benefit package. Wages ence. Apply in person to: Main St., Lowell, MI 49331

(small private farm), approx. hours are available). Dressng horses, turnouts, cleaning barn, general barn maintenance. Near Alden Nash Cascade Rd., Lowell. Call

LIVE IN - Free room & board plus small salary. On duty evenings in Adult Foster Care home. Call 897-8340

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TOLOGISTS, NAIL **TECHS & MASSAGE** THERAPISTS - How would you like flexible working hours, clientele ready for your services, pleasant work ing salon out of the mall & grocery store atmosphere. No non compete required Some benefits pos sible, ongoing educa tion. Call Brenda a Brenda's Hair De signs, 616-897-713 or send resume to 1002 W. Main Street

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Lowell, Mi 49331

LOST

REWARD! LOST FEMALE YELLOW LAB - with red collar. Last seen, Alto. Has seizure disorder and may need medical attention. Call 868-6158. 0321 or 292-6952.

SALES

MOVING/GARAGE SALE 10999 Bailey Drive, Lowell. Adult children leaving the nest, abundance of great deals. Fri. & Sat., Oct. 14 & 15. 9:30-3:00 p.m.

MOVING / GARAGE SALE 3 family, adult & kids'clothes, furniture, tools, golf clubs, misc. Oct. 14, 9-4 p.m.; Oct. 15. 9-2 p.m.Ada/Cascade area. Whitneyville to 52nd East, 8730 52nd.

GARAGE SALE BY TOPS Decorations, glassware, clothing & misc. Oct. 14 & 15, 9-6 p.m. 11801 Foreman.

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CHARMING, GOOD LOOK-ING 55ISH GENTLEMAN We will call myself a diamond in the ruff, looking for an attractive & charming female companion who likes golf, enjoys travel, good food, etc. Age ?? Respond Diamondinnruff@ to sbcglobal.net.

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RAY'S SMALL ENGINE RE-PAIR - Snowblowers, lawn weedwackers and tune-ups. Pickup & delivery available

ING SERVICE - By certified Kathy 897-0686.TFN

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

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JOHN DEBIAK HORSESHOEING & HOOI TRIMMING - Serving the Greater Kent/Ionia County area with 15 years of professional, full-time experience. Call 897-4290. TFN

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

AFFORDABLE FURNACE REPLACEMENTS - 24 hr. service, \$49. Clean & check, humidifier, ACs, sheet metal & gas piping. Many models available to fit your budget. Many older furnaces are only 50% efficient. New models 80-90% efficient. Call 616-874-6191, free estimates. All Season Comfort.

UNLIMITED LOCAL AND LONG DIS-TANCE - phone service (US/Canada) \$24.99 a month or 500 long distance minutes and unlimited local for \$14.99 a month. For more information on this high speed VoIP service, go to www.lowelldigitalvoice.com or call Mike at 616-318-7317.

BOB FORD - Formerly of 299-3198.TFN

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

SMALL ENGINE REPAIR tree & stump removal & trimming, handyman services. No job too small. All types of work. Joe's Repair Service 723-1095.

GARAGE DOORS & OPEN-ERS INSTALLED - 15 years experience, 16x7 \$125; 9x7 \$75, take downs \$25. Call 897-1570.

SATELLITE TV Ready to upgrade from cable to satellite? Confused by the multiple offerings from DirecTV and Dish Network? Want to know more about digital video recorders, including undocumented features? Want to talk to someone who lives in Lowell? Call 437 0769 for a free consultation.

PLUMBER - Experi enced. Residential New Service or Construction. Reasonable rates. Call



• By deeding the property to your daughter, you are in effect beneficiary of the trust.

file a gift tax return with the IRS reporting the gift. • Should you need to go in a nursing home within 36 months

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future reference.

22, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE - at 328 N. Jackson (Howard Briggs' new home), Saturday, Oct.

ACRES - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, new flooring, 1-stall garage, 1277 Alden Nash

HOUSE FOR RENT - 3 bedrooms, quiet part of town open now! \$750 per month plus all utilities & \$750 security deposit. Call after 5:30 pm, 897-9357.

NE. \$900 per mo. Call 897

LOWELL - \$400 moves you in. 1-2 bedrooms, 2 baths Garage, washer/dryer connections, walk-in closets and central air. Open house Tuesdays 3:30-5:30 pm. 866-443-3098 www.wmpmonline.com

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

Stoneridge Apartments.

LET LOWELL WORK

SNOW UNITED METHOD-IST CHURCH - Fall Harvest Festival, Sat., Oct. 15, 4 p.m. dark, 3189 Snow Ave., Lowell. Scarecrow building, hayride, soup supper, & bon-

METHODIST CHURCH - at 3189 Snow Ave. S.E. will serve a family style Pork & Beef dinner on Wednesday, October 12, starting at 5:30 pm. Adults \$8, ages 5-12

per mo., \$150 deposit. Call 616-446-8352.

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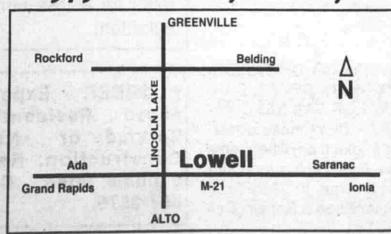
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