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Jordan Harding, 8, tries out her modern doll on an old-fashioned rocking horse, part of the Lowell Area Historical Museum's "Childhood Dreams: Toys of the Past" exhibit.

Childhood Dreams: Toys of the Past Exhibit opens at museum

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell Area Historical Museum hosted a reception to open its "Childhood Dreams: Toys of the Past" exhibit, which is now on display in the changing exhibits area of the museum.

The exhibit is a collection of toys, mostly antique, which were owned over the years by a number of Lowell children who are now adults. One room is an interactive area, where children visiting the museum can play with some old-fashioned toys such as a dollhouse and a rocking horse. The other room contains more fragile toys in display cases.

This room, divided approximately in half, demonstrates the difference between boys' and girls' toys over the years. On one side are mostly toy tractors, tanks and target sets; the other display cases are filled with dolls and tea sets.

Before guests were led into the exhibit, museum president Jim Doyle spoke at Larkin's Other Place about toys, now and then. "As a father of a three year old and a five year old, I consider myself an expert on toys--at least picking them up, most of the time," Doyle said. "Today, it seems children have a huge amount of toys."

He went on to reflect about how today's toys are easily manufactured with plastic and are cheaply available. The exhibit illustrates the greater care that once was taken to manufacture toys, and that toys were a rarer commodity in days gone by.

Doyle talked about the role of toys in young life: "A ball is not just a ball, it's a physical experience, it's how we develop our hand-eye coordination and exercise our muscles."

He also spoke about the local nature of the toys on exhibit.

"These are not some toys that we brought in from some other community or an exhibit that's traveling around. These toys are from our community," Doyle said.

One interesting aspect of the exhibit is a model train that runs along a set of tracks near the ceiling of the display room. The train runs past representations of the old Lowell and Hastings Railroad, including the Lowell Depot, the Elmdale Elevator and the depot in Freeport. The exhibit is open to the public with regular museum admission.

Changing tunes results in a four-car crash on East Fulton

By Dan Schneider

Four vehicles were involved in an accident Friday on East Fulton St. near its intersection with Bowes Road and Alden Nash Ave.

No one was hurt

in the incident, which occurred around 3:30 p.m. Late afternoon traffic was restricted to one lane for about half an hour. The accident occurred when a Ford F-150 pickup crashed into the back of a four-door Oldsmobile sedan, setting



This Oldsmobile received the most damage of four vehicles involved in an accident Friday on East Fulton.

off a chain reaction of rear endings. The Oldsmobile was pushed forward into a Chevy Blazer which rolled forward into a Ford Escape.

"I was going to change a song on my CD player and I looked up and the car was stopped and that was it," said Troy Heimer, 17,

of Lowell, who was driving the pickup.

The car was the only vehicle to sustain serious damage. Its rear end was smashed up and the front was pushed under the Blazer. The Ford Escape received just a few nicks.

Heimer was the only

person in the pickup truck. A woman and two children were the occupants of the Blazer.

Driver Valli Cowan and passenger Terry Cowan of Grand Rapids got out of the wrecked Oldsmobile unscathed. Two American

bulldogs were also in the car; they were uninjured but one of them was spooked and took off running into the woods behind L&A Rent-All. The dog was found about an hour and a half later, more than a mile away from the intersection.

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Obituaries

GRINGHUIS contributions to the Mrs. Marie L. Gringhuis (nee Balcezak), aged 82, of St. Joseph, formerly of Grand Rapids, went to be with the Lord Monday, October 24, 2005. Marie was preceded in death by her husband William. Surviving are her children William (Gloria) Gringhuis of St. Joseph, Linda M. Lancaster of Grand Rapids, David (Mary) Gringhuis of Lowell; two grandchildren Erick (Linda) Jesiek, William P. Gringhuis; four great-grandchildren; sister Eleanor Dempsey; nieces and nephews. A funeral service was conducted Friday at Arsulowicz Brothers, West Chapel. Interment Rosedale Memorial Park. Memorial

her window at Halloween. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1987. Evelyn is survived by her children Kurt (Wilma) Roudabush, LeAnn VanDyke and Nancy (Terry) Raymor; brother William (Ellan) Myers; sister Flora Bishop; sister-in-law Doris Canfield; brother and sister-in-law Virgil and Carmen Roudabush; 11 grandchildren: Tanja (Tom) Greenfield, Marsha (Mike) Stephens, Nathan (Megan) Roudabush, Karen (Andrew) Sweigart, Elizabeth Roudabush, Jim (Shawna) VanDyke, Dan (Cathy) VanDyke, Scott (Marie) VanDyke, Tim (Lindsay) Raymor, Becky (Joe) Boruta, Ben Raymor; several great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter. Funeral service was held October 27 at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Rev. George Fekete and Rev. Steven Harduk officiating. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Flat River Outreach Ministries.

Lend A Hand VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Volunteers are needed at Metropolitan Hospital, 1919 Boston SE for a variety of fall projects. Especially needed are

volunteers to greet and escort, visit patients in the Assisted Breathing Center, staff the gift shop, file medical records and provide clerical help to offices

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- Margaret Mead (1901 - 1978)

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 05-180,472-DE

Estate of RUTH J. GRATHEN, deceased SSN: 368-09-5306

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, RUTH J.

GRATHEN, who lived at 705 Fuller Ave. N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan, died September 20, 2005. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to ROBERT HAMMOND, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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at the hospital and medical plazas. Volunteers typically donate one morning, afternoon or evening a week to meet a 100-hour per-year commitment, or full semester for students. Requirements include a TB skin test, volunteer uniform and orientation session. Call Barb at 252-7009 for more information.

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 05-180,483-DE

Estate of ANNA MARIE SOBIE, deceased Date of birth: 04/15/1961

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, ANNA MARIE SOBIE, who lived at 3139 Springbrook NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan, died September 5, 2005. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to ROMAN J. SOBIE, SR., named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Suite 2500, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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It was a "Girls Night Out" in town



A seemingly calm group of women shopped and enjoyed hors d'oeuvres at Pep Talk, one of the Main Street shops open late last Thursday night for "Girls Night Out."

By Dan Schneider

Lowell's sidewalks and shops were filled with women last Thursday for the "Girls' Night Out" shopping event. Businesses stayed open late to cater to the throngs of fe-

Vets to speak at LPAC

The Lowell Area Historical Museum will present "Lowell veterans tell their stories: WWII - Battle of the Bulge" on Thursday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at Lowell High School. Panelists include: T/3 Glenn Marks and Col. George (Bill) Sefton; a third panelist is yet to be determined.

Enjoy an informative evening as local servicemen share what it was like to serve their country.

Early morning accident still under investigation

An early morning crash on Tuesday in Vergennes Township remains under investigation. According to Sgt. Roger Parent of the Kent County Sheriff Department, the one-vehicle accident occurred on Fallasburg Park Drive near Biggs Ave. Traveling north on Fallasburg Park Drive, it went off the road left, hitting a tree. The driver, Donald James Armstrong, 21, of Lowell, was transported in serious condition to Spectrum Health Butterworth Campus. He is listed in critical condition. It was not determined at press time whether drugs or alcohol had impaired the driver's ability to control the vehicle.

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males who shopped for jewelry, home decor and craft items. Most of the ladies, apparently, had a pretty good time.

Meanwhile, men were scarce on the streets and absolutely absent from the shops until the arrival of this small-town newspaper reporter at Pep Talk on Main Street...no doubt the most raucous* store on the "Girls' Night Out" slate.

The truth is that this reporter left the shop, of his own accord but with red-tinged cheeks, after a member of the store staff attempted to auction him off to the highest bidder. The bid was only \$30.

The night no doubt went better for the husbands of Claudine Stribley and Karen Gillette, who stayed home and built a spin-cast fishing rod.

"They're fly fishermen but they're making something different tonight," Gillette said. "We told them they can make a fishing rod, we're going to go shopping."

Gillette's assessment of "Girls Night Out": "This is a ball, it's so much fun."

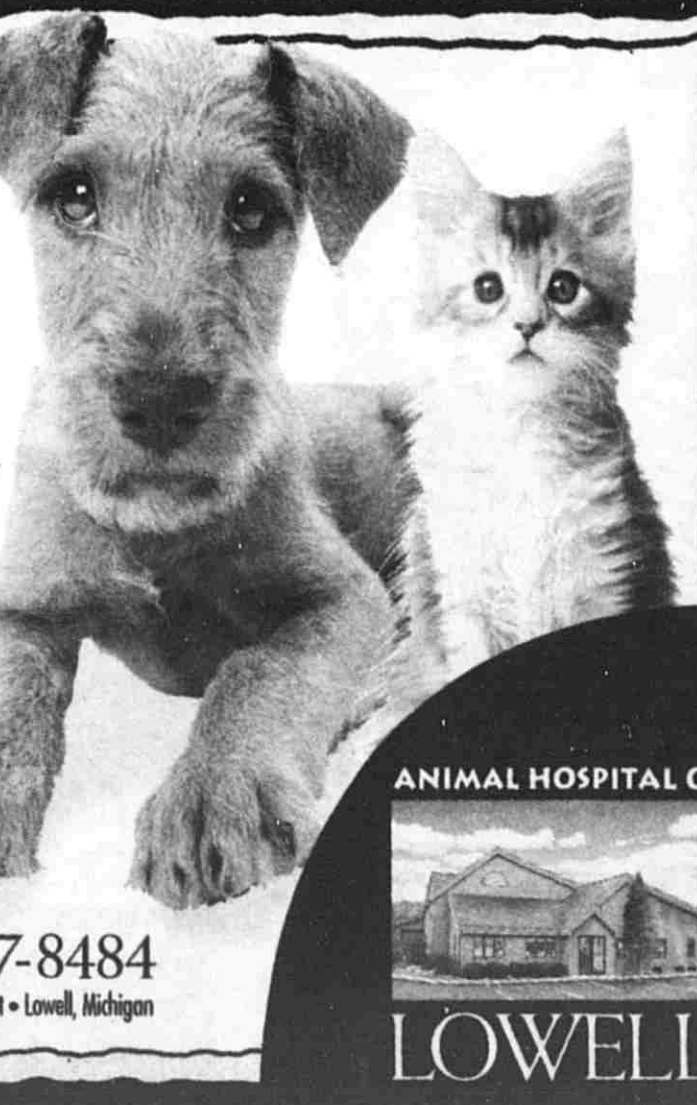
*Note: the reporter was unable to corroborate this assumption, since the above-described experience left him afraid to investigate other stores.

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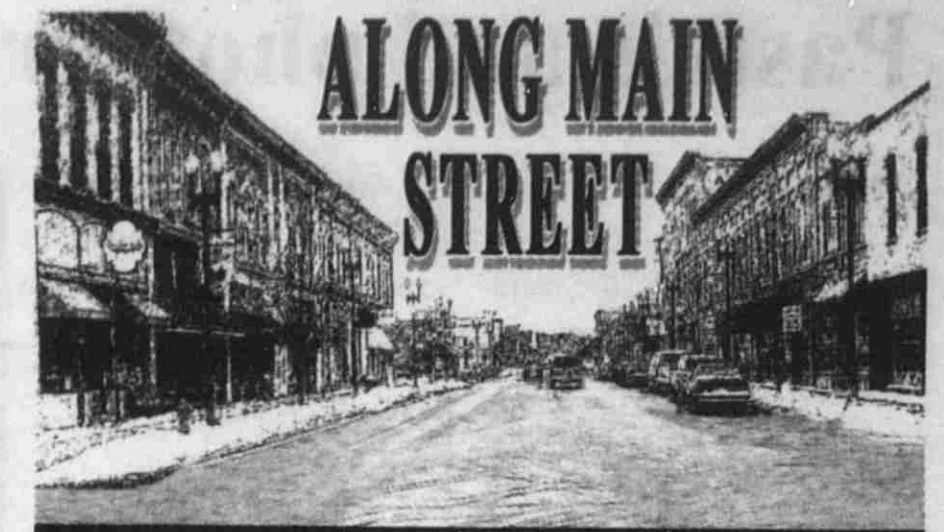
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Lowell Area Historical Museum presents "Ghost Towns" on Lowell Cable channel 20: Nov. 2 at 5 p.m.; Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.; Nov. 4 at 2 p.m.; and Nov. 5 at 10 a.m.

LIASSO TRYOUTS
Girls and boys, ages 7-16, are welcome to tryout for LIASSO Saturday, Nov. 5 at 10 a.m. at Grand River Riverfront Park in Lowell Township. For info: lassosoccer.org.

LOWELL AREA COMUNITY FUND
Annual meeting Monday, Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall (upstairs).

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS
The regular business meeting will be held in the high school staff lounge on Monday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m.

CLASS OF '06 PARENTS MEETING
Senior parents please attend a meeting Monday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the LHS mathrooms regarding the Senior class trip.

IMPORTANT ID INFO
Community Wellness is sponsoring a program on Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 9:30 a.m. Chief of police Jim Valentine will speak on info. and identification you should have with you; responding to medical emergencies that occur when driving. Call 340-7781 with ???'s.

LAAC RECEPTION
There will be a reception on Thursday, Nov. 10 from 6-8 p.m. for the artists involved in the "Sleigh Bells and Holly: A Gallery of Fine Art and Gifts" exhibition. It runs through Dec. 23 at 149 S. Hudson St.

REUNION PLANNING MEETING
The LHS Class of 1976 will have a 30-year reunion planning meeting at Larkin's on Nov. 10 at 8 p.m. Please attend or call Jim Reagan at 897-9656 if you would like to help.

FOODMOBILE
Anyone living in the Greater Lowell area is welcome to stop at the Foodmobile for free food on Saturday, Nov. 12 from 10-11 a.m. or until food is gone. Bring your own box or bag. The food (mostly produce) is at the Lowell Fairgrounds, Foreman Building.

HOSPICE BENEFIT
West Michigan Employees of Compuware Corporation will sponsor a Musical Celebration to benefit Hospice of MI on Saturday, Nov. 12 at Deer Run Golf Club, 6-11:30 p.m. \$10 admission at door/cash bar. Live entertainment and door prizes! For more info., contact: Kim.Triplett@compuware.com or rcinder@hotmail.com.

CITY OF LOWELL FALL YARD WASTE PICKUP PROGRAM

For the months of October and November your yard waste will be picked up on a weekly basis. Yard waste pickup will be the same day as your refuse/recycling pickup.

If you have any questions, please contact City Hall (897-8457).

Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

Lee F. Rich
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Your Aunts & Uncles,
Your Nephews & Nieces,
& The Birdies

In loving memory on October 26 of DON SEAMAN It's your birthday! You are still always in our hearts & thoughts. We miss you.
Wife - Reatha,
Randy & family & Shirley & family

NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

Vergennes Township is seeking applications for the following Boards/Commissions:

- Planning Commission
- Zoning Board of Appeals
- Construction Board of Appeals

The Planning Commission normally meets on the first Monday evening of every month. The zoning and construction boards meet as needed. Applicants should be willing to commit the time necessary to perform the duties of the position. These positions are compensated per diem. A job description is available upon request.

Deadline for applications is Friday, December 2, 2005. Applicants will be considered at the December 19, 2005 meeting of the Vergennes Township Board.

Application forms may be obtained at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, MI 49331, or on the township web site at www.vergennestwp.org under forms. The office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am to 3pm. If you wish to receive an application through the mail, call 897-5671 during office hours.

Mari Stone, Clerk

CITY OF LOWELL NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids for a three-year contract with a one year option to mow and trim various City properties can be mailed to Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main St., Lowell, MI 49331 until Tuesday, November 29, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. where they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Envelopes must be marked "MOWING BIDS".

For an on site inspection of properties contact Scott Fosburg between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. at (616) 897-5929 or (616) 813-4710 to schedule your appointment.

The City of Lowell reserves the right to reject any or all bids and also the right to waive any formal defects in bids when deemed in the best interest of the City. Further, the City reserves the right to accept a bid higher than the lowest bid, if the City's interest will be better served.

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Pastels and photography on display at local galleries

By Dan Schneider

Two locales in town are offering new artwork on their walls.

Lowell artist Bonnie Osborne has a collection of pastel pieces on display at the Huntington Galleria. A graphic designer, Osborne does most of her commercial work with computers these days. But five years ago, she took a pastels class at the Lowell Area Arts Council and found in the more tactile medium an outlet to express her love of nature.

"I went to take that class in pastels and I loved it," Osborne said.

Most of her pieces on display are landscapes. Residing north of Oakwood Cemetery on Washington Street, she finds it to be a good area to be outside.

"Some of these paintings are done from the fields across the street and we get great sunsets every night," Osborne said.

She also takes trips to nature-related destinations around Michigan and to the Rocky Mountains, etc., and brings home sketches and photographs to work into pastel paintings.

"One day I hope to retire and actually paint more outdoors," Osborne said.

About seven pieces from last year are among the artworks Osborne has at the exhibit on display through Nov. 22.

Photographs by Ronnie Madden of Walker are currently at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. She got connected to the Lowell Area Arts Council through a friend who volunteers there. Madden has shot photographs for a long time, but has taken it more seriously for the last six years or so.

Many of her photographs on display are of plant life.

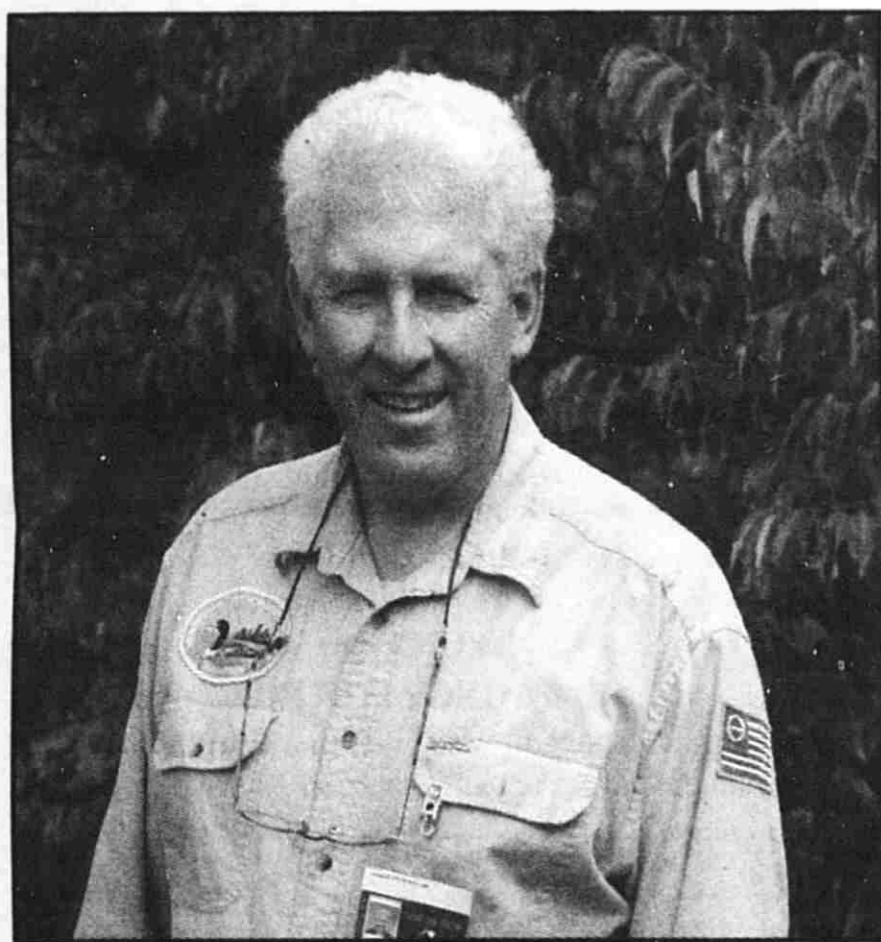
"I do like that because it's readily available," Madden said. "The flower itself, I like the angles of the petals and more of the abstract."



Bonnie Osborne and her pastel painting "Grand River Twilight." Her work is currently on display at the Huntington Galleria.



Ronnie Madden with her photograph "Sweet Nectar," one of several by the Walker artist currently on display at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce



Steve Mueller

Wittenbach/Wege Center director receives William B. Stapp Award

Ranger Steve Mueller, director of Lowell Area Schools' Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience and Environmental Center, received this year's prestigious William B. Stapp Award on Oct. 22.

The award, given by the Michigan Alliance for Environmental and Outdoor

Education (MAEOE), recognizes Ranger Steve for his contributions to the field of environmental education. According to MAEOE awards chair Dorothy McLeer, the award is the highest environmental education award the alliance presents and is reserved as a lifetime achievement award

for significant achievements in outdoor education. Mueller began his career as a state park ranger in Traverse City. He taught at various levels of education in different locations around the country. For 20 years, he was the director of the Howard Christensen Nature Center until budget

constraints forced the Kent Intermediate School District to close the center. He was hired this year to direct the Wittenbach/Wege Center.

Mueller also has an extensive history of scientific research. He is best known for his work with butterflies.

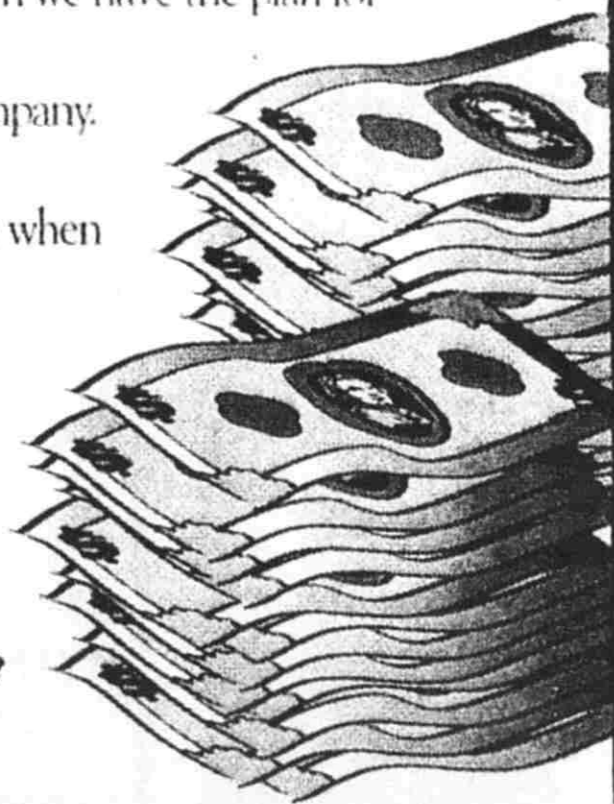
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- Ogden Nash (1902 - 1971)

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Viewpoint



Sharing The Vision

With Nancy Hopkins
Board of Education President

Challenging classes, high test scores and a clean, safe environment are a few of the often-cited criteria of what makes a good school district. Other key factors include high expectations for all students, involved parents, learning-friendly spaces and a commitment to helping children learn about themselves and their learning styles.

On the district level there must be a vehicle in place that provides the momentum and framework for all of these things to occur. In Lowell Area Schools, that vehicle is a strategic plan that is first defined by the Board of Education with the superintendent and then implemented by administrators providing guidance and support to teachers who make the plan come alive for students in the classroom through teaching and learning.

At the October Board of Education workshop, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Mark Kasmer and Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Personnel Connie Gillette presented an update on our strategic plan, referred to as "District Strategic Initiatives." This plan was

first developed in December 2003. While we have made important progress with the plan as our guide, there is work yet to do.

To help share the status and continued direction of our "District Strategic Initiatives" in a timely fashion, the Board is developing a communication plan which will include presentations or reports on components of the plan at upcoming monthly board meetings. Our district newsletter, website, Sharing the Vision articles and interaction with local community groups and sharing information with the local media will also provide opportunities to distribute this information.

The Board of Education remains committed to increased student achievement, understands the need to continually identify what remains to be done and follows through with support for the efforts by teachers and administrators to ensure increased student achievement in Lowell Area Schools.

Comments may be made to the Board of Education at boardofed@lowellschools.com



Remembering Rosa Parks

With Senator Carl Levin

In 1957, Rosa Parks and her husband Raymond made the journey to Detroit, where she continued her lifetime battle to advance equal opportunity and to educate our youth. She believed strongly in the need to educate future generations about the struggles of those who came before them, including the fight to abolish slavery and the civil rights movement of the 1960s.

In 1987, Mrs. Parks co-founded the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self-Development in honor of her late husband. The institute runs the Pathways to Freedom program, which educates young people, ages 11 to 17, about the history of civil rights. Participants in the program meet with national leaders, visit historical landmarks, and conduct research projects. Every year, the institute runs a bus tour that takes students on an educational journey through historic sites.

Speaking about the Institute in 1988, Mrs. Parks said, "I am leaving this legacy to all of you, to bring peace, justice, equality, love and a fulfillment of what our lives should be."

Several years ago, the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute expanded to include an intergenerational mentoring and computer-skills partnership program, which teams young people with elderly Americans. Generational and age barriers break down as young people help the elderly develop computer skills, and the older participants provide their unique and personalized recollections of American history. To date, more than 10,000 youth from around the world have participated in this program.

The Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute will continue to give youth new opportunities in life, as Rosa Parks herself gave America a new opportunity more the 50 years ago. Throughout her life, whether in Montgomery, Alabama, or Detroit, Michigan, Rosa Parks challenged America to meet its highest ideals. We are forever indebted to this extraordinary woman who helped change our nation for the better.

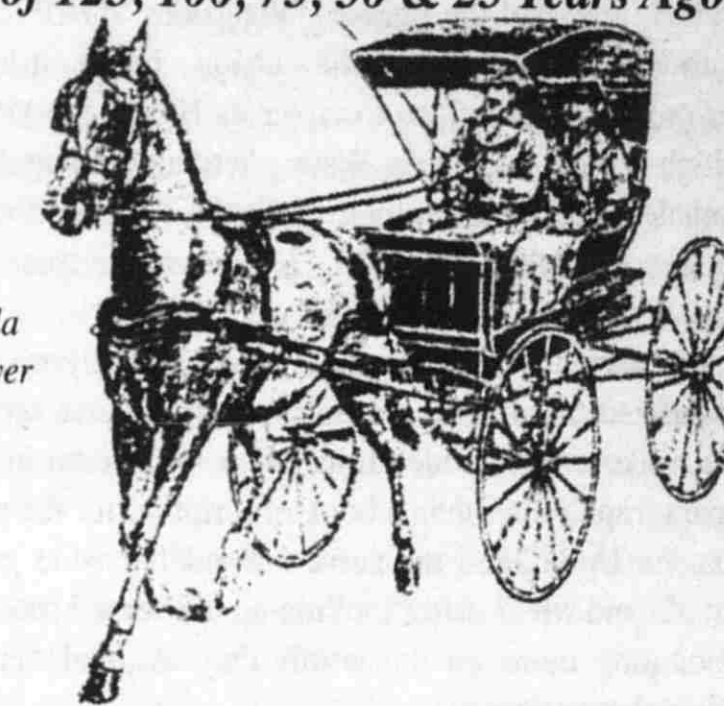
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Ledger Entries

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

By Priscilla Lussmyer



125 YEARS

THE WEEKLY JOURNAL
NOVEMBER 3, 1880

Balcom's orchestra will give a party at Train's Hall Thanksgiving evening. Come and dance.

About 200 Lowell folks attended the Republican demonstration at Grand Rapids Monday Night.

Lowell celebrated the Republican victory last night with big bonfires, guns booming, speeches and the band playing. J. E. Lee's new building on the bridge is almost complete. The Excelsior Quadrille Club will have its first party of the season at Train's Hall Friday evening.

100 YEARS
THE LOWELL LEDGER
NOVEMBER 2, 1905

The old King, Quick and King sawmill, empty for 25 years, has been fixed up as a cooperage by King Milling, needed after this summer's big fire. New interested investors looked over the route for the Grand Rapids and Ionia Electric Railway last week.

Supt. Frank McMahon had the village council as dinner guests at the new lighting plant Thursday.

Stephen Marsh is appointed to take daily readings of Grand River depth below Flat River in early spring and telegraph flood warnings to the Weather Observer.

75 YEARS
THE LOWELL LEDGER
AND THE ALTO SOLO OCTOBER 30, 1930

Be sure to vote: all important state offices, the issue of reapportionment and five constitutional amendments are at stake. Supt. Walter Gumsen warns parents that high school students who order tickets, rings, etc., should have permission from home; payments have become a problem. Lowell Sprayer is calling about 40 employees back to work next week, part of a general trend away from the Depression.

The state and county road commissions are proposing a statute to allow sidewalks along state trunklines and main county roads. Marshal Gramer reports having sheltered about 30 jobless wanderers overnight at the jail since it turned cold.

50 YEARS
THE LOWELL LEDGER
NOVEMBER 3, 1955

Lowell's cross-country squad, having won the Regional, will compete for the State Championship at Ypsilanti.

Trash dumped in streets and traffic-construction signs moved made for a worse-than-usual Halloween, much of it right after the annual party at Riverside Park. Vergennes fire trucks are called to the township dump on Beckwith Drive; please don't dump hot ashes or paper.

Shop foreman and printer Don McNaughton has worked for the Ledger since his high school days 25 years ago.

Official Proceedings of the county Board of Supervisors fills two pages.

25 YEARS
THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER
OCTOBER 29, 1980

Lowell Savings and Loan merges with First Savings and Loan of Saginaw.

Four San Antonio firms are indicted for promoting "home-work" schemes of stuffing envelopes for \$15 "registration fees"; they promise large weekly incomes.

The average price of a 1981 Big Three car is \$8,933. West Michigan had a warmer and wetter summer this year, with 23 thunderstorms, compared with 18 last year. The center four pages of the Ledger are copies of the ballots for next Tuesday.

Reflections of faith

Rev. Randal Meyers
Calvary Christian Reformed Church

I recently opened the church mail one morning and an envelope had the phrase "What does SOAP have to do with HOPE?" printed on the outside. Inside, it had a plea for monetary donations to cover its HOPE SOAP program which makes available Water Activated Soap Sheets to homeless men and women in Grand Rapids. Their theme verse was Ezekiel 36:25-26, "I will sprinkle clean water on you... and put a new spirit in you..."

I started to ponder that verse. Space considerations prohibited them from printing the entire verse on the card, much like time considerations often are a factor in choosing a paragraph rather than a book of scripture for the preaching text. As I pondered the verse I wondered what parts were left out and why? After looking up the verse I found myself meditating more on the words they skipped than on the words they included.

It should not be surprising that we focus on different words in Scripture. Because we are unique image bearers of God we hear his living word differently. Just look at the

historic figures of Martin Luther and John Calvin hearing similar yet different words. Then compare what they heard scripture saying to what their Roman Catholic and Anabaptist neighbors heard.

Today more than ever we have religion a la carte and people can freely choose their denomination, church within that denomination, and even which parts of that particular church's beliefs they will follow or disregard. Still I believe in the perspicuity of scripture, which unlike the word means that the Bible clearly conveys God's heart to us.

Therefore, I must encourage everyone to read the Bible during the week. Hopefully unity will be the result but even if another denomination springs to life from your diligent study may God receive the glory and may his huge, mega, church-universal denomination grow this year.

To that end I suggest that this fall you pick up the Bible and read through it. Here is one way to glean the truths of scripture and record your thoughts as well as what the Holy Spirit is saying to you. It is called the SOAP method of Scripture reading developed by Wayne Cordeiro, pastor of New Hope Christian Fellowship.

(S) Scripture: You should read all of it; both Old and New Testaments. (O) Observations: Both your and other's observations, including commentaries. (A) Apply: Where can you implement the truth of this text in your life? (P) Pray: Repeating what God said to you in prayer lets God know you heard him. Just because it is easier to pray the Psalms does not mean it is impossible to pray through Ezekiel or Matthew.

May the SOAP method of scripture reading give us the HOPE we need to grow with God this year. I pray the HOPE SOAP program receives the money it needs to clean up homelessness in West Michigan. I also pray that God's spirit continue the reformation process begun in each one of us.

Weddings

Ramsey/Basney



Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ramsey

St. John's Episcopal Church in Versailles, Kentucky, was the setting for the June 4, 2005 wedding of Claire Vera Basney and Clayton James Ramsey. Parents of the couple are Ruth Basney of Lowell and the late Lionel Basney and Henry and Janelle Ramsey of Anderson, South Carolina. Maid of honor was Lauren Basney; bridesmaids were AnnMarie Micikas and Joanne Dixon. Best man was Christopher Gregory; groomsmen were Amelia Selmer and Benjamin Cauley. Rev. Jack Roeda, of Church of the Servant in Grand Rapids, officiated. Wedding music was performed by Lauren Basney, Megan Kenny Ariana Falk and David Kim. Following a wedding trip to Alaska, the couple now reside in Henderson, North Carolina.

Diabetic support group meeting in Lowell

A support group for people with diabetes meets the second Tuesday of each month in Lowell.

The meetings take place in the community room at Schneider Manor. The group currently has 14 members and is always looking for more.

Monthly meetings usually include speakers on

topics of interest to diabetics. This month, December and January, the speakers will be addressing subject matter that is also of interest to the more general public.

For example, Tuesday, Nov. 8, Lowell police chief Jim Valentine will talk about what information, particularly identification, people should carry with

them at all times in case of emergencies. On Dec. 13, a speaker from Rockford Ambulance will talk about what happens in response to a 911 call. Then on Jan. 10, Dan Mitts from Laurels of Kent will discuss advance directives, legal documents instructing people's loved ones about what to do if they are incapacitated. These

meetings are co-sponsored by the Lowell Community Wellness Consortium.

Meetings start at 9:30 a.m. Support group organizers Ann Mulder and Greta Parsons said an evening support group could be organized if enough interest is shown. For more information people can contact Mulder at 897-2760.

In The Service



Marine Corps Pvt. Steven M. Childs has completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif., designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. Childs and fellow recruits began their training

at 5 a. m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. Childs also spent time in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted

weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

The recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values: honor, courage and commitment, and what the core values mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

The training phase ended with The Crucible, a 54-hour team evolution culminating in a ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers.

Childs is the son of Maria and Brian Childs of Lowell.

Gospel benefit concert to be held at Alto Elementary School

"Half-A-Ton of Praise" will be featured in a gospel concert at Alto Elementary School on Sunday, Nov. 6 at 6 p.m.

The male quartet from Shiloh Church includes Scott Adams, tenor; Bryant Adams, lead; Mark Adams, baritone; and Billy Ray,

bass. Pianist Sondra Ward accompanies them. They have sung extensively in the Ionia area and now have a CD available.

The public is welcome and a freewill offering will assist the Building Fund of The Alto United Methodist Church.

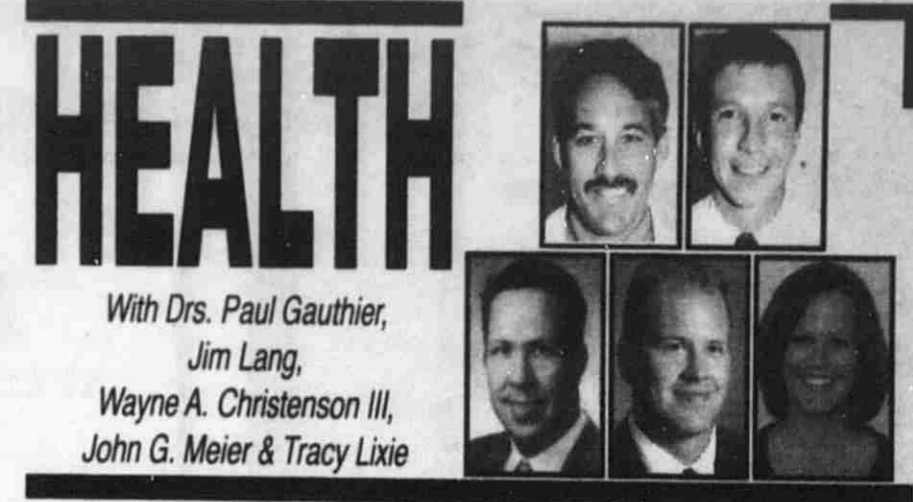
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The adventures of Winnie the Pooh will be presented at the Alto and Englehardt branches this November. Children ages six and under can hear Pooh-related stories, make crafts and play games with "Blustery Day in Hundred Acre Woods."

The program will be at the Alto branch on Wednesday, Nov. 23 at 4 p.m. (647-3820); at the Englehardt branch on Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 6:30 p.m. (647-3920). Registration is required.



SORE THROAT

Sore throat is a common complaint of many people this time of year and can have multiple causes. People often assume they have a streptococcal infection (or strep throat). This is only to blame, however, 10 percent of the time. Sometimes when mucus from your sinuses drains into your throat, the drainage can make your throat feel sore. Viruses (such as those that cause the common cold) and bacteria (such as strep throat) can cause a sore throat. A sore throat may also be one of the symptoms of allergies or acid reflux.

Many of the illnesses that cause sore throats have similar symptoms. The initial treatment of a sore throat should consist of a mild over-the-counter pain reliever, such as Tylenol, or Ibuprofen. If the soreness is accompanied by a runny nose or post-nasal drip, then an over-the-counter decongestant such as Pseudoephedrine (or Sudafed) should be tried. Gargling with warm salt water, sucking on throat lozenges, and using a home humidifier may also help. If the soreness persists beyond two days, call your health care provider. He or she may need to examine you and run some tests to determine the proper treatment.

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The City Clerk will be available at the Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street on Saturday, November 5th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for any registered voter in the City of Lowell who would like to apply for or return an absentee voters ballot for the November 8, 2005 City General Election.

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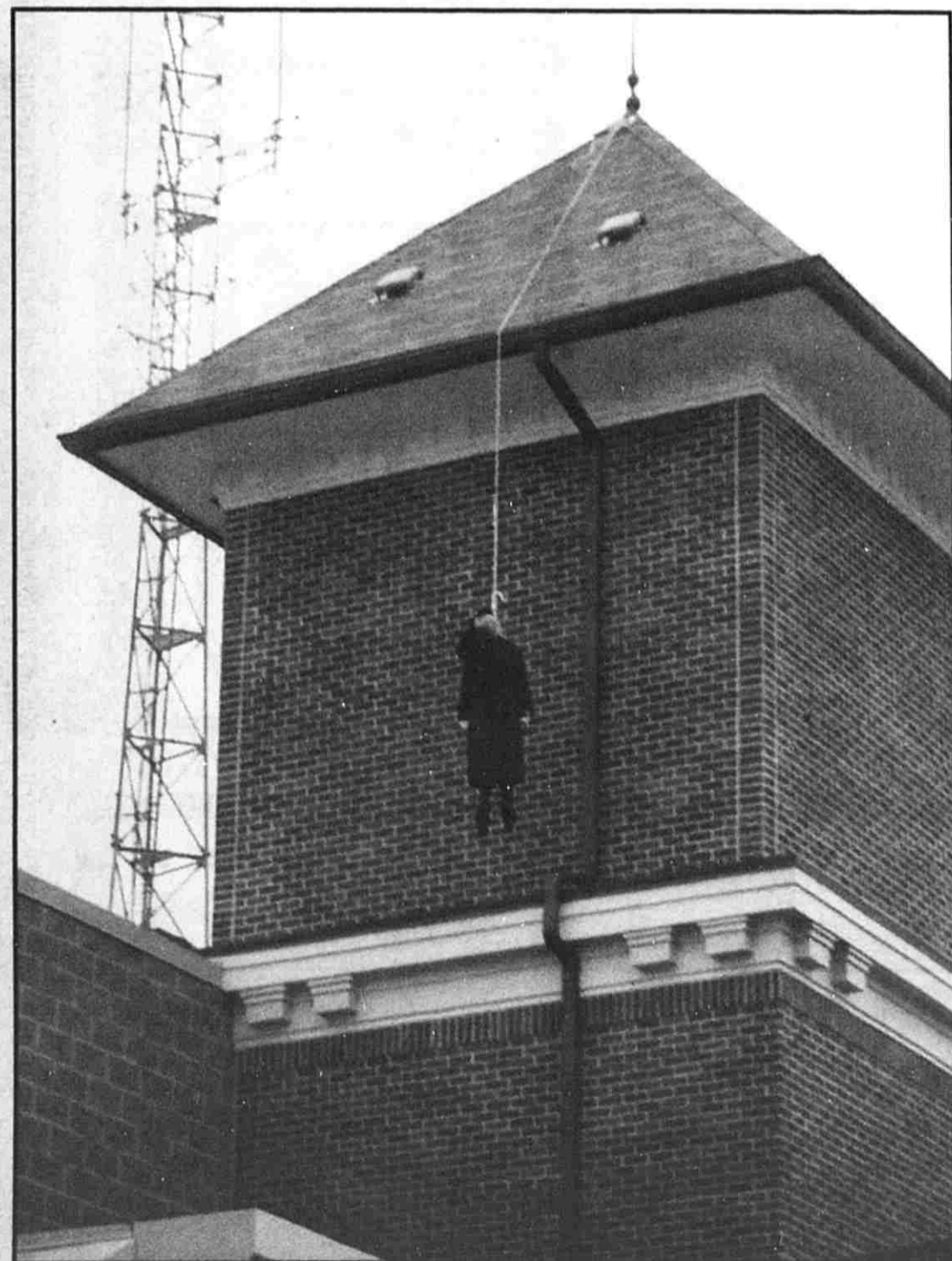
At left, in Halloween garb, is the staff of Dr. Jim Reagan's dentist office: left to right are Gail, Carrie, Lori, Rebecca, Rachel, Brayton, Julie and Reagan.



Cher's Professional Tanning Salon manager Cindy Godfrey dressed as a "gothic goddess."



The dentist office of Dr. Todd Gillan was all dressed up for the day: back row, left to right, are: Tami Jones, Diane Cain, Megan Bultema and Gillan; front row are: Joanne Gillan, Donna Breen, Lisa Zatteau and Kris Groen.



This witch hung creepily behind the clock tower at City Hall, Monday.



Colton Prill, 4 (front row, from left); Lexi Poll, 5; Camden Beyer, 1; and Jordan Sexton get ready to go out trick-or-treating with (back row) Jack Poll, Ide Poll, Britney Poll and Stormy Beyer. The temperature remained comfortable and the rain even held off until most trick or treaters were done ringing doorbells.

Popularity growing in senior health programs

By Dan Schneider

The right kinds of exercise have been making a big difference for a growing group of seniors in Lowell.

"I have lost 15 pounds and with the mobility in my fingers, I can use a loom," said Dorothy Teesdale.

For the past three months, she's been participating in the senior group fitness classes, a project of the Lowell Senior Center. The program started Aug. 8 and is in the middle of its second eight-week cycle. The sessions last from 45 minutes to an hour and had been offered three times a week in the community room at Schneider Manor.

Last Friday morning, the group was cooling down, moving their fingers through some hand exercises. They were the kind of exercises that have helped Teesdale improve the mobility of her hands. She puts that mobility to use making stocking caps with a circular knitting loom.

Each session starts with some low-impact cardiovascular exercise.

"We spend the first 15-20 minutes doing cardiovascular type exercising," said instructor Sara Warren-Roberts. "Then we do balance work, and then strength training."

Participants bring in their own music to exercise to.

"It's a really fun, upbeat class with music they love," Warren-Roberts said.

Treva Johnson and Teesdale both find the balance exercises helpful.

"Mobility is tremendous and balance is perfect, where (in the past) I've had a lot of trouble," Teesdale said. "Now, I can stand forever. I can walk. I walk everyday."

"It's good for arthritic knees, too," Helen McCaul said.

Warren-Roberts said the class is individualized enough to accommodate different levels of fitness. Participants can start slow and work their way up.

The classes are growing in popularity. So popular, in fact, the group has outgrown the community room at Schneider Manor. Monday was the last day the class was held there.

"We are going to move up to the Methodist church because we have run out of room here," Lowell Senior Center coordinator Marcia Roth said.

The classes will continue there on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays each week. Each eight-week session costs \$24, or \$1 per class day. The classes are open to all, not just people who regularly attend the senior center.


For more information, contact the Lowell Senior Center at 897-5949.

I'm very pleased with each advancing year. It stems back to when I was forty. I was a bit upset about reaching that milestone, but an older friend consoled me. 'Don't complain about growing old - many, many people do not have that privilege.'

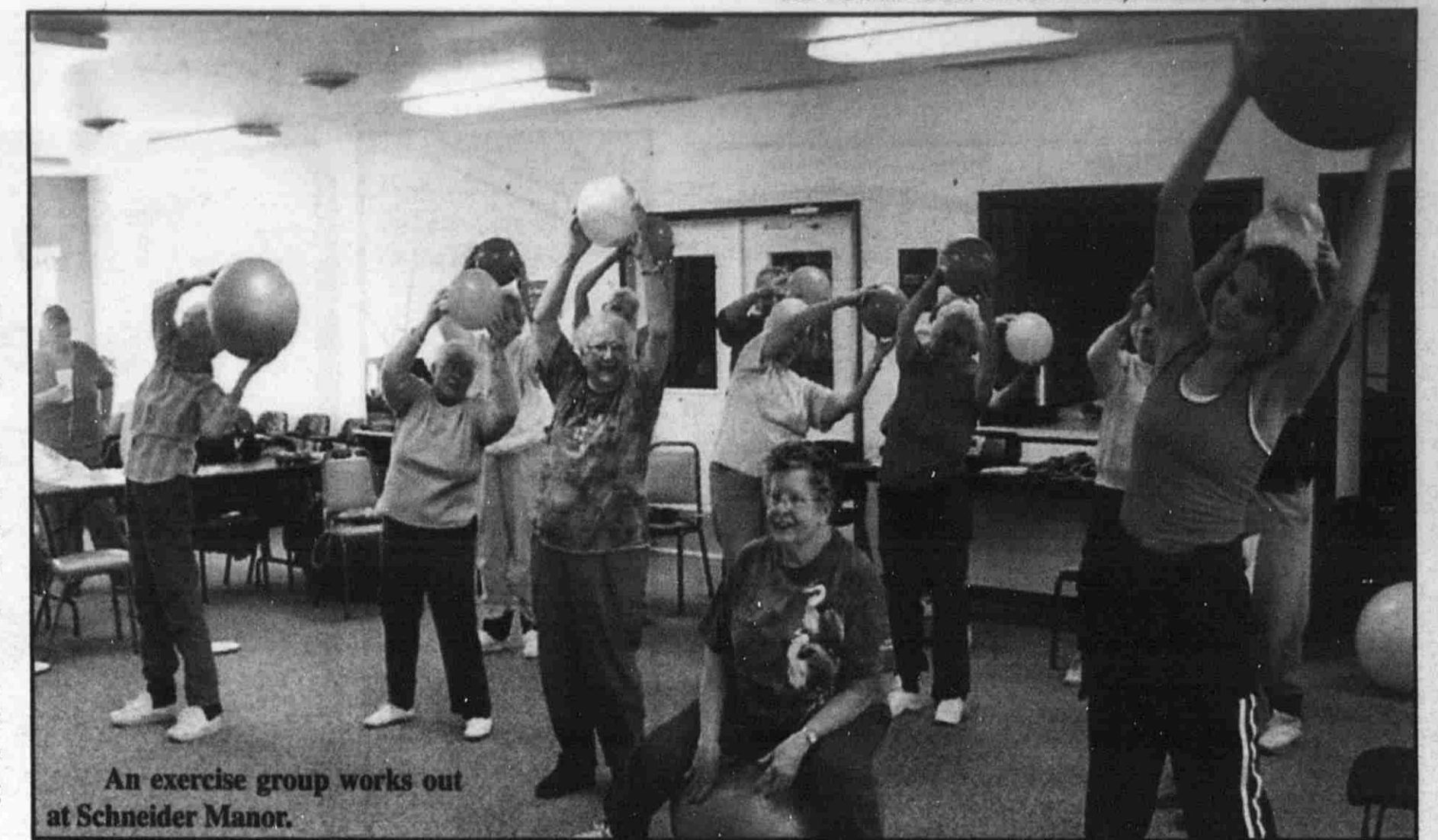
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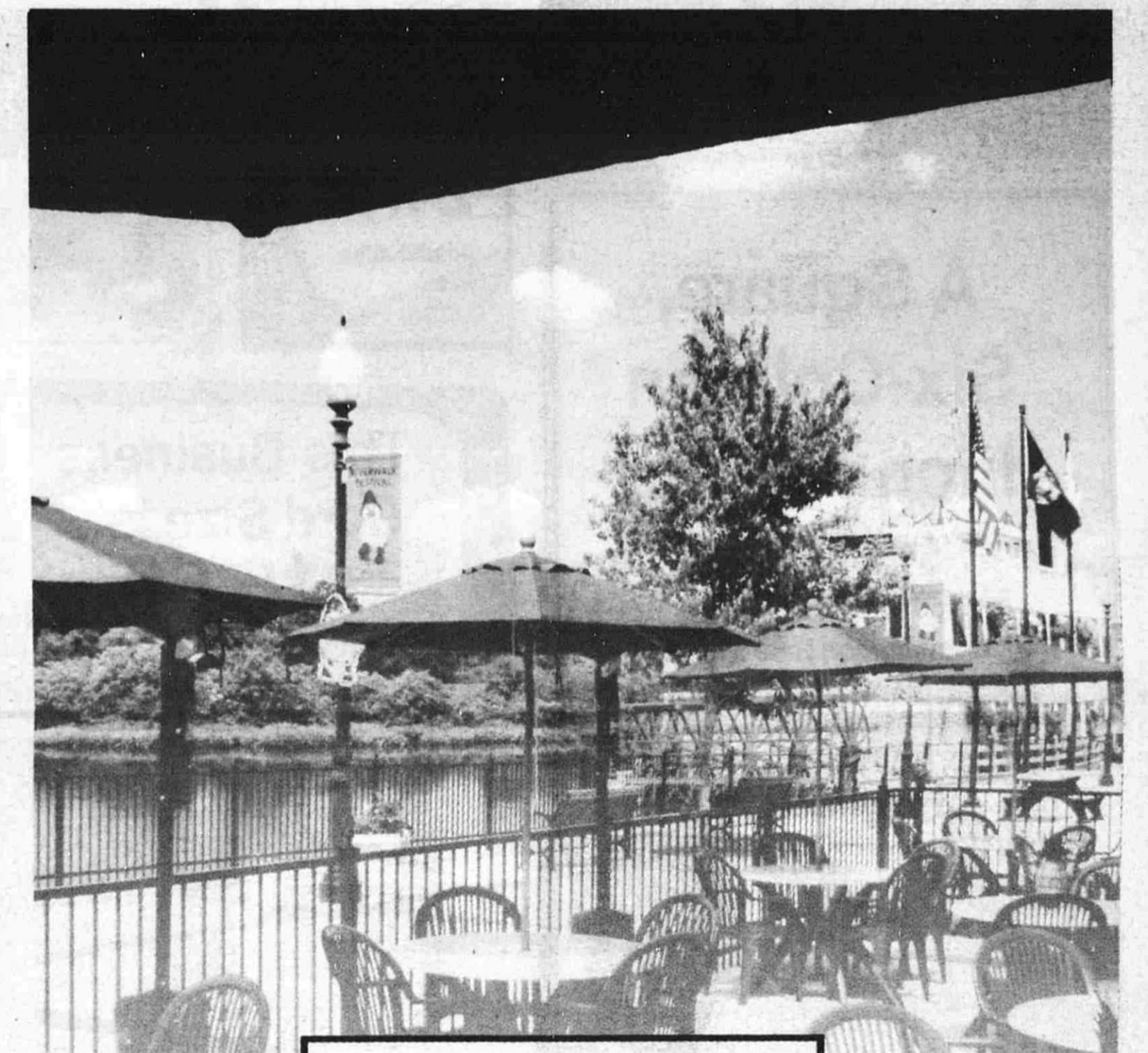
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Crew teams feels their side of story not told

By Dan Schneider

In the Oct. 19 *Ledger* article about the Lowell Charter Township board meeting, the Lowell High School crew team's side of the story was omitted concerning the team's use

of Grand River Riverfront Park and its construction of a chain link fence on the site.

The team's side of the story was also excluded from the township meeting, as no representative from the team was there to report it before the board voted to give the team 30 days to remove the chain-link fence. On Oct. 17 and at previous meetings, the board seemed under the impression that the crew team had put up the fence without consulting anyone in the township. Crew coach Missy Harrison said the team had received verbal

permission from township supervisor John Timpson before constructing the fence earlier this year.

"We've done everything that we were supposed to do," Harrison said.

They built the fence to surround the trailer on which they store the long boats, called "shells," which the team rows in competitions. Timpson voted against forcing the team to remove the fence.

The story also reported that the township paid for a set of floating docks the team uses to launch their

boats; the funding for the purchase, however, came from a grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund. Harrison said the use of the docks by the team was one of the factors in the approval of the grant.

Also, the crew team has insurance through Lowell Area Schools' liability insurance. The district has sent a request to the insurance company asking that they send proof to the township.

Business Matters

Wendell Christoff, vice chairman of Litehouse, Inc., in Lowell, was recently elected to serve as treasurer of the 2006 board of directors for The Association for Dressings and Sauces.

The Oct. 17 election was held in Rancho Mirage, Calif., in conjunction with the association's 2005 annual meeting.

Financial Focus

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Kids won't stay home from school, the mail won't stop and the stock market will stay open - and yet, we are in the midst of a national "holiday" of sorts. Specifically, this is National Retirement Planning Week - which means it's a great time for you to determine how well your retirement planning is going.

National Retirement Planning Week is sponsored by the National Retirement Planning Coalition, a group of financial industry organizations whose goal is to educate people on the issues related to saving for retirement. And it seems that many people could benefit from this type of education. In fact, nearly four in 10 workers have not saved anything at all for retirement, according to the 2005 Retirement Confidence Survey, issued by the Employee Benefits Research Institute.

Even if you're among those who have been saving for retirement, you may be able to do still more. Here are a few suggestions:

- Follow a strategy - What sort of retirement lifestyle do you anticipate? Will you travel around the world or stay close to home? Will you spend your time on the golf course or will you open a small business? Your retirement plans will determine how much you should be saving and what sort of return you'll need from your investments. To quantify your retirement savings goals, and to create a plan to achieve them, you may want to work with a financial professional.

- Keep increasing 401(k) contributions - Take full advantage of your employer-sponsored retirement plan (such as a 401(k) if you work for a business, a 457(b) if you work for a state or local government, or a 403(b) if you're employed by a non-profit group). At the very least, contribute enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered. And every time you get a raise, increase the percentage of your paycheck going to your retirement plan. Your money grows on a tax-deferred basis, which means it will accumulate faster than it would if placed in an investment on which you paid taxes every year. Plus, you typically contribute pre-tax dollars to your plan, so the more you put in, the lower your taxable income.

- "Max out" on your IRA - Put in the maximum amount to your "traditional" or Roth IRA. For 2005, you can contribute up to \$4,000 to your IRA, or \$4,500 if you're 50 or older; in 2006, you can also put in up to \$4,000, or \$5,000 if you're 50 or older. A traditional IRA grows on a tax-deferred basis, while a Roth IRA provides tax-free earnings, provided you've had your account for at least five years and you don't begin taking withdrawals until you're 59 1/2. And you can invest your IRA in virtually any investment you choose: stocks, bonds, government securities, etc.

- Diversify your holdings - Many people slow their progress toward their retirement savings goals by failing to diversify. If you have a 401(k), don't concentrate your investment dollars in your employer's stock; spread them out over the various choices. And, overall, build a diversified portfolio that reflects your time horizon, long-term goals and risk tolerance.

National Retirement Planning Week will come and go. But by following the above suggestions, you can help make progress toward your financial goals 365 days a year.

Message to the Lowell Community

Lowell Area Schools Superintendent Shari Miller has entered a hospice facility in the Grand Rapids area for 24-hour care at this stage of her cancer. Although she welcomes cards and letters, visitors are very limited. Shari is aware of and accepting of her current situation.

While I deeply regret having to report this to you, I want you to know that we are doing everything possible to ensure continuity of leadership and purpose for our students.

During this sad time, your Board of Education is working directly with Interim Superintendent Pat Murphy and the district's administrative team. Our efforts are focused on continuing Shari's commitment to improved student achievement.

While our hearts and prayers are with Shari and her family, we continue to recognize our responsibility to you and your children. As she learns more about the challenges that lie ahead, we will take the steps necessary to honor her work and make sure the district and its students continue to move forward. That was her passion, the reason we selected her as superintendent, and the mission we share for our schools and our community.

We will be in timely communication with you as we learn more about Shari's condition and identify plans to meet the needs of our district.

Yours in support of children,

Nancy Hopkins

Nancy Hopkins
President, Board of Education

Lowell football kicks it in gear in first playoff win

After victory, Hudsonville rivalry to be renewed Friday night

By Dan Schneider

Lowell had plenty of kick, even while playing without its primary kickers, in Friday's win over Portage Northern.

Lowell was one for five on two point conversion attempts in the 32-14 victory. The low percentage on points after touchdowns shows the Arrows were missing place kicker Ben Hanson, who was playing with the Lowell soccer team in the district final at Forest Hills Northern for most of the night.

But the fact that there were five opportunities for points after touchdowns meant there were five touchdowns. And that meant the Red Arrows, whose defense limited the Huskies to a pair of touchdowns in the first half, were dominant in passing their first playoff test.

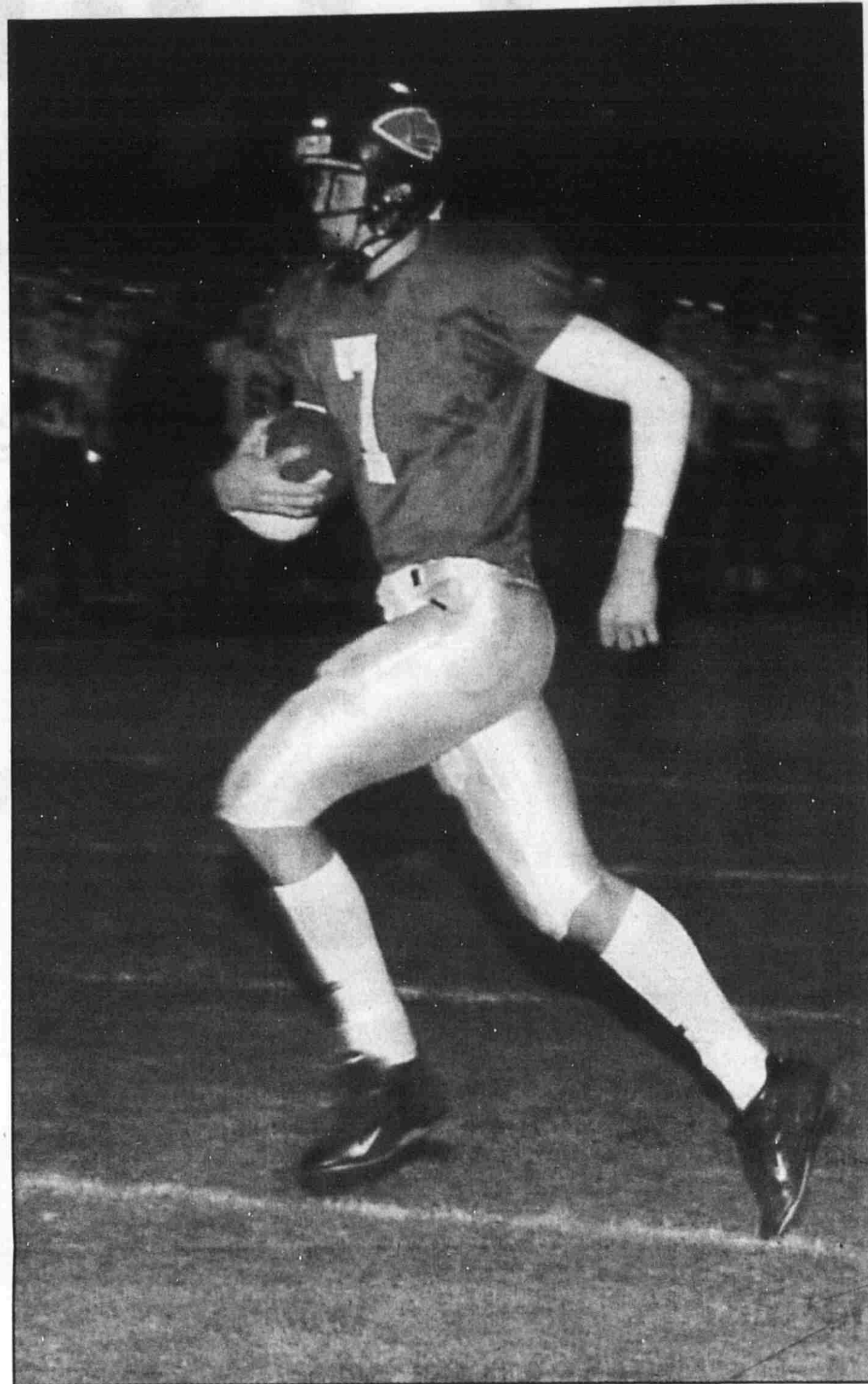
Portage Northern was the first on the scoreboard after Eddie Prude broke away with a pass from Blake Miller for 49 yards and a touchdown.

Lowell was quick to

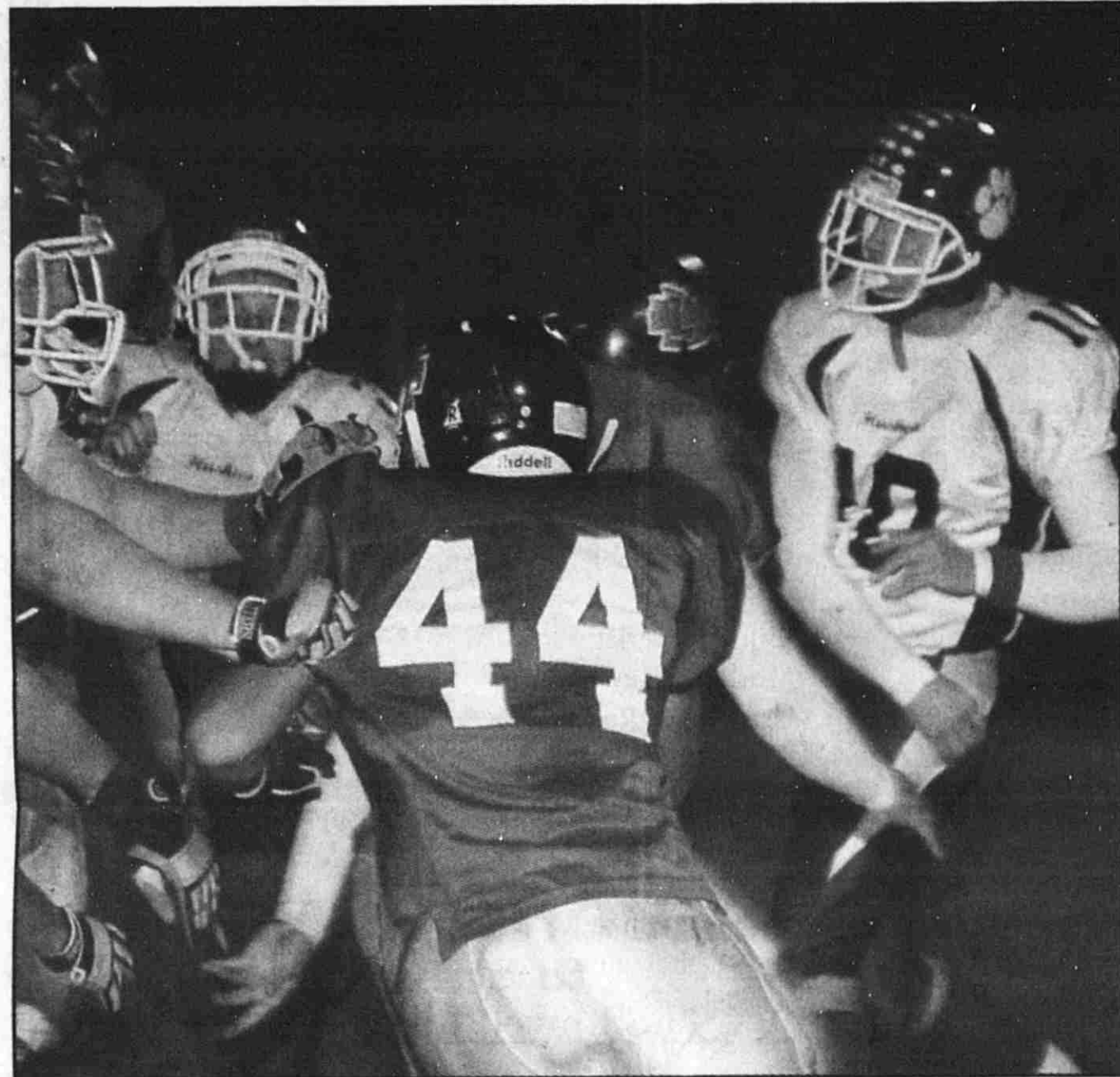
respond, with quarterback Keith Nichol keeping the ball for a two-yard touchdown run. The Huskies stayed on top, 7-6, however, after a two-point conversion failed.

The defense stopped the Huskies on third and one on the next drive. Portage Northern was going to attempt it on fourth down, but an illegal procedure penalty forced them to punt it away.

Lowell capitalized on the possession, finishing the drive with another touchdown run by Nichol.



Lowell quarterback Keith Nichol sneaks in a touchdown against Portage Northern.



Lowell defenders, including #44 Travis Hippey, put enough pressure on Portage Northern quarterback Blake Miller to make him seven for 24 passing for only 94 yards.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF LOWELL UPDATE

TRASH, RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE SERVICES

As of December 5, 2005 the trash, recycling and yard waste services for the City of Lowell residents is being contracted to Allied Waste Inc., (Sunset Waste). Temporarily the trash bags will be blue and will be available for purchase by November 1, 2005 and must be purchased at City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If you have yellow trash bags or yard waste bags with City of Lowell printed in red, they must be used by December 2, 2005. If you have trash or leaf bags you will not use by December 2, 2005, you must return to City Hall by November 14, 2005 for a refund.

All trash and recycling will continue to follow the same scheduled pick up days. Please have your trash and recycling out by 6:00 a.m. on the morning of your pickup.

The City and Allied Waste Services apologizes to the City residents for these inconveniences and appreciate your patience during this transition period.

If there are any questions, please call City Hall (897-8457).



Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

This time it was from five yards out. And Nichol completed a pass to Mike McElroy to put Lowell up 14-7.

The teams exchanged punts until the second quarter. Then, a penalty against Lowell on a Portage Northern punt allowed the Huskies to sustain a drive that ended in an 18-yard touchdown run by Kenny Fett. The score was tied at

14, but only briefly. On Lowell's drive, Gabe Delnick got the ball on first and 10 at the Portage Northern 16. He fought his way forward with tacklers on him the whole way.

"Gabe is just a bowling ball, he doesn't have appendages," Lowell coach Noel Dean said of Delnick's prowess at plowing through defenders.

It turns out he does have

arms, actually, because he used them to hold the ball out in front of him just as he was finally tackled on this run. The ball made it into the end zone and Lowell was up 20-14.

Further touchdowns weren't necessary, because the Arrows held the Huskies scoreless for the entire second half. But in the third quarter, the Lowell offense added some security to the lead with a two-yard Delnick touchdown run and a 16-yard Nichol pass to Brad Shea.

"We made a couple critical mistakes in the first half that kept us from putting the game away early," Dean said, mentioning too many penalties in the first half.

But overall, the game was a rebound for the Arrows after just getting by against Northview the week before.

"I thought we played a much better football game," Dean said.

Lowell had 442 yards of total offense in the game. Delnick picked up 121 of them on 25 carries. Nichol completed 10 out

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Red Arrow basketball picks up two more wins

By Dan Schneider

The unbeaten Red Arrow girls basketball team improved its record to 16-0 with a pair of wins while traveling last week.

Lowell beat Greenville 48-38 last Tuesday. The Arrows led 14-7 after the first quarter and 22-15 at halftime. After three quarters, the score was 37-24, Lowell.

Brook VanEck led the

Lowell offense with 11 points. Brittany Bueche was close behind with 10. Chelsea Harrison and Nicole Shepard each added eight.

VanEck also led rebounding with nine boards. Kelsey Crowley had six assists.

Coach Dee Crowley said the Arrows had some defensive miscues that made the game much closer than Lowell's 23-

point home blowout of the Yellowjackets earlier this season. For instance, Lowell sometimes had a hard time with switching defensive assignments on screens.

"It made it easier for Greenville to get shots off," Crowley said. "We knew if we had been in better position, it would have forced them into a turnover or lower percentage shot."

The Arrows built up a

big halftime lead of 31-10 at Caledonia, where they eventually won by a score of 51-39. It was a big night for the Lowell defensive press.

"We forced them into 23 turnovers, with most of those coming off our press," Crowley said.

Lowell also dominated the boards, outrebounding Caledonia 27-15. VanEck led the Arrows in that statistic with six rebounds.

Lowell started fast, jumping out to a 15-3 lead after the first quarter of the game. They had the big lead at halftime, but Caledonia chipped away at it. The Fighting Scots outscored Lowell 14-11 in the third quarter and 15-9 in the third.

"It's kind of hard sometimes, when you build those big leads, to stay consistent throughout,"

Crowley said. Amanda Geelhoed led the Red Arrows' offense with 19 points. VanEck scored 11 and Crowley added eight. Brittany Lyman was the assist leader with four.

Lowell hosted Forest Hills Northern Tuesday night and will travel to Forest Hills Central this Thursday.

The junior varsity team beat Greenville 35-20 and Caledonia 26-21.

Lowell runner qualifies for state cross country meet

By Dan Schneider

Lowell's cross country teams competed Saturday in the cross country regionals at Sharp Park in Jackson.

The boys' team finished ninth out of 13

teams competing. The girls finished 12th.

Lowell junior Monica Fitzpatrick qualified for the state meet as an individual.

She placed 12th overall in the regional girls race with

a time of 19:48. She'll run in this Saturday's Division 1 state finals at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich., at 3 p.m.

The top finisher on the Lowell boys' team was

Lowell Wrestling Club members successful in Illinois

Nine members of the Lowell wrestling club wrestled their way to top four finishes at the Maine Eagles Open on Oct. 23. The event, with 15 wrestlers representing the Lowell wrestling club, was held at Maine High School in Illinois.

In the 15-18 age division, Robbie Karasiewicz placed

second after a loss to Montell Marion of Iowa in the finals of the 135-pound weight class. John Fleet lost a close finals match, 2-1, against Travani Maywood of Iowa to take second place at 171. Matt Francisco placed fourth in the 215-pound weight class.

In the 13-14 age division, Tyler Jack placed

third at 107 pounds and Tim Gingerich placed fourth at 145 pounds.

In the 11-12 age division, Andrew Morse placed second at 85 pounds, Gabe Dean placed second at 105 pounds and Dan Fleet took second at 120 pounds.

Max Dean won the heavyweight championship in the 7-8 age division.

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of 14 passes for 237 yards. McElroy was the leading receiver with 159 yards on five catches.

"I think the last time we came up here, two years ago, we were kind of in awe of the whole thing and this time we came to play football," Schermerhorn said.

Friday, Lowell will meet another opponent from their 2003 playoff run. Hudsonville beat Lowell 57-56 in double overtime in

the 2003 district final. The rematch starts at 7 p.m. at Red Arrow Stadium.

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-Helen Keller (1880 - 1968)

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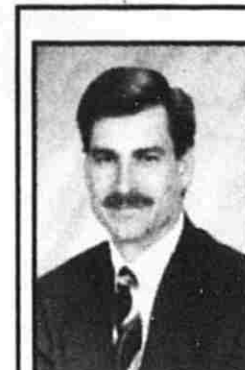
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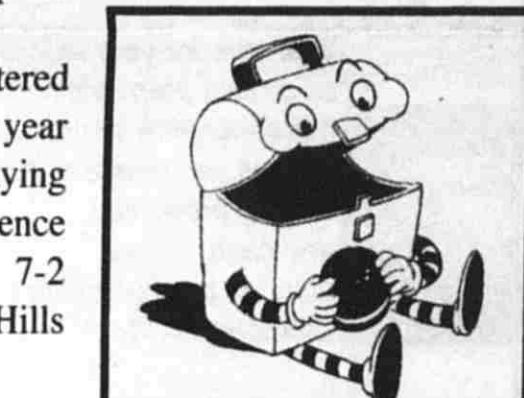
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FRI: All American footlong on bun (Alto & Murray Lake - turkey/cheese on bun also offered), baked beans, fruited jello, milk.

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U10 player Zach Fotis (#3) passes the ball to teammates Tayler Hoevenaar (left) and Liam Kelley.

LASSO teams participate in River City Soccer Classic

The Lowell Area Select Soccer Organization (LASSO) U10 and U11 boys' teams participated in the River City Soccer Classic on Oct. 8 and 9. The tournament, hosted by Alliance FC, was played at the Kentree Polo Club, north of Lowell.

The U10 team garnered one win and two losses at the tournament. Coach Doug Lyon said, "I was most happy with our first game in which we were narrowly defeated (1-2) by an undefeated team and tourney winner."

The U11 team secured second place at the tournament; their record was 1-1-1. Team manager Dianne Morris said, "Many of the teams at the tournament play in higher-level leagues than we do, so we were pleased with our team's record."

LASSO is a select soccer organization based in Lowell with players, ages 7-16, from the Lowell and surrounding areas. Formed in 1997, it is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing an opportunity for area youths to play competitive soccer and develop community involvement in soccer. The club exists through the efforts of many volunteers, including coaches and parents.

College News

Ryan Kremer, who plans to receive a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering this December from Western Michigan University, will present a project at the 37th Conference on Senior Engineering Design Projects on Nov. 29.

His project, an exhaust system for a salamander

broiler, is one of 35. The conference is open to the public, free of charge and will be held at the Parkview Campus from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Kremer, a 2000 graduate of Lowell High School, is the son of Flo and John Kremer of Belding.

Sound Off

The Ledger
"Almost" Anything Goes Column

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Why don't we have "Off the Blotter" anymore?

To the people in the maroon van at the game Friday night - Stop being jerks & just let people in! Not doing so doesn't get you out any faster! Treat others as you would like to be treated!

To the "big cheese" - Nope, no cheeseburgers, but hey, I am just a volunteer so you had every right to scream at me and take our sign! Wow! Can you say anger management?

I had pumpkins stolen off my front porch in Eastgate. It ruined my children's Halloween.

Congratulations to the Boundary Commission and Vergennes Township for denying annexation of 177 acres of our community. Development is one thing but please, let's keep our rural community rural.

Love the Main St. scarecrows but I'm always worried a real person will jump out at me and I'll hit him.

Where is our Big Boy? Still looking for Kentucky Fried Chicken. Happy Halloween.

I betcha with the way Lions are playing, Lowell could beat them! I'd like to see that one.

To all the homeowners on Monroe Street who work hard to make Halloween very special for the children every year - your efforts are very much appreciated, and make Lowell the place to be!

We are very fortunate in this community to have the Wittenbach Nature Center. I hope everyone will make good use of this learning opportunity. - M.B.

Thank you to whoever put on the TOTS Halloween party it was wonderful and my son loved it. Great job!

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LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2005

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

Randy Smith has made application for a variance from the Table of General Bulk Regulations of the Lowell Township Zoning Ordinance to allow for a lot split without the required 200 feet of road frontage for property located at 2899 Kissing Rock Avenue, Lowell, Permanent Parcel No. 41-20-18-200-017.

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LOWELL AREA SELECT SOCCER ORGANIZATION (LASSO) TRYOUTS - Sat., Nov. 5, 10 a.m. Lowell Township Park, Grand River Dr. Players age 7-16 (girls & boys), bring a ball, shin guards, picture, birth certificate & water bottle. For more info go to lassosoccer.org.

PUBLIC SIGHT-IN - Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club will host a supervised sight-in at their new facility at 8731 West Riverside Drive, with the entrance at the corner of Ivan Road & Riverside Dr. The sight-in will be on November 5th, 6th, 12th and 13th from 10am-4pm. Cost is \$5.00 per gun with a 20 round limit. Targets and assistance will be provided. The public is welcome. See www.Qua-Ke-Zik.org for more information.

HELP WANTED

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

HORSE BARN WORK - (small private farm), approx. hours 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., 5 to 6 days per week (more hours are available). Dressing horses, turnouts, cleaning barn, general barn maintenance. Near Alden Nash/Cascade Rd., Lowell. 897-5139.

LPN - Looking for a great place to work? Look no farther. Work 24-32 hours per week in a low-stress position in an elegant retirement community. Apply in person at Sentinel Pointe Retirement Community, 2900 Thornhills Ave. SE, Cascade, or call the Health Center manager Monday - Friday between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. at 616-957-9767.

ANIMAL CARE TAKERS - large kennel of small dogs, part time, work into full, involves weekends & varied hours, \$7/hr. 616-437-4014.

FOR SALE

BERBER CARPET - 80 yards, beige color, bought, never used. Cost \$800, sell \$295. 517-719-0451.

FOR SALE - Solid maple dresser, headboard & footboard. Call 897-4860.

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

WANTED

PAYING CASH - for your old United States coins. Call 616-676-5902.

WANTED - Garage to rent for winter. Call 897-9880.

WANTED ROOMMATES - 25 year old would like roommates to share house expenses. New carpet, paint, fully furnished. \$350 per month. Call 706-6433.

SNOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT 3189 Snow Ave SE will serve a family style Turkey & Dressing dinner on Wednesday, November 9, starting at 5:30 pm. Adults \$8, ages 5-12 \$2.

FREE

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