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Upgrade means safer airport, but property rights an issue

By Dan Schneider

In pursuit of a higher level of safety, a general utility designation is being sought for the Lowell Airport.

The most-used runway at the airport, except in winter, is a grass runway with a roughly east-west orientation. There is also a paved runway, running from the northwest corner of the airport to the southeast corner. A third, lesser-used runway, runs roughly north-south.

MDOT plans to upgrade the paved runway to general utility standards, lengthening it about 100 feet to the airport's property line. With a general utility runway, the entire airport will be upgraded to a general utility airport. Currently it is a basic utility airport, the smallest Federal Aviation Administration airport designation.

The Lowell airport board asked MDOT to consider the upgrade five years ago. After conducting a study on the airport, the state decided it would pursue the upgrade. With

the general utility status, the airport will become eligible for state funding for 90 percent of its costs. But the primary concern is safety.

"What we're working towards is improving the safety standards which is automatically moving us from a basic utility to a general utility," said airport director Jim Sowle.

He said the safety upgrades are especially important with the School of Missionary Aviation Technology on site. A lot of student-pilots take to the skies from Lowell because of the school.

"This has everything to do with this as a training airport," Sowle said.

He said trees at either end of the runway restrict clearance at either end of the runway.

"They require pilots to fly on the fine edge of safety, rather than having a more wide margin," Sowle said.

By federal regulations, an airplane on landing approach must be able to clear any obstacles in front of a runway while descending at a rate of one

foot per 20 feet of forward movement, a 20:1 ratio. Under ideal conditions, airplanes can descend at that rate and touch their wheels down at the front edge of the runway. At the Lowell Airport, planes approaching from the southeast cannot clear the hills east of the Flat River, maintain a 20:1 descent, and still land at the front edge of the runway. Instead, they must land about 100 feet from the runway's edge. The 100 feet is called the "displaced threshold."

On the southeast side of Lowell's paved runway, trees add to the displaced threshold. Trees are the sole reason for displaced threshold at the northwest side of the runway.

Trees weren't an issue when the airport was built in the mid-1940s, or even 35 years ago when Sowle first had a plane there.

"It was farmland out there, they were growing crops," he said.

But Vergennes Township, where the airport is located, has experienced tree growth and development since then.



An airplane sits alongside the taxiway at the Lowell Airport. The airport is in the process of upgrading from basic utility to general utility.

Airport safety standards include restrictions on what can be built within certain distances of runways. For instance, schools or retirement homes are not allowed below the direct approach to a runway.

With the lengthening of the runway, the direct approach zone on Lowell's paved runway will be

pushed further northwest. It will run into properties owned by Dale Fegel and Paul Barron. Barron had planned to build a gas station on his property at the corner of Vergennes Street and Lincoln Lake Avenue, even obtaining commercial zoning from the township. But the regulations do not allow gas storage in that zone.

Barron expects the issue to sort itself out overtime, but he wants to be compensated for the restrictions placed on his property.

"If they say I can't put anything in there, then they're going to have to buy the whole thing," Barron said.

Purchasing affected property outright is the ideal solution to such conflicts, according to MDOT property specialist Chip Kraus. He said such conflicts are not uncommon in an airport upgrade process.

"You really have to do your homework if you buy

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Fairgrounds host weekend music fest

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell Fairgrounds hosted the God is Movin Christian music festival, Saturday.

There were 11 bands along with the Christian strongman group The Conquerors. They performed on two stages on the track at the fairgrounds. The bands had a broad range of styles including rock, country and blues. Hip-hop artist Dale Bell, who performs under the name 4-God, traveled to the event from Los Angeles.

"My phone number is still a Michigan number," Bell said.

So he wasn't completely surprised to get a call from concert organizer Bruce Doll, co-founder of the God is Movin ministry.

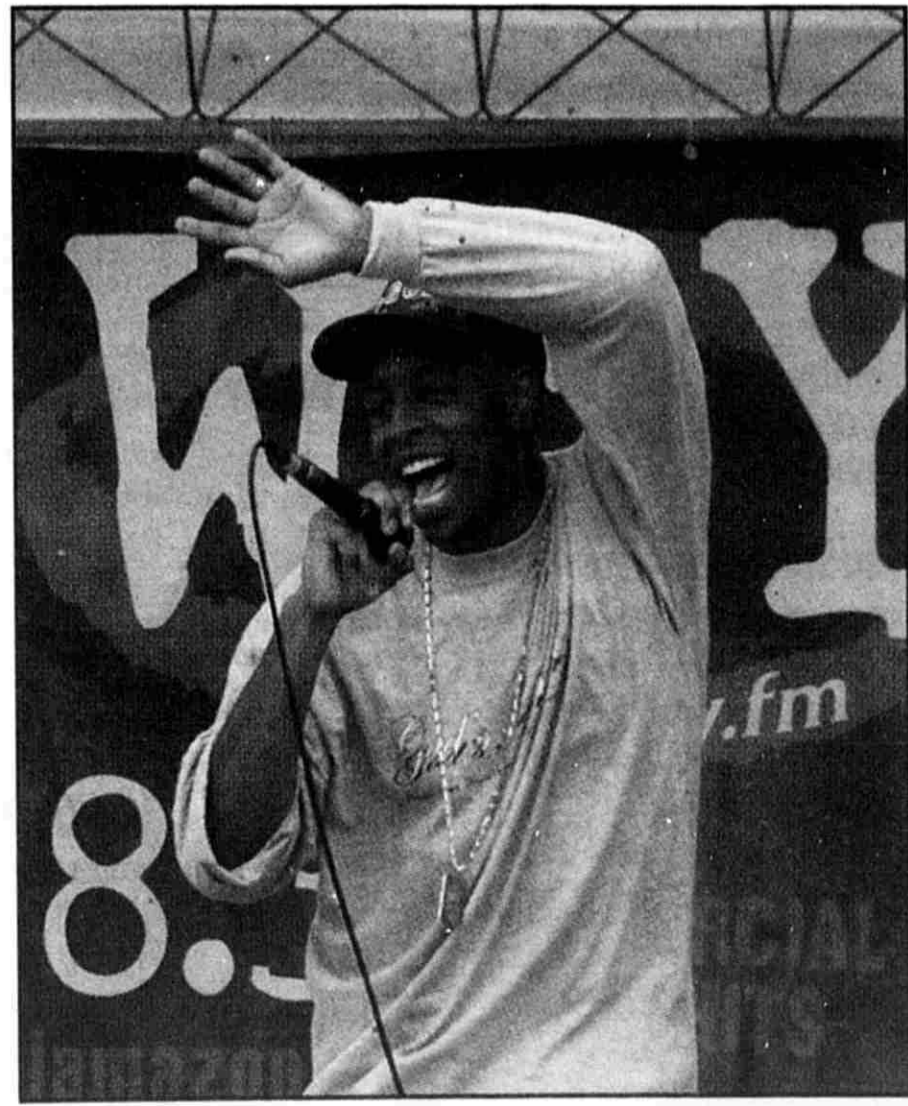
"I said, well, I'll still come and do it because I'll just come visit my family," Bell said. "I go wherever God takes me."

Bell has been

performing Christian hip-hop for three years. He thought the Lowell concert was a pretty good scene.

"I think it's great. God is definitely movin' in here,"

he said. "(The audience) gets to hear all different types of music, but they get to take in all these different messages, too, all these different ministries."



Hip Hop artist 4-God performed at the God is Movin Christian music festival last Saturday.

Organizers estimated about 1,000 people attended the concert during the afternoon and that there were about 1,000 people at the track during headliner Bethany Dillon's performance. Mike Kaufman and his family were in the afternoon crowd.

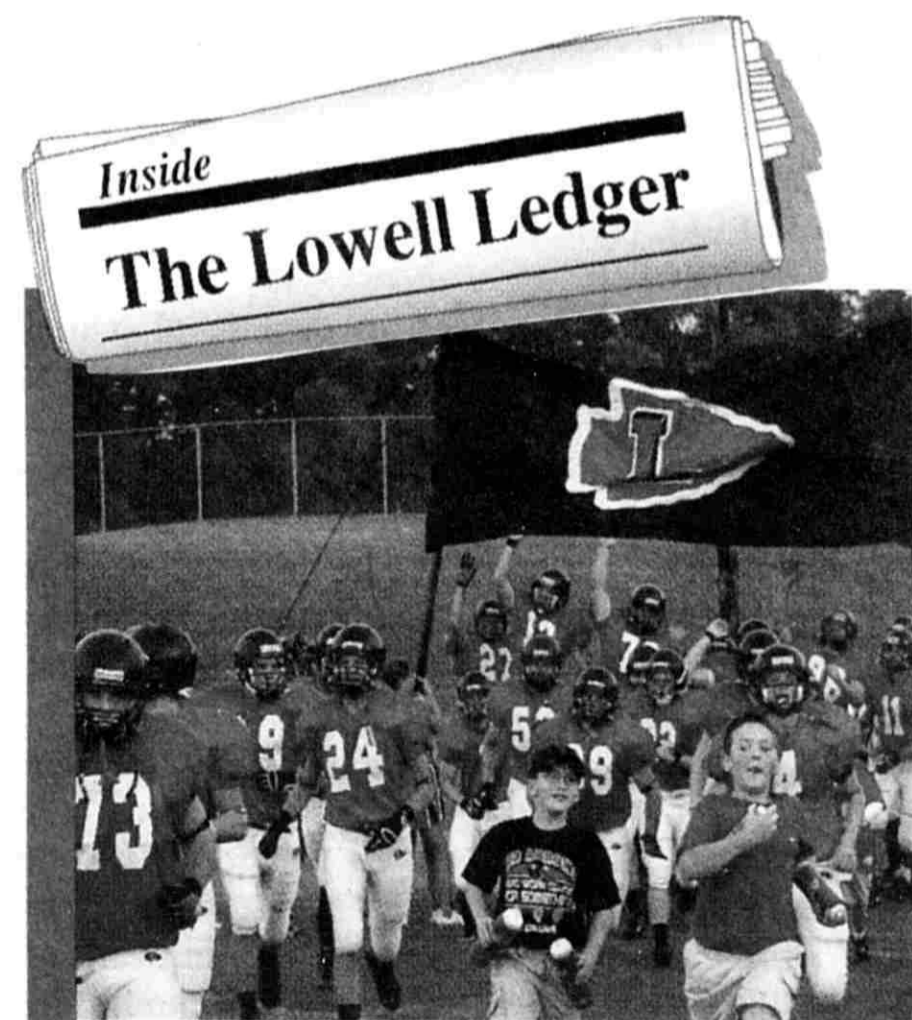
"We live in Lowell and it's always nice to hear some new Christian bands that we haven't heard before," Kaufman said.

He and his wife were sitting on a blanket, listening to the music, while their sons ran around on the football field. Kaufman said he was grateful for the opportunity to see a concert locally.

"With four kids, you don't travel very much," he said.

Doll said one of the target audiences for the music fest was people who

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New ordinance may limit construction time of home projects

By Emma Palova
Contributing Writer

The Lowell Planning Commission will work on an ordinance that would require home builders to complete their projects within a certain time limit.

Currently, under the city Building Code, builders apply for a building permit which is valid for six months. Once it expires, they may apply for another one and so on, according to building inspector Doug Hopkins.

"The permit is good for six months at a time," Hopkins said. "It does not define ongoing work."

According to Hopkins, however, any new ordinance may not be more restrictive than the Building Code.

The ordinance would have to be approved by the city council.

Commission member Mark Mundt offered to form a committee that would work on the new ordinance modeled after the city of Grandville ordinance. The ordinance approved last month by the Grandville City Council requires home builders to finish their projects within a year.

In other business, the planning commission discussed a complaint against a homeowner at 420 Kent Street. The owner, who has four chickens on his property, must apply for a variance before Sept. 5 to keep them.

According to city manager Dave Pasquale, the owner must have at least 0.5 acres with setbacks to have poultry on the property.

"There's no way he's going to qualify," he said.

A committee of the planning commission will meet on Sept. 5 to discuss district regulations for single family dwellings in the R-3 district. In the past, the committee stated the same rules should apply in the R-3 district as for single dwellings in the R-2 district.

Two killed in car accident

A car accident shortly after 1 a.m. Sunday took the life of two men.

Steven Marsman, of Lowell, was driving a pickup truck southbound on Morse Lake Avenue in Bowne Township. Police reports indicate he failed to stop for a stop sign at the intersection with 68th Street. His vehicle collided with an eastbound

Pontiac driven by William Powell of Caledonia.

The Kent County Sheriff's Department and Bowne Township Fire/Rescue responded to the crash. Both drivers were pronounced dead at the scene.

Marsman, 18, graduated from Lowell High School

this past June. Powell was 56 years old.

Lowell High School counselors will be available for friends of Marsman.

The accident still remains under investigation. Additional witnesses are asked to call the Kent County Sheriff's Department at 632-6100.

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the conscious piece. The unconscious part is that your boss reminds you of your father, especially when he

criticizes your performance. You develop a hostile attitude, and your boss (not your father) is confused by your facial expressions and your negative behaviors.

The difficulty arises when your boss reacts to your negative attitude and behavior. If you were aware (conscious) that you have a challenging relationship with your father, and that you would consciously choose not to bring that dynamic into the work place, the relationship with your boss would be much better. Much of the baggage that we bring with us into relationships is the unconscious part.

The next part of the question, "How can a person become knowledgeable of this barrier and fix it?" is probably the most important

part, because this is how we can better ourselves. Being goal-oriented in our behavior helps a great deal, but more importantly, we need to talk with a professional counselor/therapist to make our unconscious material conscious. We do this by Abreaction or to use a more familiar term "talking therapy." The more material we have on the conscious level, the more we can manage it, and the less dysfunctional our behaviors become. So much of our behavior is "baggage-driven." Once the baggage is understood, the more manageable our life becomes.

I welcome your questions. Please send them to my email address kathyndenhouter@yahoo.com.

"Everything happens to everybody sooner or later if there is time enough."

-George Bernard Shaw

Annual senior tea party held



Dot Lacie held her eighth annual senior tea party last Wednesday at her home on 36th Street. Ladies in attendance are pictured, back row, left to right: Louise Siebrey, Ida Koetje, Lacie, Albertine Haggai, Mary Dillree, Adeline Brower, Sandy Veenkamp, Eleanore Hull; front row: Marie Graham, Marie "The Yodelin' Cowgirl" Den Houter, Harriett Ross, Kathy Modlin and Dorothy House. Brower traveled the farthest, having come from Pentwater for the event. Veenkamp, Siebrey and Ross have attended all eight tea parties.



Financial Focus

With Christopher C. Godbold
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Many of us are inspired by great quotations. And you can find plenty of them related to investing. Let's take a look at some of these quotes to determine what they may have to offer us.

"The four most dangerous words in investing are: 'This time it's different.'" - Sir John Templeton, legendary investor and philanthropist

Templeton points out that many investors tend to repeat their mistakes - or the mistakes of others. For example, has the Enron debacle taught us to not put too much money in company stock? After all, Enron employees who participated in their company's 401(k) plan had invested about 58 percent of their assets in Enron stock when it lost almost all its value during 2001. Yet today, many people are still "overloading" their 401(k)s with company stock.

Of course, Enron was an extreme example. Still,

any company's stock can fluctuate in value. And if these fluctuations are significant and occur at the wrong time - such as when you're retired and want to start taking distributions from your 401(k) - you could take some "hits."

As Templeton says, simply hoping that bad things won't happen again is not a sound investment strategy. Pay attention to mistakes - and learn from them.

"The individual investor should act consistently as an investor and not as a speculator." - Benjamin Graham, author and economist

An investor looks for good investments that are reasonably priced, while a speculator "bets" on risky vehicles. An investor holds high-quality stocks for the long term and anticipates gradual price appreciation. But speculators hope for rapid gains, so they can sell quickly and move on to their next gamble. Sometimes they win, and sometimes they lose.

If you want to achieve your long-term financial goals, you might want to heed Graham's advice: Be an investor, not a speculator.

"We simply attempt to be fearful when others are greedy and to be greedy only when others are fearful." - Warren Buffett, well-known investor

How do people act greedy? By chasing after "hot"

stocks in hopes of ever-higher gains - even if the stock prices are not supported by earnings and other key fundamentals. How do investors express their fear? By trying to "cut their losses" through selling stocks when the price drops - even if the stocks still offer good long-term growth potential.

As his quote suggests, Buffett has achieved his tremendous success by doing just the opposite. If he can find no good reasons for a stock to be "hot," he probably won't buy it. And if a good stock's price is temporarily depressed, he'll jump in enthusiastically, because he recognizes a bargain.

In short, Buffett likes to "buy low and sell high." And that's good advice for all of us.

Going beyond the quotes

As we've seen, some investment-related quotes can impart genuine wisdom. But you can't always make investment decisions just on the basis of pithy sayings. Your financial picture is not exactly like anyone else's, so you will need to create investment strategies that are tailored to your needs, goals and preferences. You may benefit from working with a financial professional who knows your situation and can recommend appropriate solutions.

So, listen to the words of experience - but let your own voice be your true guide.

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66th Lowell High School reunion held

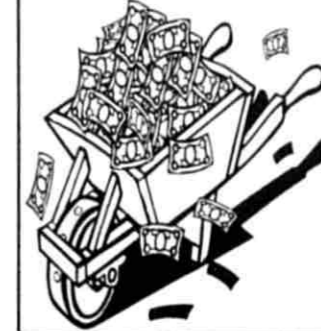


Pictured, back row, left to right, are: Carol Kyser, Esther Kamp, Dorothy Clark Stevens, King Doyle, Helen Clark Blow, John Scripps, Jack Torga and John Jasperse; front row: Barbara Dawson Schaffer, Marjean Fonger Brillhart, Inez Cole Craig and Vivian Hale Dent.

Schneider Manor was the setting for the 66th LHS class reunion on Aug. 24. The 1940 class had a total of 77 graduating seniors; 12 classmates were present and 10 guests and/or spouses also attended. Noteworthy is the fact that of the 77 seniors, 70 percent are deceased.

Graduating around the start of World War II, many of the classmates were called into active duty and the 1940 class sustained the largest number of casualties of any Lowell High School class.

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VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF ADOPTION
Ordinance 2006-2
Agritourism and
Bed & Breakfast Ordinance

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Vergennes Township Board has adopted Ordinance 2006-2, an ordinance allowing and regulating the operation of Agritourism and Bed & Breakfast enterprises within the township. This amendment to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance was adopted at the Regular meeting held on Monday, August 21, 2006 at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI. The following is a summary of Ordinance 2006-2:

Chapter 2 Definitions

Amends the definition section to add definitions for Agritourism Business and Bed and Breakfast.

Chapter 3 Zoning Districts

Amends R-A District, Section 201.304 (C) to add a new section requiring a special exception use permit for Agritourism Business and Bed and Breakfasts. Amends the R-1 District, Section 201.305 C to add a new section requiring a special exception use permit for Bed and Breakfast establishments. The two new uses have specific standards for setbacks, sleeping rooms, food service, signage, goods for sale and other appropriate requirements.

The complete text of Ordinance 2006-2 can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671 [fax 897-5674] or on the website at www.vergennestwp.org. This ordinance takes effect 8 days after publication.

Mari Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, September 18, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Lowell City Hall, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

- An Ordinance adding Article VI to Chapter 7, adopting by reference the International Property Maintenance Code as the City's Property Maintenance Code, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.

Copies of the proposed Ordinance are available for public inspection during normal business hours at City Hall and the Englehardt Public Library.

Interested persons may submit written comments to City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 prior to the meeting or appear in pers:



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Not much of a celebration. This photo commemorates my landing in Colorado, the 48th on my quest for a landing in all the 48 contiguous United States. It only took me 16 years.

get in close and actually touch an old car, truck, tractor, snowmobile or whatever. Four hours later, I had at least done a quick walk-thru of all the buildings. I certainly could have spent, and enjoyed, much more time there. It was time to saddle up and head for Omaha.

The old Pontiac limped me back to the airport. I'm guessing most of the cars I'd seen in the museum were in better running condition than my courtesy junker. By early afternoon I was headed east. The terrain had really flattened out and this was farm country. Huge farms, as far as I could see. Flying low over the plains and the Midwest always makes me wonder what in the world we find to do with all those crops.

The Platte River was there first, and it makes a big sweep to the northeast toward Omaha. The railroad, the Interstate and I all followed along. This leg was nearly two hundred miles. It was pretty flying, but nothing dramatic. When I approached Omaha I followed the railroad as far as possible into the Class "B" airspace. After a little diversion to the north, I landed at the North Omaha airport and taxied up to my old haunt, "The Institute."

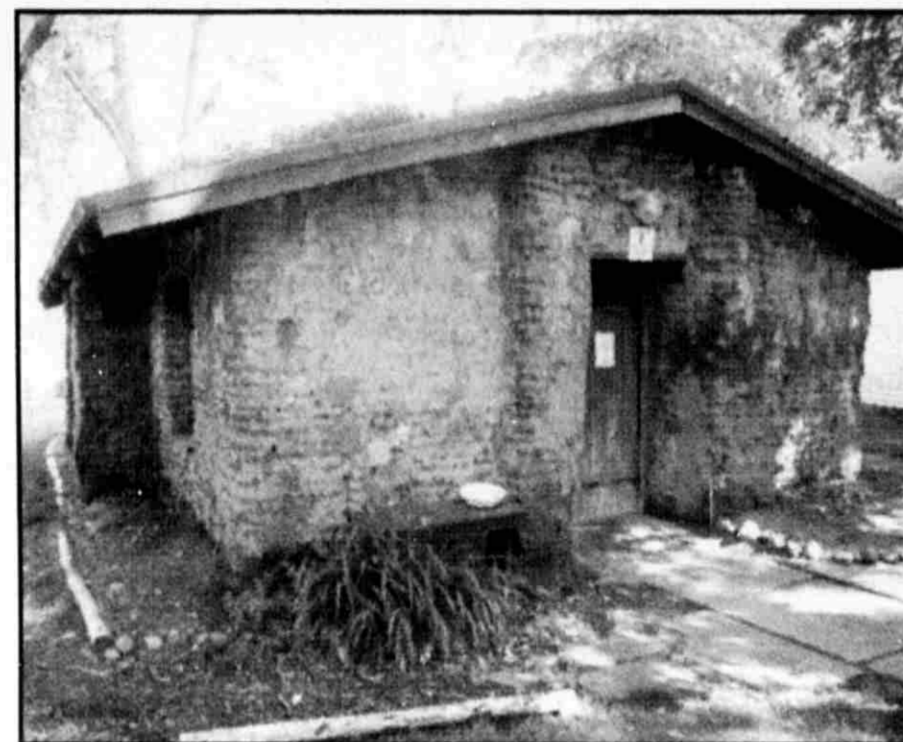
Again, the airport bums made me feel at home. They tried to entice me to stay a few days with a trip to the zoo, a free round of golf or a tour of the nearby Strategic Air Command museum. Great bunch of guys, but I still felt the need to keep moving on and made plans to fly out in the morning.

There was a problem. They had run out of av/gas at the airport. After a long leg, my fuel was low and I'd need to get gas at the nearest possible airport. After asking around, Harlan Co., Iowa, was the best recommendation. I drew a

line on my chart. I mention this because it is relevant to a fuel problem story I will be relating sometime down the road.

The airport bums all had prior plans and left me alone at The Institute that evening. I sat in a lawn chair, enjoying my second ice cream sundae and watching fireworks in every direction. Re-capping my trip to date I came up with the following thoughts.

The weather had allowed me to fly eleven consecutive days covering about 5,000 nautical miles in roughly 65 hours of flying. The plane had been fueled 26 times and I'd made several other landings. Nearly all these landings were



I took this photo for all you connoisseurs of classic films out there. I think this is the "House of Mud" from "National Lampoon's Vacation." I looked, but did not find the world's largest ball of string. Actually, this is a replica prairie sod house at The Harold Warp Pioneer Village in Minden, Nebraska. If you are ever traveling that way on Interstate 80, the museum is very well worth a visit.

on hard surface at strange airports. There had been only one slight landing mishap, one minor mechanical problem and one substantial course diversion because of weather.

I had slept in my tent three times, in F.B.O. offices five nights and cheap motels three nights. My travels had

included the entire Louis and Clark Trail and virtually all the Transcontinental Railroad route from Sacramento to Omaha. The Stearman had landed in 18 states, eleven of which it had never been to with me at the controls.

When I put the sticker on my map in Julesburg, Colorado, that was number 48. People ask me when I'm going to Alaska and Hawaii. I tell them that my plane and I were both built before Alaska and Hawaii were granted statehood ... they don't count.

That's a big eleven days. I had achieved all my goals for this trip and a day of flying could have me back in Michigan. My dilemma was that I had another week left of the time I'd made available for this trip. The weather was great and the credit card wasn't maxed out. I made plans to mosey on back to Lowell via a northern route through Iowa, Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula. It would take another four days and three nights. Of course, that means I'm milking this trip for one more column.



I had to take this picture at the Pioneer Village in Minden, Neb. This is the kind of printing equipment I grew up with. Seeing all kinds of "stuff" like TVs, cars, furniture, etc., you grew up with, now displayed in a museum, is not very good for the ego.

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don't normally get to see a big Christian concert. That's why admission and parking were free.

The number of attendees was less than Doll had hoped for, but he wasn't disappointed.

"It's really not a matter of the number of people, it's the hearts that are here,"

he said. "If we're touching people's hearts, that's what's important."

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a piece of property near an airport and you want to do something with it," Kraus said.

Fegel had plans to

build a few houses on his property when he bought it about 20 years ago. He is willing to sell an easement for a fair price, he said. But

he is concerned because early paperwork he received suggests that easement restrictions would be applied to his entire six acres, not just the area covered by the runway clearance zone.

"That's my concern ... that they'll make the land completely unusable for what I want to do," Fegel said.

Six of the eight properties affected by the upgrade have already signed agreements with the city of Lowell, the airport's sponsor, to have trees removed from their property. Fegel and Barron were the only affected property owners who had plans in place to develop their property to any significant extent.

Some changes called for in the upgrade are security regulations that were put in place after 9/11. For instance, before it becomes general utility, the Lowell Airport will have a fence built around its perimeter.

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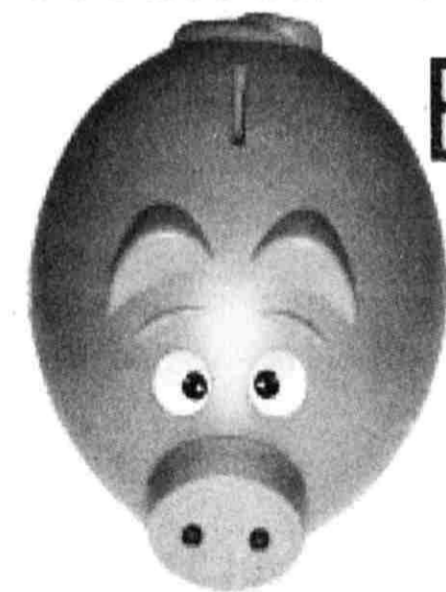
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Welcoming environment draws outside artists to Lowell

By Dan Schneider

Lowell's art scene keeps drawing new people, and with them new ideas, into the art mix.

For a variety of reasons, this place attracts artists from other cities. They create art here, teach art here, act in and direct theater productions. More than one artist has said they feel welcomed by the art community here in Lowell.

Brent Alles, a Wyoming resident, is directing the Thebes Players' upcoming youth production "Alice in Wonderland." He said he comes to Lowell for creative freedom he can't get in community theater groups closer to home. His first directing gig here was a production of "Arsenic and Old Lace."

"As a director, it was really cool to work in an environment where you could do what you wanted to do within reason," Alles said. "I really never felt creatively stifled and that's why I keep coming out there."

He first got involved with the Thebes Players when he acted in its production of "Father's Been to Mars" in 1999. Now, he is the chair of the Thebes Players' board.

He was given this year's Lowell Area Arts Council "Arty" award for his work with children's theater in Lowell.

The children's theater classes he teaches and the plays he directs have helped bring more people into the Lowell art mix. Parents bring their children here for opportunities they can't get in, for example, Grand Rapids. So much so that roles in Lowell children's production are becoming contested. In two auditions held for "Alice in Wonderland," 60 children tried out for 50 roles.

"And the tough part is most of them are talented, too," Alles said of the selection process.

One factor that draws artists to Lowell might be the number of art-related venues in this area. The most obvious is the arts council on Hudson Street, but art is also central to the mission of the Franciscan Life Process Center on Downes Street in Vergennes Township. There are also several places to look at art, with the arts council sponsoring exhibits at its own gallery, at the chamber of commerce building, at a local coffee shop and at

a local bank. In addition, the Lowell Performing Arts Center, Larkin's The Other Place, the Riverwalk Plaza and the Lowell Fairgrounds all host theater and musical performances.

New artists bring new methods and new techniques to town. Arvind Sevak taught the last in a series of three wood block printing classes last Tuesday at David Davis' Studio 208 on Main Street.

Wood block printing is a skill not often taught. The medium requires forethought and a minimalist approach to designs. It requires applying multiple artistic skills at once.

"I had already learned wood carving," said 10-year-old student Connor Bergin. "I also like painting and I couldn't decide which to do, so this is kind of a mix of both."

Sevak, who lives in Kalamazoo, decided to teach the class after showing her work in three different places in Lowell. She came here earlier this summer to help hang her husband's work in the Riverwalk Gallery at the chamber of commerce.

"The receptive nature of the people is very important to me," Sevak said, explaining



Nancy Porter, left, holds one of her wood block prints while instructor Arvind Sevak holds the printing block. Sevak travels from Kalamazoo to teach art classes in Lowell.

why she teaches classes in Lowell.

She plans to teach a monoprinting class at the arts council in the near future.

Arts council executive director Lorain Smalligan said the organization depends on people coming in from other towns to add diversity to its programming.

"We have to reach outside of Lowell as far as instructors, because artists who live in Lowell don't necessarily want to teach classes," Smalligan said. "To provide diverse class offerings, we have to have a wide variety of instructors and it can be hard to find them because not all artists want to teach."

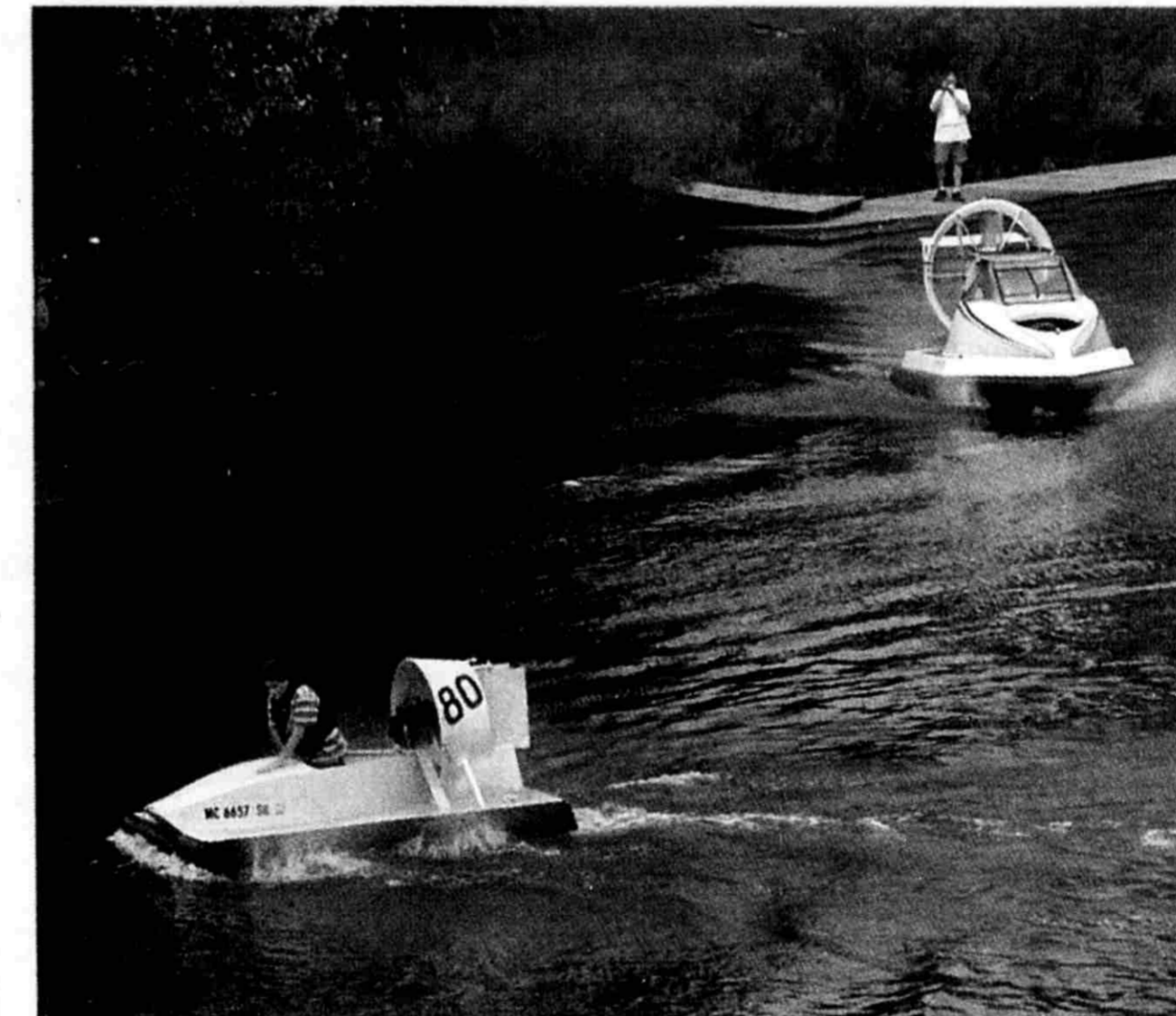
She said it is important

for the arts council to maintain a welcoming attitude.

"The arts council is not just for artists from Lowell," Smalligan said.

That is why it encourages art submission and participation from all surrounding towns. That attitude could be part of the reason artists from other places enjoy coming here.

Hovercraft rally in Lowell



Hovercrafts were a common sight on the Grand River last weekend. That is not a fact that can often be stated, but was true of the south end of the Lowell Fairgrounds during the second annual hovercraft rally held there. This year's event drew 15 crafts and their builders.

"I expected 12 and we got 15, so I was really pleased," event organizer and hovercraft builder Don Bender said.

Hovercrafters came from as far away as West Virginia and Pennsylvania for the event.

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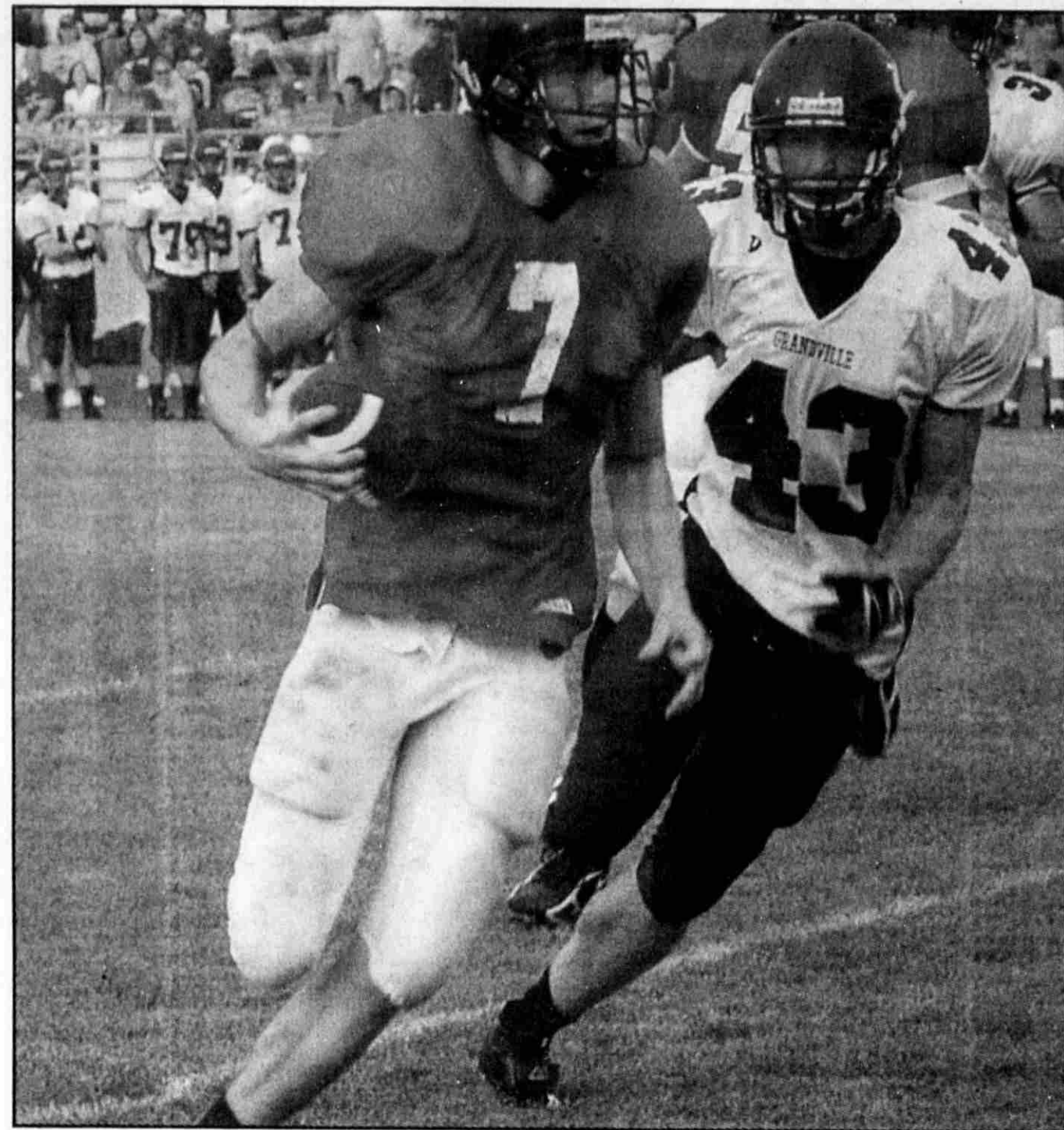
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Red Arrows roll over Grandville in football season opener



Lowell quarterback Keith Nichol carries the ball against Grandville.

By Dan Schneider

Lowell had little trouble dispatching Grandville in the first game of the 2006 football season.

Lowell's offense was as dominant as its defense was stingy in the 42-13 victory.

The Arrows tallied 502 yards of total offense while allowing Grandville only 136.

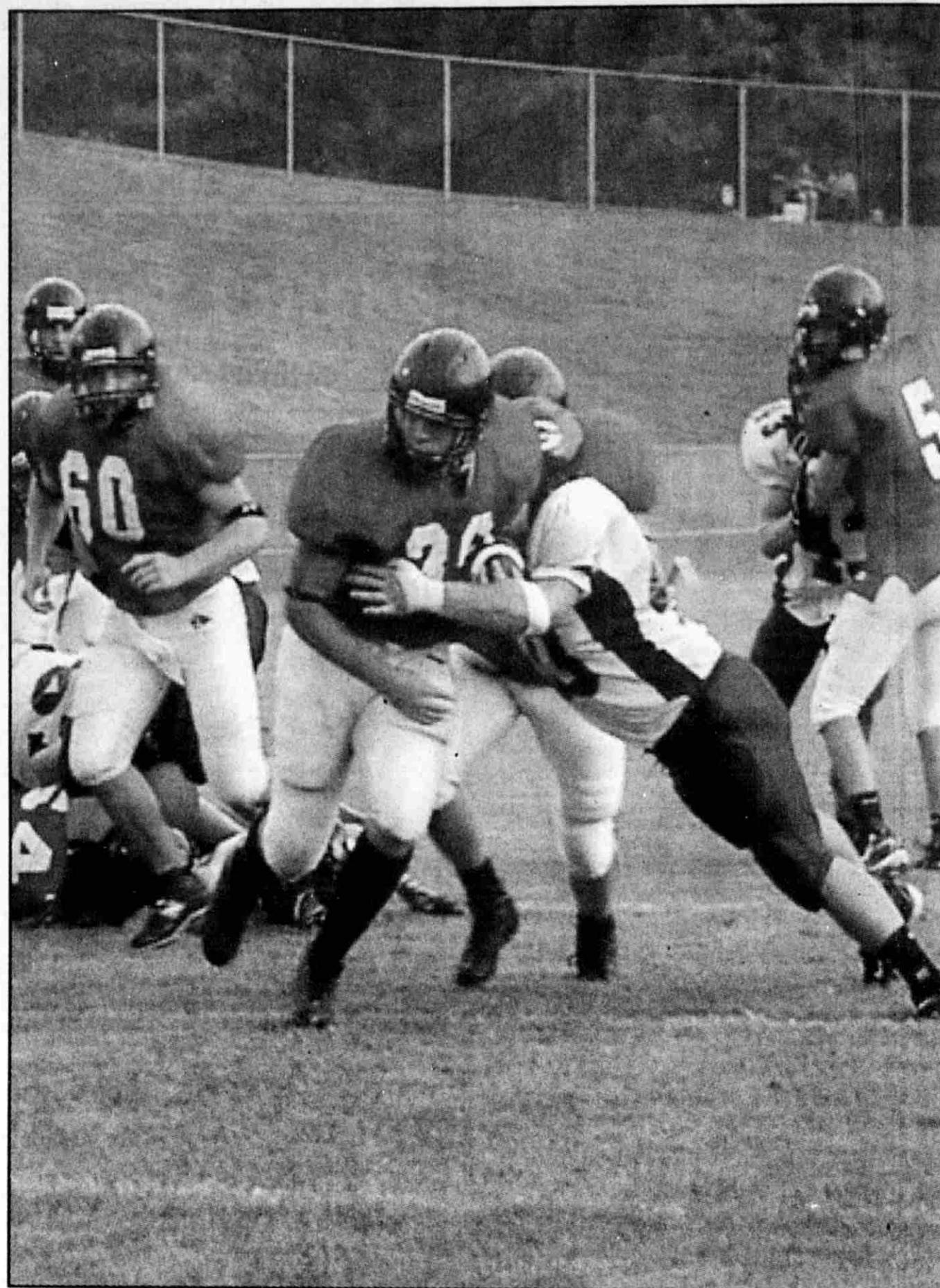
"Our line was just pushing and our running back ... Kam Blake really played well, both sides of the ball," Lowell quarterback

Keith Nichol said. "Those two elements are hard to get, a line and a running back that click."

Lowell hit the field with a more experienced team than last year, returning five starters on offense and another five on defense.

"It's nice to have those kids back, their leadership obviously shows," Lowell coach Noel Dean said.

The Arrows got on the scoreboard quickly. After forcing the Bulldogs to punt



Lowell running back Kameron Blake broke this tackle on his way to the end zone for one of his two touchdowns in the first quarter of Friday's game against Grandville.

from their own 38 on the opening drive of the game, the Arrows scored on their first possession. Kameron Blake took the ball through the Grandville line and ran it 16 yards for the touchdown.

Another Grandville punt, then another Blake touchdown carry put Lowell up 14-0 by the end of the first quarter. That time, Blake carried it in from 10 yards out.

In the second quarter, Nichol kept the ball for a four-yard touchdown to put Lowell up 21-0. Grandville made it on the board with a five-yard touchdown pass from R.C. Thompson to Aaron Helmholt.

The Red Arrow offense came out of the halftime locker room with even more intensity. Lowell scored two quick touchdowns, the first on a 42-yard touchdown run by Nichol and the second on an 11-yard pass from Nichol to Mike McElroy. Torsten Boss came in at quarterback late in the third quarter and threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to Ryan Magnuson to start the clock running.

The only fourth-quarter scoring was by Grandville's Erik Schneider, who had a two-yard touchdown run.

Grandville coach Scot Shaw said inexperience was a liability for his Bulldogs.

"We were relatively new on offense, playing a lot of first-year seniors," Shaw said. "I think they had to grow up a lot tonight."

McElroy, who caught

seven passes for 207 yards, said the Arrows are already developing into a cohesive team in the season's early going.

"These kids all do a great job out there," McElroy said. "We came together real well the last few weeks and I think that showed tonight."

Nichol led the Lowell rushing attack with 16 carries for 153 yards. He

also completed 10 of 15 passes for 269 yards. Blake had 11 carries for 66 yards and two touchdowns; he also led the Lowell defense with 10 tackles.

Tickets for Thursday's Red Arrow varsity football game versus Lansing-Sexton are available in the high school athletic office Thursday between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Getting hyped for the game



Lowell varsity cheerleaders Theresa Buist, top, Alex Herb, left, and Alisha Newsted executed a half extension Friday at the Lowell Fifth Third Bank. The bank was decorated with red, white and black balloons; the staff wore Red Arrows' fan gear; and a large Lowell-themed cake was served the morning of the first Lowell Red Arrow varsity football game. WBBL sports talk show host Bret Bakita broadcasted his morning "On the Bench" show from inside a moving/storage container in the bank parking lot.

Lowell girls tennis team wins Ionia Tournament

By Dan Schneider

Lowell's varsity girls tennis team took first place at the Ionia Invitational last Saturday.

The Red Arrows won championships in six of the eight flights, and were runners-up in the other two.

Heather Spratt was the champion in first singles. Tanya Baker won the second singles championship. Lauren Heemstra won the

championship in fourth singles.

In doubles play, Lindsay Aiken and Terrah Tawney won the championship in the first flight. Leera Glinzak and Cailin Baker were the flight-three champs. At fourth doubles, Kelli Kowalski and Katrina Schollaart won the championship.

Melissa Zuiderveen was the third-singles runner-up for Lowell. Erin Brechbil

and Megan Willemstein were the runner-up second doubles team.

The Red Arrows tennis team started the season Aug. 21 at the Grand Rapids Christian Invitational. They finished in third place out of four teams, a point behind the host Eagles. Lowell coach Bonnie Wall said the Arrows were quite competitive in this year's tournament.

"We did much better this year than last year, when we took fourth," Wall said.

At the Wyoming Park Tournament last Thursday, Lowell placed third out of six teams. Kalamazoo Loy-Norrix was the first-place team. Again, Lowell was one point behind the second place team, this time Unity Christian.

With the first place at Ionia and competitive

performances at two other tournaments, Wall said the 2006 tennis season is off to a strong start.

"It was good to go to Christian and see that we could do better than last year because we lost a lot of players," Wall said.

The Arrows return five players from last year's team.

"A lot of our J.V. players worked really hard over the

summer," Wall said. "That's made us a lot better than we could have been if we did not have all that work. Our J.V. program under coach (Sue) Beute has really contributed to our lineup."

Lowell traveled to Portland, Monday, and hosted Whitehall, Tuesday. Their next scheduled event is the Northview Tournament Sept. 9.

Red Arrow boys varsity golf team swings into season

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell boys varsity golf team got the 2006 season started Aug. 15 at the Kent County Classic at L.E. Kaufman Golf Course.

Lowell placed 17th out of 27 teams, shooting a team score of 353 for 18 holes. Leading scorers for the Red Arrows were Brian Scheider,

Lance Perkins, Eric Mundt and Rich Porter.

At the Lowell Invitational Aug. 17, the Arrows placed fifth out of 17 teams. That tournament featured a combination of standard, scramble and best-ball play. Lowell's scramble team of Scheider and Perkins placed second with

a two-under-par 70 at Deer Run Golf Club. The best-ball team of Allen Messing and Kyle Bardwell scored 81 to finish just out of medal contention.

The OK White season got off to a rocky start as the Arrows placed seventh out of seven teams at the pre-conference tournament

at Thornapple Point last Wednesday. Lowell shot a team score of 353. Scheider finished eighth as an individual with a score of 79. Porter, Mundt and Messing were Lowell's other three leading scorers in the tournament.

Last Thursday at the Big Rapids Tournament, Lowell

shot a team score of 337 to place eighth out of 25 teams. Scheider, Messing, Mundt and Porter were Lowell's top scorers.

Perkins was absent from the last two competitions because of a foot injury, but is back on the roster now.

This year's team is fairly inexperienced, Lowell coach Gary Fredline said. Scheider is the only returning player with significant playing experience from last year. But Fredline said the new additions to the roster have

been getting a lot of playing time in.

"They did play a lot over the summer and I've got a lot of talent there, they just have to put it together," Fredline said. "I think probably Brian Scheider is going to lead the way. He has the most experience on the team and so far he's been my number one golfer."

Lowell hosts East Grand Rapids Wednesday at Deer Run and hosts Cedar Springs, Thursday.

Perry Field, honor wall dedicated



Theresa Beachum spoke Friday night at the dedication of Perry Field in Red Arrow Memorial Stadium. Behind her were members of the Perry family, including his widow Velma Perry, who is pictured in the center with a white shirt.

Also dedicated was the honor wall near the stadium.

The first two names inscribed on plaques on the wall were Perry's and Kathy Talus's. Talus was a health teacher and coached girls basketball and track at Lowell High School. She also founded the Lady Arrows Varsity Club. Talus lost her battle with cancer in 2004 and will be remembered for the sense of leadership she instilled in her students and players.

Following a brief speech by Theresa Beachum, the new sign reading "Bob Perry Field" was unveiled above the scoreboard at the south end of the field.

Before Friday's football game, the field at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium was officially renamed and dedicated as "Perry Field" in honor of the late Bob Perry, a longtime biology teacher, multi-sports coach and

athletic director at Lowell High School.

Perry was also a registered official for a number of sports. In 1995, he received the Charles E. Forsythe award, the highest award given by

the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

Lowell City Hall, Department of Public Works, Police Office, Light and Power and Cable TV offices will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2006 in observance of Labor Day.

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VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF ADOPTION Ordinance 2006-3 Residential Lighting Ordinance

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Vergennes Township Board has adopted Ordinance 2006-3, an ordinance to amend certain portions of Chapter 4, General and Special Regulations, of the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance, at the Regular meeting held on Monday, August 21, 2006 at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI. The following is a summary of Ordinance 2006-3:

An amendment to Chapter 4 which adds a new section 201.413A, Residential Lighting Ordinance, to the Township Zoning Ordinance adding language for newly installed exterior lighting. The purpose of the ordinance is to maintain the rural character of the township by promoting the sensible energy efficient use of exterior lighting that limits unnecessary light from being directed skyward or onto neighboring properties. Exterior lighting in place prior to the adoption of this Ordinance is exempt (adopted 8-21-06). Also exempt is lighting used for agricultural production purposes.

The complete text of Ordinance 2006-3 can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671 [fax 897-5674] or on the website at www.vergennestwp.org. This ordinance takes effect 8 days after publication.

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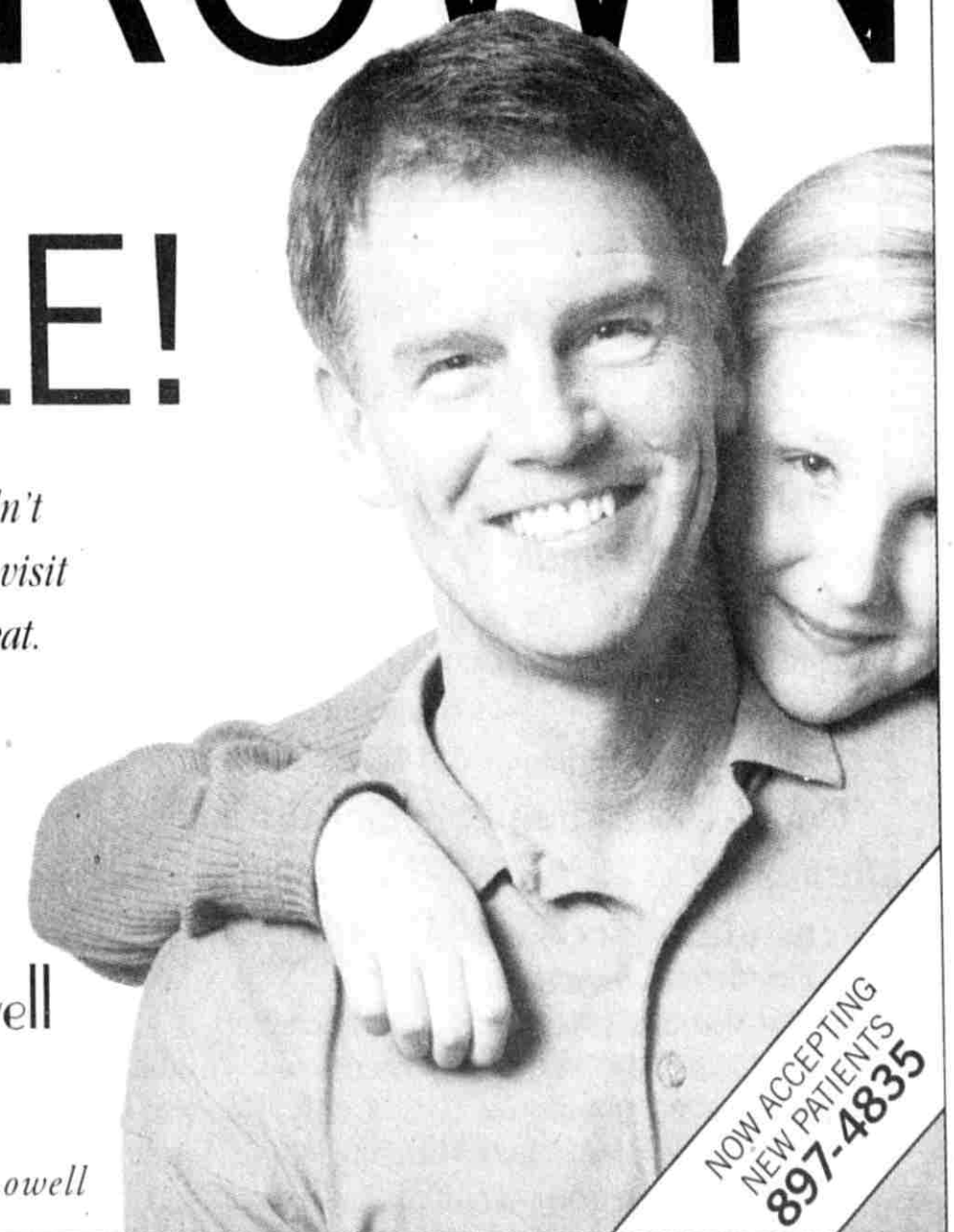
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As part of the School's Open - Drive Carefully campaign, AAA Michigan offers drivers tips to keep school children safe:

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- Drive with your headlights on - even during the day - so children and other drivers can see you.
- Look for clues such as AAA School Safety Patrol members, crossing guards, bicycles, and playgrounds which indicate children could be in the area.
- Scan between parked cars and other projects for signs that children could dart into the road.
- Practice extra caution in adverse weather conditions.
- Pay particular attention near schools during the morning and afternoon hours.
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The open house started at 2 p.m. Music continued until 6 when the round and square dances were conducted until closing at 9 p.m. Dances will continue to be held periodically in the dance barn.

The Thunder Floor Cloggers start new beginner classes in the Old Time American Clogging and Appalachian Square Dance School's dance barn Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. and in Lowell at Bushnell Elementary on Sept. 12.

NOTICE OF REZONING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that at the regular meeting of August 21, 2006, the Lowell Township Board approved the Planning Commission's recommendation and rezoned property located at 11535 Fulton Street, Permanent Parcel No. 41-20-04-378-012, from R-3, High Density-Multi Family, to C-General Commercial. This rezoning will take effect 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

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LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS - Currently seeking - qualified applicants for the following positions: Unity Alternative High School - English & math teachers (evening program). Secondary certified English & math teachers are needed for Lowell Area Schools evening program. English - 4pm-8pm, Mondays; Math - 4pm-8pm, Wednesdays. Call 987-2550. Interested applicants should call Marlene Heemstra, Unity Principal at 616-987-2512 no later than Friday, September 1, 2006. Applications should be sent to Mr. Sean Smart, 300 High Street, Lowell, MI 49331.

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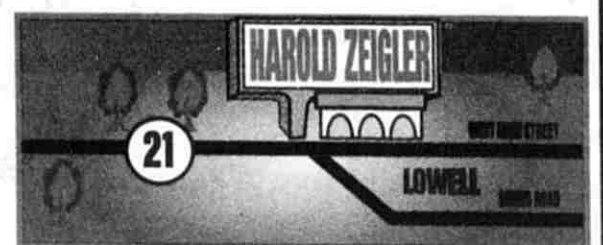
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