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Crowds gather at Fallasburg for annual fall festival

By Emma Palova Contributing Writer

n spite of the threatening weather, thousands of people attended the 38th Fallasburg Fall Festival last weekend. Artisans and crafters showed their skills between sunshine and raindrops.

Food booths representing nonprofit organizations offered a variety of fares from hot dogs to pork barbecue sandwich and Polish kielbasa.

"This is a true community fundraiser," said Lorain Smalligan, executive director of the Lowell Area Arts Council. "The entire community benefits from this event."

There were children's activities which included pumpkin decorating and face painting. The mainstay of the festival, however, remains the quilt raffle. The 2006 Fallasburg Fall Festival quilt called "Kaleidoscope" was created by Lowell artist Dawn Ysseldyke.

"We have new artists every year," said Pat Allchin of the Lowell Area Arts Council.

In fact this year, more than half of the artists were new. And the arts were well represented by 81 artists and artisans. A veteran of the fall fest, Joan Bunn of Rockford showed butter churning demonstrations along with her assistant, Lowell High School student Melodie Fontaine.



"I let the kids do the churning," said Bunn.

Fontaine has all of her own equipment including a churn and a butter bowl.

"I let her do her own demonstration," said Bunn. Bunn is an avid historian who helped found the

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Thornapple River Band, on of the bands performing at the 38th Fallasburg Fall Festival.

"Once Upon A Time" activities planned for homecoming week

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell High School student council is making an extra effort this year to include the entire community in its homecoming week's activities.

"We think it's really important to get the community involved," student council president Brooke Liu said. The most obvious sign of that new community focus will be the tailgate party at Friday's game.

"The tailgate is basically for parents to bring their kids to before the game," said Brittany Clark, the student council member in charge of organizing the party.

Activities will include a rock climbing wall, mechanical bull, obstacle course and bungee racing. There is a \$1 fee for each activity and for admission into the activity tent, where kids can make posters, get their faces painted and receive noise makers for the game.

The community will also judge this year's parade float contest. Floats from all four classes at the high school will be on display outside the stadium following the parade at 6 p.m. People can vote on their favorite with donations to Alternatives in Motion, a charity that provides wheelchairs to people who cannot afford to purchase their own. The float that brings in the most donations by the end of the first half of the football game will be the winning float. This year's homecoming theme is "Once Upon a Time."

"We're also trying to

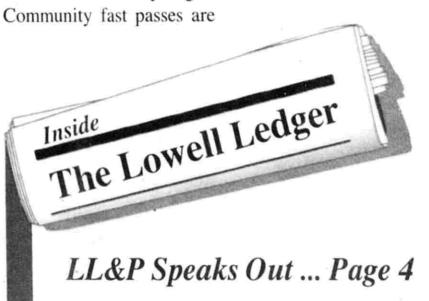
involve the elementary students as much as possible," Clark said.

The middle school will hold its own pep assembly, with competitions between the grades, its band and its cheerleaders.

To include all of Lowell's varsity sports in this year's homecoming, the high school is offering "fast passes." The passes give their bearers admission to all of this week's varsity home athletic events, including Wednesday night's Powderpuff game, and soccer and basketball Thursday night. \$15. Student fast passes are \$25 and include a ticket to the "Black and White Ball" homecoming dance. Both passes include a \$2 concession voucher.

A variety of h o m e c o m i n g - r e l a t e d merchandise is available this year. In addition to T-shirts, there are pajama pants, sweatshirts, thundersticks and other items.

Attendees of this year's homecoming dance are encouraged to wear black and white, reminiscent of old black and white movies, for the "Once Upon a Time" theme.



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Community surveys due back by Oct. 2

By Emma Palova Contributing Writer

The community surveys as part of the master plan update are due back by Oct. 2. The digital versions of the survey are available on the city's web site at www. ci.lowell.mi.us. The survey can be e-mailed to the city manager Dave Pasquale at dpasquale@ci.lowell.mi.us or printed out and returned to City Hall.

According to Pasquale's report the response rate has

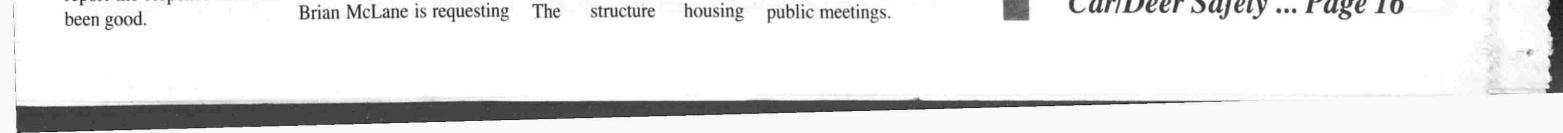
The six-page survey seeks the opinions of community stakeholders and residents for future development of Lowell and the surrounding areas. Approximately 600 to 650 surveys in different colors have been mailed out. According to clerk Betty Morlock, the color designates where the survey came from.

In other planning commission business, a public hearing has been scheduled for Oct. 2 before the Zoning Board of Appeals. Brian McL ane is requesting a variance to allow keeping four chickens on his property at 420 Kent St. McLane said the chickens are for egg production and they've become pets to the family. According to McLane, the family has tried to place the structure housing them as far as possible from neighbors. However, due to his L-shaped lot it was not possible to adhere to the city ordinance requirements.

The city ordinance requires that a lot must be at least 0.5 acre to keep foul, rabbits or similar animals. animals must be 50 feet from all adjoining residential district lot lines.

Approval of the variance was not recommended by the planning commission on Monday.

The planning commission has also been discussing lot requirements for single family homes in the R-2 district. The proposal is to change the lot width to 66 feet in all three zoning districts. The proposed change will first go through the city attorney and then through two more



In Memory

HARASIM

Harasim of Kalamazoo. and was an overall avid Kids, P.O. Box 230081, Army. "Bob" served as a security outdoorsman. He held a Grand Rapids, MI 49523. policeman in the U.S. Air 4th degree black belt in Force for 4 1/2 years and karate. He is survived was honorably discharged by his loving wife of 15 Jack Elsworth Hawley, aged of Oakfield Township, went

HAWLEY

Kalamazoo; sisters Margie son Donald Shields and Springs Public Schools (Roy) Glenn of Fulton, MI, step-daughter Jaime Shields where she taught elementary Deb (Den) Ketchum of of Grand Rapids; brothers music. After retiring, she Kalamazoo, Teresa (Rich) David Hawley of Grand taught music part time Harrison of Portage; several Rapids, Bill (Pat) Hawley of for 13 years at Oakfield nieces and nephews; many Lansing; sister Terri (Rick) Baptist Academy. Mrs. was stationed primarily at wonderful friends. A brief Huizinga of Rockford; Horton was a witness to her Robert Henry Harasim, Kadina AFB in Okinawa service and interment was eight grandchildren; six faith by playing the organ, date of birth December 4, and at Ellsworth AFB in held Sept. 22 at the Fort step-grandchildren; one directing the Adult Choir, 1959, of Lowell, formerly South Dakota. He was a trim Custer National Cemetery great-granddaughter. At playing the piano, teaching of Kalamazoo, passed away carpenter by trade and was in Augusta, MI. In lieu of Jacks's request, cremation Sunday school, directing the suddenly September 17, very involved in primitive flowers, the family suggests has already taken place. Junior Choir, and playing 2006. He was preceded in arts, blacksmithing, flint- that donations may be made Memorial contributions may the trumpet. Iris gave

HORTON

Mrs. Iris Horton, aged 79, with the rank sergeant. He years, Jeri S. Harasim; his 75, slipped away quietly home to be with her Lord in his home on Monday, and Saviour on Friday, September 18, 2006. Jack September 22, 2006. At the was a retired Grand Rapids age of 8. Iris accepted Christ

children Becki and Dave Provot;



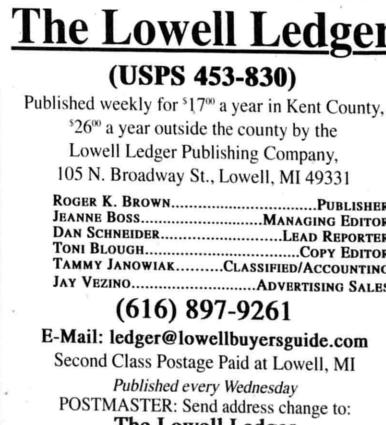
If you flee when the snow flies, make sure license plates are current

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land reminds double-check the renewal date for their driver's licenses and license plates before leaving for warmer climates.

"Snowbirds" are urged to make sure that their driver's licenses and license plates are up to date before traveling. This saves · Motorcycles them the inconvenience of renewing while they are out of state and allows them to avoid paying late fees.

Land explained that driver's licenses and most license plates may be renewed up to six months early at any branch office by bringing in the following: The driver's license

 Glasses or contact lenses if they are needed to



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your birthday July 6, 2006. **REMINDER NOTICE** REGISTRATION **DEADLINE FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT ANY ELECTOR OF QUALIFIED TOWNSHIP. LOWELL VERGENNES TOWNSHIP, AND THE CITY OF LOWELL, WHO IS NOT ALREADY REGISTERED, MAY REGISTER TO VOTE AT THE CITY OR TOWNSHIPS OFFICES, AT ANY SECRETARY OF STATE BRANCH OFFICE, OR OTHER DESIGNATED PLACES FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2006.

THE LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING **REGISTRATIONS WILL BE TUESDAY,** OCTOBER 10, 2006

QUALIFICATIONS TO REGISTER TO VOTE: CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE ON OR **BEFORE NOVEMBER 7, 2006** RESIDENT OF BOWNE TOWNSHIP, LOWELL TOWNSHIP. VERGENNES TOWNSHIP, CITY OF LOWELL

Sandra Kowalczyk Bowne Township Clerk (616) 868-6846 9 AM TO 10 AM

9 AM TO 5 PM

Linda S. Regan Lowell Township Clerk (616) 897-7600

mother Margaret Harasim of Hawley of Belmont; step- Iris retired from Cedar Praise and Thanksgiving for the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ for Iris was held Tuesday at Oakfield Baptist Church with Rev. Richard Whittenburg officiating. Interment in Oakfield Township Cemetery. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Oakfield Baptist Church or Faith Hospice.

PROVOT

death by his father Henry knapping, hunting, fishing to the B-93 Roof Sit for be made to the Salvation private piano lessons and Nancy B. Provot, aged 74, composed music, and was of Grand Rapids, passed an excellent seamstress. She away September 17, 2006. is survived by her husband She is survived by daughters William "Bill" Horton; Sandra Elmer and Patricia grandchildren Houghton of Dewitt, Jack Matthew Provot, Nancy and and Fay Horton of Lowell, Andrea Elmer; sister Merry Glenda and Chaplain Dan Peplin; special cousins Al Thompson of Ionia; 10 Bigelow, Dale and Christal

A vision screening must Michigan residents to be passed before the driver's license renewal can be processed.

License plates eligible for early renewal are: · Individually owned or

- leased vehicles All pickup truck and van plates, regardless of vehicle weight

Residents also have the option of renewing license plates online, by touchtone telephone, mail or at a branch office.

For more information visit the Secretary of State web site at www.Michigan. gov/sos.

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Harvest Celebration right around the corner

The Lowell Area Cham- morial, where a ceremony Crafts show. Over 70 booths Chili is 50¢ a cup along with ber of Commerce presents a will honor our military, will be at the fairgrounds in live music while you savor Harvest Celebration on Sat- past and present; the parade the Foreman Building from the taste. The fundraiser urday, Oct. 14, beginning at group will feature the Scot- 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 9 a.m. It is a celebration of tville Clown Band, clowns, the Greater Lowell Com- costumes and mascots and Building Hoedown at the munity's 175 years of His- floats. Bleacher seating is fairgrounds from 9 a.m. - ent the 4th annual Flat River tory, the Lowell Area Fire available for a small dona- noon. All the makings are Antique Fair on Riverwalk Department's 150 years, and tion to benefit the Flat River supplied ... just bring your Plaza from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. the Lowell Area Chamber of Outreach Ministries or bring creative juices! The scare- Concessions will be provid-Commerce's 100 years.

This special celebration will include a Clown the 2nd annual Harvest over 100 entries. Starting at Lowell City Hall/Police Sta- and Lowell Youth Football. the Lowell Fairgrounds at tion at 8 a.m. It is sponsored 1 p.m., it heads east along by Lowell Community Well- Chili Madness Chili Cook- age children and for adults. Main Street. The parade will ness. be split into two phases: the The Kent County Youth Cooking begins at 11 a.m. site: www.discoverlowell. Military Contingent will Fair is sponsoring the 5th on N. Broadway; tasting org or call 897-9161 for

your own chairs.

Other activities include town through Oct. 30.

march to the Veterans Me- annual Harvest Arts and and judging start at 3 p.m. more information.

There is a Scarecrow nancy Center. crows will be displayed in ed by Flat River Grill

Concessions will be pro- Reading, by the Lowell and Costume parade with Hustle 5K Run/Walk at the vided by Carolyn's Popcorn

> Larkin's 5th annual off will have over 20 teams.

Hot Bands fundraiser slated for next weekend

Riverview 14043 Fulton St. in Lowell. for only \$5 per person. At this event, an open

The West Michigan jam session will begin at will perform on stage are formed to preserve and Bluegrass Music Association 6:30 p.m. with the first of Under Construction, Friends promote bluegrass music in is presenting a Bluegrass three bluegrass bands taking of Bluegrass and Out of West Michigan. Hot Bands Fundraiser on the stage at 7:30. Music the Blue. This fundraising Saturday, Oct. 7 at the and food, in a non-smoking event is presented by the call WMBMA president Jim Restaurant, environment, are available West Michigan Bluegrass Strangways at 457-5228 or

Music Association which visit their website at www.

"Treat Sheet" helps provide scholarships

King restaurants in the West Oct. 31. Michigan area which is

Customers who visit any \$8+ value, features eight

participating in the annual participating Burger King coupons good for a FREE

The three bands that is a nonprofit organization wmbma.org. Lowell's Burger King Halloween "Treat Sheet will have the opportunity small order of fries, small

is one of the many Burger Fundraiser" now through to purchase a "Treat Sheet" hash browns, small soft for only \$1. Each sheet, an drink or small ICEE drink. perfect for trick-or-treaters. Students with 2.5 GPA or higher, who work part time out of financial need, find time to participate in extracurricular activities, and can acquire a recommendation from their school and their employer are eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship.

Interested high school seniors should contact their school counselor for an application or go to www. bk.com for further details.

Humane Society offers Pet Adventure Club for kids The fee is \$50 for eight year each month and had a The Humane Society

will feature monthly themes such as responsible pet care, dog breeds, pet executive director, said this safety/overpopulation, baby is the second year offering animals, cat care, animals Pet Adventure Club. "Over over 500 children at eight with special needs and 50 children attended last careers with animals.

of Kent County will offer sessions or \$6 per session wonderful time. With the a monthly Pet Adventure with a \$10 registration fee. continued success of our Club for children in first- The camp will meet the summer camp programs, we seventh grades. The club second Saturday of every month beginning Oct. 14.

Karen Terpstra,

want to meet the needs of humane education all year around."

This summer the Humane Society hosted camp sessions.

There is nothing wrong with America that cannot be cured by what is right with America.





\$4.00 Kids, Seniors, & All shows 4-6 PM STUDENTS 2 FOR TUESDAY Buy 1 ticket, get one free FALL MATINEES FOR EVERYONE

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Inaugural Ghost Story Area Arts Council, will be at the fairgrounds in a dark, creepy barn - for elementary Visit the chamber web-

For more information



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LOWELL CABLE TV PRESENTS .

Tales of the Great Depression, sponsored by the Lowell Area Historical Museum, on the following days: Sept. 27, 6 p.m.; Sept. 28, 7 p.m.; Sept. 29, 3 p.m.; Sept. 30, 10 a.m.

HOMECOMING PARADE

The Lowell homecoming parade will start at 6 p.m. from First United Methodist Church. The game Lowell vs. FHN starts at 7:30 p.m. at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium.

VOTE FOR YOUR FLOAT

Lowell Community, you can vote for your favorite float when you attend the Friday night homecoming football game. Floats from each class will be on display outside the stadium. Vote with donations; the one with the most donations will be the winning float.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The regular business meeting for Athletic Boosters is Monday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. in the high school staff lounge.

ART EXHIBIT

Franciscan Life Process Center will have a show featuring woodcut and linoleum prints by Elizabeth Halstead from Oct. 3- Nov. 15. Call the center at 897-7842 for more information.

WITTENBACH/WEGE CENTER CLASSES

Nature classes will be offered to preschoolers/ parents at the Wittenbach/Wege Environmental Center beginning the first week of October. To sign up call 987-1002 or email Smueller@lowellschools.com

BLOOD DRIVE

Vergennes United Methodist Church will have a blood drive on Thursday, Oct. 5 from 3-7 p.m. Call 897-6141 to reserve your time. The public is welcome.

PAGEANT QUEENS NEEDED

Looking for former prom, homecoming, 4-H, pageant, etc., queens from the community for the clown parade on Oct. 14 during Harvest Festival. Call Becky Reagan at 897-9656.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment 2007 books are being offered by Lowell Women's Club to raise funds for senior high school girls' scholarships and local projects. \$25 each; 50% off and 2 for 1 offers. Good thru Oct. 2007. Available at Brenda's Hair Design, Huntington Bank, club members or call Marj 897-8107.

TOTS FALL SALE

Tots Fall Almost New Sale is Oct. 7, 9 a.m. - noon at Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center Gym, 300 High St. Bring own tables; set up is 8-9 a.m. Call Kathy at 987-2532 to reserve space. Participation is free.

LHS PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Monday, Oct. 9 4-7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 11. 3-6 p.m.; Tuesday, Oct. 17, 3:30 - 7 p.m.

PSAT REGISTRATION

Sophomores or juniors who are college-bound should consider taking the PSAT on Oct. 18. Cost: \$14; make checks payable to Lowell Area Schools. Students should register as soon as possible in the Student Service Center.

THEBES PLAYERS

Performances for "Alice in Wonderland" are Oct. 20 - 29 at the LPAC. Purchase tickets at www. lowellartscouncil.org, the LAAC or at the box office on day of performance.

PARENTING CLASS AT TOTS

Video-based love and logic parenting classes will be held in November and January. Cost: \$12 for 4 classes and workbook. Free childcare. Registration is required Call Kathy at 987-2532 for more information.

Sparks fly between power company and auditing firm Both sides have their say after Light and Power accountants' resignation

By Dan Schneider

Lowell Light and Power and Cable TV general manager Tom Richards sought to clarify the utility's position following the publishing of Biggs, Hausserman, Thompson and Dickinson, P.C.'s letter of resignation as the utility's auditing firm.

page after the accounting firm submitted it as a Letter to the Editor. Richards wanted to express the utility's side of a number of issues mentioned in the letter, particularly its communication. assertion that the utility has a "for profit' motive."

Richards said Lowell Light and Power and Cable TV makes no profit from its operations. He said the rates customers pay for electricity and cable are based solely on the cost of providing those services.

Thompson and Dickinson, said the letter referred to Lowell Light and Power and Cable TV as a "for profit," in quotation marks, because the utility has a motivation to bring in revenue beyond its annual expenses. That motivation includes setting aside money for future upgrades to its distribution system and maintenance

companies for accounting purposes, Biggs said.

The letter states representatives from the utility "never directly approached us" about concerns over the firm's experience with auditing public utilities. Richards said he voiced those concerns at a city council meeting last year. The council minutes from July 18, 2005, indicate representatives The Lowell Ledger printed the letter on its Viewpoint from the accounting firm were present when those concerns were presented to the council.

Biggs said the complaint was based on lack of direct

"Mr. Richards never chose to discuss (his concerns) directly with our firm," Biggs said. "We hear about his a utility compare itself to other similar enterprises. concerns on a second-hand basis.'

An accounting firm with experience auditing electric comparisons," he said. utilities is important to Lowell Light and Power. It is one Virgil Biggs, an owner of Biggs, Hausserman, of the requirements in its contracts with three generating stations. Richards said it is important that the firm audit more than one utility, to help in making comparisons.

"If they have nothing to compare us to, no one else in our field, it doesn't really give us any information other than Biggs said. to confirm that our numbers are right," Richards said.

Vredeveld Haefner CPAs was hired earlier this month

facilities. This makes the utility similar to for-profit to replace Biggs Hausserman in auditing Lowell Light and Power and Cable TV. The firm has only one utility company contract, but Vredeveld Haefner's partners have previous experience auditing multiple power utilities with their former firm, Rehman Robson. Biggs said he can make the same claim. The difference is his experience auditing multiple power utilities was in the 1970s. "The business has changed dramatically since then,"

Richards said. Vredeveld Haefner's experience auditing multiple utilities was within the last year.

Biggs Hausserman remains as the city's auditing firm. which is part of the reason they resigned from the Lowell Light and Power contract.

"We've been involved with the city for so long that we don't want to create that friction between boards."

At the request of the city council, the Lowell Light and Power auditing contract will go up for bid next year.

Education Foundation looks forward to funding innovative learning projects during this school year

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell Area Schools cycle.

annually grants \$20,000 to educational within the school district. teachers, proposals for which band program last year. were due Monday. Last year, the foundation granted bringing back its "Bright

throughout the district.

The Ed Foundation candy bouquet business Blumm said. about and video-editing software further for student-produced films. grants have sponsored a opportunities Aside from the teacher production of "Beowulf" grants, the foundation and a leadership workshop These include grants to bought a marimba for the on parliamentary procedure.

Guaranteed Lowest Rate.

proposals Monday for the a groundwater simulation some really cool grant ideas example. current school year's grant model at the Wittenbach- from the kids," foundation Wege Center, a student-run board chairperson Paula

> In the past, Bright Ideas Proposals for Bright The foundation is Ideas grants are currently

being accepted. The

\$6,000 to fund 15 projects Ideas" grant program after a foundation, in its 11th year, Education workshop at the high interested in funding special regular cycle. The marimba will be held in February or event at the new time. Foundation accepted its last school, literacy programs, projects. "We've gotten purchase is one such March, rather than the usual

LPD chases suspect through town

Bv Dan Schneider

Police chased a Lowell man through town both on foot and in squad cars last Monday afternoon.

It resulted in 32vear-old Jason Ormistan's arraignment last Tuesday on charges of attempting to pursuit. resist and obstruct a police officer.

Lowell Police Department at about 3:30 p.m. last at the Lowell Fairgrounds. Monday asking to look at some property in the department's evidence locker. Ormistan allegedly refused a breathalyzer test. in violation of his parole, again attempted to flee, after Sgt. James Hinton police detective Steve smelled alcohol on his breath. Ormistan then fled the building.

Hinton gave chase on squad car at the Bowes foot from the police station Road entrance to Schneider to Main Street by way of Manor. Bukala sped toward the Riverwalk Plaza. After the fairgrounds on foot. Ormistan was reportedly squad car before continuing south of Bowes Road.

Street toward Burch Field placed him under arrest. for backup.

By the time Ormistan Bukala and police chief Jim Valentine had arrived. They parked their unmarked





Biggs said it is not the auditor's responsibility to help "Statistical data is available to do those kinds of

This school year, the date in October. Organizers one-year hiatus. Bright Ideas also accepts general grant foundation'spopular"Dinner feel more homes would be They included a writers' grants come from students proposals outside of its With Friends" fundraiser able to participate in the

On seeing Bukala, nearly hit by a car as he Ormistan ran south on crossed Main Street, Hinton Hudson Street, then headed returned to the station to get a west through a farm field

After running through Ormistan was seen a few back yards, Ormistan crossing a railroad bridge gave himself up near 750 Ormistan came into the and then heading along Water Bowes Road. Valentine

A total of six police Ormistan hid on the grounds officers, including three for a short time while Hinton Kent County Sheriff's waited nearby in a squad car deputies, participated in the pursuit. The total duration of the chase was about 20 minutes.

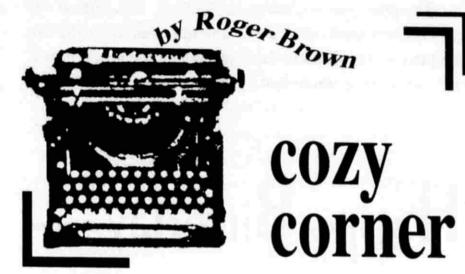
> Ormistan was lodged in Kent County Jail following his arrest. There he was given a breathalyzer test, but police did not release the results.

Bukala said Ormistan's decision to flee caused him more problems than he had to begin with.

"Bottom line is he didn't want to go to jail and he got himself in more trouble," Bukala said. "He probably wouldn't have had to go to jail ... if he had just submitted to the breathalyzer."

Attempting to resist and obstruct a police officer is a one-year misdemeanor.





My Ledger typically arrives by mail on Mondays. This saw something that warmed my heart.

There on page 10, in a color photo, were three brand about having a Tenderfoot to drag around. new Eagle Scouts. They were pictured with big grins on their faces and merit badge sashes across their chests. The before the event. I learned knots, first aid, the Scout Laws new Eagle Scouts are Alex Fleet, Eric Mundt and Thomas and Pledge, survival skills, etc. When the big event came, Fleet. I'm guessing family members, friends and Scouting our patrol actually took first place over several troops in the officials in attendance were also "all-smiles." And, well they should be. Three Eagle Scouts at one ceremony is a big deal!

Another "big deal" is the fact noted in the short article mumps on both sides. I have a picture of me in this condition. that these fine young men are numbers 46, 47 and 48 Eagle I look pretty much like a Jack-o-lantern. Needless to say, I Scouts to come out of the Lowell Troop. I have to believe missed the event. I was crushed. that those numbers must rank Lowell near the top of Eagle Scout production for a single troop. Having churned out 48 meetings when we'd forego any organized activity and fall Eagle Scouts is especially eye-popping if the size of our out into the alley for a huge game of "capture-the-flag." community is factored in.

Dirk's title with the troop and more about who's involved was fun stuff! these days, I'd like to give all the volunteers a tip of the hat has been affiliated with Lowell Boy Scouting articles for too busy having fun. most, if not all those years.

Scout Troop the wonderful asset it is to our community.

To fill out this column, I thought I'd use the Boy Scout deal! angle to reminisce about my days as a Boy Scout in Saranac.

under-achiever. Of course, it's a safe bet that you readers already knew that much.

Why, I don't know, but I had never been a Cub Scout. Our family moved to Saranac just a few months before my eleventh birthday. I couldn't wait for December 15th to roll around, making me eligible to join the Scout Troop.

They put me in a patrol comprised of boys two or three years older than me. It was winter and the troop was busy working on sleds for the upcoming Klondike Derby. The Klondike Derby consists of a patrol of Boy Scouts tugging a dogsled replica around a snowy course. The Scouts have week was no exception. Thumbing through it last night I to perform scouting tasks at stops along the way. It is very competitive and the scouts in my patrol weren't thrilled

They did what they could with me in the short time competition.

The win earned us the right to go on to a regional competition. A few days prior to the event I contracted the

Scouting for me was mostly about fun. I lived for the There were weekend camp-outs. We went to summer camp Dirk Ritzema was seen in the photograph. I wish I knew every year. And of course there was the Klondike Derby. It

Unfortunately, Boy Scouting, like life, isn't all fun. To for their time and effort. One thing I do know is that I've excel in Scouting you have to work, study and pass rigid owned the Ledger for 30 years, and Dirk Ritzema's name tests to move on up in rank. Forget making rank ... I was

It took me longer than most, but I did finally achieve With that said, I'd like to give the old three-fingered "second class" status. If I remember correctly, a Scout Boy Scout salute to Alex, Eric and Thomas. Also, a big thank couldn't earn merit badges until he made it to "first class." you goes out to their families, friends and especially to Dirk Then, by earning badges you moved on up through Star, Ritzema and all the volunteers who make the Lowell Boy Life and eventually Eagle. I think twenty-one merit badges are required for Eagle. As I said in the opening, that's a big

Cozy Corner, cont'd., pg. 7

To The Editor

Dear Editor.

A football game from a woman's viewpoint

My husband is a Notre Dame football fan. This past Saturday, Sept. 16, he watched the football game between Notre Dame and the U. of Michigan. The Michigan football team beat up on the Notre Dame football team in a terrible way. My husband was so disappointed that he wasn't even able to finish his six pack of Strohs beer. He started to drink straight whiskey.

I have to comment on this game. The Michigan football team was invited to play football in the Notre Dame stadium, which was beautifully trimmed and cleaned up, and there were a lot of people there to welcome the Michigan team. You could tell that they were happy to see them by the way they yelled at them.

So what did the Michigan players do? Instead of trying The dog always goes across the street and poops on the Drive, behind the West Main stores, is almost ready. to be nice to the Notre Dame players, they were just the opposite and looked as though they had brought a bunch of ruffians and thugs from Detroit and Chicago.

They treated the Notre Dame players rudely. That nice Mr. Walker tried to just carry the football a little ways and show the Michigan team how much fun it is to run a little way with it, but the Michigan players treated him badly by

jumping on him and treating him in a very rude manner. fishing at the dam north of town. Also, the way they treated Mr. Quinn was shocking. All he wanted to do was to give the ball to one of his fellow players, or to play catch with one of them, and the Michigan meanies knocked him down and were not the least bit nice to him.

one of the Michigan players in the back so as to prevent him Power. from being rough and nasty to a Notre Dame player who had just caught the ball from one of the Michigan players that had purposely kicked the ball to him so that he could carry the ball a little bit, the man in the striped shirt threw a rag at the Notre Dame player. That was very rude.

upset over the way the Michigan players treat the Notre men Dame players, he said that he doesn't care if he ever sees another football game. I felt that I had to tell someone how nasty some of the players from Michigan behave. They are just plain rude.

My husband just went outside and let the dog loose. neighbor's lawn. The man across the street is a Michigan fan. He has a Michigan flag hanging from his porch. My husband just drove our car across his lawn. I'll never understand football.

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Ledger Entries of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago Lussmver

> 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL **SEPTEMBER 28, 1881**

This issue is missing; the next one will be October 5. 1881

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **SEPTEMBER 27, 1906**

The weekly front-page "Lowell Industries With Camera and Pencil" features "Lowell Brains Factory" with (what else?) the high school, with three feeder schools and the highest employment of any industry in town.

The Fallas canning factory has caught up with the first rush and can now take more tomatoes.

A concrete crosswalk is being built from Hotel Waverly to Alexander's store corners.

Rachel, two-year-old daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Amos Ward, received second prize in the baby show at the Greenville Fair last week.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER

AND THE ALTO SOLO SEPTEMBER 24, 1931

New owners of the Waverly Hotel at Main and Broadway tear out upper floor partitions and plan a new store front on Broadwav

A party of seven ministers from Ohio enjoys some good

The Rural Electricity truck from Michigan State College will be in Kent County soon, with exhibits of appliances for farms and homes.

The village considers whether to buy a new engine Another thing. Just because a Notre Dame player pushed for the electric light plant, or to connect with Consumers

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **SEPTEMBER 27, 1956**

New switch gear at the hydro plant eight miles north of Anyway I feel so sorry for my husband. He was so Lowell will allow one man to replace two 12-hour, 7-day

Construction starts on the new Ada Bridge.

Police chief Frank Stephens must have a full day each week for drivers license road tests and exams, rather than a half-day, mostly for students.

The new parking lot between Broadway and Riverside

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **SEPTEMBER 23, 1981**

Dolores Dey and Jody Fulkerson display the Arts Treva Vorase, football widow Council quilt of Lowell scenes, to be raffled off at the Fallasburg Fall Festival.

Ivan Blough builds an awning for use at Showboat concert performances "just in case."

Kent County Road Commission completes the 2.5-mile bike paths on either side of Lincoln Lake from Lowell to Fallasburg Park.

Ruby Christiansen serves up a cone at the opening of Chris' Ice Cream Shop in the mall that used to be Christiansen's store.



Construction stops on church until site plan is submitted to the city

By Emma Palova **Contributing Writer**

proposed Impact Church addition within the city jurisdiction until a site plan is reviewed on Monday.

The Lowell Planning Lake; 200 square feet of that space requirements. Commission ordered a stop are within the city limits. to any construction of the The rest is in Vergennes Mark Mundt argued that a Township. The church has site plan should have long already received building been before the planning permits from the township. However, Impact has

constructing a 6,375-square- spaces from the city to be in extensive renovations," he foot addition on Lincoln compliance with the parking said. "We haven't seen a

commission.

site plan with any grades, Commission member drainage or detail on lighting and landscaping. Our ordinance has a whole bunch of requirements."

"They're going to have chairman Clark Jahnke said the parking facility in the city planning commission, Jahnke concluded.

Airman 1st Class

Aric D. Newsted

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son of Deborah Newsted of

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Impact Church is requested 12 new parking a huge parking space and city should go under city some commission members criteria.

"They should have been permits are not a city zoning required to come before the city," he said. "Now it's all excavated. They have to go through our requirements." Though the church



SEPTEMBER 28: Bruce Weeks, Erin Doyle, Sue Zoodsma, Stephanie Chad Newhouse, Tony Johnson, Matthew Foster.

SEPTEMBER 29: Orison Abel, Judy Baird, Kayla Brenk, Kelleigh Walling, Edward Stormzand Mike II, Keaton Dilly, Cameron Stoutjesdyk Sr. Dilly.

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Airman 1st Class Michael W. Pretzel

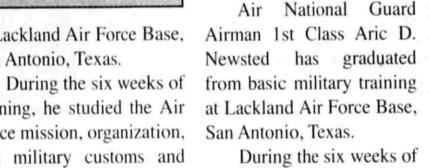
National Guard W. Pretzel has graduated from basic military training Lowell.

at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

In The Service

training, he studied the Air at Lackland Air Force Base, Force mission, organization, San Antonio, Texas. and military customs and courtesies; performed drill training, he studied the Air and ceremony marches, and Force mission, organization, received physical training, and military customs and rifle marksmanship, field courtesies; performed drill training exercises, and and ceremony marches, and special training in human received physical training, relations. airmen who complete basic training exercises, and training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Airman 1st Class Michael of Lowell High School, is associate degree through the Grand Rapids. He graduated the son of Dennis Pretzel of Community College of the from Lowell High School in



In addition, rifle marksmanship, field special training in human relations.

addition, airmen In who complete basic training Pretzel, a 2006 graduate earn credits toward an Lowell and Dale Newsted of Air Force.

> bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God." (Verses 7-9)

2006.

When you recognize the truth in what comes from the language writer of James, the wisdom of seizing the moment for not speaking is clear. What do people know about us by the way we speak? As I wonder throughout the community, I listen to what people are saying. I'm thinking I should be able to know a person of faith in God, but that is a hard thing for me to do. I can tell if a person is a Wolverine fan or a Spartan. I remember a writer saying that the best advice he had I am pretty good at picking up those who have attended the received as a teenager was from a little book titled "A Day Friday night football game, and it is not too hard to listen No Pigs Would Die." In it a son remembers his father saying, to people and know what they think of our governor. What is hard is to determine if any of these people are at all Another author wrote about talking. James writes in the excited about God's love and the mission to share that love. third chapter, "For every species of beast and bird, of reptile Excitement seems to be in short supply, and short tempers and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the seem to be on the increase. So, we find the same person who human species, but no one can tame the tongue .. With it we sings songs of joy, be it from Jars of Clay or one written

by John Wesley, also speaking in foul tones and violent

I remember a school counselor telling me that she had some youth take a tube of toothpaste and squeeze the contents onto a plate. Then, she asked them to put the toothpaste back into the tube. There was an awful lot of white paste left on that plate. Once we say something, it can't be taken back. James reminds us to speak in ways that reveal God's love and the power of God's presence. Nobody teaches us to do this. We have to teach ourselves by practicing speaking loving truth, in tones that don't demean or discount another person's value. That is hard. It just seems a lot easier to speak the words that everybody else is using and leave faith for Sunday morning. But, isn't that part of the reason James and other religious writers challenge us to "walk the talk?" That is hard ... but it is really the only way.



Dr. Roger La Warre, pastor First Congregational Church

"Never miss a chance to keep your mouth shut."

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issue. "We should be making definitive decisions on how we would handle the permitting for part of the Planning commission can't do any work until the structure that is in the city site plan is submitted to the during the site plan process."

agreed the township building

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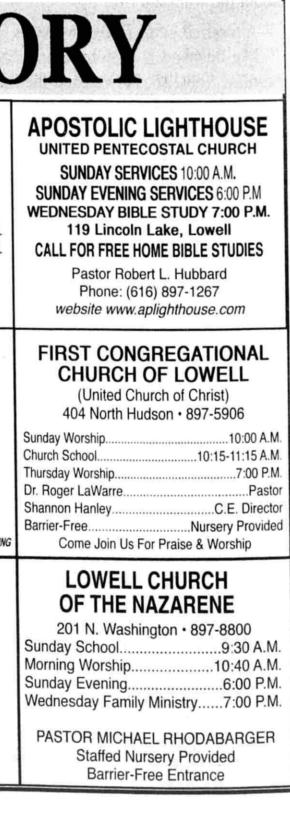
Doris Titcombe. **OCTOBER 3:** Moore, Jim

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knuckle down and learn those dots and dashes. Besides, if years of Boy Scouting as some awfully good times. you weren't a first class Scout, you didn't have to work on merit badges. BONUS!!!

good at capture-the-flag, I didn't achieve much. The only other accomplishment I can remember earning was a "Mile Swim Badge" at summer camp. I was the last one to finish, and missed dinner because of it. For some reason, my dad was really proud of that achievement. He'd tell complete strangers that his son swam a mile at Scout camp. Maybe I Alex Fleet, Eric Mundt and Thomas Fleet will each have a didn't give him much else to brag about.

By the time my fourteenth birthday was rolling around as Boy Scouts. Good job guys! I was still floundering in Scouts as a Second Class. It was



Intelligence was accurate; administration was not September 22, 2006 With Senator Carl Levin

The Senate Intelligence Committee, on which I serve, recently released a bipartisan report that throws a bucket of cold water on the conventional wisdom that "pre-war intelligence on Iraq was way off." That view is only half right because half of the key intelligence was wrong but the critically important other half was accurate.

The Administration's case for war essentially had two parts: Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction, and, more importantly, Saddam Hussein was an ally of al-Qaeda and might give weapons of mass destruction to those terrorists who attacked us on September 11.

On the first point, the Intelligence Community was concerned that Saddam had chemical and biological weapons and was seeking nuclear weapons - but that intelligence was wrong.

On the key second point, though, the Intelligence Community had it right. As the Senate Intelligence Committee's report documents, there was no relationship between Saddam Hussein and al-Qaeda, and the Intelligence Community expressed its serious doubts about the extent of such a relationship before the war.

To make the case for war with Iraq, the Bush Administration made statements that were not supported by the Intelligence Community in order to associate Saddam Hussein and al-Qaeda in the public mind. The Administration repeatedly suggested that the lead 9/11 hijacker met with an Iraqi intelligence officer in Prague shortly before 9/11 and alleged that Iraq had provided al-Qaeda with training in poisons and gases. The President made the connection directly in September 2002 when he said "you can't distinguish between al Qaeda and Saddam when you talk about the war on terror."

That drumbeat by the Administration was a driving force that convinced the Congress and the American people to go to war. When the war began, 7 out of 10 Americans believed that Saddam Hussein was involved in the 9/11 attacks. The Intelligence Committee's report makes clear that

First Class eluded me for at least one reason. You had time to move on to sports, girls, motorcycles, etc. Despite to learn Morse code to pass the test. I was simply too lazy to my lack of advancement, I'll always look back on those

There is a photo I keep on a bookshelf that I hold quite dear. It is a black and white shot of that winning Klondike Besides that Klondike Derby win and being pretty Derby team. The photo was taken for the local newspaper. There are six of us in the picture. Two of the guys are among my best friends yet today. I see the other three occasionally, and always have fun reminiscing ... often about those days as Boy Scouts.

Hopefully, forty-some years from now, Eagle Scouts similar photo on a bookshelf to remind them of their years

the CIA and the Intelligence Community were highly dubious about the Administration's claims of a Saddamal Qaeda relationship at the time the Administration was poisonous oil touched the skin. Once the oil has been making them. For example, the CIA stated in June 2002 that "the ties between Saddam and bin Ladin appear much like those between rival intelligence services." The CIA rash can take from one to seven days to erupt, and become assessed in January 2003 that Saddam "has viewed Islamic extremists operating inside Iraq as a threat" and stated that "the relationship between Saddam and bin Ladin appears to more closely resemble that of two independent actors trying continue to arise. This is not true. Once they have properly to exploit each other."

suggesting to this day that a relationship existed between weeks, but severe cases can last up to one month. al-Qaeda and Saddam Hussein.

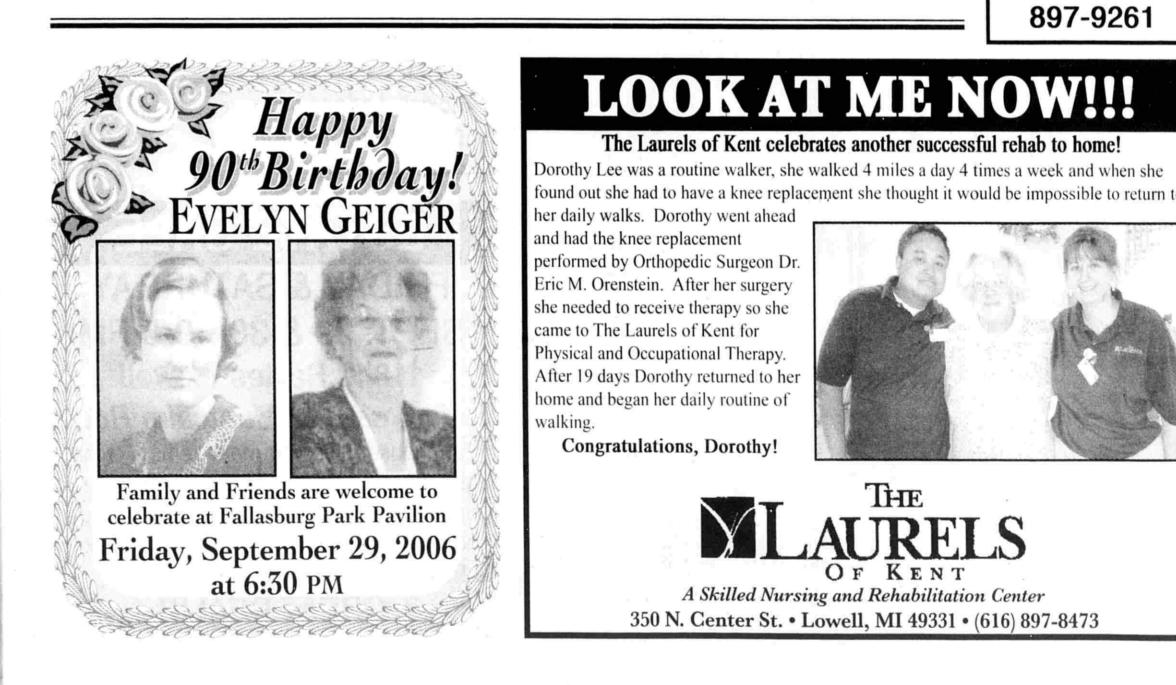
Treatment for the itch associated with minor rashes Vice President Cheney was recently asked whether includes over the counter medications, such as Benedryl the lead 9/11 hijacker had met with an Iraqi intelligence and cortisone cream. Rashes that cover a larger area of officer in Prague. The Vice President responded, "We don't the body or that involve the face or genitals may require know." Yet the Intelligence Community does not believe stronger medicines and should be evaluated by your health such a meeting took place, and the bipartisan Senate report care provider. For serious reactions that involve swelling or concluded that post-war findings confirm "no such meeting difficulty breathing, seek medical attention immediately. occurred."

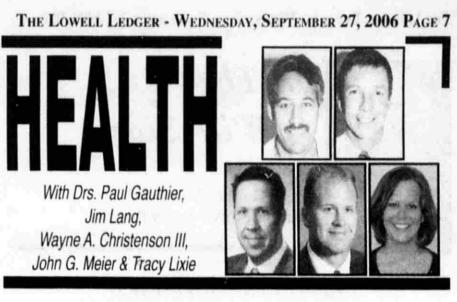
Prevention of contact dermatitis includes learning to Secretary of State Rice recently stated: "There were identify these poisonous plants ahead of time and avoiding ties between Iraq and al-Qaeda." The bipartisan report, them. If you plan to be in the woods where these plants are however, concluded "Saddam Hussein was distrustful of prevalent, wear protective clothing, including long-sleeved al-Qaeda and viewed Islamic extremists as a threat to his shirts, long pants, boots and gloves. regime, refusing all requests from al-Qaeda to provide material or operational support."

Likewise, President Bush claimed in August that Saddam Hussein "had relations with Zarqawi," referring to an al-Qaeda terrorist who was recently killed in Iraq. The CIA, however, had stated definitively in October 2005 that Saddam's regime "did not have a relationship, harbor, or turn a blind eye toward Zarqawi and his associates." Saddam's regime, in fact, had tried to capture Zarqawi before the

It is vital that we never have another intelligence failure like the failure relative to Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. To that end we have restructured the entire Intelligence Community.

It is also critical that we hold policymakers accountable for what they do with the intelligence they receive. It would be easier and more comforting to believe that the intelligence on Iraq was simply wrong. But the truth is that the intelligence on Iraq and al-Qaeda was accurate, but the way the Administration used that intelligence was not.





POISON IVY, OAK AND SUMAC

Poison ivy, poison oak, and poison sumac are plants that can cause contact dermatitis. Contact dermatitis is an itchy, blistering allergic skin rash that is caused by exposure to the oil found on these plants. A person can be exposed to this oil directly by touching one of these plants, or indirectly by touching objects, such as gardening tools, gloves, camping equipment, and even a pet's fur. If one of these poisonous plants is accidentally burned, the smoke can cause serious irritation to not only the skin, but also the eyes, nasal passages, throat and lungs.

Typically, a rash will develop at the sites where the washed off the skin with soap and water, it can no longer be transferred to other bodily locations or persons. The irritating. Some locations react instantly, while others may not appear for days. This causes many people to believe they are contagious for several days because new lesions bathed after the exposure, they are no longer contagious to The Administration continues to misrepresent the facts, themselves or others. The typical rash lasts from one to two



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KIDS IN THE OUTDOORS?

As a professional interpreter of cultural and natural history I take pride. Respect, admiration and support from families and community organizations have supported my efforts for the youth in my charge. Parents involved in their child's development have indicated how essential my efforts are for community health. Several organizations have bestowed me with recognition for contributions toward uniting people and nature for an economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable community.

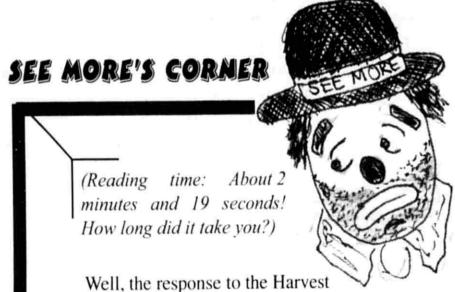
Richard Louv gathered data indicating preschool chil-

dren's physical activity is related to being outdoors and that indoor sedentary childhood is linked to mental health problems. Studies, however, have not been conducted to gather information about how children use woods, fields and wild areas. He states studies about outdoor activities that do not generate money and are not funded. Funded studies are those used to promote capitalism.

Other studies have shown that play in nature has been shrinking for a variety of reasons. Some include parents keeping kids close to home, State mandated school curricula that does not include time for outdoor study, and the overly structured lifestyle of families.

In contrast, studies show exposure to nature reduces Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and improves cognitive abilities of children.

My good fortune was to be offered a position in Lowell where the school administration recognized the importance of experiencing nature and agricultural connections to the natural world.



Celebration Parade has been overwhelming as we pass the two and a half week marker. We've had to stop taking entries to prevent us from literally marching on into Sunday church services. We are now over 90 entries in the parade, but what great entries! Almost 20 of them are musical units!

Getting Ready For a Lot of Visitors on Parade a better Christmas. Dav

Some guesses are that we'll have 20,000 people parade, (typically we have between 4,000 and 8,000 for our parades) which brings me to a point I want

to share with you. We're going to have a ton of "company" in town that day and you know folks often judge a town by its appearance. Well, let's do everything possible to leave them with a positive impression of what a great town Lowell really is! Ole See-More hopes that everyone will make an effort to have our yards looking their best for our company! We can all share in that good community feeling of being a half weeks away!! Be ready to enjoy every moment of it!! proud of where we live.

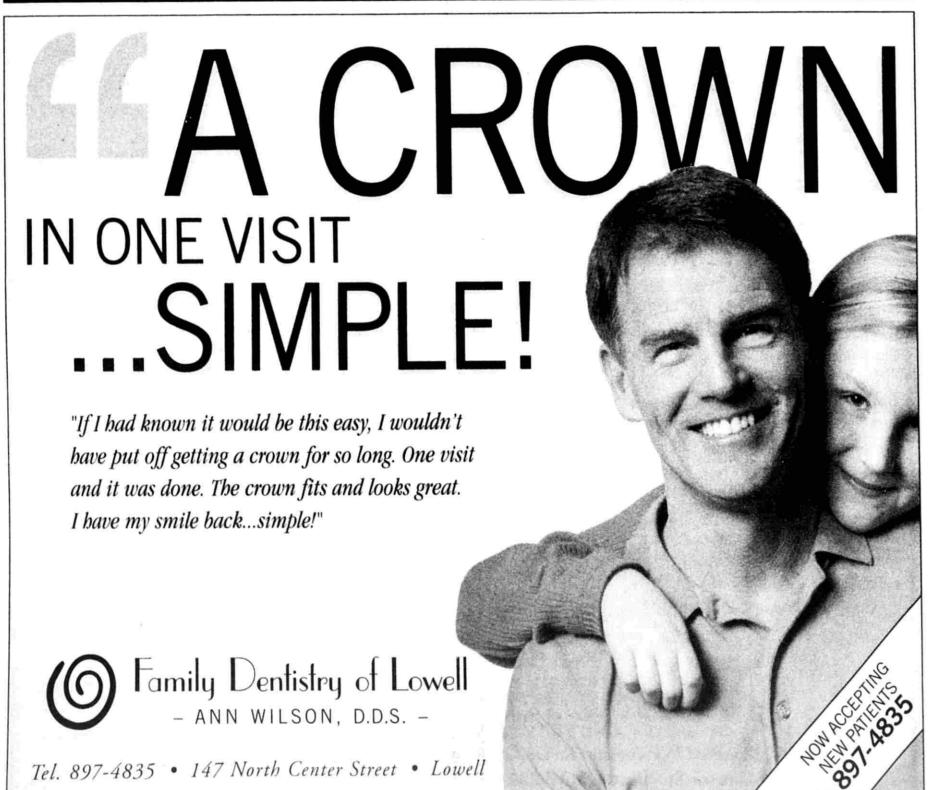
Planning Your Time Ahead for the 1 p.m. parade! (Just don't arrive at 12:55 p.m. and expect to find a place!)

We all recognize that parade PARKNG will be tight, but we're working on it. So I'm suggesting that if you live in town, you consider walking to the parade. As you already know, the curbs will be free of vehicles on Main Street (Hooray!) until after the parade but other parking downtown will be at a real premium. We've set aside a number of spots for handicapped parking and 70 free handicapped seats, too, but why not get out early and enjoy a nice walk to your favorite spot from which to view this historic parade. Here's a suggestion! Bring along a folding chair or blanket or even better yet, plan to arrive early enough to get one of the \$2 bleacher seats near the Riverwalk. There will be about 500+ seats available and the money raised goes directly to the Flat River Outreach Family Food Baskets for Christmas. A great way to enjoy the parade and also help those experiencing difficult times have

We All Know Lowell is a Friendly Town!

Yes, this is a friendly town where we nod and say hello (or more!) in town for the Harvest Celebration and the to people as we pass on the street. Well, let's take that to the next level and all make sure to offer a friendly hello to our "out-of-town guests," find out where they're from and make them feel at home. If you've ever had this happen to you in another town it has probably blown you away. Let's blow them away with some of that warm, friendly Lowell hospitality. You'll find that little effort can be wonderfully contagious and it just might make your day, as well!!

the Friendly Lowell Hobo Clown



Previously, I was the environmental education consultant and nature center director serving students throughout the Greater Grand Rapids region. I supervised youth experiential nature exposure and was a resource person for classroom educators. I was informed that our mission of experiential nature education, focused on maintaining economically, socially and environmentally sound communities, was no longer a high priority for regional school superintendents. Mandates were requiring focus of education in other ways. I responded by stating that teachers recognized it as a meaningful and practical priority. The response was the organization I worked for at that time needed to respond to local school district superintendents, and the facility I worked at was closed.

Oh, I wish I could have presented evidence directly to the chief executives of regional districts to make the case for the community benefits of social studies, language arts, science, and physical education experiences in the out of doors. Such was not to be the case, but it was my good fortune to be offered a position with that charge in the Lowell community. In other school districts, teachers have followed me to Wittenbach/Wege Center to continue this important service for our youth in their charge. The Lowell community can be proud the youth development focuses on the health and development for the individual and for the maintained sustainability of the community.

Louv, in his book "Last Child in the Woods" has used a term Nature-Deficit Disorder as a growing problem facing communities. He states, "by weighing the consequences of the disorder, we also can become more aware of how blessed our children can be - biologically, cognitively and spiritually - through positive physical connection to nature." New research is focusing on what is gained in the presence of the natural world.

An important question for people in Lowell is, will we expect our schools to provide real world experiences outdoors in social studies, language arts, science, math and the fine arts? We have the unique gift of the Wittenbach/Wege Agri-science and Environmental Center but will we maintain the priority for why it was established?

Local animals head to livestock expo

Tumbleweed Holsteins Kentucky Exposition Center of Lowell has entered five in Louisville Nov. 4-17. head of Holstein and Jersey Purebred farms from There's lotsa Fun a-Brewin'! and it's only about two and in the 33rd annual North nearly every state and International Canada bring livestock to American Livestock Exposition compete in one of nine expo See-More, (NAILE). divisions: dairy cattle, dairy NAILE is goats, Boer goats, beef cattle, The recognized as the world's quarter horses, draft horses, largest purebred livestock sheep, swine and llamas. show with more than 21,000 Tumbleweed Holsteins entries and nearly \$700,000 has entered the dairy cattle in prizes and awards. The division.

event will be held at the

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association events there are numerous youth events that are an important part of the livestock industry's traditions. For more information

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY SEPT. 29 & 30 • 9-5 PM 11840 Sayles, Lowell Just east of Montcalm Rd.

Farmhouse filled with neat items - china, glassware, kitchen utensils, antiques, beer signs, jewelry, media equipment, holiday decorations, furniture, books,

New buses incorporate multiple safety features

By Dan Schneider

Lowell Area Schools has three new buses in its bus fleet.

By comparison to the older buses parked next to them on the transportation center lot, the new buses look like something out of a science fiction movie. But when LAS director of transportation and operations Larry Mikulski looks at one of them, all he sees is safety improvements.

"This bus was created with the idea of what do we not have on our buses that we should in terms of safety," Mikulski said.

Manufacturer Thomas Built Buses calls the new bus the Saf-T-Liner C2. It was designed with input from transportation supervisors like Mikulski, mechanics and bus drivers.

The buses new have substantially larger windshields and a hood that slopes lower toward the front bumper for better visibility. Mirrors at the front corners of the hood are more convex than on the older buses, also increasing the driver's range of visibility.

Students sitting inside get larger windows as well, which Mikulski said adds The new buses have more while retaining rounded- oldest in its 41-bus fleet. over roofs for roll-over They were 1992 and 1993 protection. The Saf-T-Liner models. The old buses had C2s' side-paneling extends suffered from extensive rust closer to the ground than the damage. Mikulski said it bodywork on older buses, would cost \$20,000 to repair making it more difficult for the three. children to get underneath the bus.

new rigs, which are built on invest in some new stock, a Freightliner chassis.

and they turn on a dime," said driver Tracy Dean. She put in her bid for one of the cost \$62,000, a savings of C2 routes, Friday.

Motions approved:

Minutes of August meeting.

List of Invoices presented.

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SEPTEMBER 21, 2006

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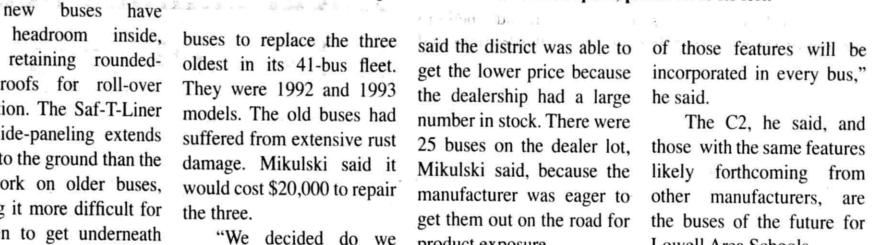
Disposal of unused ballots.

Copies of entire minutes available at the

Disposal of outdated QVF computer.

"We decided do we product exposure. spend \$20,000 on a bus that Bus drivers enjoy the was 13 years old or do we which we were going to have "They ride really nice to do, anyway," Mikulski said

Each Saf-T-Liner C2 about \$8,000 per bus off LAS purchased the the usual price. Mikulski



Mikulski expects other adding safety.

"I believe that at some said.

get the lower price because incorporated in every bus,"

The C2, he said, and Lowell Area Schools.

point in the future, all

"This is the bus that bus manufacturers to follow we will be purchasing from Thomas's lead in terms of this point on because of the safety features," Mikulski



NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 06-03 ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY

MAINTENANCE CODE Ordinance No. 06- 03 was adopted by the Lowell City Council on September 18, 2006. Ordinance No. 06- 03 adopts by reference as the City's Property Maintenance Code the International Property Maintenance Code, 2006 edition, published by the International Code Council, Inc. and on file with the City Clerk.

Ordinance No. 06- 03 is effective ten days after this publication.



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

Sandra L. Kowalczyk Bowne Township Clerk



Lowell Area Schools director of transportation and operations Larry Mikulski, right, and bus driver Tracy Dean stand next to one of the district's new buses. The bus more light to the interior. has a different look compared to an older counterpart, pictured to its left.



LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP **NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION ORDINANCES 07-2006 AND 08-2006**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at a regular meeting held on September 18, 2006, the Lowell Charter Township Board adopted Ordinance Nos. 07-2006 and 08-2006, amendments to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, a summary of which follows:

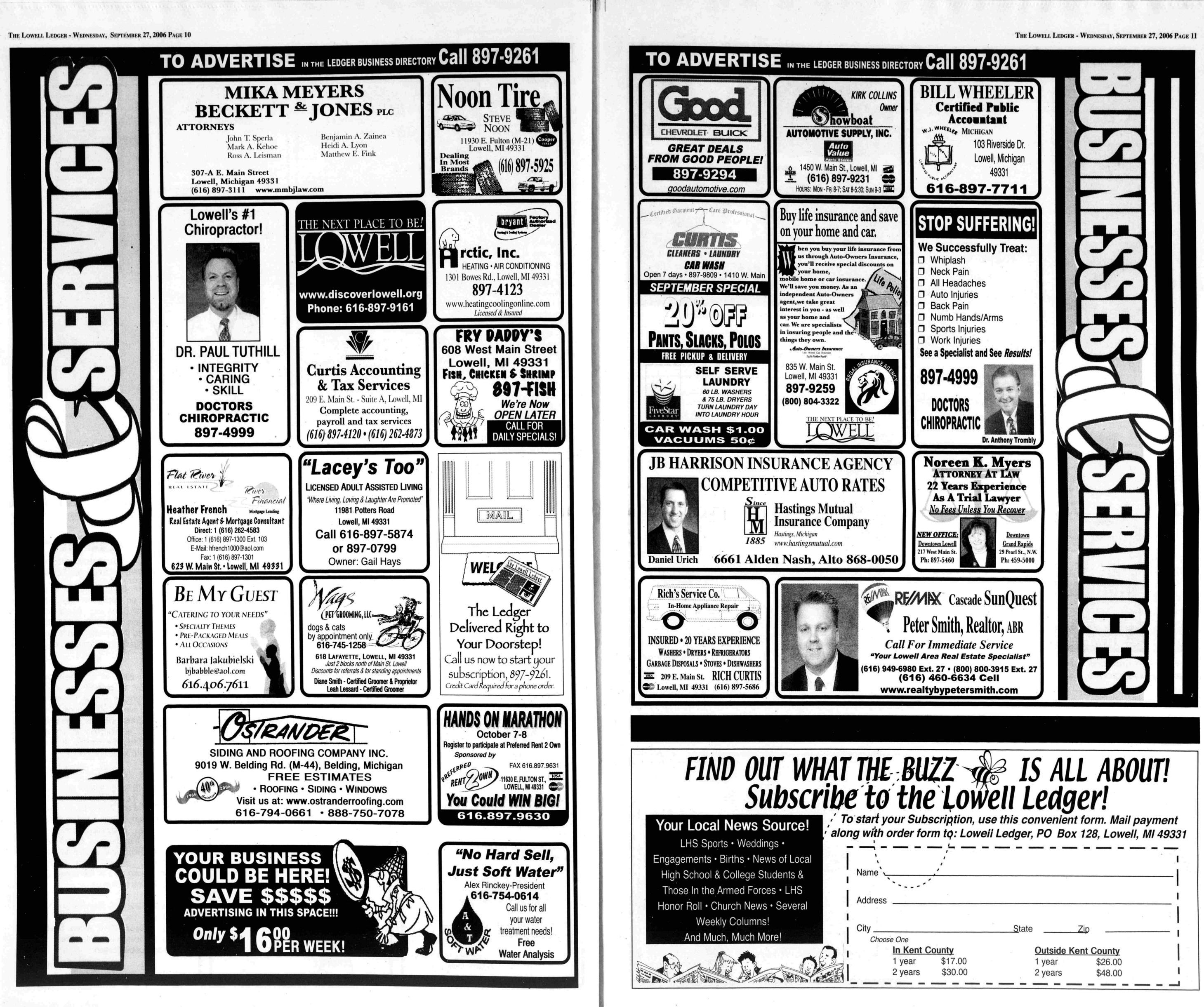
Ordinance 07-2006 is an amendment to Section 4.2.7.A to prohibit the parking of commercial vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating over 12,000 pounds in the R-2, R-3 and MH Zoning Districts. The ordinance also provides a definition of commercial vehicle and limits the parking of permitted commercial vehicles to one per lot.

Ordinance 08-2006 is an amendment to change the notification requirements for public hearings held by the Planning Commission, Township Board and Zoning Board of Appeals to not less than 15 days before the public hearing. This notification amendment is mandated by the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act. The amendment applies to Sections 6.2.9, 3.4.8.I, 3.9.7A.b. 4.5.3. B, 6.6.3.B, 6.3.2, and Section 7.0 of the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance.

The complete text of Ordinances 07-2006 and 08-2006 can be reviewed at the Lowell Township Offices, 2910 Alden Nash SE. These ordinances will go into effect 7 days after the date of publication.

> Linda S. Regan, Clerk Lowell Charter Township

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Fall festival, continued ... From Page 1

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Central West Historical Society The Society. setting at Fallasburg creates Smalligan. a backdrop for the festival. the once active Fallasburg Village River between included bridge.

"This unique festival

Michigan offers the ambiance of fall was the juried artwork and with decorations of dried for sale. Booths included the Rockford Historical flowers, cornhusks, hay jewelry, pottery, glasswork, historical bales and pumpkins," said

Marketing director Part of the festival is stamp Steve Samson said the the immediate area of the festival is a nice kick-off to park were abundant. Area the fall.

Fallasburg Park and the origami, quilting, basketry, "Alice in Wonderland." historic Fallasburg Village woodcarving, canning, rustic is the 125-year-old covered wood furniture, leatherwork, said Allchin.

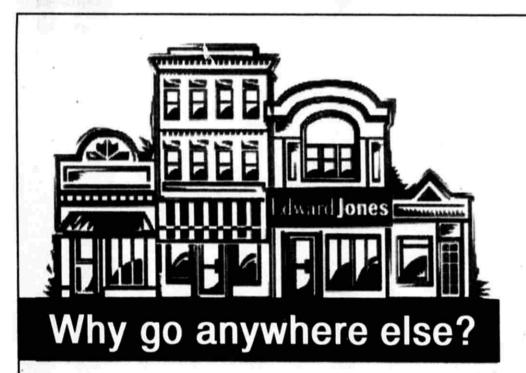
> spinning and weaving. A big part of the festival

herbal products, sculptures, ceramics and photography.

And the garage sales in bands provided a variety of Other demonstrations music. The Thebes Players rug hooking, presented excerpts from

"It's always a success,"

George Blair was on hand for demonstrations of blacksmithing.



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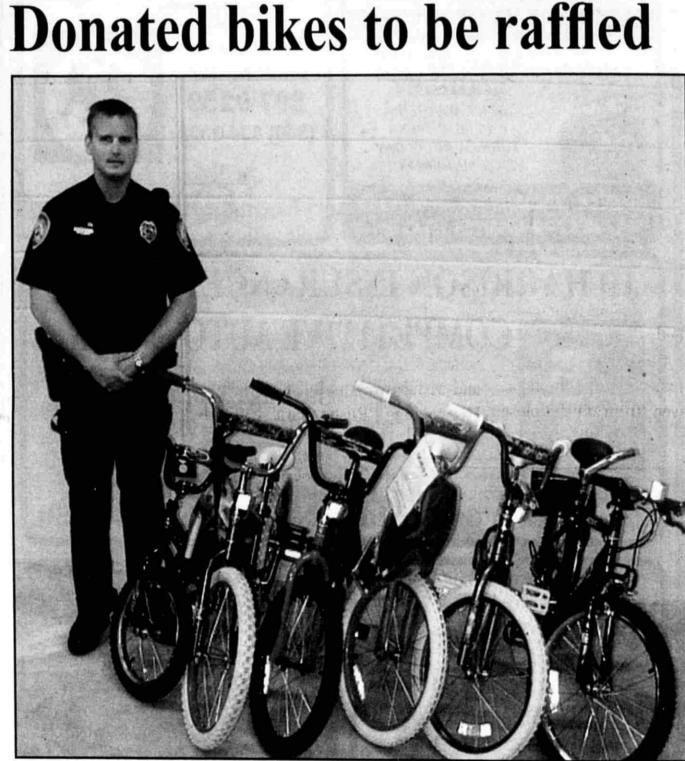
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Children and adults enjoyed many food booths and entertainment.



Lowell police detective and D.A.R.E. officer Steve Bukala with bikes donated to the D.A.R.E. program. A boy's bike and a girl's bike will be raffled off at each of the Lowell Area Schools elementaries: Alto, Cherry Creek and Murray Lake. Raffle tickets are on sale this week for \$1 each or 10 for \$5. The drawing is scheduled for Oct. 26. All proceeds benefit the D.A.R.E. program.



Life cycles studies at Alto Elementary

Second grade students at Alto Elementary released two monarch butterflies that they raised from caterpillars. They have been observing the life cycle of the butterfly for their science unit on life cycles. The caterpillars were brought in the first week of school; one was from the yard of Kathy Cuneo, the other from Pentwater by Linda Busman. One of the chrysalises was formed on Sept. 7, and 11 days later a butterfly emerged. Students observed and fed the butterflies for a couple of days before they were released to make the long migration to Mexico.

> Elementary teacher Linda Busman with several students releasing a butterfly.



Bv Dan Schneider

Artist Carl Safranski is into realism.

Anumber of the Belmont go for" artist's acrylic paintings currently on display at are of natural and country Safranski said. the Huntington Galleria resemble ... even from fairly close His painting "Rustic Barn" art. He took a drawing class range.

"What I see, I paint. I don't go in for abstraction or anything like that," Safranski said. "Realism, that's what I

scenes, both from Michigan photographs and as far away as Ireland, characters, he got hooked on



is of a barn located nea

Safranski, 78, began his artistic pursuits at the age of nine

"One time, I was home and I was sick. I picked up a sketch pad, actually it was just some loose-leaf paper, Many of his paintings and I picked up a pencil,"

While drawing cartoon



Autumn-Bend in the Road" by Carl Safranski.



at Davis Tech in Grand Rapids, where Grand Rapids Community College is now located, but is mostly a self-taught artist.

the art director at Wheeler-Van Label company, which later became International Paper before it went out of business. Safranski retired as art director in 1993.

paintings have animals in them.

little animals," Safranski said. "I just look and I think, 'hey, I want to do a squirrel,' or something and then I do a squirrel." is also into creative writing, particularly poetry. A painting and a poem of his are on display at the Lowell Area Arts Council's gallery at 149 S. Hudson Street. It is part of their "InnerScapes" art show, which features artwork that combines visual art with poetry.

Huntington Galleria is located inside the Huntington Bank branch at 414 East Main.

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For many years, he was

Many of Safranski's

"I like to put in a lot of

"The Homestead" is one of several paintings by Carl Safranski currently on display at the Huntington Galleria.







COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

FRI., SEPT. 29: Homecoming parade at 6 p.m.; football game Lowell vs. FHN at 7:30 p.m.

MON., OCT. 2: Athletic Boosters business meeting, 7 p.m. in high school staff lounge.

WED., OCT. 4: Shop Greenville & lunch at KFC at 11 a.m. Lowell Senior Neighbors.

THURS., OCT. 5: Blood drive at Vergennes Methodist Church, 3-7 p.m. Call 897-6141 to reserve a time.

THURS., OCT. 5: Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet at 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Program: Liz Ripley, Indian Reservation. Hostesses: Julie Hurley/ Aileen McCabe

SAT., OCT. 7: TOTS fall almost new sale at Bright Beginnings, 300 High 9 a.m. - noon. Kathy at 987-2532.

MONDAYS

Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes & Friends, 7-8:30 p.m. at Gallagher's. Call 676-1355.

Women's over 30 drop-in basketball, 7-9:30 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary. Call Dave (YMCA) 897-8445. Fee \$3.

Boy Scout Troop 102, 11 & up or completing 5th grade, meets 7-8:30 p.m. at Scout Cabin, end of N. Washington St. Call Tim Vanderwulp at 897-4302 for more info.

1ST MON .: Regular communication of the Belding-Ionia-Lowell Masonic Lodge #355 at 7:30 p.m. in lodge room, 211 E. Main, Belding. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. All Masons may attend.

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

2ND MON .: Lowell Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. in Administration Building, 300 High Street.

2ND MON .: Bowne Township Historical Society meets 7:30 a historic museum, 84th/Alden Nash,

3RD MON .: Women of the Moose meetings held 7:30 p.m.

3RD MON .: Peripheral Neuropathy support group, 7 p.m. a Schneider Manor Community Room. Will resume Sept 18.

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

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

EVERY OTHER MON .: The Lowell Area Juggling Club meets in the Community room at Englehardt Library, 6:30 - 8 p.m. Ages 12 or older. No dues. Call 897-9879.

MON., TUES., THURS.: Alpha Women's Center, 2251 W. Main. Call 987-9533 for appt. or stop by M. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tu. 6-9 p.m., Th.10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Diapers, formula and clothing are available.

TUESDAYS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Bldg. Weigh-ins are at 5:45 p.m.

Cub Scout Pack 3188 meets at 1st United Methodist Church (as long as there is school), 621 E. Main St. 6:30 p.m. Call Bruce Doll, cubmaster at 304-0082.

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

Flat River Woodcarvers meet at LAAC from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Women's Community Bible Study. Free nursery and preschool story hour/craft time 9:45 - 11:15 a.m./women only at 7:15 p.m.Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Call 897-7060 or 897-7555. Active September thru April only.

1ST TUES .: Grattan Historical Society at O'Brien Room of Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. Public invited.

2ND TUES .: Diabetic Support group, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowes Rd. 897-2760 or 897-5981. 897-9160.

MON., OCT. 9: Shrine of the Pines, 9:30 a.m. Lowell Senior Neighbors.

WED., OCT. 11: Planning for trailway meeting at Lowell Township Hall 6 p.m. Public welcome.

SAT., OCT. 14: Annual Harvest Hustle 5K run/walk. Starts at police station 8 a.m. Call Patty 340-7781 for info.

SAT., OCT. 14: Larkin's Chili Madness chili cook-off. Call 897-5977 for application/info. \$40 entry fee.

SAT., OCT. 14: Scarecrow building hoedown, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Lowell Fairgrounds.

SAT. OCT. 14: Need pageant queens for Harvest clown parade. Call Becky at 897-9656.

TUESDAYS

1ST TUES .: Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College, 7-9 p.m. Call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-de-1ST & 3RD TUES .: Lowell Lions Club, 12 p.m. at the Chamber of nominational help for pregnant women/adolescents, 11 a.m.-3 Commerce. 113 Riverwalk Plaza. 897-5449 for information. p.m.; Mondays: 5:30-7:30 p.m. 897-9393.

2ND TUES .: G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, Plainfield Senior Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. NE. 6:30 p.m. refreshments/7 program Olga -975-9977/June 231-780-1249.

2ND TUES .: Doric chapter #75, Order of Eastern Star 6:30 dinner, 7:30 p.m. regular meeting. 211 E Main, Belding.

2ND & 3RD TUES .: New facility: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club, 8731 West Riverside Dr., 8 p.m. www.qua-ke-zik.org. New members welcome.

2ND & 4TH TUES .: MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers meets at Impact Church, 1069 Lincoln Lake, 9:15 - 11:30. 897-8304.

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

3RD TUES .: Parents of children w/AD/HD at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE/E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda at 874-5662; teen group: call Sarah at 281-6588. No cost.

TUES./THURS.: Back to Basics Closed AA meetings at 1st Con-2ND & 4TH THURS .: GR/W. Michigan Scrabble Club, 10 - 2 gregational Church, 404 N. Hudson. 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking. p.m. Round Robin, bring your board, all levels, walk-ins are welcome. Call Jan 897-5759 for location and more information.

WEDNESDAYS

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

8 p.m. ALANON upstairs at 1st Congregational Church, 404 2ND THURS .: Loyal Order of the Moose, men's meeting at N. Hudson St. 7:30 p.m.

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

1ST WED .: GR/W. Mich. Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, 28th St. 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. walk-ins welcome. Jan 897-5759.

2ND WED .: Kent County Youth Fair Board meeting, 7:30 3RD THURS .: Parents Supporting Parents group, Franciscan p.m., King Memorial Youth Center, 4-H Fairgrounds. Call Life Process Center, Call 897-7842. 897-6050.

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

2ND WED .: Lowell Women's Club, 11:45 a.m. in Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

2ND WED .: Support group for Peripheral Neuropathy, 4 p.m., St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church, GR.Dorothy 897-9794.

3RD WED .: GR/W. Mich. Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, 28th SE 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. walk-ins, Jan 897-5759.

2ND SAT .: Ada Historical Society, 10:30 a.m. at Averill Histori-3RD WED .: Alzheimer's Assoc. of West Mich. offers an Alzheim er's Support group at Fountain View of Lowell, 11535 E. Fulton, cal Museum, 7144 Headley, Ada. 1 p.m. Call Carrie Pattee or Cindy Meyer at 897-8413.

THURSDAYS

Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St. 5:30 p.m. Register 1/2 hr. before the meeting. For info. 1-800-651-6000.

Saranac Area Musicians and Singers practice at Saranac High SUN .: Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, School Band Rm. Choir:6-7 p.m./band:7-8. Kathy Maatman, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12-5 p.m. Call Larry at 754-7104. Public welcome.

THE LOWELL LEDGER - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2006 PAGE 15 Notices in the "Coming Events" are free to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto & Saranac areas. Keep notices brief; may submit by mail, phone - 897-9261, fax -897-4809 or email - ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com. All submissions are subject to available space.



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

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY : Mon. - Wed. 12 - 8 p.m.; Thurs. and Fri.: 9:30 -5 p.m. Sat.: 9:30-1:30 p.m. 200 N. Monroe. Call 647-3920.

ALTO LIBRARY: Mon. & Sat. 9:30 - 1:30 p.m.; Tues. & Wed. 12-8 p.m.; Thurs. 1-5 p.m. 647-3820.

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: Tues. - Fri .: 12 - 5 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. Monday/a.m. by appt. 149 S. Hudson. Call 897-8545 or www.lowellartscouncil.org.

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

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP Wed.- Fri. 12-6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. 519 E. Main St. Call 897-2037.

THURSDAYS

Pottery classes at Franciscan Life Process Center, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call 897-7842.

EVERY THURS .: Alcoholics for Christ. - 12 step Recovery Group for alcoholics, drug addicts & family members. 7 p.m. at Impact Church House, Norh Hudson St. Call Paul at 527-7796 for information. Family members may call Erin at 527-7796.

EVERY THURS .: Alpha Women's Center, 2251 W. Main. 987-9533, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Diapers, formula, clothing.

1ST THURS .: Michigan Hepatitis C Foundation support meetings, 7-8:30 p.m. 250 Cherry, Lacks Cancer Center, Grand Rapids.

1ST THURS .: 4-H drama club meeting, Lowell Middle School choir room. Call 897-1502 after 5 p.m.

1ST & 3RD THURS .: Alto Lions Club meets at Monterey Grill at 7 p.m.

1ST & 3RD THURS .: Bluegrass Jam inside Kountry Korner of Alto, 6077 Linfield, 868-6371.

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY

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

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

2ND SAT .: Lowell Amateur Radio Club, held at Lowell Airport,730 Lincoln Lake NE. 9 a.m. social time; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

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

Security company moving national headquarters to Lowell

By Dan Schneider

Lowell will soon be home to the national opened branch offices in current economic landscape 35 and 50 employees will workout facility. headquarters of Corporate Florida and Texas. CSS in Michigan to get our work at the new corporate Security Solutions (CSS).

will be located near the Katrina.

bare minimum, double in size over the next year."

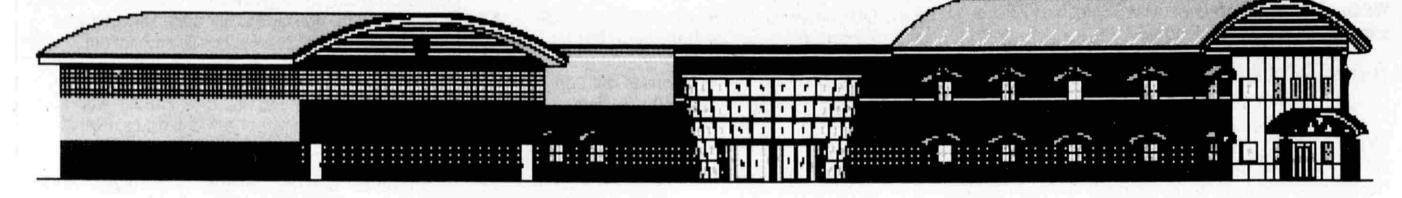
opened a branch in Louisiana growth.' The new building shortly after Hurricane

gone to markets that have The company recently stronger economies than the

booming area."

headquarters in Lowell.

sive," Shaffer said. "We've that area. We consider it a workplace. Their facility will include amenities such Shaffer said between as a swimming pool and The 30,000 square foot building will be large Shaffer and business That includes a number of enough to accommodate partner Christopher Frain employees who will relocate continued growth, Shaffer



An artist's rendering of the new Corporate Security Solutions national headquarters to be built in Vergennes Township.

corner of Lincoln Lake CSS. corporate clients, has been said experiencing rapid growth.

Andy Shaffer said. "We're robustly, he added. on pace to probably, at a "We're very aggres-

"We tripled in size since markets that has allowed bustle of the city. a year ago," CSS co-owner the company to grow so

Ave. and Vergennes St. process of opening an office headquarters in Michigan branch offices. which provides in New York and doing despite the state's sluggish both security officers and some business overseas in economy. Shaffer said they in living in a suburban 6,000 square feet. security consulting for its the Middle East," Shaffer chose Lowell because "we environment, so that was like the idea of being a little part of the draw (to Lowell)," office part of the building, It's that pursuit of new bit away from the hustle and Shaffer said. "It's a great we plan to at first be lease

> "And my business CSS plans to offer grow into it," Shaffer said. partner and I both live in its employees a modern

place to raise a family."

"We're actually in the chose to build the new here from various CSS said. At the beginning, CSS will go out for quotes over plans to use only half of the the next few weeks. "They are interested available office space, about

"Half of the building, the soon as possible--start the space so we can eventually

Hunter education helps youngsters learn the rules of firearm safety

When the new law in mid-July, Sgt. Kevin 1, 1960, and although kids of -- and it hasn't stopped.

coordinator for the hunter education section in the Department of Natural 12." Resources Law Enforcement Division.

to know where their kids and 11-year-olds." could sign up for a hunter said

day program.

Hunter education has monitored by a licensed between more than 2,000

half were from our volunteer bear and elk with a firearm experience." instructors who were calling on private land from age 14 to 10.

every year, learning safe apprentice program that education, are some of the handling of firearms and allows apprentice hunters safest individuals afield. archery equipment, basics to hunt without the required In Michigan, hunter of wildlife management and hunter education course if education is made possible

hunter education classes in shows that the presence of a conservation officers. Sgt. Davis is the field the past, Davis said hunter responsible, attentive adult education was "something is a major safety factor," courses are offered yearyou did when you turned said DNR director Rebecca round throughout the state ing contributes to wild- one-half the national rate. Humphries. "These new though the majority occurs life management and "This year, we may see laws let parents determine during August, September conservation, provides a hunter education class in the normal 30,000 or so 12- whether or not their children and October. The typical positive family experience your area, visit "About half the calls year-olds," Davis said, "plus are ready to hunt. Parents course consists of two and increased recreational michigan.gov/dnr and click were from parents wanting even more numbers of 10- heavily involved with sessions with a total class opportunity, and is good for on Recreational Safety

young hunters, when at www.michigan.gov.dnr. In Michigan, more Another law, which accompanied by responsible



Hunter education aid.

lowering the minimum age been mandatory for all first- hunter 21 and older who is volunteer instructors and the courses teach new hunters may remain open. It is the for hunting went into effect time hunters born after Jan. mentoring them in the sport. DNR. The volunteers are responsibility, ethics, firearm careful and courteous hunter "Experience in other directed and supported in safety, wildlife conservation who is helping preserve our Davis' phone started ringing any age could have attended states with young hunters their efforts by local DNR and wildlife identification, hunting heritage for future game care, survival and first generations.

In Michigan, hunt- incident rate is currently

If our young people Links" box. Classes usually safety course, and the other the age for hunting deer, a safe, responsible hunting Internet to complete a part can learn to be responsible are free, but nominal fees of their hunter education hunters, negative public may be charged to cover the In fact, according to course. The online course attitudes toward hunting that instructor's out-of-pocket to tell him registrations for to 12, and lowered the age of the International Hunter can be found on the DNR's grew from past mistakes expenses. their classes were up," Davis hunting other game from 12 Education Association, hunter education Web page may change and private

In Michigan, more Another law, which accompanied by responsible adults or mentors, who have adults or mentors, who have **Crash Safety Awareness Month**

dangerous months in is "Don't Veer for Deer!" Michigan, especially for the October as "Michigan the safest action." Car-Deer Crash Safety Awareness Month."

MDCC seeks to increase were 58,741 deer-vehicle rights-of-way. awareness of the problem crashes in 2005, down from among the driving public the 62,707 crashes reported and reduce the number of in 2004. However, officials

October and November deaths and injuries. The note that many crashes also hunter ethics during the two- accompanied and closely through a unique partnership are two of the most safety message for motorists go unreported, so actual crash numbers are much "Statistics show that higher state's 1.75 million white- most motorist deaths and In 2005, Kent County tailed deer and the motorists injuries occur when drivers once again topped the state's who crash into them each swerve to avoid hitting the counties in the number year. Car-deer crashes in deer and strike a fixed object, of vehicle-deer crashes Michigan cause at least \$130 such as a tree or another with 2,169. Last year, nine million in damage annually, vehicle," said coalition motorists were killed and with an average of \$2,000 chairman Jack Peet of AAA 1,700 were injured as the per vehicle. Recognizing Michigan. "No one wants result of a car-deer crash, this fact, Gov. Jennifer to see a deer destroyed, but compared to three killed and Granholm has proclaimed striking the animal is often 1,647 injured the previous

year. In 2005, Michigan

their children's hunting time of 10 to 12 hours. the economy. The new law lowered experience will provide for Students also can use the

Andrus Architecture in Rockford is designing the building. Architect Robert Andrus said it will stand out from its surroundings. "It'savery contemporary

building," he said. Shaffer said the plans

"As soon as those

come back, we'll--as construction," he said. Shaffer and Frain have

owned Corporate Security Solutions since 1992.

Hunter education lands now open to hunting

Michigan's hunting

To locate an upcoming WWW. Classes in the "Ouick

Nearly half of all experienced a reduction in collisions with deer crashes The Michigan Deer the number of total car-deer occur in the October-to-Crash Coalition (MDCC), crashes, which are at their December mating season which this year celebrates lowest level since 1995. when deer are very active; its 10th anniversary, asks According to the Michigan crashes spike again in spring motorists to be extra alert State Police Criminal Justice when the season's first grass when driving this fall. The Information Center, there appears along highway

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RED ARROW SPORTS

Early Red Arrow lead proves too much for FHN

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell basketball team beat Forest players' Amanda Geelhoed Hills Northern 49-33 at and Lindsay Trierweiler. home last Thursday.

11-4 lead to start the game. The Arrows were up 13-6 had seven, so between after the first quarter.

Northern pulled to within two points during the second quarter. But Lowell nine points for Lowell and didn't let the Huskies get Kelsey Crowley scored any closer and took a 21-15 eight. lead into the locker room at

The Arrows took control of the game in the third quarter, outscoring Forest at Forest Hills Central, Hills Northern 22-7 in that Tuesday. The Rangers have period.

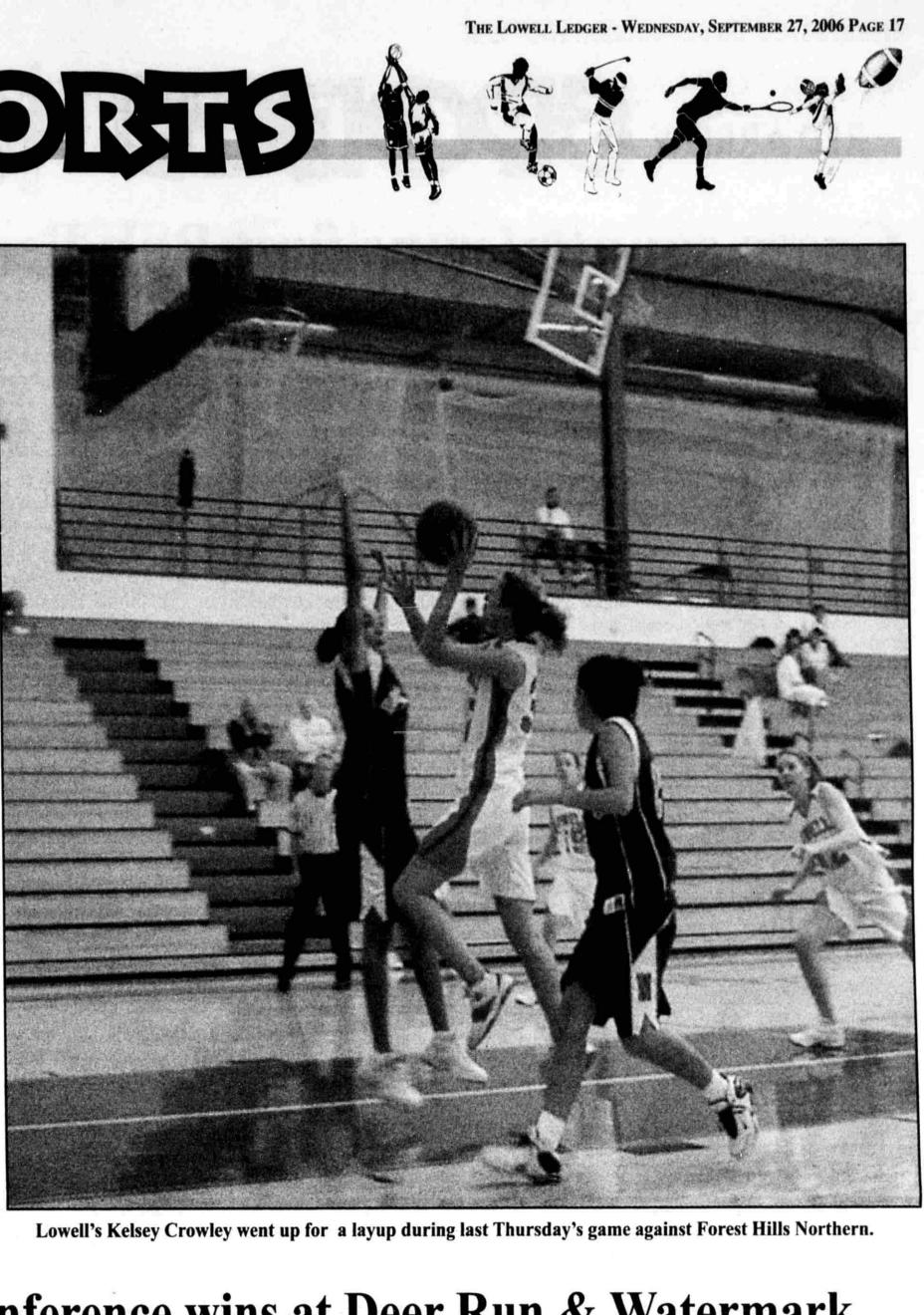
us adjusting and making the Lowell when the teams correct changes at halftime met earlier in the year. to play how we can play," Central's only loss going Lowell coach Dee Crowley said. "We were up by 19 to Northview. The Wildcats points after the third and just finished it off after that."

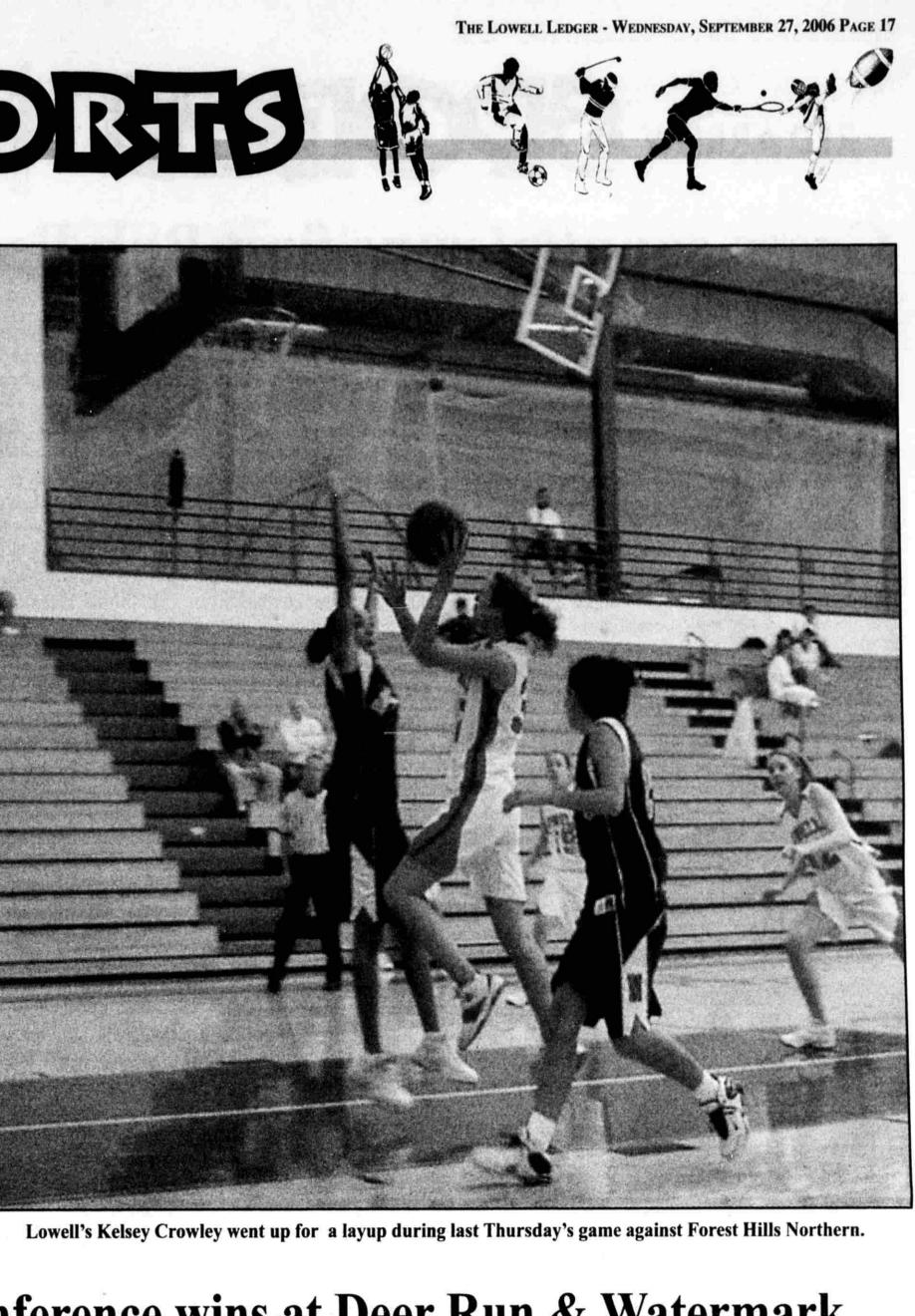
Lowell got a strong girls performance out of post

"Amanda Geelhoed led Lowell jumped out to an us in the Northern game with 13 and Trierweiler them, they had 20 points," Crowley said.

Chelsea Harrison added

The Arrows have a pair of tough conference opponents on this week's schedule. Lowell played beaten East Grand Rapids "It was just a matter of this season, which beat into Tuesday's game was will be Lowell's opponent Thursday at home.





Lowell enjoys solid conference wins at Deer Run & Watermark

By Dan Schneider

leading Forest Hills Central (40) and Brian Scheider and they had been state- in the OK White. and winning convincingly (44). over Forest Hills Northern, the Lowell boys golf team Arrows upended Forest Scudder (42), Porter (43), people who didn't think they made a statement in the OK Hills Central at Watermark Messing (43) and Lance were going to have much," White last week.

160-176.

Top scorers for Lowell were Eric Mundt, who shot win," Lowell coach Gary

a 37 on nine holes, Alan Fredline said. "They were 2-2 in the conference, the Edging conference- Messing (39), Rich Porter undefeated in the conference potential to shake things up Northview on Monday; Wednesday.

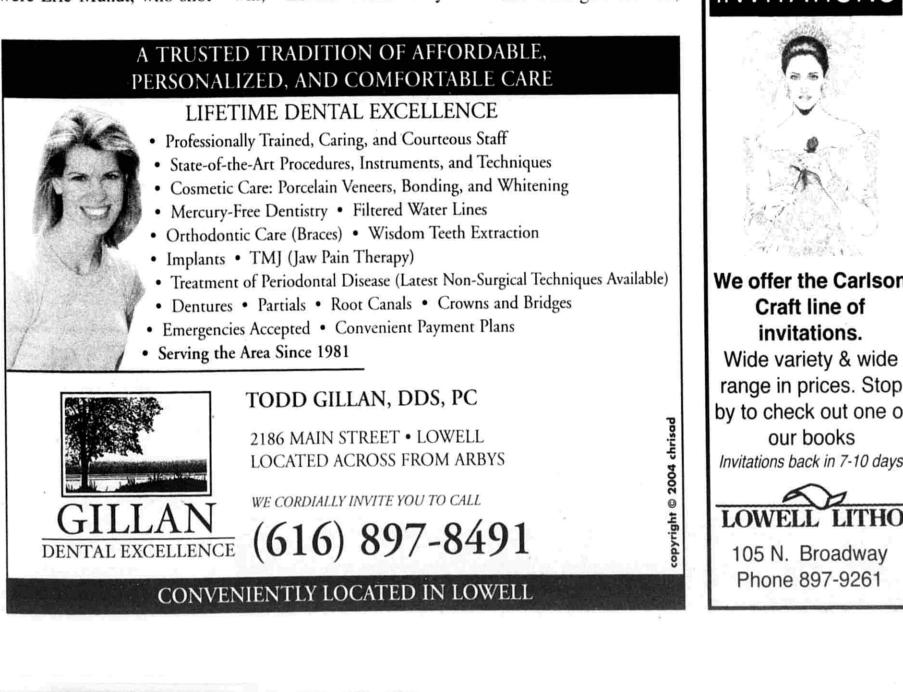
On Thursday, the Golf Club, 171-174. It was Perkins (43). Lowell hosted the far from Lowell's best score Huskies at Deer Run Golf of the season, but it was dual-meet competitors. Club and won by a score of enough to give the Rangers Nobody's going to come in their first conference loss.

ranked."

Top scorers were Pete some pressure on some

"These guys are tough and bull us over," Fredline "That was a really big said.

The wins give Lowell,



Lowell

"We can at least put Fredline said.

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hosted they travel to Kenowa Hills



By Dan Schneider

cross country race has a new July of last year, Perry was jacket. For many years, cross country race that now (46th, 18:47), Cameron name.

This year, cross country honor of the late Bob "Mr. Red Arrow" Perry. From 1950s. the time he began coaching cross country in the mid- coach cross country for 30 have this invitational named in 18:13 followed by Kirk the way for Lowell, finishing 1950s, while he was also a years, during which time he after him."

The Lowell Invitational High School, until he died in wearing a red and yellow Perry was the starter for the 18:45), Kyle Ingebretson dedicated to cross country. Perry was a cross country bears his name.

"He took a real interest and track official. teams from 31 schools in in his kids and I enjoyed three divisions ran in the him as a coach," said Bob always remember him being seventh out of 10 teams in division 1 boys race with a 27:36). Bob Perry Invitational. Carigon, who ran on one of very caring to the athletes, the division 1 race. Keaton team score of 47. Lowell's The event was renamed in Perry's first cross country to the runners," Lowell Dilly was the top runner for team score was 158. teams at Lowell in the mid- cross country coach Clay the Red Arrows. He placed

biology teacher at Lowell remembers Perry at the races

VanderWarf said. "I think eighth in a time of 17:36. Carigon went on to it's a great tribute for him to

On many occasions, Cory Fitzpatrick (45th,

On Saturday, the Justin Boss (54th, 19:04). "He was our starter, I Lowell boys team finished

> Andy Mark placed 28th 1 girls race. Karen Judd led Geldersma (31st, 18:22), 33rd in 21:29. Monica

Dilly (51st, 18:52) and

Rockford won the The Lowell girls team

5, 6-2.

Greenville's

finished 10th in the division

Lowell all over the court in tennis wins and losses

Bv Dan Schneider

Lowell tennis was up, down and somewhere in between in three matches.

the week off last Monday most competitive flight was in a 6-2 win. It was a nailat Middleville-Thornapple third doubles, which Leara biter for Lowell in the early Kellogg. They swept all the Glinzak and Caitlin Baker going, as the Red Arrows singles and doubles flights lost 7-5, 6-1. for an 8-0 win over the Trojans.

was the opposite story as lineup. The Huskies won all 6-2. the Huskies came away their sets by 6-0 scores.

Lowell's players have typically done

"They were just that much better, unfortunately."

Greenville, the Arrows got victory for Lowell. help from a few players up

The Red Arrows started with an 8-0 victory. The from the junior varsity team lost first sets in four different singles flights they went on to win.

At first singles, Lowell's On Wednesday hosting well this season, but they Tanya Baker defeated Forest Hills Northern, it struggled against Northern's Brittany LaFollette 7-6(4),

Melissa Zuiderveen, Lowell's Lindsay Aiken and "We have a decent who usually plays third- Terrah Tawney recovered from junior varsity, shut out singles lineup," Lowell flight singles, fell 7-5 to from a 6-4 first-set loss Missy Sotphen and Candi coach Bonnie Wall said. Ashleigh Deane in her first to beat Shelby Deane and Attena 6-0, 6-0. set of second-flight singles. But she won the next two 4, 6-2.In second doubles, Forest Hills Central on Last Thursday at sets, 6-2, 6-3 to get the

In third singles, Lowell's

Lowell equestrians move up to regional competition

Submitted by Mary Slatten

Competition.

warning

Fortunately, everyone 165 points. The C-team Rapids, Cadillac, Newaygo, loaded up their horses and accumulated 356 points (78 Manistee, Traverse City, Under menacing clouds cleared out safely. When the points ahead of Kent City). Charlevoix, Cheboygan and andrainonSaturday,Lowell's final points of the third meet The A and C teams will Alpena, to name a few. equestrian team won the were tallied up, Lowell's test their riding skills again From the A-team, Michigan Interscholastic equestrian team came out on this weekend at the regional Cara Wilcox earned first-Horsemanship Association top as the overall champion. competitions in Ludington. place points in Hunt Seat (MIHA) District 5 The A-team totaled 673 Lowell District 5 winners Equitation and Trail. April points (51 points ahead of will compete against Wolf raced to first place The final two-person their closest rival Cedar other winning teams from again in Clover Leaf (17.880 relay event was stopped due Springs). The B-team districts 8, 9 and 18, which seconds), and in Keyhole to a county-wide tornado came in sixth overall with include schools from Big (10.129 seconds). Jess Bouman attained high points in Hunt Seat Bareback, Hunt GOING TO THE DENTIST DOESN'T HAVE TO HU Seat Showmanship and Reining.



The Lowell City Council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday. October 16, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Lowell City Hall, Second Floor, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

• 403 North Monroe - Jeffrey Werner has petitioned for setback variance to allow a detached garage within 3 feet of primary building rather than the required 10 feet.

Interested persons may submit comments to Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street prior to the meeting or appear in person.



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk



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Fitzpatrick finished 42nd for Lowell in 22:05 followed by Katie Riddle (57th, 24:00). Austyn Foster (61st, 24:22). Hayley Getzen (63rd, 25:41) and Paige Senters (66th,

Lowell's next meet is

Wednesday when the Red Arrows host Forest Hills Northern. They travel to the Carson City-Crystal Invitational on Saturday.

defeat Katie Saladin 1-6. 7- 4.

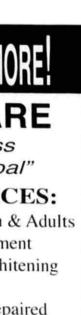
up from junior varsity to Lowell. She fell 6-1, 6-4 to 4-6, 6-4, 6-3. Greenville's Melissa Cole. In first-flight doubles, Ashley Kassuba 4-6, 6-

Lauren Heemstra recovered defeated Erin Brechbiel and from a 6-1 first-set loss to Megan Willemstein 6-1, 6-

In third doubles. Ellen Mork came Lowell's Glinzak and Baker came back to beat Kavla play fourth singles for Peterson and Ashley Wiborn

> In fourth doubles. Lowell's Kelli Kowalski and Patty Lawrence, who was up

Lowell traveled to Maggie Monday. Their next match is Kronlein and Sarah Souders Wednesday at Northview.



"The athletes represent Lowell schools and the community very well. We are proud of their achievements," said coaches Mike and Linda Foote.



By Dan Schneider

The Lowell boys soccer team gained a big confidence boost with a 3-2 overtime win over Forest Hills Northern. the Arrows' second victory of the season.

"We finally put it together tonight," Lowell coach Paul Legge said. "It looked good. This is what we could do, it just took us eight games to do it."

The Huskies were 3-0 in OK White conference play before coming into Red Arrow Memorial Stadium.

"I think it does a lot for us just in terms of giving these young guys confidence," Legge said. "Just knowing we can play and compete in tough situations.

Lowell's starting squad includes five sophomores and a freshman.

Northern controlled the play early in the game, though Lowell's defenders broke up most of their attacks. The Huskies were first on the scoreboard. however, with a goal 20:26 into the game. Lowell's Nick Abdoo matched it in the second half's early going.

"He just curled the ball past the keeper," Legge

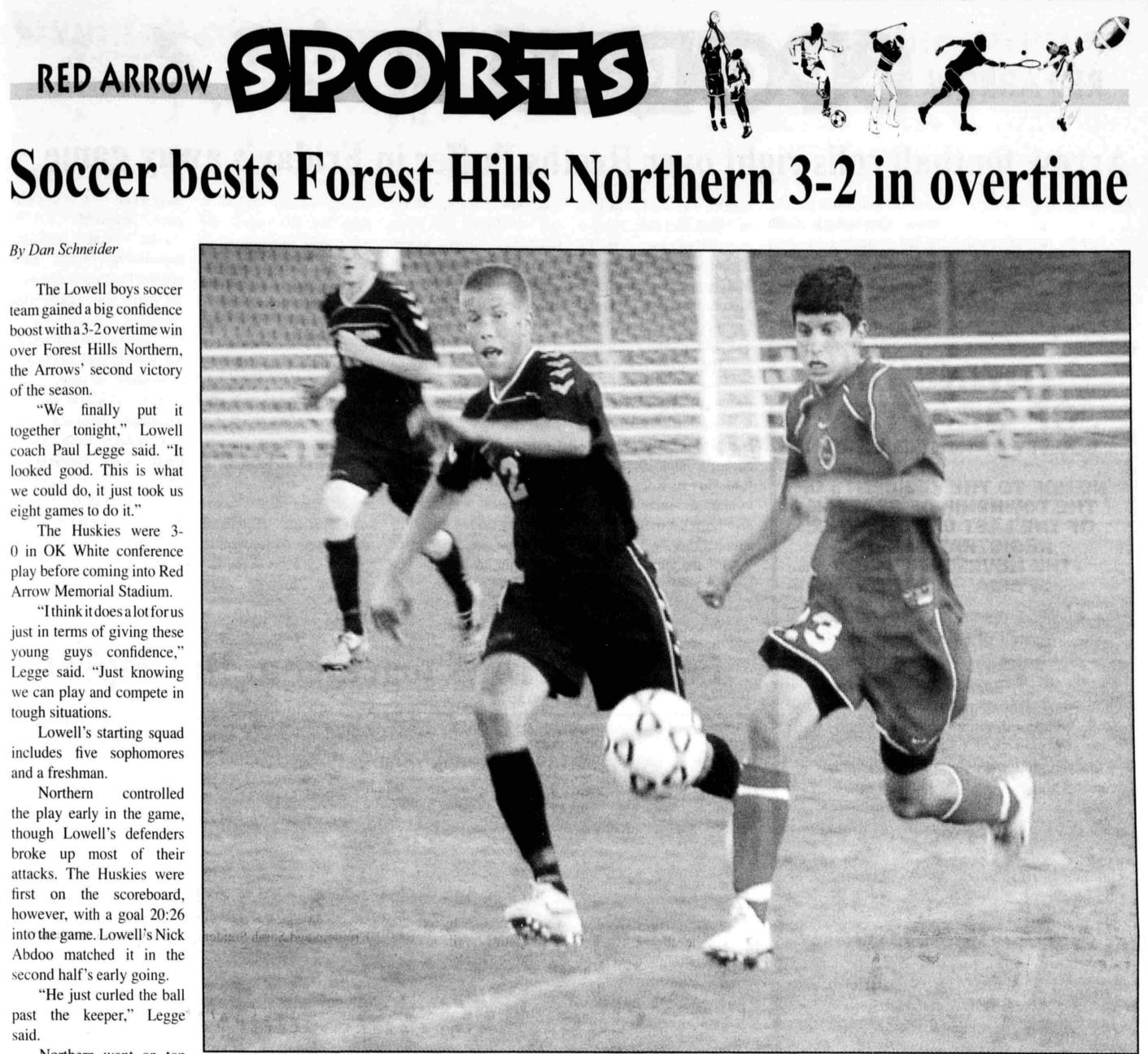
Northern went on top again at the 10:24 mark in the second half. Then, at 5:02, Lowell's Ian Beddows scored the equalizer. The shot hit the upper left corner vards out.

the last two games and both the same shot, just lasers," Legge said.

drove home a rebound goal,

off the crossbar.

off their guard.



Lowell's Nick Abdoo chased this ball down during the first half of last Thursday's game against Forest Hills Northern. He kicked a cross from near the end line but no goal was scored on the play.

Last Tuesday, the

OIL BURNER SERVICE



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Arrow football rolls right over Reeths Puffer in Friday's away game

By Dan Schneider

Friday.

Muskegon Reeths Puffer, four touchdowns.

attack. Quarterback Keith to Mike McElroy. After a and a 19-yard run for a times for 110 yards. He good," Dean said. Lowell football romp- Nichol completed 16 of 23 one-yard touchdown run by touchdown from Torsten threw one interception in ed to a 49-0 victory at passes for 213 yards and Nichol and another pass to Boss. Chris Barlow hit all the game.

McElroy in the end zone, of his extra point attempts. It was a strong offered leadership that sets The first of three this one from nine yards out, There was no scoring in the performance from Lowell's Rain did little to slow touchdowns in the first Lowell led 21-0 after one fourth quarter. quarter of play.

> to make the score 35-0 and give Lowell a running clock total was 353 yards. Bill some playing experience after halftime.

In the third quarter, contributor to that number Lowell got a 59-yard with 125 yards on eight

The Arrows had two made yards hard to come Dean said. more passing touchdowns in by for the Rockets. Reeths the second quarter. The first Puffer was limited to 56 they both played really game and it's a definite was an eight-varder from vards on the ground and well," Dean said. Nichol to Justin Harden, 10 yards passing, Kameron Nichol completed a four- Blake led the Arrows' a 35-0 lead at halftime, it yard pass to Kory Stevens defense with eight tackles. was also an opportunity for Lowell's

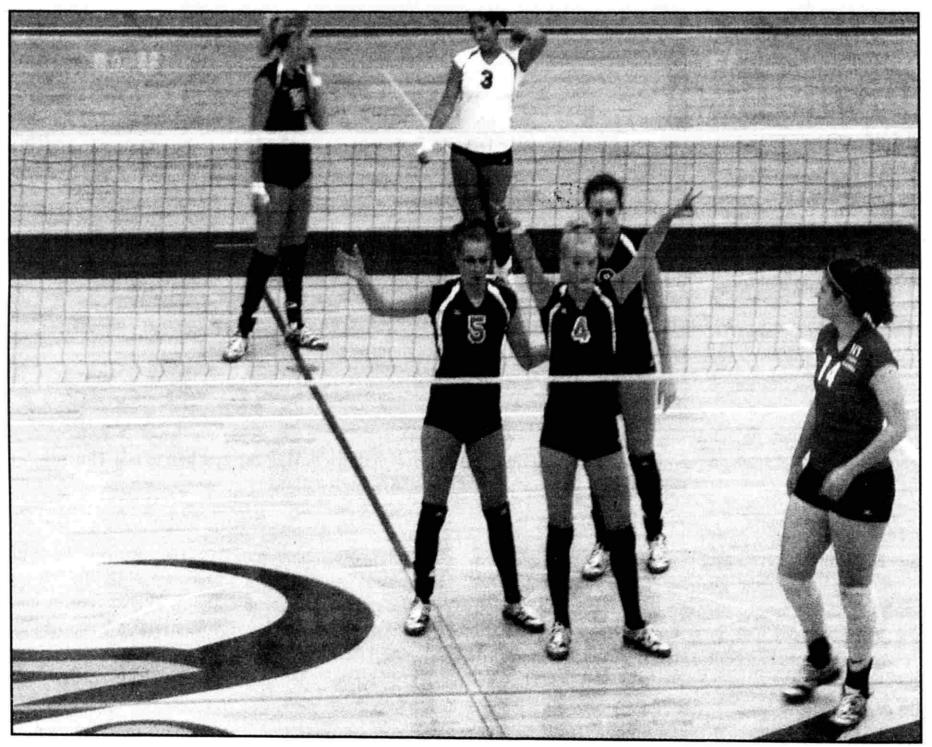
Watikunas was the biggest for next year. "They were in at 7:30 p.m.

offensive and defensive The Lowell defense lines, Lowell coach Noel

"They had a good night,

rushing second-string players to get

Former Arrows together at Davenport



Three former Red Arrows play on this year's Davenport University girls volleyball team. Pictured, left to right, are 2006 Lowell High School graduates Samantha Mol and Amanda Schneider and 2005 graduate Katie Baker. Other former Arrows playing college-level volleyball are 2006 grad Kristin Johnson, who plays at the University of Findlay in Ohio; 2005 grad Taylor Verdon, who plays at Northwood University; and 2004 grad Heather Becker, who plays at Aquinas College.

AT&T becomes MHSAA corporate partner

School Athletic Association, each enrollment class (Aand with the assistance of B-C-D) with a \$2,500 cash its newest corporate partner, award for doing the best educational and students and communities. will become more involved in the administration of the MHSAA's new Student schools. these after-school activities Advisory Council, a 16than ever before.

with the MHSAA creates impacting educational to assisting in the promotion

long been primary functions sports. The Scope Award events of the Michigan High will honor one school in programming. AT&T, schools will be job in promoting a sensible beginning as juniors. Eight keep educational athletics athletics in their buildings selected annually to the student leadership.

member group which will Council will meet four times to meetings and MHSAA AT&T's partnership provide feedback on issues each school year. In addition tournaments. In addition, a new award which will athletics from a student's of the educational value of

Keeping school sports honor four schools annually perspective, and also be interscholastic athletics, in their proper perspective for their work in promoting involved in the operation of the council will discuss and serving students have the proper role of school Association championship issues dealing with the 4 other S's of educational athletics: and scholarship, sportsmanship, Members of the Student safety (including health and nutrition), and the sensible scope of athletic programs. There will also be a fifth S rewarded for their efforts to scope for educational new members will be discussed by the group --

Advisory Council (SAC) will serve for two years, SAC, with nominations AT&T will also sponsor made by MHSAA member the expenses of the SAC,

REGISTRATION FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2006 SPECIAL ELECTION Any gualified resident of the Township of Grattan, County of Kent, State of Michigan, who is not already registered to vote may register to vote in the special Township election to be held on the 7th day of November, 2006, in the Township,

TOWNSHIP

OF GRATTAN

COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF

THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

OF THE LAST DAY OF VOTER

The last day to register for the November 7, 2006 special election will be:

Tuesday, October 10, 2006

The Ballot Proposition to be considered a said election is as follows:

MILLAGE PROPOSITION .3577 MILL FOR TOWNSHIP **GENERAL OPERATING PURPOSES RESTORATION OF** PAST HEADLEE REDUCTIONS

Shall the Township of Grattan property tax rate limitation be increased, and shall said increase be levied on taxable property in the Township, in the amount of .3577 mill (\$.3577 per \$1,000 of taxable value), subject to reduction as provided by law?

As an example, a resident with a home having a taxable value of \$100,000 would have an increase in annual property taxes of \$35.77.

The purpose of the millage levy is to offset decreases in the Township's allocated operating millage levy as a result of the Headlee Amendment. Property tax revenues generated by this millage levy will be used for general Township operations. It is estimated that a levy of .3577 mill would provide revenue of \$50,645 in the first calendar year Revenues from the millage will be disbursed to the Township of Grattan.

YES

The Township Clerk shall be at the Clerk's office located at the Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, on Tuesday, October 10, 2006, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to receive voter registrations.

This Notice is given by authority of the Township Board of the Township of Grattan County of Kent, State of Michigan.

> Lana Green, Clerk Township of Grattan

With Lowell out to

down the Red Arrow passing quarter was a 24-yard pass touchdown run from Nichol carries. Nichol rushed 6 there a long time so that was

He said Lowell's experienced players have the tone for games this season.

"I think our kids come out with lots of focus and excitement to play each advantage," Dean said.

Lowell's next game, Friday, is the homecoming game at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium, Lowell hosts Forest Hills Northern

AT&T will cover all of including the travel costs The Student Advisory of member student-athletes

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2006 fall season preview includes new laws for hunters

If the weather cooperates, hunting seasons should be productive throughout Michigan this Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

effect for the 2006 hunting seasons: one that lowers the hunting age and the other that creates an apprentice hunter program. The new hunting age law lowers the grouse population is most land where their parent or locally. Areas of good habitat of Zone 3 will be open from fields. guardian lives, youth hunters will continue to provide Dec. 1-Jan. 1 with a bag must be supervised in the the best grouse hunting field by a licensed adult opportunities. Grouse are hunter who must maintain most abundant in the Upper unaided visual and verbal Peninsula, followed by contact with the younger the northern and southern hunter at all times.

program allows individuals understory of fruit bearing to hunt without the required shrubs provide some of hunter education course if the best habitat for ruffed accompanied and closely grouse. monitored by a licensed hunter 21 and older who is Sept. 23-Nov. 6. The bag mentoring them in the sport. limit will be three woodcock An apprentice hunter may per day/six in possession. participate in the program required to take a hunter similar to last year. Although safety course.

parents determine whether all parts of Michigan, the or not their children are highest densities are located ready to hunt. The apprentice in the northern two-thirds of program also gives adults the state. The west end of who have not hunted before the Upper Peninsula should a chance to be mentored by have good numbers of birds an experienced hunter, so during the early season. The they can try the sport first best spots may be in thicker, before making a substantial younger cover along streams commitment.

set for a very good hunting During season; make it a safe one. migrating

possession in Zone 3.

Lower Peninsula. Young, The apprentice hunter dense aspen stands with an

Woodcock Season:

Outlook: Woodcock for two years before being hunters may expect a season good numbers of grouse and These new laws now let woodcock can be found in

All in all, the stage is and the edges of swampland. limit of two male pheasants/ woodcock

mid-October, four in possession. Ruffed Grouse Season: may be found in Alpena, population is expected to the immediate area are Ionia, is one bird (either sex). fall. That's the word from Sept. 15-Nov. 14. After Montmorency, Otsego be similar to last year. Birds Kent and Montcalm. The Outlook: Turkey numbers firearm deer season ends, the and Roscommon counties. came through the winter bag limit is five per day/10 should be excellent in areas grouse season reopens from Woodcock are a migratory in good shape due to mild in possession. Dec. 1-Jan. 1 in the Lower game bird, so hunters are winter conditions. Some of Outlook: Although winter weather resulted in Two new laws are in Peninsula. The bag limit for reminded to have the Harvest the best pheasant habitat patchy in distribution and good survival and spring grouse is five per day/10 in Information Program (HIP) is located on private lands. abundance, quail can be nesting conditions, and possession in Zones 1 and endorsement printed on their Hunters are encouraged to found throughout southern should produce a good crop 2, and three per day/six in small game license. See the contact private landowners Michigan. Expect to find an of young birds. Over 30,000 2006 Michigan Hunting and prior to the fall hunting improved quail population leftover fall turkey licenses Outlook: The ruffed Trapping Guide for details. season to gain access to these from last year due to mild are available to people who Pheasants Season: areas. Idle fields and warm winter conditions, lack did not participate in the age for hunting small game likely in the beginning of Oct. 10-31 in the Upper season grasses adjacent to of severe ice storms and lottery drawing. Interested from 12 to 10 years old, and an upward slope of the Peninsula. The Lower agriculture lands are prime improved spring nesting turkey hunters may purchase lowers the age for hunting population cycle. Hunters Peninsula runs from Oct. areas to look for pheasants. conditions. deer, bear and elk with a should note that increased 20-Nov. 14. The bag limit Late season hunters should firearm on private land only or decreased abundance of is two male pheasants per concentrate their efforts in Oct. 2-Nov. 14 in 11 hunt met. Visit the DNR Web site from age 14 to 12. Under birds at a regional scale does day/four in possession. The cattail and shrub wetlands units in portions of the Lower at www.michigan/dnr for the new law, other than on not ensure the same trend late pheasant season in part near picked corn and bean Peninsula and three hunt more information.



MHSAA, continued ... From Page 20

AT&T will make a \$1,000 to support this educational donation to the athletic initiative," said Randy Feger department of each school vice president and general which is represented on the manager of AT&T Michigan. Student Advisory Council, "We hope this program which may be spent as each empowers student-athletes department sees fit.

with the tools they need to "Athletic programs are be effective leaders in their important in our Michigan sport and their school." schools and AT&T is proud

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Kaitlin Fisher, 12, of Lowell, shot this eight-point buck last Saturday, Sept. 23 in Lowell Township. She took advantage of the recent change in youth hunting rules which allowed 12 and 13 year olds to deer hunt with a firearm. According to her father, Michael Fisher, she has grown up in the outdoors and is very involved in 4-H (equestrian). Fisher is in the seventh grade at Lowell Middle School.

BANK TELLER

ICNB has a full-time position open for a Bank Teller at our Lowell office. This is an excellent career opportunity for an individual seeking a pleasant work environment with opportunity fo advancement. The ideal candidate will possess excellent customer service skills; the ability to process paying and receiving transactions accurately using a computer; and possess an ability and eagerness to learn.

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units in the Upper Peninsula.

Quail Season: Oct. 20- Some units will be open for Nov. 14. Quail can be hunted fall turkey hunting only on Outlook: The pheasant only in certain counties; in private lands. The bag limit open for fall hunting. Mild these licenses over the Wild Turkey Season: counter until the quota is

Young hunter gets first deer



Car-deer safety, continued ... From Page 16

"Deer are often seen • Steer your vehicle well calmly feeding near highways, but when they panic, they may appear in front of your windshield in no time at all," noted Penney Melchoir, Department of tips: Natural Resources Wildlife . Watch for deer especially Division Field Coordinator. "Drivers must be prepared look for other deer following the first in a line and keep an eye for deer doubling back once they have moved out of a traffic lane."

All motorists should 'think deer' whenever they are behind the wheel, and drive defensively.

If a crash with a deer is unavoidable, the MDCC recommends drivers:

- DON'T SWERVE!
- Brake firmly.
- · Hold onto the steering wheel with both hands.
- Come to a controlled stop.

off the roadway.

The MDCC says motorists can help avoid dangerous encounters with deer by heeding the following

- at dawn and dusk. They are most active then, especially during the fall mating season.
- If you see one deer, approach slowly; more may be out of sight.
- file, so if you see one cross a road, chances are more are nearby waiting to cross, too.
- · Be alert all year long, especially on two-lane roads. Watch for deer warning signs. They are placed at known deercrossing areas.
- Slow down when traveling through deer-population areas.

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION **TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2006 IN VERGENNES TOWNSHIP**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR THE NOVEMBER 7TH **GENERAL ELECTION IS:**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2006

Persons who are not already registered, may register to vote at the Vergennes Township Offices on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 am to 3 pm; the office of the County Clerk; office of the Secretary of State or at the office of a designated State Agency during their regular business hours. To register by mail, call your County Clerk or Local Clerk.

Appearing on the ballot in Vergennes Township will be candidates for county, state and federal offices, judicial offices, state boards of education, five statewide proposals and one Vergennes Township proposal. The Vergennes Township proposal reads as follows:

"Shall the sale of spirits and mixed spirit drink in addition to beer and wine be permitted for consumption on the premises within the township of Vergennes under the provisions of the law governing same?"

QUALIFICATIONS TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN VERGENNES TOWNSHIP: Citizen of the United States At least 18 years of age on or before November 7, 2006 Resident of Vergennes Township

> Mari Stone Vergennes Township Clerk 10831 Bailey Dr., Lowell Corner of Bailey Dr. and Parnell NE 897-5671 x2



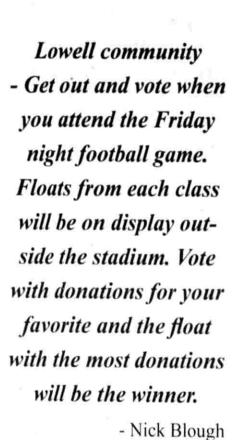
VOLUNTEER FOR THE CLIP FOR THE CURE

Panopoulos Salons throughout West Michigan will be participating in the 16th annual Clip for the Cure event Saturday, Oct. 21. On that day, stylists will donate their time, providing haircuts in exchange for \$15 cash donations. Appointments are not accepted; stylists will be available on a walk-in basis.

Total proceeds are donated to Breast Cancer Research Centers in the United States and Canada

If you are interested in volunteering, stop in at any Panopoulos salon in the area between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. and Deer often travel single support breast cancer research.





someone complained about going 30 mph in downtown Lowell and a car coming up on him real fast. Did anybody else pick up on the fact that the speed limit sign said 25, not 30 mph? The person making the complaint was

Remember to wish the cookie lady at Schneider Manor a happy birthday this week!





What happened to the guy that was selling golf balls off I-96? I miss him. Why isn't he



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Elaine Wingeier

The Ledger!

Greenridge Realty announced that Elaine Wingeier received Realtor of the Month in August.

This award recognizes Wingeier for her outstanding success and achievements.

Inside

Thanks to the owner of the new little bears on Bowes Road instead of teaching my child about the birds and the bees, it was the birds and the bears. Thanks again.

It really won't matter who's elected governor in November. Nothing's going to stop companies from leaving. It's called corporate greed.

Sorry to learn that Dan Schneider is headed up north. Best of luck to a good reporter and a really nice guy.

Hey Ivan has done it again! Wonderful work of art in white on the showboat. A scarecrow that'll scare ya!

Jobs leaving your area? Don't worry, Jenny Granholm still thinks you've got a "Cool City" and had the money to prove it!

So says Jenny "... and in five years you're going to be blown away...just like all the Michigan jobs."

How wonderful for VanderKlok Builders to volunteer their time to build the memorial deck at the high school.

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