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## Crowds gather at Fallasburg for annual fall festival

By Emma Palova  
Contributing Writer

In 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. Community fast passes are

\$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 homecoming-related 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.

## 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](http://www.ci.lowell.mi.us). The survey can be e-mailed to the city manager Dave Pasquale at [dpasquale@ci.lowell.mi.us](mailto:dpasquale@ci.lowell.mi.us) or printed out and returned to City Hall.

According to Pasquale's report the response rate has been good.

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 McLane is requesting

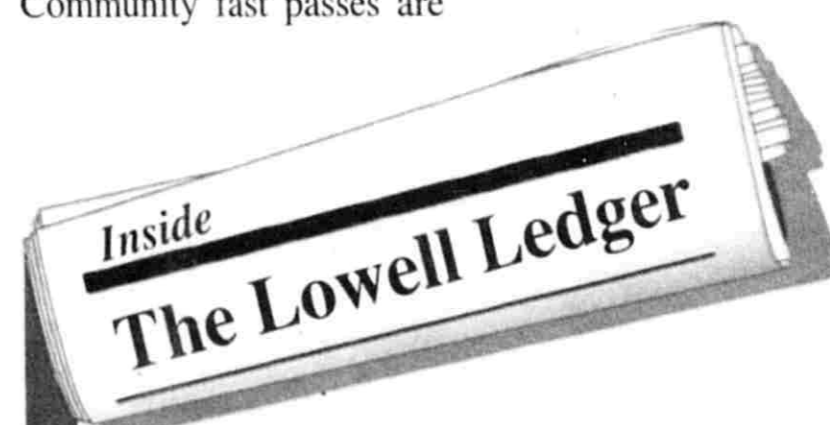
a variance to allow keeping four chickens on his property at 420 Kent St. McLane said the chickens are for egg production and they've become pets to the family. According to McLane, the family has tried to place the structure housing them as far as possible from neighbors. However, due to his L-shaped 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 fowl, rabbits or similar animals. The structure housing

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 public meetings.



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## 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.

The Lowell Ledger printed the letter on its Viewpoint 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 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.

Virgil Biggs, an owner of Biggs, Hausserman, 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

facilities. This makes the utility similar to for-profit 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 from the accounting firm were present when those concerns were presented to the council.

Biggs said the complaint was based on lack of direct communication.

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

An accounting firm with experience auditing electric utilities is important to Lowell Light and Power. It is one 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 to confirm that our numbers are right," Richards said.

Vredevelde Haefner CPAs was hired earlier this month

to replace Biggs Hausserman in auditing Lowell Light and Power and Cable TV. The firm has only one utility company contract, but Vredevelde 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.

Vredevelde Haefner's experience auditing multiple utilities was within the last year.

Biggs said it is not the auditor's responsibility to help a utility compare itself to other similar enterprises.

"Statistical data is available to do those kinds of comparisons," he said.

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," Biggs said.

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 Education Foundation accepted its last proposals Monday for the current school year's grant cycle.

The Ed Foundation annually grants about \$20,000 to further educational opportunities within the school district. These include grants to teachers, proposals for which were due Monday. Last year, the foundation granted

\$6,000 to fund 15 projects throughout the district.

They included a writers' workshop at the high school, literacy programs, a groundwater simulation model at the Wittenbach-Wege Center, a student-run candy bouquet business and video-editing software for student-produced films. Aside from the teacher grants, the foundation bought a marimba for the band program last year.

The foundation is bringing back its "Bright

Ideas" grant program after a one-year hiatus. Bright Ideas grants come from students interested in funding special projects. "We've gotten some really cool grant ideas from the kids," foundation board chairperson Paula Blumm said.

In the past, Bright Ideas grants have sponsored a production of "Beowulf" and a leadership workshop on parliamentary procedure. Proposals for Bright Ideas grants are currently being accepted. The

foundation, in its 11th year, also accepts general grant proposals outside of its regular cycle. The marimba purchase is one such example.

This school year, the foundation's popular "Dinner With Friends" fundraiser will be held in February or March, rather than the usual

date in October. Organizers feel more homes would be able to participate in the event at the new time.

## LPD chases suspect through town

By Dan Schneider

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

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

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

Ormistan was seen crossing a railroad bridge and then heading along Water Street toward Burch Field at the Lowell Fairgrounds. Ormistan hid on the grounds for a short time while Hinton waited nearby in a squad car for backup.

By the time Ormistan again attempted to flee, police detective Steve Bukala and police chief Jim Valentine had arrived. They parked their unmarked

squad car at the Bowes Road entrance to Schneider Manor. Bukala sped toward the fairgrounds on foot.

On seeing Bukala, Ormistan ran south on Hudson Street, then headed west through a farm field south of Bowes Road.

After running through a few back yards, Ormistan gave himself up near 750 Bowes Road. Valentine placed him under arrest.

A total of six police officers, including three Kent County Sheriff's deputies, participated in the pursuit. The total duration of the chase was about 20 minutes.

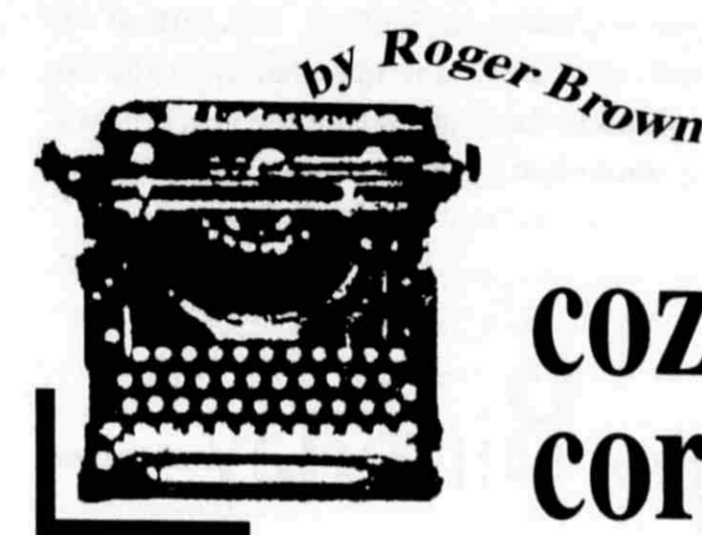
Ormistan was lodged in Kent County Jail following his arrest. There he was given a breathalyzer test, but police did not release the results.

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.

# Viewpoint



COZY CORNER

My Ledger typically arrives by mail on Mondays. This week was no exception. Thumbing through it last night I saw something that warmed my heart.

There on page 10, in a color photo, were three brand new Eagle Scouts. They were pictured with big grins on their faces and merit badge sashes across their chests. The new Eagle Scouts are Alex Fleet, Eric Mundt and Thomas Fleet. I'm guessing family members, friends and Scouting 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 that these fine young men are numbers 46, 47 and 48 Eagle Scouts to come out of the Lowell Troop. I have to believe that those numbers must rank Lowell near the top of Eagle Scout production for a single troop. Having churned out 48 Eagle Scouts is especially eye-popping if the size of our community is factored in.

Dirk Ritzema was seen in the photograph. I wish I knew Dirk's title with the troop and more about who's involved these days. I'd like to give all the volunteers a tip of the hat for their time and effort. One thing I do know is that I've owned the Ledger for 30 years, and Dirk Ritzema's name has been affiliated with Lowell Boy Scouting articles for most, if not all those years.

With that said, I'd like to give the old three-fingered Boy Scout salute to Alex, Eric and Thomas. Also, a big thank you goes out to their families, friends and especially to Dirk Ritzema and all the volunteers who make the Lowell Boy Scout Troop the wonderful asset it is to our community.

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

## 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 Stroh's 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 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. 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.

Another thing. Just because a Notre Dame player pushed one of the Michigan players in the back so as to prevent him 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.

Any way I feel so sorry for my husband. He was so upset over the way the Michigan players treat the Notre 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. The dog always goes across the street and poops on the 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.

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 to perform scouting tasks at stops along the way. It is very competitive and the scouts in my patrol weren't thrilled about having a Tenderfoot to drag around.

They did what they could with me in the short time before the event. I learned knots, first aid, the Scout Laws and Pledge, survival skills, etc. When the big event came, our patrol actually took first place over several troops in the competition.

The win earned us the right to go on to a regional competition. A few days prior to the event I contracted the mumps on both sides. I have a picture of me in this condition. I look pretty much like a Jack-o-lantern. Needless to say, I missed the event. I was crushed.

Scouting for me was mostly about fun. I lived for the meetings when we'd forego any organized activity and fall out into the alley for a huge game of "capture-the-flag." There were weekend camp-outs. We went to summer camp every year. And of course there was the Klondike Derby. It was fun stuff!

Unfortunately, Boy Scouting, like life, isn't all fun. To excel in Scouting you have to work, study and pass rigid tests to move on up in rank. Forget making rank ... I was too busy having fun.

It took me longer than most, but I did finally achieve "second class" status. If I remember correctly, a Scout couldn't earn merit badges until he made it to "first class." Then, by earning badges you moved on up through Star, Life and eventually Eagle. I think twenty-one merit badges are required for Eagle. As I said in the opening, that's a big deal!

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Treva Vorase, football widow

## Ledger Entries

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

By Priscilla Lussmyer



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 Broadway.

A party of seven ministers from Ohio enjoys some good fishing at the dam north of town.

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 for the electric light plant, or to connect with Consumers Power.

50 YEARS  
THE LOWELL LEDGER  
SEPTEMBER 27, 1956

New switch gear at the hydro plant eight miles north of Lowell will allow one man to replace two 12-hour, 7-day men.

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 Drive, behind the West Main stores, is almost ready.

25 YEARS  
THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER  
SEPTEMBER 23, 1931

Dolores Dey and Jody Fulkerson display the Arts 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 Christensen serves up a cone at the opening of Chris' Ice Cream Shop in the mall that used to be Christensen's store.

## Letters... We love to hear from you!

The Lowell Ledger - welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they not exceed 250 words and not be strictly thank you letters. "Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or emailed to: ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com. Letters must be signed and please include a phone number. Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy. The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.





### On The Wild Side

With Ranger Steve Wittenbach/Wege Center Director

#### 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.

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?

## 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 new buses 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 more light to the interior. The new buses have more headroom inside, while retaining rounded-over roofs for roll-over protection. The Saf-T-Liner C2's side-paneling extends closer to the ground than the bodywork on older buses, making it more difficult for children to get underneath the bus.

Bus drivers enjoy the new rigs, which are built on a Freightliner chassis.

"They ride really nice and they turn on a dime," said driver Tracy Dean. She put in her bid for one of the C2 routes, Friday.

LAS purchased the



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 has a different look compared to an older counterpart, pictured to its left.

buses to replace the three oldest in its 41-bus fleet. They were 1992 and 1993 models. The old buses had suffered from extensive rust damage. Mikulski said it would cost \$20,000 to repair the three.

"We decided do we spend \$20,000 on a bus that was 13 years old or do we invest in some new stock, which we were going to have to do, anyway," Mikulski said.

Each Saf-T-Liner C2 cost \$62,000, a savings of about \$8,000 per bus off the usual price. Mikulski

said the district was able to get the lower price because the dealership had a large number in stock. There were 25 buses on the dealer lot, Mikulski said, because the manufacturer was eager to get them out on the road for product exposure.

Mikulski expects other bus manufacturers to follow Thomas's lead in terms of adding safety.

"I believe that at some point in the future, all

of those features will be incorporated in every bus," he said.

The C2, he said, and those with the same features likely forthcoming from other manufacturers, are the buses of the future for Lowell Area Schools.

"This is the bus that we will be purchasing from this point on because of the safety features," Mikulski said.

## 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, 3.4.8.1, 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

### CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

#### 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



### BOWNE TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

#### REGULAR BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 21, 2006

Motions approved:

Minutes of August meeting.  
List of Invoices presented.

- Purchase of Cemetery signs.
- Disposal of outdated QVF computer.
- Disposal of unused ballots.

Copies of entire minutes available at the website [bownetwp.cc](http://bownetwp.cc).

Sandra L. Kowalczyk  
Bowne Township Clerk

## Local animals head to livestock expo

Tumbleweed Holsteins of Lowell has entered five head of Holstein and Jersey in the 33rd annual North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE).

The NAILE is recognized as the world's largest purebred livestock show with more than 21,000 entries and nearly \$700,000 in prizes and awards. The event will be held at the

Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville Nov. 4-17.

Purebred farms from nearly every state and Canada bring livestock to compete in one of nine expo divisions: dairy cattle, dairy goats, Boer goats, beef cattle, quarter horses, draft horses, sheep, swine and llamas. Tumbleweed Holsteins has entered the dairy cattle division.

Besides breed association events there are numerous youth events that are an important part of the livestock industry's traditions.

For more information on the Expo go to the web site [www.livestockexpo.org](http://www.livestockexpo.org).

REMEMBER OUR DEADLINE IS FRIDAY AT 4 P.M.  
Lowell Ledger  
105 N. Broadway

### ESTATE SALE

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, LPs/45s, appliances, ash trays.

GREAT DEALS!

#### SEE MORE'S CORNER

(Reading time: About 2 minutes and 19 seconds!  
How long did it take you?)



Well, the response to the Harvest 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 Day*

Some guesses are that we'll have 20,000 people (or more!) in town for the Harvest Celebration and the 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 proud of where we live.

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## Fall festival, continued ... From Page 1

West Central Michigan Historical Society and the Rockford Historical Society. The historical setting at Fallasburg creates a backdrop for the festival. Part of the festival is stamp cancellation at the once active Fallasburg Village Post Office. Spanning the Flat River between Fallasburg Park and the historic Fallasburg Village is the 125-year-old covered bridge.

"This unique festival offers the ambiance of fall with decorations of dried flowers, cornhusks, hay bales and pumpkins," said Smalligan.

Marketing director Steve Samson said the festival is a nice kick-off to the fall.

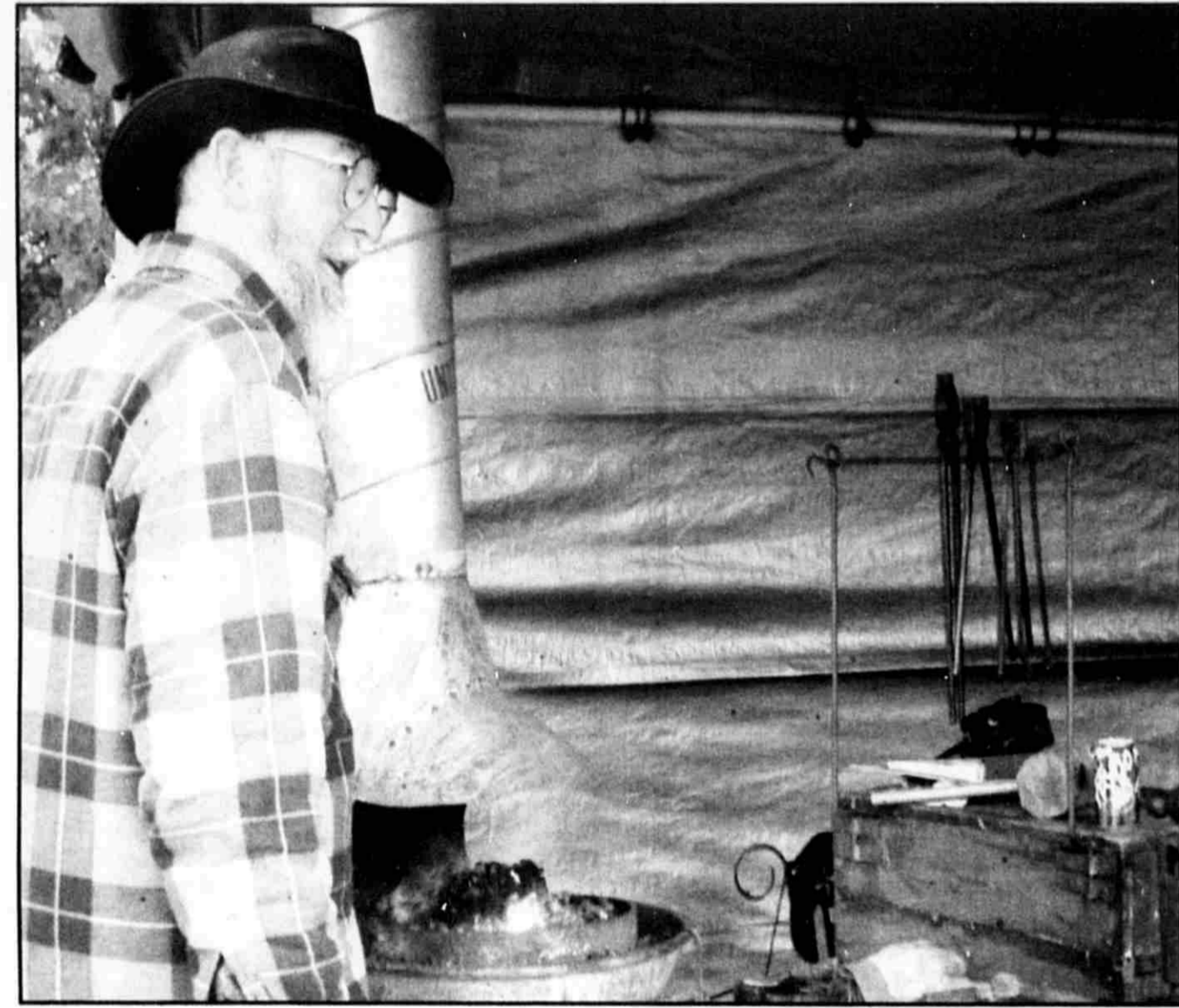
Other demonstrations included rug hooking, origami, quilting, basketry, woodcarving, canning, rustic wood furniture, leatherwork, spinning and weaving.

was the juried artwork for sale. Booths included jewelry, pottery, glasswork, herbal products, sculptures, ceramics and photography.

And the garage sales in the immediate area of the park were abundant. Area bands provided a variety of music. The Thebes Players presented excerpts from "Alice in Wonderland."

"It's always a success," said Allchin.

A big part of the festival



George Blair was on hand for demonstrations of blacksmithing.



Children and adults enjoyed many food booths and entertainment.

## Donated bikes to be raffled



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.

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## 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.



## Featured Artist Carl Safranski

By Dan Schneider

Artist Carl Safranski is into realism.

A number of the Belmont artist's acrylic paintings currently on display at the Huntington Galleria resemble photographs ... even from fairly close range.

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

Many of his paintings are of natural and country scenes, both from Michigan and as far away as Ireland. His painting "Rustic Barn"

is of a barn located near Lowell. 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, and I picked up a pencil," Safranski said.

While drawing cartoon characters, he got hooked on art. He took a drawing class



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

For many years, he was 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.

Many of Safranski's paintings have animals in them.

"I like to put in a lot of 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.

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

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# Security company moving national headquarters to Lowell

By Dan Schneider

Lowell will soon be home to the national headquarters of Corporate Security Solutions (CSS). The new building will be located near the

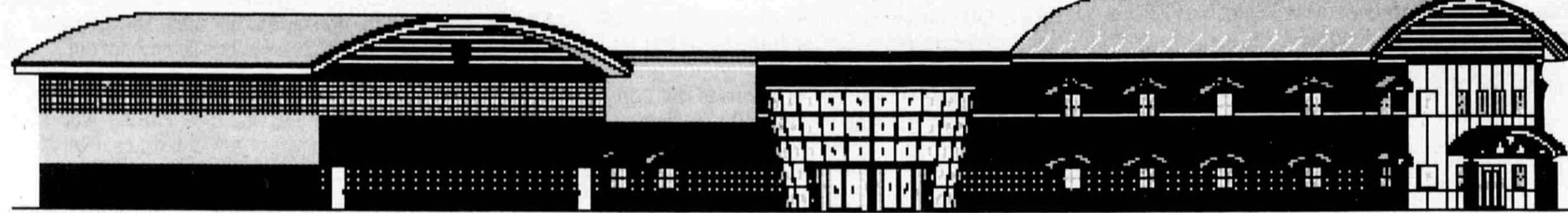
bare minimum, double in size over the next year." The company recently opened branch offices in Florida and Texas. CSS opened a branch in Louisiana shortly after Hurricane Katrina.

Shaffer said. "We've gone to markets that have stronger economies than the current economic landscape in Michigan to get our growth." Shaffer and business partner Christopher Frain

will relocate to that area. We consider it a booming area." Shaffer said between 35 and 50 employees will work at the new corporate headquarters in Lowell. That includes a number of employees who will relocate

workplace. Their facility will include amenities such as a swimming pool and workout facility. The 30,000 square foot building will be large enough to accommodate continued growth, Shaffer

Andrus Architecture in Rockford is designing the building. Architect Robert Andrus said it will stand out from its surroundings. "It's a very contemporary building," he said. Shaffer said the plans



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

corner of Lincoln Lake Ave. and Vergennes St. CSS, which provides both security officers and security consulting for its corporate clients, has been experiencing rapid growth. "We tripled in size since a year ago," CSS co-owner Andy Shaffer said. "We're on pace to probably, at a

"We're actually in the process of opening an office in New York and doing some business overseas in the Middle East," Shaffer said. It's that pursuit of new markets that has allowed the company to grow so robustly, he added. "We're very aggres-

chosed to build the new headquarters in Michigan despite the state's sluggish economy. Shaffer said they chose Lowell because "we like the idea of being a little bit away from the hustle and bustle of the city." "And my business partner and I both live in

here from various CSS branch offices. "They are interested in living in a suburban environment, so that was part of the draw (to Lowell)," Shaffer said. "It's a great place to raise a family." CSS plans to offer its employees a modern

said. At the beginning, CSS plans to use only half of the available office space, about 6,000 square feet. "Half of the building, the office part of the building, we plan to at first be lease space so we can eventually grow into it," Shaffer said.

will go out for quotes over the next few weeks. "As soon as those come back, we'll--as soon as possible--start the construction," he said. Shaffer and Frain have owned Corporate Security Solutions since 1992.

# Hunter education helps youngsters learn the rules of firearm safety

When the new law lowering the minimum age for hunting went into effect in mid-July, Sgt. Kevin Davis' phone started ringing -- and it hasn't stopped. Sgt. Davis is the field coordinator for the hunter education section in the Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division.

Hunter education has been mandatory for all first-time hunters born after Jan. 1, 1960, and although kids of any age could have attended hunter education classes in the past, Davis said hunter education was "something you did when you turned 12."

monitored by a licensed hunter 21 and older who is mentoring them in the sport. "Experience in other states with young hunters shows that the presence of a responsible, attentive adult is a major safety factor," said DNR director Rebecca Humphries. "These new laws let parents determine whether or not their children are ready to hunt. Parents are heavily involved with their children's hunting experience will provide for a safe, responsible hunting experience."

between more than 2,000 volunteer instructors and the DNR. The volunteers are directed and supported in their efforts by local DNR conservation officers. Hunter education courses are offered year-round throughout the state though the majority occurs during August, September and October. The typical course consists of two sessions with a total class time of 10 to 12 hours. Students also can use the Internet to complete a part of their hunter education course. The online course can be found on the DNR's hunter education Web page at [www.michigan.gov.dnr](http://www.michigan.gov.dnr).

Hunter education courses teach new hunters responsibility, ethics, firearm safety, wildlife conservation and wildlife identification, game care, survival and first aid. In Michigan, hunting contributes to wildlife management and conservation, provides a positive family experience and increased recreational opportunity, and is good for the economy. If our young people can learn to be responsible hunters, negative public attitudes toward hunting that grew from past mistakes may change and private

lands now open to hunting may remain open. It is the careful and courteous hunter who is helping preserve our hunting heritage for future generations. Michigan's hunting incident rate is currently one-half the national rate. To locate an upcoming hunter education class in your area, visit [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr) and click on Recreational Safety Classes in the "Quick Links" box. Classes usually are free, but nominal fees may be charged to cover the instructor's out-of-pocket expenses.

"About half the calls were from parents wanting to know where their kids could sign up for a hunter safety course, and the other half were from our volunteer instructors who were calling to tell him registrations for their classes were up," Davis said.

"This year, we may see the normal 30,000 or so 12-year-olds," Davis said, "plus even more numbers of 10- and 11-year-olds." The new law lowered the age for hunting deer, bear and elk with a firearm on private land from age 14 to 12, and lowered the age of hunting other game from 12 to 10.

In fact, according to the International Hunter Education Association, young hunters, when accompanied by responsible adults or mentors, who have been a part of the youngster's education, are some of the safest individuals afield. In Michigan, hunter education is made possible through a unique partnership

deaths and injuries. The safety message for motorists is "Don't Veer for Deer!" "Statistics show that most motorist deaths and injuries occur when drivers swerve to avoid hitting the deer and strike a fixed object, such as a tree or another vehicle," said coalition chairman Jack Peet of AAA Michigan. "No one wants to see a deer destroyed, but striking the animal is often the safest action." In 2005, Michigan experienced a reduction in the number of total car-deer crashes, which are at their lowest level since 1995. According to the Michigan State Police Criminal Justice Information Center, there were 58,741 deer-vehicle crashes in 2005, down from the 62,707 crashes reported in 2004. However, officials

In Michigan, more than 30,000 people take the hunter education classes every year, learning safe handling of firearms and archery equipment, basics of wildlife management and hunter ethics during the two-day program.

Another law, which took effect at the same time, established a hunter apprentice program that allows apprentice hunters to hunt without the required hunter education course if accompanied and closely

through a unique partnership

# October is Michigan Car-Deer Crash Safety Awareness Month

October and November are two of the most dangerous months in Michigan, especially for the state's 1.75 million white-tailed deer and the motorists who crash into them each year. Car-deer crashes in Michigan cause at least \$130 million in damage annually, with an average of \$2,000 per vehicle. Recognizing this fact, Gov. Jennifer Granholm has proclaimed October as "Michigan Car-Deer Crash Safety Awareness Month."

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note that many crashes also go unreported, so actual crash numbers are much higher. In 2005, Kent County once again topped the state's counties in the number of vehicle-deer crashes with 2,169. Last year, nine motorists were killed and 1,700 were injured as the result of a car-deer crash, compared to three killed and 1,647 injured the previous year. Nearly half of all collisions with deer crashes occur in the October-to-December mating season when deer are very active; crashes spike again in spring when the season's first grass appears along highway rights-of-way.

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# RED ARROW SPORTS



# Early Red Arrow lead proves too much for FHN

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell girls basketball team beat Forest Hills Northern 49-33 at home last Thursday. Lowell jumped out to an 11-4 lead to start the game. The Arrows were up 13-6 after the first quarter.

Lowell got a strong performance out of post players' Amanda Geelhoed and Lindsay Trierweiler. "Amanda Geelhoed led us in the Northern game with 13 and Trierweiler had seven, so between them, they had 20 points," Crowley said.

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

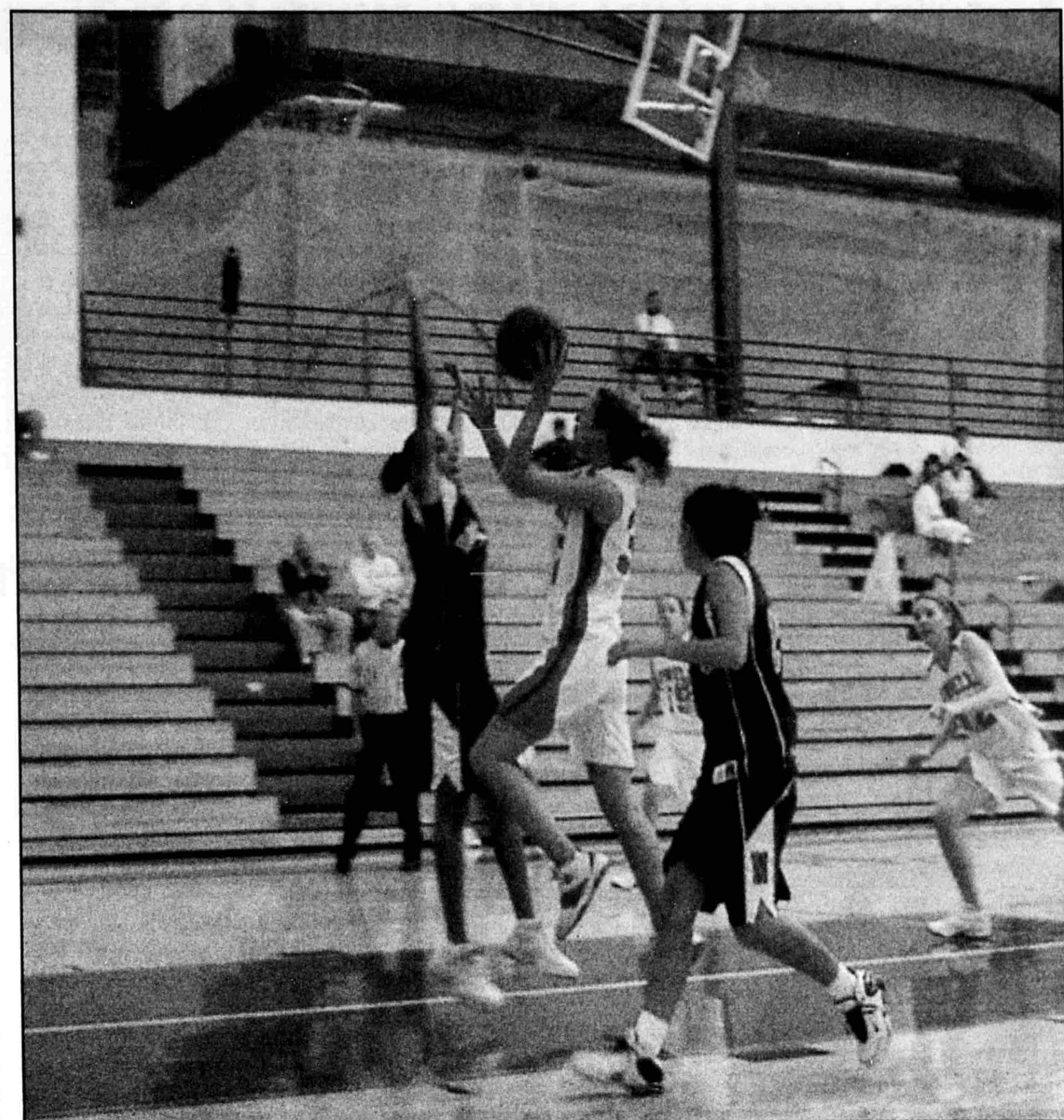
Chelsea Harrison added nine points for Lowell and Kelsey Crowley scored eight.

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

The Arrows have a pair of tough conference opponents on this week's schedule. Lowell played at Forest Hills Central, Tuesday. The Rangers have beaten East Grand Rapids this season, which beat Lowell when the teams met earlier in the year. Central's only loss going into Tuesday's game was to Northview. The Wildcats will be Lowell's opponent Thursday at home.

"It was just a matter of us adjusting and making the correct changes at halftime to play how we can play," Lowell coach Dee Crowley said. "We were up by 19 points after the third and just finished it off after that."

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Lowell's Kelsey Crowley went up for a layup during last Thursday's game against Forest Hills Northern.

# Lowell enjoys solid conference wins at Deer Run & Watermark

By Dan Schneider

Edging conference-leading Forest Hills Central and winning convincingly over Forest Hills Northern, the Lowell boys golf team made a statement in the OK White last week.

Lowell hosted the Huskies at Deer Run Golf Club and won by a score of 160-176. Top scorers for Lowell were Eric Mundt, who shot

a 37 on nine holes, Alan Messing (39), Rich Porter (40) and Brian Scheider (44). On Thursday, the Arrows upended Forest Hills Central at Watermark Golf Club, 171-174. It was far from Lowell's best score of the season, but it was enough to give the Rangers their first conference loss.

"That was a really big win," Lowell coach Gary Fredline said. "They were undefeated in the conference and they had been state-ranked." Top scorers were Pete Scudder (42), Porter (43), Messing (43) and Lance Perkins (43). "These guys are tough dual-meet competitors. Nobody's going to come in and bull us over," Fredline said. The wins give Lowell,

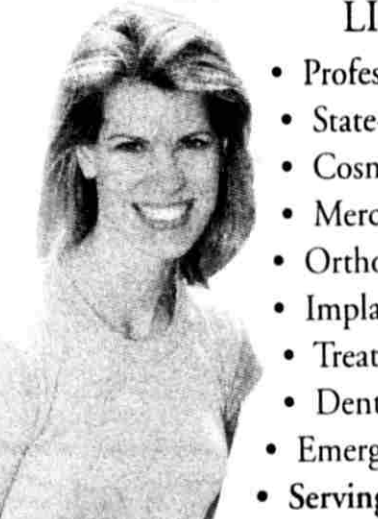
Lowell hosted they travel to Kenowa Hills Northview on Monday; Wednesday. "We can at least put some pressure on some people who didn't think they were going to have much," Fredline said.

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## Cross country runs first Bob Perry Invitational

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell Invitational cross country race has a new name.

This year, cross country teams from 31 schools in three divisions ran in the Bob Perry Invitational. The event was renamed in honor of the late Bob "Mr. Red Arrow" Perry. From the time he began coaching cross country in the mid-1950s, while he was also a

biology teacher at Lowell High School, until he died in July of last year, Perry was dedicated to cross country.

"He took a real interest in his kids and I enjoyed him as a coach," said Bob Carigon, who ran on one of Perry's first cross country teams at Lowell in the mid-1950s.

Carigon went on to coach cross country for 30 years, during which time he

remembers Perry at the races wearing a red and yellow jacket. For many years, Perry was a cross country and track official.

"He was our starter. I always remember him being very caring to the athletes, to the runners," Lowell cross country coach Clay VanderWarf said. "I think it's a great tribute for him to have this invitational named after him."

On many occasions, Perry was the starter for the cross country race that now bears his name.

On Saturday, the Lowell boys team finished seventh out of 10 teams in the division 1 race. Keaton Dilly was the top runner for the Red Arrows. He placed eighth in a time of 17:36.

Andy Mark placed 28th in 18:13 followed by Kirk Geldersma (31st, 18:22),

Cory Fitzpatrick (45th, 18:45), Kyle Ingebretson (46th, 18:47), Cameron Dilly (51st, 18:52) and Justin Boss (54th, 19:04).

Rockford won the division 1 boys race with a team score of 47. Lowell's team score was 158.

The Lowell girls team finished 10th in the division 1 girls race. Karen Judd led the way for Lowell, finishing 33rd in 21:29. Monica

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, 27:36).

Lowell's next meet is Wednesday when the Red Arrows host Forest Hills Northern. They travel to the Carson City-Crystal Invitational on Saturday.

## Lowell all over the court in tennis wins and losses

By Dan Schneider

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



The Red Arrows started the week off last Monday at Middleville-Thornapple Kellogg. They swept all the singles and doubles flights for an 8-0 win over the Trojans.

On Wednesday hosting Forest Hills Northern, it was the opposite story as the Huskies came away

with an 8-0 victory. The most competitive flight was third doubles, which Leara Glinzak and Caitlin Baker lost 7-5, 6-1.

Lowell's singles players have typically done well this season, but they struggled against Northern's lineup. The Huskies won all their sets by 6-0 scores.

"We have a decent singles lineup," Lowell coach Bonnie Wall said. "They were just that much better, unfortunately."

Last Thursday at Greenville, the Arrows got help from a few players up

from the junior varsity team in a 6-2 win. It was a nail-biter for Lowell in the early going, as the Red Arrows lost first sets in four different flights they went on to win.

At first singles, Lowell's Tanya Baker defeated Brittany LaFollette 7-6(4), 6-2.

Melissa Zuiderveen, who usually plays third-flight singles, fell 7-5 to Ashleigh Deane in her first set of second-flight singles. But she won the next two sets, 6-2, 6-3 to get the victory for Lowell.

In third singles, Lowell's

Lauren Heemstra recovered from a 6-1 first-set loss to defeat Katie Saladin 1-6, 7-5, 6-2.

Ellen Mork came up from junior varsity to play fourth singles for Lowell. She fell 6-1, 6-4 to Greenville's Melissa Cole.

In first-flight doubles, Lowell's Lindsay Aiken and Terrah Tawney recovered from a 6-4 first-set loss to beat Shelby Deane and Ashley Kassuba 4-6, 6-4, 6-2. In second doubles, Greenville's Maggie Kronlein and Sarah Souders

defeated Erin Brechbiel and Megan Willemstein 6-1, 6-4.

In third doubles, Lowell's Glinzak and Baker came back to beat Kayla Peterson and Ashley Wiborn 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

In fourth doubles, Lowell's Kelli Kowalski and Patty Lawrence, who was up from junior varsity, shut out Missy Sotphen and Candi Attena 6-0, 6-0.

Lowell traveled to Forest Hills Central on Monday. Their next match is Wednesday at Northview.

## Lowell equestrians move up to regional competition

Submitted by Mary Slatten

Under menacing clouds and rain on Saturday, Lowell's equestrian team won the Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association (MIHA) District 5 Competition.

The final two-person relay event was stopped due to a county-wide tornado warning.

Fortunately, everyone loaded up their horses and cleared out safely. When the final points of the third meet were tallied up, Lowell's equestrian team came out on top as the overall champion.

The A-team totaled 673 points (51 points ahead of their closest rival Cedar Springs). The B-team came in sixth overall with

165 points. The C-team accumulated 356 points (78 points ahead of Kent City).

The A and C teams will test their riding skills again this weekend at the regional competitions in Ludington. Lowell District 5 winners will compete against other winning teams from districts 8, 9 and 18, which include schools from Big Rapids, Cadillac, Newaygo, Manistee, Traverse City, Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Alpena, to name a few.

From the A-team, Cara Wilcox earned first-place points in Hunt Seat Equitation and Trail. April Wolf raced to first place again in Clover Leaf (17,880 seconds), and in Keyhole (10,129 seconds). Jess Bouman attained high points in Hunt Seat Bareback, Hunt Seat Showmanship and Reining.

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

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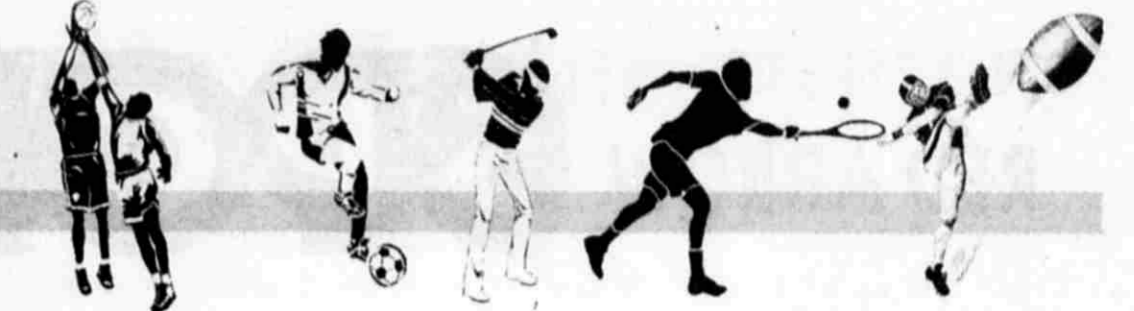
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# RED ARROW SPORTS



## Soccer bests Forest Hills Northern 3-2 in overtime

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 said.

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 of the goal from about 20 yards out.

"Ian's had two goals in the last two games and both the same shot, just lasers," Legge said.

At the 5:02 mark in overtime, Ryan Padgett drove home a rebound goal, from about five yards out.

It was a close game through regulation. Each team had at least one shot off the crossbar.

Forest Hills Northern coach Jamie Bogart said Lowell caught the Huskies 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.

"Being in first place in the league, we got a target on our back," Bogart said. "Lowell came out hungry and they wanted it more."

Legge attributed the win to the Arrows' resiliency, answering each time Northern scored.

"Tonight, for the first time, we were able to stop the flow when the momentum went against us. We were able to lock down," Legge said.

Last Tuesday, the Arrows suffered a tough loss at Muskegon Reeths Puffer. Lowell led 3-2 with about

20 minutes remaining in the game, but allowed a string of goals that put the Rockets up 6-3 at the end of the game. Lowell was 2-1 in the OK White after last Thursday's win, and 2-6 overall.

The Arrows traveled to Forest Hills Central on Tuesday. Their next game is Thursday at home against Northview.

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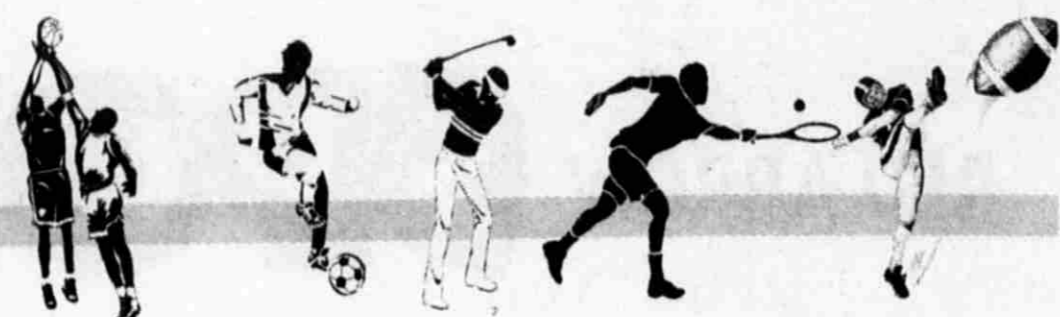
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# RED ARROW SPORTS



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

By Dan Schneider  
Lowell football romped to a 49-0 victory at Muskegon Reeths Puffer, Friday. Rain did little to slow

down the Red Arrow passing attack. Quarterback Keith Nichol completed 16 of 23 passes for 213 yards and four touchdowns. The first of three touchdowns in the first quarter was a 24-yard pass to Mike McElroy. After a one-yard touchdown run by Nichol and another pass to McElroy in the end zone, this one from nine yards out, Lowell led 21-0 after one quarter of play.

The Arrows had two more passing touchdowns in the second quarter. The first was an eight-yarder from Nichol to Justin Harden. Nichol completed a four-yard pass to Kory Stevens to make the score 35-0 and give Lowell a running clock after halftime.

In the third quarter, Lowell got a 59-yard touchdown run from Nichol and a 19-yard run for a touchdown from Torsten Boss. Chris Barlow hit all of his extra point attempts. There was no scoring in the fourth quarter.

The Lowell defense made yards hard to come by for the Rockets. Reeths Puffer was limited to 56 yards on the ground and 10 yards passing. Kameron Blake led the Arrows' defense with eight tackles.

Lowell's rushing total was 353 yards. Bill Watikunas was the biggest contributor to that number with 125 yards on eight carries. Nichol rushed 6 times for 110 yards. He threw one interception in the game.

It was a strong performance from Lowell's offensive and defensive lines, Lowell coach Noel Dean said.

"They had a good night, they both played really well," Dean said. With Lowell out to a 35-0 lead at halftime, it was also an opportunity for second-string players to get some playing experience for next year. "They were in there a long time so that was good," Dean said.

He said Lowell's experienced players have offered leadership that sets the tone for games this season.

"I think our kids come out with lots of focus and excitement to play each game and it's a definite advantage," Dean said.

Lowell's next game, Friday, is the homecoming game at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium. Lowell hosts Forest Hills Northern at 7:30 p.m.

### TOWNSHIP OF GRATAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

#### NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATAN OF THE LAST DAY OF VOTER REGISTRATION FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2006 SPECIAL ELECTION

Any qualified 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.

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

Tuesday, October 10, 2006

The Ballot Proposition to be considered at 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.

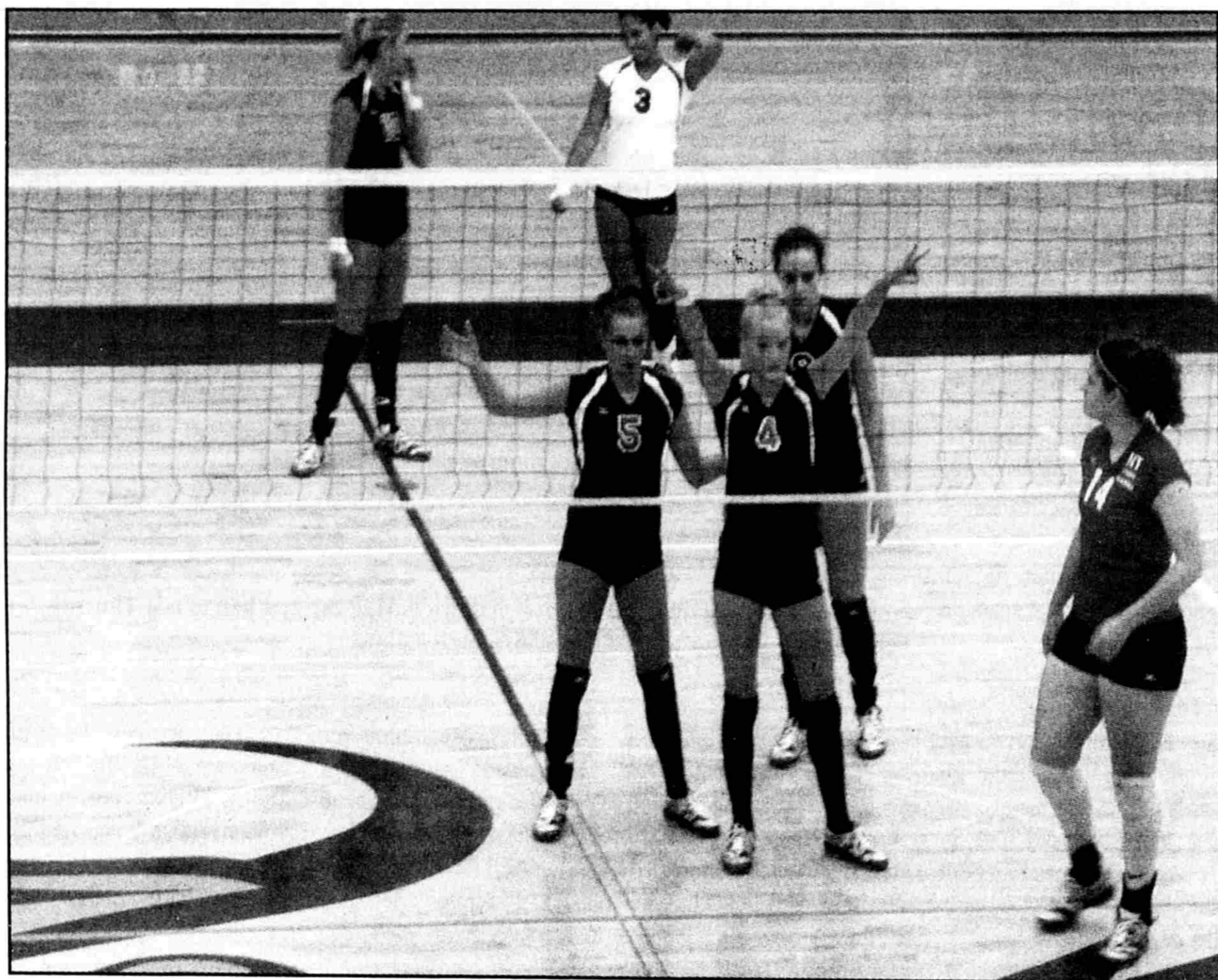
YES \_\_\_\_\_  
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The Township Clerk shall be at the Clerk's office located at the Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, on Tuesday, October 10, 2006, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to receive voter registrations.

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

## 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

Keeping school sports in their proper perspective and serving students have long been primary functions of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, and with the assistance of its newest corporate partner, AT&T, schools will be rewarded for their efforts to keep educational athletics educational and students will become more involved in the administration of these after-school activities than ever before.

AT&T's partnership with the MHSAA creates a new award which will honor four schools annually for their work in promoting the proper role of school sports. The Scope Award will honor one school in each enrollment class (A-B-C-D) with a \$2,500 cash award for doing the best job in promoting a sensible scope for educational athletics in their buildings and communities.

AT&T will also sponsor the MHSAA's new Student Advisory Council, a 16-member group which will provide feedback on issues impacting educational athletics from a student's perspective, and also be involved in the operation of Association championship events and other programming.

Members of the Student Advisory Council (SAC) will serve for two years, beginning as juniors. Eight new members will be selected annually to the SAC, with nominations made by MHSAA member schools.

The Student Advisory Council will meet four times each school year. In addition to assisting in the promotion of the educational value of interscholastic athletics, the council will discuss issues dealing with the 4 S's of educational athletics: scholarship, sportsmanship, safety (including health and nutrition), and the sensible scope of athletic programs.

There will also be a fifth S discussed by the group -- student leadership. AT&T will cover all of the expenses of the SAC, including the travel costs of member student-athletes to meetings and MHSAA tournaments. In addition, MHSAA, con't., pg. 21

AT&T will make a \$1,000 donation to the athletic department of each school which is represented on the Student Advisory Council, which may be spent as each department sees fit. "Athletic programs are important in our Michigan schools and AT&T is proud to support this educational initiative," said Randy Feger vice president and general manager of AT&T Michigan. "We hope this program empowers student-athletes with the tools they need to be effective leaders in their sport and their school."

## 2006 fall season preview includes new laws for hunters

If the weather cooperates, hunting seasons should be productive throughout Michigan this fall. That's the word from wildlife biologists with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Two new laws are in 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 age for hunting small game from 12 to 10 years old, and lowers the age for hunting deer, bear and elk with a firearm on private land only from age 14 to 12. Under the new law, other than on land where their parent or guardian lives, youth hunters must be supervised in the field by a licensed adult hunter who must maintain unaided visual and verbal contact with the younger hunter at all times.

The apprentice hunter program allows individuals to hunt without the required hunter education course if accompanied and closely monitored by a licensed hunter 21 and older who is mentoring them in the sport. An apprentice hunter may participate in the program for two years before being required to take a hunter safety course.

These new laws now let parents determine whether or not their children are ready to hunt. The apprentice program also gives adults who have not hunted before a chance to be mentored by an experienced hunter, so they can try the sport first before making a substantial commitment.

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

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

Outlook: The ruffed grouse population is most likely in the beginning of an upward slope of the population cycle. Hunters should note that increased or decreased abundance of birds at a regional scale does not ensure the same trend locally. Areas of good habitat will continue to provide the best grouse hunting opportunities. Grouse are most abundant in the Upper Peninsula, followed by the northern and southern Lower Peninsula. Young, dense aspen stands with an understory of fruit bearing shrubs provide some of the best habitat for ruffed grouse.

Woodcock Season: Sept. 23-Nov. 6. The bag limit will be three woodcock per day/six in possession.

Outlook: Woodcock hunters may expect a season similar to last year. Although good numbers of grouse and woodcock can be found in all parts of Michigan, the highest densities are located in the northern two-thirds of the state. The west end of the Upper Peninsula should have good numbers of birds during the early season. The best spots may be in thicker, younger cover along streams

and the edges of swampland. During mid-October, migrating woodcock may be found in Alpena, Montmorency, Otsego and Roscommon counties. Woodcock are a migratory game bird, so hunters are reminded to have the Harvest Information Program (HIP) endorsement printed on their small game license. See the 2006 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for details.

Pheasants Season: Oct. 10-31 in the Upper Peninsula. The Lower Peninsula runs from Oct. 20-Nov. 14. The bag limit is two male pheasants per day/four in possession. The late pheasant season in part of Zone 3 will be open from Dec. 1-Jan. 1 with a bag

limit of two male pheasants/four in possession.

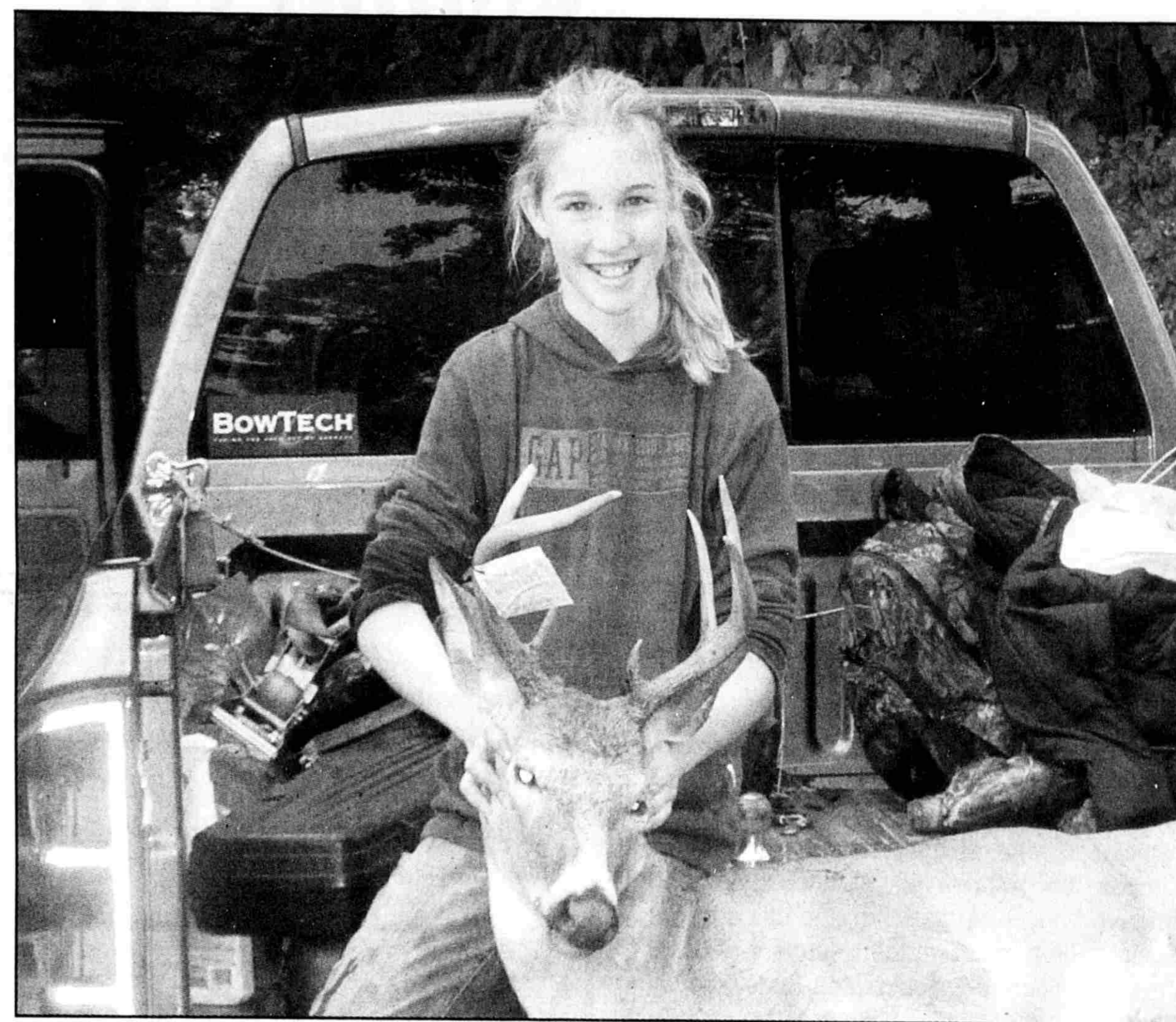
Outlook: The pheasant population is expected to be similar to last year. Birds came through the winter in good shape due to mild winter conditions. Some of the best pheasant habitat is located on private lands. Hunters are encouraged to contact private landowners prior to the fall hunting season to gain access to these areas. Idle fields and warm season grasses adjacent to agriculture lands are prime areas to look for pheasants. Late season hunters should concentrate their efforts in cattail and shrub wetlands near picked corn and bean fields.

Quail Season: Oct. 20-Nov. 14. Quail can be hunted only in certain counties; in the immediate area are Ionia, Kent and Montcalm. The bag limit is five per day/10 in possession.

Outlook: Although patchy in distribution and abundance, quail can be found throughout southern Michigan. Expect to find an improved quail population from last year due to mild winter conditions, lack of severe ice storms and improved spring nesting conditions.

Wild Turkey Season: Oct. 2-Nov. 14 in 11 hunt units in portions of the Lower Peninsula and three hunt units in the Upper Peninsula.

Some units will be open for fall turkey hunting only on private lands. The bag limit is one bird (either sex). Outlook: Turkey numbers should be excellent in areas open for fall hunting. Mild winter weather resulted in good survival and spring nesting conditions, and should produce a good crop of young birds. Over 30,000 leftover fall turkey licenses are available to people who did not participate in the lottery drawing. Interested turkey hunters may purchase these licenses over the counter until the quota is met. Visit the DNR Web site at [www.michigan.dnr](http://www.michigan.dnr) for more information.



## Young hunter gets first deer

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.

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## Car-deer safety, continued

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"Deer are often seen 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 Natural Resources Wildlife 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.

Steer your vehicle well off the roadway.

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

- Watch for deer especially 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.
- Deer often travel single 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 deer-crossing 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?"

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

## Business Matters



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Dr. Meier is the hottest doctor in Lowell.

DeVos is the one that has put Amway in the middle of his campaign with his commercials about how great Amway is! "Gotta problem with that?"

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

Lowell community - Get out and vote when you attend the Friday night football game. Floats from each class will be on display outside the stadium. Vote with donations for your favorite and the float with the most donations will be the winner.

- Nick Blough

Several weeks ago 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 speeding.

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

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!

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(No Farm Market Fair Week)

For more information call

616-897-6050 or 616-292-9786

# CLASSIFIEDS

## FOR SALE FOR SALE FOR SALE FOR RENT SALES SERVICES

**TORO WHEEL HORSE RIDING TRACTOR** - 12hp, 38" cut, mower plus trailer, \$450. Call 987-9016.

**MATTRESSES** - Back to school mattress "Sale" All sizes. All new. Large selection. "Good sleep improves grades." Call 616-682-4767 or 616-293-5188. Can deliver.

**GOLF BALLS FOR SALE** - Previously experienced all in perfect condition - Titleist & Precept, \$6 per doz.; Pinnacle & Nike, \$5 per doz.; Top-Flite, \$4 per doz. or 3 doz. for \$10. Many other brands also. Call 897-1355.

**HAPPY JACKSKIN BALM** - treats "hot spots". Stop scratching & gnawing with-out steroids on dogs & cats. **TSC Stores** 987-9338. www.e-stitch.com.

**BED A VISCO TEMPUR-PEDIC** - style mattress set. Total support, relieves back pain. 20-year warranty. Store price \$1899, will sell \$899. Never used. 616-682-4767 or 616-293-5188. Can deliver.

**SPECIAL ON POTTED TREES** - 4 ft. Spruce, \$20. Call 616-761-7580.

**AIR BED** - Selecta comfort firmness for each of you. Harmony 5000 pillowtop set. Dual chambers. Digital number remote. Never used. Mall price \$1799, sell \$1099. 616-682-4767 or 616-293-5188.

**MATTRESSES / BOX SPRINGS** - Brand new, \$69/set. Twin, full, queen, delivery available. Dennis Distributing, 989-224-4822.

**CITY OF LOWELL** - 514 N. Monroe. Charming Cape Cod with three possibly four bedrooms, two remodeled bathrooms, exposed wood floors on first level, new carpet on second level, stainless steel appliances, inground pool. To view more call 616-460-4085.

**2003 FORD EXPLORER SPORT UTILITY 4D - V6**, 4.0L flex fuel, automatic, 4WD, 45,000 miles, XLS, air, power steering, windows, doors, tilt & cruise. AM/FM/Cass/CD, dual air bags, ABS (4-wheel), roof rack, privacy glass. Excellent condition & mechanical. All service records. Asking \$14,500. Call after 5 p.m. or weekends. 616-691-7944 or 691-8867.

**YAMAHA FLUTE** - Model #YF1221 (Student Level). Retail \$700; paid \$570; sell for \$400. Call 897-0788.

**FOR SALE** - 2 china cabinets, glass fronted, one is antique. If interested phone 204-1897.

**BED & MATTRESS SET** - Queen pillowtop (new, in plastic), never used, comes with warranty, \$125. Call 517-719-8062.

**RABBIT CAGES** - new & used, inside & outside; baby bunnies & pigeons. 616-691-6619.

**SEALY SIMMONS, SERTA BEDDING** - Blemished, still wrapped, mismatched. Save 70% off sticker. Dennis Distributing, 989-224-4822.

**TRAVEL TRAILER** - 1976, 22 ft. Coachman, good condition, full bath, furnace, water heater, AC & full kitchen, all works, \$2,600 obo; pine table w/ceramic tile top, 6 chairs, matching hutch & sm. pie cabinet, \$495. Call 676-9712.

**HOT TUB** - Great Lakes, cover & lift, chemicals, maintenance free exterior & steps, fully insulated, excellent condition, \$1,200. Call 616-485-7975.

**REAL WOOD ENTERTAINMENT CENTERS** - 6 only. Less than 3 mos. old. Freight returns. Oak, Mahogany. From \$98. Dennis Distributing, 989-224-4822.

**DACHSHUND PUPPIES** - Ready to move into a good home. Hand raised locally. Call 897-5676. Adorable!

**FOR SALE** - Hunter green microfiber 3 piece living room set. Couch, dual recliner/love seat & king size chair, \$1,000. Call 868-7463.

**WOODED ACREAGE!** Nice 6.7 acre build site! Located off Pinckney Rd. Saranac Schools. West Michigan Real Estate, 897-0530.

**BUNK BEDS** - Back to school special! From \$99. All wood. Dennis Distributing, 989-224-4822.

**IONIA BRAND NEW CONDOS** - in the perfect location for the Lansing/Grand Rapids commuter! This is maintenance free living at its finest! Austin Pines Condos (M-66, N of Tuttle Rd). OPEN WEEKLY: Sunday 1-3pm, Monday 4-7pm & Wednesday 3-6pm. Prices from \$159,900! Call today to ask about our FREE CAR PROMOTION! West Michigan Real Estate 616-901-2668.

**APPLIANCES** - refrigerators, stoves, washers & dryers. Reconditioned & warranted from \$69. Delivery available. Dennis Distributing, 315 N. Lansing, St. Johns, 989-224-4822.

**FOR SALE** - Freezer chest, 5.1 cu. ft., \$50. In excellent condition. 897-4929.

**BEDS \* BEDS \* BEDS** - Year end closeout "Sale". All 2006 styles must go at reduced prices. All sizes. Large selection. No bait & switch fake pillowtops or used hotel. 616-682-4767 or 616-293-5188. Can deliver.

**FIREWOOD FOR SALE** - \$120 a cord, split oak. Call 897-5329.

**NEWER COPELAND COMPRESSOR CONDENSER** - 1 horse, \$675; 16 hole dip cabinet, \$100. Call 446-1501 or 676-1119.

**FOR SALE** - Propane furnace, 4 years old, includes A/C coil, Intertherm, \$200 obo. Call 437-2340 or 897-2655.

**STOP \* STOP \* STOP** - Don't send your student to school to sleep on someone else's "used" mattress. Brand new sets on "Sale" at RCD wholesale. Save over 50% off the retail store TV prices. 616-682-4767 or 616-293-5188. Can deliver.

**1998 NISSAN KING CAB** - very sharp & clean, runs excellent, asking \$5,500. Call 897-4886.

**2003 SUZUKI XL7** - Limited, 4x4, 46,000 miles, \$12,200 obo. Call cell 498-0476 or home 897-5825.

**WOODSTOVE FOR SALE** - Vermont Casting Defiant, \$300 obo, 987-9264.

**SADDLE** - English forward seat, collegiate 17 inch, beautiful, like new, 56 inch girth & new saddle bag included. \$525. Call 987-4219.

### EVENTS

**4TH ANNUAL OUTDOOR FLAT RIVER ANTIQUE FAIR/HARVEST CELEBRATION** - Sat., Oct. 14, 2006 in downtown Historic Lowell along the Flat River, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Vendor space available. Call the Chamber for more information, 616-897-9161 or visit our website at www.discoverlowell.org.

### WANTED

**WANTED - Motorcycles.** Cash paid for road bikes, running or not. Call 446-8352.

**WE WANT TO BUY** - your home in Lowell, \$90,000 & under. Please call 616-897-6626.

### FOR RENT

**LOWELL** - \$500 moves you in 1 bedroom 1.5 bath - 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Washer/dryer hookups, air, garage, cathedral ceilings, \$650-\$675/month. Stoneridge Apts. 1-866-443-3098, www.wrpmonline.com

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

**HOUSE FOR RENT** - on 3 acres in the country, near Murray Lake Elementary, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. \$900/mo. Available now. Call 897-0686.

**COMMERCIAL SPACE FOR LEASE** - Approximately 500 sq. ft. overlooking Flat River with parking and signage at 96-100 Main St. in Lowell. Great for office, attorney or accountant. Call 616-874-1316.

**COTTAGES ON WATER** - enjoy fall colors or hunting for duck or deer. State land everywhere including 700 acre island. Free boat use. 897-5062.

**ROOMMATE WANTED** - male or female, private bedroom, full house privileges, washer, dryer, etc. 3 bedroom ranch just S. of Saranac, \$200 per mo. rent, \$50 deposit. Call 897-6045.

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

**HOME ON 6 ACRE PARCEL FOR RENT** - \$700 + utilities. 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, big living space. 616-443-6959.

**SENIORS!** - Rent could be as low as \$70 per month! 1 bedroom HUD subsidized apartments for rent! Rent based on income for those who qualify! BEAUTIFUL 6 acre country setting! Pets Welcome. IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY! Conveniently located 20 minutes East of Grand Rapids. HURRY...before they are gone! Equal Housing Opportunity. 616-693-2271.

**HOME ON MURRAY LAKE FOR RENT** - One bedroom, one bath. Large lot with lake front and dock. \$600 per month. Call 897-8848. Month or year lease.

**FOR RENT** - Lowell, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, nice home. Please call 616-862-6714.

**FOR RENT** - House, barns & pastures, country setting, 3 bedrooms, outbarns, newly remodeled, Lowell schools, washer/dryer. Call 616-897-5807 or 616-915-4200.

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

### HELP WANTED

**WANTED** - Motivated over the road truck drivers. Owner/operators. Home most weekends. Excellent pay. Call 616-893-9865.

**CALL CENTER** - Start today! Interview people for their opinions for TV & radio research nationwide. No selling. Keyboard knowledge & communication skills needed. Will train. \$8 per hour, day, evening, weekend hours available. Call Alice 616-363-7643. EOE.

### LOST

**LOST BLACK LAB** - West of Lowell. Answers to Stanley. Call 897-6807.

**LEDGER OFFICE HOURS:**

MON. - THURS. 8-5 FRI. 8-4  
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**GARAGE SALE** - Good quality/condition baby items. Infant/girls clothes size 0 - 3T. 4029 Honey Creek NE. 9/28 & 9/29, 8am-6pm and 9/30 8am-noon.

**YARD SALE** - Sept. 28, 29 and 30. 2948 S. Marble Rd. off Centerline between Pinckney and Whites Bridge. Assorted goodies.

**MOVING SALE** - Thurs., Fri. & Sat. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Riverview Bar Banquet Room, East of Lowell. Lots of stuff. Come check it out!

**GARAGE SALE** - Fri. & Sat., Sept. 29 & 30, 9-5 p.m. Girls clothing infant to 4T, DVD's, Nintendo games, toys. 2999 Lincoln Lake Rd.

### SERVICES

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**BUSINESS CARDS** - For as little as \$26 for 250. (white card stock, black ink). We can also print cards in 4 color. Before you order your cards from somewhere else - check our rates! Call Lowell Litho, 897-9261.

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

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**TUNE-UP AND REPAIR** - lawnmowers, rototillers and more! Pickup & delivery available. Ray's Small Engine Repair Inc., 616-485-5835. www.rayssmallenginerepair.com.

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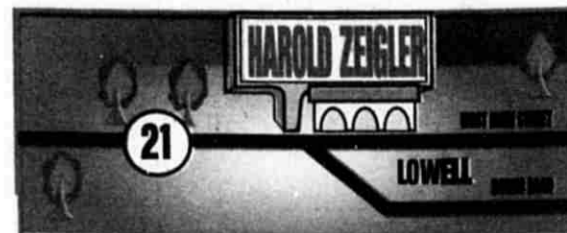
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