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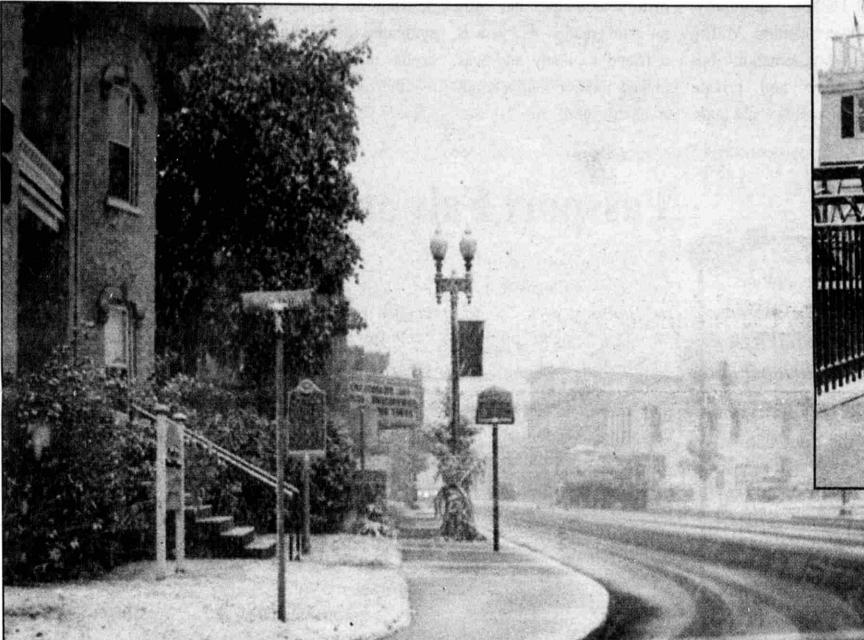
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Wednesday, October 18, 2006

It really is too early for this!

hile the fall colors haven't had a chance to fully materialize, last week's snowflakes covered still green and yellow wisterias, Boston ivies and purple plum trees. The surreal-like weather created majestic scenes of gardens, woods and cityscapes. Even the Lowell Showboat and trees along Riverwalk Plaza were powdered with snow.

Lowell department of public works director Dan DesJarden said, "I haven't seen snow this early in the season since I've been with the city, and that's been 24 years, probably even in my entire life." He added that the DPW didn't have to use salt; the snow melted shortly after leaving a chill in the air. Photos by Emma Palova



No waiver for Impact city upholds ordinance

By Emma Palova

owell City Council stood firm behind its sidewalk program Monday when Impact Church requested a waiver of sidewalks on Hudson Street and Lincoln Lake Ave.

The church, which is building a 284-seat sanctuary with 12 new parking spaces, is mainly located in Vergennes Township. Some of the additional parking, however, is located in the city.

The Lowell Planning Commission, at its special Oct. 5 meeting, recommended sidewalks at Hudson St. extending from the new drive north to the Vergennes' border. At Lincoln Lake Ave., the planning commission recommended sidewalks from the existing property line south to the city border. A sidewalk was also recommended at Lincoln Lake Ave. from the south property line to the existing church drive.

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Dennis Benoit, AWWA co-chair for developing gadgets and gimmicks, presented Ralph Brecken with the state Using old scrap metal and 1.5 hours to replace the award for his hoist at the city chambers.

Local inventor's hoist receives award for gadgets and gimmicks

By Emma Palova

Ralph Brecken many hats. He likes to work everything. When plant water treatment George superintendent Regan asked Brecken to find an easy way to lift the 300-pound top or euro-drive on the clarifier unit, Brecken went into the inventor's mode.

Brecken invented a simple hoist from old scrap metal that won him the state American Water Works (AWWA) Association award for gimmicks and gadgets for the best idea of the year. Not only that, but it saves the utility money and increases safety, according to Regan.

"He went into the Einstein mode," said Regan, "and he invented it."

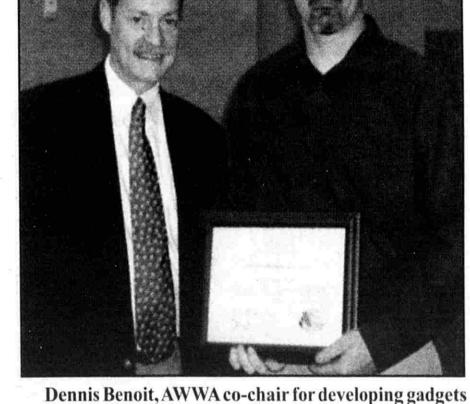
from fire hydrants, Brecken made a hydraulic lift or mechanic hoist that helps lift the top of the heavy clarifier unit in the drinking water tank. The hoist is placed under the euro-drive as it straddles it firmly in place. With simple hydraulics, the hoist lifts the top, so the rubber spider gear underneath can be replaced.

A clarifier at the plant is like a water softener at home, explained Brecken. The clarifier unit is a huge shaft with large paddles at the end that mixes different chemicals in the water tank. Separating the top from the rest of the unit is a rubber spider gear that gets worn out by the shocks it has to absorb as the paddles start to turn. It also helps with misalignments. From time to time, the spider has to be changed.

to Brecken's invention, it took two men rubber spider gear. Wooden blocks had to be placed around the euro-drive to raise it up. The euro-drive would have to be tipped over, so the wooden blocks

could slide in to change the spider gear. Now, it takes 10 minutes to put in a new spider gear, explained Regan.

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D'AGOSTINO

79, of Clinton Township, in Clinton Twp. Memorial passed away Wednesday, contributions may be made October 4, 2006. He was in Anthony's memory to the the beloved husband of Kidney Foundation. Flora D'Agostino of Clinton Township; loving brother of Peter (Rose) D'Agostino Mr. William G. "Bill of St. Clair Shores; dear Fogleson, aged 77, of father of Douglas (Susan) Pavilion Township, died of Canton, Louis (Melinda) Sunday, October 8, 2006, of Alto, David (Jeaneen) of in Kalamazoo. Bill was Clinton Township, Anthony born January 13, 1929, in (Cynthia) of Macomb: Kalamazoo, a son of Williard of · Alicia (Angelo) Fogleson and had been a Maniscalco, Janna, Kristen, lifelong area resident. He David, Michelle, Sophia, graduated from Kalamazoo

held Saturday, Oct. 7 at Anthony D'Agostino, aged Resurrection Funeral Home

FOGLESON grandfather C. and Ona P. (Lines) Eric, Nicole, Central in 1947. He met and great-grandfather fell in love with Donna Jean to Annabella Maniscalco. Johnson and they were united A memorial service was in marriage on June 30,

Norman, brother Willard

children and grandchildren.

1950. Mr. Fogleson started Agathering was held Oct. 11 which began in 2000, he Impact Label Corp. in 1964. at Langeland Family Funeral was not one to complain. Bernice H. Visser, aged 86, He also owned and operated Homes, Portage Chapel. His family was his pride passed away on Monday, the Black Swan restaurant Memorial contributions and joy. He is survived by October 9, 2006. She was for several years. Hobbies should be directed to the his wife Kathleen; children a graduate of Lowell High included traveling the world American Cancer Society, Kurtis and Theresa; parents School and worked as with his family, tending his the American Diabetes Truman and Arlaine Kline a secretary/switchboard and spending time with his one's choice.

Bill was preceded in death his dog. Cremation has a friend to many and was needs of Gary's children Memory Gardens. taken place and private always there to lend a hand. or the American Cancer interment will be held later. Even through his illness, Society.

VISSER

lawn, biking and exercising, Association or the charity of of Grand Rapids; brothers operator at Wolverine and sisters Linda Barber of Brass. She was a member Belmont, Mrs. Leslie Howe of the Fourth Reformed of Berkley, Kurt and Cindie Church in Grand Rapids. by his parents; sister Bobbie Mr. Gary Kline, aged 50, Kline of Lowell, Robert and Bernice is survived by went home to be with his Linda Kline of Eden Prairie, her son John and Kathryn Fogleson, brother-in-law Lord Thursday, October MN; Kathleen's family: Pat Visser of Rockford; two Robert Johnson. Surviving 12, 2006. After graduating McGraw of Belding, Theresa grandchildren; sisters Mrs. are his wife Donna; three from Forest Hills High Barrera of Greenville, Mike Hazel Casterline of Grand Karen (Alan) School in 1974, he worked and Tammy McGraw of Rapids, Mrs. Mary (Pete) of Lowell, in the construction industry, Rockford, Mary and Jim Winters of Grand Rapids, William G. Fogleson Jr. of holding a journeyman card as Ryan of Howard City, Bill Mrs. Priscilla (Delmar) Indian Shores, FL, Susan a framer. He accepted Christ McGraw of Wyoming; Brace of Grand Ledge, (Ron) Berry of Portage; as his Savior at age 12, and many nieces and nephews. Mrs. Ted (Erma) Meyers of eight grandchildren; three was baptized at Northland The service for Gary was Arizona. She was preceded great-grandchildren; sister- Baptist Church. After held Oct. 16 at Pederson in death by her husband Helen (Larry) meeting his wife Kathleen Funeral Home, with Pastor Ralph. The service for Schroeder; many nieces McGraw, they were married Doug Crawford officiating. Bernice was held Thursday and nephews; many lifelong in 1979. Gary liked to watch Interment in Chapel Hill at Pederson Funeral Home friends, especially Don and sports, NASCAR and the Memorial Gardens. Those in Rockford, with Pastor Diana Peckels and family; history channel, and was desiring an expression of Tim Meendering officiating special companion Muffin an avid reader. Gary was sympathy may consider the Interment in Blythefield

· LEGAL NOTICE ·

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 06-182-212-DE

Estate of IRENE B. HAMMER

Date of Birth: April 21, 1919

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICETO CREDITORS: P37283 The decedent, IRENE B. HAMMER, who lived at 1810 Leonard St. NW, 616-336-5098 Grand Rapids, MI, died September 7, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to SHARON

October 26.

County.

PUBLIC NOTICE

At the request of Vergennes Township, Kent

County, State of Michigan and by the authority

conferred on the Department of Natural Resource

by Section 12-17 of Act 451, Part 801, Public Act

Public Acts of 1965, and Section 41 of Act 306

Public Acts of 1969, a hearing will be held at the

Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive,

Lowell, Michigan 49331, at 7:00 p.m., Thursday

At this hearing the Department of Natural

Resources will gather information from the public

concerning possible watercraft problems on the

waters of Flat River, Vergennes Township, Kent

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations

for effective participation in the meeting should

contact the Township Clerk at 616-897-5671, a

week in advance to request mobility, visual

All interested persons are invited to attend and

offer comments orally at the public hearing.

Interested persons unable to attend this hearing

may, within 30 days after the hearing, submit

Department of Natural Resources

Law Enforcement Division

Attn.: Lt. Creig Grey

P.O. Box 30031

Lansing, Michigan 48909

hearing or other assistance.

written comments to:

1994, as amended, and Section 250 of Act 380

CLARK and SUSAN BERGERS, named personal representative. or proposed personal both the probate court at 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

October 9, 2006

Daniel L. Blauw PLC 1515 Michigan NE Grand Rapids, MI 49503

> Sharon Clark and Susan Bergers 1731 Pheasant NW Walker, MI 49534 616-453-6191

There will be A MEMORIAI SERVICE

beld for Marian McIver at the First Baptist

Church in Lowell, on Friday. October 20th, from 6 to 8 p.m, with a short prayer and reading at 7 p.m.

Marian passed away September 28, Each applicant will need each.

1. A certified birth certificate, previously issued passport or Certificate of

2. Two passport photos - available for \$15.

or State issued ID (or that of a parent if under 16 years of age or both parents if under

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LOWELL CHARTER **TOWNSHIP**

NOTICE FOR TESTING OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT FOR THE NOVEMBER GENERAL **ELECTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the November 7, 2006 general election will be conducted Thursday, October 26, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Lowel Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell MI 49331.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk Lowell Charter Township

Passport Fair at post office

The Lowell Post office on Saturday, Oct. 28 for if under 16 anyone wishing to apply for a passport.

to complete an application and provide the following:

Naturalization.

3. Valid driver's license

4. Application fee - \$67 have both parents present. will have a Passport Fair if 16 years old or over; \$52 Processing takes about 8

5. Execution fee - cash, check or credit card, \$30

time of processing. Passport required. Call 897-9949. applicants under 14 must

weeks. Expedited services are available for a fee.

The fair will be at 120 N. Broadway St. from 9 All applicants including a.m. - 3 p.m. Appointments children must appear at the are recommended but not

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Wishes on Wheels makes electric power wheelchairs available to non-ambulatory senior citizens (65 years old and up) and the permanently disabled of any age, if they qualify. There is usually no charge for the wheelchair, including shipping and delivery to the home by a technician, who makes the final adjustments to fit the individual and shows them how to use and maintain it. No deposit is required and there is no obligation for determining if they qualify.

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Additional qualifications include that their doctor approves and recommends their need.

Call 1-800-823-5220 or visit the web site at www. threewishes2.com for more information.

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Ghost Stories contest winners announced

Backwater Cafe fundraiser will benefit employees

The Backwater Cafe held in the King Building at will be auctioned off, as well the contributions,"

The fundraiser will be Frederik Meijer Gardens

Bluegrass band Cedar- raffle, \$1 per ticket, and a

its winners from 31 entries in

Winner of the \$50 cash Block." prize for the best adult-

By Emma Palova

for several months.

come back now."

on Oct. 21 for two employees Saturday.

had a brain tumor. "The girls theater

who have been on sick leave

Lowell Area Arts Slayton of Middleville for adult readings last Saturday reading "The Raven" by Island"; John Depuydt, Ada, Council recently announced her "Pumpkin Patch Ghost." during Harvest Celebration Edgar Allen Poe.

the inaugural Ghost Stories prize for the best student- Barn at the fairgrounds. contest. Stories were judged written story is Matthew

will be holding a fundraiser the fairgrounds at 5 p.m. on as homemade quilts.

have been out since April," gift certificates to area rolls and chocolate fountain

CONTEST WINNERS

(under 5) Alyssa Miles and Sydney Munson

(5 & 6 year olds) Raiden Miller and Shailynn Page

(7 & 8 year olds) Ellen Dilly and Brendan Pearson

(9 & 10 year olds) Erin Duma and Alexis Hoffman

(11 & 12 year olds) Rebekah Betts and Shelby Young.

Congratulations!

Your prize is waiting for you at the Ledger office,

The Lowell Ledger

and Cousin's

Hallmark

would like to

thank all of

the contestants

for their colorful,

creative clown

entries.

THE WINNERS ARE:

said cafe owner Bif Altoft. restaurants, tickets to the dessert.

"They are getting ready to Kent County Rodeo and

Winner of the \$25 cash at the Richard Reath Show

in two categories: adult- Hodges of Lowell for "A department at Lowell High Sharon Ellison, Lowell, Matthew Hodges, Lowell, written and student-written. Redundancy & Writer's School and the Thebes "The Legend"; Kelly Roth, "A Redundancy & Writer's "The Adventure" by Hannah

Players from the arts council Saranac,

productions, broccoli and carrots, dinner and Molag.

Elementary-age Stories: Bonnie Slayton, Middleville, Wise, West Bloomfield, Readers from the drama "Pumpkin Patch Ghost"; Stories were selected for read the stories; the evening Eve"; Charlotte and Martha Livonia, "I Didn't Want To Lowell, and "Daydreams

Getting in

of things

the "swing"

Connie Gillette,

Lowell Area Schools

finance director, en-

joyed a dance with her

husband Jim at the

Voyages Coffee Shop

during the final class

of swing dancing. The

next round of swing

starts at Voyages in

January with Mike

and Amanda. Four

classes cost \$45 and

Goodrich www.GQTI.com

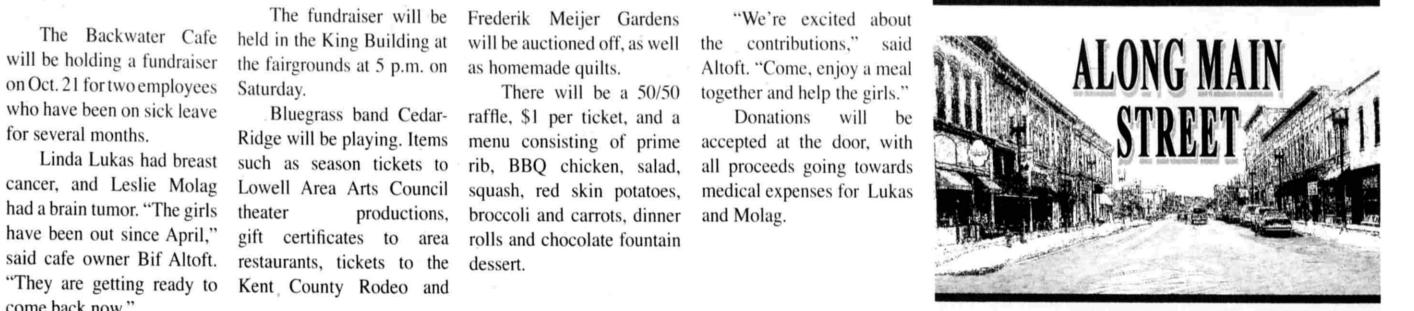
space is limited.

"The House."

"Vapor "Halloween's Block"; Carol Carpenter, Michelle Lambert (10) of written story is Bonnie both the elementary-age and ended with an ensemble Hayden, Lowell, "Lime Go There"; Sara Williamson, Lowell, "The Music Box"; Johnson (87) of Grand Lowell, "The Ghost of Sara stories appeal to all ages.

and Kate Dernocoeur, of Lowell Area Arts Council's Adult Stories: Casey board of directors, said the first year of the event has brought a large response. Lancaster, Rapids ... proof that ghost

Proceeds will benefit the Organizers Laurie Kuna Lowell Area Arts Council.



FOOD PANTRY IS BARE

Everything except vegetables is needed in the F.RO. M. food pantry.

38TH ANNUAL FALLASBURG FALL FESTIVAL

Activities at the festival will be shown on Lowell Cable TV Channel 20 on the following dates: Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 9 p.m.; Thursday, Oct. 19 at 6 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 20 at 5 p.m.; and Saturday, Oct. 21 at 9 a.m.

LOWELL GRAD RECOGNIZED AT BASKETBALL GAME

LHS will recognize Hope College senior Becky Bosserd at halftime of the Lowell/Greenville game on Thursday, Oct. 19 for her contributions to the division III national championship women's basketball team.

LAAC PRESENTS ...

"Alice in Wonderland" performances Oct. 20-29. Tickets available at arts council, 149 S. Hudson; 897-8545; or lowellartscouncil.org.

BLUEGRASS MUSIC JAM SESSION

Free bluegrass music jam session this Saturday, Oct. 21, 7 p.m. at Riverview, Lowell. Bring your instrument and join the fun.

HEALTH LECTURE

Dr. Andre Jubert will be at Englehardt Library on Thursday, Oct. 26 from 7-8 p.m. speaking on "The Frontal Lobe-Control Center of our Being." Free community

HAUNTED SHOWBOAT

The 3rd annual Halloween at the Showboat will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 12 - 4 p.m. Visit a haunted boat; also friendlier side for youngsters. Pinatas and pumpkin decorating. Call 897-8445 for info. Costumes are encouraged.

CONCERT IN LPAC

Roger MacNaughton and Steven VanRavenswaay team up for a concert on Nov. 5 at 3 p.m. in the Lowell Performing Arts Center at the high school. Piano and cello combine for some Christmas favorites and originals. Tickets: call 897-8545 or www.lowellartscouncil

DRIVER'S ED 2

LHS will offer Segment 2 on Nov. 6, 7 and 8. Preregister thru Oct. 20. Call or stop into the high school office. Classes meet from 3-5 or 4-6 p.m. Students must bring Level 1 license/ proof of 30 driving hours to first class and must attend all three classes to receive a Segment 2 certificate.

TASTE OF VEGETARIAN

Sample healthful dishes and receive a free recipe booklet at the 8th annual "Taste of Vegetarian" Sunday, Nov. 12 from 4-6 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary. Free



LAS hires new curriculum coordinator

By Emma Palova

Schools district has hired Roger Bearup of Sparta as its new curriculum coordinator.



Roger Bearup

Bearup most recently University worked as the Fifth Grade

The Lowell Area supervision, budgeting and professional development Pleasant. of all elementary and early childhood programs.

> administrator for 12 years, involves at all levels, school finance, two bond issues, planning, construction strategic planning, contract discussions and community relations planning.

Bearup is currently working toward his Ph.D. in educational leadership at Western Michigan

He has a master of arts Kent City Elementary. in educational leadership

He was responsible for from WMU, and a bachelor to instruction, of science from Central Michigan University in Mt.

Bearup said one major curriculum challenge identified by the district part of the district's decision- Data Warehouse into the making process including hands of teachers to use development quickly and effectively.

"We will continue our time," he said.

alignment and coordination he said, "and to build

thing is I am a team player," relationships with staff." he said. "This is already At the forefront upcoming challenges will providing be the high school reform community, we want to take Bearup has been an integral assessment data known as with the Michigan Merit it to the next level."

The new curriculum "It is one of the biggest coordinator doesn't want to educational movements of change things in the district, but he wants to get to know

the previous district.

"The most important

Bearup said he brings a people and help the district wide knowledge base from as a team.

"My goal is to provide resources to them," he said. "People are incredible here, they do great things for educational kids.

> Superintendent Greg Pratt said Bearup brings a wealth of knowledge from his elementary background into the district.

City staff to explore in-house energy savings

By Emma Palova

based on a study conducted themselves, the council and

agreement to do all of the Lowell city staff will light fixture retrofitting by Honeywell International. staff felt most of the work Honeywell could be done in-house.

proposed an exclusive

control systems replacement, explore energy savings and other replacements building renovations and repairs, lighting systems replacement and retrofitting, HVAC systems repairs and replacement, and building automation systems installation.

Some of the energy

savings could include

Dan DesJarden, departmentof public works director. said he sees no reason to have light fixtures retrofitted under the proposed 15-year agreement, when there is only a five-year warranty on light fixtures.

The study provided by Honeywell has outlined 85 things that could be done to

"We can do in-house with some of their analysis." said DesJarden. "We can't go to a 15-year contract with light bulbs that have a fiveyear warranty."

Mayor pro tem Alan Mathews said the city could use the Honeywell study as a blueprint to work from.

However, the council did decide the city may use Honeywell for big items such as roof replacements.

In other business, the city zoning board of appeals granted a setback variance to Jeffrey Werner for a detached garage at 403 N. Monroe based on the planning commission's recommendation

many other resources. In a recent panel discussion with Sharing Kent County and State Police representatives, the panel With Gregory Pratt LHS Superintendent SCHOOL SAFETY AND THE

Creating a safe and inviting learning environment for students is a goal that each school district places at the top of their list of priorities. The events that have swept the nation in the past few weeks have caused the entire nation to reflect on the safety of our children. The Lowell Area Schools have been proactive in developing, training and evaluating the district emergency response plan. The plan is comprehensive and designed to address many natural

weather-related scenarios and other emergency situations. Please know that preparedness has been taken seriously by school administration. School security and school administration enjoy a close working relationship with the local police and fire departments. We continually work closely with them to provide coordination and to review our plans. The local agencies are continuing to train to improve response to emergency situations and have included joint training opportunities for police and school administrators.

RECENT EVENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

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Sunfield, and

Woodland.

pointed to parent involvement as one of the key components for a safe school environment. Authorities on the panel shared that parents are key factors in monitoring their son's or daughter's behavior and interactions with friends. They discussed the positive impact that parental involvement plays within the school district, and they see a decrease in school bullying, harassing acts and discrimination when parents were more involved in their student's school. As we continue to work to build and review our security

capacity throughout the district, I invite parents to keep open lines of communication with teachers and building principals. I also invite parents to contact me if they would like to discuss the issue to a greater degree. Together, we can make a difference in the issues that face our students.

Your comments about this matter or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Superintendent Gregory Pratt, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331 or gpratt@lowellschools.com (check out our Web page at www.lowellschools.com or make comments to the Board of Education at boardofed@lowellschools.com)

Don't miss the vote! Deadline for absentee ballot Nov. 7

eligible residents there Election Day. is still time to request an absentee voter ballot for the can only be returned to a Nov. 7 election.

home. They have until election official. Saturday, Nov. 4 to submit they qualify. Upon receiving office. a mailed ballot, voters must

Secretary of State Terri complete and return it to the Lynn Land is reminding clerk's office by 8 p.m. on

Signed absentee ballots clerk's office by the voter, Registered voters may a family member or person request that an absentee residing in the voter's ballot be mailed to their household, a mail carrier or

Residents may also a written and signed request request a ballot in person on to their city or township Monday, Nov. 6 and vote on clerk, including the reason the ballot while in the clerk's

> Voters may call their local clerk to request an absentee ballot application or download one online at www.michigan.gov/vote.

Belding Road, Belding, Michigan.

demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meet the requirements of law.

Lana F. Green

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the Continental's last gasps as I flew over. Within minutes he pulled up next to the plane in his pickup. "Got a problem?" he asked. "Out of gas," I sheepishly

A neighbor to the sheep farm where I had landed heard

mention how loudly the flying wires hum during a dead-

replied ... no pun intended. "What do ya need?" he said. "Gas!" I replied. "What kind of gas?" he asked. "Any kind," I said. "Got some I use in my mowers and stuff." came the reply. "I'll pay you for all you've got. Wouldn't mind gettin' outa here before the sheriff shows up," I said. He was gone As a note to readers, this letter was written to the in a flash.

Viewpoint

stick landing?

wy Roger Brown

Stearman Restorers Association. It is a tongue-in-cheek

attempt to tip off other Stearman owners of a possible

I was on my way home from a fellow Stearman owner's

The landing was a thing of beauty. Only one problem,

Getting on stage for the first time is not easy. We would

Public performances for "Alice In Wonderland" on

Chris and Candice Fleszar

the Lowell High School stage are Oct. 20 - 29. Please visit

www.lowellartscouncil.org for more information.

like to offer a very big Thank You to the Lowell Area Arts

Council for making it easy and fun for our seven-year-old

I was twenty-some miles from home and out of gas. Did I

To The Editor

can't get enough of the experience.

a unique production.

Dear Stearman Restorers Association.

when and where it did!

hayfield. Absolutely perfect!!!

Dear Editor.

COZY

corner

Just for grins I opened the sump at the bottom of the sight gauge. (A Stearman gas gauge is a simple clear plastic problem with their airplanes. The incident described here tube that screws into the bottom of the gas tank in the upper occurred just three days after my return from a lengthy trip wing. There are graduations on the tube. It could hardly be out west. If you've read the description of that trip, you'll a simpler device.) Maybe a quarter cup, the contents of the know why I'm glad this little "embarrassment" happened gauge, spilled out. That was it. The gauge was still indicating just shy of a quarter tank.

In less than ten minutes my savior showed up with four I recently made my best landing of this year's Michigan cans containing about five gallons each. A curious teenage Stearman flying season. It was a rainy Tuesday afternoon. boy had happened by in the meantime. In another ten minutes the three of us had the gas emptied into my tank. I place. He had helped me with a part for my 1928 Model A tightened the gas guy up with seventy bucks. I apologized for seeming abrupt, reiterated my aversion to badges and Setting up for the landing, I rolled the old Stearman hollered, "CLEAR!"

effortlessly to the left and leveled out over a woodlot of Strapping in as I taxied back toward the woodlot, I mature hardwoods. I soon had the plane lined up on short checked my watch. I'd been on the ground less than a half final to a large, freshly baled hayfield. Once clear of the hour. There were still no law enforcement vehicles in sight treetops I added a little right rudder and left aileron to put as the Stearman and I roared out of the hayfield, waggling the plane into a slip, bleeding off some extra altitude. The the wings at the sheep and my accomplices.

flying wires hummed. The landing was a "greaser" and I'm sharing all this with fellow Stearman pilots for one the Stearman's big tires negated any imperfections in the reason ... I want to tip you off to what happened and maybe help someone else avoid the same mishap. Not all forced landings work out as well as this one did.

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THE WEEKLY JOURNAL OCTOBER 19, 1881 There will be a prize party at Train's Hall Friday evening, with a Golddust colt the prize.

Ledger Entries

Priscilla

Lussmyer

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

Copies are available of the State Board of Health's advice on prevention and treatment of diphtheria. A new bridge spans the Flat River at Benson's Mills

125 YEARS

near Fox's Corners. The Council is doing a good job draining around the King and Amphlett block.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER

OCTOBER 18, 1906 "The Republicans rally at the opera house Tuesday evening was, of course, a successful, jollying bee."

"The King Milling Company is ready to buy all the beans that are offered at the new elevator, the Wisner mill.'

The Kent County poor superintendents will ask for eight thousand dollars next year; 292 inmates were cared

Apportionment of the Primary School fund by the state will be at the rate of \$12 per pupil.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO OCTOBER 15, 1931

A pickpocket caught during the Centennial celebration is sentenced to Jackson prison.

Michigan clammers were down to a fraction of last year's numbers; lower prices and fewer clamshells are the

V.E. Nugent wins \$5 for driving the truck used by all the contestants farthest on a single quart of gasoline: 4.8

\$10 million for an emergency highway improvement program is voted by Michigan to relieve unemployment.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **OCTOBER 18, 1956**

Next Monday the new high school cafeteria will serve its first lunch

Lowell's "Little Arrows" are sophomore and freshman football players; there is also an all-freshman team.

"The King and I" is playing at the Strand Theatre.

Robert Thaler and Mimi Kusterer are freshman and sophomore reporters for sports and activities for the Ledger

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER OCTOBER 14, 1981

Dawn Seese opens Birchwood Gardens in the Rivertown

The YMCA Leaders Club sells "spook insurance" door-to-door, and will provide cleanup for the insured after

Michigan will allow "soft metal" studs on tires this winter; hard metal studs turned out to be very hard on

The school count goes down by 15, and so does state





PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Public Accuracy Test for the November 7, 2006 general election has been scheduled for Thursday, October 26, 2006 at 1:30 P.M. in the Grattan Township Hall at 12050 Old

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to

Grattan Township Clerk

Dear Ledger, Last summer I met the comely Jennifer Gratz, whom the Michigan left enjoys reviling. There is a big picture of her in an American government text I taught from, plaintiff before the U.S. Supreme Court. I felt like an aging knight presented to Isabella of Castile, one of the ordinary soldati who worked hard to get Proposal 2 on the ballot, despite hysterical and what George F. Will called "thuggish" opposition. Those who benefit from the race laws (anyone know the origin of that term?) did not give up easily when they saw they might be on the losing side. The blokes have yet to speak at the polls, but during the two petition efforts I noticed that those who most love humanity also fear the

Affirmative action would be left in place for two cohorts I consider deserving, the handicapped and the children of war

dead. There are probably others, like veterans' preferences. Irrational classifications like gender, race, ethnicity would go. It has been a coon's age since my brother innocently drank from a "colored" drinking fountain and whether a Catholic could serve as President of the United States. G.M. Ross.

Lowell Twp.

daughter. We've been especially impressed with director Dear Editor,

Brent Alles, who from the beginning made it easy to audition On Nov. 7, the residents of Vergennes Township and then took the extra step of finding a part (including will decide if they want spirits to be available at licensed creating some) for every child who auditioned. While a big establishments in the township. Currently there is only one business with a "liquor" license in Vergennes Township, time commitment, the rehearsals are fun and our daughter Arrowhead Golf Course, and they can only serve beer and The Lowell Area Arts Council is just part of what wine. It has been illegal to serve cocktails in Vergennes makes this community a special place to live. We encourage Township since before Prohibition was repealed in 1933. everyone to come share this true community effort and enjoy

Many people misunderstand this proposal. It is well known that I am working towards building an upscale banquet facility on Lincoln Lake Ave. They erroneously believe that they are voting whether my business can get a liquor license. This proposal is not about my business, but it certainly will affect my proposed business. This proposal will affect the existing license held by Arrowhead Golf Course and all future liquor licenses. Simply put, the proposal asks if spirits should be available for consumption on the premises of licensed establishments in Vergennes

This proposal will not allow bars to spring up on every corner. Liquor licenses are controlled by the Michigan State Liquor Commission. The number of licenses available in the township is based on the township's population. Additional licenses can only be issued as the township experiences growth. It is almost a certainty that another license will be made available by the State after the 2010 census.

Although this ballot proposal is not about me, my business does offer several advantages:

· My business will host only private parties. Nobody can just "stop in on the way home" for a drink.

• My business would not be open every day of the week as a bar would.

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Weddings

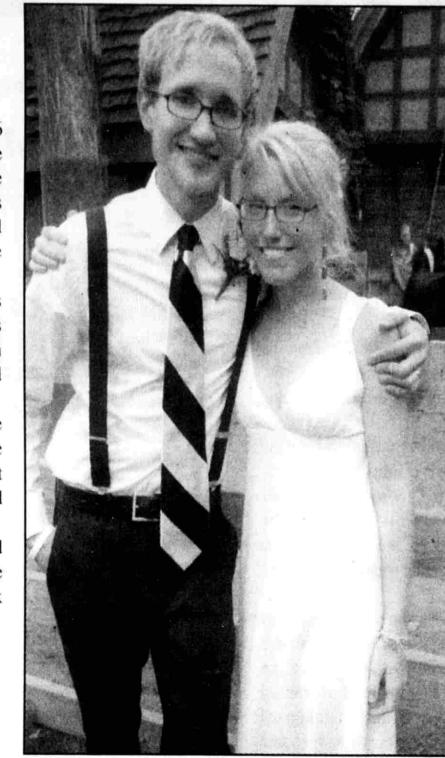
Kargol/Riddle

The August 26, 2006 wedding of Kelly Riddle and Dave Kargol took place in the Riddle's yard. Parents of the couple are Susan and Kent Riddle and Rose Marie and Dennis Kargol.

Maid of honor was Katie Riddle. Bridesmaids were Adina Stout, Ruth Mulder, Emily Jenkins and Lynn Kargol.

Best man was Mike Greenlee. Groomsmen were Mike Dutkewych, Scott Riddle, Jonathan Riddle and Jeff Wright.

A reception followed with music provided by The Ragbirds and The Kinsfolk



Mr. and Mrs. Dave Kargol

Hall/Smith

Grand Rapids and Aaron M. Hall, of Lowell, were married on July 22, 2006, in a garden ceremony at the Hall's residence.

Parents of the couple are David and Kathleen Smith of Cadillac and Randy and Carolyn Hall of Lowell.

Matron of honor was ennifer Hawley.

Best man was Jeremy D. Roundtree.

Patrick and Kristine Roundtree of Ionia were naster and mistress of ceremonies.

A reception was held Aug. 26 at the Radisson Hotel in Grand Rapids. The couple now reside in Kentwood.



Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Hall

Do you know the difference between education and experience? Education is when you read the fine print; experience is what you get when you don't.

- Pete Seeger



David Sims, pastor First Baptist Church

line is NOT acting, it's real life stuff.

Last week we thought about how at the Beginning of

everything, good became bad, the perfect became perverted, the cosmos to laugh in hellish glee when it collapsed as it pay-back we owe to God whom we offended by choosing for any and all people who would follow Him. A Miracle! Impossible! ... except for a miracle.

Sherlock Holmes. Miss Marple. Mystery Theater. Lord and Eve fell. They got much less than what they deserved Jesus Himself, but of countless millions for whom His death of the Rings. Chronicles of Narnia. Harry Potter. Stories and expected. But punishment it surely was, and they began and resurrection brought redemption, rescue, release and draw us. Stories entertain us. Stories teach us. Stories their hope in God's serpent-crushing promise. It was much guaranteed salvation! (1 Peter 3:18; John 1:12; Hebrews captivate us. Stories usher us to other worlds. We're all further in the future than they ever dreamed. The war-zone 2:14-15) suckers for a good story - especially if we see ourselves of the enemy inflicted many casualties, but still he failed. The Messiah was born. Time after time, this unique Man Story narrows – the character-roster begins to be selective. This month, we've been thinking about a BIG Story - was tempted, but every day for 33 years he obeyed Father Are you one of the followers? Will you be part of the rest of THE Story - in which we all are characters. Yes, characters, God. The foe ratcheted up his assaults - his only hope was the Story? Tune in again next week for a peek at this Story's and, No, not actors! We surely have acted up, but this story to kill this "Intruder," and what better way than with a cross amazing Prologue! an automatic lasting curse.

Upon Jesus' death, satan sped to the nether regions of

creation became cracked, fellowship became fractured. The would not be needed anymore since no one pleased God. It dilemma was insurmountable - we needed a human "stand- didn't. And he raced back just in time to see Jesus rise from in" without any flaw that was also able to pay the infinite the dead. And, horrors, to discover that He died and rose to be complicit with the devilish conspiracy against Him. The Ultimate Conspiracy! An Amazing Love! It's not a mystery any longer. It's certainly way more than wizardry. Enter that other conspiracy ... a conspiracy of love. A perfect human Stand-In! An infinite Man to pay our God-The world did distort, but it didn't disintegrate when Adam sized debt, robbing satan and powers of darkness not only of

This is what history is unfolding. And this is where the

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TOTS program builds parents' involvement

By Emma Palova

School early childhood program has been growing steadily since its inception class," said the director. 10 years ago, according to director Kathy Cole.

presentation to the Lowell early childhood classes for of education on Oct. 9.

Funded LAS, the comprehensive volunteers. program is a resource for

a model for other school fun. districts. In addition to FRC at the Runciman Administration Building each elementary school and the middle school have their own resource centers and volunteer coordinators.

New this year at TOTS are the Little and Big Doodlers art classes starting Nov. 6. The classes, offered to children ages 20 months to 5 years, include easel art, finger painting, water coloring, stamping and fruit

Expanded this year are Chef's cooking classes.

music movement classes are a six-week-long series for all ages. Children learn

such as myself.

gauge indicating a quarter tank, I removed the gauge. The

problem was immediately evident, even to a non-mechanic

by me, earlier this year. If you haven't seen one out of the

airplane recently, the parts you can't see are a cork float

about the same size and shape as a wine bottle cork and two

brass rods. The rods extend vertically from the base of the

gauge and are about six inches long. One rod is about an

inch longer than the other and is bent 90 degrees to touch

the end of the other rod. The joint is soldered. There are two

grooves on the side of the cork float. The cork rides up and

down with the brass rods seated in the cork's grooves. Easy,

allowed the rods to spread apart slightly and the cork float

to escape the brass guides. The gauge performed normally

until the gas level got low and the cork float wedged up

against the base of the brass rods. I played with it a bit. The

level indicator never got below a little shy of a quarter tank

reading. And that is why I was flying along fat, dumb and

The gauge is reinstalled and working perfectly. I have owned

my Stearman for sixteen years and admit to getting way too

comfortable with a total reliance on the heretofore "keep it

simple stupid" sight gauge. A more prudent pilot might have

dipped his tank or kept better time and distance records since

his last top-off. When fueling after the gauge was repaired,

I fashioned a simple graduated dipstick to keep onboard.

gauge. Once or twice after fueling, the gauge was stuck at

about the half full mark. A gentle tap on the gauge sent the

indicator racing to the top of the tube. I shrugged it off to a

piece of crud. Another time I was able to put in 38 gallons

at a fuel stop, but the gauge indicated nearly a quarter tank.

That's off, but not by much. I chalked it up to a difference

Looking back, I did have some warning about the

What is it they say about horses and barn doors?

I had the local repair facility braze, not solder, the joint.

My problem was that the solder joint broke. This

peasy ... even I could have designed it.

happy ... until the engine quit.

The gauge was purchased from "Dusters" and installed,

to play instruments, such xylophones.

parents have been asking Cole gave a power point for music classes. All FRC.

Lowell Aréa Community toddlers and preschoolers; she still uses it. Foundation, and in part by the cost is just \$1 with parent

Bushnell Elementary now, tapes. According to Cole, was six months old when Sanders first came to the as well as I have without the

Sanders found out groups," said Sanders. "It's Area Schools (LAS) board 2006/2007 are \$6 per class. about the resource center very educational." There are six -play by word of mouth from her

The FRC has actually "Our play groups help own summer support group. made friends, they got used build important social Moms with preschool to a group setting, and it has Part of the TOTS is the skills," said Cole. "We play, children meet at Creekside, helped them with their social Family Resource Center eat a snack, and go to circle Riverside and Fallasburg skills." (FRC) which serves as for music and movement parks during the summer.

Jane Sanders plays with her daughter Jadan, 2, and Jackson Tower.

name isn't Pollyanna!

recently repaired fuel gauge.)

knows their way around a set of torches braze that joint.

which is how loud the flying wires hum on final with no gas

ratty white one with the green and black checkered tail and

Roger Brown, S.R.A. #3416 Stearman N33NA (The

Activities and the

~Liz Baker, Director

Cozy Corner, cont'd. ... From Page 5

In an attempt to solve the mystery as to why I landed between the new gauge and the old. I made a mental note

in a hayfield with the seemingly "foolproof" Stearman gas to get gas a little sooner than I was used to. No, my middle

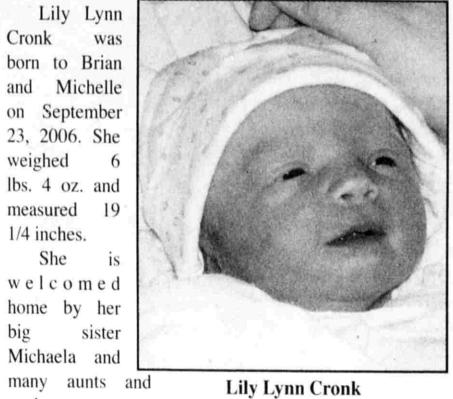
as tambourines, triangles, mom of Brendan, Kyla and pot is always on, and lots of The Tots on Track for rhythm sticks, drums and Jadan, has been coming to free parenting resources are play groups for the last six readily at hand. Resources "It's a low cost music years. Brendan, who goes to include parenting books and "I couldn't have done it

> Sanders has connected the groups weekly for infants, neighbors. Six years later, with a lot of other moms and

resource center and the play

"My children have just inspired Sanders to start her blossomed," she said. "They

Tots, cont'd., pg. 9



are Deb and Roger Reed of Lowell, Brian and Brenda Cronk of Ionia, and Pat and Rodney Fothergill of Muir.

Cronk

weighed

measured

1/4 inches.

many

are Jim and Betty Alaria of

Bullhead City, Ariz., Darb and Judy Cronk of Lyons, Pat and John Stowell of Ionia, Francis Cronk of Lyons, and Bill and Ellen Great-grandparents Warner of Ionia.

Lappy

OCT. 19: Lydia Brenk, Nancy Brenk Ruth Smith, Zachary Lee.

OCT. 20: Thomet, Hildenbrand, Michael V Johnson, Charlene Wilson.

OCT. 21:

OCT. 22:

this. My recommendation is to pull your gauge and check it OCT. 23: out if you notice anything out of the ordinary. And, if you Bill ever have to take your gauge out, I'd have somebody who Rachael McIntyre. I learned a lot from this incident ... not the least of

OCT. 24:

Andrew Mercer, Madison

Troy Abel, Aamir Ismail. That's about it. Hope you learned something from all of Donna Potter.

Stouffer, Melody Kastanek, Lyle Morrison

Brian Ray, Elizabeth Cook Tanja Greenfield, Don Miller, John DeVries. OCT. 25:

Diane Pretzel, Bill Ellison.

Amanda Stoutjesdyk.

THANK YOU! We want to thank everyone who helped make the **Harvest Celebration** Parade a success! IT WAS TRULY A WONDERFUL COMMUNITY EVENT. Watch for the complete thank you list in next week's Ledger! The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce ~Dave Thompson, The Parade Director



In The Ledger

LUNCH MENU **ELEMENTARY**

MENU Week of October 23, 2006

MON: Bosco stick w/ meatsauce (3 meat sub also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), broccoli assorted fruit, milk.

Chicken TUES: nuggets/pretzel (turkey/ cheese on bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), oven potatoes carrot coins, assorted fruit, milk.

WED: Cheese pizza (egg salad sandwich also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), green beans, assorted fruit

Deluxe w/meat. lettuce cheese ham/cheese stacked on bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), fresh carrots & dip. assorted fruit, milk.

school. No lunch

Elementary Spanish

Lowell High School Spanish teacher Sarah Ellis recently began teaching an after-school Spanish class to students at Murray Lake Elementary. Ellis is pictured pointing out how to describe facial expressions with people's emotions. The new program, Ellis said, is helping prepare students she may have in a few years at the high school.

Sidewalks, continued ... From Page 1

Council

on Hudson due to new which is busy. Sidewalks o nowhere.

"To us it would have mited value," he said.

the city sidewalk program. "I view sidewalks for sidewalks be waived north

Cy Floyd, representing public use," said mayor on Hudson but the church the church, said he sees some Chuck Myers. "We have should put in sidewalks on consideration for sidewalks closed up gaps on Hudson Lincoln Lake. construction of sidewalks. provide for safety issues. sidewalk ordinance on a 3

The council upheld the But sidewalks to Vergennes' We have to get firm on our 2 vote, and did not grant the border would be sidewalks sidewalk ordinance and waiver to Impact Church.

Also, according to members the planning commission Jeanne Shores and Jim recommendation, lighting The city closed gaps Hodges argued they would poles on the site cannot between sidewalks on rather see kids walking on exceed 15 feet and the light Hudson St. in 2004 as part of Lincoln Lake Ave. than on shall be directed downward. Hudson. Hodges suggested

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Murray staff member of the month

Staff members at Murray Lake Elementary nominated first grade teacher Denise Washburn as September staff member of the month. Washburn brings a positive attitude to her class each day and has a dedicated work ethic. Murray Lake principal Brent Noskey said, "Denise has a great attitude toward teaching and her students. No matter what comes her way, Denise stays positive. She is a wonderful person to have on our staff."

Washburn is a graduate of Lowell High School, has a BA from Aquinas College and an MA from Western Michigan University. Currently in her 14th year of teaching, she and her husband Bruce reside in Lowell with their daughter Devin, a junior at Lowell High School. "I enjoy teaching at Murray Lake because of the supportive, encouraging and knowledgeable staff and principal, the parent partnerships, and of course the kids! I love the atmosphere here at Murray Lake. We all have a job to do. It is done with high expectations and accountability, but we can also have fun. The working, teaching, learning environment at Murray Lake is outstanding," said Washburn.

Tots, continued ... From Page 7

Various resources at groups, grand- and step- future student enrollment, FRC range from books and parenting, learning games special education savings productivity, higher gradnutrition, dental health, early literary skills.

activities for different age of TOTS include increased in grade repetitions, neglect.

videos about health and about shapes and colors, and through early referrals, uation rates, lower teen improved skills for early pregnancy, higher wages, Some of the benefits school success, reductions and reduction in abuse and involvement."

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she said. "It builds school teachers on Nov.1.

Cole is also in charge she said.

"The program helps get of character education. She parents involved early with will be conducting a bully their children's education," prevention workshop for

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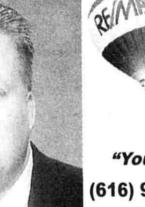
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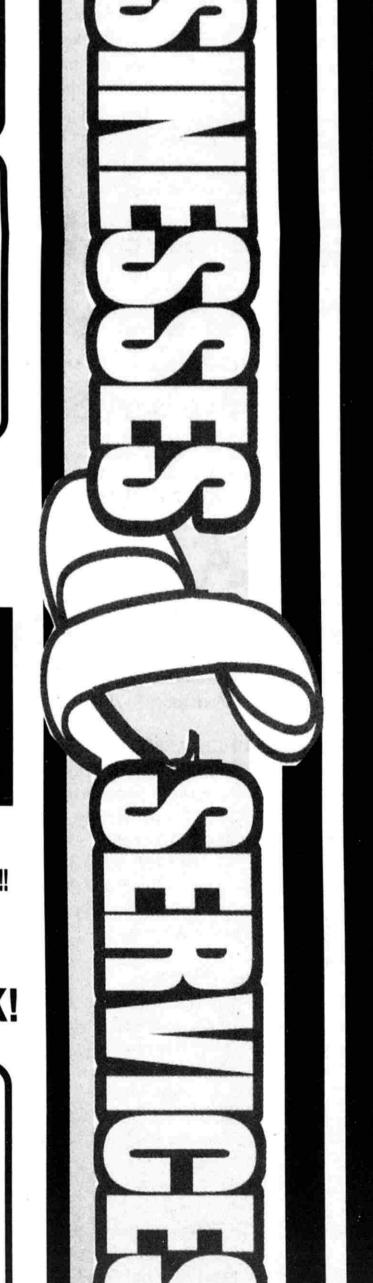
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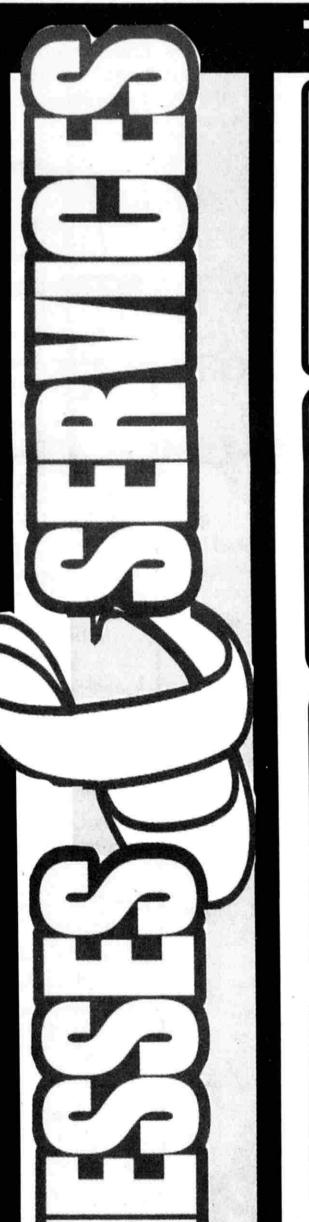
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New pizza business arrives in Lowell

By Emma Palova

Jet's Pizza has landed in dish pizza. Lowell with its best known

passenger, the square deep lots of cheese and crunchier from fresh dough, the large

crust can be topped with just deep dish pizza serves three cinnamon jet-sticks topped across from Key Heights The popular pizza with about anything. Made daily to five.

from pepperoni to pineapple and anchovies. Feta cheese an additional charge. "This is what separates

said manager Mike Sawyer. Sawyer. The deep dish pizza

slowly travels through a available, Jet's also offers know people.' large oven for eight minutes deli boats. Made of freshly that bakes it to perfection.

bread sticks and garlic and toppings. dipping sauce, the pizza may just hit the spot on a wintery pizza place, with its red, customers," said Sawyer. day. Also available is the white and green decor, round pizza.

And, said Sawyer, the next to Pauly's on M-21 with cinnamon and vanilla Village. Pizza toppings range icing are very popular, as

New on the menu "The next one will be in and chicken are available for are Jet's boneless chicken Cascade. tenders with BBO sauce.

"We have a hard time location in Detroit, Jet's has us from other competition," keeping them in," said

baked pizza dough, Jet boats donations to school functions Paired with cheesy are like calzonis with cheese and offers discounts on big

> The take-out and order hand-tossed has been renovated from a former garage and is located

"We're circling Grand said Sawyer.

150 locations nationwide. "We hope to stick Although subs are around," he said, "and get to

Jet's Pizza helps with

"We work with our

Mike Sawyer, manager of Jet's Pizza, makes the signature deep dish pizza.

Inventor, continued ... From Page 1

of Lowell's size.

"It's a standard unit." said Regan.

a need, he has a solution.

Brecken said. "I looked for a safety issue with tipping competition

Although built speci- simple mechanism that will and sliding off the wooden fically for the Lowell Water help in the water field. It's blocks. It wasn't a safe competition," he said. Treatment Plant, Brecken's a product of necessity. We practice, but it was the only hoist would fit most utilities needed a hoist and I built it. means we had." It's part of my job."

Encouraged by all, Brecken, a former tool Brecken is now ready to enter and die maker, milled the his hoist into the national Brecken was surprised shafts on the hoist on the city AWWA competition. The when he received the award. lathe and mill. So, the entire national honor comes with It's not like he sits around hoist cost \$20 using old metal a \$1,000 monetary award. all day thinking about and scrap steel. "He did Brecken has received \$500 inventions, but when there is a great job," said water for his state award. distribution superintendent

"It's just a simple hoist," Bob Robinson. "We had a for gimmicks and gadgets simplicity and originality.

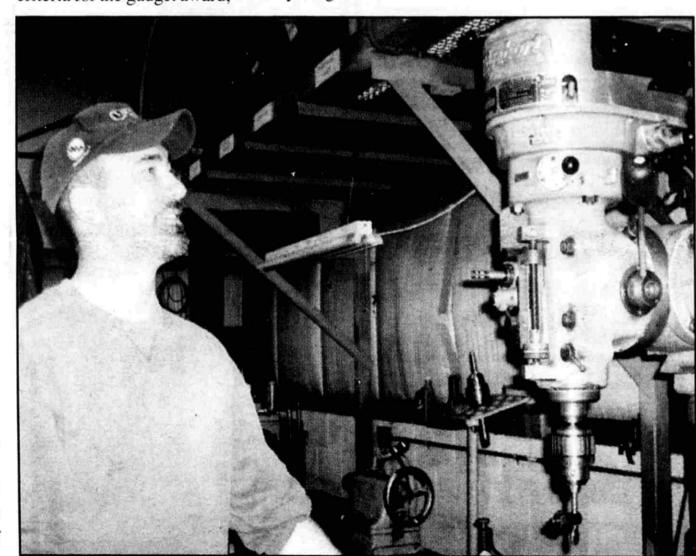
"What they liked about my hoist was that it was made from recycled material and that it is simple," said Brecken.

Dennis Benoit, AWWA co-chair of committee for developing gadgets and gimmicks, said the entries were judged on basis of

"He can enter national

According to AWWA criteria for the gadget award, Everything else is details

the idea for the device or that can be usually set down the procedure is the most in a simple standard format. important part of the story.



Ralph Brecken shows the milling machine in the city garage.

..\$1,351,280.85

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Meeting of October 9, 2006

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Representative to the Board, reported that Homecoming was • The following payment of bills for September 2006: a success and students were able to raise money for "Alternatives in Motion" a non-profit group who provides SCHOOL SERVICES FUND wheelchairs for the uninsured. The student council is A. Food Service Fund. sponsoring a blood drive on Nov. 3 and they are hoping that more students and community members will participate so Scholarship Fund. they can top their goal of 100 pints.

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REPORTS -**TOTS and Curiosity Corner**

Kathy Cole shared information on the Tots On Track for TRUST AND AGENCY FUND. School program and the Curiosity Preschool. The TOTS • Overnight student trips for 2006-2007 program is available for all families living in the Lowell area • West Michigan Risk Management Trust Resolution with children from birth to beginning school. Playgroups, monthly family nights, parenting classes, along with music, September student count was taken and that once a review to three mornings or afternoons a week.

ACTION ITEMS –

The Board accepted the following gifts:

\$271.75 to be used by Murray Lake Elementary School

used by the Murray Lake Elementary School Media Center. by Murray Lake Elementary School.

CONSENT ITEMS – Approved/adopted were:

· Minutes for the September 11, 2006 Regular Meeting, September 25, 2006 Special Meeting, September 25, 2006 Brooke Liu, Student Council President and Student Board Workshop, and September 25, 2006 Closed Session

GENERAL FUND.

B. Athletic Fund 2000 Debt Fund 2004 Debt Fund ..\$30,687.10

BUDGET UPDATE – Connie Gillette reported that the art, and cooking classes are offered. Curiosity Corner has been made by Kent ISD, the numbers will officially be Preschool for 3 year olds and 4 year olds provides classes two given. The Board will look at a budget amendment during their October workshop based on the student count, and they will adopt the amendment at their November Board meeting. CURRICULUM UPDATE - Roger Bearup, newly hired · Doug & Brenda Nowak donation of books valued at Coordinator of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction, reported that MEAP testing will run from Oct 9-27. The • The Damm family donation of books valued at \$75 to be Data Warehouse is being implemented at Lowell and will be an outstanding tool in student progress assessment. Roger • Wendy Jeffrey donation of books valued at \$25 to be used said that he has been made to feel very welcome at Lowell and that he is excited to be on board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Greg Pratt gave a report on the November 7 Proposal 5 education ballot initiative. While the proposal is a legislative initiative and does not amend the Michigan Constitution, it does make public education, kindergarten through university, a top State government budget priority. Greg encouraged voters to study this proposal and all the other ballot proposals prior to the November 7 election. Greg also emphasized that Lowell Area Schools continues to review safety procedures for students and staff. Administrators have recently met with local police and fire personnel to review all aspects of school safety. Greg reported that Lowell Ledger reporter Dan Schneider has recently moved to the UP and he wished him well. He announced that Dan's replacement is Emma Palova and he welcomed her to this new position.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Board Workshop - Monday, October 23, 2006 - 5:30 p.m. Runciman Administration Building - Board Room 300 High St., Lowell, MI

Regular Board Meeting - Monday, November 13, 2006 Runciman Administration Building - Board Room 300 High St., Lowell, MI – 7:00 p.m.

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Crowd gives warm reception to huge Harvest parade

By Emma Palova

afternoon last Saturday only two days after a record

With more than 80 on Lincoln Lake Ave. entries, the parade was well represented. The first part consisted of the military salute including a fly-over by A-10's jet attack aircraft from the 110th Fighter Wing of Battle Creek. Lowell High School senior Brennan Ellison sang the national anthem in front of a packed downtown from a tribune set up near the Flat River. And announcing each parade entry were LHS cheerleaders carrying a picket sign.

The official parade opened with Native American drummers and a Native American group in full regalia. There was a horsedriven float by the Lowell Area Historical Museum and a float of "Fashions Through the Ages" by Lowell Senior Neighbors.

"I stood there knowing what was coming," said director Dave Thompson, "and I was still

many kids were highlighted pleased with how everything there was the smell of chili Hundreds of spectators in the parade, such as the came together," said in the air on N. Broadway enjoyed the Harvest Parade Lowell Equestrian Team Thompson. "I am grateful to St. between Larkin's and and the Unity High School all the volunteers. students. There was also a float with a model of the new Grand Rapids District Bag all the groups who have

Bands ranged from the First Congregational Church Pipe Band and Lowell helped out," concluded Area Schools bands to the Thompson.

am tremendously German Umpah Band. And the Lowell Ledger office.

"I am very grateful to



An Indian drummer was one of many diverse entries in last Saturday's parade.

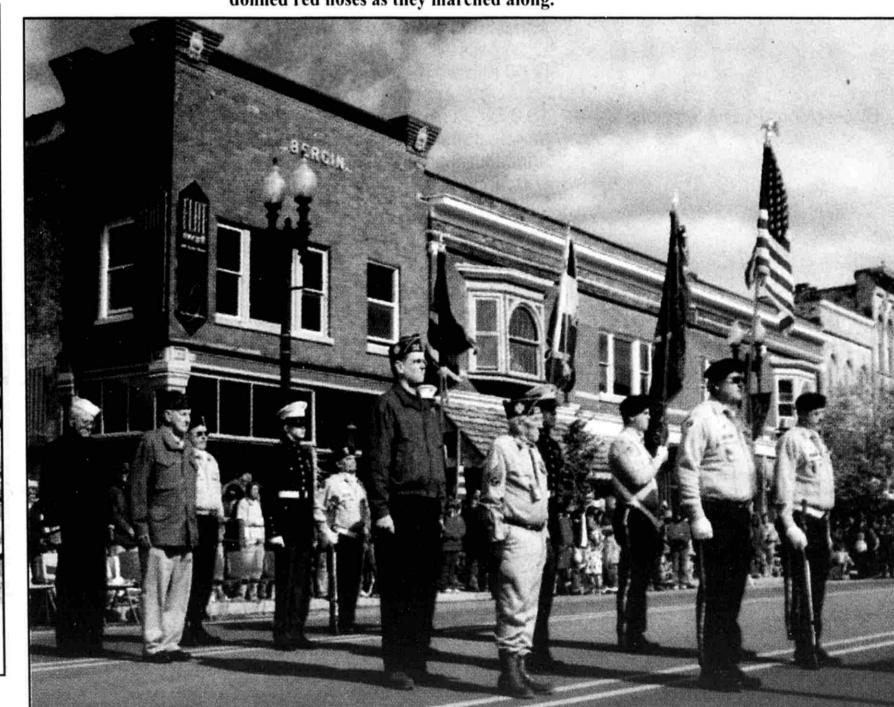




Unity High School students as well as bespeckled Lowell Middle Schools clowns donned red noses as they marched along.



Senior Neighbors had a float of period costumes.



Lowell veterans from all wars stood in review.

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

NOTICE TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2006 SPECIAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that a SPECIAL ELECTION will be held in the Township of Grattan on November 7, 2006, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Local Time, to vote on the following Ballot Proposition:

MILLAGE PROPOSITION .3577 MILL FOR TOWNSHIP GENERAL OPERATING PURPOSES

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?

RESTORATION OF PAST HEADLEE REDUCTIONS

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.

List of Polling Place Locations:

County of Kent, State of Michigan.

Precinct 1:

Grattan Township Hall 12050 Old Belding Road

Precinct 2:

Fire Station 12134 Old Belding Road

The following is the statement of the Kent County Treasurer, given as provided by Act 62 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1933, as amended:

Statement of Kent County Treasurer as to Voted Increases

l, Kenneth Parrish, Treasurer of Kent County, Michigan, hereby certify that as of September 15, 2006, the records of this office indicate that the total of all voted increases over and above the tax limitation established by the Constitution of Michigan, in any local units of government affecting the taxable property located in Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan, is as follows:

<u>Unit</u>	Voted Increases	Years Effective
By Kent County:	IIIB4 Mill IIIB3 Mill	1990 to 2009, inclusive 2006 to 2013, inclusive
By Grattan Township:	1.10 Mill 1.00 Mill III50 Mill	1979 Unlimited 2004 to 2009, inclusive 2004 to 2009, inclusive
By Belding Area Public Schools:	18.00 Mills (exempting principal residence and qua agricultural property) 7.00 Mills 2.00 Mills	1999 to 2018, inclusive Ilified 1996 to 2026, inclusive 2006 to 2018, inclusive
By Rockford Public Schools:	18.00 Mills (exempting principal residence and qua agricultural property) 1.00 Mill 1.05 Mills 1.65 Mills 1.091 Mills 1.27 Mills 1.185 Mills	2000 to 2009, inclusive alified 2004 to 2023, inclusive 1990 Unlimited 1992 Unlimited 1996 Unlimited 1997 Unlimited
By Lowell Public Schools:	18.00 Mills (exempting principal residence and qua agricultural property) 5.60 Mills 5.60 Mills 110 Mill 1175 Mill	2006 to 2009, inclusive alified 1990 to 2020, inclusive 2000 to 2030, inclusive 2004 Unlimited 2005 Unlimited
Dated: September 6, 2006	/s/Kenneth D. Parrish	

Kenneth D. Parrish

This Notice is given by authority of the Township Board of the Township of Grattan,

Kent County Treasurer

Lana Green, Clerk Township of Grattan

To The Editor, continued ... From Page 5

• All consumption would be in a strictly controlled environment.

• The State requires every server be trained, certified, and remain current with skills to recognize when a guest is nearing the point of being overserved and the appropriate intervention techniques.

 Servers and business owners have great incentive not to overserve clients. One lawsuit from an intoxicated person can result in the business, the business owner, and even the server losing all their property and their livelihood.

• I am not opening a drinking establishment. I am opening a place for celebrations.

Voting yes on this proposal would prohibit package liquor stores. When I wrote this proposal I chose phrasing which will provide the citizens of Vergennes Township with a great amount of control while still allowing them to choose whether they want the right to enjoy a cocktail.

But let me be clear: this proposal is not about my business. It is a proposal of how Vergennes' citizens can cope with growth, encourage business, and still retain the quiet restrained lifestyle of the past. We want this proposal in place so we will not have to fight somebody else with a much less restrictive proposal.

If you vote in Vergennes Township, vote yes on the last issue on your ballot.

Sincerely, Kent McKay

Conservancy asks deer hunters to help

Conservancy is urging asking the state's 750,000 Michigan's deer hunters to gun hunters and numerous report sightings of cougars bow hunters for help in (mountain lions) again this obtaining information about fall. For the last eight years, this endangered species. We the nonprofit organization, urge them to take video or based near Lansing, has still cameras to their blinds conducted research on when hunting this fall." the big predators, which were once thought to have is interested in all cougar vanished from the state by sighting reports, the the early 1900s.

Field work by the special appeal to hunters in Conservancy, Southern Michigan where published in a peer-reviewed there have been numerous 5 the Michigan Department attack. of Natural Resources (DNR)

"We suspect that on presence and biology, aid Nov. 15 more cougars are future research, and help any other date," said Dave

The Michigan Wildlife years past, so we are again

While the Conservancy

organization is making a

scientific article, detected recent reports of the cougars in widely-separated sightings. A horse killed in areas of both the Upper and Jackson County last year Lower Peninsulas. On Oct. was the victim of a cougar The cougar is fullyofficially acknowledged protected by state law, the credibility of the and the Conservancy has Conservancy research and established the Michigan conceded that Michigan has Cougar Protection Fund to increase awareness of their

seen in Michigan than on curb illegal killing. Hunters and other Haywood, president of the citizens can contact the Conservancy. "Deer hunter Conservancy at 517reports have helped identify 641-7677 or by email at cougar home ranges in wildlife@miwildlife.org.



Remodeled McDonald's to carry specialty coffees

By Emma Palova

The remodeled Mc-Donald's in Lowell will start offering specialty coffees at its McCafe counter on election day.

Although the dining room will be closed during renovation from Oct. 16 through Nov. 6, the drivethru will stay open.

Specialty coffees will include cappuccino, mocha, latte and other high line coffees from freshly ground beans. They will be served from behind an etched glass counter. Cold coffees will also be available. "There's a market out there for specialty coffees that needs to be developed," said owner Larry Berg, "at a reasonable price."

Since the beverage counters will be basically the same," said Berg. "Our reversed, the flow of traffic goal is to reopen on election should improve, Berg said. day.'

The dining area will be door has been eliminated increase. to make room for a corner electric fireplace near the higher class experience,'

will be a table with chairs for ready for a facelift." kids. While play equipment floor will have a new safety coupons surface. The glass wall, now moved back 10 feet to increase the dining area, will be a solid wall.

"The big toy will remain

There will be no layoffs. larger with new seating and according to Berg. And interior decor in burgundy the level of employment and gold colors. The back will stay the same if not

"We're bringing in a said Berg. "We're moving In the Playland, there into the 21st century. We're

will remain the same, the construction-special during the

The contractor is Houseman Construction from Grand Rapids.



McDonald's franchise owner Larry Berg next to a sign that explains his restaurant's

Lowell's marching band competes at marching invitational

The Lowell High School Saturday, Oct. 14.

The competition was marching part of the Scholastic and visual effect, as well Competitive Marching as performance of the Circuit and was judged under color guard and percussion the Michigan Marching sections. Band Judging System.

Lowell's marching students' accomplishments band performed its halftime this season," said director show featuring music from Tim Haan.

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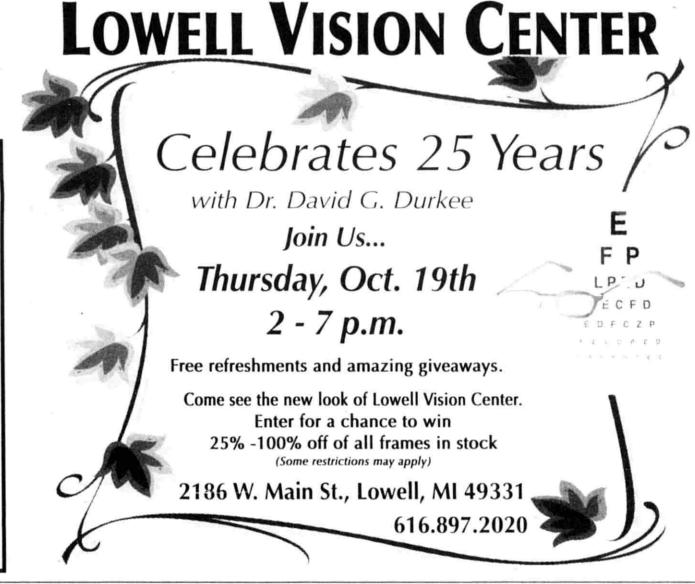
the Gull Lake High School of 77.4 points out of 100, experience for the band. Marching Invitational last Judges evaluated music Our only regret is not being performance, music effect, able to participate in the Fall performance, Festival Parade." This is the second year

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director that the Red Arrow Marching by drum majors' Erin Soules The color guard is instructed Red Arrow Marching Band musical. Lowell took second Kate Bredwell added, "The Band has participated in and Gary Kilgore, along with by Sharon MacDermaid and competed in Richland at place in class A with a score competition was a good competition. The band is led flag captain Mary Gillhespy. Terry Raymor.





COMING EVENTS

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.

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

SAT., OCT. 21: Turkey dinner at Alto United Methodist Church, 84th and Alden Nash. 5-7 p.m.

SAT., OCT. 21: Masonic Lodge #355 serving Belding. Lowell, Ionia will have a Texas Hold'em Tournament fundraiser. Registration 5 p.m. Must be 18 to participate Duane 527-2610 or texasholdem@sbcglobal.net

SUN., OCT. 22: Organ concert with Bill Zinke at 1st United LPAC. Call 897-8545 or www.lowellartscouncil.com. Methodist Church, 621 E. Main at 3 p.m. All welcome.

TUES., OCT. 24: 8:30 a.m. Breakfast at Perkin's. Lowell Senior Neighbors.

THURS., OCT. 26: Health lecture by Dr. Andre Jubert at Englehardt Library, 7-8 p.m. "The Frontal Lobe." Free.

SAT., OCT. 28: 3rd Annual Halloween Haunted Showboat,

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 at 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. at 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.

EVERY MON: Women of Grace study series, St. Mary Church, 402 Amity, 7:30 - 9 p.m. Cheryl 868-6204.

TUESDAYS

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

Cub Scout Pack 3188 at 1st United Methodist Church 621 E. Main St. 6:30 p.m. Call Bruce Doll, cubmaster at 304-0082.

Weight Watchers, Alto United Methodist Church, Kirby & Harrison, 5:30 p.m. Reg. 1/2 hr. 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/preschool story hour/craft time 9:45 - 11:15 a.m./women only at 7:15 p.m. Calvary Christian Reformed Church. 897-7060 or 897-7555.

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 info. 1-800-651-6000. 897-9160.

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

12 - 4 p.m. Pinatas and pumpkin decorating also. Call Staci at 897-8445. Wear your costume!

SAT., NOV. 4: Heritage Holiday arts/crafts show, 10 a.m. -6 p.m. in Saranac H.S. auxiliary gym. 642-9664.

SUN., NOV. 5: Concert w/Roger MacNaughton/Steven VanRavenswaay piano/cello, Christmas favorites, etc. at

WED., NOV. 8: Planning for Trailway meeting at Lowell City offices, 6 p.m. Mari 897-5671. All welcome.

SUN., NOV. 12: 8th annual Taste of Vegetarian, 4-6 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary. Free event for community.

SAT., NOV. 18: Good News Community, "Big Event" at Deer Run Golf, 6 p.m.-12 a.m. \$27/ person, 363-0270.

TUESDAYS

1ST & 3RD TUES.: Lowell Lions Club, 12 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce, 113 Riverwalk Plaza, 897-5449 for information.

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.: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club, 8731 West Riverside Dr., 8 p.m. www.qua-ke-zik.org.

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

2ND & 4TH TUES.: Knights of Columbus #7719 at St. Marv 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 AAmeetings at 1st Congregational Church, 404 N. Hudson. 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking.

EVERY TUES.: Women of Grace study series, St. Mary Church, 402 Amity St., 9:15 - 10:45 a.m. Beth 897-5771.

WEDNESDAYS

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

8 p.m. ALANON upstairs at new 1st Congregational Church, 865 Lincoln Lake S.E. enter north parking lot, side door.

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

1STWED.: 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.: Lowell Area Trailway, 6 p.m. alternate locations. Call Mari Stone 897-5671 or www.lowellareatrailway.org.

2ND WED.: Kent County Youth Fair Board meets 7:30 p.m., King Memorial Youth Center, 4-H Fairgrounds. Call 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.

3RD WED.: Alzheimer's Assoc. of West Mich. support group at Fountain View of Lowell, 11535 E. Fulton, 1 p.m. 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

Saranac Area Musicians and Singers practice at Saranac High School Band Rm. Choir:6-7 p.m./band:7-8. Kathy Maatman,

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. 10 a.m. -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.

St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant women/adolescents, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30-7:30 p.m. 897-9393.

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

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 & 4TH THURS.: GR/W. Michigan Scrabble Club, 10 - 2 p.m. Round Robin, bring your board, all levels, walk-ins are welcome. Call Jan 897-5759 for location and more information.

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

2ND THURS .: Loyal Order of the Moose, men's meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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.: Parents Supporting Parents group, Franciscan Life Process Center. Call 897-7842.

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

2ND & 4TH 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.: Ada Historical Society, 10:30 a.m. at Averill Historical Museum, 7144 Headley, Ada.

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

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

SUN .: Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12-5 p.m. Call Larry at 754-7104. Public welcome.

Thebes Players present Alice In Wonderland - Oct. 20

"Alice in Wonderland" will be presented at the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center beginning this weekend.

First published by Lewis Carroll over 141 years ago as "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," it has since delighted audiences both young and old. Now the Thebes Players will bring a theatrical version to audiences. Directed by Brent Alles and produced by Sally McAlpine, there have been around 30 versions of Alice brought to cinema or television, and most people are perhaps most familiar with the Walt Disney 1951 animated version. That adaptation was a combination of Carroll's "Wonderland" and its sequel "Through the Looking Glass."

Thebes will present a combination of those two stories. The play is actually 14 individual "adventures." Alles is a bit notorious for working with large casts (he had over 60 in last year's Thebes' production of "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe"). This year the cast numbers 61. Even Alice's role gets split up between three talented young girls: Shelby Antel, Erin Bajema and Rachel Wold.

Some may wonder if Carroll's story can still find an audience almost 150 years later.

"I know the book is perhaps a bit dated," said Alles, "and even the Disney film is over 50 years old, and not many probably remember the recent television version, so we've taken some liberties and put some modern jokes and references in our version. We even begin the play by establishing this Alice as a 13-year-old girl in middle school who has to read the story of 'Wonderland' in order to write a book report about it. Needless to say, she thinks it's a bit boring until she falls asleep and gets the chance to live out the story that she has been reading, although some of her modern sensibilities have crept in.

"The audience will of course get to witness all the fantastical creatures of Carroll's stories brought to life, from the curmudgeonly Caterpillar (Doug Halbeisen) to the Mad Hatter (Dave Huffman) and the Queen of Hearts (Nancy "We have a fantastic committee of volunteers hole!" making our set and costumes, and we truly believe that this



Pictured, left to right, are: Mouse (Timothy Bem); Alice (Shelby Antel); standing mouse (Kiran Riley); and sleeping mouse (Sarah Dec).

show can be appealing to all ages. There's really something Oct. 21 at 2:30 and 7 p.m.; Oct. 22 at 2:30 p.m.; Saturday, in there for everyone, and even a few surprises or two," Alles relates. "We can't wait to take people down that rabbit

Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 29 at 2:30 p.m.

For tickets, stop by the Lowell Area Arts Council at 149 S. Hudson, call 897-8545, or visit www.lowellartscouncil. Dates of the production are: Friday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m.; org

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David Bratton, of Lowell, graduated with a bachelor of science from Ball State University during

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the 2006 summer semester.

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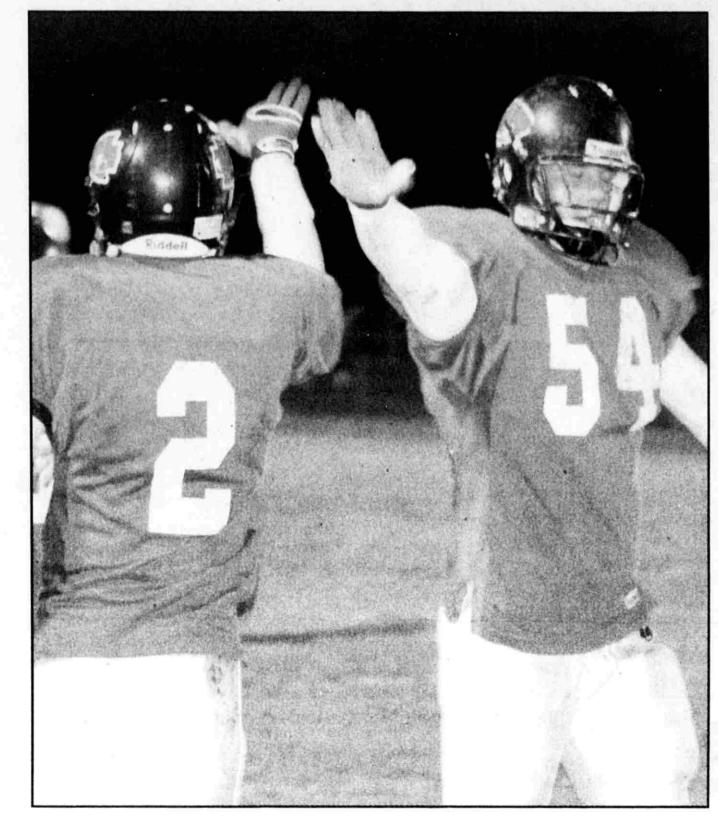
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Champs once again!

Red Arrow football claims share of league title

By Justin Swan

Accomplished, last week's at 8-0 overall. Wildcats does eliminate the three this season for Lowell, first hurdle in a series of the most since 2004 when travel to Kenowa Hills on late-season goals for Lowell they held seven opponents football. The Red Arrows' scoreless, which included usual shellacking of another 7-out-of-nine conference foe, before a midseason. week afforded Lowell its the Red Arrows sang a Kurt VanEssen, who can first O-K White title since similar tune on offense their State Championship as well, rounding up 285 run two years ago.

48-0 win over the Wildcats, another strong performance White title outright and the kept the Red Arrows atop the from senior quarterback guarantee to play host for league standings, and as one Keith Nichol. Kameron the opening round of the

Mike McElroy gets a high five from

Taylor Sprague in the second quarter

The shutout was one of third-quarter.

The victory, a sound 124 yards passing behind

of only two West Michigan Blake continued to run the unscathed ball well and showed some While it's hardly Mission records, joining Muskegon breakaway ability with a 66yard touchdown run in the

The Red Arrows will Friday to close the regular season. Despite the Knights' during record (2-6) there will likely be some scoring chance at Northview, the hands of quarterback get to the end zone on the ground and through the air.

> A victory will give the Red Arrows the O-K playoffs on Oct. 27.

Girls vindicate early season loss by mowing down EGR

Rapids Christian ... more and how to stop them." like a confident statement.

place implications in the O- Bueche for an easy basket. Brittany Lyman, has been at K White, the Red Arrows Consecutive 3-pointers the right place at the right sought revenge on East midway through the second time lately, racking up Grand Rapids after a loss to quarter by the backcourt duo, countless steals for the Red the Pioneers one month ago including some transition Arrows over the last several to the day. In that game, East baskets, resulted in a 14-0 games. The result of some overcame a fourth-quarter run by the Red Arrows, who savvy work in practice, lead to upend the Arrows went into the locker room at according to the senior. 39-44, but a lot has changed halftime with a 24-16 lead. since then.

them I didn't think we were defense as they held the up to the ball," Lyman said. very smart defensively," Pioneers to just five second- "Lately we've been playing said Lowell head coach half field goals; a source Dee Crowley. "We talked of pride for the Red Arrow about that game and were coach. really focused on fixing

and a smile. She was right. and quickly dished the ball strongest part of our game." In a game with first to fellow guard Brittany

"The first time we played all Lowell, particularly on everyone out and just stay

"There was a stretch

made before. I thought the we were right where they It wasn't so much girls did a really good job wanted to go with the ball a guarantee that senior of executing our game plan; every time," Crowley said. Amanda Geelhoed made they were prepared, they "We were just making sure to, following last week's were focused, they knew jump the pass, to know who decisive victory over Grand what they were going to do the scorers were and just being a little more physical The Pioneers held an underneath. We take a lot of "We're going to beat early lead before Chelsea pride in our defense so we East," she said with certainty Harrison forced a turnover want to make sure that's the

One player in particular,

"I just try to sag a little The second half was bit in to the lane to help a kind of zone where we

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Senior Brittany Lyman has been a terror on defense this season.

Tournament troubles at Kaufman end golf season at regionals The work contributed couple of shots out of third," Lance (Perkins) and Eric admits it's really up to the

By Justin Swan

Despite solid play from Brian Scheider, the Red Arrows varsity golf team Golf Course, ending an up and down season.

Both Mundt 82 on Monday giving head

the state tournament, could

Scheider scored rounds of it up," Fredline said. "We

to a respectable finish in the he added.

But high scores of 90 O-K White. "We finished and 91 resulted in a total fourth overall in conference, the team struggled in from the last year. We have score of 345, ending the so I think it was a good year tournament play, they were a couple juniors in Allen own success by playing in season for boys golf, which for us," said Fredline, who impressive in dual meets, Messing and Richard Porter tournaments throughout the finished last at the regional he said did quite well at enjoyed some improvement going 6-3 on the season. A who have played quite well summer," he said. "There tournament at Kaufman times throughout the year. in his team's play last week record Fredline credits to and will basically make up are a lot of tournaments "We lost our top three during the conference the off-season work ethic of the nucleus of next year's available for junior golfers, scorers from last year and tournament at Thornapple his upperclassmen, which he team."

our seniors really stepped Pointe Golf Course. actually had a better average a lot since finishing last returning players. coach Gary Fredline some in our dual meets this year in the first tournament in "The senior class did teach sound golf technique" the girls' golf team for spring hope that perhaps his team, than they did last year, and the pre-season. We raised step up quite well," Fredline to his younger players, but competition. which would have to place that was due to a lot of hard our standing by a couple said. "Brian (Scheider), in the top three to advance to work over the summer." of places and were only a

hopes will transcend down "I think we improved to next year's core group of in July has afforded him a

(Mundt) each significantly varsity players to improve And while overall lowered their averages throughout the off-season.

and that's where they get Fredline's summer camp their best experience."

great opportunity to help Fredline will begin to prep

RED ARROW S PORTIS

Boys soccer off to a good start in first round of districts

By Justin Swan

Varsity soccer captain Chris Barlow put it best. "It's do or die." As one of only a handful of returning players from last season, Lowell coach Paul Legge can't say enough about Barlow. His three goals in Lowell's 6-1 victory over Creston during the first round of the district tournament are just one of a few bright spots for a team that's struggled up to this point. "We've only won six games this year," said Legge. "It has been a down year for us."

Followers of Red Arrow soccer have grown accustomed to winning over the last several seasons. Lowell's been ranked in the state in each of the past five years, and it wasn't uncommon to put up 15 or 16 wins a year, according to Legge. This season, however, has been different.

"Last year we had 11 seniors graduate, nine of which had started since they were sophomores," Legge said. "Youthful mistakes are hurting us, but at the same time the ability and talent of our younger guys is what has made us

Which is when leadership from seniors like Barlow becomes so important, said Legge.

One of this year's captains, Barlow is no stranger to post-season play, and it showed in his first opportunity of the playoffs, scoring the second goal of the game against Creston which broke a 1-1 tie. Lowell's third goal by sophomore Ian Beddows, off an assist by junior Nick Abdoo, was followed by two more goals from Barlow, putting the game out of reach and giving him the hat trick.

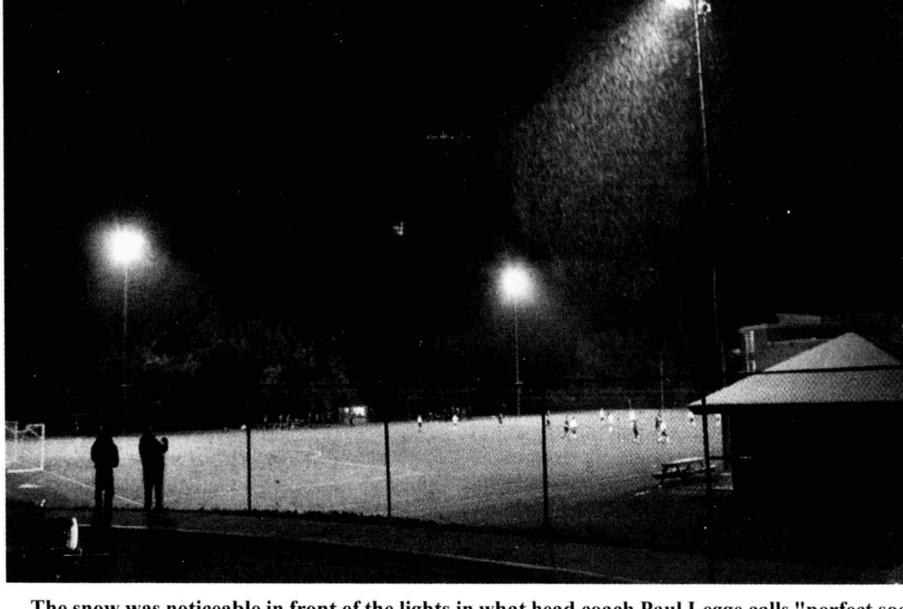
"It was nice to finally be able to put some in the back cer weather." of the net," Barlow said. "All year I've been able to play ball, I just had a hard time finishing, so it was nice to put Barlow, who's been on the last three teams "that were just good team when everyone plays well. If everyone doesn't some in.

"Chris put it together tonight," Legge said. "I think he outstanding player."

early in the game, however. Countless chances presented them from scoring in the Creston goal, missed opportunities Legge worried might come back to haunt them.

were there, but we just couldn't get it done. It was frustrating, carry this over and win district." but the second half was better."

And it's times like that when seasoned players like



The snow was noticeable in front of the lights in what head coach Paul Legge calls "perfect soc-

outstanding," according to Legge, come in handy.

only had three goals all season up to this point, but he's an becomes contagious going into the second round this Thursday. With forecasts projected to be in the range which Legge couldn't help but cringe at the missed opportunities Legge calls "perfect soccer weather," he's hoping the balls continue to find the back of the net.

"Scoring a lot of goals certainly helps," he said. "On teams, beat Northern and lost to East in overtime." Thursday we'll play East Grand Rapids or Forest Hills "We put it together later in the game, it was just a poor Northern. We've played both of them this year, and beat where the team battled the Pioneers into overtime before effort in the first half," he said. "Finishing opportunities Northern earlier in the season, so I think we know we can succumbing 3-2. With snow sticking to the ground the

But Legge admits it will take the entire team.

"It depends on who shows up," he said. "We're a very cold

play well, with the youth we have, we struggle. I think a win And Legge hopes that the sudden surge in scoring Thursday would put us in position to make a run. We could possibly win two or three games after that, but Thursday will be the obstacle."

> "If we take our opportunities right off the bat we can beat any team," Barlow said. "We've competed with both

> Last week Lowell traveled to East Grand Rapids weather was less than ideal for parents and fans, but the intensity of the Red Arrows was noticeable, even in the

> "This is the ideal temperature," he said. "Light rain and 45 to 50 degrees. This is perfect soccer weather right now."

Of course, Barlow disagrees, contending that he "hates the cold." But for a senior hoping to prolong his high school soccer career a few more games, he's not going to argue with the weatherman, especially following a hat trick.



A bundled-up Chris Barlow sends the corner kick toward the goal in a chilly match-up against East Grand Rapids last week.



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lay off a little bit, so we're than just face up."

some heavy focus, at least for three players. Seniors' section, who relentlessly bother me," said Trierweiler. seen all year."

a little more on the help side shot by Crowley resulted in don't pay attention," added of this story the Red Arrows said of Lowell's ability to the students hollering "Air Crowley. The game also took Ball" every time she gained

heckled the players at every "My teammates would

opportunity. An early missed just encourage me." "I just

team was also successful, 44. Lowell scored early and very quick, and we were able Meanwhile Trierweiler defeating East Grand Rapids often, leading 22-11 by the to stop their momentum." Lindsey Trierweiler and heard chants of "Tree" 44-43. Sophomores' Krista end of the first quarter, but Kelsey Crowley, along with while one fan would scream Foster and Kara Rasch "lost intensity in the third 19-of-22 from the freejuniorChelseaHarrison, were out "Chelsea" just before the combined for 16 points in quarter" when the Falcons under constant watch by the point guard would shoot her what one spectator called came within two points, in the fourth quarter. East Grand Rapids' student free throws. "It didn't really "one of the best games I've according to Crowley.

"It showed that we

Following the writing handled adversity," Crowley varsity team (9-4) defeated fend off the Falcons. "East The junior varsity East Kentwood (7-5) 56- Kentwood is very athletic,

Lowell shot a staggering throw line, including 6-of-6

Scoring came from all Thursday.

over the court, including nine points from Harrison, 13 points from Bueche and 12 points from Crowley, who combined for a flawless 15-of-15 shooting from the free-throw line during the

Lowell Greenville at home on

Olympic hopes alive after national competition Sound

Josh Kleczynski, of Lowell, was one of nearly Skeeters 100 young shotgunners with Olympic aspirations who traveled to Colorado Springs, Colo., Oct. 7-8 to compete in the National Shooting Sports Foundation's first Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) International Shotgun Championships.

competition included team matches in the international versions of trap and skeet shooting, which at other world events.

in the skeet event. Kleczynski placed third (116 out of 150).

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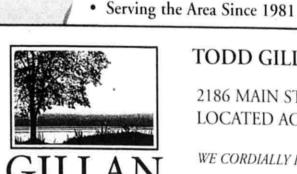
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The early morning sun highlighted the colorful foliage surrounding my tree stand as the woods came alive with the songs of busily feeding birds and the incessant chatter of a disgruntled red squirrel. Then several rapid reports from the shotguns of waterfowl hunters on the river echoed in the distance. A short time later, I heard a vehicle on the two-track where I had parked the truck. The engine stopped and a door

squirrels, because it was getting too late in the morning for it to be another bow hunter. Just another typical weekend on public land during hunting season.

It would seem with so much hunting pressure, all the game would be gone and the habitat devastated. Just the opposite is true. Everyone hunting that day had provided financial support for the protection of the wildlife as well as the restoration and management of the habitat.

The license fees paid by hunters finance the work of state fish and game departments. In addition, a federal excise tax on firearms, ammunition and archery equipment must be returned to state wildlife agencies.

Hunters' dollars are spent to support both game and nongame species as well as habitat conservation which benefits everyone, whether one hunts or not. Many people, myself included, hike, ski, pick mushrooms and photograph wildlife

One of the most direct ways to support wildlife is to buy a hunting license even if it will not be used. Another option for helping wildlife and the environment is to join a conservation organization. I belong to several. Even though I have never hunted ducks and, at this time, have no plans to do so, I am a dues-paying member of a group that focuses on waterfowl conservation. This organization has a long history of supporting sound waterfowl management and establishing and protecting wetland habitat. These endeavors not only help waterfowl, but benefit a long list of other creatures from frogs to songbirds as well as plant life. For that matter, what is good for ducks is also good for people.

If you feel it is important to conserve our land and wildlife, choose an avenue to contribute to the effort in a positive and helpful manner. Wildlife management is complex and expensive and someone must pay the bills.



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