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City council meeting packed with citizens for discussion on North Washington property



Residents Mike Lessens and Garland Berry voice their concerns about the city-owned North Washington property.

Jeepers Creepers gives artists a break

by Emma Palova

Reflecting the season, the "Jeepers" show at Huntington Galleria provides a break for the artists as a standalone exhibit.

Leading into the show is the classical "Skull" poster child by David Davis. This year many young artists entered the show as their first opportunity to showcase and sell their work.

"It's their first time in a professional setting," said Davis. "They were eager to participate."

The adult crowd may

not have been as eager, but just as creative with ghouls and goblins. Karen Hale's "Peepers" spider shows a deep understanding of the creeping creatures. from Studio 208, Studio

Saturdays and Fire and Art,

inspired by Davis love of

Halloween.

Gerard Wood's "Wart Guy" may actually have been inspired by a gourd.

Even though Susan Haddix prefers to paint florals and peaches, she entered the show for fun.

Her "Boo Buddies" presents a mix of Halloween-related things with a persona. Haddix even gave the ghosts personalities by sprucing their white garb with buttons, bow ties, polka dots and hairdos.

"I wanted to get all the symbols in," said Haddix. "The ghosts needed some personality."

And of course, the artists had fun in the process of creating scary paintings.

"It's a break in the routine of things," said Davis.

The show is a compilation of paintings

by Emma Palova

In a standing-room only city council chamber, the area citizens along with the Boy Scouts Monday outlined their vision for the city-owned North Washington property.

The 27-acre parcel with a sliver of land belonging to Vergennes Township has been the subject of controversy for more than a year after the Lowell Light and Power (LL&P) vacated part of the land.

The Boy Scouts have been inhabiting a cabin on the property for more than 50 years, and resident Gary Dietzel has been living in the LL&P caretaker's house for 28 years.

The council now faces several options including the partial development of the property or just simply doing nothing. The property is also part of a community-wide recreation plan tied to a potential land donation from Peter Wege.

Doing nothing with the property and maintaining the sacred status of the Boy Scouts has worked well over the years, according to council member Jeanne Shores.

"The Boy Scouts are sacred," said Shores, "we've followed through for 50 years."

The council members agreed to renew a 10-year lease of the cabin to the Boy Scouts starting in February of 2008, while the caretaker's house may be put up for bids.

Council member Jim Pfaller expressed concerns about the upkeep and the maintenance of the property if it becomes a part of the city parks system.

"I don't want it turned as city parks property," he said. "We don't have the money to maintain it. We're strapped to maintain what we have now. We'd be strapped if we were to put 20 acres into our parks system."

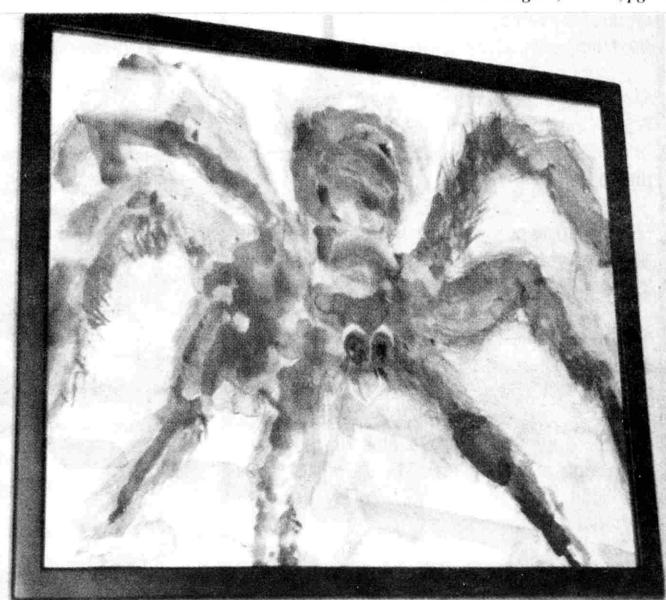
However, resident Sharon Ellison spoke on behalf of a conservancy group of citizens.

"Let it be a natural area," she said. "There would be no upkeep."

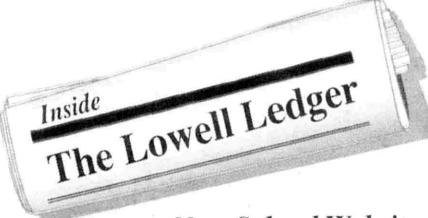
It was the consensus of the council and the city staff that there are no plans for a large scale development recreational or housing on the property.

"Leave the property as is," Shores said. "It has served

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Karen Hale's Peepers adds a crawley aspect to Jeepers Creepers.



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Fall color is peaking in Upper Peninsula

color show has reached its 100 percent. peak across much of the far

with vibrant red, yellow

dominating the landscape.

AAA's weekly survey of state parks and regional visitor's bureaus shows predominant color in most areas of the U.P. Naturalists at Bewabic State Park in Crystal Falls and Van Riper State Park in Ishpeming report that yellow and orange hues are 100 percent developed there. Newberry and Copper Harbor also Peninsula, peak color is

payable were approved

The following actions were taken:

Peninsula, Peninsula, color is filling eportsAAA in fast. At Mackinaw's Michigan, Wilderness State Park, color development is reported at 75 percent - at color development.

Color watchers

SYNOPSIS

REGULAR MEETING OF

THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2007

Minutes of the September 4, 2007 meeting

were approved as corrected and the accounts

Motion to adopt the resolution approving and

authorizing execution of a residential lease

agreement (deleting the language involving a

security deposit and no pets) with Gary C

Dietzel and Sandra Bartlett relating to City-

owned property located at 990 N. Washington

Motion to approve the resolution authorizing

execution of tower rental lease agreement for

REDfrog Technologies providing a provision

Motion to approve the quote from Progressive

Heating, Cooling and Refrigeration in the

amount of \$4,280 for the purchase and

installation of heating and air conditioning

rooftop unit for the lab at the Wastewater

Motion to approve the services from Pollution

Control Services for the sewer cleaning for the

Motion to approve the five year leases from

Good Chevrolet for both the Water Distribution

and the Cemetery trucks based on the bids

Motion to approve the purchase of the

underbody from Truck and Trailer for plow

Motion to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. The next

regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday,

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northern between 75 and 90 percent. In the Northern Lower State Park in Caseville and

and orange Hoeft State Park in Rogers City, red and orange hues predominate at 80 percent

Alpena, Traverse City and Boyne City report color levels at between 35 and 50 percent. In Frankfort, it's 40 percent with excellent orange hues reported. Peak expected in mid-October.

In the Southern Lower

report color development at still a couple weeks away. Lakeport State Park in Port At Blandford Nature Center The rest of the U.P. in Grand Rapids, color reports color development development is reported at 30 percent – at Sleeper

with only 10 percent color development there. Fall color watchers

Huron, red and yellow hues are beginning to appear, Michigan at (888) 78updates provided by AAA www.michigan.org. Michigan each Wednesday

looking for the best viewing through October. Updates opportunities can call Travel also will be posted at AAA. com (enter ZIP code, click GREAT (784-7328) for color ABOUT AAA tab), or visit

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their vehicle with a free transmission fluids, belts, years old. Although batteries inspection at participating AAA Approved Auto Repair

The inspections, which will run through the month free public service for all Michigan motorists; AAA

batteries and/or faulty guarantee an older battery more car starting problems cold weather. than any other factor. Cold Don't be "fuelish" of October, are part of the weather is brutal on a The free AAA winter 10 cents per gallon. battery's starting power. As car care maintenance

In Michigan, faulty seven years, a warranty is no

car care" program, now the temperature drops, so inspections not only help in its 28th year. This is a does the battery's cranking prepare vehicles for the maintenance inspection rough winter ahead, they at any AAA Michigan's As part of its "winter also help improve fuel membership is not required. car care" program, AAA economy. Among the facilities statewide. To find automotive components the AAR facility nearest tested by technicians is the you, call 1-800-AAAair filter, tire pressure and MICH or visit www.aaa. **barred unless presented** tread depth. According to the com/carcaretips.

Components inspected Michigan is recommending U.S. Department of Energy, can't avoid winter - it's by the AAR facilities include motorists closely monitor replacing a clogged air filter right around the corner battery load and terminals, the condition of their can improve fuel economy anti-freeze, oil, brake fluid, vehicle's battery, especially by as much as 10 percent, power steering fluid and batteries more than two saving up to 32 cents per hoses, tire and wiper blades. can carry warranties of up to also keeps impurities from damaging the inside of your engine. Properly inflated terminal connections cause will continue to perform in tires with good tread depth can add another 3 percent to the fuel savings tally – about

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Creditors of the decedent 1443 Lawncrest Ct. NE are notified that all claims Grand Rapids, MI 49505 against the deceased or 616-363-0900 the trust will be forever

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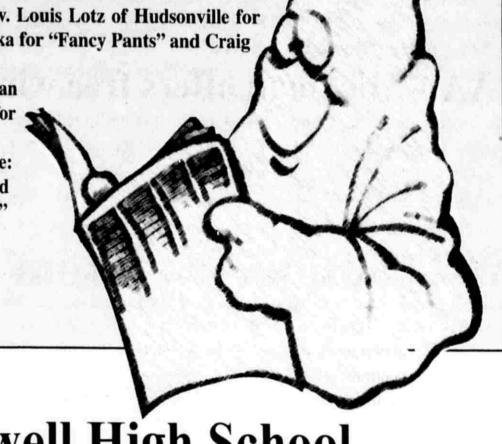
Weekend winning ghost story readings

The winning stories of the 2007 Ghost Stories Contest will be read along with a few classics at the Lowell Fairgrounds on Oct. 13 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in one of the spooky old barns.

The winners in the adult category are: Rev. Louis Lotz of Hudsonville for "Man Drowns in River," Rose Manning of Alaska for "Fancy Pants" and Craig Moore of Ada for "sInnernet."

Honorable mention goes to Jeanette Bodman for "Halloween Coins" and Craig Moore for "Halloween Diet."

The winners in the youth category are: Gabrielle MacDonald for "Wendy the Witch and Gary the Ghost," Meghan Ross for "Bed Bugs" and Lindsey Crawford for "Trick-or-Eat?"



yearbook slide presentation,

Davidson ('90) and Tina

Association is a committee

of the Lowell Education

The LHS Alumni

Lowell graduates, from produced by Betsy Dommer

among the entertainers. A students and teachers. For

red-and-white Carpenter information about the LHS

Star quilt, crafted by Barbara Alumni Association, go to

raffled. Door prize drawings and click on Alumni News.

Throughout

Porter ('85) was www.lowellschools.com,

Fourth annual Lowell High School all alumni gathering held last month

Schools Alumni Committee event was a celebration of from the past.

Area This Homecoming weekend with winning team trophies the evening, a continuous

was pleased to host the Lowell Area Schools' long Fourth Annual Lowell and memorable history with every decade from the 30s to High School All Alumni the Lowell Area Historical the 90s were present. Music Siciliano Cadwallader ('80), Gathering on Saturday, Sept. Museum's traveling history was provided by DJ Craig was shown.

29, at Deer Run Golf Course. exhibit on display, along Stinchcomb ('83). The innovative improv group, Tips for drivers in the Guf Trupe, was delightful entertainment after dinner. Foundation and Lowell grads were provides grants for Lowell event of an auto accident

National Safety Council driving and crashes. There approximately 1 in 8 drivers is no slight, vulgar gesture will be in an auto accident this year. "With odds like that, there's no better time than the summer, when many drivers hit the road for vacation, to familiarize vourself with some basic advice," said Ray Palermo, director of public relations or Response Insurance, a

national car insurer. Palermo offered several suggestions to help prevent injury, save time and money and minimize the stress involved in a car crash.

Tip #1 - Stay calm. Avoid tendencies toward "road rage" and stay calm if you encounter another driver who is behaving irrationally. When these situations escalate, they

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> Tip #2 - Protect yourself. Be alert to traffic scams that seem like "accidents," such as when driving on a lightly traveled road, particularly at night, and being tapped from behind. Predatory criminals do this to get the driver to exit the car and then either rob the driver or steal the car. If you are suspicious of the circumstances, stay in your vehicle and drive to a police station or heavily populated area for assistance.

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FALLASBURG FALL FESTIVAL

39th annual Fallasburg Fall Festival will be show on channel 20 on Wed., Oct. 10 at 7 p.m., Thurs., Oct. 11 at 6 p.m., Fri., Oct. 12 at 3 p.m. and Sat., Oct. 13 at 10 a.m.

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Sign up at the Nazarene Church Oct. 12, 6-8 p.m. or Oct. 13, 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Everyone welcomed. Any questions call 897-7395

LARKIN'S 6TH ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF

Sat., Oct. 13 with tasting starting at 3 p.m. Entry fee is \$40. Tickets for tasting is 10 for \$5. Proceeds to benefit Lowell Senior Center.

WITTENBACH WEGE CENTER / LOWELL FFA

Volunteers are needed to help with construction of a greenhouse being installed at the Wittenbach/Wege Center on Monday, Oct. 15 from 6-8 p.m. Questions contact Kevin Nugent at 987-5915 or knugent@lowellschools.

PSAT

If your student is a sophomore or junior who is college bound, please consider having them take the PSAT on October 17. The cost is \$15, make checks payable to Lowell Area Schools. Students should register as soon as possible in the Student Service Center.

HARVEST HUSTLE 5K RUN/WALK

Lowell Community Wellness is again hosting the 3rd annual event on October 13. This family friendly event is being held in conjunction with the Annual Harvest Celebration sponsored by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. The 5K will begin at 9 a.m. on Avery St. which is adjacent to the Lowell City Hall. Pre-registration is available at Lowell City Hall and the Lowell or Alto branches of the Kent District library. For course and registration information go to www.lowellcommunitywellness.org.

WITTENBACH / WEGE CENTER

Hog roast/FFA auction on Sat., Oct. 20, 2 to 6 p.m. Pork sandwich dinner \$5 with auction at 5 p.m. Mammals, tracking, and their behavior hike on Sat., Oct. 27 and Sun., Oct. 28 from 2 to 3 p.m. with Ranger Steve. Bat Enrich our World Program with Lori Martin on Sat., Oct. 27 at 7 p.m., followed by night hike at 8 p.m. at 11715 Vergennes. Questions call 987-1002.

CHRISTMAS THROUGH LOWELL

Visit Lowell for a unique shopping experience on November 16, 17 & 18. Visit the web site at www.christmasthroughlowell.org.

PARADE ENTRIES

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking parade entries for our first ever Night-time parade on December 1. The parade will begin at 6 p.m. sharp from the Lowell Fairgrounds. Parade theme is "Light the Night." Download application at www.discoverlowell.org or call the Chamber at 897-9161.

LOWELL LEADERSHIP

Lowell Institute for Volunteer Excellence (L.I.VE.8) is now accepting applications for participants in the classes that begin in January, 2008. Also seeking suggestions for class projects that will benefit the community. Visit the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce web sit at www. discover lowell.org for application and/or project request form or call 897-9161 for more information.

BOY SCOUTS COLLECTING DONATIONS

Troop 102 is collecting donations to send popcorn to our troops. Donation jars are at the following sites: Hunan Gardens, Keisers, Flat River Grill, Springrove, YMCA and The Flat River Cottage. Contact Phil Janowski 897-7808 for more information.

New LAS website and Infinite Campus launched

by Shelly MacNaughton Contributing writer

The Lowell School meeting Monday night.

principal Elementary, information on the new "Response to Intervention"

program at the school. The Kent Intermediate

offered free professional have put in a lot of time and development for one year effort," said Roger Bearup. to any district that can they fall behind.

commend Bushnell staff an after-school program.

School District (KISD) on the RTI Grant, the staff

Roger Bearup offered meet its requirements. a curriculum update to Bushnell was one of seven the board. Currently he is buildings chosen by KISD working on a new pamphlet to participate. The goal of called "Back on Track for this intuitive is to identify Graduation."Thebookwould struggling readers before be for the high school, and would include information "I would like to on credit recovery through

More information will be Alto, and one at Bushnell coming on this, as well as A meeting was held Sept. information on a similar 26 regarding middle school middle school program. building needs and they MEAP testing began Oct. hope to begin receiving bids 8 throughout the school for work in January.

Larry Mikulski offered a Superintendent's Report. The brief building update. Work new Lowell Area Schools should begin soon at Alto and website has launched, as Bushnell, beginning around well as Infinite Campus at Christmas Break. There are the middle school and high two projects in the works at school levels.

Infinite Campus allows parents to look at children's grades online, as well as dialog with the teacher. They hope to have this available at the elementary Greg Pratt offered a level during the second trimester. Parents are notified by the school and given access information as this becomes available.

N. Washington property, continued ... From Page 1

FOOD BOOTH

Alto Lions Club

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Lowell Area Fire

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Gabriela Minnhaar-Tomatis Lowell Rotary Club

Flat River

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Methodist Church

Historical Museum

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and Stars"

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Dawn Ysseldyke

the city well. I can't see protective of it. It is a changing it."

be a possible archeological camping site, since bones have been found there in the past, according to city manager the area for potential burial Dave Pasquale.

"It's been a sleeping project dog financially," said mayor Chuck Myers, "why would you want to disturb it?"

to the North Washington to do something. property include granting an easement to Ken want," she said. "To do Gregersen.

area," said Gregersen. "We are Oct. 25.

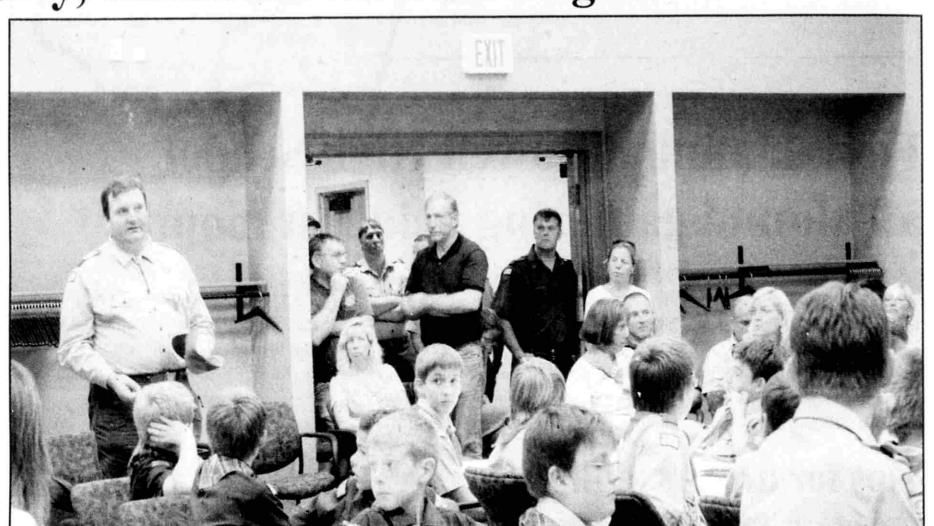
big asset the city has. It's The property could also constantly being used for

> Covert suggested investigating grounds as part of a scout

"It's like throwing spaghetti against the wall to see what sticks," said Other issues related Pfaller. Ellison urged all

> "Let's do what people nothing is old."

community-wide meeting is scheduled for



Residents Mike Lessens and Garland Berry voice their concerns about the city-owned North Washington property.

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Ray Zandstra

QUILT WINNER: Judy Mroz, Grand Rapids

Also a BIG thank you for the crew at Fallasburg Park, performing musicians and Thebes Players, and the many, many community

volunteers for a great festival this year!



Improvements made to memorial deck

Over the past few months, students and staff at Lowell High School have been working at maintaining the memorial deck and making sure that it respects the memory of those students who have passed away. The memorial deck was installed during the spring of 2006 as a gift from the graduating class. This past spring, students from Kevin Nugent's landscaping class designed and installed a landscape around the deck with the help of Kim Foster from



Foster's Countryside Greenhouse. Maintenance staff from school worked this summer to repair damage on the deck and the fall classes touched up the landscape in time for the Homecoming celebrations. students would like to thank Mr. Foster for his help and donating all of the plant materials used in the landscape.

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Viewpoint-

To The Editor

Dear Editor.

I can't believe I had to buy a Grand Rapids Press to read about one of our "Home Grown Young Man" who won the championship in his division and nothing in our local

Check with Andy Stormgard- he can tell you all about do with the proceeds, not the council or an advisory board.

Shirley Peckham

Dear Editor,

Uncle Sam.

This poem sums up my feelings on the loss of our trees in Lowell:

... A tree that looks at God all day, And lifts her leafy arms to pray;/ A tree that may in summer wear a nest of robins in her hair;/ Upon whose bosom snow has lain;/ who intimately lives with rain./ Poems are made by fools like me, But only God can make a tree. (Joyce Kilmer, 1886-1918)

Stock option

tax loophole

must be closed

With Senator Carl Levin

Stock options are a key part of the compensation paid

to U.S. corporate executives, making up nearly half of what

the 500 largest U.S. companies paid their CEOs in 2006,

according to Forbes magazine. Part of the reason is a costly

glitch in our tax code that allows companies to recoup a

sizable portion of their stock option pay at the expense of

for a specified period of time. When issued, the company

places a value on those options and enters that value on their

books as an expense. After the options are exercised by the

employee, the company claims a tax deduction which is

usually far higher than the expense they put on their books

claim a bigger stock option tax deduction than their actual

book expense. Current tax rules provide for that. But the

result of this mismatch is that companies receive a tax

deduction from the IRS that can be double, triple or even

ten times larger than what they report on their own books

to investors and stockholders. There is no other form of

I chair, held a hearing in June and found that nine companies

(who voluntarily cooperated with the inquiry) claimed

they would have showed as expenses on their books under

The Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, which

over \$1 billion more in stock option tax deductions than expense.

than the expense shown on a company's books.

Companies aren't cheating on their taxes when they

when the options were granted.

current accounting rules.

employees the right to buy company stock at a set price revenue; that's the rest of us.

compensation for which the tax deduction may be larger accounting rules that are out of kilter.

Nancy Roth

Dear Editor.

The city council on Monday, Oct. 1 approved the investment of \$2.4 million in cable sale proceeds into the Grand Rapids Community Foundation Fund. They said that ultimately, an appointed advisory board will determine the distribution of the funds. I believe this money belongs to the "subscribers, owners" of the now defunct Lowell Cable TV, and they should be the ones voting on what to What happened to a public hearing to further determine the authority and allocations which was printed in a Sept. 12 article? The council's lack in notifying the "subscribers, owners" and the constituents of Lowell of their intent of selling Lowell Cable TV long before it was sold only shows me what I believe is the misuse of power. I also believe if the "Subscribers, Owners" are not allowed a public hearing and a vote on what categories this money is spent on, it I think that I shall never see a poem as lovely as a tree. will only again show what I believe is a misuse of power. I believe in no way any of this money should be used on anything that would normally come out of the city budget. But I'm speaking with only one person's opinion and that is why this should come to a vote of the people of Lowell and I have more faith in the constituents of Lowell than I do the city council and their board.

For instance, one company, Occidental Petroleum, took

a \$353 million tax deduction from stock options cashed

in by its CEO over the last five years, even though under

paying billions of dollars in taxes in that one year alone.

pay for executives, the bigger the tax deduction for the

option double standard that is fueling sky-high executive

pay and depriving the Treasury of much-needed revenue.

It's called the Ending Corporate Tax Favors for Stock

Options Act. This legislation would require companies to

match their stock option tax deductions with the amount

shown on the financial reports they file with the Securities

that CEO pay should not exceed 20 times what the average

worker receives. Today, the average CEO is paid nearly 400

times as much as the average worker, a towering difference

that can be explained in part by stock option tax and

through generous tax deductions. It's time to treat stock

options like other forms of compensation and require the

corporate tax deduction to match, not exceed, the book

Our tax code shouldn't be subsidizing stock option pay

The famed American banker J.P. Morgan once said

and Exchange Commission.

That's why I recently introduced a bill to end the stock

shown a maximum book expense of \$29 million.

Jim Howard



100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER OCTOBER 10, 1907

There was something of a mad-dog scare in town last week. David Wilson's dog had an attack of rabies and bit Frank Bergin's dog. Wilson's dog died and the Bergin dog

News from Lowell Center - George Ingersoll had his left hand badly smashed while working in the novelty works.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO **OCTOBER 6, 1932**

current accounting rules the same stock options would have Both the cost and the labor in connection with welfare relief in Lowell Township have grown to such proportions Those nine companies aren't alone. The IRS has during the past year that Supervisor Lewis M. Yeiter has determined that, in 2004, U.S. corporations claimed a total asked the township board to name an advisory committee to of \$43 billion more in stock option tax deductions than they assist him in the work.

showed as expenses on their books, helping them avoid A fire of undetermined origin destroyed the barn on the Ed Kotesky farm on the South Boston county line at an This corporate tax break creates an incentive for early hour last Saturday morning. Hay, grain, a hen house companies to provide their executives with larger and and some chickens were also destroyed. larger stock option grants: the bigger the stock option

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER OCTOBER 10, 1957

Reconstruction underway following Lowell Cafe's \$25,000 flash fire.

W.W. Gemser, superintendent of Lowell schools, has been selected as one of the leaders for the annual Michigan School Boards conference at Michigan State University on Oct. 9.

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **OCTOBER 6, 1982**

Photo caption: The new roof of the Foreman building features interlocking shingles with the word "Lowell" woven into the dark shingles in a lighter color.

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Kerrin Falk and David Forsyth

Forsyth will be united in and Joanne Forsyth of Grand 2008. The bride-to-be is Florence Jefferies and the the daughter of Peter and late Dr. Harold R. Myers. He Peggy Falk of Madison, CT. graduated from Forest Hills She is a graduate of Tabor Northern, Colby College, Academy and the University and University of Texas of Texas - Austin and is - Austin and is currently currently employeed with employeed with Innovar GRI Studios. The future Group.

Kerrin Falk and David groom is the son of William in September Rapids and the grandson of



David Sims, lead pastor, First Baptist Church

SCENE 2 - "THE END AT LAND'S END."

committed many I'd-do-it-differently-if-I-had-a-secondchance kind of choices. But I hope my "eating crow" will help trigger truth for you as these events have honed me.

So, my brush with the end (unknowingly) happened during one of those once-in-a-lifetime kind of opportunities so close to eternal peril and yet we think we're so safe and in 1990. My wife's mother is English, born and raised in sound. Since that fall in Eden that we talked about last week, London, with stories to tell. She survived the bombing of we're all born dreadfully close to the edge of the end. A London in WWII while her father helped chase Rommell in mere breath away from being plunged to everlasting desthe sands of North Africa. Thus, it was a very special treat to truction. Once we cross over, there is no do-over! But God be able to take a trip to merry ole England to visit Granddad has reached out to rescue and secure us. Jesus Christ on the and Grandmum in their aged years.

flat in Truro in southern England's Cornwall region that ex- blown away forever. The sooner we learn this lesson, the tends to the terminus of the island nation, Land's End. One better! Tomorrow is never guaranteed. day we took Grams and Gramps with us to that famous site,

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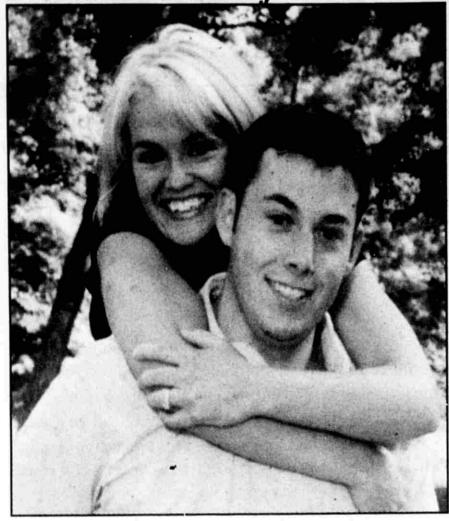
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Dressander/Umlauf



Erin Patrece Umlauf and Ashly Charles Dressander

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to feel the ocean breeze, view the offshore Scilly Isles, and get our picture taken at the famed signpost _____ miles from home. There the cliffs fall dramatically downward with a series of stone-pillared outcroppings protruding out of the eroded rubble. The invitation was clear: "Climb!" "The view is amazing!"

Did we listen to the earnest, frantic pleas of wives shouting, "Come back! You could fall!"? NO! My brother-inlaw and I scaled a couple of those towers to stand in midair overlooking the enchanting scenery below and beyond. This month that we have to enjoy conversations to- Wow! But how sobering read, a week or so later after retur- Traci Newhouse, Michele Jeanne Shores, Ericka gether, I'm in confession-mode. Like many of you, I have ning home, of a terrible accident at Land's End as a sudden sea-gust blew a tourist off a rock column to his death on the shore far below. A do-over was not an option then. How close we truly were to danger!

And you know, that's the truth for all of us - we live cross has taken our death so we no longer have to worry Our journey included renting and driving a van to their about slipping into the abyss. Only He can prevent our being

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School. The groom-to-be is

Mary currently attending Grand Bommarito, along with Rapids Community College George and Pat Allchin, studying architecture. The of Lowell, are excited to bride-to-be is continuting announce the engagement her career as a stylist and of their children, Sarah make-up artist at Philip Marie Bommarito and Anthony Salon Downtown. Daniel Lee Allchin. Both are The couple are planning an graduates of Lowell High October wedding in 2008.



OCTOBER 10:

OCTOBER 11:

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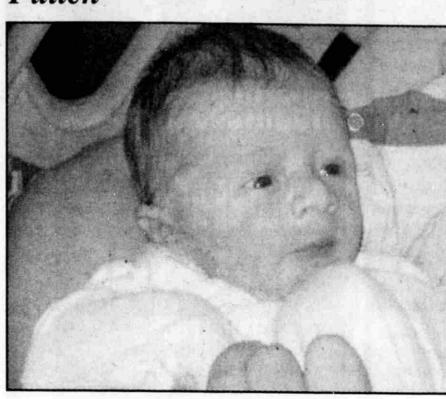
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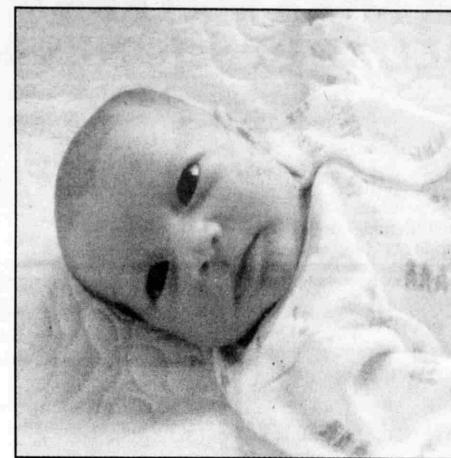


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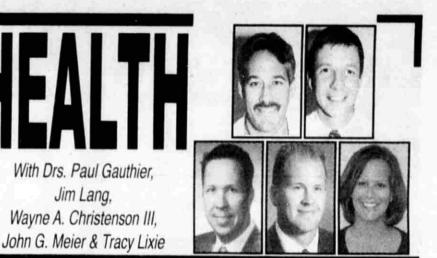
Andy and Brandy and Jenny Shea and Kraig of Alto, the late Al Pullen, the granddaughter of Roger Hastings.



Leah Grace Bosscher

Jenni and Barb Bosscher, of Pullen of Grand Rapids are and Jody Haybarker, all of Bosscher of Lowell are Lowell, and Don and Deb pleased to announce the Hall, formerly of Hastings. of their son, Marek Joseph are Bob and Morna Ford, birth of their daughter Leah Great-grandparents are Pullen, born on September Leo and Bette Haybarker, Grace on August 2, 2007. Mildred Hall and the late 14, 2007, weighing 8 lbs. all of Lowell, the late Phyllis She is welcomed home by Norman Hall and Robert 6 oz. and measuring 20 Haybarker, Sharon Pullen, her big sister Elyse. Leah is and Patricia Newell, all of

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TENNIS ELBOW

Jim Lang,

Tennis elbow is an injury to a tendon in your elbow called the lateral epicondyle. This tendon helps you move your wrist and fingers. If you use it too much, you can tear the tendon. A common symptom is pain when you grip something (for example taking a lid off a jar or give someone a handshake).

Tennis elbow can be caused by using your arm the same way over and over. Activities which may cause this would be painting, using a hammer, or using a racquet for sports.

The diagnosis of tendonitis is made by examination. Tenderness over the affected tendon and certain provocative testing may confirm the diagnosis. Sometimes an x-ray may be helpful.

Treatment for tennis elbow includes anti-inflammatory medicines like ibuprofen or using a velcro or elastic elbow band to stabilize the tendon. If this is not helpful your doctor may recommend an injection of a small amount of steroid into the area of greatest tenderness in the elbow. For very resistant cases, referral to a surgeon for surgical correction may be needed.

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year. Pregnant women with retinopathy. diabetes should have an eye diabetic retinopathy does are at risk for vision loss exam in the first trimester, not only affect people who can weaken blood vessels in because they do not know since diabetic eye disease have had diabetes for many can progress rapidly during years, it can also appear

The longer a person after the onset of the disease within the first year or two

diabetes to get a dilated eye has diabetes, the greater the For some people, diabetic exam this year, and every risk for developing diabetic retinopathy is one of the However, first signs of the disease. High blood sugar levels

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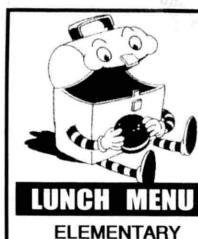
Please note if a holiday falls during the week Thursday pickup will delayed to Friday.

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



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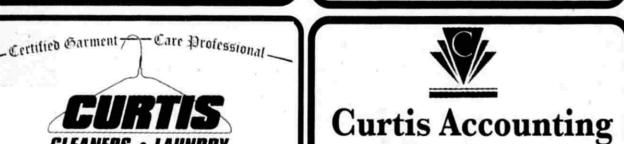
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If you have young children, you may want them to attend college someday - and you may want to help them pay for it. At the same time, you also need to save for a comfortable retirement lifestyle. Are the two goals compatible?

There's no easy answer to this question. But one thing seems clear: For many parents, saving and investing for their children's future is every bit as important - and maybe more so — than saving and investing for their own. In fact, two-thirds of parents said they would postpone retirement if necessary to help pay for their children's college education, according to a survey by Alliance Bernstein Investments, Inc.

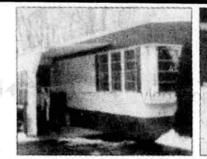
Parents have good reason to believe that investing in a college education will pay off for their children: Over the course of their lifetimes, college graduates will earn, on average, about \$1 million more than high school graduates, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

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Ultimately, you'll have to weigh your potential college contributions against your need to save for your own retirement. On one hand, you'd like to help your children as much as possible; as a parent, you don't want your children saddled with enormous debts when they leave college. But on the other hand, that type of reluctance may be based more on emotion than on sound financial planning. After all, college graduates seem to find a way to eventually pay off their loans. Furthermore, your children may be able to find grants, scholarships and work-study opportunities. Many students can earn a decent amount of money at summer jobs, too.

Nonetheless, you still may feel obligated to pay something toward your children's college education. But if you're going to help pay for college, be smart about it. For example, think twice before borrowing from your 401(k). Such a move would slow the growth potential of your retirement funds - and it could prove costly in other ways, too. For one thing, if you leave your job, voluntarily or involuntarily, you'll need to repay your 401(k) loan completely, usually within 60 days. If you can't, the balance will be considered a taxable distribution - and you may even have to pay a 10 percent penalty on

Instead of tapping into your 401(k), IRA or other accounts you've designated for retirement, look for other ways to help build your children's college funds. You

might decide to open a Section 529 plan, which offers taxfree earnings potential, provided the money is used to pay for higher education costs. Contributions are tax deductible in certain states for residents who participate in their own state's plan; however, a Section 529 plan could reduce your child's ability to qualify for financial aid.

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As you already know, much of your life involves balancing acts of one type or another, so you should be able to handle one more - college for your kids against a comfortable retirement for you. By making the right moves, though, you may be able to reach an "equilibrium" that works for everyone.





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"We hope the union of

Aivars Sturis.

So, East End Pastries the bakery and the coffee uncovered brick walls and tall

The building with watching action on the east puts in countless hours at apple strudel. Baked on the premises

Sturis. "The building is designed by dad Karlis. nicely done."

Main Street Lowell inside holidays. Voyages to serve a growing "It's nice to be close

like the location."

of Voyages, the fresh goods breads are made exclusively the apple strudel tastes just range from breads, pastries, for Voyages sandwiches. One like in Vienna and it fits any cookies, coffee cakes and of Aivars' many specialties diet. "Lowell is a charming dense rye bread based on learned how to bake from

The couple has just include "challah" recently moved their bakery kosher egg breads baked in from East Grand Rapids to different shapes for different them to develop his own

"It's a very rich bread,"

to home," said Aivars. "We waiting for a freezer to start the shop. making Napoleons and Aivars still uses a eclairs. But right now the community," said Massey. 60-year-old mixer for the fresh case is already stocked

with a cinnamon roll, while bakery, although the baker turtles, almond crescents and

And according to regular Specialty bagels and customer Dave Emmette,

is Latvian sour and sweet After all Aivars has little town," said Gunta a traditional family recipe German master baker Erwin Kuester. The master even specialties passed on to Aivars some or old European recipes.

Later, Aivars tweaked

Voyages owner Sterling Massey said he has been The bakers are still looking to add a bakery to

"It's going to benefit the

Gunta and Aivars Sturis of East End Pastries have added bakery inside Sterling Massey's Voyages coffee shop.

Mynt Fusion Bistro brings Asian inspired cuisine

by Emma Palova

of food, Leng Yang as a food sitting in stations for environment will be mostly child apprenticed at his hours. mother Phoua's side. His myriad of fresh produce.

built a library of culinary possibilities _bringing their Mynt Fusion Bistro to Main Street, Lowell.

"It's always been in our the true flavor. blood," said Leng Yang. "It's a passion of mine.

good food to good people cuisine is any dish can be basement with entertaining in a contemporary relaxed environment

The name Mynt for the Asian-inspired restaurant food and present it in a cuisine changes with the curiosity about the herb and interaction with the with local flavor."

ask," said Leng. "We're roll or Mojito beef, the dishes at 800 W. Main Street is encouraging involvement."

And the couple is Asian cuisine. rebranding the traditional

image of an Asian restaurant of the restaurant will be

"We want to make this a touch. wife MariAnna, raised in personal dining experience,"

Patrons will not be rushed; on the contrary, they will be encouraged to slowly enjoy their food as they chew slowly to grasp

in Asian cuisine from spices couple's passion for food. couple's to exotic sauces. One of the biggest advantages of Asian business started in the turned vegetarian, according friends into art.

different manner," said Leng, times like music," said Leng. "give a unique presentation "It appeals to the multitudes

From the exuberant Tofu tastes and flavor harmonies. "We want people to Island dessert to a rice wrap

Although the ambiance

Fascinated by the art in a strip mall with buffet slightly eastern, overall the contemporary with a global

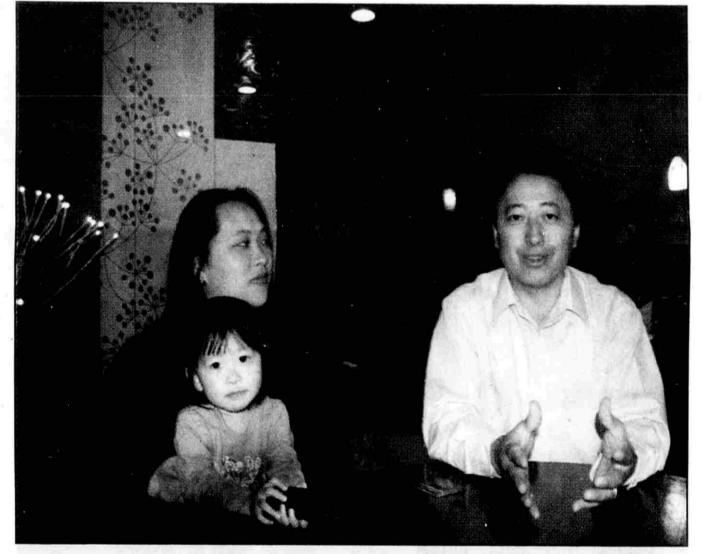
Based on experience diverse Northern California, said Leng, "and we like to from sister Fusion restaurant are among the most popular along with curries.

> what makes Lowell happen,' MariAnna said she

was very excited about this There is a lot to grasp opportunity to share the The family restaurant

"Mynt Fusion Bistro's "We want to bring street art of creating impeccable by offering a vast array of

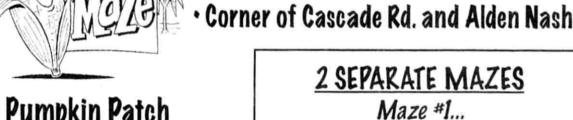
The restaurant located reflect a new philosophy on expected to open in mid-October.



MariAnna and Leng Yang with daughter Megan inside the Mynt Fusion Bistro.







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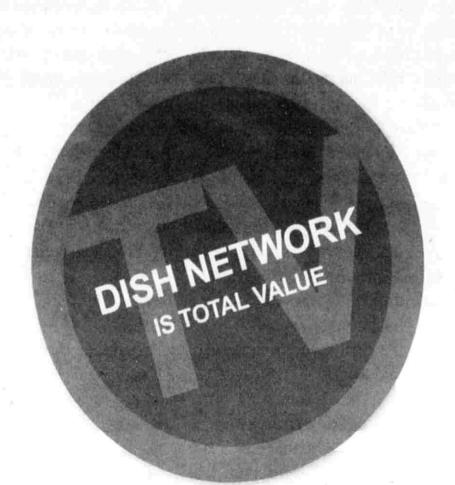
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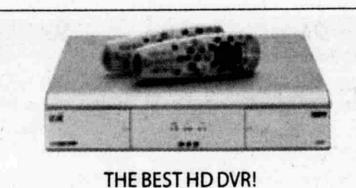
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Colorburst bikers raise awareness and money

by Ellen Mork Contributing writer

Bike Tour in Lowell.

Craig Campbell began Colorburst as a tribute to Donna Ryskamp, a Rapid Wheelmen member, who was killed when a drunk biking. The bike tour was named for both Donna's and energetic personality and the changing autumn colors.

drunk driver also struck and was driving the bike route on his motorcycle.

vessels as well.

Craft line of

invitations.

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Since 1983, Colorburst

has raised over \$83,000 different routes from a 17for organizations such as mile route around Vergennes several rest stations stocked MADD and several other Township, to a 100-mile with donated water and organizations. This year route, which combined food. Before the ride, bikers chairwoman, said, "I think their profits are going to the 62-mile route through could load up on their that having breakfast and MADD, Elves and More, Cannonsburg, north to 12 carbohydrates at the pancake lunch provided encourages and West Michigan Trails Mile Road and a forty-mile breakfast. Following the many people to come out, and Greenways.

Colorburst raises money Sand Lake. through the participation fee, t-shirt sales and general donations. Final donation amounts for this year are waiting to be tallied.

Over 700 bikers participated this ranging in age from 10 to Four years later, a 70. This year's participants included 25 members of the killed Campbell, while he Grand Valley bike team, and Matt Kirkwood from WOOD TV.

There were four

Blindness, continued

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the eye's retina causing them a day or two or changes not associated with fluctuations to leak blood or fluid. This causes the retina to swell in blood sugar, call an and can lead to vision loss. ophthalmologist promptly." Blood sugar fluctuations can also promote growth of diabetes, be sure to schedule

If you're diagnosed with a complete dilated eye exam on the retina, which can once a year or as often break easily and leak blood as your ophthalmologist into the vitreous (the clear, suggests. Don't smoke and jelly-like substance that keep your blood sugar under fills the center of the eye.) control through diet and This can blur vision and exercise. lead to permanent vision

loop that ran all the way to ride, they enjoyed a lunch consisting of various soups.

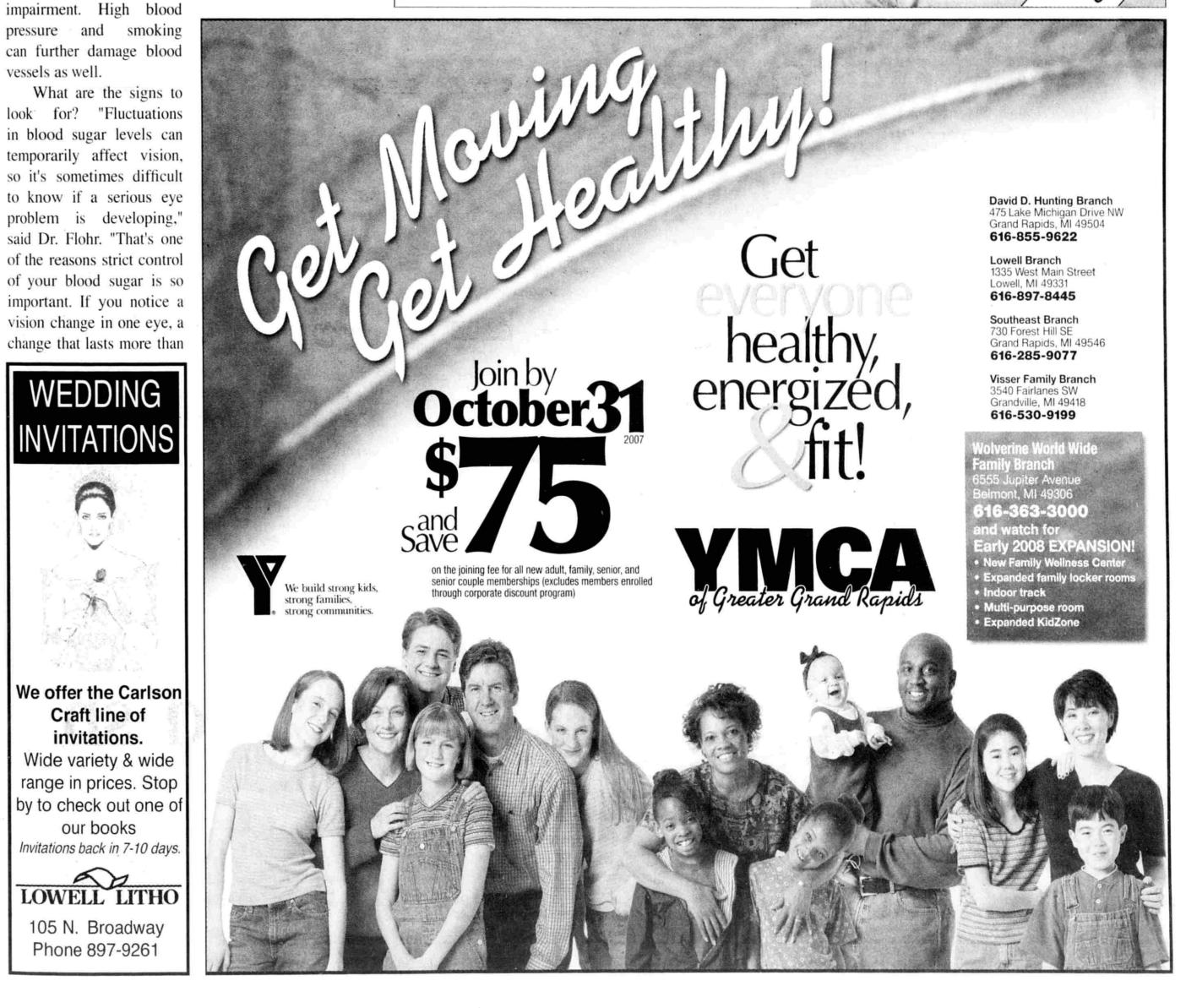
Along the routes were Local merchants donated the was encouraged by the

Amy Dugan, this year's vear's bike tour.

participation during this

"This year looks like it could be a record breaker, and hopefully we can continue to be this successful in future tours,"





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@lowellbuversguide.com. All submissions are subject to available space.

OCTOBER

SAT., OCT. 13: Larkin's 6th annual chili cookout, entry fee \$40. Tasting starts at 3 p.m., tickets are 10 for \$5. Proceeds to benefit Lowell Senior Center.

SAT., OCT. 13: Harvest Hustle 5K run/walk, sponsored by Lowell Community Wellness, begins at 9 a.m. on section at 7 p.m. All Mastor Masons may attend. Avery Street. Pre-registration is available at Lowell City Hall and the Lowell or Alto Branches of the Kent District Library. For course and registration information go to www.lowellcommunitywellness.org.

MON., OCT. 15: Volunteers are needed to help with construction of a greenhouse being installed at the Wittenbach/Wege Center from 6-8 p.m. Questions contact Keven Nugent at 987-5915 or knugent@lowellschools.

big jam session, & food.

Wege Center, 2 to 6 p.m. Pork sandwick dinner \$5 with auction at 5 p.m. 11715 Vergennes. Call 987-1002 with

MONDAYS

Living Sober Group, New AA Group, 7:30 p.m. at 119 Lincoln Lake (behind Fireplace Plus).

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 Belding-Ionia-Lowell Masonic Lodge #355, 7:30 p.m. 211 E. Main, Belding. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. All Masons may attend.

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

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

2ND MON.: Bowne Township Historical Society meets Oct. - March 10 a.m. & April - Sept. 7 p.m. at historic museum, 84th/Alden Nash.

2ND & 4TH MON .: Needlers, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Schneider Manor Community Room.

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

3RD MON .: Lowell Showboat Garden Club, 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.: Lowell Area Juggling Club, Community room, Englehardt Library, 7-8:30 p.m. 12/older. 897-9879, www. freewebs.com/lowelljugglingclub.

MON., TUES., THURS.: Alpha Women's Center, 2251 W. Main Call 987-9533 for appt./open Mon. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tu. 6-9 p.m., Th.10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Diapers, formula and clothing.

EVERY MON.: Women for Sobriety, 7-8 p.m. Bowne Center United Methodist Church, 84th & Alden Nash. Call Sue 868-6219; www.womenforsobriety.org.

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.

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.

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

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

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

2ND TUES.: Doric chapter #75, Order of Eastern Star 6:30 897-5981. dinner, 7:30 p.m. regular meeting. 211 E Main, Belding.

MON., OCT 15: Masonic Lodge #355, serving Lowell, Belding and Ionia areas will exemplify the Master Mason Degree for candidates in the Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main St., Belding. First section at 5 p.m. in the lodge room, dinner being served at 6 p.m. in the dining room, second

SAT., OCT. 20: Bluegrass Hotbands Fundraiser at TJ's Bar & Grille in Lowell. Begins at 7 p.m., \$5 for two bands.

SAT., OCT. 20: Hog roast/FFA aucton at Wittenbach/

TUESDAYS

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 & 3RD TUES .: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club, 8731 Wes Riverside Dr., 8 p.m. www.qua-ke-zik.org.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers (conception through Kindergarten) 9:15-11:30 a.m. at Impact Church 1070 N. Hudson, 897-8304, ext 311.

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

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

TUES.: AA meeting, Back to Basics, closed, at 865 Lincoln Lake 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking.

EVERY TUES.: Thornapple River Chapter BNI professional networking group, 7-8:30 a.m. Ada Bible Church, 8899 Cascade Rd. Chervl 868-7551.

WEDNESDAYS

Living Sober Group, New AA Group, 7:30 p.m. at 119 Lincoln Lake (behind Fireplace Plus).

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

ALANON new location: Lowell First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main St. (Use west entrance off Jackson St.), 8 p.m.

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

1ST WED.: Free blood pressure screenings at Lowell Senior Neighbors provided by The Laurels of Kent.

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

2ND WED.: 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.

THURSDAYS

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

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

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Call 897-8545 or www.lowellartscouncil.org.

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP Wed.- Fri. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 11535 Fulton St. E. Call 897-8567. Pantry 897-8260.

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

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

1ST & 3RD THURS.: Alto Lions Club meets at United Methodist Church in Alto 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 a.m. - 2 p.m. Round Robin, bring your board, all levels, walkins 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 at 2 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

Living Sober Group, New AA Group, 7:30 p.m. at 119 Lincoln Lake (behind Fireplace Plus).

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

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

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

2ND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club, held at 11535 E. Fulton, Flat River Outreach Ministries. 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.

RED ARROW S DO BIS

The Benning-Fielder

by Molly Benningfield Sports editor

A Weekly Wrap-Up



With about 500 sports (give or take a few hundred) ending, starting or being played right now, there are just too many events to write about. So I've decided to provide a random selection of sports headlines this

Tigers' catcher Ivan Rodriguez is staying put

Whaaaaa? The Tigers are keeping Pudge around for 2008? Apparently he's worth the \$13 million. He is an all-star, after all. Maybe Illitch will decide to keep all the Tigers in Detroit...

OK-conference expands

A new division will be added to the OK-conference next year - the OK-Black, as well as adding the seven teams from the City League. The OK-Black will include Mona Shores, Holland, Forest Hills Central, Union, Reeths Puffer and Kenowa Hills. Lowell will stay in the OK-White division, along with Creston, Greenville, Northview, Grand Rapids Christian and East Grand

NY Yankees officially aren't the best anymore

Is Joe Torre outta here? How will the dynasty that was the Yankees in the late 90s and early 2000 continue? With Cleveland's 6-4 win Monday night, it's official that the Annoying Yankee Fan will be (hopefully) quiet until spring training. Hopefully.

Lions win, but are horse-tackled

The Lions won again Sunday afternoon, in an exciting game against the Chicago Bears. But the biggest news of the game involved Bears' defensive back Corey Graham, who has been fined \$7,500 by the NFL for an illegal "horse-collar" tackle.

It's hockey season already?

The Wings won Monday night 4-2 against the Edmonton Oilers. The trio of Datsyuk, Zetterberg and Holmstrom is back together and all is right with the world.

Deeeeeee-troit Basketball

The Pistons easily outscored a Dwayne/Shaq/Alonzo less Miami Heat in Monday's preseason opener 103-86 So far the rookies seem to be worth the hype.

Donovan named top U.S. soccer player

defeated Rockford Monday place.

afternoon, 197 to 225.

the Arrows with a score of

44. Kim Kline shot a 47 and

the post-conference tourney

The team shot 376 at

Sydney Stuewe shot 49.

Landon Donovan received the Honda Award as U.S soccer player of the year, winning for an unmatched fourth time. As the national team's top player, he beat out Tim Howard and Carlos Bocanegra.

Girls' golf continues

Lauren Heemstra led Lauren Heemstra both shot

season low.

three to all-conference list

last week to finish in 3rd were both voted to the OK-

90 to lead the team. June conference.

Ramsay shot 97 and Kim

Kline shot 99, both with a

Stuewe and Heemstra

Sydney Stuewe and Crystal Dietz was named

strong run, names

Arrow football wins another to bring record to 6-1 overall

by Molly Benningfield

It was an unusually warm night in October, but one thing seemed normal the Lowell varsity football team had won another game, this time 42-0 against Northview.

The Arrows are a different team from past years, but on Friday night, it looked as if the team was marching straight to playoff season, which will be their ninth straight appearance this fall.

In a good mood after the game ended, coach Noel Dean said, "I just feel really good – to be able to play all our players is a good feeling."

The Arrows scored twice in the first quarter, on a 4-yard run by Nathan Vaught and a 57-yard run by Kyle Nichol.

Cole Wade began the 2nd quarter with a 23vard touchdown pass from Nichol, followed by a 7yard run by Torsten Boss and a 1-yard run by Vaught. The team was up 35-0 at

With the clock running in the second half, Lowell only scored once, in the third quarter, on a 2-yard run by Justin VanAcker. Dean said he was

pleased with the offense, but is still looking for improvements. "[The offense]

good, but turned it Football, cont'd., pg. 16

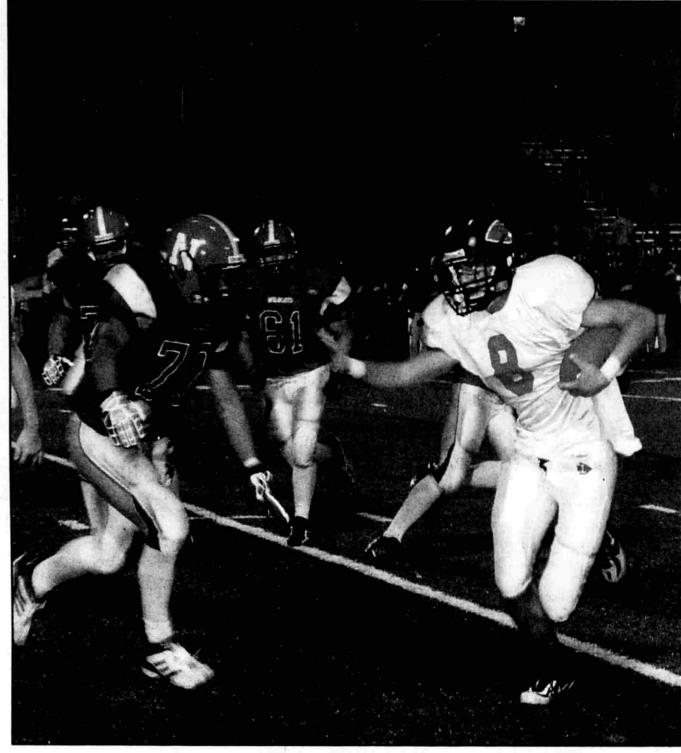
White all-conference team.

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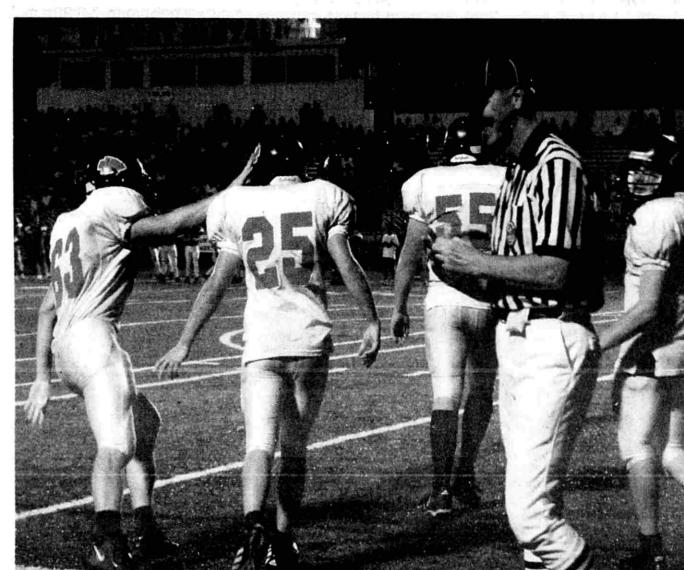
Bowen Lake Thursday for

their Regional tournament.

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Pete Scudder (8) carries a Lowell ball Friday night.



Brandon White (63) congratulates Justin VanAcker (25) after he scores in the third quarter.

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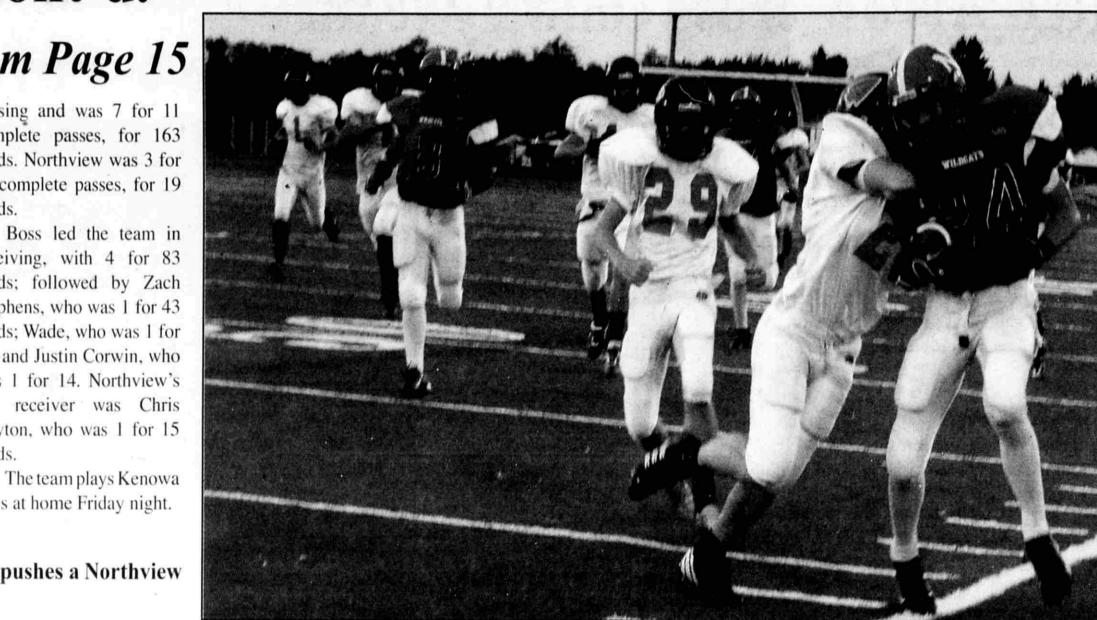
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still," he said. "It's nice to passing and was 7 for 11 have T [Boss] and Kyle complete passes, for 163 [Nichol] playing well. The yards. Northview was 3 for offensive line did a great 10 complete passes, for 19 job. We're playing games yards.

Lowell was 38 of 307 receiving, with 4 for 83 yards; followed by Zach Stephens, who was 1 for 43 yards; Wade, who was 1 for top receiver was Chris Tom Jeffrey was 5 for 12. Guyton, who was 1 for 15 Northview was 31 of 140 yards total yards, with Dan Burns The team plays Kenowa Hills at home Friday night. running 9 for 72.

Nichol led the team in

Justin VanAcker (25) pushes a Northview defender out-of-bounds.



A "Tale of Two Teams" for LHS varsity soccer

by Molly Benningfield

The varsity soccer 9-2 team experienced a little

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of everything last week as EGR in a drawn-out double- yet again failed to finish game

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> while P.J. Forslund of EGR five more. had 9 saves.

nine goals on the board."

and added five more in the each. second to rise above the

Nick Abdoo scored Lowell's first goal, but it wouldn't be his last. He scored twice more, with half. Jacob Karasiewicz also scored in the first half. Jerry Adams, Karasiewicz and Justin Stallings assisted on when they're not.

The Knights would add both goals in the second half. on shots by Boris Mendez and Michael Bouwhuis. But the surge wasn't strong Phil Bieri made 7 saves, enough, as Lowell added

Scoring in the second "Kenowa Hills was a half were Bud Sheppard different story," Legge said. with two, and Jerry Adams, "We finished just about Nick Abdoo and Greg every opportunity, and put Harreld with one apiece. Harreld had two assists in

Lowell had 16 shots at goal, while Kenowa Hills

Phil Bieri had four saves and Isaiah Reynolds Kenowa Hills had

Legge said the two games showed how differently the team plays when they're ready and

"We are certainly the tale of two teams," he said "We create a ton of chances on goal every game, but it just depends on which team shows up. The team that finishes wins and the one that doesn't loses."

The team is finished with its regular season, and is now in the middle of the OK-White conference

The Arrows scored the second half, and Abdoo they lost to conference foes overtime loss Monday night opportunities," Legge said. East Grand Rapids 1-2 and in what coach Paul Legge "It is nice to create the four times in the first half and Karasiewicz had one

won against Kenowa Hills said was a good game.

chances, but it's frustrating The Arrows played good deal of the game, outplay the majority of the Knights 9-2.

the lone goal for Lowell in the first half, while Patrick Barrett scored EGR's only all three goals coming goal in regulation, also in consecutively in the first the first half.

Neither team scored in the second half or first overtime. EGR's Leighton Parnham scored with 10 Beddows' goals. minutes left in the second overtime to boost the Pioneers over the Arrows.

Lowell had 11 shots at goal, while EGR had 9.

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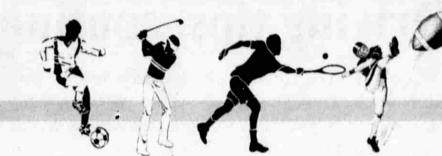
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Red Arrow cross country team competes at OK-White Jamboree

The boys' cross country Jamboree team finished 5th of seven teams at the OK-White School.

The Arrows scored afternoon at Lowell High 106 overall, with Caledonia winning the meet with 29

> 103, Forest Hills Central 6th with 143 and East Grand Rapids 7th with 188. Corey Fitzpatrick led

> > the Arrows with a time of 17:29 to finish 3rd overall. Other Lowell finishers

> > points. Greenville was 2nd

with 61, Kenowa Hills 3rd

with 95. Northview 4th with

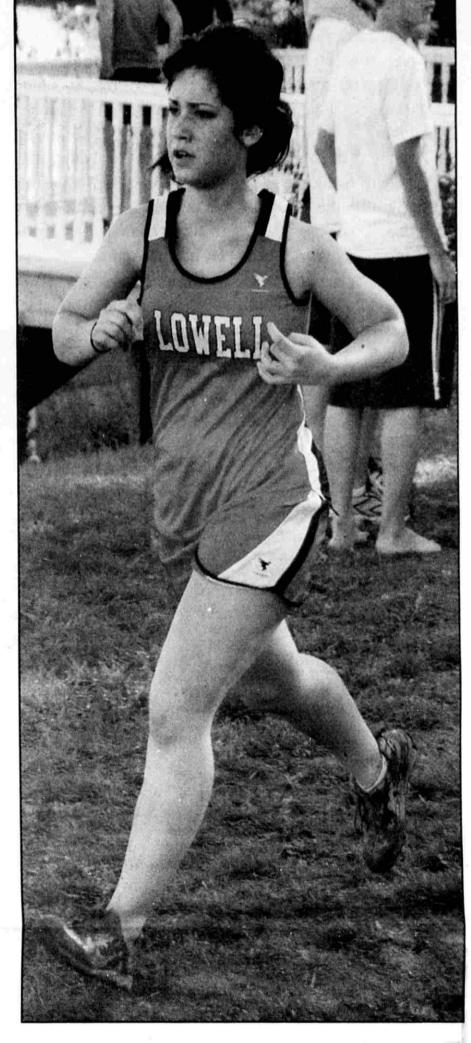
were Zach Robinson at 15th (18:11), Jon Woods at 20th (18:27), Justin Boss at 26th (18:41) and Tom Mark at 42nd (19:57).

The girls' cross country team finished 7th of seven teams Wednesday.

Taylor Marchido led the Arrows with a time of 22:33 to finish 30th overall

Other Lowell finishers were Haleigh Timmers at 31st (22:40), Emily Hauschild at 43rd (24:37), Emily Jelsma at 44th (24:52), Morgan Marchido at 46th (25:54) and Kiley Six at 47th (28:50).

The teams will compete in East Grand Rapids Oct. 17 at the OK-White Jamboree for their last regular season



Emily Hauschild finished 43rd overall in the girls' division with a time of 24:37.

Volleyball team wins in 4

The Lowell volleyball team won a 4-set match against Forest Hills Central Thursday night, 25-22, 25-13, 20-25, 25-21.

of 17:29.

Leading the team with

Madelyn Brower, who both home, at the Unity Christian

Corey Fitzpatrick finished 3rd overall in the boys' division with a time

Jasmine Holliman had 4 aces, and Heather Burger Tuesday. had 34 assists.

kills were Amy VanEns and Hills Thursday night at OK Quad.

Tournament on Saturday. and at East Grand Rapids The team's regular

The team plays Kenowa season end Oct. 25 with the

New injuries hurt tennis team at OK-White finals

traveled to East Grand Rapids Monday afternoon for the last regular game of the season. Matched up Northview with (32). against a top-seeded team. the heat and ended with only one win from Pat Misner.

The No. 4 singles player beat Spencer Moritz of EGR, 6-1, 6-0.

"They're ranked No. 1 Bonnie Wall said.

in Northview. EGR was singles. again victorious, winning

The boys' tennis team the conference title with 53 points. Lowell took fourth Thompson at No. 3 singles place with 31 points, behind Forest Hills Central (47) and of Clayton Stedman and

the Lowell tennis team felt was disappointing because 2-6 in the first set, and of an injury. "That was sad because we would have tied them had Chase Canning and Isaac Tawney been able to No. 2 singles Josh Hobrla. finish their last match which Wall said it was a nice win they were winning handily. for Hobrla, who defeated in the state for Division 3 Unfortunately [Canning] Paul Stam of Northview 6 and we know why," coach rolled his ankle spraining 2, 6-2, "whom he'd lost to it badly and had to retire." earlier in the season." The team faced the Misner was again the leader Pioneers again at Saturday's for the Arrows, placing 2nd

at the tournament for No. 4

Placing 3rd were Cort and the No. 2 doubles team Josh Spratt, who won an Wall said the finish exciting match after losing coming back 7-6, 6-3.

> Taking 4th was No. 1 singles Travis Trapp and

With Tony Dubbink out with a sprained ankle,

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Madelyn Brower (9) spikes a FHC ball.

Driving tips, continued ... From Page 3

Tip #3 - STOP! If you It is usually best to have such as the others driver's are in an accident do not have spoken with the other driver or the police.

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Tennis, continued ...

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all the doubles teams were moved up, according to league rules. They could not

be seeded since they had no record in those positions.

"When we drew Forest Hills Central in three of the four doubles flights, we knew it was going to be a tough day," Wall said. "Forest Hills went on to win the flights in three of those doubles positions."

the conference, Wall said.

She said she's hopeful that

Canning will be OK to play

Thursday.

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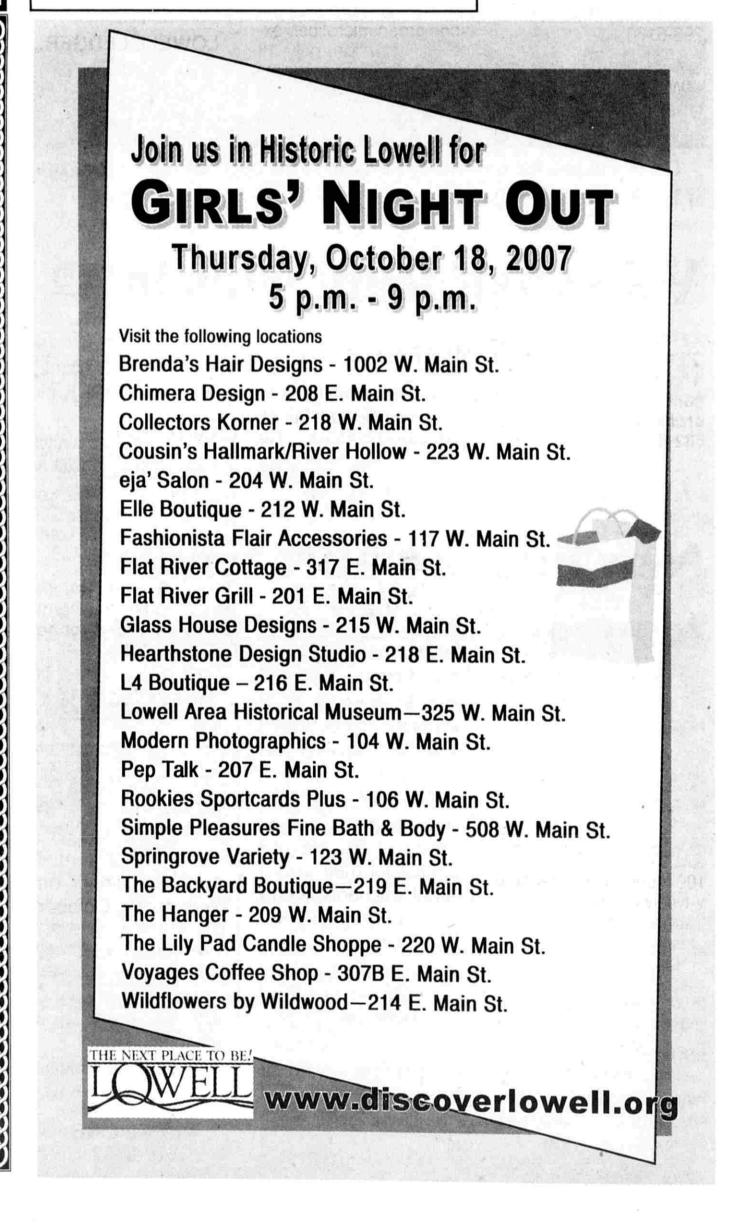
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