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Ada boasts biggest tree, Vergennes has most girth

by Emma Palova

Township boasts the biggest tree located somewhere below the second hill on the Honey Creek road, Vergennes has the most inches in measured girth.

friendly com-The petition between the two townships has resulted basically in a tie with Vergennes Township beating Ada by 1.5 inches in total girth, but Ada touting the to promote rural character single largest tree.

"I think that is hilarious," said one of the organizers Betty Jo Crosby.

Maybe but definitely bizarre. The biggest trees in each township happen to be willows, one in Fallasburg, the other on Crancreek Drive.

The contest was organized by the Open Space Preservation Committee

awareness.

"We're educating the public about the importance of preserving land," said hilarious, Crosby. "We're always looking for projects to involve the public. Watershed awareness is high on our priority list."

> The townships have recently completed a photography contest depicting the rural character of the area.

Annual cook-off features crafty chili concoctions

by Emma Palova

among the more innovative ingredients used at the annual Larkin's chili cookoff last weekend.

Although, the traditional red fare with chili seasoning and mince prevailed, hot or mild. Out of 21 entries, Chili Dan's red chili grabbed the coveted first price with the most red tickets received from gourmand tasters.

The competition got

off to an early start in the crisp autumn morning in front of Larkin's and the Lowell Ledger offices. The chili chefs were equipped with large pots and cooking devices of all sorts, plus all the condiments and cheeses.

John Mika grilled his round steak for a wholesome delicious chili. "You gotta go lean," he said.

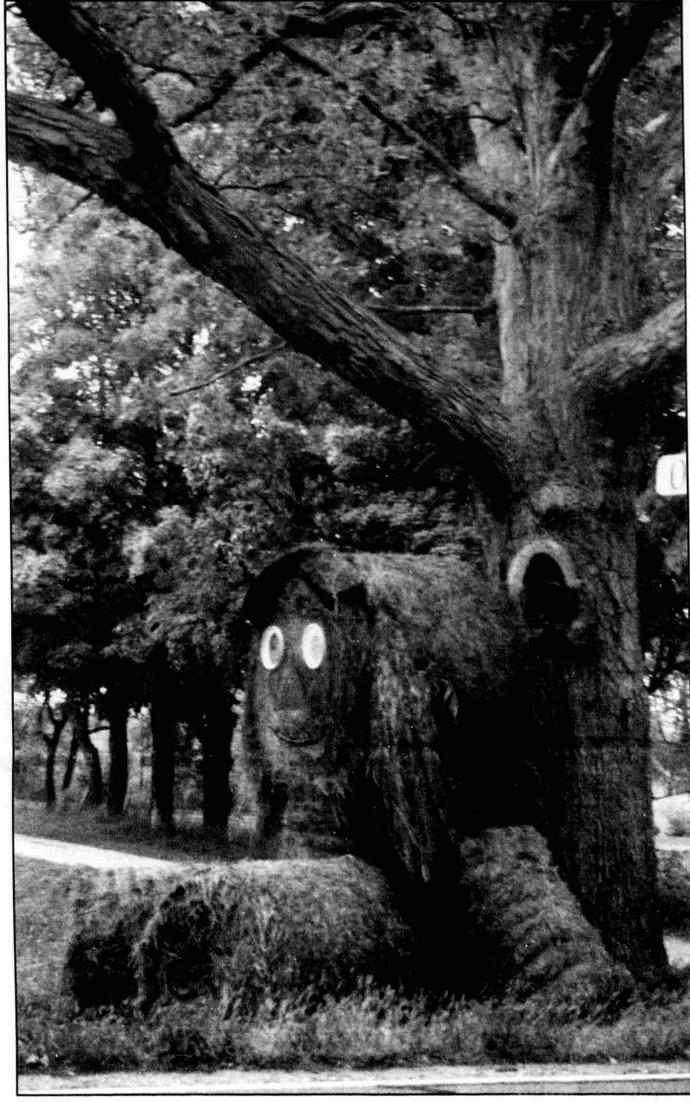
Guys like Mark Todd, Evert Bek and Mike Trimble made Rocky Mountain chili with the taste of Germany,

as their aprons boasted.

"Last year we burned the chili," said Todd.

Rick Seese made white chili with morels. Most chili entrees sold out, except for the hot, hot stuff. Beer was flowing at \$1 per plastic

Some participants proudly displayed their trophies from previous years. The annual chili cook-off is a fundraiser to benefit local organizations. This year, the proceeds will go to the senior center.



Pictured is one of the bigger trees in Vergennes area decked out for Halloween.

Community input sought for Wege feasibility study

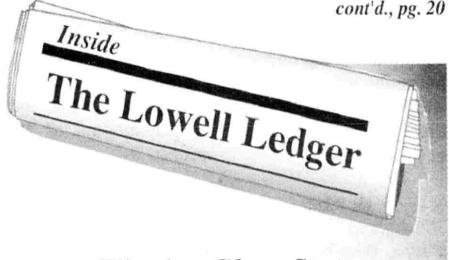
by Emma Palova

community have an opportunity to provide input on the recreation needs for the trijurisdiction area of Lowell city, Vergennes and Lowell townships on Oct. 25 at 7 p.m.

The meeting is part of a series of workshops ultimately leading to a feasibility study. \$35,000 feasibility study will define the community's vision for the use of land that may be donated by the Wege Foundation. The study may also be used to apply for grants.

The Wege Foundation has proposed to donate land located on Alden Nash,

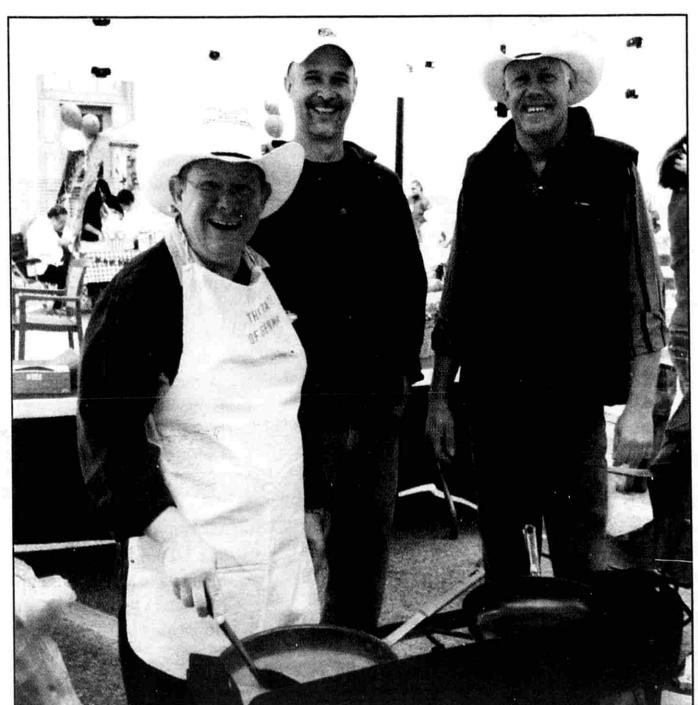
north of Foreman Road if "The land offered the community can come up by the Wege Foundation with a plan. Wege feasibility study,



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Mark Todd, Mike Trimble and Evert Bek made Rocky Mountain chili.

20 grandchildren; 45 great grandchildren, and 11 great-great grandchildren. pies, sewing, camping in Florida, and camping with the "TTCM", "Hitch Agers" travel trailer clubs available; Pastor Freed; and Faith Hospice. The

· LEGAL NOTICES ·

STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROBATE COURT

COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

Estate of

LEVA MAE GUNNESON.

deceased

Date of birth:

11/11/1924

TO ALL CREDITORS:

The decedent, LEVA MAE

GUNNESON, who lived

at 1173 16 MILE RD. NW.

GUNNESON,

proposed

notice.

personal representative,

representative, or to

both the probate court

MI 49505 and the named/

of publication of this

October 8, 2007

Jerry Gunneson

11966 Mac Dr. NE

Belding, MI 48809

personal

September, 21,

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT **COUNTY OF KENT**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate** FILE NO. 07-184,070-DE

> Estate of ALBO GABRIEL GALEAZZI. deceased

Date of birth: 12/13/1957

TO ALL CREDITORS: decedent, ALBO GALEAZZI. CLAIR NW. GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN died December 25, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to MARIANNE GALEAZZI, personal representative. or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at at 180 Ottawa Ave. NW, 461 St. Clair NW, Grand 2nd floor, Grand Rapids, Rapids, MI 49534 and named/proposed personal representative representative within 4 within 4 months after months after the date the date of publication of this notice.

October 8, 2007

Mary L. Benedict Mary L. Benedict P45285 P45285 4519 Cascade Rd SE 4519 Cascade Rd SE Suite 14 Suite 14 Grand Rapids, MI 49546 Grand Rapids, MI 49546 616-942-0020 616-942-0020

Marianne Galeazzi 461 St. Clair NW Grand Rapids, MI 49534

11, 2007. He is survived by Joann F. Drain, of Lakeview, his wife of 33 years, Brenda; children, Jennifer (Michael) due to lung cancer on October law, Beverly Overbeck, Allen, Theresa (Jason) 9, 2007. Joann was born on nephews. Memorial funeral service were held Monday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel. preceded in death by her a life-time member of the be made to the American

BROCKER

a courageous battle with

cancer on Thursday, October

BURHANS Geraldine Marie Burhans of Lowell, formerly of Portland, age 83, passed away on Thursday, October 11, 2007. She was born on December 4, 1923 in (Wells) Adams. Geraldine Roger (Marcia) Weeks; to the charity of one's enjoyed watching TV, especially Animal Planet. She also enjoyed spending time with her family and visiting her sister, Donna. William, Larry and Bobby; FILE NO. 07-184,071-DE Newman of Bellevue: 14 grandchildren; 28 greatgrandchildren; 2 sisters; 1 brother; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Saturday at the Schrauben-Lehman Funeral Home.

CHIPMAN

Lorne S. Chipman, age 44, Saranac passed away KENT CITY, MICHIGAN Saturday, October 13. 2007. He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Doreen, daughter, Rashelle Loren, **Creditors of the decedent** mother, Loraine Chipman, are notified that all claims brother, Mark Chipman, against the estate will sister, Valerie (Jeff) Sissonbe forever barred unless Chipman, his mother-inpresented to JERRY law, Lucy VandenBurg, 2 named nephews and 2 nieces. He was preceded in death by or proposed personal his father, Harry Chipman. A memorial service will

sister, aunt and friend, was to reach out with generous be held 2 p.m. Saturday, October 20 at the American

born in Milwaukee, Wisc.

on December 22, 1931. She

graduated from Washington

High School and earned

a baccalaureate degree in

nursing from Marquette

University, where she met

and married Robert E.

Reagan while they were

both students. They moved

to Lowell in 1953. Carol

was a devoted wife and

mother who showered

her unconditional love on

her family, guided by her

for God. Her entire adult

(James) Ormiston, James E.

(Becky)Reagan, DDS, Peggy

A. (Steve) Thomet, Patricia

M. (Rich) Wade, Donald

C. (Michele) Reagan and

Edward J. (Colleen) Reagan;

brother John E. (Mary Ann)

Callan; and twenty-three

Emily, Colleen, Lorri and

Becky Myers; Tara and

Evan Ormiston; Jacob, Tess

and Judi Ellen Reagan; Joey,

Frankie and Vinnie LaPenna;

Caroline, Sam, Spencer

and Annie Thomet; Marie,

Stephanie, Cole, Erin, Lucy,

Melanie and Molly Wade.

She was preceded in death

kindness from friends and

neighbors--particularly

those around King Street

and Schneider Manor--as

well as the Lowell Lions

Club, fellow parishioners

and Fr. Dreher all provided

comfort and eased the lives

of her and her family. The

entire family very much

appreciates all gestures--

large and small--including

promises of prayers via

your letters, phone calls

and emails. Although it

is impossible to thank

everyone, the time you took

grandchildren--

loving

DRAIN

died peacefully in her home

grandchildren, Derrick & to John Jr. and Nina I. Bale. & Ashley Bialek; mother, married Richard L. Drain Joyce Brocker; 5 brothers, 5 of Edmore. Joann, a lifesisters and many nieces and long resident of Lakeview, Cancer Society or Hospice in death by her husband, are children, Pat (Ervin) Lakeview. In lieu of flowers, Lowell, and Debbie (Don) Church of Christ, 115 W. 5th member.



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Donald W. Brocker, aged 53 of Lowell, passed away after Legion in Saranac.

Bialek, Matthew Brocker; September 18th in Lakeview Cassandra Allen, Nicholas On October 22, 1955, Joann loved her friends, family members, and especially, her three children, who will Memorial contributions may forever love and miss their mom. Joann is preceded Richard Lee, on December 14, 1984; her father, John Jr., on September 27, 1970; and her mother, Nina, on August 4, 1990. Joanne is survived by her brothers, David Bale of Holland and John Darwin Bale of Grand Rapids; her daughter, Jacquelyn Jo Portland, MI the daughter DeJonge of Grand Rapids; of Rudolf and Margaret son-in law, Thomas; and grand children, Leah and Austin DeJonge; her son, David Richard Drain of Lowell; daughter-in-law, Doris; and grandchildren Elizabeth, Ethan, and Elliott Geraldine is preceded in Drain; and her son, Gary Lee Drain of Deerfield, Joseph Allen Burhans; sons, IL. The memorial service was held Thursday at the and her parents. Surviving United Church of Christ in Zinnel of North Dakota, memorial contributions Mary (Bob) Morgan of may be made to the United St., Lakeview, MI 48850, where Joann was baptized, married and a long-time



by her parents, James Jay Carol Ellen Callan Reagan and Phyllis Mildred Callan; aged 75 of Lowell passed daughter Mary Eileen away Thursday October Reagan; and her favorite 11. Loving and beloved Aunt Carol and Uncle Earl wife, mother, grandmother, (Bucky) Fricker. During Mrs. Reagan's illness, the outpouring of love and

traditional Latin Mass of the Christian Burial was held on Monday at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Margaret Mary Church in Mrs. Reagan's name. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the charity of one's choice in memory of Carol Reagan.

and heartfelt acts is a sign

of God's enduring love. A

SMITH

unmatched and devout love Kathleen Shaun "Kitty" Smith, aged 67, of Alto, life centered on her Catholic passed away on Sunday, faith and her family. Among October 7, 2007, following many other interests, she a courageous battle with enjoyed all kinds of music. cancer. She was preceded She was a member of choirs in death by her father, Jack in school and each Catholic F. Smith, Sr. Surviving are church parish of which she her husband of 44 years, was a member. She enjoyed Owen J. "Jim" Smith; her reading to her children and children, Gregory (Sarah) grandchildren and singing in Smith, Jamie (Frank) the car or along with the radio. Brenner, Eric (Jeanna Wood) Mrs. Reagan was also active Smith; her grandchildren, in various Catholic church, Allison and Tyler Brenner, community, professional Bailey and Alex Smith, and social organizations, Hunter and Onalee Smith; including membership in her mother, Dorothy Frances St. Margaret Mary Catholic Smith; brothers, Jack F. Jr. Church in Allendale, Mich. (Carol) Smith, Thomas (Jan) When possible, she attended Smith; sisters, Margaret the wide variety of special (William) Began, Elaine events featuring her children (Donald) Johnson; sistersand grandchildren, with a in-law, Beverly (William) schedule that was always Sherd, Beatrice Trissell, very busy. Mrs. Reagan is Barb Straub; many aunts, survived by her husband of uncles, cousins, nieces, 54 years, Robert E. Reagan, and nephews. The funerals DDS; her children Jane E. service was held Thursday Reagan (Steven Arzberger), at the Stroo Funeral Home. Karen E. Myers, Kathleen E. Memorial may be given to Hospice of Michigan or The American E. (William) LaPenna, Ruth Cancer Society.

WERT

David Michael Wert aged 60 of Lowell passed away Sunday, October 14, 2007. He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Freda Osburn, brothers, Mark and Clare Osburn. He is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Marilyn; daughter, Teresa (Dave) Alyea of Newaygo; two grandchildren, Heather and Mark Alyea; brother, James Wert of Lowell; sisters, Fran Rads of Lowell, Roseann Raney of Saranac; motherin-law, Vivian Walker; many brothers and sisters-in-law, also nieces and nephews; David was a Veteran of the Vietnam Conflict and a member of the VFW Post 8303 in Lowell. He retired from Attwood Corporation after 30 years of service. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Thursday, October 18 at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson with Dr. Michael Conklin of First United Methodist Church of Lowell officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday. Memorial contributions may be made to Spectrum Health Hospice, 100 Michigan Street NE, GR, MI 49503.

Thebes Players present "Honk! Jr."



The Thebes Players will present Honk! Jr at Lowell High School Performing Arts Center (Lowell High School). 11700 Vergennes St, SE, Lowell. Honk! Jr is the musical that beat The Lion King out of the Olivier Award, the British equivalent to the Tony Award. Honk! Jr is a contemporary retelling of the Hans Christian Andersen's classic story, "The Ugly Duckling." Dates of the production are: Friday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 21 at 2:30 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Oct. 28 at 2:30 p.m. Advanced Tickets: General admission is \$8, LAAC members, seniors, and students are \$6. Group tickets 20 or more are \$6, only in advance. Advanced tickets available through Pay Pal at www.lowellarts council.org. Day of show general admission is \$10 and LAAC members, seniors, and students are \$8.

For more information and to purchase tickets call or visit the Lowell Area Arts Council at 149 S. Hudson, Lowell: 897-854, www.lowellarts council.org. Tickets are also available at the box office on the day of the performance.

Lend A Hand VOLUNTEER **OPPORTUNITIES**

URGENT NEED FOR VOLUNTEER TUTORS

County has sessions on Monday, Oct. 22 and Wednesday, Oct. 24 for prospective volunteer tutors. This session is held at 6:30 p.m. and lasts one hour. It allows persons interested in becoming volunteer tutors to find out more about

the Council and its literacy programs. At the end of the session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training.

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figures, at least 19,000 adults in Kent County cannot read on Oct. 22 will be held at adults asking for assistance at 111 Library St., NE, Second Language (ESL). You do not need to speak another

language to tutor ESL.

at a functional level. At least the Yankee Clipper Library 6,000 adults cannot speak located at 2025 Leonard or understand English well. St., NE, Grand Rapids. The By training people to be session on Oct. 24 will be one-on-one reading help to Public Library located in reading or English as a Grand Rapids, 4th Floor. VanderVeen Center. Call at 459-5151 to

The information session

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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 Nov. 16, 17 & 18. Visit the web site at www. christmasthrough lowell.org.

TRICK OR TREAT

Halloween Trick or Treating in the City of Lowell will be on Wed., Oct. 31 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Households wishing to participate with treats should leave the outside porch lights on. Households that do not wish to participate should turn the outside lights off.

BRIDAL OPEN HOUSE

The business community of Lowell is hosting its first annual "Bridal Open House" on Thurs., Nov. 1 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Quail Ridge Golf Club. Admission is free and all attendees will be entered for door prizes.

FIRE & WATER ART STUDIO AND SHOWROOM

Art works by Virginia Wieringa will be featured in November. A custom framer will be in on Fridays. Hours are Wed. - Sun. 1 to 6 p.m., Fri. 1 to 7 p.m. 219 W. Main. Call 890-1879 for more information

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The museum is pleased to present "Gizmos & Gadgets - Inventions of the Past." This exhibit will be showcased in the Museum's special exhibits gallery from Nov. 3, 2007 through Aug. 30, 2008. For information please contact Linda Barnes at 897-7688.

PARADE ENTRIES

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking parade entries for our first ever night-time parade on Dec. 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 site at www.discover lowell.org for application and/or project request form or call 897-9161 for more information.

LOWELL **BOY SCOUT TROOP 102**

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.

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRY IN NEED OF DONATIONS

The FROM food pantry is in need of canned fruits. juices, corn, carrots, peas, potatoes, biscuits & pancake mix and jelly.

Lowell to have dog park, concrete skating rink

by Emma Palova

Lowell will soon have a dog park following Monday night city council approval of its official name. In park after the major sponsor, Animal Hospital of Lowell Dog Park.

The dog park or offleash area located at Stoney Lake has been in the works for the last two years due to budgetary constrains. Recently, Jeff Eckstrom, who spearheaded the project, found a business willing to donate funds for the construction of a fence in exchange for naming rights.

Through an agreement for 10 years, Animal Hospital will be paying all the maintenance fees and providing the fencing.

"We've had numerous discussions to continue improvements to the parks,' said council member Jim Pfaller. "We came to the conclusion because budgetary concerns, the only way to add amenities to our parks is with business sponsorship."

Opposing was Mayor Chuck Myers because the proposed dog park has always been referred to as Lowell Dog Park.

belongs to the citizens of Lowell," said Myers. "It's a the park after a major sponsor for recreational purposes

However, Eckstrom said the Animal Hospital council agreed to name the has been behind the project it," said council member Jim from the very beginning, although the Grand River the parks name Monday. Veterinary Hospital too has donated a bench.

go," said Pfaller.

council was against naming skating rink. It will be used due to city ownership.

"I changed my mind, but I am not really keen on Hodges voting in favor of related business

pertaining to parks, the "In today's world council approved \$19,480 as municipal dollars get from the area community tighter, it's the only way to funds for a concrete structure

Two weeks ago the at the Richards Park ice only, according to city manager Dave Pasquale.

> "It provides stable surface in a tear drop design for recreational skating," said Pasquale. "It's not a hockey rink.'

electronic check payment In summer time, the and credit/debit transaction rink could be used for services with Official skateboarding. The lowest

bid was awarded to BV Payment OPC. The optional service Concrete Construction of includes a three percent charge to any bills paid by In other business: City the taxpayer using OPC. taxpayers can now pay

"It's set for convenience for the citizens," said treasurer Sue Olin. "It's only

To set up the service will cost the city \$800 without any additional revenues.

Changes in Lowell city charter up for Nov. 6 vote

by Emma Palova

city charter are up for vote Dave Pasquale. n the Nov. 6 general elec-

on the Lowell Light & Pow- by the board er Board from three to five

According to the charter, the Lowell Light & The three proposed Power electric utility conamendments include increas- stitutes a department of the ing the number of members city government governed

The other amendment members to provide greater will align what the council

"It makes for a better is already doing, such as Changes in the obsolete process," said city manager appointing the mayor and mayor pro-tem at the first meeting in January.

> The last amendment allows for greater flexibility into one. in setting the time for city council meetings by resolu-

However, overall clerk Betty Morlock expects a low turnout much like for school elections, so the two precincts have been combined

their bills online through

Corporation (OPC). The

council Monday approved

Official Payment

But the crowded candidate field may attract more voters, according to Mor-

Candidates concerned

and Jeff Altoft.

The average turnout for city council and school board elections is from eight to 10 percent

Residents will be voting upstairs in the city council chambers. There are 2,663 registered voters in the two city precincts.

Speak clearly, if you speak at all; carve every word before you let it fall.

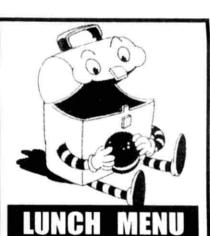
- Oliver Wendell Holmes

(1809 - 1894)

about preservation, cable sale

the city council in the Nov. 6 Ellison, Maryalene LaPonsie general election.

Incumbent candidates Full story on the Washington property and are: Chuck Myers, Al candidates will run in the tree trimming top the Mathews and Jim Hodges. Oct. 31 issue of the Lowell candidates' agenda vying for The newcomers are: Sharon Ledger.



ELEMENTARY MENU Week of Oct. 22, 2007

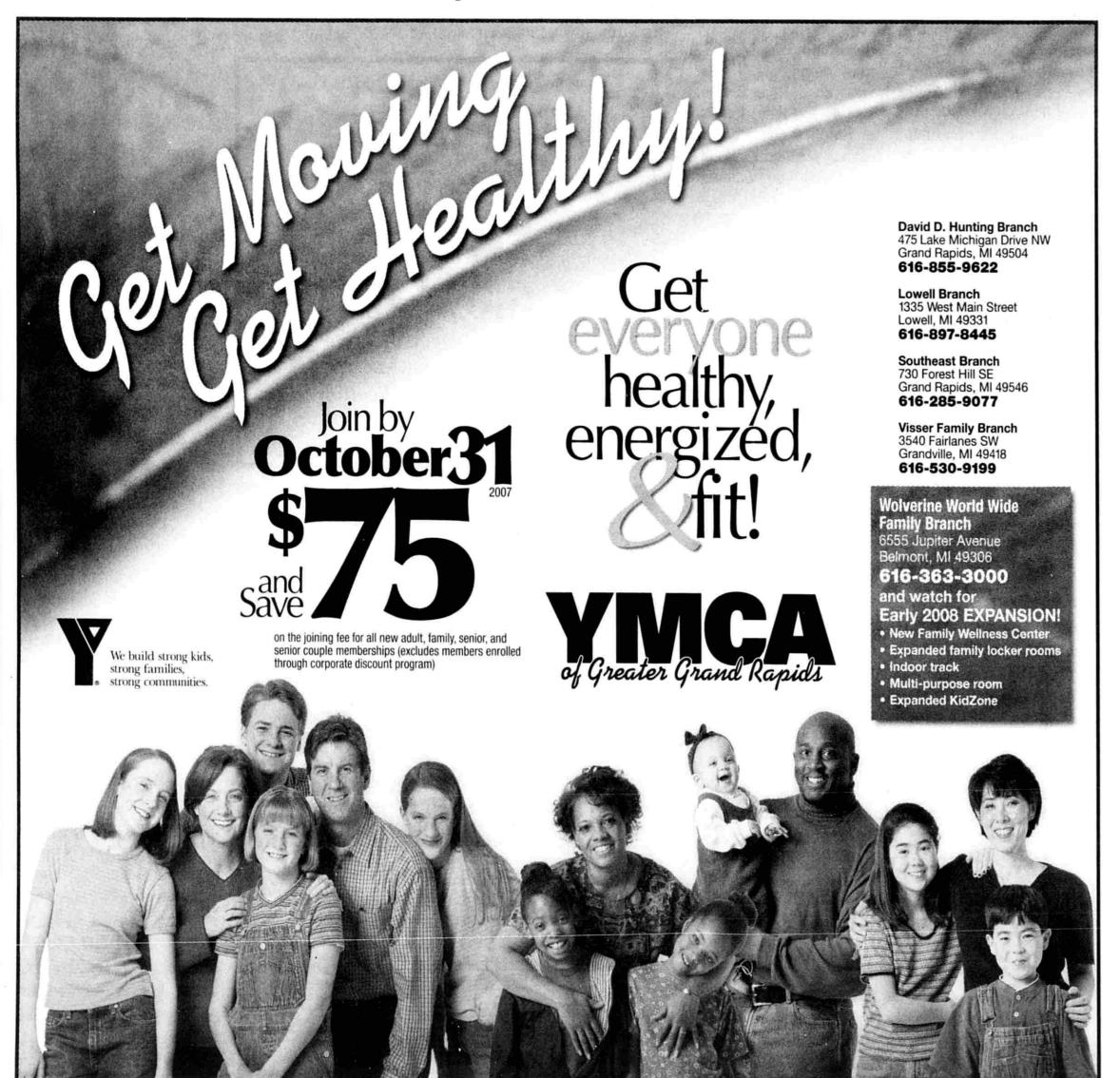
MON: Pepperoni pizza (egg salad sandwich also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), steamed broccoli, warm apple slices, milk.

TUES: Cheeseburger on bun (chili & crackers also offered at Alto & Murray Lake). corr fruit chocolate chip cookie

WED: Grilled cheese sandwich (turkey cheese on bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), vegetable pasta salad, pears, milk.

THURS: Waffles syrup or cereal graham crackers 8 scambled eggs, fresh fruit, applesauce, milk.

FRI: Hot dog on bun w/yogurt 8 peanut butter also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), mini carrots & dip, fresh orange, milk.



Viewpoint-

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

variety of family activities throughout the entire year, to still in time. There was a long pause, "Nothing". I believe this be a small enough community to know your neighbors and see people you know when attending these great activities, by the honorable Lowell Boy Scout Troop 102 asked to still have so much of nature nearby?

WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT if this same community would return to valuing its trees and nature, respecting its citizens, working together to create a wonderful "Next Place" a simple request and has caused much grief throughout to Be"?

IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE in government to people who will: respect all those who want to continue to be a close-knit, caring, environmentally-friendly community; respect all the residents in this community of Lowell; be property should come from the will of the people with a willing to work with all concerned to make Lowell a "Great" vote. I can't see what a community wide meeting on Oct. Place to Be."

Council on Nov. 6. Make this an election for great positive change!

Dear Editor.

On Monday, Oct. 8, I went to a city council work session about the property on North Washington St. Late in the meeting I made a comment that it seemed like there will not be a final decision made now or in the near future ISN'T IT GREAT to live in a community with such a and asked why it took a year and a half to get to this point controversy started some time back when a simple request to have the property deeded over to the Scouts as sacred property. My opinion is that this controversy has been going on way too long and grown out of proportion because of our community. I believe it has gotten to this deplorable situation because the council has not conformed to the will of the people. This is not a backyard neighborhood scrap suited for the council. The answer to what happens to the 25 will accomplish now other than that they collect another If YOU want these things, vote for a change in City \$30 a piece for showing up. I believe this controversy on North Washington St., the now defunct Cable TV, the taking over of the proceeds from the sale of Lowell Cable TV and Peggy Covert the Grim Reaper that is still attacking some of our healthy trees proves to me that it's time for new management.

Sincerely Jim Howard

Dear Editor,

In my personal view, the purpose of the "Champion Dear Editor, Tree Contest" is to celebrate trees, beautiful old countryside

Also, the purpose of this contest is to remind the community of the value of great old roadside trees. You horses and many other things to do. might say, "what value are you speaking of, Mac?"

When city residents move to rural townships like off. Vergennes and much of Ada, they move here to get away from the hustle and bustle of city life. They move here families. for the tranquil surroundings of open fields, wooded lots, streams and undeveloped lake frontage, fresh air and yes, beautiful old oaks and maples that line the roadside.

New folks move here to capture a sense of peace and quiet and most of all, a sense of down home, coming home. To me, the best source of tranquility is Mother Nature that the Creator made. He created us. He created all nature. It's natural, therefore, for humans to find comfort in the natural countryside. Short of natural bodies of water, dominant reminders of Mother Nature are the old huge trees in the neighborhood yards and roadsides. To me, as I suspect to many, the great old trees add character to the townships. Character adds beauty and beauty adds economic value to the properties all about. My point is, "spare the great old trees and celebrate them."

I'd like to add one other point. Many of us have visited many of the great old communities around Michigan and the Midwest. At some point, Ada and Vergennes will become more densely populated. Spare the trees as we grow. Pinky grew up in Grosse Pointe, Mich., just outside of Detroit. where the community has respected the value of great trees. Even in a highly populated community, old trees are respected and left standing, especially among upscale housing.

Why? Because great old trees add grace, intrigue, beauty, economic value and a great sense of peace and quiet for the families who live there even in the midst of a very busy lifestyle. So as Vergennes and Ada continue to progress over the decades, don't let the road commission insist on defining progress as "cutting down the great old trees." Let's define progress as living a progressive life among the natural landmarks of our beautiful townships. Thank you. It has been fun doing this contest, hasn't it?

It was Jamie Ladd's idea to have the "Ada vs. Vergennes" contest. Way to go, Jamie, and the open space folks in Vergennes, to name a few, Kate Dernocoeur and Marsha Wilcox and others managed this project.

So, thanks a lot, Mac McPherson

A few weeks ago, we visited the Roanoke Ranch on Grand River Drive. What a good time all of us had – just watching kids ride

What a great bunch of volunteers to pull a few days

But again, no story, no pictures of a local event for

Thank you Aaron Decker for such a great day. Shirley Peckham

Writing to the editor ...

The Lowell Ledger welcomes letters to the editor from readers, but there are a few conditions that must be met before they will be published.

The requirements are:

- All letters must be signed by the writer, with address and phone number provided for verification. All that will be printed is the writer's name and community of
- Letters that contain statements that are libelous will not be published.
- All letters are subject to editing for style, grammar and sense.
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125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL OCTOBER 18, 1882

The "People's Cyclopedia" is the best and cheapest. The front of Hunt and Hunters drug store is being painted and pencil led. Fine improvement.

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER OCTOBER 17, 1907

The Anti-Saloon League which opened its campaign in Grand Rapids last Sunday sent a representative to Lowell last week to say that they desired to open the campaign here.

The Lowell canning factory now has a work room for the women separate from the steam cookers...40 more women wanted to trim apples...Some earning \$2 per day. Free fare and free room near factory.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO OCTOBER 13, 1932

Petition has been filed with the board of supervisors by owners of property on Pratt Lake and numerous businessmen and residents of Lowell asking that steps be taken through the state construction department to restore the lake back to its former level.

Probably the largest size check ever drawn on a bank in Kent County, or in the state of Michigan for that matter, was presented for payment last Friday at the Lowell State Bank.

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER OCTOBER 17, 1957

Lowell Branch, Kent County Library, to be formally opened.

The seniors have chosen "Onions in the Stew" by Betty MacDonald, as their senior play. This comedy will be presented to the grade school and to the public.

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER OCTOBER 13, 1982

The Lowell Board of Education approved extracurricular programs for the remainder of the 1982-83 school year on assurance given by the Lowell Athletic Boosters that the Boosters will raise \$40,000 by the middle of April.

Millen Construction Co. to begin stringing cable for Lowell Cable TV Service Oct. 11 on the east side of town... Some residents will be enjoying cable television as soon as November.

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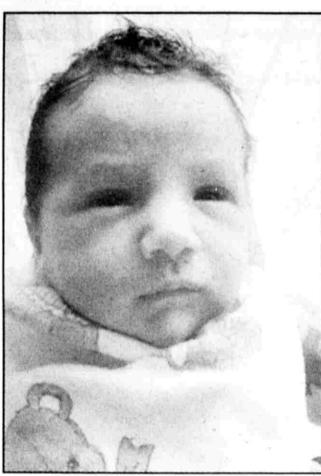
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"Is it normal to have a mood change in the fall or when. there is a change of seasons?"

This is a good question because we have heard a lot of information about SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder), which is characterized by mood shifts due to a lack of sunlight. This is a seasonal issue. As you well know, Michigan is dreary much of the time in the winter, so many Michiganders are more susceptible to SAD than other people in different states. The relationship between one's mood and the weather (especially the lack of sun) has been documented. The question asks about the normalcy of mood change when there is a seasonal change. It would only be considered not normal when one's mood has become so pervasaive that it has started to affect day-to-day life. If you are sleeping and eating okay, and you still find pleasure and enjoyment in activities that you have typically enjoyed, it most likely is in the normal parameters of mood change.

If you have inner turmoil, difficulty eating, sleeping or feel hopeless about life, it would be important for you to contact a therapist to talk through your feelings. So many times, trauma has occured at a certain season, and our mind has associated the trauma with that season. When the season changes, the repressed memories surface at that time. For instance, the smells, the light and dark patterns of the fall can trigger memories that make us feel sad or even threatened. It is interesting to note that our olfactory sense (the sense of smell) is connected to our limbic system which is the "seat of our emotions." This is the only sense

that is located there, so if there was trauma during the fall season, the smells of fall such as leaves burning, the smell of crisp air can set off those memories. Sometimes this can explain the mood change. Also, if for instance school was difficult for you, you might have dreaded the fall season because school was starting. The change to the fall season (i.e. unique fall smells, etc.) could make those insecure feelings resurface as well. You would do yourself well to determine if this mood change is due to a traumatic event or just the loss of summer and moving into the fall season.

Please keep your questions coming - many of them are very good. My email address is kathryndenhouter@gmail.

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OCTOBER 18:

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Ruth Smith, Zachary Lee.

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Andrew Mercer, Madison Hacker, Jessica Alberts.

OCTOBER 22: Troy Abel, Aamir Ismail,

Donna Potter, Devin Falk.

OCTOBER 23:

Bill Stouffer, Melody Kastanek, Lyle Morrison, Rachael McIntyre.

SCENE 3 - "A STRETCHING TALE!"

by David Sims, Lead Pastor First Baptist Church

Valley, Calif.

As we take these weekly October walks together, not only am I in confession mode, but I'm thinking that you are in TMI mode. Who really wants to know the crazy "I'd do it differently if I had a second chance" things a pastor has committed? While it may be risky to reveal some of the risks Γ ve done, learning truth from them can redeem them for the better.

So, what was I thinking? In the early '90s our family took some spring break trips to Gulf Shores, Ala., where our children's grandparents made their winter retreat from the

Michigan cold and snow. "Fun" would be an understatement to do this again, and again, even again! I found my voice

One year my father-in-law jokingly greeted me with a function. challenge (dare, it was) to use a coupon he had for a bungee jump experience. Well, what's a guy who enjoys an adventure and wants to prove something to do? No joke about it - he was on! I mean, who'd turn down such a thrill at such a bargain price? (My Scottish roots grow deep, you know.) So, with discount in my fist, across the street I forged.

I should have caught on when I had to sign my very life the aftershocks of our wrong will haunt us to infinity and away with at least four different forms, all in triplicate. beyond unless something bigger and better than ourselves Then, ditching my glasses, climbing the heights half-blind, intervenes. That something is actually a someone - God and donning a harness while the attendant said it was his come as our Helper, our Shield, our Safety, our Forgiver, first time on the job. And, with a gasp, stepping out into our Debt-Payer. Without a personal relationship with Christ nothingness, it was then that I finally began to think, things as Savior, we are doomed to anguished unrestrained descent like, "I can't breathe!" and "Will it hold?" And then reality into endless re-runs of judgment for our choices. caught up (too late) with my dazed brain: "Yes, indeed, a

as we enjoyed a bit of relief from the Yooper head-high the second time down, but my Yooper dialect was confined to one long anguished scream as my diaphragm regained

And you know, choices are like that, aren't they? Somehow we manage to reason that it's just one little sin - so we jump into its thrill. But, O my, then the ripples, the waves, sometimes the tsunami that multiplies and spreads with repeating devastation. Just one step over the edge returns in vicious ways to bite us again and again. Adam and What was I thinking? Apparently I wasn't! Period. Eve discovered that all too late. So do we. The repercussions,

Learn the lesson of repercussion and break the chain of bungee that stretches also retracts, so that means, I've got consequences in Jesus Christ. Forever is a very long time.

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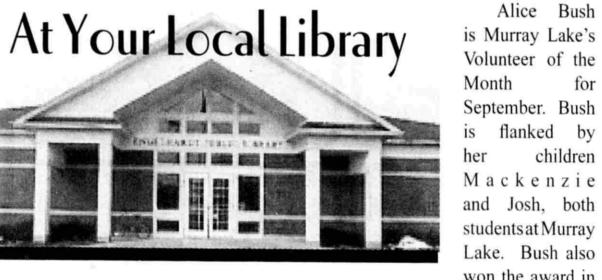
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Class of '52 reunion at Deer Run



The LHS Class of 1952 held its 55th class reunion at Deer Run Golf Club Sept. 7. First row (L-R): Shirley Winks Compton, Ann Townsend Molhoek, Phyllis Chaterdon Bieri, Kitty Potter Brenk, Peter Kelley, Nancy Gee Porritt, Cheryl Nellist Collins and Nancy Wood Brown. Second row (L-R): Howard Hobbs, Kenneth Preston, Robert Litschewski, Evelyn Johnson Knaak, Roger Zoodsma, Jack Smith, Bob Canfield, Larry Rosenberg, Lyle Weeks, Fred Beckett, Robert Topp, June Paauwe Packer, John Porritt and Don Bergy. Missing from the photo are Fred Rathbun, Harvey Stark and Estelle Hobbs Stark.

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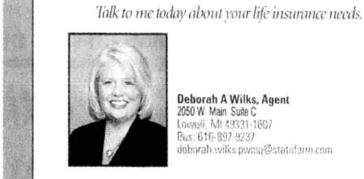
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which in turn may cause local joint pain.

redness, and swelling in a joint. It usually happens at the base of the big toe, but it may occur in other joints. The pain may be severe in degree.

Gout is a medical condition when you have to much uric

Men older than 30 years are most likely to get gout.

Women can get it, but usually not until after menopause. You

are more likely to get it if you are overweight, drink alcohol,

or take water pills for fluid retention or high blood pressure.

acid in the blood. Uric acid can build up and form crystals,

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Examination, a blood test, or fluid taken from the affected joint will usually confirm the diagnosis of gout Medicine may be given to reduce the pain and inflammation of the gout attack. If you have recurrent attacks, you may need medicines to take daily to prevent the attacks. The medicine works by lowering the amount of uric acid your body makes.

Staying at a healthy weight will help to lower your risk of having another attack. Ask your doctor, and if it is OK, walk 20 minutes a day for exercise. You should not drink a lot of alcohol (especially beer) or eat a lot of red meat and

SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2007

Minutes of the September 17, 2007 meeting were approved as written and the accounts payable were approved.

The following actions were taken:

Motion to adopt the resolution investing the LCTV Endowment Fund with the Grand Rapids Community Foundation.

Motion to approve the ordinance for sponsorship signs in the city parks.

Motion to set a public hearing for Monday, November 5, 2007 regarding the ordinance for regulations of temporary storage units.

Motion to approve the quote of \$4,478.70 to VWR Scientific for the purchase of an autoclave model 9000D to make the Water Treatment Plant EPA compliant.

Motion to approve the quote of \$3,203 from Van't Hof Door and Gate Systems, Inc. and include Rickert Electric in the amount of \$1,925 for the electrical work of purchasing and installation of a slide gate operator fence at the Water Treatment Plant.

By general consensus, the Council agreed to proclaim Saturday, October 13, 2007 as Arbor Day and October 7 to 13, 2007 as Arbor Week in the City of Lowell.

Motion to approve the resolution for the YMCA Park Usage Agreement.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, October 15, 2007.

Complete minutes are available on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., or by email to bmorlock@ci.lowell.mi.us



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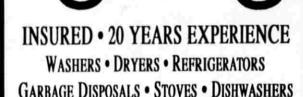
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Reverend pens winning ghost story inspired by man in river

by Emma Palova

A writing reverend from Grand Rapids has story contest.

Inspired by a fisherman in the Grand River flowing had never set foot in Africa through Lowell on a gloomy overcast day last year, Dr. Louis Lotz of Grand Rapids Drowns in River."

been published in various But you never see it." religious periodicals over

seem odd writing scary secret that has been hidden

But on the other hand, author of Sherlock Holmes on the same stretch of river. He fought to the surface, stories was a physician, and Edgar Rice Burroughs

when he wrote Tarzan.

scary is that you never see has written the spooky "Man the menacing, threatening Although Lotz has can feel it. You can hear it.

The story is about an the years, this was his first undertaker called to the from the story: try at writing something bedside of a dying man. The man, anguished and guilt- on his ankle. The undertaker "I suppose that does ridden, reveals a terrible could feel each cold finger.

occurred many years ago,

"The story seems fantastic," said Lotz. "It undertaker listens politely man is delusional."

Only afterwards, the presence," said Lotz. "You undertaker discovers that the terrible secret is too

Following is an excerpt

"Then he felt it. A hand

stories as a reverend," he for decades. The secret Then another hand. They the future I think I'll stick to were pulling at him, tugging that." him down. He tumbled penned the winning short Arthur Conan Doyle, the and subsequent drownings sideways into the dark water. to another first time scary

> numb, calling for help. "But nobody came to can't possibly be true. The help him. And then he went strictly fiction with the idea "What makes the story but concludes that the dying him, and he was gone. A happenings were disappeared in the current. the Spanish Next day, a small article epidemic." appeared in the local paper,

> > "Man Drowns in River." Lotz doesn't plan on research story beyond the contest.

mornings," he said, "and in and read it on PBS.

The second place went story writer, Rose Manning, for "Fancy Pants."

under, the river swallowed that some true historical wooden urn bobbed on the scary even without ghosts," surface, and the ashes slowly Manning said, "such as

manager in the scientific information doing anything with the department from Pfizer in place went to Meghan Ross "The story I am best at send her story to great nieces place to Lindsey Crawford is the one I tell on Sunday and nephews for Halloween for "Trick-or-Eat?"

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Moore actually wrote and submitted four stories. And winning with one of them was ego-boosting "I hope it is seen as until Moore found out there were only nine entries in the adult category.

The story answers the question what is it like being a ghost named "Boo."

In the kids' category:

Gabrielle MacDonald Manning retired as a received first place for Gary the Ghost," second Ann Arbor. She plans to for "Bed Bugs," and third

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Hruby graduated from her family. She has Forest Hills Central High taught 4th and 6th grades in school. She went to Grand Lowell, prior to working in Valley State University for Murray Lake's special needs her teaching degree. Hruby classroom taught in an autism program for three years at Forest Hills Murray Lake because the before moving to Colorado kids are so excited to be here to fulfill a lifelong dream In Colorado, Ms. Hruby

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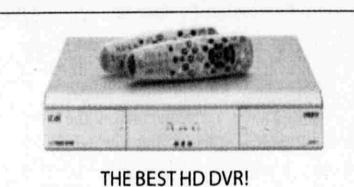
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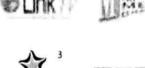
















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Floral shop offers nontraditional designs, unique gifts

by Emma Palova

Roses are making a Lopez, "we're not an assemcomeback, while loft occupants are demanding clean lines in nontraditional con-

Those are the latest ness, and the staff at the new Daisy Floral shop is ready to do whatever it

or too big for us," said owner Jennifer Lopez. "We go above and beyond."

tom orders and designs to design consultations. Other services include

"It all goes back to on Nov. 1.

customer service," said

bly line florist. We put a per-

Not only flowers, but also unique gifts such as a bell collection, are available

The shop employs four part-time employees, who all are Lopez' close friends and family. Lopez' father Le-"Nothing is too small roy Mongar does deliveries, sister Leighanna Mongar is the designer/consultant. Sister Michelle Balahoski also The shop takes cus- works at the shop.

Lopez reminds all that specifications. Also in the Oct. 20 is Sweetest Day. The plans are future interior store is located at 505 W.

Daisy Floral will be at party, event and holiday the Bridal Open House at the Quail Ridge Golf Club



Owner Jennifer Lopez with sister Leighanna Mongar at the Daisy Floral store with unique gifts.



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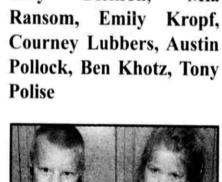
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5s Nominees: Cameron solitude. Pawloski and Sydney Spanbauer.

Outdoors **Dave Stegehuis**

THE CONNECTION

by: Dave Stegehuis

Once upon a time, people gathered and hunted their own food. Shelters were axed from the great expanse of forests. Survival depended on one's skill and perseverance when making a living directly from the land. Later, when fertile ground was available to those with the ambition to work it, we moved on to an agriculture-based society. Anyone who didn't live or work on a farm had friends and relatives who did, so we all had a connection to the land and nature. Next, the industrial revolution drew people from rural areas to the cities. We began to change our relationship with the land. Today, we are living in the information age where the majority of people reside in urban centers or live in areas of fragmented parcels of private property. As a result, there is a generation which is almost totally disconnected from the natural world. Children's activities revolve around electronic media, organized play, and theme parks. The days of roaming the forests and fields or even playing in a vacant lot are only visions of the past for many children.

Studies have shown that spending time in natural surroundings can have a positive effect on physical health, reduce stress, inspire creativity, and even rectify behavioral problems in troubled children. In addition, children who have an appreciation of nature and feel connected to wild places will be better stewards of our environment. If a person has not seen, smelled, heard, or touched those things found in nature, he or she may not act to protect wild places and wild things in the future. Quality outdoor experiences early in life will likely influence an individual to be more concerned about such things as protecting the environment, retaining open spaces, and supporting outdoor recreation projects like trails and parks.

It seems that children rarely even play out in their own backyard. This would be a good place to introduce kids to outdoor experiences and from there move on to new adventures. We are fortunate in this area to have access to a number of parks, trails, natural areas, and state owned Picture two: Pictured recreation land. There is opportunity to hike, ski, observe above are Red Day Young birds, and other wildlife, or just sit quietly and enjoy the

If adults value outdoor activities, youngsters will usually follow their example. Get the kids out and get them

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Meeting of October 8, 2007 REPORTS

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DENTAL EXCELLENCE

Response to Intervention at Bushnell - Karen Burd and the Bushnell staff gave a presentation about the Response to Intervention (RTI) program that is being implemented at Bushnell. They showed a DVD to introduce the subject. Bushnell is one of only seven schools in KISD chosen to pilot this program. 100% of staff and administration must be on board to be chosen as a pilot school. RTI uses DIBELS data to measure literacy and provides early intervention to Heidi Kolp - High School English/Speech/Debate Teacher students who need it. A three tier system of interventions is available to recognize and remedy needs before a student reaches the failure point. Bushnell has set a goal of having • MASB Certification of Delegates for 2007 95% of students meeting or exceeding benchmarks.

prioritized and scheduled.

ACTION ITEMS -

The Board accepted the following gifts:

- be used by the Energy Department.
- Tim Allsburg donation of printed note pads for Big Sable completion.

expenditures with bond proceeds.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/adopted were:

- and September 24, 2007 Board Workshop
- The following payment of bills for September 2007: GENERAL FUND...

SCHOOL SERVICES FUND

A. Food Service Fund.....\$1,494.71

B. Athletic Fund	\$8,622.22
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND	\$13,651.92
SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$3,500.00
1990 Debt Fund	\$279.44
2000 Debt Fund	\$27.44
2004 Debt Fund	\$4.99
2005 Debt Fund	\$37.43
2004 Construction Fund	\$15,539.60
 Personnel - Leave: 	. <i>M</i> PISITER

beginning on or near February 17, 2008 through the remainder of the 2007-08 school year.

 Overnight Student Trips for 2007-08 Construction Update - Larry Mikulski reported that the BUDGET UPDATE - John Zielinski reported that the technology plan in order to improve infrastructure and projects are ready to move from the preparation and planning October State Aid payment will be made by the State as phase to actual construction. Some work will be started this scheduled. The Legislature is still working on the State Aid fall at Alto and Bushnell. Bids will be ready by January for Budget. Currently, this includes a 1% (about \$70 per student) work at the Middle School. Future projects are being increase. However, last year's \$23 equity payment has been taken off the table. A new equity payment may be included in future versions of the budget. The District continues to track cash flow. At this point in the budget year, 21.6% of property Ace Hardware donation of a thermostat valued at \$35 to expenditures have been made but only 6% of income has been received. The District has contracted with an online · Sue Wilterdink donation of early childhood games, toys, Blood Borne Pathogen Training program which will allow and books valued at \$150 to be used by the TOTS employees to complete the training independently and then the District and employee will receive notification of

Karen Burd and the Bushnell staff for their commitment to Adopted the resolution authorizing the reimbursement of the RTI program. October 8 was the first day of MEAP testing for the October 8-26 testing window. MAP testing has concluded, and administrators are discussing ways of digging Minutes for the September 10, 2007 Regular Meeting, deeper into that data. Back on Track for Graduation is a new September 24, 2007 Special Meeting and Closed Sessions, program being developed in the District. It will allow for credit recovery using NovaNet beginning in the 2nd Trimester and held after school at the High School. More information will be forthcoming as the program continues to be defined. Possible expansion to the Middle School and summer school is also being considered.

DISCUSSION - The Board discussed a new Board policy #9015 entitled "Advertising in School District Sponsored Media and Forums" on its first reading. This will be brought back to the November Board meeting for adoption on its

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Greg Pratt commended RTI as one of the many great things being done in the District. The new website has been launched and is still being refined and adjusted with feedback from staff and users. Infinite Campus is up and running for Middle and High Schools and should be ready at the elementary level by 2nd Trimester. (Parent training in Infinite Campus will be available during Middle School Conferences.) Roger Bearup and the BLT's are gathering teacher feedback for the enhance classroom teaching and learning. A community visioning meeting will be held on Thursday, October 25 at 7 pm at Lowell Township Hall for public input regarding recreation in the community. On November 2 and 3, a design charette will be held at the Wittenbach/Wege Center for public input regarding potential uses of the Wege Foundation

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Board Workshop - Monday, October 22, 2007 - 6:00 p.m. Runciman Administration Building - Board Room 300 High St., Lowell, MI

Regular Board Meeting Monday, November 12, 2007 - 7:00 p.m. Runciman Administration Building - Board Room 300 High St., Lowell, MI

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With Gregory Pratt LHS Superintendent

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Our students are fortunate to experience a variety of activities ranging from the arts to the sciences to athletics. The Lowell Area Arts Council introduces our young people to the arts in the form of performance, paintings and drawings, photography and music. This year our young people will be visiting the fall performance "Honk Jr." which is a contemporary retelling of the Hans Christian Andersen's classic story, "The Ugly Duckling", and features a music score that kids and adults will be sure to enjoy. Many of our young students will be introduced to theater for the first time thanks to the Arts Council.

Other students will be investigating the environment at the Wittenbach/Wege Center where they are introduced each year to a variety of scientific explorations and the beautiful outdoors during all the seasons. The Wittenbach/ Wege Center also provides multiple educational programs throughout the year for families and all residents to participate in.

One program that is unique to Lowell Area Schools and is growing with great success is the early childhood program named TOTS which stands for Tots on Track for School. TOTS is an early childhood program for all families with children ranging in age from birth to kindergarten. The TOTS program is designed to help families provide education and support them in raising healthy children that will enter kindergarten ready to learn. TOTS welcomes new babies with free gift bags including a book, baby toy, bib and information on educational and fun activities for infants and toddlers clear to preschool. Information regarding the TOTS program can be found on our new website at www. lowellschools.com. We thank Kathy Cole, the Director, and all her staff for the excellent work that they provide for our youngest learners in the community.

The community as a whole provides opportunities for students to participate in a multitude of organizations from Boy Scouts to YMCA to athletics to church groups. The students are able to explore new activities, search for their strengths, and explore their gifts and talents. Service learning clubs such as Rotary, Lions, and Women's Club exemplify activities that positively impact our community. Scholarships are provided to students through such

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Your comments about this matter or any issue would be As the school district moves forward to provide greatly appreciated. Send to Superintendent Gregory Pratt, programming for our young learners, I thank parents, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331 community members, and businesses for being involved or gpratt@lowellschools.com (check out our Web page at in quality education and activities from birth through www.lowellschools.com or make comments to the Board of retirement. Collaboration is truly at the heart of the Education at boardofed@lowellschools.com).



Financial Focus

With Christopher C. Godbold

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RETIREES NEED REGULAR — AND RISING - INCOME

In all likelihood, the prices of goods and services will continue rising year by year. This may not be too much of a problem for you when you're working, because your salary is probably also going up over time. But when you retire, you may find that inflation becomes a bigger concern - which is why you'll need some investments with the potential for providing rising income during your retirement years.

Of course, as a retiree, you may feel that you need to invest more conservatively than you did when you were working. After all, you may think, you're no longer drawing a paycheck, so you can't really afford to take chances on investments that constantly fluctuate in value. Consequently you may be inclined to stick with fixed-income vehicles, such as investment-grade bonds and certificates of deposit

However, bonds, CDs and other fixed-income investments carry their own type of risk purchasing power risk. Suppose, for example, that your bonds and CDs provide you with interest income of \$1,000 a year. Even with a relatively mild inflation rate of 3 percent, your \$1,000 will only be worth \$863.00 in five years, and \$744.00 in ten years. And if inflation picks up to 5 percent, the purchasing power of your \$1,000 will drop to \$774.00 in five years and to just \$614.00 in ten years.

Those are big drops. And if you spend two or even three decades in retirement - a definite possibility - you could lose even more purchasing power if you invest solely in fixed income vehicles. That's why you may want to consider dividend-paying stocks, which can provide you with the potential for rising income.

You can now find dividend-paying stocks in a variety of industries, including financial services, food producers

CITY OF LOWELL

PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at their regular scheduled meeting of Monday, November 5, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Lowell City Hall, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

An Ordinance to add Section 2.19A "Temporary Storage Unit" to Chapter 2 "Definitions," and Section 4.08A to Chapter 4 "General Provisions," of "Appendix A – Zoning Ordinance" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.

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

Interested persons may submit written comments to the City Clerk's office at the above address until 5:00 p.m. the day of the meeting or appear in person.



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

consumer products, pharmaceuticals, technology, publishing and others. But in searching for stocks that pay good dividends, it's important not to be "short-sighted" and just go after those companies that seem to be paying the highest dividends at the moment. You need to be sure that a company's earnings are sufficiently strong to support its dividend payouts. If a firm's earnings are weak, it may well cut its dividends, thereby jeopardizing your income stream.

By doing some research, you can find many stocks that have actually increased their dividends for 25 or more consecutive years. Although this past performance won't necessarily indicate future results, it's still a pretty good track record, and it's an indicator of strong, well-run companies who seek to reward their investors.

Still, as a retiree, you do need to keep two points in mind about dividend-paying stocks. First, they can increase, decrease or totally eliminate dividend payments at any time, without notice. And second, they are stocks, which means their price can and will fluctuate, so you could lose some, or all, of your initial investment amount.

Nonetheless, dividend-paying stocks can be a valuable part of your portfolio during your retirement years — but you should also include bonds, CDs, government securities and other investments. By making the right moves, you may be able to stay ahead of inflation without taking on an excessive degree of risk. And that's a winning combination.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on Monday, November 5, 2007 at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI to consider proposed amendments to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance. A summary follows for the proposed text amendments:

Amend Chapter 9 Amendments and Supplements to add a new section 201.902 Conditional Rezoning Agreements. This section is pursuant to Michigan Public Act No. 577 of 2004, effective January 4, 2005. The section allows an applicant, by voluntary written action, to offer conditions and restrictions in a rezoning application. The ordinance will have sections on purpose, application procedures, standards for approval, agreement expiration, extensions and rezone reversion, coordination and performance bonds for improvements, recording conditions, amendment of conditions process and violation procedures.

The complete text of the proposed ordinance amendments can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 Phone: (616) 897-5671 [fax 897-5674] or on the website at www.vergennestwp.org. Written and oral comments will be received until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Planning Commission Chairman or the Planning Coordinator at the Township Offices. Comments may be emailed to the Planning Commission at: zoning@vergennestwp.org.

Vergennes Township Planning Commission

RED ARROW S PORTS

The Benning-Fielder by Molly Benningfield

Big week for Lowell sports

Sports editor



It's been a pretty good week for Lowell athletics. And that's saying something, because something always seems to happen around here.

Equestrian - For starters, the Lowell equestrian team won the state championship in Division C. Pretty big, huh? But even cooler is that it's the fourth state championship for Lowell in just this decade. The team also won in 2003 in Division B, 2002 in Division C and 2000 in Division A. I sense a dynasty.

Golf - The girls' golf team took 5th of 17 teams in arguably the toughest division in the state. The team has been ranked for a good portion of the season and got two all-conference selections, Sydney Stuewe and Lauren Heemstra, out of the deal.

Football – The football team is league champs again. A win against Kenowa Hills and East's loss to Caledonia set the stage for exciting football Friday night. I can't wait until Friday's game at East – "Game of the Week". I'd

Soccer – The boys' soccer team pounded East into the ground last week to take 3rd in the conference. The Arrows outplayed and out-shot the Pioneers and could face them again this week in Districts, depending on wins.

Volleyball – The volleyball team played the most exciting game of the season against Kenowa Hills Thursday, winning a nail-biter in a five-game match that saw - you guessed it - back and forth, back and forth for two hours. I guess that's why it's called volleyball.

Tennis - The boys' tennis team finished their season at Regional finals, tying for third place. They only missed State finals by two points, which is hard to swallow, but the season saw many wins and good games for players like Travis Trapp, who finished his high school record at No. 1 singles with 78-28 in a tough conference, and newcomer Cort Thompson, who went 21-9 at No. 3 singles. Did I mention he was a freshman?

Arrow volleyball wins in five against Knights

by Molly Benningfield

speakers in the middle of the second game after a back-and-forth volleying set that seemed to go on and on. And on.

But that statement could've been announced anytime during the game Kenowa Hills, as the been any team's game, most of which came from

Arrows narrowly defeated but the Arrows kept their the Knights in five games, narrow edge and closed out 25-16, 22-25, 21-25, 25-19, the night with a win.

The Arrows looked formed between the two strong and ready in the first game, but soon backtracked made it exciting to watch. with two losses in a row.

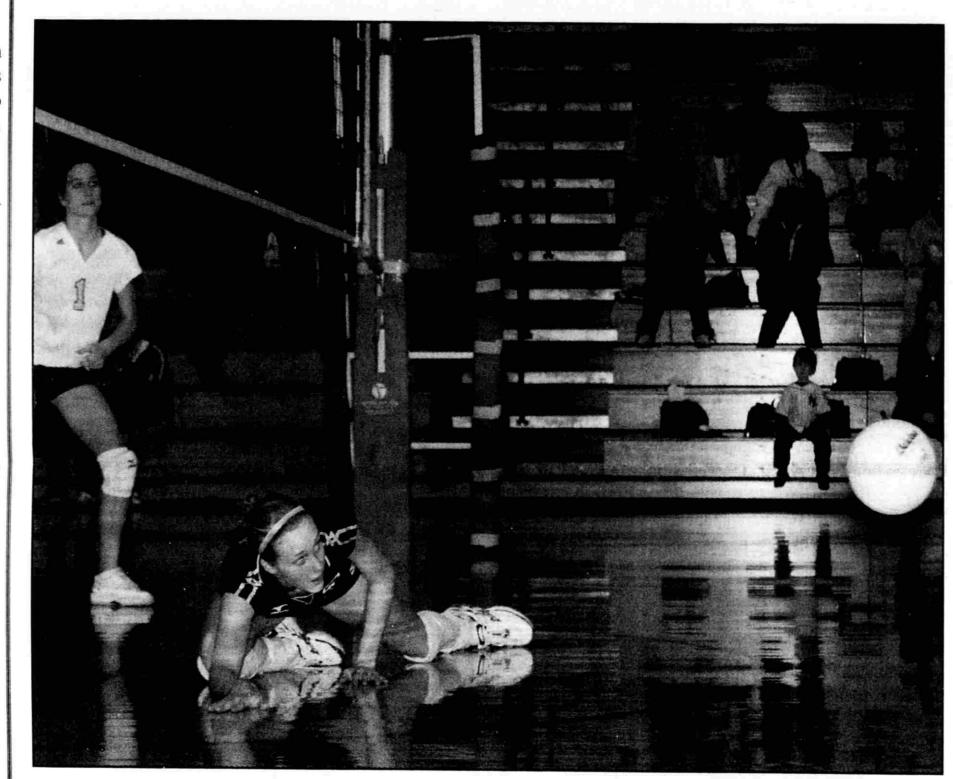
came up big, winning by also finished with 3 aces. With a close fifth game, kills, while Amy VanEns it looked like it could've had an impressive 16 kills,

- a deafening cheer from the student section each time she went up to the net. A friendly rivalry has On Kenowa Hills' side,

Jessica Schipper led the teams over the years and it Knights with 41 assists. Janelle Morse had 2 aces, Heather Burger led the while Megan Mulder had The fourth game was team with 35 assists and 15 kills. essential, and the Arrows 3 aces. Jasmine Holliman

Mary VanderLaan had 6

The Arrows have one more regular-season conference match against Thursday night at 7 p.m.



Heather Burger makes a dive for a ball Thursday night.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall. 2910 Alden Nash, SE.

On the agenda will be any and all business which may be brought before this Board according to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk Lowell Charter Township

RED ARROW S PORTIS



Soccer takes 3rd in conference with win over EGR

by Molly Benningfield Editor

week in between two games championship, could not have been more team this season. different.

White Conference.

"Beating East is always boys." one of our team goals each a "W" against. It's not that District finals this week. you don't want to win every

game, but those two teams are big rivals." Forest Hills Central

With a little more than a (15-4-2) took the conference

against conference foe East Caledonia in 2nd. Lowell's Grand Rapids, the results win against FHC was one for the boys' soccer team of the biggest games for the

"Everyone wanted to Karasiewicz scored.

finish the regular season with

"Beating FHC was a big this season, including wins added two more goals in the Two weeks ago, it milestone for our program, against the two teams. "The first half, to put the Arrows was a double-overtime as we have never beaten boys wanted to compete up 4-1 at the half. heartbreaker, with Lowell them in the eight years I in every contest this year, coming up short 1-2. Last have coached at Lowell," which we have done. They Karasiewicz and Nick week, the Arrows handily Legge said. "They are one of wanted to prove they were Abdoo both scored, assisting fended off the Pioneers 6-3 only two - three teams that I as good as the top teams in each other on their goals. to take 3rd place in the OK- have never beaten. I believe the area, which I believe it is the first loss FHC has we have." The Arrows were opportunities could've put Coach Paul Legge said had in the OK-White in the first to score against the Arrows up by a few extra it was nice to bounce back five years - definitely a big East, with a goal by Jake points. Lowell had 11 shots from the previous loss. accomplishment for the Karasiewicz, assisted by at goal, while EGR had 7. It was a big game for effort. Shepard took the ball season. FHC is another team the boys' soccer team and up the field, faked an EGR

to help us in the District."

met some of their goals Bud Shepard on a total team that we always want to get a nice way to go into the defender and kicked the ball in front of the goal, where the District finals this week.

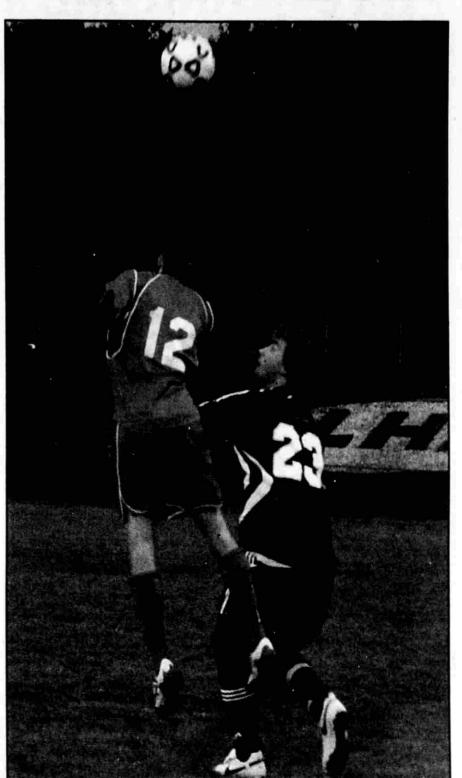
The second goal for the some momentum going into Arrows came in the middle the Districts," Legge said. "I of the first half on another think the convincing fashion memorable goal. Ian in which we won the game Beddows took a free kick, will provide this momentum making a quick decision to shoot after a Pioneer Legge said the team defender jumped early.

Shepard and Beddows

Ini the second half.

Goalkeeper Phil Bieri made 3 saves while Austin Swaney of EGR had 5.

The Arrows compete in



Bud Shepard (12) goes up for a header against EGR.



Jerry Adams (17) fends off an EGR defender.

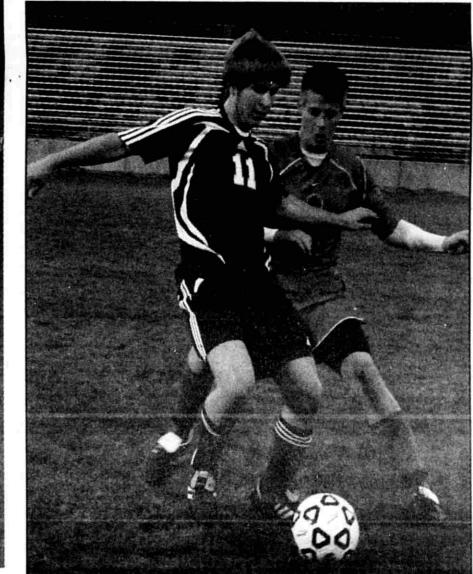
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Matt Schloop (20) fights for the ball



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RED ARROW SPORTS

Arrow football to claim back-to-back league titles

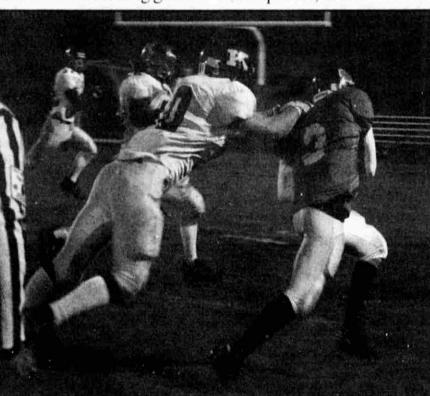
by Molly Benningfield

It's been a while - 34 Arrows won back-to-back league titles. With Friday's win against Kenowa Hills young team. and a stunning East Grand Lowell will at least share

is excited. With a big grin on first quarter, 0-14.

his face, he yelled, "we got a league title, baby!" as the players walked off the field years to be exact – since the It's a big win for the team which has been in rebuilding mode with its relatively

Early on Friday night Rapids loss to Caledonia, the team looked like a shadow of its hardworking a piece of the conference self, allowing Kenowa Hills to score twice on 1-yard runs And coach Noel Dean by Justin Ford to lead in the



Kyle Nichol (3) races for the endzone.

We want



Nate Vaught (9) goes down with the ball Friday night.

Nichol and a 52-yard pass from Nichol to Jacob Swift

to tie at 14, but the persistent Knights answered back with a 23-yard pass from Kurt Van Essen to Luke Palmer.

It must've been a tense locker room at the half. because the Arrows came out in the third quarter to score twice, on an 11-yard run by Torsten Boss and a 1yard run by Nichol.

The Arrows were up by nine, 29-20, after a missed extra-point field goal by the Knights in the second quarter and a successful two-point conversion run by Nate Vaught. "That was big" was whispered along the sideline.

In the fourth quarter, Hills Kenowa narrowed the gap with a 23-yard run by Ford. With less than three minutes left in the game, the Arrows scored again on a 3-yard



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The Arrows score against the Knights.

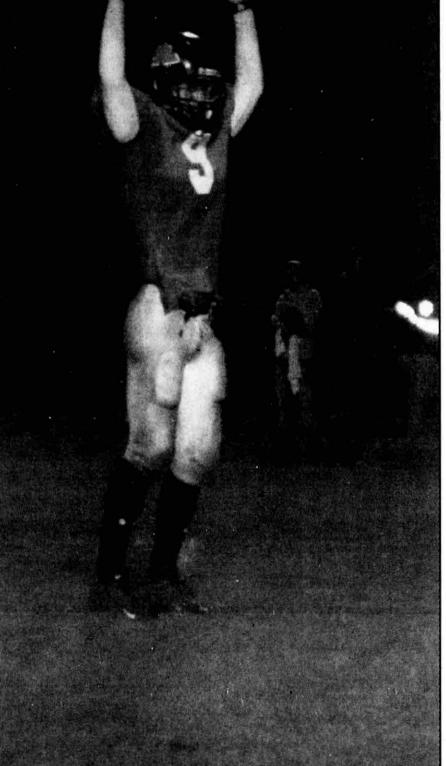


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RED ARROW S PORTS



LHS boys' tennis team finishes 3rd at regional match

Thursday at the Regional meet, missing the State qualifications by two points, ending with 16 points total.

championship at No. 4 year." Singles, defeating topplace with Northview, (FHN) 6-4, 6-2. Misner made it to the Singles semi-

and Forest Hills Northern, tournament, and ended with as the doubles teams of who tied for first with 22 a 27-6 overall record.

Pat Misner won the said he had "an outstanding and Jack Weeber, and Dylan Travis Trapp, Josh

seeded Travis Whitaker Hobrla and Cort Thompson 22-9 record at No. 1 singles. four-year record is 78-28, No. 3 singles. was unbeaten during the finals on Thursday, as well his time at Lowell.

run by Nichol, for a score

But the Arrows held

them off, winning 36-34

in a too-close-for-comfort

match-up. Dean said he

knew the Knights were

going to bring their A-game,

and said his team was ready

"It doesn't matter who

The Arrows had 373

total offensive yards, with

197 rushing yards and 176

in passing. The Knights had

470 total yards, with 203

rushing yards and 267 in

rushing, with 16 attempts

Nichol led the team in

we play, we give a good

game either way," Dean

for the challenge.

Tawney, Clayton Stedman Dues and Evan Wilterink.

Trapp finished with a Wall said she was proud of

"What a great career and he's played in one of Chase Canning and Isaac he has had in his four-year the toughest leagues in play at LHS," she said. "He the state." Wall also said played No. 2 singles his Thompson, the team's lone first two years and No. 1 freshman, "had a fine year." these last two year. His He posted a 21-9 record at

Girls' golf finishes 5th at regionals

finished 5th of 17 teams at during the season, and Bowen Lake on Thursday Stuewe said he was proud to end their season.

The Arrows shot 405 to tie with Kenowa Hills. great season with some Greenville won the meet stellar wins against some with a score of 344, and good programs - FHC Forest Hills Central, Forest and Kenowa Hills to name Hills Eastern and Mona two. Shores followed.

said the meet was "easily matches were decided the toughest regional in by three strokes or less. the state in Division 2, not Greenville and FHC. including us.'

the top Arrow finisher promising.' with a score of 97. Sydney Kline shot 111.

was cold and windy."

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The team played well 1-2-3 punch."

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The girls' golf team in a tough conference of the way they played.

"I though we had a

He said that in the four Coach Bob Stuewe losses the team had, three the state, as there were six The team finished 3rd in teams that were ranked in the OK-White, behind

Stuewe said his -Lauren Heemstra was team next year "looks "We have three-

Stuewe shot 98, Crystal time letter winner and Dietz shot 99 and Kim all-conference selection Sydney Stuewe coming Stuewe said the team back, as well as our other "shot higher than we all-conference player, have been shooting, but Lauren Heemstra. June conditions were tough as it Ramsay will also return as a junior to give us a strong

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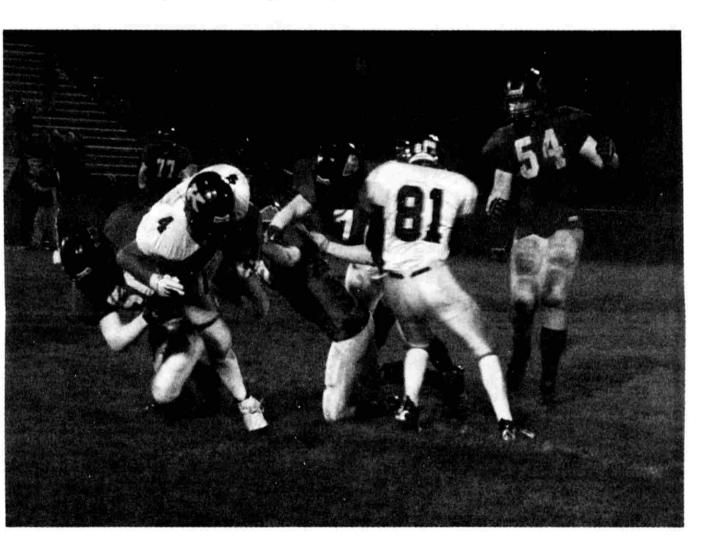
for 104 yards. Vaught added 80 yards, with 19 attempts. Van Essen (KH) was 10 for 117 yards.

Nichol also led in with 3 receptions for 83 of 36-27. It seemed as if a passing, with 7 for 11 yards, while Swift had 3 for win was in the bag, but the complete passes for all of 82 yards. Luke Palmer (KH) Knights scored with 1:08 on Lowell's 176 yards. Van had 8 for 200 yards.

Football, continued ... From Page 16

the clock to get within two Essen was 12 – 19 for 267 tackles, with 7, while Zach Boss led in receptions, Smigiel (KH) had 6.

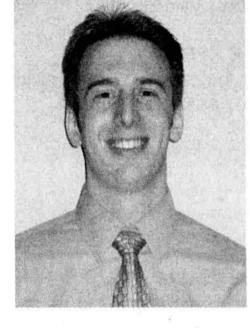
Lowell plays at East Grand Rapids on Friday for their last regular season game. If the Arrows win, Ben Canfield led in they will take the league title, and if they lose, they'll share the title.



A group of Lowell defenders tackle a Kenowa Hills player.

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Dr. Buys is a Grand Rapids area native who graduated with honors from Spring Arbor University. He then moved on to graduate from National University of Health Sciences as valedictorian where he received his extensive chiropractic training including spinal and soft tissue manipulation, rehabilitative exercise, nutrition, Graston technique, and orthotics.

In his free time Dr. Buys enjoys spending time with is family, biking, swimming, and fishing. He is also an active member of the Michigan Association of Chiropractors. Dr. Buys and his wife regularly attend Ada Bible Church and are expecting their first child early this fall.

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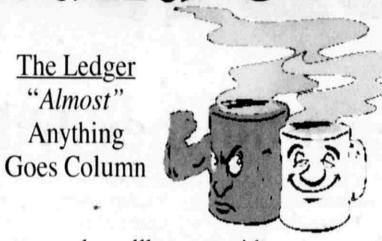
Lowell equestrian wins state title

The Lowell equestrian team won big last weekend at the Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association (MIHA) state championship, taking first place in Division C.

The team beat NorthPointe Christian 255-210. This is the first state title in four years, but the fourth in the past decade. Past wins were in 2003 in Division B, 2002 in Division C and 2000 in Division A.

For more coverage, check out next week's Ledger.





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CITY OF LOWELL

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, a General Election will be held on: **NOVEMBER 6, 2007**

The POLLS of said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. of said day of the election for the purpose of electing three (3) seats on the City Council.

The two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will win four (4) year terms and the candidate receiving the third highest number of votes will win the two (2) year term

The following proposal will be voted upon:

CITY OF LOWELL CHARTER AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL SHALL ORGANIZE AND ELECT A MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM AT ITS FIRST MEETING IN JANUARY FOLLOWING EACH CITY ELECTION.

The purpose of this Charter amendment is to prescribe that the City Council shall organize and elect a Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem at its first meeting in January following each City election including a provision for a transitional term for these offices covering the period from the first meeting after this November 2007 City election to the first meeting of the Council in January 2008.

Shall this amendment be adopted?

CITY OF LOWELL CHARTER AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE THE TIME OF THE DAY THAT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS SHALL BE HELD SHALL BE DETERMINED AT ITS FIRST MEETING IN JANUARY FOLLOWING EACH CITY ELECTION.

The purpose of this Charter amendment is to provide that the time of the day that City Council meetings shall be held shall be determined by the City Council at its first meeting in January following each City election.

Shall this amendment be adopted?

CITY OF LOWELL CHARTER AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD OF LIGHT AND POWER SHALL CONSIST OF FIVE MEMBERS.

The purpose of this Charter amendment is to provide that the Board of Light and Power shall consist of five members

Shall this amendment be adopted?

Polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. Precinct #1 electors and Precinct #2 electors will vote at Lowell City Hall, Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street.

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The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Sound Off" comments, but would like to remind readers of the nature of the column. "Sound Off" is meant to be a community notice board, a means for comments that can be regarded as helpful, congratulatory, thankful and informational.

We will not print any comments that are offensive or libelous. Direct aims at individuals, political figures and businesses will not be printed. For direct opinions on a subject (including, but not limited to, politics, businesses, city government and Ledger criticisms), please send a letter "To the Editor". All letters must be signed (first and last names). Please check Page 5 of this week's paper for the complete guidelines.

All comments are submitted by the public and do not necessarily represent the views of the Ledger.

You still need to steer when using cruise control.

Why is it that certain people write to sound off it never gets published?

Is anyone else bothered by store employees that stand outside the front doors and smoking? Management doesn't seem to care.

> Since when is it legal to turn without using a turn signal?

I agree, slower traffic stay in the right lane. Please!

New to the area. I'd like to thank Impact Ministries Church for going out of their way. Their love. generosity and friendship has made us truly feel welcome in Lowell.

Well liberals smile when you see your pay stub because you must be "Blown Away" now with Granholms new tax increase. She wasn't kidding was she!

The popular bumper sticker says 'Love Wins', but rude people sure seem to get their way more often.

Clock on Main Street looks real good painted. Great job!

We need to send off a big thank you to all that supported Larkin's chili cook-off.

Nice six-point! Got a permit for it?

Besides being funny (and childish), is stuffing somebody's mailbox with straw a federal crime of some sort? I suppose somebody at the post office would know the answer to that.

Congratulations coaches and staff on our wonderful football players and other sports. You're doing a great job. Keep up the good work.

To whomever destroyed the scarecrows in downtown Alto, should be real proud of themselves. The American Legion Junior girls worked hard to decorate our town. Larry and Rose Jerrils

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NOTICE

Vergennes Township is currently taking bids for snowplowing services for the 2007-2008 Winter season. Bids should be received by Noon, November 19, 2007 to be considered. Bids should list costs for both per trip and seasonal options.

For more information, please stop by or contact the township offices at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, MI 49331. Phone number is 897-5671, fax 897-5674. Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9 am to 3 pm. You may also e-mail the Clerk at clerk@vergennestwp.org.

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Wege feasibility study, continued ... From Page 1

represents an important and unique opportunity for the Lowell community," said superintendent Greg Pratt.

The meeting, facilitated by consultants Williams & Works at the Lowell Township Hall, is the first step to obtaining the land.

Initially, the consultants will provide overall findings, then the participants will break into discussion groups with facilitators.

"It will be centered on the big picture of the needs for recreation," said Pratt.

> The participants

will define strengths and weaknesses of the area pertaining to recreation and to the future feasibility study.

Ideas generated from the meeting, as well as a recreation inventory of the area will be processed by the consultants.

A two-day design charrette will be held at the Wittenbach Wege Center on Nov. 2 and Nov. 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The charrette will have a drop-in format with architects creating drawings in a studio setting accessible to the public. Residents again may provide input during the charrette sessions.

"Potential alternatives will emerge here," said project manager Jay Kilpatrick.

The concepts for the site will be visualized and their implications evaluated by the consulting team and the public during the sessions.

"These ideas will be used to ultimately develop the feasibility report to the Foundation," said Wege Pratt.

In addition to the report, each municipality will get an individual recreational plan out of the planning process.

"It's a lot of effort," said Pratt. "The donation dependent upon the outcome."

The feasibility study is expected to be completed before Christmas.



Land located north of Foreman Road and Alden Nash may be donated to the Lowell community for recreation

DEQ encourages alternatives to leaf burning

The Department of Environmental Quality Michigan is encouraging residents explore burning alternatives to this autumn. Leaf burning creates air pollution, contributes to breathing problems, is a serious fire hazard, and is illegal in many Michigan cities and communities.

Burning leaves releases fine particles, carbon monoxide, and hydrocarbons into the air that may be harmful to children and people with allergies, asthma, or heart

Although leaves and yard waste cannot be sent composting are simple, looking healthy.

environmentally-sound ways to manage most yard waste. The easiest option is to simply mow over leaves with a lawnmower to chop them into fine mulch, and when left on a lawn, the mulch provides a number of needed nutrients for to a landfill, mulching and the grass that will keep it

Many communities also have municipal composting programs, and those communities interested in developing an open burning ordinance may refer to the Model Ordinance for Outdoor and Open Burning at www.michigan. gov/ deqair. Select "Open Burning Information"

Spotlight. listed under A one page brochure entitled "Open Burning Regulations in Michigan" is also available along with a home composting brochure and other alternatives to burning.

In rural areas where burning yard waste is allowed, permits are

required to burn leaves or brush. Homeowners are reminded to obtain a permit before burning and that they are responsible for damage caused by a fire they start.

For more information, go to www.michigan.gov/ deqair or contact the DEQ Environmental Assistance Center at 1 800-662-9278.



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